The Annual Great Waterman Mountain
Rendezvous is back!
Saturday, July 28

You are invited to this the 18th annual event. The informal pot luck will be held on the top of Waterman Mountain, following some great hiking in the area. Plan on spending some time on top getting acquainted and having fun (and eating) as most hikes won't be returning to the cars until late afternoon or early evening. Be sure to bring lots of food and drink to share with other hungry hikers. Find an outing that fits your interest (or needs) from the list below or on the Angeles Chapter or HPS websites:
http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/ or http://angeles.sierraclub.org/hps/outings.asp Or just hike up on your own... Rain cancels.

I: Pacifico Mtn (7124’), Waterman Mtn (8038’): Hike to Pacifico from Adler Saddle in the morning and then attend the Waterman Rendezvous at lunchtime. The Pacifico hike will be about 5 miles Round Trip with 2,000’ of total gain on a firebreak. The Waterman hike will be 3 miles RT with 1,000’ of gain on a steep trail. Please bring: Lug Soled Boots, Water, Lunch, Jacket and a hat; plus food to share at the Waterman potluck festivities. Contact [PeterDoggett@AOL.com] for meeting info. Ldrs: Peter and Ignacia Doggett.

I: Twin Peaks (7761’), Waterman Mountain (8038’): 11 miles, 4000’ gain round trip. Strenuous hike from Cloudburst Summit. Meet 6:30 AM La Canada rideshare point with lunch, boots, water, 10 essentials, and item to share for the Rendezvous potluck lunch. Ldrs: Wayne Bannister, Bill Simpson

I: Kratka Ridge (7515’), Waterman Mountain (8038’): 5.2 miles, 2700’ gain round trip. Join us for the annual Waterman Rendezvous where we will first pick up Kratka Ridge, then head over to Mt. Waterman to meet up with other groups to share in lunch and fun. We will meet at 7:30 AM at La Canada rideshare point where we will head off to an area near Vista Picnic area to begin our hike. Bring adventure pass, water, snacks to share, and good footwear. Ldrs: Wayne Vollaire, Marlen Mertz

HPS Members To Receive Recognition At Angeles Chapter Awards Banquet
Sunday, May 6 at 5pm

Outings Service Certificates will be presented to HPS members Melody Anderson, Adrienne Benedict, Mars Bonfire, Bob Draney, Matthew Hengst, Jack Kieffer, Roxana Lewis, Bill Simpson, and Pat Vaughn.at the Chapter Banquet, May 6, 2012, at Brookside Country Club. In addition, a Special Service Certificate will be presented to Sandy Burnside. See the Schedule of Activities, the Southern Sierran, or go on-line to reserve.
ACHIEVEMENTS:

200 Peaks
#463 – Mark Butski – 2/4/12 – Meeks Mountain

NEW MEMBERS:

Bob Stuard
Lawrence Lee
Steve Philips
Ken Rose
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DONATIONS:

Cheryl Gill – $100
Lawrence Lee - $10
Edith Liu - $1

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37 Subscribers
348 Total

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Hiking the Three T's in winter. *Photo by Mars Bonfire*
TWO GREAT OUTINGS
By Kelly Weiss

On the Sunday afternoon of January 15, 2012, thirteen friends and I climbed three peaks in the San Gabriel Mountains -- Winston Peak, Mt. Mooney and Mt. Vetter. The weather was very nice and we had the best time ever. We were accompanied by two well-behaved dogs, Homer and Cinder, belonging to two of my friends. The hike to Winston Peak was great! The trail was easy to navigate and everyone just enjoyed being together.

We didn’t climb Winston Ridge since I had done that a few months earlier. On that previous outing, heading towards the Winston Ridge high point, we took the route around the northern end of peak 6903’, referred to in the HPS Guide. Part of the trail had collapsed and the hillside was extremely steep. On the way out we decided to go around the other side of 6903’ and we encountered a fallen tree which blocked the trail and was a little difficult to pass. It is necessary to climb over the trunk instead of going around the tree, because of the steep hillside.

After Winston, we climbed Mount Mooney. The road from the Angeles Crest Highway to the trailhead was blocked by a fallen tree just a short distance in, so the hike was longer than stated in the guide. Our last peak of the day was Vetter Mountain by Route 1. The gate at the entrance to that road 3N16 was locked so we had to hike a little over 4 miles R/T to reach the peak instead of 1 1/4. We ended the day by dining at the New Moon Chinese Restaurant in Montrose (2138 Verdugo Road); which I highly recommend as a good place to eat.

Then on Sunday afternoon, February 12th, some of the same great friends and I, plus Homer and Cinder again, set out to do five easy peaks in the San Bernardino National Forest including Cleghorn, Cajon, Sugarpine Mountain, Bailey Peak, and Monument Peak #2. We tried to do Cleghorn Mountain by Route 2 but turned back because of the dense brush that would have taken us too much time. We also encountered dense brush on part of the ridge leading to the summit of Cajon Mountain.

For Sugarpine Mountain, the jeep road going east-southeast, which the hiking guide described as faint, was in about as good condition as 2N49 (the road on which we drove in). The directions for Bailey Mountain were up to date. After doing Monument #2, our last peak, we continued south down the mountain, instead of retracing our route driving in. The road turned out to be as good as it was driving route in. Although it was cold and foggy most of the time, this did not in any way spoil the outing. It just made the day more interesting and exciting. Like many other peaks that I have climbed, I would love to do these again someday. Although it was a little out of the way driving home, we once again had dinner at the New Moon Restaurant.

Photo Credit: David Moezinia. Left to right: Diane Wimberley, Kelly Weiss, In the back: John Thomassen
On Saturday March 3, 2012 seventeen hearty souls met at the “Thimble Trail” parking area at mile marker 32 off Highway S22 in the Anza Borrego Desert State Park near Borrego Springs, California for a late winter hike to Rosa Point (5,083’) in the Santa Rosa Mountains. The 17 included my fellow leader for this hike, Jim Fleming, my wife Tanya Roton, and Bob Stuard, Bob Wyka, Brian Smith, Bruno Geiger, Elena Sherman, Francesca Marcus, Gloria Miladin, James Barlow, Laura Franciosi, Scott Sullivan, Stella Cheung, Stacy Sanchez, Wasim Khan, and Winnette Butler. After greetings, introductions, and the obligatory sign-in, we dialed the compass to 050 degrees and set off across the desert floor toward Palo Verde Canyon at 6:45 am.

