Pathfinder to Bald Eagle – 4-28-13
By Dave Comerzan
This was a peak that I never thought could be done as a pathfinder. It was surrounded by brush so thick you could never get through it. Then a fire happened. No, I didn’t set it. It was a small fire, never made the national news. And guess what? It burned over the west side of the peak. It got rid of a lot of brush on that side. Mars Bonfire and I did this peak on 11-1-12 and as we drove to the primary route, we noticed a gully that was clear of brush. It led to a ridge that led to the peak. We did the primary route that day and from the top, the ridge in question looked clear.

Mars had already done this peak 25 times and wasn’t interested in any pathfinder. I decided that as part of the Spring Fling, I would schedule this peak with the idea of doing this exploratory route. By the way, thank you Mat Kelliher for this Spring Fling. I really enjoyed myself and now that I am retired, plan to attend many more of these events. Pat Vaughn and Winnette Butler agreed to be my co-leaders. That took a lot of courage on their part, given my history of exploratory routes.

After a great evening of food, drink and friends, Sunday morning arrived and it was time to do this route. Joining us in this adventure were David and Elaine Baldwin, Stella Chueng, and Rich Wilson. We drove in on Saddle Spring Road for 3.5 miles. This is about 2 miles shorter than the primary route. We parked at a gully that led to the ridge. We departed at 9:25 am at 5270’ elevation. We followed this gully southwest, picking our way around some brush and poodle dog and avoiding burnt sticks as much as possible. After a quarter of a mile, we were on the ridge. At this point we turned left (southeast) and in a short 3/10 of a mile we were on the top of Bald Eagle. We couldn’t believe it. Everyone agreed this route was a lot easier than the primary route (no boulders to climb over). We arrived at the top at 10:30 am. There is some brush (still small and easy to avoid) and poodle dog in the gully, but once on the ridge it was clear. You did need to dodge a lot of burn sticks, but that was no problem. On the return, we did a short cut straight to the cars. This worked ok but there were a lot of loose rocks so I don’t think we made any better time.

I would say if you want a pathfinder to Bald Eagle, now is the time to do it. The brush in gully will grow back, but the ridge should stay clear for a long time. Stats were 1.2 miles round trip, 770' gain and 1 hour and 50 minutes to do this peak.
Welcome to this new issue of The Lookout.

It is a great time to be out enjoying the mountains with our HPS friends. We hope all of you are able to take advantage of the great hiking weather, exploring new peaks on your pursuit of The List, or revisiting old “peak friends,” you have not seen for a while.

- There are many upcoming hikes to participate in with your friends – Lots to do! Outings Chair Mat Kelliher presents them to you, later in this issue.
- Robert Myers informs us about “Alternatives to National Geographic Topo!” software in his always informative: The Navigation Corner.
- Also, you will find trip reports by Ignacia Doggett and Dave Comerzan, and an exclusive interview with the “Webmasters of the HPS Universe.”
- An ample amount to amuse and entertain you, we hope.

We need your articles! Submit to us Trip Reports, photos, trip impressions, gossip, shopping lists - anything you feel would be good to share in The Lookout. As it says above, submissions may be edited for length or appropriateness.

See you on the trails! ~ Lilly & Chris

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In the area still closed due to the 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

Also suspended, because all roads in area are closed (Although it is OK to hike/mountain bike/etc. to the peak from the pavement)

- 06M Hildreth Peak

Delisted:

- 03B Black Mountain #3

Several roads that we frequently use have warnings that **headlights must be turned on**. These include, but are not limited to sections of the Angeles Crest Highway, Highway 138 near Wrightwood, and highways between Lake Arrowhead and Big Bear. Penalties for failure to observe this requirement are very expensive. **Don't get a ticket! Turn on your headlights when required!**

Rideshare Points mentioned in the Outings in this issue of The Lookout include:

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Wayne Bannister, Co-chair of the Mountain Records Committee.

The Mountain Records Committee (MRC) is a sub-committee under the HPS Management Committee (MComm). The role of the MRC is to update the HPS Peak Guides with corrections and new routes. In addition, the group helps in determining access to peaks after a fire or if the peaks access issues. When I first started hiking, the peak guides were my only source of information. I am very sensitive to making sure the information in the Peak Guides is current. A new condition or mistake in the guide can make a major difference in the outcome of a hike.

The other goal I have for the guides is to continue to post new routes. After hiking with some of the best in George Wysup and Tom Hill, I know that there was a published route and the routes that were passed on from leader to leader. The problem is that now many of these unique routes to these peaks are lost. I hope that leaders that are trying new routes or have knowledge will share this information. Any maps source will also be valuable. The TOPO software is still being used on the HPS Website, and GPS waypoints are that can be downloaded to that source very helpful.

I look forward to any assistance that members can be in maintaining one of Hundred Peaks Sections’ major contribution to the hiking community.

Mountain Records Committee Report

 Corrections:  08D  Mount McDill Route 1 & 2  
               10C  Pacifico Mountain Route 3  
               30H  Rosa Point Route 3  
               19E  The Pinnacles Route 1  
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               10D  Bare Mountain Route 3

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WEBMASTERS OF THE HPS UNIVERSE

By Lilly Fukui and Chris Spisak

High and dry on a hill above a verdant floodplain, soon to be filled with organic strawberry plants, sits the nucleus and command center of the Leverich Ranch. Often mistaken for a large bed and breakfast, it has the ample capacity to handle any social occasion that might find it happening there. Whole-animal barbecuing, TM sessions, User Groups, PC Club meetings, you name it. In addition, it is all watched over intently by a jet black Charon, who is named Diablo, of course.

