Hundred Peaks Section to Hold Annual Business Meeting
Tuesday, September 13, 2011

All are welcome to attend our annual business meeting, preceded by our bi-monthly management committee meeting, to discuss the business side of the section and upcoming activities. Opportunities to become involved are available. The meeting begins at 6:30 PM at Ranger House, at Griffith Park. To have items added to the agenda or to volunteer, please contact Chair: PAMELA ROWE

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NEW! Hundred Peaks Section Merchandise! See inside for more information.
ACHIEVEMENTS:

Peak List #3
#30 Wayne Bannister June 25, 2011 Allen Peak

Peak List #1
#289 Sharon Hechler July 3, 2011 Wild View Peak

NEW MEMBER:
Dean Stewart

DONATIONS:
Ralph Miles, Jr. $20
Chris Wu $100
George Christianson $20
Keith Christianson $26

MEMBERSHIP COUNTS:
317 Members (267 primary + 50 household)
36 Subscribers
353 Total

The Hundred Peaks Section Website

is maintained by Wolf Leverich and Karen Leverich.
It is accessed at http://angeles.sierraclub.org/hps/

On this website can be found...

♦ HPS Archives
♦ Summit summaries
♦ Peak List
♦ Advance Schedule
♦ Peak Guides
♦ Back issues of The Lookout
♦ Trip Reports
♦ Much, much more
♦ Maps to the peaks
♦ Member achievements

Facebook page for the HPS:

Our newsletter, The Lookout, is published six times a year. Final dates for receipt of material are February 1 for the March-April issue; April 1 for the May-June issue; June 1 for the July-August issue; August 1 for the September-October issue; December 1 for the November-February issue. If you send back of each photo or cd, film photos or cd’s please write your name on the Please identify all subjects in each photo whether photos please ask participants to remove film photos returned. Please state so and include a be edited for length or appropriateness. Please send October 1 for the November-February issue. If you want the return SASE. Articles may articles, photos, etc to Joe Young, 12551 Presnell Street, Los Angeles, CA 90066 - 6730, fax to Joe at (310) 301 - 9642; or email to joengeri@ca.rr.com. The Lookout is the property of the Hundred Peaks Section.
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Please note:
We are looking for a volunteer to be in charge of Outreach for the HPS.
If you are interested please contact Pamela Rowe.
Beginning with this issue, we'll begin to offer our newsletter in an electronic format. Not only will this be an environmentally friendly option, it will surely arrive faster than the bulk mailed paper copies and has photographs and other artwork in color. Also, you'll be able to save this on your computer and enjoy/read as many times as you would like. So far, at least 60 members have volunteered for this option and there are many prospective new members who requested the electronic copy that are not currently a member. Perhaps our membership will increase as we offer this new option. To see copies of prior issues of The Lookout, you may view them online at the following location: http://angeles.sierraclub.org/hps/hlookouts.htm

To switch to the electronic version of the HPS newsletter, The Lookout, please send a request to Greg de Hoogh at gdehoogh@cox.net.

Many have assisted with the process of creating an electronic newsletter when I added it to list of new business last year including: Joe Young, Karen Leverich, Greg de Hoogh, Wayne Vollaire and all of the members of the HPS Management Committee (2010 and 2011). Greg de Hoogh volunteered to maintain the list of email newsletter members in addition to his Membership Chair duties. Karen was kind to find a way to format Joe's files into a electronic newsletter. Joe began sending these files in CD format to Karen. I'd also like to thank Sara Danta, Echo Newsletter Editor from the Sierra Peaks Section, for her guidance during this process. For those that aren't familiar, SPS has been quite successful in setting up an electronic copy of their newsletter. She spent quite a bit of time with me on the phone and via email sharing their process of creating the electronic newsletter. New members with SPS now only have the option of electronic newsletter. To view copies of their newsletter, go to the link: http://angeles.sierraclub.org/hps/newsletters/backissues.html.

If you'd like to learn more about our electronic newsletter and other HPS business topics, please join us at our next Management Committee Meeting on September 13th. This will be our annual meeting where the Nominating Committee will announce the candidates running for our 2012 elections. If you are interested in becoming an elected member of our Management Committee, please contact Ignacia Doggett or Mat Kelliher from our Nominating Committee. If you are interested in an appointed position (such as Outreach - hint, hint), you may contact me. If there is a special skill that you have that we don't already have a position for, please contact me and I'll see how we can include this in our group. Getting involved helps us feel a part of and we can always use some new volunteers on our team. The meeting will also be the time when other items for the ballot will be due such as: bylaws changes, additions to the HPS list and peaks to be delist. Any item to be added to the ballot needs to be signed by 25 current HPS members and must be presented at or prior to the meeting to one of the Management Committee that will attend the meeting. It's also a good chance to catch up and chat with our HPS friends.

Thanks to Dave Cannon, we have new t-shirts and bandanas. A "HPS Anniversary" special pricing offer is currently available on our website and in this issue.

Upcoming events:

Peter and Ignacia Doggett have an exploratory hike on 09/25 to Beartrap Bluff (6150') in Ventura County.

Sep 30-Oct 2 is our Fall Festival at the Keller Ski Hut. This is a great opportunity to mix the hiking of our peaks with social opportunities.

October 1st is the new leader training seminar by the Leadership Training Committee. We can always use new leaders for our section (even as a backup leader for a trips already set up). If you are interested in becoming a leader, I encourage you to sign up. If you have any questions on leading trips or the process, you may contact me. For those that may not be aware, I currently am the co-Leadership Development Coordinator for the 20s & 30s Section. This year I have six provisional trips set up to evaluate new leaders. If you see a provisional trip on our website, I encourage you to attend. Our new leaders can always use support and encouragement.

December 9-11 is our Holiday Party with several options for outings including some Desert Peaks and Lower Peaks.

We have begun accepting reservations for the January 2012 banquet. I am proud to announce our special guest speaker Bill Burke who will share his trips to Mt. Everest including his attempt this year to summit via China. You can read his blog at: http://www.eightsummits.com/pt/blog/.

You'll also find a large selection of outings on our website which is recently added a new format. At the top, there is a list view, map view and calendar view. You can add these outings to your Facebook and Twitter accounts, export to your calendar or add to a few other services. In the list view, you can sort outings by Date, Activity Name and Difficulty. In addition, there is a link for map and/or directions. Thanks to Karen for setting this up.

Thanks for all those that are leading upcoming trips.