Palo Verde Canyon is the standard DPS approach for Rosa Point, but HPS uses the ridge comprising the western edge of the Canyon as its standard, describing the approach through the canyon as an “…even scenic…” alternate. “Scenic” sounded good to us, so we chose to take this route in and were not disappointed. We made good time up the smooth, sandy bottomed, and gently sloping dry streambed through the morning chill and were treated to textbook views of multi-colored, layered and folded metamorphic rock outcropping from the steadily rising and undulating terrain we passed through. About 2.5 miles and 950’ of gain northeast from our starting point we came upon a spur ridge that rose steeply from the canyon and extended west to meet the top of the ridge adjacent to us; this was our route up onto the HPS standard ridgeline. Gloria, who in addition to having a sore foot, had visiting relatives waiting for her somewhere out in the Anza Borrego south of us, signed out at the base of the spur ridge and headed back down canyon. The rest of us made our way up the very steep and loose, rocky spur ridge along a well defined use trail that wound up through a hillside thick with healthy and abundant cholla. Occasional yucca, ocotillo, and cat claw accented the cholla garden and rendered the whole hillside reminiscent of a postcard image of ‘The Desert Southwest’. Despite their beauty, we resisted the urge to reach out and touch those spiny plants as we climbed up through them.

We traveled less than ¼ mile and gained about 250’ of elevation getting up the spur ridge to where it intersects the main north-south ridge of the HPS standard route. Up until this point we weren’t really aware of how high we were actually climbing as we moved up through the canyon, but once we got up on top of that main N-S ridge we were treated to a dramatic view of how far above the desert floor we had come. The ridge is narrow and the slopes on either side drop off sharply and are quite steep; from our airy perch along its spine we saw how isolated and high above it all we were. The desert floor surrounding our ridge was so vast, and the 1,200 vertical feet between it and us was absolutely full of nothing but empty space. To our west we could see the wide, gentle ridge that leads ultimately to Villager Peak, to our east brown and cream colored strata outcropping from the massive slopes of the hillside adjacent to Palo Verde Canyon towered above us. South were our cars, mere dots but discernable along the ribbon of highway cutting across the flat desert floor far below. North we could see our path, and we set off in that direction.

Heading north, we climbed up along the rising ridgeline over one first one bump, then another, then another. We were always climbing on this ridge, the path never too steep, but always rocky, always loose. We found cholla everywhere as we climbed; the cacti seemed to surround us, their little “cholla ball” offspring covered the ground, waiting to take root seemingly anywhere we needed to pass through. Nearly every one
of us picked up a cholla ball or two along the way, usually easily removed from our boots and pant legs with trekking poles. But sometimes they’d stab through and reach skin, then our group would pause, several of us huddled around the afflicted one to help pull out the tiny barbs with pliers or tweezers, while the rest waited sympathetically until the offending spines were removed, then we’d continue our way up, each time a little more vigilant to avoid the harsh seedlings than we had been a few moments earlier.

After another mile or so and 1,200’ of gain along our N-S ridge, we reached a saddle and turned northeast and descended into the upper portion of Palo Verde Canyon. Here we crossed the canyon and then climbed and traversed our way northeast and back up onto another north-south trending ridgeline at a saddle; this ridge would ultimately lead us to the western slope of Rosa Point. At this second saddle we were again treated to fantastic views; this time our view to the east was open and we could see out beyond the Salton Sea. The sky was clear of haze and we could see far out to the east: the green fields of Coachella Valley, the low and arid Mecca Hills, the Orocopia and Chocolate Mountains; all looked close enough to reach out and touch despite their distance from us. The breeze up on this saddle was steady and slightly chilly when standing still, so we kept moving and stayed warm by working our way up this final north-south ridge.

Like the previous N-S ridge, this one climbed steeply to the north over first one bump, then another, then another across loose and rocky, always thorny terrain. We travelled up this second north-south ridge for 1.1 miles and gained 1,400’ until we reached the west flank of Rosa Point. We then turned right and strolled up onto the broad, flat summit where we took a leisurely lunch break, leafed through the registers, took photos, and snoozed in the warm and soothing sunlight. While we all lounged on the summit Tanya casually told us that this was her 6th desert peak; now that she had gotten up we all looked close enough to reach out and touch despite their distance from us. The breeze up on this saddle was steady and slightly chilly when standing still, so we kept moving and stayed warm by working our way up this final north-south ridge.

Eventually, reluctantly, we gathered our gear to leave. Here Bob Wyka, Scott, Elena, Bob Stuard and James signed out; their adventure would continue north while the rest of us headed west and south to come out. All five of them were heading to the summit of Mile High Peak and would then climb down off of that peak and back up onto the Villager Ridge. Bob Wyka, Scott, Elena, and Bob Stuard were then planning on turning south and coming out via the Villager Ridge, while James, who had packed in overnight gear, was heading on to Villager Peak to sleep under the stars on its summit. In the morning he planned to continue on to Rabbit Peak and earn his DPS Emblem by getting up on its summit. Somewhere along the way from Rosa Point to the Villager Ridge Bob Stuard was inspired to join James and go as far as Villager Peak before heading back down and out.

Meanwhile our main group headed back down the ridgeline we had come up; taking small breaks at the flat spots around 3,500’ and 3,000’ to search for Greg Daly’s missing GPS unit. Greg thought he may have left it behind somewhere on the wide, flat areas at those elevations during rest stops on an early January visit to Rosa Point; he had asked Jim and I a few weeks previous to look for it while we were up there. We gave it our best shot; eagerly, since Greg had promised the finder a margarita or two for their efforts, but we had no luck – the GPS was nowhere to be found and is now destined to become part of Rosa Point lore.

As we descended the ridge we eventually got down to the spur ridge that could take us east back down into Palo Verde Canyon. But after a little reflection we decided we’d rather not make the steep descent over its loose and cactus covered surface into the darkening canyon below. Instead we chose to make our way out onto the desert floor by continuing along the HPS standard route ridgeline. As we descended we watched the sun slowly set and the lights of the brighter stars and planets gradually flicker on in the fading light; just as we got on to the desert floor the last of the daylight dissolved into the deepening twilight, the natural lighting now coming solely from starlight and the bright half moon high overhead. We made our way across the desert floor toward our cars by watching vehicle headlights either traveling along Hwy 22S or pulling out onto the road from the Thimble Trail parking lot. Our main group finally arrived at the parking area around 7:00 pm, about a half hour behind Bob Wyka, Scott, and Elena, who had waited for the first of our group to arrive before leaving to let us know they got out safely. We heard from Bob Stuard the next morning; he successfully added Villager Peak to his resume and got back safely to his car around 10:30 that night. And later James reported that after summiting Rabbit Peak the following morning he had a pleasant, leisurely trip back down and arrived at his waiting Yaris around 3:30 Sunday afternoon.

**Sheep Mountain, Martinez Mountain March 30-April 1, 2012**

*Leaders: Mat Kelliher, Patrick Vaughn*

*By Patrick Vaughn*

When Mat first contacted me he said that he was originally planning on doing a private leisurely two night trip to Sheep and Martinez to help Winnette Butler towards the pursuit of her list 3 but if I could sign on to lead with him then he could make it an official Sierra Club trip and list it with both DPS and HPS and maybe get some WTC students to sign on for experience trip credit. I had previously done these two peaks as a day hike and an over nighter but had never considered spending two nights out to do them. Additionally I hadn't done a back pack in several years and the thought of having to carry in all the water for the weekend albeit two miles from Horse Thief Creek to Cactus Spring wouldn't sit well with my knees. I agreed but my first thought was Oh man what was I about to get myself into? My second thought was I hope that this adventure wouldn't become one of those HPS stories .... So did
you hear about the time they had to carry Pat Vaughn out by helicopter…?