A peaceful cruise on a beautiful Saturday morning, north up the coast to San Luis Obispo, and then a short drive back in time took us past an ancient octagonal barn and up the hill, which landed us at the doorstep of Karen and Brian ‘Wolf’ Leverich. Decades after joining HPS, their hands still steady the course of its web site, as they have for many years.

Upon arriving, we toured the large compound, Diablo profoundly made his presence known, and we sat down to talk to Karen and Wolf about their paths converging to each other, to the HPS, and their recent path from Mount Pinos to their own little mountain in SLO. We began our much-awaited interview in the dining room. This is right across from their large kitchen, which has a huge Wolf Range (fittingly), which, "for cooking lovers, is to die for!" says Lilly. There is a Salamander, a small browning oven on the wall above the range. This is a nice commercial kitchen touch.

Karen Isaacson was born in Oregon. She says she never lived there as she was raised in Eastern Washington. Her father was working on his masters of agriculture, and they ended up in Olympia, Washington. She spent four years in college in Washington, and then ended up at graduate school at Stanford, where she crossed paths with Brian.

Brian "Wolf" Leverich was born in Oklahoma. He attended Harvard and Stanford, specializing in applied mathematics. His hobby was genealogy, and this led to his forming his business, Linkpendium. www.linkpendium.com is a commercial genealogy website. His server farm is a few miles away from the house, in an industrial park. He has plans to eventually have a satellite uplink and the servers located in a secure bunker on their land. Real estate negotiations with neighbors will be involved.

Karen started hiking as a child. Her mom liked to take her. Karen resisted and said she was “a total brat.” She liked hiking in high school, but it was at Stanford while hiking with Wolf, where she really got started. They would go to nearby Big Basin Redwoods. After marriage and living on Pine Mountain, they would take walks around the neighborhood. Walking up a dirt road in April 2001, it took them to the Antimony trailhead. There was a sign back then which marked it. They later found information about the trail to the peak on the Internet, and went back to do the hike. On this hike to their first HPS peak, Wolf met his first tick. They did not know what ducks were or use trails are. They found their way to the top and there found a concrete block with a can with a small notebook in it. She pulled it out and it was full of signatures dating back to 1967. They also found a little flyer inviting them to join HPS, which had deliberately been left behind by Byron. They joined HPS and powered their ways through the List.
Karen received her 100 Peak Emblem for Silver Peak on August 22, 2001. She had her First List Completion in July of 2002, with her finish on Split, combining it with Wolf’s ‘I’ provisional. Wolf received his 100 Peak Emblem for Three Sisters on October 15, 2001. He finished his first List in August 2003, on Toro, along with three other people, Mike Gosnell, Joanne Griego, and Janet Howell. It was a quadruple List Finish celebration, along with a welcome back Toro party. It had recently been added to the list after a delisting. Eleven HPS emblems were earned that day.

Not to be sitting still, Karen accomplished her Second List Completion in November 2003, on Crafts Peak. Her Third List Completion was on White Mountain #1, in October 2005. Karen became the first woman to complete Leading the List, in December 2006, again on White Mountain #1.

A couple of the numerous awards bestowed upon Wolf and Karen Leverich for their years of tireless service to the Section and the Chapter.

They are both ‘I’ rated leaders, encouraged to be by Byron and Mars. Karen dragged Wolf along on her ‘O’ provisional hike to Lukens, while he was recovering from a broken leg. This break had occurred on Chuckwalla, where he had slipped. He hiked out on it while fractured.

In 2002, Karen and Wolf recreated the HPS website, adding routes, maps, waypoints, and other details for the 275+ peaks on the List. They also added historical data like a list of HPS officers; HPS award winners; a list of HPS emblem earners; The Lookout electronic copies, trip reports, and other historical information. They have both served in various positions on the HPS Management Committee, starting in 2002.

Awards have been numerous. In 2013, at the HPS Awards Banquet, Karen received the Hundred Peaks Section R.S. Fink Service Award for her work for the section. Wolf received this award also, in 2007. In 2013, both Karen and Wolf received the Angeles Chapter Lori & Robin Ives Excellence in Media Plaque at the awards dinner at Brookside Country Club in Pasadena for their work with the Chapter. Previous awards included the Angeles Chapter Outings Service Award to Karen in 2009; the Angeles Chapter Outings Service Award to Wolf in 2007; the Hundred Peaks Section Special Award – Inspiration and Encouragement to Karen in 2006, and the Hundred Peaks Section Special Award – Spirit of Volunteerism to Wolf in 2006.

Karen was instrumental in having McDill put back on the list. It had been delisted because of private property issues. Wolf has been a member of the Angeles Chapter’s Safety Committee. They are co-web masters and Wolf is on the Sierra Club National I.T. Team. Karen became HPS Outings Chair in 2003, and held that position until recently. For their many years of volunteering and helping, the Section owes a huge debt of gratitude to the Leverich’s. We all hope they continue their hands-on involvement for many years to come.

Karen and Wolf would like to encourage everyone to go hiking, and of course, leave no trace. In addition, if you find yourself in their area, there are a few challenging nearby “lower peaks” on which you can sharpen your skills. KAREN WOULD BE HAPPY TO TAKE YOU . . .

