Information about the Southern Sierran and the Schedule of Activities

As many of you know, the Angeles Chapter has changed the format and distribution of the bi-monthly Southern Sierran newsletter and the tri-yearly Schedule of Activities.

Southern Sierran

Beginning with the July-August issue, the print version of the Southern Sierran is no longer being mailed to the entire membership, but only to those who request a mailed copy. An invitation to request the Southern Sierran by mail was enclosed in the May-June 2012 issue; to date approximately 500 people (out of a membership of 40,000) have requested printed copies.

Current plans call for mailing one issue a year to all Chapter members, with an insert containing the leader directory information now included in the Schedule of Activities (see below).

The news and announcements in the Southern Sierran are incorporated into the Chapter web site (http://angeles.sierraclub.org). In addition, a pdf copy of each full, printed issue will be available on the web site.

* To subscribe to Angeles Chapter E-news, send an email with the subject “E-news” to southern.sierran@sierraclub.org

* To opt in to receive print versions of the Southern Sierran, send an email with the subject “Opt-in by print” to southern.sierran@sierraclub.org and include your name and address.

Or, send a request in writing to: Subscriptions, Sierra Club Angeles Chapter, 3435 Wilshire Blvd #320, Los Angeles, CA 90010-1904

Schedule of Activities

The Schedule of Activities will no longer be produced in its current format. This was announced in the July-October 2012 issue, along with a form to request a printed, mailed list of the outings and activities portion of the Schedule. To date, approximately 300 people (out of a membership of 40,000) have requested this printed version, which will be mailed beginning in October 2012.

The outings and activities formerly printed in the Schedule are now in the online Schedule of Activities (http://angeles.sierraclub.org/find_hike_trip_event). This new system offers much more timely information on outings and activities, as well as useful functions such as maps to trailheads and easy contact with trip leaders.

The leader directory formerly printed in the Schedule will be included in a once-a-year edition of the Southern Sierran that will be mailed to the entire membership. This is expected to be in the March-April issue.

The remainder of the information now in the Schedule is included in various sections of the chapter web site, http://angeles.sierraclub.org.

* To opt in to receive print versions of the Schedule of Activities Outings, send a request in writing to: Schedule of Activities Outings, Sierra Club Angeles Chapter, 3435 Wilshire Blvd #320, Los Angeles, CA 90010-1904

Why was this done?

The conversion from print/mail to electronic distribution has been under discussion for some time, primarily driven by four factors: timeliness of information, the need to reach a wider and more diverse audience, cost, and the desire to reduce our environmental footprint.

In preparation, the Angeles Chapter converted its web site into a new format that is easier to read and much easier to keep current. Working closely with the Outings Management Committee, we installed a new, online, interactive events calendar (built in a system called OARS, Online Activity Registration System, developed and maintained by the national Club and in use by chapters around the country). This events calendar – essentially the Schedule of Activities in online format – avoids the long lead time for posting outings required by a printed version; it currently has between 600 and 700 outings and events listed, with the ability to contact leaders, access maps, sort by type of trip, etc.

Why was it done so suddenly?

By April, it had become clear that the Angeles Chapter was faced with an urgent cash flow issue. After consultation with National, the Angeles Chapter Executive Committee concluded that continuing to print and send the publications to all 40,000 members, knowing that not everyone reads them, was not financially responsible.

By dramatically curtailing the circulation of the Southern Sierran and by transferring the information in the Schedule of Activities to the chapter web site – along with an aggressive fundraising push — enough money has been saved (and raised) to keep us in the black throughout this year; and the savings will be even greater in future years.

We appreciate the patience and understanding of our membership during this transition. Change is never easy, but we think that the new web site, online interactive events calendar, and electronic newsletter will help the Angeles Chapter provide better service and information for all its members!
ACHIEVEMENTS:

List Finish #6
#11 – Zobeida Arauz – 5/12/12 – Madulce Peak

List Finish #1
#292 – George Christiansen – 7/5/12 – Mount Williamson

100 Peaks Leadership
#50 – George Christiansen – 6/13/12 – Birch Mountain

100 Pathfinders
#53 – George Christiansen – 4/5/12 – Pallett Mountain

200 Peaks
#464 – Stella Cheung – 6/26/12 – Haddock Mountain

100 Peaks
#1136 – Mary Varalyay – 6/10/12 – Cucamonga Peak

DONATIONS:
Roxanna Lewis - $100
Joe Wankum - $10

MEMBERSHIP COUNTS:
307 Members (259 primary + 48 household)
33 Subscribers
340 Total

