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Historic List Finish Number Six! May 12, 2012

By Bill Simpson



William Yragui, Zobeida Arauz, Lupe Daly, Brittany Higbee, Bob Stuard, Wayne Bannister and Bill Simpson (left to right) on Madulce Saddle with Madulce Peak in the background to the right of center. Celebration of sixth HPS list finish of Zobeida Arauz, May 12, 2012. Not pictured: Ken Rose (photographer).

Zobeida Arauz has always been a person who brings honor to the Hundred Peaks Section. She exemplifies the qualities that leaders desire in their participants. She is very enthusiastic about hiking, has the ability to withstand pain, and has one of the best attitudes towards her fellow hikers that I have ever seen. Although she can be heard frequently to praise other participants and leaders, she is reluctant to comment negatively on others. It has been my pleasure to have had her as a participant on a multitude of hikes. It was a great honor for me to be present when she completed her sixth HPS list on Madulce Peak, one of the Big Four.

In her country of birth, Nicaragua, Zobeida was a dentist. She had to flee Nicaragua with her husband and two infant children during a revolution in the late 1970s. They received political asylum in the U.S. and made their first home in the East Coast. She and her husband didn't speak any English when they arrived in the United States. She learned English and was able to work as a dental assistant. Although she worked in that capacity to allow her husband, a doctor in Nicaragua, to receive his medical license in this country, Zobeida was never able to recover her professional status as a dentist. Instead, she wound up working as a dental assistant. A hiking star was born when she suffered work-related back and neck

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Angeles Chapter, Hundred Peaks Section Hold Annual Elections

The Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club, all regional groups, and every special activity section, including the Hundred Peaks Section, are holding elections this Fall.

The Angeles Chapter is conducting its election by electronic ballot, with provision for members who chose to vote by paper ballot.

The Hundred Peaks Section is conducting its election by paper ballot. Election Chair Ignacia Doggett will be preparing a ballot to be sent to each HPS member. Members should receive sufficient ballots for each member of your household who is a member of the HPS. The election will commence around the first of November and will end on December 1, 2012. Ballots will be counted prior to the HPS management committee meeting to be held on December 11, 2012.

Inside this issue are the statements of the candidates running for management committee of the HPS. They are Mat Kelliher, Wayne Bannister, Mark Allen, Alice Goldman, and Christine Soskins. The four top vote-getters serve two year terms for 2013 and 2014. They will join William Simpson, Ron Campbell, and Pamela Rowe who are serving two year terms for 2012 and 2013.

There are seven elected members on the HPS management committee.

Members are also asked to vote on the removal of Black #3 (near Tehachapi) from the HPS List.

HPS Annual Awards Banquet

Our Annuals Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, January 12 at the Monrovia Family Restaurant. See inside for more details.

This Is My Last Issue as Editor of The Lookout

It has been my privilege and honor to have served the Hundred Peaks Section as the editor of its bimonthly newsletter, **The Lookout**, for nineteen years.

It's time to move on. Therefore, this issue will be my last as your editor.

Thanks for all of you who have made contributions over the years.

HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION MEMBERSHIP REPORT – September 2012

By Greg deHoogh

ACHIEVEMENTS:

List Finish #1

#293 – John McCarty – 6/28/12 – Goodykoontz Peak

100 Peaks Leadership

#50 – George Christiansen – 6/13/12 – Birch Mountain

#51 – Rob Langsdorf – 7/28/12 – Suicide Rock

100 Explorers

#10 – Tom Connery – 8/4/12 – Butler Peak

#11 – Dave Comerzan – 9/4/12 – South Peak

2000 Peaks

#6 – Zobeida Arauz – 8/1/12 – Indian Mountain

200 Peaks

#465 – Miriam Khamis – 7/28/12 – Wright Mountain

100 Peaks

#1137 – Miriam Khamis – 9/30/11 – Heart Bar Peak

#1138 – Peter Lara – 9/1/12 – Iron Mountain

New Members

Jessica R. Paran

Michael McCarty

Paul Warren

Fred Hanson

New Subscriber

David Youssefieh

Donations

Paul Warren - \$10

Evelyn Davis - \$1

MEMBERSHIP COUNTS:

296 Members (251 primary + 45 household)

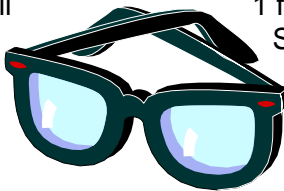
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327 Total

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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
- ◆ Peak List
- ◆ Peak Guides
- ◆ Trip Reports
- ◆ Maps to the peaks

