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The 25th Annual HPS
Waterman Rendezvous
hike with special guest,
Bill Burke



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Welcome to the new issue of the Lookout

Covered in Poodle-Dog!



That's how we found ourselves while recently hiking in the Station Fire burn area on Mount Lawlor. Getting slightly off trail and mere yards from an obvious trail down-slope, I pushed my way through a grove of Poodle-Dog, *Eriodictyon parryi*, thinking it's never affected me before. This time was different. We encountered dozens of tall plants, past their flowering period, which when touched, drop their dried flower debris on you. My hair and sweaty skin were covered by the sticky fragments.

It took a few days, but weird little blisters appeared in various spots on my upper body. They continue to itch and appear a couple of weeks later.

Take the warning seriously, and avoid contact with this plant. The leaves, stalks, and flower are covered with tiny hairs containing an irritating chemical compound. It flowers from May to June. Even the dried branches remain annoying. It has a couple of positive features. It is a native plant, and it is valuable for soil stabilization. Its flowers are pretty. Also, there is another plant, Yerba Santa, which is a nonpoisonous plant that closely resembles poodle-dog bush. Be careful!

Chris Spisak, Managing Editor
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We hope you enjoy this issue!

To the Members of the Hundred Peaks Section of the Sierra Club

Please accept my sincere thanks for inviting me to the 25th Anniversary Rendezvous on Mt. Waterman. I loved the opportunity it gave me to reunite with old friends and meet so many new friends in this fabled climbing organization. I was deeply touched by your recognition of my summits of Mt. Everest. But, my achievements pale in comparison to what your members have accomplished so close to home and hearth. I feel privileged and honored to be in your company and count you as my friends.

I plan to see a lot more of you now that I am finished with 8,000 meter mountains in Asia--at least, for a few more years. I love you folks.

With great affection,

Bill Burke

THE NAVIGATION CORNER: ALL THINGS MAPS

By Bob Myers, LTC Navigation Chair



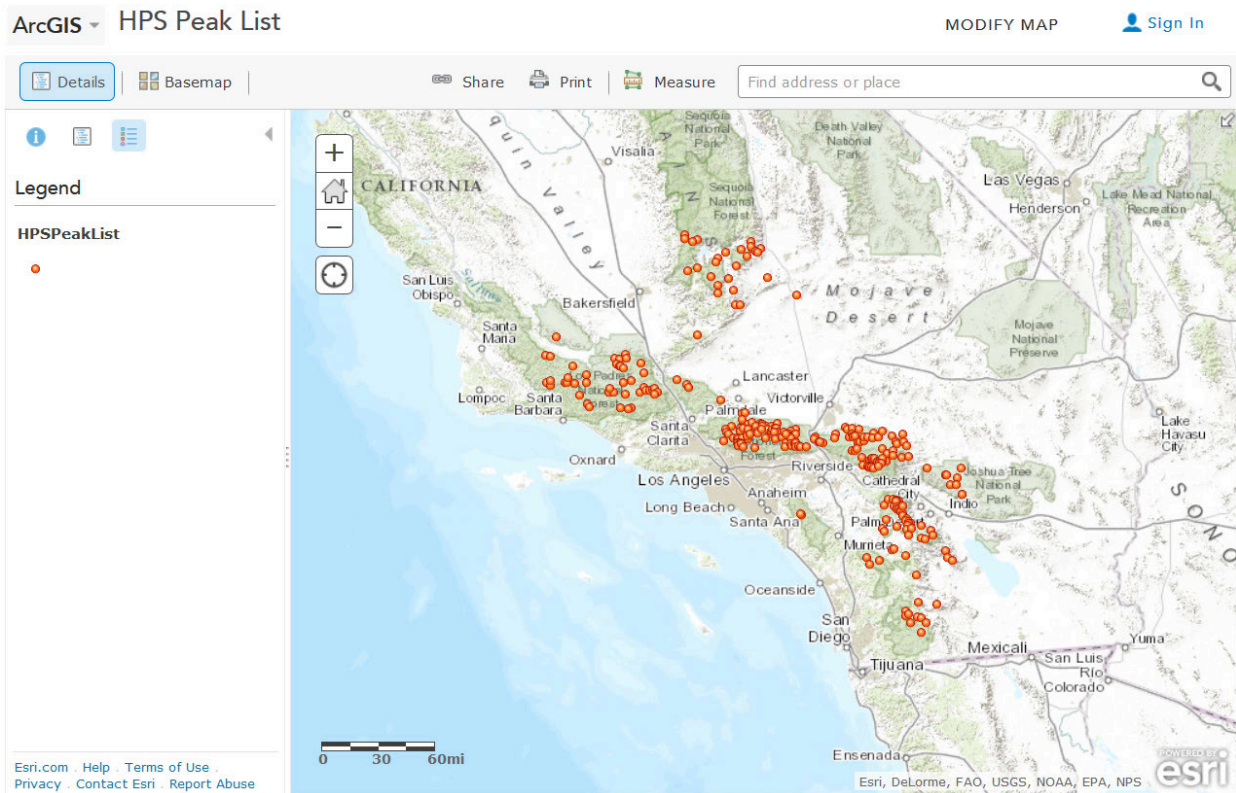
Map Gallery – Esri User Conference, San Diego Convention Center