Mat was good about consulting with me the weeks prior to the trip and even though he was the primary coordinator he let me choose the routes. We would take the least steep route to Sheep and the ridge route to Martinez.

We met at the trail head parking area at 8:30am on Friday morning and weighed everyone's packs with the digital fish scale that Winnette provided. The majority of the packs weighed in from the low to mid 30 pounds up to about 41 pounds. Leave it to the leaders to have the heaviest packs (Mat's weighed over 56 pounds and mine was just over 53 pounds). We still had to load up on water later at horse thief creek for the weekend. I made sure to add at least another 20 pounds on to my pack at the creek. Whew!

We started off from the trail head towards Cactus Spring around 9:08 am. About two miles into the hike we dropped down to Horsethief creek and loaded up on water for the weekend and then proceeded to climb up out of the creek towards Cactus Spring where we would set up camp for the weekend. It was the first back pack for one of the participants and I had noticed about 30 minutes into the hike that he was struggling a bit and decided to keep an eye on him. Once we started to climb out of the creek I noticed that he was a little wobbly and needed to stop often and wasn't sure he would make the remaining two miles to camp let alone the rest of the weekend. One of the other participants also started having issues and required frequent rest stops. They were both fine once we made it to Cactus Spring and were able to drop off the heavy loads. We set up camp, ate lunch and started out around 1:30 pm to bag Sheep.

The last two times I was there the spring was just a mud hole, but as we started up the wash towards Sheep we were amazed to find water in the spring. It had an earthy fragrance and we all commented on how glad we were not to have to drink that water. The first half of the hike was going well and I thought we would bag the peak and be back to camp no later than 4:30 pm. We returned two hours later than expected as one of our favorite people struggled with severe leg cramps. First one leg then the other and so on and so on. I think the heat got the best of her. There were many cries of agony and at one point it was bad enough that I thought that she would not be able to continue to the summit but she didn't give in and toughed it out and got the darn peak. After all isn't it all about the peak? I have heard several peak baggers say "I can die afterwards, just as long as I get the freaking peak".

As a result of removing and replacing my pack several times to provide our good friend with some Emergen-C and care I lost my GPS. It dislodged from the clip somewhere on route to Sheep. We looked for it on the way back to camp but it decided to play hide and seek and remained hidden. I sent an email to Tina Bowman and Rudy Fleck when I got home and asked for them to keep an eye out for it on their April 21st trip. It was time to upgrade anyway.

We took a more direct route back to camp and had a wonderfully delicious happy hour with all the trimmings.

The next morning after breakfast we took off to Martinez around 7:15 am. The sun rising up over Martinez was spectacular. As we hiked along I soon found out what it's like to be a border collie. I was on sweep duty and the group got stretched out a bit several times and I had to round up a few stray hikers every now and then when they got off trail by either going off down the wrong wash or some other path that they thought was the trail. Mat's wife, Tanya Rotan played a great role as the "middle leader" yelling out to Mat to wait when she noticed that we were getting too stretched out. We took a short break once we got to the take off point for starting up the ridge. There were ducks that weren't there the last time I did that ridge and it minimized some of the route finding for the early part of the climb. We bagged the peak signed a register in a double plastic bag that had been left under some rocks below the summit block by Ken Rose who had visited there a few months earlier. I took the register up to the summit block and it was placed in the DPS Ammo register can with the official sign in book. We gave each other the congratulatory high fives and descended down to an open flat area to eat lunch before heading back off to camp for yet another amazing happy hour.

On the way out we passed the turn off for the gully route we noticed a couple and their dog camped out in the wash. They later came by to visit us at our campsite and asked about the potability of the spring water and for advice on climbing the ridge to Martinez which they were planning to climb the next day. The guy was from Lake Arrowhead a former San Gabriel Chapter Sierra cluber, search and rescue team member and knew a bunch of our old timers from the BMTC days. He said when BMTC was disbanded he got upset and quit the Sierra Club. The lady was a nurse from out of state. I forgot exactly what she did but the guy said she had access to lots of drugs. He then went on to tell me the origin of the name of Bong peak near the Pinnacles which he and his friends gave the name when they were in high school. It's not what you think it was so named because it resembled a wide piton made out of folded sheet metal used for climbing called a bong. Their dog took a particular liking to Mat and tried to eat him. They hung around visiting and talking with us for about a half hour before heading back to their campsite in the wash never to be seen again. No reports later in the week about lost hikers in the Santa Rosa Wilderness so they must have gotten out okay.

Some of our group wound up drinking that "sweet" spring water after all. Upon returning to camp several folks were either very low or completely out of water and had to filter and boil water from the spring. I can still see their smiling facing. After happy hour we hit the sack. The winds were gusting throughout the night. We could hear the ghostly whistling of the winds as they
came up the canyons and then felt the cool breath of wind gusts moments later as they hit our tents all night long and into the early morning.

Everyone eagerly got up the next morning ate breakfast, packed up to head back to the cars. We left camp around 8:00 am took a short break back at Horsethief Creek where a few had stored a liter or so for the hike out. We then climbed back up out of the creek marched along the trail and proceeded on past the Dolomite mines and back to our vehicles. We arrived back a little before 11:00 am said our goodbyes and headed off for home.

All and all we had a wonderful time with old friends and made some new ones and this will be fondly remembered as another great desert adventure to Sheep and Martinez Mountains.

Obituary for Joe Vogel
By Julie Vogel

Joe Vogel, age 75, died in Gilbert Arizona, where he had moved after retirement.

In the early 1970's Joe was active in the HPS, hiking with his family, and leading many peaks. He also climbed with DPS and SPS as well as leading a climb of Mt. Shasta. Joe and his first wife Mary Anne were part of a small group founding the Crescenta Valley Group, then leading trips with them.

The Vogel family earned their Hundred Peak Emblem together; Julie 9, Marty 8 and Michael 6 years old all finished on Vetter Mountain, chosen so family and friends could join in the big celebration in the Charlton Flats picnic area.
Missing and deficient registers:
8A Liebre Mt. deficient 11-09
9C Condor Peak missing 4-09
9E Mt. Lukens missing 3-08
9D Fox Mtn. #2 missing 4-09
12C Mt. San Gabriel
13B Mt. Akawie deficient 5-10
14D So. Mt. Hawkins missing 12-10
21G Bertha Pk. missing 11-10
25A Allen Peak deficient 4-08
27B Indian Mountain missing 8-10
29D Thomas Mountain missing 8-10

If you are climbing any of the above peaks, please consider bringing a new register can and book. If you discover a peak which needs a new register can, please let me know by mail addressed to Mark S. Allen, 11381 Foster Rd., Los Alamitos, CA 90720. (562) 598-0329 or e-mail: bakhikn@gmail.com

Mountain Records Committee Report
Chairs: Bill Simpson and Karen Leverich

1. Peak Guide changes.
Several minor changes to clarify driving directions, thanks to Roger Linfield of Boulder, Colorado. Peaks include Combs Peak, Granite Mountain #2, both Cahuilla Mountains and Rouse Hill. Whichever peak you're visiting (not just these five), make sure you have a current peak guide, and it's never a bad idea to phone ahead to learn about gates and road conditions.