- ◆ Member achievements
- ◆ Summit summaries
- ◆ Advance Schedule
- ◆ Back issues of **The Lookout**
- ◆ Much, much more

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Hundred Peaks Section Holds Its Election Statements of Candidates and Argument for Removal of Black #3 From the List

Mark S. Allen

I am an HPS List Finisher, "O" Rated Leader and one obsessed with hiking. Like many others I began as a solo hiker, then hiked the List with a stalwart group of friends. Several of life's little twists and turns found me hiking solo again. Along the way I developed an interest to serve in a greater capacity with others truly focused on hiking. I became the Register Box Editor. For me it all happened on the way to the HPS Management Committee meeting when I was offered a place on MCOMM to fill a vacancy in September 2011. I have been a voting member and held the position of Secretary since then. Please allow me to continue in this most interesting position recording the historical goings-on in our hiking club. I shall be most honored.

Wayne Bannister:

I have been involved with HPS for several years including serving two terms on the Management Committee. I am an active HPS leader and currently working on the remnants of my fourth list. I think we all hate those pesky orphan peaks. I know the people involved with HPS are varied in background politically, socially and financially, but we come together because we enjoy what I call simply "another good day in the mountains". If elected, I want to promote the Hundred Peaks Section, seek out new leaders to carry on the traditions of the organization, and find ways to improve the safety and quality of our events so that more people can enjoy the mountains we love.

Alice Goldman:

I had been hiking for over ten years before I was smitten by the bug and became a peakbagger. Now that I am one, I am making my way slowly and, I hope, surely through the peak List. For me the hiking experience (including the hikes themselves, my fellow hikers, and the wonderful feeling of finally making it to the peak) is totally exhilarating. On a more down to earth level, there is the Hundred Peaks Section (HPS) and all that it has done to make hiking possible. HPS helps to meet the needs of its members as well as the larger hiking community. HPS works to make sure that everyone learns to respect, protect and preserve our outdoor space. I want to help HPS continue doing all the good work it has done. And that is why I would like to serve on the management committee.

Mathew Kelliher:

For me, the surest way to clear my mind and refresh my body is to get out in Nature and absorb the quietness and beauty that lives there. In the 4+ years I've been hiking with the HPS, both as a participant and then later

as a leader, I've grown to appreciate how much effort our section has devoted over the years towards making the wild lands in our backyards accessible to those of us who seek their serenity. I have personally benefitted greatly from the work the HPS has done over the years, and as my completion of the list draws closer, I feel it would be a privilege to help give something back to the Section by lending my hand as a member of the MComm in its good works toward helping others discover and explore the wonders of Nature. If elected, I would serve with the spirit of showing new and old members alike the beauty of those wonderful mountains on our list that we all so love to explore.

Christine Soskins

I am excited to serve on HPS's management committee. My experiences with HPS over the past five years have greatly enriched my life. HPS's leaders are not only knowledgeable, but they are genuinely supportive and friendly. I hope that by serving on the management committee, I can assist in the continuance of a great organization so that others can grow, learn, and have fun as I have. Through HPS, I have gained a greater appreciation for the wilderness, and gained a better sense of my own capabilities. Just as importantly, I have developed friendships with incredible people. While on the management committee, I hope to expand participation in and the quality of (the already stellar) HPS events. My experience on management committee-like roles is limited, but I will make up for that in hard work and ingenuity. I believe in getting things done--in finding solutions and not accepting excuses or obstacles--and I will bring that to the table. Thank you for your consideration.

Argument for the Removal of Black #3 from the Hundred Peaks Section List

In January 2012, we were notified by Angeles Chapter ExComm that attorneys for the property owner had sent a certified letter informing us that we are no longer allowed access to Black #3 in the Tehachapi area. We researched all routes to the peak and found that all are on private property (including the peak itself). The peak was officially suspended January 2012 and the routes were also taken off the HPS website to comply with the request of the property owner. We previously hiked to the peak without specific permission on what we now know is entirely private property. At the September 2012 annual business meeting, the management committee voted to add the delisting of Black #3 to the ballot due to the peak being on private property. I ask that you please vote to officially delist this peak.

Pamela Rowe, Vice-Chair HPS

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injuries that led to surgery. Her doctor, knowing that she was a hiker, recommended that she continue doing so as a therapeutic measure.

Wayne Bannister and I have been hiking with Zobeida for years. She is well known for hiking under extreme conditions. She is the only female HPS hiker to have achieved 200 Explorers (i.e., hiking to 200 peaks via three different routes). Many were done under very difficult circumstances. Hikes classified as “drive-up” have been hiked by her the “long way” – up ridges, trails and dirt roads. She earned a multitude of her Explorers while hiking with the legendary George Wysup, who was known by me and others to be a stickler for complying with high standards and honorably achieving peaks for Pathfinder (two routes to the same peak) and Explorer recognition.