Our newsletter, The Lookout, is published six times a year. Final dates for receipt of material are February 1 for the March-April issue; April 1 for the May-June issue; June 1 for the July-August issue; August 1 for the September-October issue; October 1 for the November-December issue; and December 1 for the January-February issue. If you send film photos or cd’s please write your name on the back of each photo or cd. whether digital or film. When taking photos sunglasses! If you want the film photos return SASE. Articles may be edited for length articles, photos, etc to Joe Young, 12551 - 6730, fax to Joe at (310) 301 - 9642; or email to joengeri@ca.rr.com. The Lookout is the property of the Hundred Peaks Section.

The Hundred Peaks Section Website
is maintained by Wolf Leverich and Karen Leverich. It is accessed at http://angeles.sierraclub.org/hps/

On this website can be found...
✧ HPS Archives
✧ Peak List
✧ Peak Guides
✧ Trip Reports
✧ Maps to the peaks
✧ Member achievements
✧ Summit summaries
✧ Advance Schedule
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✧ Much, much more
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Seven years ago, almost to the day, I wrote a “From the Chair” column that started out:

SO WHERE’S WOLF?

As many of you may have noticed, I haven’t been out on a hike since late June. Reason is that, much to my surprise, I found out then that I had a stone the size of a marble bouncing around in my left kidney. I had one procedure in mid-July, and will have another in mid-August. If all goes well, I hope to be back on trail soon after that.

Nature has its way of commenting on these things. I observed yesterday that a spider had industriously built a web on my daypack.  “sigh”

What I didn’t know then is that things would go wrong in a rather nasty way. Or that, even with the best folks at UCLA doing surgery twice over the next two years, there’d still be a lot of rubble left in my kidney. Or that I’d be passing an average of about one stone fragment per month for the next 5 years.

More than 50 of ‘em. And yeah, it did really hurt.

This kinda put me off my feet, I packed on weight, and I lost conditioning. Even though things have been fairly calm for the last two years, I really haven’t gotten back on trail.

Now Peter Doggett, Joe Young, and a fair number of other HPSers have had much worse problems than this and gotten back on trail. I darn well ought to, too. So here’s the thing: I’m gonna be doing at least 2,000 foot peaks, and hopefully a lot more, before the Banquet. As an incentive, I’d like all of you to promise to tease me unmercifully at the Banquet if I don’t make it. The thought of that oughta motivate me. 😊

REMINDER: “NOW” IS THE TIME TO GET NEW LEADERS IN THE PIPELINE!

The semi-annual Leadership Training Committee Seminar, the gateway to a leadership rating, is coming up on October 6, 2012, at the Eaton Canyon Nature Center in Pasadena.

Registration closes about two weeks earlier, around September 22. Details are available at the LTC Website:
http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/

If you aren’t a leader, please go and pick up your rating. There just aren’t many things in life that are more fun than getting a group of folks to the top of a mountain.

And, even if you never want to commit to leading a hike, you should go get a rating. Then you can save an outing if you show up at the trailhead but one of the leaders doesn’t. And you can help by leading or sweeping a fast or a slow group in cooperation with an outing’s published leaders.

If you are a leader, tell the folks on your hikes about the LTC Seminar and encourage them to go and get started on their ratings. More leaders means more fun for all of us!

GETTING FRESH BLOOD INTO HPS

New members don’t just happen. We have to lead hikes which attract new people, and we have to accommodate those folks and help them get started. I understand clearly that doing Saturday morning, or even weekday morning, leads from La Canada and other close-in rideshares can be painful in a spectacular variety of ways. But be that as it may, that is where we’ll attract the newbies. Please try, at least occasionally, to lead a newbie-friendly hike from a close-in rideshare.

Also, most newbies aren’t born peakbaggers. They don’t have the right gear, they don’t have enough water, the coffee-drinkers forget to carry caffeinated beverages, and they may not be conditioned. Please be encouraging, even if the newbies are slowing you down or causing logistics issues. Today’s klutz may be finishing The List two years from now.