In July, I attended the Esri User Conference in San Diego. It was a very impressive conference sponsored by Esri (Environmental Science and Research Institute), which is a Redlands-based company with 3,000 employees. The annual user conference is the largest gathering of Geographic Information System professionals in the world. Over the course of a week, 15,000 map geeks attended. In the Map Gallery, hundreds of beautiful and fascinating maps were on display, and the Exhibition Hall showcased all of the latest mind-numbing technology.

To keep up with advances in the field of mapping, I have been taking graduate school courses in the Penn State Online Geospatial Education Program. The new skills that I am learning include the creation of topographic and web-based maps.

I recently created a web map showing the location of all HPS peaks. The map allows users to select from a variety of basemaps (e.g., satellite, topo) and includes a pop-up menu for each peak with the following information:

- Peak Name
- Elevation
- Longitude
- Latitude
- HPS Index Number
- HPS Section Area
- Hyperlink to the HPS Peak Guide
- Zoom-In to Peak



HPS Peak List available at

<http://robertmmyers.weebly.com/hps-peak-list.html> or <http://bit.ly/1phy1JJ>

US Topo

As I noted when the US Topo series was first launched, the USGS promised continuous improvements to the new maps. Earlier this year, the USGS launched “newly designed” US Topo maps for Georgia, New Jersey, and West Virginia. The USGS claims that these newer maps “now have a crisper, cleaner design - enhancing readability of maps for online and printed use. Map symbols are easier to read over the digital aerial photograph layer whether the imagery is turned on or off. Improvements to symbol definitions (color, line thickness, line symbols, area fills), layer order, and annotation fonts are additional features of this supplemental release” (http://www.usgs.gov/newsroom/article.asp?ID=3876&from=rss#.U-aNq2PG_Uk). In my opinion, this new release does not address the significant shortcomings of the US Topo series for recreational users.

The problems with these maps is highlighted by the new US Topo Map Symbols booklet (http://nationalmap.gov/ustopo/images/US_Topo_Map_Symbols.pdf). Notably missing are symbols for trails and peaks. The old topographic maps – now the “Historical Topographic Map Collection” in USGS jargon – remain the maps of choice for Sierra Club navigation.

USGS Resources

At the Esri Conference, I stopped by the booth maintained by the USGS and obtained a list of web resources. The USGS remains the preeminent mapping authority in the United States. Unfortunately, some of its work is compromised by cuts in funding. The following may of interest to readers of this column:

USGS FAQs Access

<http://www.usgs.gov/faq/>

A 125 Year History of Topographic Mapping and GIS in the U.S. Geological Survey

<http://nationalmap.gov/ustopo/history.html>

Topographic Mapping (historical reference)