2. Suspensions.
No changes to suspensions:
03B Black Mountain #3
09A Mount Gleason
09B Iron Mountain #2
09C Condor Peak
09D Fox Mountain #2
10E Granite Mountain #1
10F Rabbit Peak #1
10G Iron Mountain #3
10H Round Top
11A Josephine Peak
11B Strawberry Peak
11C Mount Lawlor
11D Barley Flats

3. Closures.
Winter closures still in effect for many dirt roads: contact local ranger station when in doubt.

Vivian Trailhead closed until 2012 Memorial Weekend
Date(s): Nov 15, 2011 - May 31, 2012
This trailhead will be closed from approximately November 14, 2011 through Memorial Day Weekend 2012 due to a major reconstruction project at the parking area and Falls Picnic Area. Water flow is excellent at Vivian, Halfway, and High Creek Camps.
Advance Schedule of Hundred Peaks Section Activities

By Gary Schenk

Tuesday, May 1 Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Sally (5408’), Vetter Mountain (5908’), Mount Mooney (5840’): Three separate and easy walks on paved road, dirt road, and rough trail totaling 6 miles roundtrip with 1450’ of gain to peaks above Pasadena. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. High clearance 4WD advised. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Thursday, May 3 Hundred Peaks
I: Lightner Peak (6430’), Bald Eagle Peak (6181’): Join us for a day in the Sequoia National Forest just south of Lake Isabella. Lightner will be Route 2, 10 miles round trip, 4500’ gain on motorcycle trail and cross-country. Bald Eagle is 1 1/2 miles, 600’ gain on use trail and cross-country. High clearance vehicles recommended. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Saturday, May 5 to Sunday, May 6 Hundred Peaks
I: Quail Mountain (5813): Enjoy the views of San Jacinto and San Gorgonio on this easy backpack from Boy Scout Trailhead to our campsite [4 miles, 630 gain] on the way to Quail Mountain [5,813], 12 miles RT, total of 1800 gain, where we will set up camp, have lunch, bag the peak and then return to camp for happy hour Sat, and return to cars Sunday. Bring backpacking equipment, 10 essentials, 6-8 qts of water for entire weekend, all meals and potluck contribution. Interested participants contact leader to submit recent backpacking experience and for more information. Fire or heavy rain cancels. Leader: Fran Penn (fpenn@rutan.com) Assistant: Bob Beach.

Saturday, May 5 Hundred Peaks
O: Iron Mountain #1 (8007’), Bonita Peak (3983’): Does the idea of spending yet another Cinco de Mayo in some dingy cantina eating bad nachos and swilling margaritas have you feeling a little unsatisfied? Ay Carumba!! Why not come celebrate with us instead as we tackle the legendary 'Big Iron', one of the more challenging peaks on the HPS list? This will be a very strenuous day hike involving 14 miles round trip and 7200’ of gain over sometimes loose and in places brutally steep terrain in the San Gabriel Mountains just west of Mt. Baldy that is only suitable for seasoned and well conditioned hikers. We'll travel at a slow-moderate, but steady pace, and during our ascent we'll make an optional detour for a very short distance and little gain to bag the LPC Bonita Peak. Bring at least 4 liters of water, lunch, a hat, and the rest of your 10 essentials. Email leader at mkelliher746@gmail.com with recent experience and conditioning for trip status and details. Ole!! Leaders: MAT KELLIHER, JIM FLEMING, PAT VAUGHN

Saturday, May 5 Hundred Peaks
I: Thorn Point (6920’), San Guillermo Mountain (6606’), Lockwood Peak (6261’), Frazier Mountain (8000’): Moderately paced 15.5 miles round trip, 4000' gain with the last peak being a drive-up, time permitting. Bring extra water. Meet 7 AM Sylmar rideshare point. Leaders: HARVEY GANZ, BRENT COSTELLO

HPS Members To Receive Recognition At Angeles Chapter Awards Banquet

Sunday, May 6 at 5pm

Outings Service Certificates will be presented to HPS members Melody Anderson, Adrienne Benedict, Mars Bonfire, Bob Draney, Matthew Hengst, Jack Kieffer, Roxana Lewis, Bill Simpson, and Pat Vaughn.at the Chapter Banquet, May 6, 2012, at Brookside Country Club. In addition, a Special Service Certificate will be presented to Sandy Burnside. See the Schedule of Activities, the Southern Sierran, or go on-line to reserve.

Thursday, May 10 Hundred Peaks
O: Gold Mountain (8235’): A moderately strenuous walk on road and trail for 9 miles roundtrip with 1500’ gain to a peak near Big Bear Lake. High clearance 4WD advised. Slow to moderate pace. Bring backpacking equipment, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: GEORGE CHRISTIANSEN, MARS BONFIRE, PAT ARREDONDO

Saturday, May 12 Hundred Peaks
I: Liebre Twins and Mt McRuer: Join us on this rare opportunity to climb two peaks on Tejon Ranch, usually inaccessible to hikers, and hear about plans to increase public access on the ranch property. Strenuous hike, 10 miles round trip, 2700’ gain, with some cross-country travel. Group size is limited by Tejon Ranch and the date may be subject to change. Contact reservationist Ginny Heringer by May 1 for reservations and updates. Leaders: KENT SCHWITKIS, DAIN RICHTER Naturalist: GINNY HERINGER

Saturday, May 12 Hundred Peaks
I: Mt Williamson (8244’), Goodykoontz Pk (7558’): A strenuous walk on trail and rough trail for 11 miles roundtrip with 4400’ of gain to peaks near Wrightwood. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10
Tuesday, May 15 Hundred Peaks
I: Hildreth Peak (5065'): A strenuous walk on rough trail and dirt road for 16 miles roundtrip with 4700’ gain to a peak near Santa Barbara. High clearance 4WD advised. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Wednesday, May 16 Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Hillyer (6200+'): From the Chilao area, hike through Jeffrey pines and incense cedar to a peak with fine northern views. 6 mi rt, 1000’ gain. Meet 9 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring water, appropriate clothing, footwear. Leaders: AL MOGGIA, JOHN RADALJ

Thursday, May 17 Hundred Peaks
O: Southwell Pk (7840'): A strenuous walk on trail and rough trail for 14 miles roundtrip with 3100’ gain to a peak near Idyllwild. High clearance 4WD advised. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: George Christiansen, Mars Bonfire.