AND GO HAVE FUN!

Yeah, do it! That’s a directive from The Chair. Really.
And I’ll see you all out on trail. Or you get to tease me.
1. Peak Guide changes: From Wasim Khan, a slight modification to the driving directions for 30A Asbestos.

2. New routes. Visit the HPS website to view these:

From Wayne Bannister, a new hiking route for 20D White Mountain #1 and a new driving route (from the north) for 20FGH Shay, Little Shay and Ingham. We also added this new driving route to 20I Hawes and to 20E Deer Mountain.

From Wayne Bannister, a new hiking route for 03E Tehachapi.
And from Dave Comerzan, a new hiking route for 20 Red.

2. Unsuspensions and Suspensions.

A large portion of the Station Fire Closure has reopened, but much still remains closed.

These peaks, in the recently reopened section of Angeles Forest have been unsuspended:
- 09A Mount Gleason
- 09B Iron Mountain #2
- 09C Condor Peak
- 09D Fox Mountain #2

Both the Condor Peak and Trail Canyon Trail have reopened, but expect rough conditions, wash outs, etc. The Mt. Gleason Road is closed to driving but open for mountain biking and hiking. This means the usual route for Gleason (1/2 mile and 100’ gain) won’t work: you’ll need to add 18 miles round trip and 1600’ (or more) gain and hike in from Mill Creek Saddle on either the Mount Gleason Road or the Pacific Crest Trail or some combination (as the PCT crosses or nudges the road in multiple places).

Jane Fontana reports about the Condor Peak and Trail Canyon Trails: “I’ve been up these recently and the trails are in poor condition. The hikes are doable, but hikers should be extra careful, allow extra time, and bring extra water for Fox & Condor.

“Trail Canyon trail is great until just after the falls, where it becomes nearly impossible to find; a lot of blackberry, poison oak, yucca and deadfall. The way past Big Cienega Camp and on to Lightning Point is okay.”

Remaining suspensions include:
- On private land: 03B Black Mountain #3
- 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

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**OARS: A Better Way To Find Sierra Club Events**

The Angeles Chapter has launched a new web page to help you find Sierra Club events and outings. The new site called the Online Activity Registration System (OARS) lets you look for events and outings as a listing, on a map or on a calendar. Search tools allow you to look for things to do within a certain geographic area, on selected dates, by the type of activity, by the leaders and the Chapter entities involved.

You can visit the site at http://angeles2.sierraclub.org/find_hike_trip_event

Many events have already been added, and new ones are being added continuously (eventually, this site will list everything found in the Schedule of Activities and the Southern Sierran).

OARS can also be found at the Hundred Peaks Section site angeles.sierraclub.org/hps/outings.asp

For help in understanding how OARS works please contact Melody Anderson at melodygrace1@gmail.com or Susan Heitman at susan.heitman@ca.rr.com.
Monday, September 3, 2012 Hundred Peaks
O: White Mt #1 (7727’): An easy walk on dirt road for 6 miles roundtrip with 1000’ of gain to a peak near Hesperia. 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, September 4, 2012 Hundred Peaks
I: Mt Harwood (9552’), Mt San Antonio (10,064’): A strenuous walk on road, trail, and rough trail for 9 miles roundtrip with 4000 feet of gain to peaks near Claremont. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire.

Wednesday, September 5, 2012 Local Hikes, Hundred Peaks
I: Twin Peaks (7761’): Strenuous hike in Angeles Forest involves 10 mi rt and 3300’ gain (1,100’ on return from the summit). Bring water, lunch, sturdy boots. Meet 8:00 AM at La Cañada rideshare point. Co-leaders: JOE YOUNG and LAURA JOSEPH.

Thursday, September 6, 2012 Hundred Peaks
I: Crafts (8364’), Butler (8535’): Join us for a day in the San Bernardino National Forest, just west-southwest of Fawnskin. We will hike up to Crafts then across the ridge to Butler. Shuttle possible. 8 miles round trip, 1500â€™ gain on trail and cross country. Pace slow to moderate. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for details: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire.