Captain Zorg adjusts the settings on his “tractor beam” at The Linkpendium server headquarters.
Biannual Baldy/Iron Boomerang Becomes Traverse

By Ignacia Doggett

“Accidents in the mountains,” John Muir wrote, “are less common than in the lowlands, and these mountain mansions are decent, delightful, even divine, places to die in, compared with the doleful chambers of civilization. Few places in this world are more dangerous than home. Fear not, therefore, to try the mountain passes. They will kill care, save you from deadly apathy, set you free, and call forth every faculty into vigorous, enthusiastic action.” Muir was not promoting reckless adventure; he loved to explore and study nature and “wonder, exhilaration, and learning were the rewards.”

On June 1, in the dark of 4:35 AM, I set out from the lowlands of Manker Flats to climb to the mountain passes of San Antonio Ridge. Crossing from Mount San Antonio to Big Iron Mountain entails traversing a few places considered dangerous, more so if done with improvidence. Though it was not an official Sierra Club hike, I nevertheless felt entrusted with the safety and care of my three fellow explorers (Christine Soskins, Marit Lauterbach and Jose Muralles). I had, therefore, tried to be disciplined in planning and preparation.

Unlike June of 2011, when we led the Baldy-Iron-Baldy Boomerang, my husband Peter was not with me. This giant, whose recovery from a major stroke in 2012 has been nothing short of a miracle, was felled by a recent minor injury. Discipline dictated that we change what was to be the Biannual Boomerang, a repeat of 2011, to a one way traverse (Manker Flats-Baldy-Iron-Heaton Flat). The group training hike, a week before our hike, went as far as the gun sight (specifically, the bottom of the East Notch chute). The return up was expectedly difficult; but the weather, though it was not cool/cold/lip freezing as in 2011, was not a problem. However, the weather forecast for our 2013 June 1 boomerang was not looking good. Peter and I deliberated and waited until late Wednesday night hoping the forecast would improve. It did not, and discretion being the better part of valor, we made the call that attempting a boomerang back to Baldy would be unwise. Climbing back up 3300’ plus to high elevation (the last 2300’ being especially steep) in the heat of the day, the body already being stressed by fatigue and altitude, could have dangerously multiplied any complications. A one-way traverse, though, meant Peter would have to bow out. Healing from and guarding an injury to his little toe, Peter had continued to train and could have done the boomerang’s gain (9350’) and less steep descents. But he knew his little toe was not well enough to sustain the 10,000 feet of its steep descents that the traverse entailed.

My three fellow adventurers on the traverse were strong and accomplished. Christine just finished completing the HPS list on May 18, doing substantial parts of it via longer routes and by leading private hikes. Christine became a Sierra Club leader in April and, fittingly, led an official hike to her list finish on Chief. Marit is a triathlete, among her several talents and accomplishments, and placed 25th in the world doing the Ironman Triathlon in Hawaii. Jose is a strong mountaineer who, among other things, is working on summiting Iron from four different directions. Exceedingly kind and extremely modest, he rarely talks about himself.

We took three 15 minute breaks from Manker Flats to the East Notch chute: First, arrived at ski hut at 5:40 AM and filled 5 to 6 liters of water (Having stashed 2 liters on the previous week's training hike, I only needed to fill 3.5 liters.); second, arrived at Baldy summit at 6:55 AM and donned a light jacket for the first time (divested shortly after West Baldy.); third, arrived at bump 7903'(San Antonio Ridge on USGS topo) at 8:52 AM and advised nourishment in preparation for the gain and the 3rd (or 4th) class climbing that awaited us. At 9:09 we continued on and at 10:10 we arrived short of the edge of the East Notch (On a boomerang hike, we would have stashed hiking poles here, for they interfere at several points. Also, during the traverse of the notches, I could not take notes. The times are from memory.). We made a southwesterly descent and contour towards the chute; we finished pulling ourselves up the difficult chute, squeezing through a dead gnarled tree, and negotiating the tall vertical rock structure immediately above at 10:44 AM. Back atop the ridge, we stepped with care. Though not a knife blade, the ridge is very narrow with drop-offs to both sides. We then crossed the West Notch, no chute but otherwise similar to the east notch (southwest descent and contour, gnarled tree squeeze, tall vertical rock structure climb), and were back on the narrow ridge at 11:13 AM. There are a few more adventurous sections, though not as extended as the two notches. We continued scrambling up boulders and trees and the ridge eventually widened. I was able to set a consistent pace, as temperatures were not yet too warm. On my trip plan chart, I had anticipated arriving at Big Iron at 12:30 PM. We arrived at 12:22.
As we were signing in, a young man arrived. It was his first visit to Big Iron. He and his friend, who was lagging behind suffering from leg cramps, had come up from Heaton Flat. As we went down to have lunch in a spot of shade, we met the second young man. He had left his pack down somewhere on the trail (we saw it later on our descent) and was carrying only water. Marit gave him several energy/electrolyte gels.

At 1:00 we started our descent to Heaton Flat and temperatures began to rise. Beautifully tall yuccas bloomed impressively here and there. We benefitted from the shade on the ridge above 5500’, so we took a 10-minute break in a cool shady spot. I knew there would be no shade at Allison Saddle. We continued on and I soon found the water bottles in my outside pockets too warm to drink (Fortunately, I had a 16 and 20 ounce bottle inside my pack.). In such warm weather, imagine my surprise when around 3:00 PM we ran into Sam, Seuk Doo Kim, on his ascent to Iron!