Saturday, May 19 Hundred Peaks
O: Audubon Center to Rose Bowl Hike: We will begin in Debs Park with a guided-tour of the Audubon Center, a cutting-edge green building that is a model of sustainable architecture. It was certified as the nation's first LEED Platinum building from the U.S. Green Building Council, the nation's leading authority on sustainable building practices. It is the first building in the city of Los Angeles to be entirely powered by on-site solar systems. Hike along the historic Arroyo Seco to the Rose Bowl on bike paths and horse trails. 8 miles, 800’ gain. We will set up a car shuttle. Meet at 9 am at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena in Parking Lot “F” on the corner of Arroyo Blvd. and Seco St. Please be prompt. Group size limited to 50. Bring $5-10 for tour, lunch, 2 liters of water, hat, and sturdy walking shoes. Email leader for info jeannstar@sbcglobal.net

Tuesday, May 22 Hundred Peaks
O: San Gabriel Peak (6161’), Mount Markham (5742’), Mount Lowe (5603’), Occidental Peak (5732’): A moderate walk on paved road, dirt road, trail, and rough trail totaling 11 miles roundtrip with 2200’ of gain to peaks above Pasadena. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Thursday, May 24 Hundred Peaks
I: Nicolls Peak (6070’), Heald Peak (6901’): Join us for a day in the Sequoia National Forest in the Lake Isabella area. Strenuous hike of 8 miles round trip, 4200’ gain on use trail and cross-country. Other routes possible. 4WD recommended. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Friday, June 1 Hundred Peaks
O: Pallett Mt (7760’), Will Thrall Pk (7845’), Pleasant View Ridge (7983’): A strenuous walk on trail and rough trail for 15 miles roundtrip with 4700’ of gain to peaks near Wrightwood. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: George Christiansen, Mars Bonfire
Saturday, June 2 Chp Hundred Peaks
I: Heart Bar Peak (8332'): Practice navigation for Sunday's checkoff on this 7 mile round trip, 1400' gain hike. We will take a cross-country route to Heart Bar Peak and practice micro-navigation skills along the way. Send email or sase, recent conditioning, contact info, to Leaders: ROBERT MYERS Co-Leaders: JANE SIMPSON, ADRIENNE BENEDICT, ANN PEDRESCHI SHIELDS

Saturday, June 2 to Sunday, June 3 Hundred Peaks
I: Reeds Meadow (7700'), Marion Mountain (10,362'): Saturday hike Devil Slide trail 4 miles; 1800' gain to set-up camp near Willow Creek. After lunch hike cross-country 2.5 miles, 600' gain to explore Reeds Meadow area. Saturday Happy Hour. Sunday hike cross-country 2.5 miles; 2500' gain to Marion Mountain, returning cross-country 3.5 miles, 300' gain via Deer Springs to camp and then pack-out. Moderate paced, but strenuous hike. Adventure Pass required. Bring small daypack + 3 liters of water/electrolytes for Sunday hike. Send email with Sierra Club #, hiking/conditioning resume, and contact info to Leader: PHILIP BATES (philipabates@gmail.com ) Assistant: ROD KIEFFER

Saturday, June 2 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

Saturday, June 2 Hundred Peaks
O: Mugu Peak (1266'): Moderately paced, approximately 6 miles, 1300' gain hike in the Santa Monica Mountains with great views of the Oxnard plan and the Pacific Ocean. Bring lunch. Meet 8 AM at the Pacific Palisades trailhead (Los Liones Drive). Leaders: HARVEY GANZ, BRENT COSTELLO

Sunday, June 3 HTC, 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

Sunday, June 3 Hundred Peaks
O: Liebre Mountain (5760+'): Moderately easy hike near Gorman involves 7 mi rt and 1830' of gain on trail. Suitable for beginners in good shape with proper footwear. Bring water, lunch. This is the 31st annual first Sunday in June hike with Stag Brown. Meet 8:00 AM at the Sylmar rideshare point. Leaders: JOE YOUNG, STAG BROWN

Tuesday, June 5 Hundred Peaks
I: Mount Hawkins (8850'), Copter Ridge (7499'): A strenuous walk on rough trail and PCT for 9 miles roundtrip with 3450' of gain to peaks near Wrightwood. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Wednesday, June 6 Hundred Peaks
O: Kratka Ridge (7515') via Mount Waterman Trail: Hike the Mt Waterman Trail (mile marker 58.00) to the Overlook. Hike E to the old ski hut and the peak. 6 mi rt, 1600' gain. Return to cars through Buckhorn Campground. Meet 9 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring water, appropriate footwear for steep hiking. Leaders: DAN BUTLER, MARY PATTERSON

Thursday, June 7 Hundred Peaks
I: Monte Arido (6010'), Old Man Mountain (5525'): Join us for a day in the Los Padres Nation Forest, northwest of Ojai. Moderate hike of 6 miles round trip, 1800' gain on road and cross-country. 4WD recommended. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Friday, June 8 Hundred Peaks
O: Middle Hawkins (8505'), South Mt Hawkins (7783'): A moderately strenuous walk on trail and rough trail for 15 miles roundtrip with 3700' of gain to peaks near Wrightwood. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: George Christiansen, Mars Bonfire.

Saturday, June 9 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. High clearance 4WD advised. For details, send vehicle type and rideshare information to Leader: PAT ARREDONDO Co-Leaders: VIRGIL POPESCU, PATRICK VAUGHN

Saturday, June 9 Hundred Peaks

Tuesday, June 12 Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Akawie (7283'), Kratka Ridge (7415'): Two easy walks on dirt road and rough trail totaling 3 miles roundtrip with 1100' of gain to peaks near Wrightwood. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Wednesday, June 13 Hundred Peaks
O: Winston Peak (7502'), Winston Ridge (7008'): Come climb these two beautiful high-country sister peaks on the last day of Spring and bid a big hello to Summer. 1600' gain, 8 miles with some steep trails. Bring the “3 Ls”
Lugsoles, Liquids and Lunch. Meet 9 AM, La Canada rideshare. Leaders: BOB THOMPSON, JOE YOUNG

Thursday, June 14 Hundred Peaks
I: Mount Pinos (8832'), Sawmill Mountain (8818'), Grouse Mountain (8582'), Cerro Noroeste (8280'): Join us for a day in the Los Padres National Forest, west of Frazier Park. This is a shuttle hike of 7 miles from Pinos to Cerro Noroeste, 2200' gain on trail. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Friday, June 15 Hundred Peaks
O: Thorn Pt (6920'): A moderate walk on trail for 8 miles roundtrip with 2000' of gain to a peak near Frazier Park. High clearance 4WD advised. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: George Christiansen, Mars Bonfire

Saturday, June 16 Hundred Peaks
I: Iron Mountain #1 (8,007'): Hike to the most-strenuous peak in Los Angeles County at a strong pace. No beginners, this is a tiger hike. The total hike will be about 14 miles Round Trip with 7,200' on a good trail and then a very steep trail. Contact [PeterDoggett@AOL.com] for meeting info. Please bring: Lug-Soled boots, water, lunch, jacket, hat and extra-stamina. Leaders: Peter and Ignacia Doggett.