Monday, September 10, 2012 Hundred Peaks
O: Mt Akawie (7283’), Kratka Ridge (7515’), Mt Lewis (8396’): Three easy walks on dirt road and rough trail totaling 4 miles roundtrip with 1600’ of gain to peaks near Wrightwood. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Cheryl Gill.

Tuesday, September 11, 2012 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

Tuesday, September 11, 2012 Hundred Peaks
I: Cucamonga Pk (8859’), Etiwanda Pk (8985’): A moderate walk on road, trail, and rough trail for 13 miles roundtrip with 3300 feet of gain to peaks near Claremont. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire.

Thursday, September 13, 2012 Hundred Peaks

Tuesday, September 18, 2012 Hundred Peaks
O: Thunder Mt (8587’), Telegraph Pk (8985’): A moderate walk on road, trail, and rough trail for 13 miles roundtrip with 3300 feet of gain to peaks near Claremont. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire.

Thursday, September 20, 2012 Hundred Peaks
I: Palmview (7160’+), Cone (6800’+): Located on the Desert Divide, 8 miles southeast of Idyllwild, this is a moderately strenuous loop hike of 6 miles round trip, 2200â€™ gain on trail and cross country. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for details: Dave Comerzan and Mars Bonfire.

Sunday, September 23, 2012 LTC, HPS, SPS, DPS
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
Monday, September 24, 2012 Hundred Peaks
I: Weldon Pk (6320’): A moderately strenuous walk on PCT, dirt road, and rough trail for 7 miles roundtrip with 1600’ of gain to a peak near Mojave. 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, September 25, 2012 Hundred Peaks
I: Mt Hawkins (8850’), Copter Ridge (7499’): A moderate walk on rough and sometimes steep trail for 9 miles roundtrip with 3400 feet of gain to peaks near Wrightwood. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire.

Thursday, September 27, 2012 Hundred Peaks
I: Sunday Pk (8295’), Bohna Pk (6788’): Two peaks north of Lake Isabella with dirt road driving. The beautiful summit of Sunday is 3 1/2 miles rt on trail, 1000’ gain. Bohna is 3 miles rt, 1400’ gain on trail and cross-country. Email leader a few days before for meeting time and place. Slow to moderate pace. Ldrs: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire.

Friday, September 28, 2012 Hundred Peaks
HPS 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, 2012 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, 2012 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 leaders for details.

Saturday, September 29, 2012 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 Mountains High Country as part of the HPS Fall Festival. 12 miles, 4000’, one-way hike, with a car-shuttle.

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, 2012 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 off those pot luck calories you may have picked up at the Bandito Campground HPS gathering (see Sep 28-30 HPS Fall Festival information). Contact leaders for meeting location.

Tuesday, October 2, 2012 Hundred Peaks
I: Middle Hawkins (8505’), South Mt Hawkins (7783’): A moderate walk on trail and rough trail for 14 miles roundtrip with 3500 feet of gain to peaks near Wrightwood. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire.

Thursday, October 4, 2012 Hundred Peaks
I: Combs (6193’), Boucher Hill (5438’): Located in San Diego County near Warner Springs. Combs is 9 miles round trip, 2000’ gain. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Slow to moderate pace. Contact leaders for details: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire.

Monday, October 8, 2012 Hundred Peaks
I: Samon (6227’), Big Pine (6800’+), West Big Pine (6490’), Madulce (6536’): Known as the Big Four, this will be a strenuous 3 night, 4-day backpack in the Los Padres National Forest. Totals for the trip will be 45 miles, 8000’ gain. Bear canister will be needed. Rain or poor road conditions cancels. Contact leaders for details. Leaders: Dave Comerzan, Pat Arredondo, Pat Vaughn.

Tuesday, October 9, 2012 Hundred Peaks
I: Pallett Mt (7760’), Will Thrall Pk (7845’), Pleasant View Ridge (7983’): A strenuous walk on trail and rough trail for 18 miles roundtrip with 4000 feet of gain to peaks near Palmdale. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire.
Monday, October 15, 2012 Hundred Peaks
I: Birch Mtn (7826'), Cedar Mtn (8324'): A strenuous walk on aqueduct, dirt road, and cross country for 14 miles roundtrip with 5810’ of gain to peaks near Redlands. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details.
Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Pat Arredondo

Thursday, October 18, 2012 Hundred Peaks
O: Ken Pt: 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.