<http://pubs.usgs.gov/gip/topomapping>

History of the USGS Topographic Branch

<http://pubs.usgs.gov/circ/1341>

All about USGS Topographic Maps

<http://topomaps.usgs.gov>

Map Scales

<http://pubs.usgs.gov/fs/2002/0015>

Topographic Map Margins for Educators

<http://education.usgs.gov/lessons/mapmargin.pdf>

Elevations and Distances in the United States

<http://pubs.usgs.gov/gip/Elevations-Distances>

Geographic Names

<http://geonames.usgs.gov/domestic/index.html>

Using Topographic Maps to Teach Coordinate Systems

<http://education.usgs.gov/lessons/coordinatesystems.pdf>

Latitude and Longitude

http://nationalatlas.gov/articles/mapping/a_latlong.html

UTM Coordinates

<http://pubs.er.usgs.gov/publication/fs07701>

Public Land Survey System

http://www.nationalatlas.gov/articles/boundaries/a_plss.html

Principal Meridians and Base Lines

<http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/more/cadastralsurvey/meridians.html>

Datum Shifts

http://thor-f5.er.usgs.gov/drg/datum_shifts_v2.pdf

Finding Your Way with a Map and Compass

<http://pubs.usgs.gov/fs/2001/0035>

How to Use a Compass with a USGS Topographic Map

<http://education.usgs.gov/lessons/compass.html>

What is Magnetic Declination? USGS FAQ

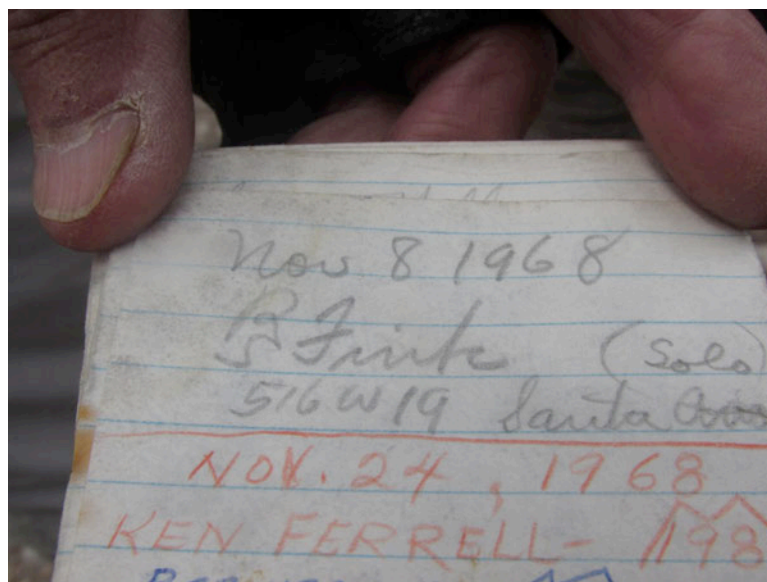
<http://www.usgs.gov/faq/?q=categories/9782/2736>

Upcoming Navigation Events

We return to the San Bernardino Mountains on September 21, 2014, for our Grinnell Ridge Navigation Noodle. We will close out the year with two navigation noodles in Joshua Tree National Park. Our Indian Cove Navigation Noodle is on November 15-16, 2014. This car camping adventure is a great place for beginners and for those interested in more challenging navigation, we will be holding our Navigation Workshop on 3rd Class Terrain on November 15, 2014. Our final navigation event of the year is the Warren Point Navigation Noodle on December 7, 2014.

At all of our navigation events, we can work with beginners. No prior navigation experience is required. All are welcome!!!

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



The Big Three – April 12, 14, 2014

By Dave Comerzan

The dreaded Big Three – Santa Cruz, San Rafael and McKinley – was on our schedule for this weekend in April. At least this time I was doing it as a 2 day, one night backpack. I have done these tree peaks as a day hike and it is a killer. The peak guide says doing all three is 33 miles (we think it is wrong – more on that later), and 7100' of gain. As a day hike, it takes me 16 hours. Joining me on this adventure was Pat Arredondo, my co-leader, Tom Connery, Zobeida Arauz, May Tang and Chris Spisak.