Saturday, June 16 Hundred Peaks
I: San Guillermo Mountain (6602'), Lockwood Point (6273'), Brush Mountain (7040'), San Emigdio Mountain (7495'): Come enjoy easy peaks in Ventura backcountry. First 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 tye and rideshare information to Leader: PAT ARREDONDO Co-Leader: VIRGIL POPESCU

Tuesday, June 19 Hundred Peaks
I: San Rafael Peak (6666'): A strenuous walk on trail and rough trail for 10 miles roundtrip with 2400' of gain to a peak near Frazier Park. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. High clearance 4WD advised. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Thursday, June 21 Hundred Peaks
I: Frazier Mountain (LO) (8013'): Join us for a day in the Los Padres National Forest, southwest of Frazier Park. Hike, don't drive to this peak. Strenuous cross-country hike of 12 miles round trip, 3500' gain. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Friday, June 22 Hundred Peaks
O: Reyes Pk (7514'), Haddock Mt (7431'): A moderate walk on road, trail, and rough trail for 9 miles roundtrip with 2500' of gain to peaks near Ojai. High clearance 4WD advised. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: George Christiansen, Mars Bonfire

Saturday, June 23 Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Baldy (10,064'): We will hike up from the village and come down the Devil's Backbone Trail and the ski lift. Strenuous. 10 mi, 6000' gain, one-way hike, with a car-shuttle. Email Ldr: Ted Lubeshkoff. Co-Ldr: Wayne Bannister.

Sunday, June 24 Hundred Peaks
I: Palm View Peak (7160+) and Cone Peak (6800+): Hike these two peaks from Fobes Ranch via the Pacific Crest Trail at a slow pace. The total hike will be about 8 miles Round Trip with 2700' of total gain. Please bring: Lug-soled boots, water, lunch, jacket and hat. Contact {PeterDoggett@AOL.com} for meeting info. Leaders: Peter and Ignacia Doggett. Asst: Mat Kelliher.

Tuesday, June 26 Hundred Peaks
O: Reyes Peak (7514'), Haddock Mountain (7431'): A moderate walk on dirt road, trail, and rough trail for 9 miles roundtrip with 2580' of gain to peaks near Frazier Park. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. High clearance 4WD advised. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Wednesday, June 27 Hundred Peaks
O: Kratka Ridge (7515') from Eagle's Roost: A longer 6 mile round trip, 1700' gain route on old roads with spectacular views. Meet La Canada rideshare at 9 AM with water, lunch, good footwear and suitable clothing layers. Rain cancels. Leaders: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, AL MOGGIA

Thursday, June 28 Hundred Peaks
I: Pacifico Mtn (7124'): Join us for a day in the Angeles National Forest for this old favorite. Moderate hike of 12 miles round trip, 2200' gain on trail and cross-country. Other routes possible. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Friday, June 29 Hundred Peaks
O: Bohna Pk (6760'), Sunday Pk (8295'): Two moderate walks on trail and rough trail totaling 7 miles roundtrip with 2400' of gain to peaks near Kernville. High clearance 4WD advised. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: George Christiansen, Mars Bonfire
Saturday, June 30 Hundred Peaks
I: San Guillermo Mountain (6602'), Lockwood Point (6273'), Brush Mountain (7040'), San Emigdio Mountain (7495'): Come enjoy easy peaks in Ventura backcountry. First 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-Leaders: VIRGIL POPESCU, CHRIS SPISAK, LILLY FUKUI

Tuesday, July 3 Hundred Peaks
I: Mount Harwood (9552'), Mount San Antonio (10,064'): A strenuous walk on paved road, dirt road, trail, and rough trail for 14 miles roundtrip with 4080' of gain to peaks above Baldy Village. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details.
Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Thursday, July 5 Hundred Peaks
O: Ken Pt (6423'): A moderately strenuous walk on PCT and hiker trails for 16 miles round trip with 2600ft of gain to a peak above Palm Desert. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. High clearance 4WD advised. Slow to moderate pace. Contact leaders for status and details.
Leaders: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire.

Friday, July 6 Hundred Peaks
O: Shields Peak (10,680'), Anderson Peak (10,840'), San Bernardino East Peak (10,691) , San Bernardino Peak (10,649'): A very strenuous walk on trail and rough trail for 19 miles roundtrip with 4700' of gain to peaks near Big Bear Lake. High Clearance 4WD advised. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: GEORGE CHRISTIANSEN, MARS BONFIRE

Tuesday, July 10 Hundred Peaks
I: Black Mt #5 (7438'), Split Mt (6835'): Two strenuous walks on dirt road and rough trail totaling 11 miles roundtrip with 3699 feet of gain to peaks near Isabella Lake. High clearance 4WD advised. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire.

Wednesday, July 11 Hundred Peaks, Local Hikes
I: Mount Burnham (8997') and Throop Peak (9138'): Hike these two excellent peaks in the Angeles National Forest at a relaxed and steady pace. The total hike will only be 4.0 miles with 2,100' of gain. Some of the route involves climbing a steep use-trail and would not be ideal for beginners. Please bring: Lug Soles, Water, Lunch, and Jacket. Meet at 9am at the La Canada Rideshare location.
Leaders: Peter and Ignacia Doggett.

Thursday, July 12 Hundred Peaks
I: Thorn Pt (LO) (6920'), San Guillermo (6602'): Join us for a day in the Los Padres National Forest near Fraizer Park. Thorn is 8 miles round trip, 2000' gain on trail. May see some condors. San Guillermo is 2 miles round trip, 800' gain. HCV required. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Slow to moderate pace. Contact leaders for status and details.
Leaders: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire

Friday, July 13 to Sunday, July 15 Hundred Peaks
I: Eight over Ten: Lake Peak (10,161'), Ten Thousand Foot Ridge (10,094'), Bighorn Mountain (10,997'), Dragons Head (10,866'), Jepson Peak (11,205'), Dobbs Peak (10,459'), San Gorgonio Mountain (11,499'), Grinnell Mountain (10,284'): Relatively easy 3 day/2 night backpack with strenuous day hiking to reach the peaks at a slow, but steady pace. Travel will be predominantly on trail; however significant cross-country segments across rocky and forested terrain will be necessary to reach several of the peaks. Friday we'll pack up the Fish Creek Trail to Fish Creek Saddle Camp (3.9 miles, 2000' gain) where we'll set up camp, and then hike down to Lodgepole Spring (1.5 miles round trip, 625' loss/gain) to stock up on water for the weekend. Once back at camp we'll either set off for Lake Peak and 10,000K Ridge (2.75 miles, 950' gain) or head up to the nearby summit of Grinnell Mountain (1.2 miles round trip, 480' gain), and then return to camp for Happy Hour and an early night. Saturday will be a strenuous day consisting of 15.3 miles and 5400' of gain; we'll set off in the morning near first light to get Bighorn, Dragons Head, Jepson, Dobbs, and San Gorgonio and then return to camp where we'll revel in our adventures over a hearty Happy Hour under the nearly moonless night sky. Sunday we'll get a leisurely start to go get the peak(s) we didn't get Friday, then we'll return to camp to pack up and then out. Email leader at mkelliher746@gmail.com with recent experience and conditioning for trip status and details. Group size limited by permit. Leaders: MAT KELLIHER, JIM FLEMING, PAT VAUGHN