Last year Zobeida could have finished her sixth list – if only she could have gotten to the Big Four. Unfortunately, she was unable to accomplish that feat in 2011. She asked Wayne Bannister and me if we had plans to lead the Big Four this year, and we informed her that we did and would enjoy having her as a participant. We knew how important and historic this hike would be. There is only one other female in the HPS who has finished six lists – Dorothy Danziger. Dorothy is another hiker that it is my pleasure to know. Not surprisingly, Dorothy also has all the good qualities of the best HPS hikers. Curiously (or not – the Big Four is arguably the toughest test for HPS hikers), Dorothy also finished her sixth list on a Big Four peak.

Dorothy finished her sixth list on West Big Pine, and Zobeida finished her sixth list on Madulce Peak. At the outset of our trip to the Big Four, I had favored a hiking order that would have had Zobeida finish on West Big Pine too. However, our trip took a surprising turn when we found that the rangers for the area wanted our group to improve the trail to Madulce Peak in exchange for permitting us to drive into the wilderness area (much thanks are due to Wayne Bannister, my co-leader, for setting this in motion with the rangers). This required me to come up with an appropriate game plan. Instead of a backpack of in excess of 50 miles to get four peaks, we would be doing a car-camp for hikes to four peaks totaling around 14 miles while spending significant time improving the Madulce Trail.

Wayne and I ended up with seven hearty participants for this adventure. In addition to Zobeida, there were Greg and Lupe Daly, Ken Rose, Brittany Higbee, Bob Stuard and William Yragui. We had four 4wd vehicles, three picks, four shovels, three loppers and four clippers as well as a two-person saw (which we picked up at a pre-arranged location from the rangers) for cutting down trees as necessary. We drove past the gate at the trailhead and into the area on Friday morning, May 11. The plan was to arrive at Chokecherry Spring and hike to Samon Peak. I had classified Samon Peak as our toughest peak and wanted to put it behind us as soon as possible. We met our first driving



Zobeida proudly accepts her certificate for hiking accomplishments at the 2011 HPS Annual Awards Banquet

challenge when shortly before we would have arrived at Chokecherry Spring we encountered a “hardened” landslide that blocked the road. Undaunted – and armed with the correct tools – we knocked down the blockage with our picks and shovels within about ½-hour. Upon our arrival at Chokecherry Spring, we hiked to Samon Peak. It was a very warm day, and one of our participants needed a little extra time because of heat exhaustion.

Having finished Samon, we needed to explore in one of the vehicles the remainder of the dirt road into the area. We had to determine how far into the wilderness we would be able to proceed in our vehicles before deciding in what order to do the remaining peaks. The over-riding concern was to have sufficient time to make meaningful improvements to the Madulce Trail. Happily, we found that we were able to drive all the way to the turn-off for West Big Pine. Knowing this, I decided that we would car-camp at Alamar Campsite, which is between Madulce Peak and Big Pine Mountain on Friday night and hike to “the Pines” and Madulce Peak on Saturday. Courtesy of the Daly’s, we enjoyed frozen margaritas on Friday night.

On Saturday morning we left early for the turn-off for West Big Pine and hiked to that peak. Then we drove to the trailhead for Big Pine Mountain and hiked our third peak of the trip. We then returned to Alamar Campsite and broke camp. We then drove to the trailhead for Madulce Peak and hiked the trail to the peak. I instructed all to do no work on the trail on the way up to the peak. My goal was to evaluate the conditions along the way so that – on the way back to the trailhead – we could apply our trail work in the most effective manner. We made it to the peak and celebrated Zobeida’s sixth list finish. Then we spent many hours doing trail maintenance (using primarily loppers and clippers) while making our way back to the trailhead. Indeed, some of the work we performed was actually trail reconstruction (using primarily picks and shovels). Although we carried the two-person saw, the only trees that were in our way

were either able to be moved out of the way with brute strength or were much too big for the saw. We returned to the trailhead and seven of the nine of us decided to depart for home, having completed our missions of 1) maintaining and improving the Madulce Trail and 2) bagging the Big Four.