Sunday, October 21, 2012 Hundred Peaks
I: San Gorgonio Mtn (11,499'), Dragons Head (10,866'), Bighorn Mtn (10,997'): Very strenuous hike involves approx 20 mi rt and 6,000’ gain mostly on trail. Bring water, lunch, sunscreen, and sturdy broken-in boots. Wilderness permit limits group size. For info email leaders. Ldrs: JOE YOUNG and GARY SCHENK.

Thursday, October 25, 2012 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. Possibly longer due to spur road closed. 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.

Saturday, October 27, 2012 Hundred Peaks
I: Little San Gorgonio Mtn (9133’), Wilshire Mtn (8832'), Wilshire Pk (8680'+), Cedar Mtn (8324'), Birch Mtn (7826'), Allen Pk (5795'): Hike the fantastic Yucaipa Ridge at a Steady, Moderate Pace. This Strenuous hike will not be ideal for beginners. Car-Shuttle needed from Bear Paw to the Vivian Creek trailhead. The entire hike will be about 13 miles Round Trip on trails and dirt roads. Expect 4,200’ of gain & 5,800’ of descent. Bring: Water, Lunch, Lug-soled Boots, Jacket and a Hat. Contact the leaders PeterDoggett@AOL.com] for meeting information. Leaders: Peter and Ignacia Doggett.

Saturday, October 27 to Sunday, October 28, 2012 Hundred Peaks
O: Monte Arido (6,010'), Old Man Mountain (5,538â€™), Hildreth Peak (5,065â€™): Join us for a birthday celebration weekend for one of our leaders to these fine peaks in the Los Padres National Forest. Saturday weâ€™ll hike at a slow pace along a dirt road to the summit of Monte Arido and then continue on to the appropriately named Old Man Mtn for a total of 6.4 RT miles and 1,000â€™ gain/loss. Saturday night weâ€™ll camp in the area and party it up big time in honor of he whose youth has passed. Sunday weâ€™ll start early and travel along a dirt road at a slow to moderate pace to Hildreth Peak for a total of 14 strenuous RT miles with 2,500â€™ of gain going in, and 2,500â€™ of gain coming out. Contact mkelliher74@gmail.com with recent experience and conditioning for trip status and details. Ldrs: MAT KELLIHER, JIM FLEMING, PATRICK VAUGHN

Saturday, October 27, 2012 Hundred Peaks
O: Palm Springs Tram (8450’), San Jacinto Pk (10,804’): Very strenuous hike starts at 4:00 am from downtown Palm Springs, 10 mi, 8300’ gain to the upper tram station, with additional 2700’ gain to the peak and return to the upper tram station. Only hikers with recent appropriate hiking experience should attempt this outing. Send email or sase with recent experience and conditioning, rideshare info, to Leader: JOE YOUNG. Co-leader: DON CROLEY

Thursday, October 30, 2012 Hundred Peaks
I: Throop Pk (9138’), Mt Burnham (8997’), Mt Baden-Powell (9399’), Ross Mt (7402’): A very strenuous walk on trail and rough trail for 14 miles roundtrip with 4400’ of gain to peaks near Wrightwood. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire.

Thursday, November 1, 2012 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, 4500â€™ gain on motorcycle trail and cross-country. Bald Eagle is 1 Â½ miles, 600â€™ 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, Peter and Ignacia Doggett.

Friday, November 2, 2012 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 ARRENDONO, MARS BONFIRE

Saturday, November 3, 2012 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.

Tuesday, November 6, 2012 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, 2012 Hundred Peaks
I: Brush (7040’+), San Emigdio (7495’): Join us for two short hikes in the Los Padres National Forest near Indian Wells.
Tuesday, November 13, 2012 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: Dave Comerzan, Pat Arredondo, Pat Vaughn, John Radalj.

Tuesday, November 15, 2012 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, 1800â€™ total gain. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for details: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire.

Tuesday, November 20, 2012 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, 2012 Hundred Peaks
I: Black #1 (7,772'), Castle Rocks (8,600'): Two separate hikes in the San Bernardino National Forest just southeast of Banning. Black is 1 mile, 400â€™ gain on road. Castle Rocks is 4.5 miles, 900â€™ gain on trail. Other routes possible. HCV recommended. Dirt road driving. Contact leaders for details: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire.