As is usually the case, this hike came about as a “need” for peaks. Chris and I needed San Rafael and McKinley. Pat and May needed all three. Tom and Zobeida only needed Santa Cruz. In addition to a long hike, it is a long drive to Cachuma saddle, where the hike starts. From Claremont, it is about 340 miles one way. From La Canada rideshare, it is 280 miles. Because of this, I like to spend the night at Cachuma saddle. It is just a piece of land, no services, but it works. The peak guide mentions a ranger station at the saddle. There is no ranger station. It burned down years ago. Pat, May and myself met at La Canada. It has been our experience that this is a safe place to leave vehicles for a couple of nights. On the way in, we topped off the gas tank in Santa Paula. I don't know of any easy place to get gas in Santa Barbara. Tom and Zobeida drove their vehicle and we all arrived about 6:00 pm. The drive in along Happy Canyon road was absolutely beautiful. The grass was green, lots of horse ranches and vineyards. I usually make this part of the drive in the dark and miss a lot of this scenery. We all spent Friday night at the saddle sleeping in our cars or tents.

Saturday morning, we were all up early by 5:00 am. Chris arrived about 5:00 am and was only going to hike to McKinley Springs, then join up for the hike to San Rafael and McKinley on Sunday. Our plan was to hike to the McKinley Springs campsite, drop our backpacks, change to our summit pack and do Santa Cruz. This would be our toughest day. The peak guide says it is 7 ½ miles to the campsite. Three of us had GPS's and we all got 8 ½ miles. The one nice thing about this hike is that there is always water at McKinley Springs. I have done this hike 6 times now and each time found good, clean running water.

The 5 of us departed Saturday morning at 6:00 am. Chris was only going as far as McKinley Springs, so he left later. It is road walk all the way to the campsite. There is short cut, a ridge with a fire break that you come to in about 20 minutes. It comes out at a water tank just below a use trail that goes up to Cachuma, a peak that is on the Lower Peak's list. This short cut can save about 1 ½ miles of road, however, it is quite steep. Since we all had backpacks, we decided to stay on the road.

We arrived at McKinley Springs at 10:15 am. We took a break about half way at Hell's Half Acre where there is a bench and a horse water trough. After a break at McKinley Springs, we switched to summit packs departed at 10:50 am for Santa Cruz. We hiked the short ½ mile to McKinley saddle, and found the start of the unmaintained jeep road on the east side of the saddle. The old jeep road from the saddle drops down about 600' then up to the ridge to Santa

Cruz. It is an easy road/trail to follow. Once on the ridge, it is a fairly obvious route to follow and free of brush. It drops about 1100' to the foot of Bump 5484'. The peak guide indicates there is a use trail that traverses this bump. This use trail is no longer available. It is totally brushed over. Instead, hike up a fire break to a point almost to the top of 5484'. You will see a use trail that goes down to the saddle before Santa Cruz. The use trail to Santa Cruz is ducked and at first very easy to follow. After a while, you have to pay close attention, as it is easy to get



off the use trail. It winds up and around to the back side of the peak. There are ducks, but not always easy to follow. From the saddle to the summit, it is only ¼ mile and 300' gain. It took us almost an hour to do this part. The summit is a brushy rock pile and not a pleasant spot to hang around. We signed the register and went back to the saddle where we took a break before the long uphill hike to the campsite.



Sunday morning we awoke early, refreshed and ready to go again. With summit packs, we departed about 6:10 for McKinley saddle. Tom and Zobeida left for their cars a little later. We arrived at the saddle at 6:30. The trail to San Rafael begins on the left side of the saddle. There is a register here and it is a good idea to sign it to let the Forest Service see people are using this trail. The trail is in good shape and is about 5 miles round trip. We were back to the saddle at 8:15 am. We did the short hike up the use trail to McKinley and were back at the campsite at 9:25 am. We departed at 10:10 am for the long hike to our cars. Fortunately, it is mostly downhill. We got back to the cars at 1:40 pm, tired but happy. Total stats, per our GPS's, were 36 miles, 8000' gain and 19 hours and 10 minutes of hiking.

If you do decide to day hike these peaks, due to a fire, it is possible to go from the top of the San Cruz ridge to San Rafael. It does save distance and gain; however, it takes good route finding skills to pick your way around all the brush.