The two who stayed in the area Saturday night were Zobeida and Wayne. They wanted to take advantage of the circumstances – a noble and well-established HPS doctrine – and hike to each of the Big Four peaks once again on Sunday! [It's possible Zobeida may be well on her way to finishing her seventh HPS list.] Their Sunday adventure was significant to me in a very important way: they informed me that it took them about an hour less time to get to Madulce Peak – a distance of only about 3 miles – than it had taken the group of us the day before. This was proof positive that the hard work that we had done on the trail on Saturday

had paid off in a meaningful way. I am especially pleased that the benefit of our trail work was soon realized (perhaps unknowingly, since it was impossible for us to make all the improvements and complete all of the trail maintenance that we would have liked to have done) by a group of hikers of Big Four hikers led by Matt Kelliher, Jim Fleming and Ignacia Doggett.

I almost forgot: once we finished Madulce Peak on Saturday, we had a wonderful celebration on Madulce Saddle to recognize Zobeida's historic sixth HPS list finish. There were beverages (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic), there was cake, and there were other delights for all celebrants. I'm looking forward to being present for Zobeida's next list finish, and hope many of the readers of this article make it a point to join in the fun too. Zobeida is a great role model and inspiration to all HPS hikers!

Mountain Records Committee Report

Chairs: Bill Simpson and Karen Leverich

1. Peak Guide changes: None.

2. New routes: None.

3. Unsuspensions and Suspensions: The only change to the list of suspended peaks is the addition of Hildreth, as the roads to both trailheads have been closed indefinitely by the Forest Service. It is legal to hike/bike or ride horses on the closed roads, however, so hikers are welcome to visit Hildreth during this suspension. Do NOT visit any of the other suspended peaks unless you have arranged for special permission from the appropriate land manager.

On private land:

03B Black Mountain #3

Difficult access to trailheads:

06M Hildreth Peak

In area still closed due to Station Fire:

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



Black #3 has been recommended for deListing on this year's ballot, as it is on and surrounded by private land that we do not have permission to cross.



Several roads we frequently use have warnings that head lights must be turned on. These include but are not limited to sections of the Angeles Crest Highway, highway 138 near Wrightwood, and highways between Big Bear and Lake Arrowhead. Penalties for failure to observe this requirement are very expensive.

So... Don't Get A Ticket! Turn on your head lights when required!



Come get high with us.

Advance Schedule of Hundred Peaks Section Activities November 2012 - January 2013

By Gary Schenck

Thursday, November 1 Hundred Peaks

I: Lightner (6430'), Bald Eagle (6181'): Join us for a day in the Sequoia National Forest just south of Lake Isabella. Lightner will be Rt. 2, 10 miles round trip, 4500' gain on motorcycle trail and cross-country. Bald Eagle is 1 ½ miles, 600' gain on use trail and cross-country. Other routes possible. HCV recommended. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details: Dave Comerzan and Mars Bonfire.

Friday, November 2 Hundred Peaks

I: Hildreth Peak (5065'): A strenuous walk on rough trail and dirt road for 16 miles roundtrip with 4700' of 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: PAT ARREDONDO, MARS BONFIRE

Saturday, November 3 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.

Monday, November 5 Hundred Peaks

I: Delamar Mt (8398'), Little Bear Pk (7621'): Two easy walks on rough trail totaling 2 miles roundtrip with 800' 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: Mars Bonfire, Cheryl Gill.

Tuesday, November 6 Hundred Peaks

I: Martinez Mtn (6560'): A strenuous walk on dirt road, trail, and rough trail for 16 mi rt, 4300' gain to a peak above Indian Wells. Slow to moderate pace. Contact Ldrs: Mars Bonfire, Pat Arredondo.

Thursday, November 8 Hundred Peaks

I: Brush (7040'+), San Emigdio (7495'): Join us for two short hikes in the Los Padres National Forest near Fraizer Park. Brush is 2 miles round trip, 500' gain on road. San Emigdio is 0.2 miles round trip cross country. Other routes possible. HCV required. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders

for status and details. Leaders: Dave Comerzan, Pat Arredondo, Pat Vaughn, John Radalj.

Tuesday, November 13 Hundred Peaks

I: White Mtn (6250'), Cobblestone Mtn (6733'): A very strenuous walk on dirt road, trail, and rough trail for 16 miles roundtrip with 5800' of gain to peaks near Gorman. High clearance 4WD advised. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Dave Comerzan.

Thursday, November 15 Hundred Peaks

I: Three Sisters (8100'): Join us for a hike in the San Bernardino National forest for this lovely peak. 7 miles round trip on road and XC, 1800' total gain. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for details: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire.

Tuesday, November 20 Hundred Peaks

I: Antimony Pk (6848'), Eagle Rest Pk (6005'): A very strenuous walk on dirt road and rough trail for 12 miles roundtrip with 5400' of gain to peaks near Frazier Park. High clearance 4WD advised. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Dave Comerzan.