Tuesday, November 27, 2012 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, 2012 Hundred Peaks
I: Asbestos Mtn (5265'): An easy hike on rough trail with rock scrambling for 3miles 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.

Tuesday, December 4, 2012 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, 2012 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, 600â€™ 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.

Thursday, December 11, 2012 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, 2012 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, 2500â€™ 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.

Tuesday, December 18, 2012 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.

Sunday, January 6, 2013 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.

Tuesday, January 15, 2013 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.

Sunday, January 22, 2013 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

Tuesday, January 29, 2013 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.

Tuesday, February 5, 2013 Hundred Peaks
I: Butterfly Pk (6240’): A moderate walk on paved road, dirt road, and rough trail for 6 miles roundtrip with 1700’ of gain to a peak near Idyllwild. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Dave Comerzan.

Tuesday, February 12, 2013 Hundred Peaks
I: Cone Pk (6800’): A strenuous walk on paved road, dirt road, and rough trail for 11 miles roundtrip with 2900’ of gain to a peak near Idyllwild. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Dave Comerzan.

Tuesday, February 19, 2013 Hundred Peaks
I: Onyx Pk #1 (9113’): An easy snowshoe walk for 3 miles roundtrip with 230’ of gain to a peak near Big Bear Lake. 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, Dave Comerzan.

Tuesday, February 26, 2013 Hundred Peaks
I: Kratka Ridge (7515’), Mt Akawie (7283’): Two easy snowshoe walks totaling 3 miles roundtrip with 1100’ of gain to peaks near Wrightwood. 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, Dave Comerzan.

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REGISTER BOX

The Register Box has had recent contributions from: James Acomb, Steven Crews, Fred Harrison, Carol Hunter-Inman, Lawrence Lee, Gloria Nafel, Chris Waldheim, Thomas Szayna, and 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
- 13D Pallett Mt. missing 7-12
- 13E Mt. Williamson missing
- 21G Bertha Pk. missing 11-10
- 27B Indian Mtn. missing 8-10
- 27J Suicide Rock missing 6-12
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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
On July 5, 2012, I completed the HPS List – 278 peaks and 49 years after peak number one. My first peak was West Big Pine “Lookout” in 1963. In 1963, my brother Don and I hiked from the Nira Campground just beyond Davy Brown Campground at the edge of the San Rafael Wilderness Area. Our backpacking trip took us to West Big Pine Mountain and San Rafael Mountain and then back to Cachuma Saddle. Little did I know that this “list of peaks” would lead to 276 additional peaks in Southern California and a “list completion emblem” forty-nine years later. In 1963, a functioning fire lookout was located on West Big Pine Mountain, and now only some concrete footings remain. The photo attached shows the lookout tower as it appeared then.

On July 5, on Mount Williamson, I was again accompanied by my brother Don, and additionally daughter Jen, her husband Joel, Pat Arredondo, Gary Bowen, Bruce Craig, Dorothy Danziger, Doris Duval, Suzy Herrmann, Edith Liu, Bill Murphy, John Radalj, and Pat Vaughn. Mars Bonfire and Dave Comerzan co-led the hike, and it was a hike to remember. I hauled out my retro hiking gear, which included the actual Kelty aluminum frame pack, leather boots and alpine hat that I wore on my hike to West Big Pine (yes – I never throw anything away!). The Levi 501’s and cotton shirt were more recently purchased, and a size or two larger than what I wore in 1963. It was a beautiful warm sunny day and the potential thunder storms did not develop. Thanks to all over the past four years who have hiked with me in achieving this goal.

Please notify me if anyone has beat my dubious “record” of 49 years to achieve a first List finish. I am sure that it would be accomplished only by chance and not by design.
New maps are being released by the United States Geographic Service (USGS) and many of us are not going to like them. The new US Topo series replaces the 7.5 minute map series that we have come to rely on for our Sierra Club trips. The new US Topo maps do not have the features that we need for navigation purposes. Indeed, as one USGS official observed: “A common user reaction is that the new maps aren’t as good as the old printed topographic maps.”