Happy Trails,

Pamela Rowe
Advance Schedule of
Hundred Peaks
Section Activities
By Karen Leverich

Sep 1    Thu    Hundred Peaks
I: Mill Peak (6670’), Keller Peak (7882’), Slide Peak (7841’): Join us for a day in the San Bernardino Forest for these 3 peaks. Mill is 2 miles round trip, 600’ gain on road and cross country. Keller Lookout is a drive up. Slide is 1 1/2 miles round trip, 460’ gain on road and cross country. Pace slow to moderate. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Sep 2-5  Fri-Mon Backpacking, 20s & 30s, Long Beach, Natural Science
O: Rainbow Lake-Cinder Cone-Snag Lake Lassen Volcanic NP Backpacking Bus Trip: Leave Los Angeles Friday morning for a moderate 3 day backpack. Saturday morning, hike to the top of Lassen Peak (10,457’), 5 miles round trip, 2000’ gain. Saturday afternoon backpack 5 miles 500’ gain/loss to Rainbow Lake. Sunday tour lava beds, painted dunes, and a dormant volcano (Cinder Cone, 6907’), 10 miles, 1600’ gain. Pack out Monday to return home. No beginners. Send 2 sase, phones, email, recent backpacking experience/conditioning, $200 with SC#/$220 non-member (Sierra Club) to Sharon Moore, 4425 E Galeano St Long Beach, CA 90815. Leaders: SHARON MOORE, PAMELA ROWE

Sep 6    Tue    Hundred Peaks
I: Wysup Peak (8990’): An easy hike on Pacific Crest Trail and rough trail for 4 miles round trip with 1200’ of gain to a peak near Big Bear Lake. Slow pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Sep 7    Wed    Hundred Peaks
O: Pine Mountain #1 (9648’), Dawson Peak (9575’): A moderate hike on trail and rough trail for 5.5 miles round trip with 2600’ of gain to peaks near Wrightwood. Moderate pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: GEORGE CHRISTIANSEN, MARS BONFIRE

Sep 9    Fri    Hundred Peaks
Rescheduled from June 14
I: Mount Lewis (8396’): An easy hike on rough trail for 1 mile round trip with 500’ of gain to a peak near Wrightwood. Might be able to add other easy peaks if Forest Closure is lifted. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Slow pace. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Sep 9-10 Fri-Sat PV-SB, Hundred Peaks, WTC
Rescheduled from July 15-16
I: Mt San Antonio (10,064’): Annual Moonlight Hike (Barry's Baldy Bivy-well not quite). It's time to start another SC tradition! This'll be about the 5th year for this event, but the first as a SC-sponsored activity. Early PM departure from Manker Flat, hike at slow to moderate pace to the top under a full moon (4 miles one way and 4000’ gain). Return on Saturday via an adventurous xc route after breakfast and viewing the sunrise and Baldy's shadow travel down West Baldy (possibly climbing Mt Harwood (9552’) on the way). Bring trekking poles, scree gators, lugs, 10 essentials with minimalist pack to spend a cool/cold windy night and accommodate steep xcntry descent. Send email (preferred) or sase with conditioning and carpool info to Leader: BARRY HOLCHIN Co-Leader: WAYNE VOLLARIE

Sep 10    Sat    Hundred Peaks
I: Bare Mountain (6388’), Pacifico Mountain (7124’): Join us for this challenging day in the San Gabriel Mtns. Two separate hikes starting at Pinyon Flats. Bare Mountain is 5 miles, 1800’ gain. Pacifico Mountain 7 miles, 2500’ gain will be hiked on the PCT and off-trail. Total for the day: 12 miles, 4300’ gain. Early start time. Email leader for info. Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF Co-Leader: PAT ARREDONDO

Sep 11    Sun    Hundred Peaks
I: Mount Pinos (8832’), Sawmill Mountain (8818’), Grouse Mountain (8582’), Cerro Noroeste (8280’): Enjoy a mostly ridge-and-trail hike to four peaks near Frazier Park through a nice forest with grand views in the Los Padres National Forest. Moderately paced 10 miles round trip, 3000’ gain. For details, contact Leader: PAT ARREDONDO Co-Leaders: LAURA JOSEPH, PATRICK VAUGHN
Sep 13  Tue  Hundred Peaks  
O: Constance Peak (6645’): An easy hike on rough trail for 2 miles round trip with 500’ of gain to a peak near Big Bear Lake. Slow pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

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Sep 14  Wed  Hundred Peaks  
I: Lightner Peak (6430’), Bald Eagle Peak (6181’): Two easy hikes on rough trail totaling 6 miles round trip with 2200’ of gain to peaks near Lake Isabella. Moderate pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: PAT ARREDONDO, MARS BONFIRE

Sep 16  Fri  Hundred Peaks  
Rescheduled from June 17  
I: Garnet Mountain (5680’), Garnet Peak (5880’+), Monument Peak #1 (6271’), Sheephead Mountain (5896’): Join us for a day of hiking in San Diego County just southeast of Julian. 4 separate hikes on use trail and cross country. Sheephead is 3 1/2 miles round trip, 800’ gain. Garnet Mountain is 0.6 miles round trip, 200’ gain. Garnet Peak is 2.5 miles round trip, 500’ gain. Monument is 3 miles round trip, 500’ gain. Other routes possible. Pace slow to moderate. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Sep 17  Sat  
Deadline for Leadership Training Class: Outdoor leadership training will be offered Saturday, Oct. 1, at Eaton Canyon Nature Center in Pasadena. The all-day seminar 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. Applications and checks are due Sept. 17.

Sep 17  Sat  Hundred Peaks  
O: Mount Lukens (5074’), Vetter Mountain (LO) (5908’), Mount Mooney (5840’), Mount Sally (5408’): Join us for a challenging day to four separate peaks in the San Gabriel Mtns. Total for the day: 17 miles, 3700’ gain. Early start time. Email leader for info. Leader: TED LUBESKOFF  
Co-Leader: BILL SIMPSON

Sep 17-18  Sat  WTC, Hundred Peaks  
O: Grinnell Mountain (10,284’), Lake Peak (10,161’): 15 miles, 4700’ gain, strenuous. Saturday backpack, 6 miles 3100’ gain to Dry Lake, set up camp. Day hike cross-country to Grinnell and Lake, 5 miles round trip, 1600’ gain, back to camp. Saturday evening happy hour. Sunday AM break camp and backpack out. Leader: VICTORIA OVERBEY Co-Leader: ROD KIEFFER

Sep 20  Tue  Hundred Peaks  
I: Galena Peak (9324’): Strenuous hike of this peak on the Yucaipa Ridge just north of Banning. 8 miles round trip, 3300’ gain on trail and cross country. Group size will be limited. Pace slow to moderate. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Sep 21  Wed  Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks  
O: Mt Islip (8250’) from Islip Saddle: We’ll hike the Pacific Crest Trail to Little Jimmy CG and Spring (great water). Mt Islip is always fun. Moderate 6 miles round trip, 1300’ gain. Meet 9 AM La Canada rideshare point. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles. Leaders: GINNY HERINGER, LAURA JOSEPH

Sep 22  Thu  Hundred Peaks  
O: Cucamonga Peak (8859’), Etiwanda Peak (8662’): A strenuous walk on trail and rough trail for 18 miles round trip with 4800’ of gain to peaks near Baldy Village. Moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: GEORGE CHRISTIANSEN, MARS BONFIRE

Sep 22  Thu  Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks  
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike: Every Thursday night - 6 miles round trip, 1400’ gain aerobic conditioning hike. Great views of LA Basin and the night sky. Museum is often open when we arrive at the Flats so you can learn about history of area during the brief rest before starting back down. Meet 6:55 PM (we leave promptly at 7 PM) every Thursday at gate at Pinecrest (exit 210 Fwy at Altadena Dr, N 2½ miles to Crescent Dr, R to Pinecrest).
Remember the neighbors; keep your voices down as we gather. Bring water, flashlight, sturdy shoes. Rain/landslides cancel. For additional information contact Leader/Coordinator: JOHNNA BEESON Leaders: TERRY GINSBERG, PAM ALLEN, LAURA JOSEPH, BETH & KEITH MARTIN, JERRY JOHNSON, BILL GASKILL, GARY KINSLEY, MARCIA REITEMEYER, JENNIFER WASHINGTON, TED LUBESHKOFF