Occidental Peak from Eaton Saddle – July 22, 2014

By Dave Comerzan

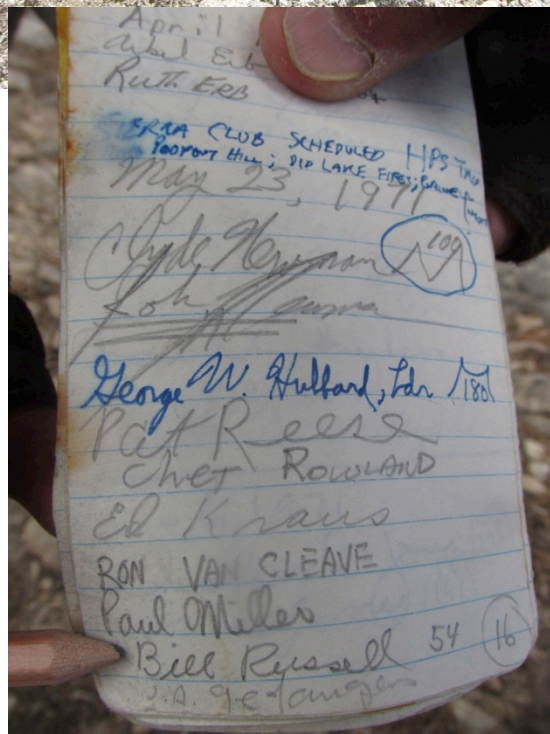
This was a private hike with John Radalj and me. John had hiked to the bump just west of the peak, the easier part of the hike, about 4-5 days before we tried it. This was a pathfinder from Eaton Saddle for me. We were following the route described in the peak guide as route 2. It is referred to as now overgrown and indistinct. There is a use trail that starts at the saddle. Someone has been cutting trees in that area. At first we thought they might be opening up the trail that goes to Occidental. Then we noticed that there were trees cut all over. We think someone was cutting trees as fire prevention, either forest service or the owner of the tower on the Occidental ridge. As we headed towards Occidental, we came across several use trails. Some were very faint, some went low, and some went up the ridge. As much as possible, we tried to stay on the top of the ridge, only dropping down when brush pushed us off. This peak is located near the western end of what was formerly known as Knifeblade Ridge. In earlier days it was known as Precipio Peak, since it stood directly above Precipio (later Eaton) Canyon. About 1915, a group of students from Occidental College constructed a trail to the summit from Mount Wilson. In recognition of their efforts, Rush Charlton, then Supervisor of the Angeles National Forest, named the peak for their school. As we worked our way over the first bump, we found a number of very old cuttings. There were a number of times we felt we were on the original trail from Eaton Saddle.

Since it was so easy to lose the use trail, we had to do a lot of route finding, the reason it took us 2 hours, 15 minutes to do the 1-mile to the peak. Footing was also poor in spots and we were constantly slipping and sliding. When we were in open spots on the ridge, the views were fantastic. We looked down cliffs that dropped hundreds of feet. We got some great views of San Gabriel, Markham, Lowe, Inspiration, and Muir. We could see the pavilion on Inspiration and we think we saw the canopy on Lowe. We also found a number of recent cuttings and a duck that helped us. When we were on the top of the second bump, we needed to drop down to the saddle before the summit. We were looking at some class 3 to get down to the saddle. We went slightly to our left or north from the top of the ridge and found a chute we could slide down to the saddle. We weren't looking forward to climbing back up that chute.

At the saddle, we took a short break before starting up the 300 feet in ¼ mile to the summit. Once again we found an old use trail that started on the left or north side of the saddle. This use trail gained the ridge and headed up towards the summit so we followed it. It met up with the trail from Rt. 1 about 100 yards from the summit. We found a register that was recently put there by Peter Doggett's group on July 4th of this year. We also found remnants of the old register that someone had torn into small pieces and scattered about.

On the return, we missed the use trail back to the saddle and went higher than we needed. We eventually found our way down to the saddle. As I mention before, we really didn't want to go back up that bump the way we came down. We found a chute that we were able to take up to the top of the ridge. There we were looking at rocky route to the top of the bump. Actually, this went pretty well. There was only one spot that would have been tricky coming down. This was the Class 3 we looking at before. The 3rd class we avoided looking down was a much easier climb from the bottom up. Once from the top of this bump, we followed the top of the ridge as much as possible. Again, we followed various use trails back to Eaton Saddle. Stats for the day were 2 miles round trip, 990' of gain, and 4 hours to hike this route.