Friday, November 23 Hundred Peaks

I: San Jacinto Pk (10,804'), Folly Pk (10,480'): A strenuous walk on trail and rough trail for 12 miles roundtrip with 3000 feet of gain to peaks near Idyllwild. Fee for Palm Springs Tram. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire.

Tuesday, November 27 Hundred Peaks

I: Sewart Mtn (6841'), Snowy Pk (6532'), Black Mtn #2 (6202'): A strenuous walk on dirt road and rough trail for 10 miles roundtrip with 3900' of gain to peaks near Gorman. High clearance 4WD advised. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Dave Comerzan.

Thursday, November 29 Hundred Peaks

I: Asbestos Mtn (5265'): An easy hike on rough trail with rock scrambling for 3 miles roundtrip with 1000ft of gain

to a peak near Idyllwild. Suitable only for experienced and conditioned hikers. Other routes possible. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Slow pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Dave Comerzan, Pat Arrendondo, Pat Vaughn, John Radalj.

Monday, December 3 Hundred Peaks

I: Three Sisters (8100'): A moderate walk on dirt road and rough trail for 7 miles roundtrip with 1800' of gain to a peak 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: Mars Bonfire, Cheryl Gill.

Tuesday, December 4 Hundred Peaks

O: Peak Mtn (5843'), McPherson Pk (5749'): A drive-up and an easy walk on rough trail for 1 mile roundtrip with 400' of gain to peaks near Maricopa. High clearance 4WD advised. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Dave Comerzan.

Thursday, December 6 Hundred Peaks

I: Delamar Mtn. (8398'), Bertha Peak (8201'): Join us for a day in the San Bernardino Mountains, just north of Fawnskin. Two separate hikes. Delamar is one mile round trip, 600' gain, cross-country. Bertha is 3.5 miles round trip on trail and cross-country. Other routes possible. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Slow pace. HCV recommended. Contact leaders for status and details: Dave Comerzan and Mars Bonfire.

Tuesday, December 11 Hundred Peaks

I: Russell Pk (6696'), Backus Pk (6651'): A moderately strenuous walk on dirt road and rough trail for 8 miles roundtrip with 3700' of gain to peaks near Ridgecrest. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Dave Comerzan.

Thursday, December 13 Hundred Peaks

I: Sugarloaf Mtn. (9952'): Join us for a day in the San Bernardino Mountains, 7 miles southeast of Big Bear Lake. 8 miles round trip, 2500' gain on cross-country and trail. Other routes possible. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Slow pace. HCV recommended. Contact leaders for status and details: Dave Comerzan and Mars Bonfire.

Monday, December 17 Hundred Peaks

I: Bernard Pk (5430'), Little Berdoo Pk (5440'): A moderate walk on rough trail for 6 miles roundtrip with 1600' of gain to peaks in Joshua Tree National Park. NP entrance fee. High clearance 4WD advised. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Cheryl Gill.

Tuesday, December 18 Hundred Peaks

I: Scodie Mtn (7294'): A moderately strenuous walk on dirt road and rough trail for 9 miles roundtrip with 2800' of gain to a peak near Ridgecrest. High clearance 4WD advised. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Dave Comerzan.

Saturday, December 22 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

Sunday, January 6 Hundred Peaks

O: Cole Pt (5604'): An easy walk on rough trail for 2 miles roundtrip with 1400' of gain to a peak near Palmdale. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Dave Comerzan.

Saturday, January 12, 2013

Join us for an evening of fun, good food and socializing with old and new friends. This year it will again be at the Monrovia Family Restaurant, 534 S. Myrtle Ave (at



Colorado Blvd) in beautiful downtown Monrovia. 5 PM social hour, 6 PM dinner. Reservationist: Wayne Vollaire, 2035 Peaceful Hills Road, Walnut, CA 91789 - 4009

Monday, January 14 Hundred Peaks

I: Butterfly Pk (6240'): A moderate walk on dirt road, trail, and rough trail for 6 miles roundtrip with 1700' of gain to a peak near Idyllwild. High clearance 4WD with snow cables advised. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Cheryl Gill.

Tuesday, January 15 Hundred Peaks

I: Lookout Mtn #2 (6812'): A moderately strenuous walk on dirt road, trail, and rough trail for 4 miles roundtrip with 2900' of gain to a peak near Claremont. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Dave Comerzan.

Tuesday, January 22 Hundred Peaks

I: Beauty Pk (5548'), Iron Springs Mtn (5755'): A moderately strenuous walk on dirt road and rough trail for 9 miles roundtrip with 2700' of gain to peaks near Temecula. High clearance 4WD advised. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Dave Comerzan.