Sep 23 Fri Hundred Peaks
I: Arctic Point (8336’), Gold Mountain (8235’): An easy hike on dirt road and rough trail for 7 miles round trip with 1700’ of gain to peaks near Big Bear Lake. Slow pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Sep 24 Sat Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
Rescheduled from April 9
I: San Rafael Peak (6666’), Lockwood Peak (6261’): Moderately paced but strenuous hike in the Los Padres Forest west of Frazier Park. San Rafael Peak is 10 miles round trip with 2400’ gain. Great views of the Sespe drainage. Time and conditions permitting we will try for Lockwood Peak as well - an easy 5.5 miles round trip with 1200’ gain. Bring lunch and 10 essentials. Meet 8 AM at the Sylmar rideshare point. Leaders: HARVEY GANZ, BRENT COSTELLO

Sep 24 Sat Hundred Peaks, Wilderness Adventures
O: Mount Pinos (8831’), Sawmill Mountain (8750’), Sheep Camp: Wonderful views on this 9 mile round trip, 2000’ gain route. We’ll have lunch on Sawmill on the return. Meet 8:15 AM at the Santa Clarita rideshare point - outside the gate, with lunch, water, good footwear, suitable clothing layers. Leaders: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, RON ROSIEN

Sep 24 Sat Hundred Peaks, Wilderness Adventures
I: Tehachapi Mountain (7960’), Black Mountain #3 (5686’): Two moderate hikes on dirt road, trail, and rough trail totaling 7 miles round trip with 3500’ of gain to peaks near Tehachapi. Moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Sep 26 Mon Hundred Peaks
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 or sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare, to Leader: ROBERT MYERS Assistant: PHIL WHEELER

Sep 25 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 or sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare, to Leader: ROBERT MYERS Assistant: PHIL WHEELER

Sep 25 Sun Hundred Peaks
I: Heart Bar Peak (8332’), Onyx Peak #1 (9113’): Start the Fall Festival with these two easy hikes in the San Bernardino Mountains near Fawnskin. We will do Route 1 which is a trail that is 6 miles round trip, 1200’ gain. If the road to Butler is open, we will instead do Route 2 to Grays and this will be cross-country of 2 1/2 miles round trip, 700’ gain. We will then do the drive up to the Butler Lookout. 4WD is advised for Route 2. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Sep 27 Tue Hundred Peaks
I: Grays Peak (7929’): Join us for a day in the San Bernardino Mountains near Fawnskin. We will do Route 1 which is a trail that is 6 miles round trip, 1200’ gain. If the road to Butler is open, we will instead do Route 2 to Grays and this will be cross-country of 2 1/2 miles round trip, 700’ gain. We will then do the drive up to the Butler Lookout. 4WD is advised for Route 2. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

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Sep 29 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike - see September 22

Sep 30 Fri Hundred Peaks
I: Beartrap Bluff (6150’): Join an Exploratory hike to this fantastic place in Ventura County. The total hike will be about 12 miles round trip with 3800’ of gain. The first 4.5 miles are along the superb Piedra Blanca Trail. Then the next 1.5 miles will have us ascend a steep, rocky gully to the summit plateau. The summit block consists of a 50’ boulder than is easy to ascend. Please bring: lug soles, water, lunch, hat, jacket & gloves. Contact Peter for meeting information. Leaders: PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT, BILL SIMPSON

Sep 30-Oct 2 Fri-Sun Hundred Peaks
Fall Festival in the Big Bear Area: Lots of hiking and climbing followed by an evening potluck party. Bag scenic peaks in the Big Bear area. We will be staying at the Sierra
Oct 1 Sat
Leadership Training Class: Outdoor leadership training will be offered Saturday, Oct. 1, at Eaton Canyon Nature Center in Pasadena. The all-day seminar 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, 18818 Thornwood Circle, Huntington Beach 92646. Applications and checks are due Sept. 17.

Oct 1 Sat
Hundred Peaks
I: Granite Peaks (7527’), Mineral Mountain (7238’), Tip Top Mountain (7623’): Strenuous hike to these peaks northeast of Big Bear Lake as part of the HPS Fall Festival. 13 miles round trip, 3200’ gain. Potluck afterwards at Keller Ski Hut. Steep terrain and boulder scrambling. Lots of dirt road driving. Email leader for info. Leader: TED LUBESKOFF Co-Leaders: GREG de HOOGH, BILL SIMPSON

Oct 2 Sun
Hundred Peaks
I: Bighorn Mountain (10,997’), Dragons Head (10,866’): A very strenuous hike on trail and rough trail for 20 miles round trip with 4600’ gain to peaks near Big Bear Lake. Slow pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: KENT SCHWITKIS, SHARON MOORE, SHERRY ROSS

Oct 2 Sun
Hundred Peaks, WTC
O: Sugarloaf Mountain (9952’): 8 miles, 3100’ gain round trip. Please join us for this hike after the potluck and fun evening at the Keller Hut HPS Fall Festival. We will meet at the Keller Hut at 7:30 AM and drive over to the Hatchery Road turn off Highway 38. Bring adventure pass, water, lunch, and good footwear. Leaders: WAYNE VOLLAIRE, COBY KING, MARLEN MERTZ

Oct 2 Sun
Hundred Peaks
I: Shay Mountain (6714’), Little Shay Mountain (6635’), Ingham Peak (6355’), Hawes Peak (6751’): Join us for these four peaks north of Big Bear Lake, moderately paced, strenuous over varying terrain, 10 miles, 3000’ gain. Dirt road driving. Experienced hikers contact leaders the week before. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, and water. Leaders: GARY SCHENK, JENNIFER WASHINGTON

Oct 3 Mon
Wilderness Adventures, Thousand Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike - see September 22

Oct 3 Fri
Hundred Peaks, WTC, Long Beach
I: Wysup Peak (8990’), Three Sisters (8100’): Join us for a hike in the San Bernardino National Forest. From Coon Creek Jumpoff we'll take road and cross-country to the triple summits at 8100' then back track to the PCT to visit Mr. Wysup's peak. 11 miles, 3000' of gain. Dirt road driving. Experienced hikers contact leaders the week before. Bring 10 essentials, lunch, and water. Leaders: WAYNE BANNISTER, JENNIFER WASHINGTON

Oct 3 Sat
Hundred Peaks, WTC, Long Beach, Pasadena, PV-SB, NSS
I: Wysup Peak (8990’): Join us on this PCT hike with some cross-country to celebrate a well-loved and respected HPS leader. Join HPS Fall Festival party afterward at Keller Hut. WTC students welcome and encouraged! Moderate pace, 8.5 miles, 1600’ gain, with naturalizing along the way. Meet 7 AM Mill Creek Ranger Station with lunch, boots, water, 10 essentials. Leaders: KENT SCHWITKIS, SHARON MOORE, SHERRY ROSS

Oct 4 Tue
Hundred Peaks
I: Bighorn Mountain (10,997’), Dragons Head (10,866’): A very strenuous hike on trail and rough trail for 20 miles round trip with 4600’ gain to peaks near Big Bear Lake. Slow pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Oct 6 Thu
Hundred Peaks
O: San Bernardino Peak (10,649’), San Bernardino East Peak (10,691’), Anderson Peak (10,840’), Shields Peak (10,680’): A strenuous walk on trail and rough trail for 19 miles round trip with 4600’ of gain to peaks near Big Bear Lake. Moderate pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: GEORGE CHRISTIANSEN, MARS BONFIRE