Shortly before his stroke on June 29 of 2012, Peter had met Sam once while hiking to Baldy. Peter’s description of the 2011 boomerang inspired Sam to do it. Peter’s strokes impeded his ability to advice Sam or follow his progress, but Sam went on to do the traverse twice last year. Sam is 75 years old and his enthusiasm and cheer are quite contagious. He has done Baldy 300 times and has done Iron numerous times. Recently, he took his 9 year-old grandson to Iron.

After about 15 minutes of conversation and taking pictures, we bade farewell. Sam continued his ascent (He e-mailed early next morning, sending pictures and letting us know he had returned safely late at night.). Invigorated by Sam’s gusto, we reached the trail that splits off the ridge at 4:00 PM (105 degrees) and arrived at Heaton Flat at 4:44 PM (112 degrees). Unfortunately, assuming heat and fatigue, I had set my rendezvous time with Peter for 6:00 or 6:30. What a thrill it was to see Peter already waiting for us with Gatorade bottles in one hand, keys to an air-conditioned Honda in the other!

One need not traverse the gun sight to experience the beauty of San Antonio Ridge (bump 7903’), among the most gorgeous ridge hikes in Southern California, and be at once rendered speechless and inspired by the rugged foreboding façade of the East Notch. Along the ridge, there is a feeling of moving Muir-like with unbounded freedom among the divine; and I had to restrain myself from frequently pointing out 360-degree views of dramatic steep canyons, tree lined creeks, and numerous connecting ridges and highpoints. I delighted in the wonder and exhilaration of my hiking companions as they were stirred to utter the words “epic hike.”
THE NAVIGATION CORNER:
ALTERNATIVES TO NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TOPO!

By Bob Myers, LTC Navigation Chair

My last column’s brief eulogy about the death of National Geographic’s TOPO! Series produced a number of sympathy cards as well as some specific suggestions. Like me, other Sierra Club leaders who responded have not found a good substitute for National Geographic TOPO!

In this column, I share the comments and suggestions made by Byron Prinzmetal and David Cannon. Special thanks to them for sharing their wealth of knowledge with us.

The silver lining in the adoption of the new and inferior map series by the United States Geological Service is that the maps used by the TOPO! will be the best maps available. Thus, for those of us who have TOPO!, our objective will be to keep it working on our computers. Byron Prinzmetal has loaded TOPO! on Windows 8 and offers suggestions on the necessary settings.

Byron Prinzmetal Writes:

I have come to the conclusion that nothing is as good overall as TOPO! I have looked and looked and found nothing, nada. So, for me I have started to do the following:

1. I use GPSBabel (www.gpsbabel.org) to convert my .tpo tracks to .gpx files. GPSBabel will not convert waypoints or at least I have not figured out how. .GPX files are an industry standard so converting .tpo files to .gpx files does not lock you into Garmin.
3. I can save my old tracks as well as new ones in Basecamp.
4. I can organize my tracks in Basecamp.
5. I can draw new tracks in Basecamp and add waypoints, but not as fully function and as easily as I could in TOPO!
6. The big thing I CAN DO is reload my tracks from Basecamp back into my Garmin GPS. Unfortunately, that means a lot of people will just follow their noses using someone else’s tracks to get somewhere and will not take the time to learn to route find and navigate. Personally, I think this practice is quite dangerous.
7. As far as maps are concerned, Garmin has a whole bunch for sale. They have streets (City Navigator which I use for my biking). They have three different topo maps: a 1 to 100,000, a 7.5 that is not a USGS map and the contour lines are crap, and something called Birdseye TOPO! which is a scanned USGS 7.5 map. I use Birdseye. It costs $30/year per Garmin device.
8. One can print out Garmin Maps with your tracks on it, but the functionality is nowhere near TOPO!’s and its ease of use is also not the greatest.
9. Birdseye TOPO! only works on the latest Garmin GPS devices (62, Montana, newer eTrex). You can also buy satellite imagery to download to your GPS, but I am told it isn’t very detailed. On the other hand, I would rather have a 7.5 map than a satellite image as I never learned to read these types of images when I was in the Army and worked for the CIA. I am told you can display at the same time their birds eye TOPO! with an satellite image super imposed on your GPS. Maybe that is a good thing, maybe not. I am from the old school.
10. There are some limitations here and there with the Garmin System. Can’t easily save more than 10,000 track points to your GPS (maybe they have fixed this), hard to backup their tracks database (they say they are fixing this????) and probably a lot more that I have not run into.
11. Finally, as a company I don’t have a problem with Garmin, but people who own something else might. I am not sure if Basecamp works with a Mac. My biggest concern is smartphones digging into Garmin
sales and consequently will Garmin be around in 5 to 10 years. Maybe I am getting old enough where this should not be a concern of mine.

So in summary, I have been looking for some time for a replacement of TOPO!. The closest I have come to my beloved and dearly missed TOPO! is Garmin's Basecamp. Its ease of use sucks, while on the other hand I can download my saved tracks back to my Garmin device.

David Cannon Writes:

Your news in the May/June Lookout was distressing.

I have been using USGS hardcopy maps since 1945 (still have a large stack under my bed) and using TOPO! for at least 15 years. So degrading these systems for cost reasons makes little sense to me. Advanced technology is supposed to make things better not lesser quality. But I guess we will move on with whatever is available.