Tuesday, January 29 Hundred Peaks

O: Stonewall Pk (5730'), Cuyamaca Pk (6612'): Two moderately strenuous walks on trail and paved road

totaling 10 miles roundtrip with 2500' of gain to peaks near Julian. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Dave Comerzan.

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HIKING THE JAPAN ALPS, NAKASENDO ROUTE October 18 - 27, 2013

By Roxana Lewis

Hiking Inn-to-Inn through the blazing colors of the Japanese autumn along the ancient Samurai route from Kyoto to Edo, modern day Tokyo. This ancient road is called the Nakasendo and portions offer a glimpse into Zen Japan's historic past. An added feature will be an overnight stay in a Buddhist monastery along with 2-days of quintessential Kyoto. \$2973 members price. Contact Leader, Roxana Lewis for further details at roxtlewis@aol.com



REGISTER BOX

by Mark S. Allen

Thanks for recent contributions from: Joe Young.
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 missing 5-12
12 E. Mt. Lowe missing 5-12
13B Mt. Akawie deficient 5-10
13E Pallett Mtn. missing 7-12

27J Suicide Rock missing 6-12
29D Thomas Mtn. 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 email: **bakhikn@gmail.com**

Weldon Peak

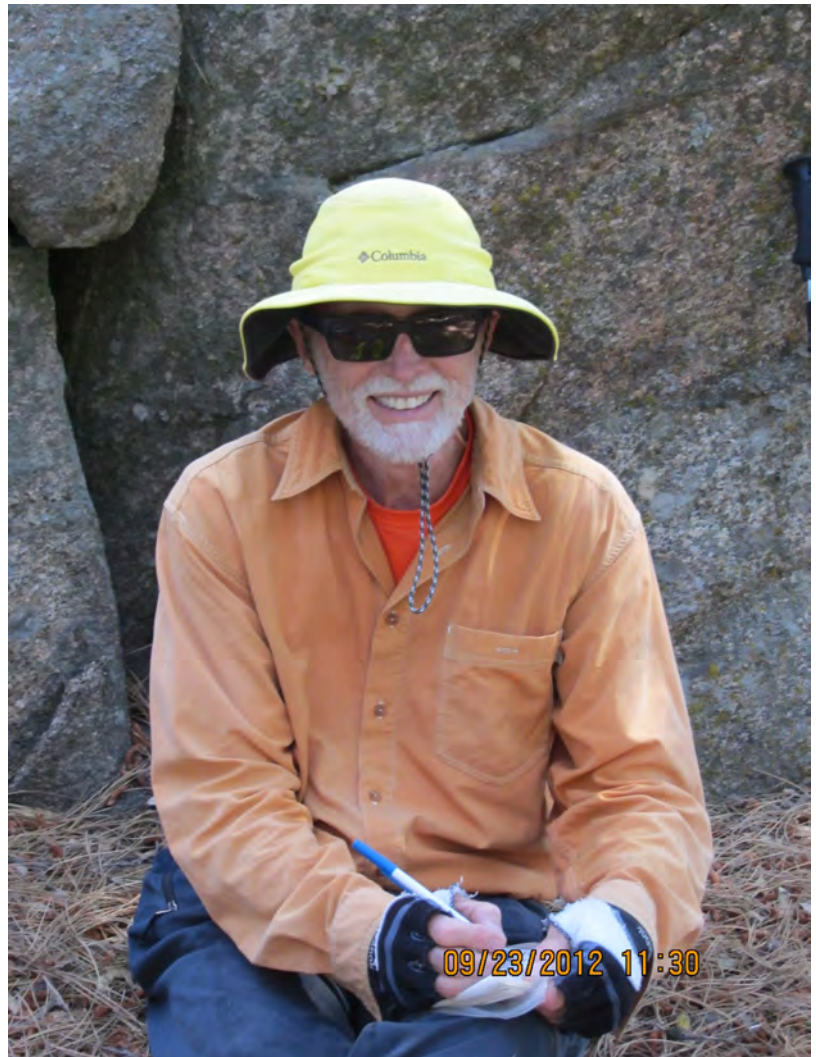
24 September 2012

By Mark S. Allen

On a recent Monday four of us signed on to accompany Mars Bonfire for his last visit to Weldon Peak. But for the wind it would have been a scorcher. And without the camaraderie of old friends it would have surely been a lesser event. Mars was Leader, Cheryl Gill was Co-leader with Winnette Butler, John Southworth and myself.