Oct 6 Thu
Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike - see September 22
Oct 8 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Wild View Peak (7258’), Pine Mountain Ridge (7440’+): Hike to these exceptionally beautiful peaks in the middle of the Angeles National Forest at a sturdy pace. No Woozles. We plan to start & finish at the Lupine Campground. Before we visit our first peak, we plan to drop down to the Upper Fish Fork Trailcamp that John Robinson says is set in a Sylvan Sanctuary. The total hike should be about 11 miles round trip with 3000’ of gain on trails. Please bring: lug-soled boots, water, lunch, jacket & hat. Contact Peter for meeting information. Leaders: PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT, JOSEPH YOUNG

Oct 8 Sat Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
O: Old Man Mountain (5538’), Monte Arido (6010’): Join us for this challenging day in the mountains above Ojai. Mostly hiking on trail and dirt roads. 24 miles, 6100’ gain. Paced to complete in 11 hours. Early start time. Email leader for info. Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF Co-Leader: PAT ARREDONDO

Oct 11 Tue Hundred Peaks
I: Mount Williamson (8244’), Goodykoontz Peak (7558’): A very strenuous hike on Pacific Crest Trail and rough trail for 12 miles round trip with 2844’ of gain to a peak near Wrightwood. Slow pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Oct 12 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Kratka Ridge (7515’) from Mt Waterman Trail: Hike the Mount Waterman Trail (mile marker 58.00) to the overlook and proceed East via the old ski hut. 6 miles round trip, 1500’ gain. Return through Buckhorn Campground. Meet at 9 AM at La Canada rideshare point. Bring lunch, water, suitable footwear. Leaders: DAN BUTLER, BETH MIKA, BROOKES TREIDLER

Oct 13 Thu Hundred Peaks
O: Charlton Peak (10,806’), Jepson Peak (11,205’), San Gorgonio Mountain (11,490’): A very strenuous hike on trail and rough trail for 19 miles round trip 5800’ of gain to peaks near Big Bear Lake. Moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: GEORGE CHRISTIANSEN, MARS BONFIRE

Oct 13 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike - see September 22

Oct 14 Fri Hundred Peaks
I: Sugarloaf Peak (6924’), Ontario Peak (8693’), Bighorn Peak (8441’): Join us for a day in the Angeles National Forest just north of Upland. Strenuous hike of an estimated 8 miles round trip, 4400’ gain on trail and cross country. Pace slow to moderate. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Oct 15 Sat Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Split Mountain (6835’), Black Mountain #5 (7438’): Hike these two strenuous peaks near Lake Isabella. The first peak is about 8 miles round trip with 2400’ of total gain. There is a short drive between the two trailheads. The second peak is about 3 miles round trip with 1200’ of gain. Please bring: lug soles, water, lunch, jacket, hat & fortitude. Could be: hot, or cold, or wet or windy or perhaps perfect. Contact Peter for meeting information. Leaders: PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT

Oct 16 Sun Hundred Peaks
New Outing, first time published
I: Lightner Peak (6430’), Bald Eagle Peak (6181’): Hike to these two fine peaks in Kern County at a glorious pace. On Lightner Peak, we'll hike via the Remington Ridge Trail. This route is about 10 miles round trip with 4500’ of gain. On Bald Eagle Peak, we'll use the normal approach which is only 1.5 miles round trip with 600’ of gain. Please bring: lug soles, water, lunch, jacket & hat. Contact Peter for meeting information. Leaders: PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT

Oct 16 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 or sase, navigation experience/training, contact info, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Leader: ROBERT MYERS Assistant: PHIL WHEELER

Oct 18 Tue Hundred Peaks
I: Cornell Peak (9750’), San Jacinto Peak (10,804’), Folly Peak (10,480’): Join us for a day of hiking in the San Bernardino National Forest just west of Palm Springs. Strenuous hike of 12 miles round trip, 2400’ gain on trail and cross country. There will be a cost for the Tram. Pace slow to moderate. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Oct 19 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Thorn Point (LO) (6920+’): Moderate 8 mile, 1800’ gain hike in remote section of Los Padres National Forest. Abandoned lookout. There are rumors of condors. Meet 9
AM at Santa Clarita rideshare point. Bring lunch, water, suitable footwear. Leaders: MARY PATTERSON, DAN BUTLER

Oct 20 Thu Hundred Peaks
O: Tahquitz Peak (8846'): A moderate walk on trail for 6 miles round trip with 2400' of gain to a peak near Idyllwild. Moderate pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: GEORGE CHRISTIANSEN, MARS BONFIRE

Oct 20 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike - see September 22

Oct 21 Fri Hundred Peaks
O: Kratka Ridge (7515'), Mount Akawie (7283'): An easy hike on dirt road and rough trail for 3 miles round trip with 1100' of gain to peaks near Wrightwood. Slow pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Oct 22 Sat Hundred Peaks
Chapter Centennial Outing
O: Palm Springs Tram (8450'), San Jacinto Peak (10,804'): Very strenuous hike starts at 4 AM from downtown Palm Springs. 10 miles, 8300' gain to tram with additional 10 miles round trip, 2400' gain to the peak. Bring head lamps, snacks, plenty of water, money for tram ride and taxi back to cars. Send e-mail (preferable) or sase with conditioning/experience and carpool info to Leaders: JOE YOUNG, WAYNE VOLLAIRE, PAMELA ROWE, GREG de HOOGH

Oct 25 Tue Hundred Peaks
O: Thorn Point (6920'): A strenuous mountain bike ride and walk on road and trail for 27 miles round trip with 2800' of gain to a peak near Frazier Park. Moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials, helmet, spare tube, bike light and lock. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: GEORGE CHRISTIANSEN, MARS BONFIRE

Oct 26-29 Wed-Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Pacific Crest Trail Backpack: From Antelope Valley through the Tehachapi Mountains to Hwy 58, west of Mojave. Experience the western Mojave Desert in the fall. Moderately paced. 4 days, 48 miles, one-way. Average day will be 12 miles with 2500' 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: PAT ARREDONDO

Oct 27 Thu Hundred Peaks
O: Cahuilla Mountain (5635'): An easy walk on trail for 6 miles round trip with 1700' of gain to a peak near Idyllwild. Moderate pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: GEORGE CHRISTIANSEN, MARS BONFIRE

Oct 27 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike - see September 22

Oct 29 Sat Hundred Peaks, PV-SB, WTC
I: Deer Mountain (5586') and Deep Creek Hot Springs (5' deep): 21st semi- annual Deep Creek HS hike/swim with another shot at Deer Mtn. Moderately paced 17 mi, 5400' gain, mostly utilizing the PCT. Bring 10 essentials, lugs, (swim suit optional), and water tolerant shoes for creek crossing (could be high water - trekking poles recommended). 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 conditioning info to Leader: BARRY HOLCHIN Co-Leader: WAYNE VOLLAIRE
Nov 8  Tue  Hundred Peaks
O: Pine Mountain Ridge (7440'), Wild View Peak (7258'): A moderate hike for 8.5 miles round trip with 1750' gain on dirt road and rough trail to peaks near Wrightwood. Moderate pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: GEORGE CHRISTIANSEN, PATRICK VAUGHN, MARS BONFIRE