I have purchased and tried the following GPS systems and here are some comments on each.

1. NGS TOPO!: as you know this is the best system for our use. It is accurate, intuitive and very detailed.
2. Garmin MapSource: I use this one to interface and transfer waypoints to the Garmin NUVI in my truck. When I am heading for a remote trailhead that has no street address I have to create a waypoint in MapSource on my PC, then remove the NUVI from my truck and connect it to my PC to transfer the trailhead waypoint. Cumbersome but it works.
3. Garmin Base Camp: Garmin is moving from MapSource to Base Camp so I purchased it. It is not precise and difficult to use. Not intuitive and awkward for me, maybe I am just a slow learner. It is very crude and cluttered with needless waypoint icons, random pictures and comments from who knows where. The maps look like some ones tour through the USA. I don't use it.
4. FUGAWI Digital TOPO! Maps: I use their maps of Northern Mexico and Baja. Not easy to use but were the first available for Baja. Can also be used for converting from one mapping format to another.
5. NGS Baja Adventure Explorer: Good detailed maps of Baja for off-roading.
6. I have others such as Microsoft Automap Streets Plus and TOPO! GPS USA which are OK for address inquiry and trip planning. But they immediately get out of date and are not maintained.
7. I use GPSBael (www.gpsbabel.org) for changing mapping formats. This program can manipulate GPS data and translate from one system to another such as Garmin, Magellan, Lowrance, PDF, etc. I have used it a few times to convert to/from some else's maps or GPS units. It is quite technical.
Byron Prinzmetal Offers Suggestions on Using TOPO! with Windows 8

I don't know how many people would be interested, the window 8 compatibility settings I use for TOPO! 4.28 are shown below. Perhaps other settings will work, I don't know. I do not know if one's graphic card has anything to do with what settings one needs to use.

![Compatibility settings screenshot]

Upcoming Navigation Events

Our Mt. Pinos Navigation Noodle will be on August 4, 2013. This will be our fifth summer at Mt. Pinos and in prior years we were rewarded with weather much cooler than in the Los Angeles basin. We return to the San Bernardino Mountains on September 22, 2013, for our Grinnell Ridge Navigation Noodle. All are welcome!

I welcome your navigation questions. Contact me at rmyers@ix.netcom.com.
Advance Schedule of Hundred Peaks Section Activities
July – September 2013

by Mat Kelliher, HPS Outings Chair

The following is a listing of all HPS Outings submitted and posted to the Angeles Chapter online Schedule of Activities (OARS) as of June 7, 2013. These outings cover the period ranging from July 1 through September 30, 2013. Note that new HPS outings are added to the schedule all the time, often only a few days prior to when a trip is scheduled, so if you haven’t found what you’re looking for here, be sure to check the HPS outings website at: http://angeles.sierraclub.org/hs/outings.asp frequently for last minute additions. And if you’re still looking for something other than what’s being offered on any given day, check out the Angeles Chapter outings website for a staggering selection of outings options to choose from: http://tioga.sierraclub.org/oars-activity/pages/activity.jsf?activity=32355.

HPS outings are open to everyone; you don’t need to be a Sierra Club member to participate! However, to participate in an outing, you will be expected to sign a liability waiver, which you can preview here: http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/transfers/SignInWaiver.pdf. Unless otherwise indicated, contact the leader of the outing(s) you’d like to join for trip status and details. Leader contact information is included in this edition of The Lookout, as are directions to the rideshare points referenced herein.

Jul 8   Mon  Hundred Peaks
O: Boucher Hill (5438’), Combs Peak (6193’): A drive-up and a moderate walk on PCT and rough trail for 5 miles roundtrip with 1200’ of gain to peaks near Temecula. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, & ten essentials. High clearance 4WD advised. Contact leaders for status and details.
Leaders: MARS BONFIRE, CHERYL GILL

Jul 9   Tue  Hundred Peaks
I: Crafts Peak (8364’), Butler Peak (8535’): A moderately strenuous and brushy hike on rough trail and road for 8 miles one way with car shuttle with 2440’ of gain to peaks near Big Bear Lake. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, & ten essentials. High clearance 4WD advised. Contact leaders for status and details.
Leaders: MARS BONFIRE, DAVE COMERZAN

Jul 9   Tue  Hundred Peaks
Hundred Peaks Section Management Committee Meeting
All are welcome to attend our bi-monthly management committee meeting to discuss the business side of the section and upcoming activities. All are welcome to join us and opportunities to become involved are available. The meeting begins at 6:30 pm via conference call. To receive access information to join in on the conference call, to have items added to the agenda, or to volunteer, please contact the HPS Chair: BILL SIMPSON

Jul 11  Thu   Hundred Peaks
I: Dragons Head (10,866’), Bighorn Mt (10,997’), San Gorgonio (11,499’): Join us for a day in the San Bernardino National Forest, 12 miles north of Banning. A strenuous walk on trail and rough trail for 19 miles roundtrip with 4600 feet of gain to peaks near Big Bear Lake. High clearance 4WD advised. Other routes are possible. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Jul 13  Sat   Hundred Peaks
I: Jepson Peak (11,205’), Dobbs Peak (10,459’), Charlton Peak(10,806’), and others “Five over Ten.”: Join us for a slow paced, but very strenuous hike to these fine peaks high above Mill Creek Canyon near Forest Falls, CA. Expect about 16 miles round trip and 6,000’ of gain along the Vivian Creek and San Bernardino Peak Trails with off-trail cross-country segments to reach each summit. Not suitable for beginners. Email Mat Kelliher with contact info, recent conditioning, and experience for trip status and details. Leaders: MAT KELLIHER, PAT VAUGHN, CHRIS SPISAK, LILLY FUKUI
Jul 15       Mon       Hundred Peaks
O: Oakzanita Peak (5730’): An easy walk on dirt road and trail for 6 miles roundtrip with 1000' of
gain to a peak near Julian.  Slow to moderate pace.  Bring food, water, and 10 essentials.  Contact
leaders for status and details.  Leaders: MARS BONFIRE, DAVE COMERZAN