Leaving Palmdale after 8am we were soon counting the newly installed wind generators threatening to dominate the scene along Jawbone Canyon and the Kelso Valley. The Geringer Grade, always a challenge, was no match for Mar's Jeep Cherokee with all five on board. We left the parking place at the top of the grade and descended downhill to the PCT crossing the wire gate at 11:00am. Hiking towards the rear of the group I witnessed the fury of the wind through the oaks and swirling around our hiking group. As we left the PCT and went upward on the hikers trail word passed down that, "We were not the ones that defaced the rocks and trees with the ugly spray paint trail markings!" An overzealous trail marking effort if ever there was.

Once at the summit of Weldon Peak we witnessed a Navy Jet flyby over the tree canopy. Signing the Register, we all researched the dates in the when last we hiked the peak. Cheryl in '07 with her group; '07 for me with another group, and so on. Of greater importance on this day in September we were all there for Mars Bonfire (pictured, right) on his last visit to this wonderful little peak.



ABOUT BETTY McCOSKER

By Janice McCosker Leibowitz, Duncan McCosker, and John McCosker



Betty and Joe McCosker

When you next go climbing in the Panamints or camping in the Mojave, you just might experience the most dramatic sunset of your life, followed by the most mellifluous melody of coyotes you've ever heard. Why? Because Betty McCosker brought her colorful palette and joined the chorus last July 20th, and the desert and its peaks will never be the same.

As Mom's children we would like to share with you some of our memories and thoughts about that remarkable woman that many of you knew through the Desert Peaks Section. Born Betty Eleanor Hoyt in Los Angeles on November 10th, 1918, Mom was raised by pioneer stock who had come West in the late 19th century. They gave her a good education and taught her the value of helping others in need. Her parents ran the Hollywood Auto Court, a modest, albeit ramshackle facility in Studio City that provided log cabin amenities and communal showers and restrooms for a few dollars a day. Remember "It Happened One Night" starring Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert? That wonderful 1934 romantic comedy was made at the Auto Court and the sheet hanging between the beds gives one an idea of the modesty of the accommodations. Mom wrote and illustrated a book entitled "Tales of the Hollywood Auto Court and Beyond" which described its curious and colorful inhabitants, as well as her parents, her children, and some of the pranks that she had practiced throughout her life. Mom was deeply religious and a teetotaler throughout her life. She was politically conservative and balanced Dad's independent and progressive politics. Late in his life Dad joked that they were a perfect couple in that he stayed alive so that he could cancel her vote in most elections. She was very affected by the depression, which resulted in a lifetime of frugality, except at those times where and when she could help others in need.

Betty attended UCLA and studied art throughout her life. She painted with Leon Franks, an important Los

Angeles portrait artist, and those of you that were given her oil paintings or purchased those that she had donated to the DPS can attest to the quality of her work. Mom met and married Joseph S. McCosker prior to the war. Janice was born on December 10th, 1941, Duncan on July 6th, 1944, and John on November 17th, 1945. We were raised in a very supportive home and Mom had hoped to add culture and manners to our lives; Janice took Spanish dancing lessons and Duncan and John tried and failed miserably to play the piano. Despite that we all took ballroom dancing lessons and ultimately went to college and became a Health Care Professional, a Professor of Photography at USD, and a Marine Biologist. We have all married and Janice gave Mom the pleasure of two loving grandsons and a great grandson.

Dad had served as a Lt. JG during the war and they discovered and moved to what is now Mission Bay, San Diego. They sold that home for a princely \$5,000 and moved to Glendale where, as Dad was becoming frustrated with the pace and pressures of an expanding population, they moved out to then remote Big Tujunga Canyon. Mom enjoyed some of that experience, and tolerated the long drives on dirt roads to Sunland for shopping and schooling, but drew the line at the rattlesnakes in the yard and the salamanders that descended from the bath tub faucet. Back to Glendale, then on to the San Fernando Valley, and finally to Point Loma where Mom and Dad spent the rest of their lives. After we left home they ventured out on innumerable hikes and trips so that Dad could climb and finish the Hundred Peaks and the Desert Peaks while Mom painted desert landscapes and did her own explorations. She was legendary for her enthusiasm, skits, pranks, meals, and spunk. Many say that they became the matriarch and patriarch of the DPS through their enthusiastic leadership and participation.

We suggest that if you wish to commemorate them we suggest that you make a gift to the Sierra Club or any other organization that you feel will improve the condition of Life on Earth.

THE NAVIGATION CORNER: NAVIGATION – A NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION FOR EVERYONE

By Bob Myers, LTC Navigation Chair

“In medieval times, the greatest honor a visitor could receive was the rights of a citizen and the freedom of the city, sometimes even today symbolized by presenting a guest with the “keys to the city.” For the modern alpine traveler, navigation is the key to wandering at will through valleys and meadows, up cliffs and over glaciers, earning the rights of a citizen in a magical land, a mountaineer with the freedom of the hills.” *Mountaineering: The Freedom of the Hills*, p. 110 (8th ed. 2010).