Nov 8  Tue  Hundred Peaks
Management Committee Meeting: All are welcome to attend our bi-monthly management committee meeting to discuss the business side of the section and upcoming activities. Opportunities to become involved are available. The meeting begins at 6:30 PM via conference call. To receive conference call information, to have items added to the agenda or to volunteer, please contact Chair: PAMELA ROWE

Nov 9  Wed  Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Bighorn Peak (8441'): Hike above Ice House Saddle to this fine peak. Moderate pace, 10 miles round trip, 3400' gain. Meet 9 AM Mount Baldy rideshare point. Bring lunch, water, good footwear. Leaders: LAURA JOSEPH, JOE YOUNG, BROOKES TREIDLER

Nov 10  Thu  Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike - see September 22

Nov 12  Sat  Forest Committee, Hundred Peaks
Crescenta Valley O: Centennial Trails Restoration in Angeles National Forest: Location dependent on hillside conditions. Commemorate Angeles Chapter Centennial by joining the Forest Committee's San Gabriels Trail Crew to help restore and maintain parts of the 500+ mile trail system in the Angeles National Forest. Tools and instructions provided. Boots, gloves, long-sleeved shirts, and pants mandatory. Hiking distances vary. Events typically run 9 AM to 3 PM. Bring lots of water, lunch, safety glasses if you them, and enthusiasm to work as little or as much as you want. Contact leader week before for destination, meeting time and location. Contact Leaders: JIM FLEMING, BOB THOMPSON, SHARON MOORE

Nov 14  Mon  Hundred Peaks
Rescheduled from July 20
O: Hildreth Peak (5065'): A strenuous walk on dirt road and rough trail for 14 miles round trip with 5000' gain to a peak near Ojai. Moderate pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: PAT ARREDONDO, MARS BONFIRE

Nov 16  Wed  Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Wilson (5710') via Mount Wilson Trail: There'll be stops at Orchard Camp and Manzanita Ridge while traversing this historic trail at a moderate pace. 15 miles round trip, 4500' gain. Meet 8 AM at intersection of Mira Monte Ave & Mt Wilson Trail in Sierra Madre. Bring lunch, water, appropriate footwear. Leaders: LAURA JOSEPH, SARAH KORDA, DORIS DUVAL, PAT ARREDONDO

Nov 17  Thu  Hundred Peaks
O: Big Pine Mountain (6800'), West Big Pine (6490'): A strenuous mountain bike ride and hike for 36 miles round trip with 4600' gain on dirt road and rough trail to peaks near Maricopa. Moderate pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials, helmet, spare tube, light, and lock. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: GEORGE CHRISTIANSEN, MARS BONFIRE, JOHN RADALJ

Nov 17  Thu  Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike - see September 22

Nov 19-20  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 or sase, navigation experience/training, contact info, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Leader: ROBERT MYERS Assistant: PHIL WHEELER

Nov 20  Sun  Hundred Peaks
I: Thorn Point (6920'): Eight miles round trip, 2000' gain to a peak near Frazier Park with abandoned lookout. High clearance 4WD advised. For details send vehicle type and rideshare information to Leader: PAT ARREDONDO Co-Leaders: VIRGIL POPESCU, PATRICK VAUGHN

Nov 22  Tue  Hundred Peaks
O: Cleghorn Mountain (5333'), Cajon Mountain (5360'), Sugarpine Mountain (5478'), Bailey Peak (5699'), Monument Peak #2 (5290'): Near drive-ups with very short walks totaling 4 miles with 900' gain to peaks near Hesperia. Moderate pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Nov 26  Sat  Hundred Peaks
I: Deer Mountain (5536'): A moderate hike on rough trail and involving a stream crossing for 4 miles round trip with 1800' of gain (1300' out plus 500' on return) to a peak near Lake Arrowhead. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Moderate pace. High clearance 4WD advised. For details send vehicle type and rideshare information to Leader: PAT ARREDONDO, Co-Leaders: VIRGIL POPESCU, PATRICK VAUGHN
Dec 7 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: San Gabriel Peak (6161’), Mount Lowe (5603’): A moderately-paced hike using the JPL trail above Red Box. Hike two historic peaks. 10 miles round trip, 2700’ gain. Meet 9 AM at La Canada rideshare point. Bring water, lunch, suitable shoes. Leaders: LAURA JOSEPH, ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, GINNY HERINGER

Dec 8 Thu Hundred Peaks
O: Garnet Mountain (5680’), Garnet Peak (5880’), Monument Peak #1 (6271’): Three easy walks on dirt road, PCT, and rough trail totaling 6 miles round trip with 1200’ of gain to peaks near Julian. Moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: GEORGE CHRISTIANSEN, MARS BONFIRE

Dec 8 Thu Hundred Peaks
I: Desert Pictograph scramble behind Queen Mountain in Joshua Tree National Park: Approx 5 1/2 miles, 300’ gain with a shuttle. Not a climb of Queen Mtn. Slow pace. Come join us on a rough cross country adventure, with a lot of route finding and minor scrambling through the Wonderland of Rocks. See 9 native american pictographs inside caves, and the site of an ancient camp. Very early starting time for a long, tiring day of scrambling. Contact leader for details. Leader: DIANE DUNBAR Assistant: DAVID COMERZAN

Dec 8 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike - see September 22

Dec 9-11 Fri-Sun Hundred Peaks, Lower Peaks
HPS Holiday Party 2011: Welcome in the holidays with old and new HPS friends. Join this festive hiking and partying weekend in Joshua Tree National Park. Sign up for some outstanding HPS, DPS and Lower Peaks outings in the park. We have reserved group campsites 3 and 4 for Friday and Saturday nights at the Sheep Pass Campground. Join us for Holiday potluck on Saturday night. There is a Park entrance fee, but no charge for the campground. No reservations needed, but sign up for individual outings listed on the HPS Website and in the HPS Lookout newsletter. For info, contact Program Chair: WAYNE VOLLAIRE

Dec 10 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Queen Mountain (5482’): 12 miles and 2000’ of hard won cross-country gain on the edge of the Wonderland of Rocks to climb this HPS peak in Joshua Tree National Park. Strenuous scrambling led at a moderate pace. For conditioned cross-country hikers. Contact leaders for details. Leaders: WAYNE BANNISTER, JENNIFER WASHINGTON

Dec 10 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Bernard Peak (5430’), Little Berdoo Peak (5440’): It’s fun in the desert in winter when you join in the HPS holiday party and hikes. Enjoy this cross country romp to two
rarely visited peaks in Joshua Tree National Park with views of the Coachella Valley. The total hike will be about 7 miles with 2000’ of elevation gain. Leaders will select the most interesting route based on conditions. Please bring the usual necessities. Email leader for info. Leader: LAURA JOSEPH Co-Leaders: PAT ARREDONDO, GREG DE HOOGH

Dec 13  Tue Hundred Peaks
Monthly HPS Management Committee Meeting: All are welcome to attend our bi-monthly management committee meeting to discuss the business side of the section and upcoming activities. Opportunities to become involved are available. The meeting begins at 6:30 PM at Ranger House, at Griffith Park. To have items added to the agenda or to volunteer, please contact Chair: PAMELA ROWE (Directions: See September 14)