Would I do this route again? The brush wasn't as bad as I anticipated and the trails were indistinct. However, it does require lots of route finding and has more gain then Rt. 1. But it does have some great views and at times, was a lot of fun trying to pick the right route. We will probably do it again...as soon as our bodies and minds forget how tough it was.



Some Peaks along the 10 K Ridge – July 7, 2014

By Dave Comerzan

This was a private hike that was set up by George Christiansen. Joining George was Miriam Khamis, Zobeida Arauz and I. George and Miriam, and now, probably me, are into what I like to call Peak-let bagging. When we are on a hike, every little (and sometimes not so little) bump they see, they like to summit. They are keeping track of their ascents on Peakbagger.com. They are trying to top Winnette Butler and Laura Newman. I didn't really need any of the peaks we were doing, but who could resist climbing peaks with names like Tea Bag Can and Hell for Sure.

For this hike we did 2 HPS peaks and 4 Peakbagger peaks. We did another peak that was called Carmen, but apparently not on anyone's list. We started at the Fish Creek trailhead at 7:05 am. The road into this trailhead is in the worse shape that I have ever seen. We were in George's 4WD and had no problems, just had to go slow. I went up that road a couple of weeks before when we did Dragons Head and Bighorn. I don't have 4WD, but I do have high clearance and made it but it was tough in some spots. We started hiking at 7:05 am and took the two short cuts that can be done. It looks like a lot of folks are taking these short cuts as they are almost good use trails. These are short cuts that are worthwhile, saving time and distance. Once up to the Fish Creek Saddle, we continued on the trail to a point where the ridge coming from Lake meets the trail. This was about a quarter of a mile from Mine Shaft Saddle. At this point, we left the trail and went northwest to Zahniser, 10056'. There we found a register with a number of signatures. There were great views of Dry Lake (which really was dry) and the surrounding area.

After Zahniser, we dropped down to the trail and headed up ridge to Lake. Initially, we had some rock challenges before it leveled off to Lake, where we took a short break. From Lake we went across the almost level ridge to 10 K. After another short break, we started down 10 K ridge. Within a 1/10th of a mile, we came across a register with the name of Carmen. We were at 10066'. We couldn't tell who put the register there. It must have been on another peak, as there was an altitude painted on it that was not the correct altitude for that peak. Our next objective was peak 9971'. It was about 6/10th of a mile up and down the ridge. There was a register here. Next in Line was Tea Bag Can peak, 9884'. This one was a little more work. It also was about 6/10th of a mile from 9971', but we dropped down about 300' the gained about 200' to the peak. Someone had put a register on this peak and the register was called Newt's Peak. Not sure if someone named Newt had put that register there or what. The can was a standard set of nestled cans painted red. There were only 3 signatures since 2011. For some reason, the can on Peak 9971' was an old tea bag can. We don't know if someone had switched cans (maybe Newt) or what.

Next on the list was Hell for Sure, 9930'. This one was about ½ mile down the ridge. We had to drop about 200' then gain about 300'. The most interesting thing about this peak was the register. It was dated back to 1968. We saw the signatures of Bill Russell, RS Fink, Awakie and his wife Shirley plus many other well know HPSers. It was a real treat seeing those names. George took several photos of the signatures. [See photos throughout this issue.] It was also interesting to note that at one time, this peak was being proposed as the official peak of the 10 K Ridge for HPS's purposes. Don't know why it never happened.

What goes up must come down. We started down a northeast ridge from Hell for Sure. We went about 3/10th of a mile, then turned left or northwest. In about 3/10th of a mile we begin down a steep ridge that ran almost due north and dropped about 1500' in a mile. When I did my pathfinder for 10 K, I had gone up this ridge and vowed never again. Going down was a lot easier. We were down to our cars at 4:45 pm, a total of 9 hours and 40 minutes. We were concerned about weather as it called for possible thunderstorms after 11:00 am. We did experience a few drops but no thunder or lighting. Stats for the hike were 11.4 miles round trip, 3100' of gain. It was a great hike enjoyed by all.