The Leadership Training Committee offers numerous opportunities for Chapter members to develop sound navigation skills. The principal mission of our navigation program is help prospective I, M, and E leaders develop and demonstrate the skills necessary to pass the navigation checkoff. Without a cadre of appropriately rated leaders, our climbing sections would be unable to offer the range of trips that you find in the schedules of **The Lookout**, DPS Desert Sage, or SPS Echo.

Our navigation program is not limited to prospective leaders. We provide opportunities for beginners to learn basic navigation skills and for experienced leaders to refresh their skills. In other words, ***our navigation program is for everyone.***

Basic knowledge of navigation is important to everyone who enjoys the outdoors.

- The ability to read a map is necessary not only to get to the trailhead but also to help plan and stay on the correct route.
- The ability to use a compass can help you determine if you are heading in the right direction while on a trail, even if you are in fact on the correct trail. A compass also helps you make the correct choice when a trail forks.
- Skill at using a compass in conjunction with a map allows you to identify features on the landscape.
- The ability to navigate becomes essential whenever you leave the trail and begin cross-country travel. Under these circumstances, you must be able to identify your location at all times, correlate the observed terrain with the map, plot and follow a route and avoid hazards.
- Navigation is also essential in emergencies. If an injury occurs, even on a trail, you must be able to accurately identify the location for rescuers. You might also need to navigate cross-country to notify the authorities.
- The ability to navigate becomes critical after nightfall, during severe storms, white-outs or when the trail disappears for some reason. Being able to determine where you are and how to quickly and safely get to a destination may mean the difference between a little inconvenience and becoming a statistic.

With these skills, you will develop the confidence to leave established trails and go to seldom visited places that are only accessible by cross-country travel.

Our navigation team is designed to make navigation a fun learning experience. We have greatly expanded the diversity among our examiners and assistants. In 2005, most examiners had engineering or scientific backgrounds and only one woman was on the team. Now we have examiners from all backgrounds and ten women on the team. Our diversity helps us teach individuals with a variety of learning styles.

We encourage you to attend one of our navigation events in 2013. Our noodles are held in scenic areas and all are free. We will work with you to accomplish your navigation objectives and you will receive a variety of helpful navigation materials. And if you are a prospective leader, we will help you pass the checkoff. Many pass on the first attempt while others require more practice.

The following examiners and assistants are the unsung heroes of our navigation program; they have delivered top-notch instruction to over 400 participants over the last four years: Marie Ammerman, Bob Beach, Adrienne Benedict, Gary

Bickel, Richard Boardman, Ron Campbell, Darrick Danta, Diane Dunbar, Kimberly Homan, Peter Ireland, Jack Kieffer, Joel Kilpatrick, Keith Martin, Anne Mullins, Robert Neighbors, Al Owens, Fran Penn, Susan Richmond, Dave Scobie, Sarah Schuh, Ann Pedreschi Shields, Virgil Shields, Jane Simpson, Brett Smith, Homer Tom, Paul Warren, and Phil Wheeler.

2013 Navigation Events

Date	Day	Location
January 5, 2013	Sat	Indian Cove Navigation Noodle, JTNP
January 6, 2013	Sun	Indian Cove Navigation Noodle, JTNP
January 27, 2013	Sun	Navigation on Snowshoes
April 20, 2013	Sat	Warren Point Navigation Noodle, JTNP
April 21, 2013	Sun	Warren Point Navigation Noodle, JTNP
May [to be announced]	Sat	Beginning Navigation Clinic
June 1, 2013	Sat	Heart Bar Peak, SBNF
June 2, 2013	Su	Grinnell Ridge Navigation Noodle, SBNF
August 4, 2013	Sun	Mt. Pinos Navigation Noodle, LPNF
September 22, 2013	Sun	Grinnell Ridge Navigation Noodle, SBNF
Fall [to be announced]	Sat	Beginning Navigation Clinic
November 16, 2013	Sat	Indian Cove Navigation Noodle, JTNP
November 16, 2013	Sat	Navigation Workshop on Third Class Terrain, Indian Cove, JTNP
November 17, 2013	Sun	Indian Cove Navigation Noodle, JTNP
December 8, 2013	Sun	Warren Point Navigation Noodle, JTNP

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



Bob Myers, right, won the Bill T. Russell New Leader Award in 2011.

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By Dave Cannon



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