Dec 15  Thu Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Lewis (8396'): An easy walk on rough trail for 1 mile round trip with 500’ of gain to a peak near Wrightwood. May be able to add nearby easy peaks. Moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: GEORGE CHRISTIANSEN, MARS BONFIRE

Dec 15  Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike - see September 22

Dec 17  Sat Hundred Peaks
I: San Guillermo Mountain (6602’), Lockwood Point (6273’), Brush (7040’), San Emigdio (7495’): Come enjoy easy peaks in Ventura backcountry. First San Guillermo, 2 miles round trip, 800’ gain, cross country. Short drive to Lockwood. Lockwood is 5 miles round trip and 700’ gain on trail and cross country. Brush and San Emigdio are 3 miles round trip 500’ gain. Lots of dirt road driving. For details send vehicle type and rideshare information to Leader: PAT ARREDONDO Co-Leader: VIRGIL POPESCU

Dec 18  Sun Hundred Peaks
O: LA XMAS by Night: Join our annual night hike to give food and clothing to the homeless living on the streets. Hike approx 6 miles. Wear warm clothing and sturdy shoes. We'll meet at the Chinatown station on the Metro Gold Line located at College Street and Spring Street at midnight SATURDAY night. After distribution of food and clothing we'll crisscross the streets of downtown LA winding up at the Original Pantry at approx 4:00 AM for breakfast, then hike or take subway back to Chinatown. Leaders: STAG BROWN, BOB THOMPSON, JOE YOUNG

Dec 20  Tue Hundred Peaks
I: Hines Peak (6704’), Topatopa Bluff (6367’), Chief Peak (5560’): A moderate hike on dirt road and rough trail for 9 miles round trip with 2400’ of gain to peaks near Ojai. Forest Service permit required. Moderate pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Dec 22  Thu Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Harwood (9552’), Mount San Antonio (10,064’): A strenuous hike for 8 miles round trip with 4000’ of gain on dirt road and rough trail to peaks near Baldy Village.
Jan-April: Enjoy the exhilarating experience of walking West LA I: Snowshoe in our local mountains, mid-month, Jan-April: Enjoy the exhilarating experience of walking

Dec 22 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike - see September 22

Dec 29 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike - see September 22

Jan 4 Wed Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Josephine Peak (6558'): Moderately-paced 8 mile round trip, 2100' gain hike up Colby Canyon Trail. Return via fire road. Short car shuttle. Meet 9 AM at La Canada rideshare point. Bring water, lunch, suitable shoes and clothing. Leaders: CAROLE SCURLOCK, DORIS DUVAL

Jan 5 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike - see September 22

Jan 7-8 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 or sase, navigation experience/training, contact info, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Leader: ROBERT MYERS Assistant: PHIL WHEELER

Jan 10 Tue Hundred Peaks
O: Combs Peak (6193'): A moderate hike on PCT and rough trail for 5 miles round trip with 1200' of gain to a peak near Warner Springs. Moderate pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Jan 12 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike - see September 22

Jan 17 Tue Hundred Peaks
I: Sheep Mountain (5141'), Martinez Mountain (6560'): A strenuous hike on trail and rough trail for 18 miles round trip with 5100' of gain to peaks near Idyllwild. Moderate pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Jan 19 Thu Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike - see September 22

Jan 21 Sat Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
West LA I: Snowshoe in our local mountains, mid-month, Jan-April: Enjoy the exhilarating experience of walking
Feb 9    Thu    Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike - see September 22

Feb 11    Sat    Hundred Peaks
I: Brown Mountain (4485'): Hike to peak named for abolitionist John Brown, involves 12 miles and 3500' of gain, but depending on accessibility and/or brush we may choose an alternate plan. Strenuous hike visits beautiful lower elevation country in the western San Gabriel mountains. Time permitting, we will visit the gravesite of Owen Brown, son of John Brown. Bring water, lunch, sturdy boots. Meet at the La Canada rideshare point at 8:00 AM. Leaders: JOE YOUNG, BOB THOMPSON, STAG BROWN

Feb 14    Tue    Hundred Peaks
I: Mount Islip (8250'): A strenuous snowshoe for 6 miles round trip with 1600' of gain to a peak near Wrightwood. Moderate pace. High clearance 4WD with snow cables advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Feb 16    Thu    Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike - see September 22

Feb 18    Sat    Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks, West LA
I: Snowshoe in our local mountains, mid-month, Jan-April: Are you a "season-deprived" Southern Californian? Enjoy the quiet and serenity of snow-covered landscapes in the San Gabriel/San Bernardino Mountains or Los Padres National Forest. We will travel five to eight miles through thickly-wooded areas, perhaps grabbing a peak along the way. Bring your own snowshoes or reserve early at a local sports store. Beginners welcome. If you can walk, you can snowshoe! Email leader for details several weeks before this outing. Leader: MARLEN MERTZ Co-Leaders: WAYNE VOLLAIRE, BILL SIMPSON, DAVID HAAKE, MIKKI SIEGEL, PAT ARREDONDO, GINNY HERINGER

Feb 21    Tue    Hundred Peaks
I: Heart Bar Peak (8332'): A strenuous snowshoe for 5 miles round trip with 1100' of gain to a peak near Big Bear Lake. Moderate pace. High clearance 4WD with snow cables advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Feb 23    Thu    Pasadena Group, Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike - see September 22

Feb 28    Tue    Hundred Peaks
I: Tehachapi Mountain (7960'): A strenuous snowshoe for 4 miles round trip with 2000' of gain to a peak near Tehachapi. Moderate pace. High clearance 4WD with snow cables advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials.

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

Feb 29    Wed    Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Lukens (5074') from Harter Lane: By trail and road to Los Angeles' highest point. 11 miles, 3500' gain. Meet 9 AM at La Canada rideshare point. Bring water, lunch, suitable shoes and clothing. Leaders: BROOKES TREIDLER, BOB THOMPSON, LAURA JOSEPH

Mar 18    Sun    Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks, West LA
I: Snowshoe in our local mountains, mid-month, Jan-April: Another chance to snowshoe. This is a perfect way to explore our beautiful local winter mountains. You will visit and see areas on snowshoes that other people cannot access. If you enjoy hiking in summer, you will love snowshoeing in the San Gabriel/San Bernardino Mountains or Los Padres National Forest. We will travel five to eight miles depending on location and conditions. Bring your own snowshoes or reserve early at a local sports store. Beginners welcome. If you can walk, you can snowshoe! Email leader for details several weeks before this outing. Leader: MARLEN MERTZ Co-Leaders: WAYNE VOLLAIRE, BILL SIMPSON, DAVID HAAKE, MIKKI SIEGEL, PAT ARREDONDO, GINNY HERINGER

Apr 7    Sat    Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks, West LA
I: Snowshoe in our local mountains, mid-month, Jan-April: If there is still good snow (there was in the last two years), join us on the last of the snowshoes in our local mountains. Whether you are looking for a scenic aerobic experience or just a peaceful walk in the woods, you will love snowshoeing! You will enjoy the quiet, gentle, enjoyable pace which burns twice the calories of hiking the same route! We will travel five to eight miles depending on location and conditions and hope to be going to either Mt. Pinos or Big Bear. Bring your own snowshoes or reserve early at a local sports store. Beginners welcome. If you can walk, you can snowshoe! Email leader for details several weeks before this outing. Leader: MARLEN MERTZ Co-Leaders: WAYNE VOLLAIRE, BILL SIMPSON, DAVID HAAKE, MIKKI SIEGEL, PAT ARREDONDO, GINNY HERINGER

Apr 21-22    Sat-Sun    LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS
I: Warren Point 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 or sase, navigation experience/training, contact info, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Leader: ROBERT MYERS Assistant: PHIL WHEELER
Sierra Club To Offer Outdoor Leadership Training October 1

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, Oct. 1, at Eaton Canyon Nature Center in Pasadena.