Advance Schedule of Hundred Peaks Section Activities

September 2014 – January 2015

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 August 13, 2014. These outings cover the period ranging from September 1, 2014 through January 31, 2015. Note that **new HPS outings are added to the online schedule of activities (OARS) 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 in this edition of The Lookout, be sure to check for newly added outings on the HPS online Schedule of Activities (OARS) frequently for last minute additions. The HPS OARS site is located here: <http://www.hundredpeaks.org/outings.htm>

And if you're still looking for something other than what's being offered on any given day on HPS OARS, check out the Angeles Chapter online Schedule of Activities (OARS) for a staggering selection of outings options offered by all of the various Groups, Sections, and Committees of the Angeles Chapter. The Angeles Chapter OARS site is located here: <http://tioga.sierraclub.org/oars-activity/pages/activity.jsf?activity=32355>.

HPS outings are open to everyone; you don't need to be a member of either the HPS or Sierra Club 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 (if any) referenced herein.

Sep 3 Wed Hundred Peaks

O: Sunday Peak (8295') and Bohna Peak (6760'+) - "Sunday on Wednesday" -- Visit these beautiful peaks near Lake Isabella in Kern County. We'll be hiking first to Bohna Peak, then to Sunday Peak (drive between trailheads). The total hike will be about 6.5 miles round trip with about 2400' of gain. Please bring water, lug soles, lunch, layers, sunblock & hat. Contact the Leader for meeting information. Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: JIMMY QUAN, BRUCE CRAIG

Sep 7 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Mill Peak (6670'), Keller Peak (7882'), Slide Peak (7841'), Little Bear Peak (7621') and Delamar Mountain (8398) - Hike these nice peaks at a moderate pace. The entire hike should be about 6 miles round trip with 2300' gain. Please bring water, lunch, layers, lug soles & hat. Contact the leader for meeting information. Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: JIM HAGAR, PAT VAUGHN, BRUCE CRAIG

Sep 9 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 10 Wed Hundred Peaks

O: San Sevaine (LO) (5240'), Buck Point (6433') - An easy walk on road and brushy trail for about 3.5 miles round trip with around 900' of gain to peaks near Rancho Cucamonga. The lookout tower that was on San Sevaine is long gone, but the views live on. High-clearance vehicles required. Moderate pace. Please bring lugsoles, layers, beverages, lunch, snacks, sunblock and hat. For trip details contact Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: JIMMY QUAN, BRUCE CRAIG

Sep 14 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Snowy Peak (6532'), Black Mountain #2 (6202') and Sewart Mountain (6841') - Join us for a hike to three interesting peaks in the Los Padres National Forest near Gorman. The entire hike will be about 10 miles round trip with nearly 4000' of gain. Should be very brushy at times. Very strenuous -- even more so if the day is warm. Slow pace. Time permitting, we may also visit McDonald Peak (6870') and Alamo Mountain (7360+'), which would add 2 miles and 850' of gain. Bring water, lug soles, lunch, layers, sunblock and hat. For details contact Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: JIMMY QUAN, BRUCE CRAIG, LILLY FUKUI, CHRIS SPISAK

Sep 17 Wed Hundred Peaks

I: Granite Peaks (7527'), Mineral Mountain (7238'), Tip Top Mountain (7623') - Strenuous hike to these peaks northeast of Big Bear Lake. Total distance about 13 miles round trip with around 3300' gain. Lots of dirt road driving -- 4wd needed. Please bring lugsoles, layers, beverages, lunch, snacks, sunblock and hat. For trip details contact Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: JIMMY QUAN, BRUCE CRAIG

Sep 21 Sun LTC, Hundred Peaks, WTC, 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 21 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Piute Lookout (8326'), Sorrell Peak (7704'), Weldon Peak (6320') - Visit these beautiful peaks in Kern County. The lookout tower on Piute is gone, but the view lives on. The total hike for all three peaks will be about 8 miles round trip with around 2200' of gain. High-clearance vehicles required. Please bring water, lug soles, lunch, layers, sunblock & hat. Contact the leader for meeting information. Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: JIMMY QUAN, BRUCE CRAIG