Jul 16       Tue       Hundred Peaks
I: San Rafael Peak (6666’): A strenuous walk on road, trail and rough trail for 10 miles roundtrip with
2400' of gain to a peak near Frazier Park.  Slow to moderate pace.  Bring food, water, & ten
essentials.  High clearance 4WD advised.  Contact leaders for status and details.  Leaders: MARS
BONFIRE, DAVE COMERZAN

Jul 18       Thu       Hundred Peaks
I: San Jacinto Peak (10,804’), Folly Peak (10,480’): A strenuous walk on trail and cross country for
12 miles roundtrip with 3000 feet of gain to peaks near Idyllwild. Fee for Palm Springs Tram. Other
routes possible. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for
status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Jul 22       Mon       Hundred Peaks
O: Grays Peak (7920’): An easy walk on trail for 6 miles roundtrip with 1200' of gain to a peak near
Big Bear Lake.  Slow to moderate pace.  Bring food, water, & ten essentials.  Contact leaders for
status and details.  Leaders: MARS BONFIRE, CHERYL GILL

Jul 23       Tue       Hundred Peaks
I: Mount Williamson (8244’), Goodykoontz Peak (7558’): A very strenuous walk on PCT, trail and
rough trail for 13 miles roundtrip with 5200' of gain to peaks near Wrightwood.  Slow to moderate
pace.  Bring food, water, & ten essentials.  Contact leaders for status and details.  Leaders: MARS
BONFIRE, DAVE COMERZAN

Jul 25       Thu       Hundred Peaks
I: Cucamonga Peak (8859’), Etiwanda Peak (8662’): A strenuous walk on trail and rough trail for 18
miles with 5000 feet of gain to peaks near Claremont.  Other routes possible.  Slow to moderate
pace.  Bring food, water, and 10 essentials.  Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE
COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Jul 27       Sat       Hundred Peaks
Waterman Rendezvous 2013: Mark your calendars for the annual gathering of HPS’s busy bee
hikers as we swarm on Mt. Waterman.  Via multiple flight paths, we will make a beeline for the
summit.  As we hone in, it will be sweet as honey.  Bring potluck treats to strengthen the colony.
We’ll make the forest buzz with our conversation.  Plan to spend some time on the summit
socializing.  See the schedule for information about individual hikes—contact the queen (or king!)
bee leading the hike for sign up details.  Bee there! (Rain cancels, though.  It’s hard to flap wet
wings.) Ldr: CHRISTINE SOSKINS

Jul 27       Sat       Hundred Peaks
O: Waterman Mt. (8038’): Join us on this moderate, 7 mi rt, 1300’ gain hike to the peak on a shady
trail from parking above Buckhorn Campground.  Meet at La Canada rideshare at 9:00 am with
potluck item to share, water, and suitable clothing layers.  Leaders: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL,
BRUCE CRAIG

Jul 27       Sat       Hundred Peaks
I: Kratka Ridge (7515’) to Waterman Mountain (8038’): 7 mi, 2300’ gain with moderate to steep
cross country led at a moderate pace.  Join us as we visit the entire gorgeous panorama of ridges,
East to West, up and over Kratka, up the ridge to Waterman for the party on top, down the West
ridge to 3 points with a shuttle.  Spectacular views.  Bring 2 qts. water, 10 essentials, and goodies to
share at the party. Meet 7am La Canada Carpool Pt. Leaders: DIANE DUNBAR, JOE YOUNG, JIM FLEMING, BOBCAT THOMPSON

Jul 27   Sat   Hundred Peaks
I: Twin Peaks (7761‘) and Mt. Waterman (8038‘): Strenuous hike at a moderately strong pace (not for beginners) that will be about 13 miles round trip & 3800’ of gain. Join us for the annual Waterman Rendezvous to gather with old and new friends. But first lets earn our dessert with the main entrée of Twin Peaks and superb views of the forests and canyons of the San Gabriel Wilderness. Please bring: essentials, water, lug soles, hat, lunch & potluck food item. For meeting information please contact peterdoggett@AOL.com. Leaders: PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT, CHRISTINE SOSKINS

Jul 27   Sat   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 to moderate pace. Bring food, water, & ten essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: MARS BONFIRE, DAVE COMERZAN

Aug 1   Thu   Hundred Peaks
I: Drury (10,160’+), Marion (10,320’+), Jean (10,670’): Join us for these three lovely peaks in the San Jacinto area. We will do these peaks via the Marion Creek trail. Estimate strenuous 19 miles, 4800’ gain over steep trail and cross country. Other routes possible. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for details: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Aug 4   Sun   LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS
I: Mt. Pinos Navigation Noodle: Navigation noodle in Los Padres National Forest for either checkout or practice to satisfy Basic (I/M) or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. Send email or sase, navigation experience/training, rideshare info, contact info, any WTC, leader rating to Leader: ROBERT MYERS, Asst: PHIL WHEELER