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 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 (714-321-1296) or e-mail (ltcregistrar@hundredpeaks.org).

Applications and checks are due Sept. 17. Scholarships are available for those with financial need. Apply to LTC Chair Tina Bowman (tina@bowmandesigngroup.com).

Peak Flower Experiences
By Ginny Heringer

There are many good reasons to hike the peaks on the HPSLList – staying fit, learning new skills, making friends, and seeing places in the Southern California mountains and deserts that you never would have visited otherwise. For me, one of the high points of hiking the list has been to see flowers that are strange and new to me. When I look over my notes about the peaks, I find these particular flowers that I hope you’ll see soon. Until then, you can look up photos online in Wikipedia or in the Calphotos database at http://calphotos.berkeley.edu, a great resource for both plant and animal photos.

One unique flower is the Pine Green Gentian, Swertia neglecta or Frasera neglecta. I saw it first, dried up, on a private hike to Scodie with Laura Joseph and had no idea what it was – it looked like a stick of bamboo, with fringes of dry leaves at what seemed to be nodes. A year later, again in the Southern Sierras on Black #5 with Tom Hill and Pamela Rowe, I saw this striking plant in bloom, two to three feet high, each bloom a lovely white four-petal flower with purple stripes and a green spot on each petal. Sure enough there were circles of leaves along the stem with the flowers grouped at the top. Gentians are more common at high elevations but I’ve discovered that this gentian appears regularly along the trail from Three Points around the west side of Waterman, only five or ten minutes walk from the road. There are lots of them there this summer.

Another beautiful discovery is the brick red Desert Mariposa Lily, Calochortus kennedyi, that I saw on a hike to Red and Black #6, in the Mojave Desert with Karen and Wolf Leverich. Mariposa (the Spanish word for butterfly) lilies are among the most beautiful of flowers, waving on a stem less than a foot high, the flowers with colorful complicated interiors of spots and fringes. It was a surprise to find these delicate flowers on the dry desert landscape, but because lilies are bulbs, they can store water and remain dormant in dry years, only making a show during good rain years. The Mariposa lilies we often see in the local mountains are shades of white or pink or lavender, or sometimes yellow. The yellow ones can be confused with California poppies, but the poppies have four petals and the lilies three. I’ve only seen the brick red lilies once and would be happy to return to Red and Black for the chance to see them again.

The third special flower is another lily, the death camas, Zigadenus venenosus, found on a hike to Old Man Mountain with George Wysup and Tom Hill. At a glance this lily resembles a small pine green gentian, but the flower cluster at the top is less open and the flowers have the typical lily number of three petals rather than four like the poppies and gentians. The leaves are long and parallel-veined, again typical of lily family plants. The plant is very poisonous for people and for livestock. It can be mistaken for an onion but the leaves and bulbs of the death camas don’t have an onion smell.

We had a wet winter so I’m hoping to see these special flowers again this summer. Please watch out for them and let me know if you see them, at ginnyh@ix.netcom.com.

Desert Mariposa Lily
The Yucaipa Ridge
July 9 & 16, 2011
by Mat Kelliher

The Yucaipa Ridge is a relatively narrow east-west trending ridge in San Bernardino County that is located south of San Gorgonio Mountain and north of San Jacinto Peak. The Ridge is highest on its eastern edge where it rises more than 7,000’ above the town of Banning; from east to west it loses more than 5,000’ in elevation over about 10 miles. The views from atop the Ridge are spectacular and are likely the reason that a few of the peaks along it were included as part of the original 1946 HPS List. To the south are magnificent vistas of San Jacinto and the awesome San Andreas Fault Zone which carves out the whole Banning Pass area far, far below; to the north the boulder-strewn wash of Mill Creek and the steeply rising forested slopes and grassy gullies of the San Gorgonio group are spectacularly in view.

Currently the HPS has seven named peaks along the Yucaipa Ridge. From east to west (and highest to lowest) they are: Galena Peak (9,324’), Little San Gorgonio Peak (9,133’), Wilshire Mountain (8,832’), Wilshire Peak (8,680+), Cedar Mountain (8,324’), Birch Mountain (7,826’), and Allen Peak (5,796’). While it is possible to hike the entire Yucaipa Ridge from Galena Peak to Allen Peak as one continuous day hike, the section between Galena and Little San Gorgonio is reported to cover severely rugged terrain that requires a great deal of comfort and experience on class 3 rock. We decided to break our traverse of the Yucaipa into two segments; the first a Saturday hike to Galena Peak and back, the second a traverse along the ridge from Little San Gorgonio to Allen Peak on the following Saturday.

On Saturday July 9, 2011 a group of 11, led by Peter & Ignacia Doggett and co-led by Chris Spisak, Lilly Fukui, and myself set out from the Vivian Creek Trailhead parking lot up the boulder filled streambed of Mill Creek. Evidence of the scale of this past year’s strong winter and spring storms was abundant as we headed upstream toward the Mill Creek Jumpoff; fresh debris slides seemed to have piled up and issue out of every little major and minor side canyon and gully we crossed. Water cascaded from numerous gullies high up canyon walls, primarily on the northern side, indicating continued erosion is still in progress. As we approached the “Headwall” it seemed that we encountered more and more freshly fallen mud and rock in the streambed; it looked as if it had only just recently hardened as its storm-derived water suddenly drained out of it. Ignacia thought the Headwall itself was in about the worst shape she’s ever seen it in her many times there; it was especially loose and nearly devoid of any hand or foothold. But once we were on the Headwall, Peter and Ignacia expertly guided us across its slippery surface. Not enough can be said about how knowledgeable and patient those Doggetts were in explaining and demonstrating to us exactly how to safely get both up and then back down the headwall. I think I can safely say that every one of us who were on that outing feels a debt of gratitude to Peter and Ignacia for their patient and gracious assistance.

Once we’d crossed the headwall we ate a little lunch and then climbed steeply up to the summit. As we climbed we were treated to magnificent views of the Mill Creek drainage below us; at spots our route would expose open vistas with dizzying drop offs, seemingly thousands of feet of empty air between us and the streambed below. On the summit of Galena we were treated to our first view south from the Yucaipa Ridge; an astonishing glimpse of San Jacinto with the Banning Pass so far below, to the southeast way out into the flat depression of the Salton Trough, to the east to the badland topography that borders the western edge of Joshua Tree, to the west a vague hint at the extent of the entire Yucaipa Ridge which could only just be made out behind West Galena and through the afternoon haze. We came back down from the summit, across the Headwall, and back down to the trailhead without incident. Of the 11 who started out on our adventure, 10 made it across the Headwall, and nine made it to the summit. All of us made it back to the cars. Including the leaders and co-leaders already mentioned, the participants included Tanya Roton, Stella Cheung, Laura Franciosi, Mari Sakai, Pieter Kaufman, and Jessie Slater.