In 2012, the USGS released US Topo maps for every quadrangle in California. The new maps use the same names as the 7.5 minute map series and cover the same area with slight marginal differences caused by use of the North American Datum of 1983. (Most maps in the 7.5 minute map series use the North American Datum of 1927.) These new maps can be downloaded for free on the USGS website. Printed versions are available for $15.00.

The US Topo map series is produced using automated and semi-automated processes and cost substantially less to produce than the handcrafted 7.5 minute map series. These new digital maps are considered the “next generation” of USGS map products. The 7.5 minute map series will no longer be updated.

Unfortunately, the 2012 release of US Topo does not have the same detail of the 7.5 minute map series. Future releases may address some of these shortcomings, with the next release scheduled for 2015. Significant shortcomings include:

- Many common topographic map symbols are not used
- Elevations for peaks are missing
- Township, Range and Section information are not included
- Trails, buildings, and other features are not shown
- The contour lines are not as finely shown and many small, closed contours on the 7.5 minute map are not shown on the digital maps. Many of the rock piles that we use for our Indian Cove navigation noodles are no longer shown on the map.

To better understand the US Topo series, I recently contacted the USGS for additional information. The USGS has a great team working for it, and I have been impressed with the quick responses received anytime I have requested information. My questions and the responses are set forth below.

1. **Why is the contour line detail different since the map scale and contour interval is the same as the 7.5 minute map series?**

   The old maps were drawn by hand. The contours on the new maps are software-generated from the national elevation dataset (NED). NED is a digital elevation model, or a seamless three dimensional topographic surface, from which the contour lines are generated. Most of the data in the NED is not yet high enough resolution to support the detail that could be achieved by human interpretation and craftsmanship. This will change as more of the country
is covered with LiDAR (Light Detection And Ranging) However, there is also a large subjective element here about what contour design is desirable on a 24K map. Opinions on dense vs sparse and jagged vs smooth depend on personal taste and intended use. We are still experimenting with contour generation techniques, and probably will be for a long time.

2. **Has the USGS stopped updating the 7.5 minute map series?**

The old series was declared complete in 1992. Though a few thousand maps were photorevised in the 1990s, for most practical purposes the old map series has been inactive since 1995.

US Topo is a new product and is not an updated version of the older maps per se, but does serve as the ongoing topographic map product. The plan is to generate new maps on a three year cycle, meaning that California will be revisited in 2015. Note that both US Topo maps and the older topographic map series are all available for free download from the USGS Store (store.usgs.gov). US Topo is a digital product, and as such, many of the component layers are available as digital geographic information system (GIS)-ready layers. These are accessible from The National Map Viewer (nationalmap.gov/viewer) and contours are slated to be one of those layers.

3. **Will the USGS continue to print the last issued version of the 7.5 minute map series?**

USGS will offer prints of the US Topo map. Printed maps will cost $15 and are a two sided print - one side showing the typical topographic map and the other side showing the aerial photo image in the background. Note that the maps will be printed on demand and the agency will not be maintaining a ready-to-ship inventory of most maps as it has done in the past.

All the historical maps have been scanned at high resolution, and are available for free download as PDFs. Existing shelf stock of the old series is still being sold, but when this stock is exhausted it will not be replaced.

As Mark Twain famously observed, “the reports of my death of greatly exaggerated.” Because all of the maps in the 7.5 minute map series are available for download, the release of the new US Topo series does not sound the death bell for the detailed topographic maps that we all use.

Our navigation program will continue to use the 7.5 minute map series. These maps are superior to the new US Topo series. As a USGS representative wrote: “It is true that for walking in the mountains or desert the old maps may still be more useful than the new ones, at least for people who know and like that particular type of map.” Once the USGS supply of the 7.5 minute map series is exhausted, we will need to turn to private suppliers for our maps.

More information on the US Topo series can be found at:

Answers to Practice Exercises

In the July-August edition of the Lookout, the Navigation Corner explored how to measure and plot bearings on a map and ended with four practice questions. As promised, the correct answers to the questions are set forth below:

1. What is the bearing from Point A to Peak 3177? 41°

2. What is the bearing from Point A to Peak 3441? 280°

3. You are somewhere on the Indian Cove Road (the same road that Point A is on). Your bearing to Peak 3177 is 70°. Place an “X” on the location where you are at.