Saturday, July 14 Hundred Peaks
O: Mt. Baden-Powell (9399'), Mt. Burnham (8997'), Throop Peak (9138'): Climb three high peaks in the San Gabriel Mountains. A moderate outing at a moderate pace on trail. 10 mi rt, 3000' gain. Meet 7 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring 10 essentials, lug soled shoes, lunch and water. Ldr: Gary Schenk, Rudy Fleck

Saturday, July 28, Hundred Peaks
The Annual Great Waterman Mountain Rendezvous is back. You are invited to this the 18th annual event. The informal pot luck will be held on the top of Waterman Mountain, following some great hiking in the area. Plan on spending some time on top getting acquainted and having fun (and eating) as most hikes won't be returning to the cars until late afternoon or early evening. Be sure to bring lots of food and drink to share with other hungry hikers. Find an outing that fits your interest (or needs) from the list below or on the Angeles Chapter or HPS websites: http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/ or
http://angeles.sierraclub.org/hps/outings.asp Or just hike up on your own... Rain cancels.

Saturday, July 28 Hundred Peaks
I: Pacifico Mt (7124′), Waterman Mtn (8038′): Hike to Pacifico from Adler Saddle in the morning and then attend the Waterman Rendezvous at lunchtime. The Pacifico hike will be about 5 miles Round Trip with 2,000′ of total gain on a firebreak. The Waterman hike will be 3 miles RT with 1,000′ of gain on a steep trail. Please bring: Lug Soled Boots, Water, Lunch, Jacket and a hat; plus food to share at the Waterman potluck festivities. Contact [PeterDoggett@AOL.com] for meeting info. Leaders: Peter and Ignacia Doggett.

Saturday, July 28 Hundred Peaks
I: Twin Peaks (7761′), Waterman Mountain (8038′): 11 miles, 4000′ gain round trip. Strenuous hike from Cloudburst Summit. Meet 6:30 AM La Canada rideshare point with lunch, boots, water, 10 essentials, and item to share for the Rendezvous potluck lunch. Ldrs: Wayne Bannister, Bill Simpson

Saturday, July 28 Hundred Peaks
I: Kratka Ridge (7515′), Waterman Mountain (8038′): 5.2 miles, 2700′ gain round trip. Join us for the annual Waterman Rendezvous where we will first pick up Kratka Ridge, then head over to Mt. Waterman to meet up with other groups to share in lunch and fun. We will meet at 7:30 AM at La Canada rideshare point where we will head off to an area near Vista Picnic area to begin our hike. Bring adventure pass, water, snacks to share, and good footwear. Ldrs: Wayne Vollaire, Marlen Mertz

Tuesday, September 11 Hundred Peaks
Annual Business Meeting: All are welcome to attend our annual business meeting, where nominations are finalized for the 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; 7 PM for the business meeting. We are meeting at the Ranger House in Griffith Park. The Ranger House is located south of Los Feliz Blvd on the east side of Riverside Drive. It shares a large parking lot with Friendship Auditorium. For directions, contact HPS Chair: WOLF LEVERICH

Hundred Peaks Fall Festival
Friday, September 28 to Sunday, September 30 Hundred Peaks Fall Festival: Hiking, Pot Luck, Camping: Fall Festival in the San Gabriel Mountains: Plan to join us for lots of hiking and climbing opportunities followed by an evening potluck party and campfire in our local mountains. Hike to scenic peaks which, for many of us, are in our own back yard. Plan on staying in the Bandito Campground providing pit toilets, community campfire rings and picnic tables. One $10 donation covers camping both Friday and Saturday nights. Located at an elevation of 5,800′, the days should be warm and the evenings cool. Exit I-210 at State Route 2 and travel north towards the mountains. Proceed 28.5 miles to Three Points and turn left onto 3N17. Continue west 2 miles to the entrance and gate on the left. See HPS website for scheduled hikes http://angeles.sierraclub.org/hps/outings.htm. Contact hike leaders for information on a specific hike. If you wish to spend the night at the campground, contact WAYNE VOLLAIRE for reservations.

Saturday, September 29 Hundred Peaks
O: Bare Mountain (6388′): Join us for a day in the Angeles National Forest as part of the HPS Fall Festival celebration. A moderate hike of 5 miles rt on road, trail, and firebreak, 1400′ gain, plus 400′ on return. Slow to moderate pace. We will have plenty time afterwards to join the HPS pot luck at Bandito Campground. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact Ldr Mat Kelliher Co-Ldrs: Winnette Butler, Stella Cheung, Jim Fleming

Saturday, September 29 Hundred Peaks
I: Copter Ridge (7499′), Mt. Hawkins (8850′) and Throop Peak (9138′): Join us for this great hike to 3 peaks in the Angeles National Forest in celebration of the HPS Fall Festival. Totals for the day will be around 10 miles round trip with about 3,200′ of elevation gain. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact Ldrs: Bill Simpson, Wayne Bannister

Saturday, September 29 Hundred Peaks
O: Mount Baden-Powell (9399′), Mount Burnham (8997′), Throop Peak (9138′), and Mt. Hawkins (8850′): Join us for this great hike on the Pacific Crest Trail in the San Gabriel Mountain’s High Country as part of the HPS Fall Festival. 12 miles, 4000′, one-way hike, with a car-shuttle. Contact Ldrs: Ted Lubeshkoff, Wayne Bannister

Sunday, September 30, 2012 Hundred Peaks
O: Twin Peaks (7761′): Join us for a day in the Angeles National Forest. A strenuous hike of 11 miles rt on trail, 3200′ gain. Slow to moderate pace. This will be an excellent calorie burner hike after the HPS pot luck the night before. Contact leader with recent experience and conditioning. Ldr: Mat Kelliher. Co-Ldrs: Jim Fleming, Stella Cheung, Winnette Butler.