On the following Saturday July 16, 2011 a group of 9, led by myself and Jim Fleming and co-led by Winnette Butler, Chris Spisak, and Lilly Fukui, met at the Mill Creek Ranger Station in Mentone, CA. After having previously been granted permission along with the current gate key code, we drove into the Bear Paw Preserve where we parked about half of our vehicles. Those who parked hopped into the non-parked cars and we drove over to the Vivian Creek Trailhead parking lot. Once there we quickly got our boots tied up and our gear lashed down, and off we went; up Mill Creek on our way to Little San Gorgonio Peak. After about ¼ mile I led our group south and headed up a gravel wash east of Camp Creek and then up its adjacent very, very steep forested ridge on the north side of the Yucaipa Ridge. We took our time getting up the steep – over this section of about 2 miles we’d gain nearly 3,300’, no reason to rush through it. At the top of the steep ridge we were treated to a short traverse along its very narrow top as we headed southeast towards the saddle at 8,440’; we got our first glimpse of the north side of Little San Gorgonio and a jaw-dropping view of the Mill Creek wash way, way, way down below us from along this ridge top. Soon our ridge intersected the Yucaipa Ridge where we turned west and after climbing steeply we were on the summit of Little San Gorgonio. We had lunch on the summit while enjoying the magnificent views of Galena and West Galena to our east, to the south we were treated to fantastic views of San Jacinto and the Banning Pass.
below with pine topped crags and lots of empty air framing that scene; to the north Gorgonio, Jepson, and Dobbs stood silently above their pine and grass covered slopes. To the west the pine-covered, craggy bumps composing our still unexplored portion of the Yucaipa Ridge lay before us.

From Little San Gorgonio Jim led us west on our traverse across the ridge top through the trees with beauty all around us. The weather was perfect up there with temperatures in the high 60’s – low 70’s and an occasional gentle breeze coming in from the south. It was a short and easy little stroll to Wilshire Mountain. From Wilshire Mountain Winnette led us on a pleasant walk along the ridge and through the trees to Wilshire Peak; once on the summit of Wilshire Peak we congratulated Winnette on her 100th HPS Peak lead!, and helped her finish off her celebration cookies. From Wilshire Peak Lilly led us to Oak Glen Peak. For reasons unknown to any of us, Oak Glen Peak isn’t on the HPS List, but it’s an awfully nice peak anyway and it has a register, so we all signed in there and continued on our way. Chris led us west from Oak Glen Peak to Cedar Mountain on a traverse that took us down in elevation several hundred feet and then right back up; definitely tougher than what we’d seen on the ridge top so far. From Cedar Mountain Jim led us west to Birch Mountain. The traverse along this section was tough; lots of up and down followed by a very steep ascent to the summit of Birch. Once on Birch we happily made note that we were more than half way through our journey, and all admitted to feeling a little tired. From Birch I led us west towards the Allen-Birch summit, but while on the vague use trail some distance down from the summit I took a wrong turn that landed us all in the brush for a little while. Jim’s keen navigational skills soon got us back on a well defined trail; it turns out we hadn’t been too far from it at all. Soon the trail turned to a fire road in very good condition and as we hiked down it the sun set in the west behind Allen Peak while the one-day-old full moon rose in the east.

At the Allen-Birch Saddle most of our group returned to the cars. But Jim Fleming, John Slagle, and I continued west through the warm summer night over first road and then well defined use trail to the summit of Allen Peak where we were treated to vast views of a slightly moon washed starry night sky with the dark silhouettes of nearby landforms to our east and below us. We arrived back at the cars about an hour after the rest of the group did. Including the leaders and co-leaders already mentioned our participants included Tanya Roton, Stella Cheung, John Slagle and John ‘Pinetar’ Wilson. All of us owe and offer our thanks to the Wildlands Conservancy for permission to enter and use the Bear Paw Preserve, and especially to Evan Welsh for his assistance in providing access information and sharing his first-hand knowledge of current conditions that he obtained during his traverse of the entire Yucaipa Ridge (Galena to Allen) earlier this year in June.
Part 5 of our series on exploring the features of the National Geographic TOPO! software examines transferring waypoints between TOPO! and a GPS device.

In Part 4 of our series, we explored the creation of waypoints in TOPO! For navigation purposes, a waypoint is a specific coordinate that marks a location.

With your GPS connected to your computer, you can automatically send waypoints created in TOPO! to your GPS so that you can later navigate to those locations using the GPS. Likewise, you can download waypoints from your GPS directly onto TOPO!’s maps.

Transfer Settings

In 2006, I discovered an anomaly when transferring data between my Garmin GPS and TOPO! When both were set to NAD27, there were significant offsets in the location of waypoints or routes. I contacted both TOPO! and Garmin about this issue. Since Garmin wants consumers to use its own mapping software, it responded: “The use of 3rd party software is not suggested, warranted, or supported by Garmin.” By contrast, TOPO! responded with a solution: “This is a known issue when downloading from some Garmin GPS units to TOPO! Some Garmin units transfer data to TOPO! using NAD83 all the time even when they are set to NAD27. The solution is to set the GPS and TOPO! to Lat/Long NAD83. Once the data is downloaded to TOPO!, you can change the settings in TOPO! to UTM NAD27, etc.”

This solution works and is the key to avoiding significant errors when transferring waypoints between TOPO! and your GPS. Although TOPO! recommended that the Lat/Long format be used, accurate transfers (within a meter or two) will occur if you use the UTM setting so long as both devices are set to the WGS84/NAD83 datums.

Connect the GPS Device to the Computer

Following the directions that accompany your GPS device, you should connect the GPS to the computer with the appropriate cable. Newer GPS devices allow connection via a USB cable. Remember to turn on the GPS device. The first time you connect the GPS to your computer, select Change GPS Settings... from the Handheld menu. A Preferences dialog box appear and Receiver Type should be selected.
The updated version of the TOPO! recognizes most GPS devices. Select your GPS device from the list. If your GPS is not listed, select Info from the menu and then Help Using Topo! or Function Key 1 [F1] for further assistance. Generally, once the correct GPS device is set, all the other connection settings will be automatic.

It is important to use the most recent version of the TOPO! software. Free updates are available at: http://www.natgeomaps.com/downloads.html Older versions of the TOPO! software will not have updated GPS devices. In addition, the declination information printed on your maps will not be correct unless you use the most recent update.

Transferring Waypoints

Transferring waypoints is easy with TOPO!'s Import and Export Wizards. From the Handhelds menu, select either the Import (from GPS or *.txt) Wizard… or the Export (to GPS or *.txt) Wizard… The Wizard screen will appear and walk you through the steps necessary to accomplish your objective. The wizard is self-explanatory and you should experiment with the different options to gain familiarity with them.

Upcoming Navigation Events

We return to the San Bernardino Mountains on September 25, 2011 for our Grinnell Ridge Navigation Noodle. Starting in October, we will close out the year with three navigation noodles in Joshua Tree National Park for noodles on October 16, 2011, November 19-20, 2011, and December 11, 2011.

I welcome your navigation questions. Contact me at mmyers@ix.netcom.com.
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14D So. Mt. Hawkins missing 12-10
21G Bertha Pk. missing 11-10
24L Grinnell Mtn. missing 10-07
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29A Rouse Hill missing
29D Thomas Mountain missing 8-10

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