4. Your bearing to Peak 3177 is 52° and your bearing to Peak 3441 is 296°. The intersection of these two bearing lines is where you are at. Place an “Y” on the map where you are at.

Upcoming Navigation Events

We return to the San Bernardino Mountains on September 23, 2012 for our Grinnell Ridge Navigation Noodle. Starting in October, we will close out the year with three navigation noodles in Joshua Tree National Park on October 21, 2012, November 17-18, 2012, and December 9, 2012. For those interested in more challenging navigation, we will be holding our Navigation Workshop on 3rd Class Terrain on November 17, 2012.

I welcome your navigation questions. Contact me at rmmyers@ix.netcom.com.
Meeting date: July 10, 2012
Location: Teleconference.

Chair Wolf Leverich called the meeting to order at 6:40pm
May 8th minutes approved 6:45pm (MSP Karen/ Bill)

Committee Reports
May / Mid-June Treasurer’s Report (Sandy Burnside)
6:36pm (MSP Karen/ Wayne V.)
Life Members Discussion tabled to later in this teleconference

Membership Report (Greg de Hoogh). 6:36pm (MSP Wayne V./ Karen)

Programs Report: (Wayne Vollaire)
Waterman Rendezvous:
Date: Sat, 28 Jul 2012. Discussed possibility of limited hikes and general participants. Marlen working to build event.

Fall Festival:
Location: Bandito Campground near Hillier. Change to group site #2. Wayne to get more leads for this event.

HPS Holiday Party: Location: Joshua Tree National Park.
Discussed hike w/potluck only. Least successful event.

4.2013 Banquet Planning
Jan 12th proposed to distance from long weekend (Martin Luther King Wknd. Reserved Jan 12th);
Monrovian again
Prospective speakers to be contacted by Wolf. Wayne: “it would be good to decide type of food, Greek, etc. to figure cost.

2013 Spring Fling
Discussion: Location could be Central California or South Sierra and Powers Well. Tabled until next meeting.

Programs Report continued: (Wayne Vollaire)
2013 Mt. Waterman Date: 26 Jul 2013

Life Membership (See Sandy’s Written Report)
Life Membership Discussion for discussion of value of “X” when calculating value. Approx: one half club balance of $6,000 value. History: Policy determined by Phil Wheeler.
(M/S/P)Ron/Karen: Ron Campbell motioned: “Management Committee direct the treasurer to establish a separate line item for Life Memberships and to debit an amount equal to 4% of Life Membership each year at the close of the fiscal year and further that survivors that have joint members are ensconced for full benefits of Life Membership.

Outings and Safety: No more Chapter Schedule of Events (Gary Schenk) See written report.

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

Webmaster report (Karen Isaacson Leverich) nothing to report

Old Business:
2012 Elections Committee.
Next meeting will be in-person at Ranger House on Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 0630p.

Meeting adjourned 8:08pm

Meeting date: May 8th 2012
Location: Teleconference.

Chair Wolf Leverich called the meeting to order at 6:32pm
March 13th minutes approved 6:35pm (MSP Pamela/Wayne) January 21 minutes approved 6:38pm (MSP Karen/Pamela)

Committee Reports
Treasurer's Report (Sandy Burnside) 6:34pm (MSP Pamela/Karen) Membership Report (Greg de Hoogh). 6:36pm (MSP Pamela/Karen) Programs Report: (Wayne Vollaire)


2013 Banquet Planning
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2. Monrovian again

Outings and Safety: (Gary Schenk) See written report.

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

Discussion and approval of Sheep and Martinez change submitted by Tina Bowman. Same for Eagle Crag route adjustment. Discussion of Peter Doggett’s new route from Black #4 to Meeks. Consider adding: weighing complaints/restriction over private property. Dave Comerzon’s new route to Allen approved: Wolf/Wayne/passed

Merchandise (Dave Cannon)
Proposed photos of merchandise to post on club newsletters

Outreach: (Ron Campbell) no new sales to report

Old Business
Adopt a Trail: Discussed picking a new trail other than mountain bikers “100 miler……” Tabled

New Business
Strawberry Peak 2012 Nominating Committee Matt and Tanya.

<End of minutes>
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