Sunday, September 30 Hundred Peaks
I: Pacifico Mountain (7124′), Join us on this 12 mile, 2200′ gain hike on trail and cross country to this peak. This will be a good opportunity to burn of those pot luck calories you may have picked up at the Bandito Campground HPS gathering (see Sep 28-30 HPS Fall Festival information). Contact Ldrs: Wayne Vollaire, Marlen Mertz
“Always carry a detailed topographic map of the area you are visiting, and place it in a protective case or plastic covering. Always carry a compass.” *Mountaineering: The Freedom of the Hills*, p. 34 (8th ed. 2010).

A map and compass are high on the list of the 10 essentials of mountain travel. Yet many participants on Sierra Club outings bring neither with them. Instead, they rely on the leaders for getting them to their destination. This is a mistake. The best way to improve your navigation skills is to use a map and compass on a regular basis. Bring them along on the outing and improve your skills. The leaders and other participants are usually happy to teach a novice new skills at rest stops along the way. As an added bonus, if you get separated from the group, you will know how to find your way.

For those who don’t yet have a compass, this article will look at the features of a compass and the types of compasses available for purchase. In the next issue we will explore how to take bearings with a compass.

**Compass Features**

**Rotating Bezel/Azimuth Ring** – Circular housing that rotates within the compass base; marked with degrees from 0 to 360 that encircle the outer edge of the compass capsule.

**Magnetic Needle** – The red end is attracted by magnetic force and always points to Magnetic North (not True North).

**Parallel Meridian Lines** – Lines at the bottom of the azimuth ring that parallel True North.

**Orienting/Declination Arrow** – The north-south arrow, which is slightly wider than the magnetic needle; used to box” (surround) the magnetic needle when taking a bearing. On compasses with adjustable declination, the orienting arrow will point to the magnetic declination value you set.

**Index Line** – Mark on the front of the compass baseplate where you read the indicated bearing.

**Direction of Travel** – On mirrored compasses, the sighting mirror points in the direction of travel. On baseplate compasses, there is often an arrow pointing in the direction you walk toward or the object in your sight.

**Baseplate** – A see-through plate that functions as a ruler and protractor.

**Declination Adjustment Screw** – Small screw on Bezel ring or underside of Bezel ring used to set declination.

**Clinometer** – An added feature on good compasses that allows you to measure the angle of a slope.

**Lanyard** – Can be used to measure the distance of a trail. String along the trail to be traveled and measure the portion of the string used against the appropriate map scale.
Types of Compasses

**Minimal Baseplate Compasses**: These basic compasses will allow you to take bearings in the field and on the map. However, they are harder to use because they lack declination adjustment and a sighting mirror for more accurate bearings. Not recommended – but better than nothing.

- Brunton 7DNL Compass – $12
- Silva Explorer – $18
- Suunto A-10 Compass – $14

**Minimal Sighting Compasses with no declination adjustment**: Some people buy this type of compass mistakenly assuming that since it has a mirror it must also have adjustable declination. Not recommended – but better than nothing and better than the minimal baseplate compasses.

- Brunton 26DNL Compass – $17
- Silva Trekker Type 20 Compass – $23
- Suunto MCB Amphibian Compass – $30

**Baseplate Compasses with declination adjustment**: Compasses with adjustable declination are more accurate than those without this feature. Some compasses have a declination scale to assist with correction; this is not the same as adjustable declination.

- Suunto M-2D Locator Compass – $24
- Suunto M-3D Leader Compass – $34
- Suunto M-3G Global Compass – $56

**Full-featured Sighting Compasses**: These compasses have declination adjustment, sighting mirrors, and clinometers to measure slope. Though more expensive than other compasses, these are the best for wilderness navigation. This is the type of compass we recommend in our navigation program.

- Brunton 15TDCL Compass – $42
- Silva Ranger CL Compass – $38
- Suunto MC-2D Navigator Compass – $56
- Suunto MC-2G Global Compass – $84

**And the Winners Are . . .**

The last issue reviewed the correct answers for the Navigation Quiz published in January-February edition. The winners of the contest are listed below:

- First Person to Get All Answers Correct: Srihdar Gullapalli (wins TOPO! California edition).
- Allison Dryden (wins Suunto MC-2 Compass)
- Will McWhinney (wins 7.5 Minute Map Ruler)

**Upcoming Navigation Events**


I welcome your navigation questions. Contact me at rmmyers@ix.netcom.com.
Meeting Date: January 12, 2012
Location: Teleconference.

Attendance: Mark Allen, Ron Campbell, Dave Cannon, Karen Isaacson Leverich, Coby King, Wolf Leverich, Pamela Rowe.

Chair Wolf Leverich called the meeting to order at 0629p.

December minutes approved as amended. (MSP Karen/Ron)

Committee Reports

-- Treasurer's Report (Sandy Burnside) (MSP Pamela/Karen)
  See written report.

  1) Discussion of Life Membership accounting. (Wolf Leverich) Motion to appoint a subcommittee to study the matter, with members Sandy Burnside, Ron Campbell, Greg de Hoogh, Wolf Leverich, Pamela Rowe, Sandy, Greg. (MSP Ron/Pamela)

Pamela available 5-515p on the 19th for a brief meeting. Ron Campbell, Karen Isaacson Leverich, and Wolf Leverich are available at 0630p

-- Programs Report: (Wayne Vollaire)
  See written report.

1) Banquet:
   Date: Sat, 21 Jan 2012
   Location: The Monrovian, in Monrovia.

2) Spring Fling:
   Date: Fri-Sun, 20-22 Apr 2012.
   Location: Foster Lodge, near Julian.

3) Waterman Rendezvous:
   Date: Sat, 28 Jul 2012.
   Location: Waterman Mountain.

4) Fall Festival:
   Location: Bandito Campground near Hillier.

5) HPS Holiday Party:
   Dates: Fri-Sun, 07-09 Dec 2012.
   Location: Joshua Tree National Park. (MSP Pamela/Karen)

Outings and Safety: (Gary Schenk/Karen Isaacson Leverich)
  See written report.

  Note the upcoming publication deadlines.

-- Mountain Records (Bill Simpson/Karen Isaacson Leverich) (MSP Karen/Ron)
  See written report.

-- Merchandise (Dave Cannon) Dave will be selling at the Banquet. Dave recommends staying with the lower December prices out into the future. Dave has mailed pins to Jim for the plaques.

-- Outreach (Ron Campbell) He's coordinating with Stephanie Smith for being part of the "Class 10: What's Next After WTC" program at WTC. We discussed finding volunteers to help.

-- Webmaster report (Karen Isaacson Leverich)

Old Business:

-- Suggestion to Adopt Strawberry Peak Trail for trail work. (Jim Fleming) Dave Cannon reported on the current status, and will coordinate with Jim Fleming. Dennis Merkel is the USFS coordinator. Dave will work with Jim Fleming.
  Adopting a trail is good outreach, because the USFS publishes a monthly report that can advertise groups.

New Business

-- Next meeting is Sat, 21 Jan 2012 at 06:00p for consideration only of new emblems and other urgent business.

Adjournment of Management Committee Meeting (MSP Pamela/Ron) 07:42p

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