Aug 6   Tue   Hundred Peaks
I: Sugarloaf Peak (6924’): A moderate hike on road, trail, and steep and loose gully for 4 miles roundtrip with 2000’ of gain to a peak near Claremont. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, & ten essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: MARS BONFIRE, DAVE COMERZAN

Aug 8   Thu   Hundred Peaks
I: Timber Mt (8303’), Thunder Mt (8587’), Telegraph Peak (8985’): A strenuous hike on road, trail, and rough trail for 13 miles roundtrip with 3300 feet of gain to peaks near Claremont. Other routes possible. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Aug 10  Sat   DPS, Hundred Peaks
I: Boundary Peak (13,140’), Montgomery Peak (13,441’) - DPS Outing, HPS Co-sponsors: Join us on this very strenuous hike to summit a couple of spectacular peaks high up in the White Mountains north of Bishop, CA. The first peak is the high point of Nevada; from there we’ll cross the State line into California along a steep and rocky ridge to a peak high above all other DPS Emblem Peaks. Expect 12 miles round trip and 5,500’ gain. Comfort hiking up very steep, loose, and rocky terrain at high altitude is essential. Contact Mat Kelliher with recent conditioning and experience, including high altitude experience and vehicle/rideshare information, for trip status and details. Sponsored by DPS, HPS co-sponsors. Leaders: MAT KELLIHER, JIM FLEMING

Aug 10  Sat   Hundred Peaks
I: The Crest Quintet; Mt. Islip (8250’), Mt. Hawkins (8850’), Throop Peak (9138’), Mt. Burnham (8997’) and Mt. Baden-Powell (9399’): The total distance will be about 14.5 miles with 3600’ of gain & 4300’ of drop. We’ll start below Windy Gap and finish at Vincent Gap. Stretch your legs on this
quintessential ridge hike, spanning from Mt. Islip on the west to Mt. Baden-Powell to the east. This strenuous hike will be led at a Moderate to Strong Pace. Visit peaks named for George Islip (prospector/ homesteader), Nellie Hawkins (waitress), Throop (Cal Tech’s original name), Major Burnham (explorer and promoter of the Boy Scouts), and Lord Baden-Powell (founder of the Boy Scouts). Spectacular views, lookout & cabin ruins, the superb Pacific Crest Trail and a 1500-year-old limber pine are only part of what awaits you. Email peterdoggett@aol.com for trip information.

Leaders: PETER DOGGETT, IGNACIA DOGGETT, and CHRISTINE SOSKINS

Aug 13 Tue Hundred Peaks
I: Shay Mountain (6714’), Little Shay Mountain (6735’), Ingham Peak (6355’), Hawes Peak (6751’): A moderately strenuous walk on road and rough trail for 10 miles roundtrip with 2800’ of gain to peaks near Hesperia. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, & ten essentials. High clearance 4WD advised. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: MARS BONFIRE, DAVE COMERZAN

Aug 15 Thu Hundred Peaks
I: Sugarloaf (9952’): Join us for a day in the San Bernardino Forest, 7 miles southeast of Big Bear Lake. Estimate 8 miles round trip, 2500’ gain on cross-country and trail. Other routes possible. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for details: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Aug 20 Tue Hundred Peaks
O: Bighorn Peak (8441’), Ontario Peak (8693’): A strenuous walk on road and trail for 13 miles roundtrip with 4100’ of gain to peaks near Claremont. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, & ten essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: MARS BONFIRE, DAVE COMERZAN

Aug 22 Thu Hundred Peaks
I: Pine Mountain Ridge (7440+’), Wild View Peak (7258’): Join us for a hike of these two new fine additions to the HPS list just west of Wrightwood. 8 miles round trip with 1800’ of gain. Other route possible. Pace slow to moderate. High clearance advised. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Aug 27 Tue Hundred Peaks
I: Mount Pinos (8831’), Sawmill Mountain (8818’), Grouse Mountain (8650’): A moderate walk on road, trail, and rough trail for 9 miles roundtrip with 1900’ of gain to peaks near Frazier Park. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, & ten essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: MARS BONFIRE, DAVE COMERZAN
Aug 28  Wed  Hundred Peaks
I:  Mill (6670’), Keller (7882’), Slide (7841’): Join us for a day in the San Bernardino National Forest 2 miles southeast of Running Springs. These are three separate, short hikes. Mills is 2 miles round trip, 600’ gain on road and cross country, Keller is a drive up to the Lookout. Slide is 1 ½ miles round trip, 460’ gain on road and cross country. Other routes possible. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for details: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Sep 3  Tue  Hundred Peaks
O:  Reyes Peak (7514’), Haddock Mountain (7431’): A moderate walk on trail and rough trail for 9 miles roundtrip with 2500’ of gain to peaks near Frazier Park. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, & ten essentials. High clearance 4WD advised. Contact leaders for status and details.
Leaders: MARS BONFIRE, DAVE COMERZAN

Sep 6  Fri  Hundred Peaks
I:  Wright Mtn (8508’), Pine Mtn #1 (9648’), Dawson Peak (9575’): Join us for a day in our local mountains. Wright is a short ½ mile round trip, 200’ gain on use trail and cross country. Pine and Dawson are 5 ½ miles round trip, 2600’ gain on use trail. Other routes possible. HCV advised. Pace slow to moderate. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Sep 10  Tue  Hundred Peaks
O:  Mount Islip (8250’): A moderate walk on PCT and rough trail for 7 miles roundtrip with 1600’ of gain to a peak near Wrightwood. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, & ten essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: MARS BONFIRE, DAVE COMERZAN

Sep 10  Tue  Hundred Peaks
HPS Annual Business Meeting and Bi-Monthly Management Committee Meeting: All are welcome to attend our annual business meeting and bi-monthly management committee meeting to discuss the business side of the section and upcoming activities. All are welcome to join us and opportunities to become involved are available. The meeting begins at 6:30 pm at Ranger House in Griffith Park. To have items added to the agenda, or to volunteer, please contact the HPS Chair: BILL SIMPSON
Directions: The Ranger House in Griffith Park (not to be confused with the Ranger Station Visitors Center in Griffith Park!) is located south of Los Feliz Boulevard on the east side of Riverside Drive, and shares a large parking lot with the Friendship Auditorium. Friendship Auditorium is a large white building decorated by a series of arches on the side facing Riverside Dr. The entrance immediately in front of the Auditorium is often the only entrance open to the parking lot. Enter here and park in the spaces along the extreme northern edge of the parking lot, as the lot can become quite full due to Auditorium use. Ranger House is the small building located in the far northeast corner of the parking lot.

Sep 12  Thu  Hundred Peaks
I:  Chief Peak (5550’+), Hines Peak (6716’), Topatopa Bluff (6367’): Join us for a day in the Los Padres National Forest near Ojai. The three peaks will total about 8 miles round trip, 2200’ gain on road, use trail and cross-country. Hines involves a knife-edge ridge. Other routes possible. HCV required. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Sep 17  Tue  Hundred Peaks
O:  Little Bear Peak (7621’), Delamar Mountain (8398’): Two easy walks on rough trail totaling 2 miles roundtrip with 800’ of gain to peaks near Big Bear Lake. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, & ten essentials. High clearance 4WD advised. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: MARS BONFIRE, DAVE COMERZAN
Sep 19   Thu   Hundred Peaks
I: Constance Peak (6645’): An easy hike on rough trail for 2 miles roundtrip with 500ft of gain to a peak near Big Bear Lake. Other routes and peaks possible. Slow to moderate pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Sep 22   Sun   LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS
I: Grinnell Ridge Navigation Noodle: Navigation Noodle in San Bernardino National Forest for either checkout or practice to satisfy Basic (I/M) or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. Send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare, to Leader: ROBERT MYERS, Assistant: PHIL WHEELER

Sep 24   Tue   Hundred Peaks
I: Bertha Peak (8201’), Arctic Point (8336’): Two easy walks on PCT and rough trail totaling 7 miles roundtrip with 1600’ of gain to peaks near Big Bear Lake. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, & ten essentials. High clearance 4WD advised. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: MARS BONFIRE, DAVE COMERZAN

Sep 26   Thu   Hundred Peaks
I: Chaparrosa Peak (5541’): Join us for a hike in the Pipes Preserve to this recently opened peak. 6 miles round trip, 1200’ gain on road and trail. Pace slow to moderate. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details; DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Sep 29   Sun   Hundred Peaks
I: Sam Fink Peak (7339’): Hike to this lovely area from Humber Park. The total hike will be about 16 miles Round Trip. Much of the route will follow an excellent trail through a verdant tall tree forest. There will be about 4,500’ of gain (with 1,900’ on the return.) Not for beginners. Please bring: Water, lunch, Lug Soles, Jacket, Hat & daypack. For meeting information contact peterdoggett@AOL.com. Leaders: IGNACIA & PETER DOGGETT; KAREN & WOLF LEVERICH
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Distance: 11.4 miles Round Trip
Gain: 3,300’, (on ascent) + 200’ (on return) = 3,500’ total
Time: 7 to 8 hours (Round Trip)
Navigation: Complex.
Difficulty: Strenuous.
Original: Peter Doggett, August 31, 2011.

Driving Route 2
From Sylmar rideshare (Roxford & I-5) drive North on I-5 about 45 miles to the Frazier Mtn. Park Road.

@ end of the off-ramp, reset Odometer & turn Left.
@ 3.7 miles there is a flashing red stop sign. Turn Left here on Monterey Trail.
@ 3.8 miles turn Left on Park Drive.
@ about 4.0 miles, Park Drive veers south and turns into East End Drive
@ 4.3 miles the pavement ends. Park Here. (elevation 4900’)

Hiking Route 2
Hike SW up the dirt road & pass a gate after 0.1 miles.
Continue up the dirt road for another mile until it ends (5450’ contour).

Turn Right and follow a path that goes up a major, steep canyon for 1.5 miles.

Upon reaching the top of the NE Gully (7500’ contour) head West for 0.2 miles to a faint dirt road.

Turn Left and follow this dirt road for 0.2 miles to 8N24 (elevation 7700’).

Turn Right on 8N24 & after 1.2 miles, you’ll meet 121 a dirt road that comes up from Arrastra Flat. Keep Right.

After another 0.5 miles, turn Left and follow this dirt road for 1 mile to the Summit Antennas.
Mars Bonfire indicates 25 as his twenty-fifth and final trip to Heald Peak

Participants on a recent hike to Heald Peak, led by Mars Bonfire and Mat Kelliher