Sep 24 Wed Hundred Peaks

I: Allen Peak (5795') and Birch Mountain (7826') - Hike these two fine peaks on the Yucaipa Ridge in the Bearpaw Reserve. The Bearpaw Reserve is 600 acres of steep, spectacular mountains. Vegetation includes incense cedars, ponderosa and coulter pine, chaparral, and oracle oaks—a rare hybrid between black oaks and canyon oaks. The secluded north-facing slopes have secretive, rarely seen, flying squirrels and southern spotted owls. The total distance will be about 14.5 miles, and the total gain will be around 4,200 feet. Please bring lugsoles, layers, beverages, lunch, snacks, sunblock and hat. For trip details contact Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: JIMMY QUAN, BRUCE CRAIG

Sep 27 – 28 Sat – Sun Hundred Peaks

HPS Fall Festival - Mark your calendars for 2014's Fall Festival, hosted jointly by the Hundred Peaks Section and Lower Peaks Committee. It's sure to be a great time as we enjoy what will hopefully be cool and pleasant autumn evenings. We hope you can join us for a potluck on Saturday night. Check the HPS

outings page at <http://www.hundredpeaks.org/> and the LPC outings page at <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/lpc/outings.asp> for information on specific activities. Karen and Wolf Leverich have generously offered to host us for camping (and even better— they will be allow us to use their restroom and shower facilities) on Friday and Saturday nights in San Luis Obispo. Please email CHRISTINE SOSKINS (csoskins@gmail.com) to reserve your spot for either or both nights and for directions.

Sep 27 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: East Fork Traverse [Vincent Gap (6560') to Heaton Flat (2030')] - Memorable and magnificent aptly describe this adventure. Join us for a repeat. Usher in autumn, in the same way we greeted summer, venturing into the spectacular Sheep Mountain Wilderness and journeying down the East Fork of the San Gabriel River. We'll voyage down the wooded Vincent Gap trail to the remote wild habitat of the wide river bed created by the confluence of Vincent Gulch, Mine Gulch and Prairie Fork. Navigating to the convergence with the magnificent Fish Fork, and then past Iron Fork, rock hops and stream crossings along the way, we will enter the Narrows. Not only is this the deepest gorge in Southern California, rising 5200' and 4000' to the east and west, the Narrows' rugged grandeur may make it the most beautiful and unforgettable. Our exploration will take us to the arched concrete Bridge to Nowhere, through a corridor of prospecting history, and out to Heaton Flats. Though a car shuttle makes this only about 500' gain (4560' loss) and 16.5 miles, this one day quest is only for the skilled experienced hiker. Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch, headlamp and hat. For trip details, send hiking resume to peterdoggett@aol.com
Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGETT

Oct 1 Wed Hundred Peaks

I: Rattlesnake Peak (5826') - Spend your Wednesday enjoying the lovely San Gabriels. We'll hike a steep 10 miles, with about 4100 feet of gain, in the Angeles National Forest. Plan on a moderate (but steady) pace and good times. Please bring lugsoles, layers, beverages, lunch, snacks, sunblock and hat. For trip details contact Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: JIMMY QUAN, BRUCE CRAIG

Oct 5 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Bertha Peak (8201') and Grays Peak (7920'+) - Join the Leader for his 6th HPS List Finish on Grays Peak. Hike both peaks, or only Grays Peak (which is the list finish peak). Totals for both peaks: around 9.5 miles round trip with about 2000' gain. Total for Grays Peak only: around 6 miles round trip with about 1200' gain. This hike north of Big Bear Lake, where you will experience the Black Oaks in beautiful fall color. Bertha Peak is on trail and off trail; Grays Peak is on trail. Lots of dirt road driving. Please bring lugsoles, layers, beverages, lunch, snacks, sunblock and hat. For trip details contact Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: JIMMY QUAN, BRUCE CRAIG

Oct 8 Wed Hundred Peaks

I: Iron Mountain #1 (8,007') - "BIG IRON" is known for its extreme hiking challenge: the last 2.25 miles to the peak have about 3600' of elevation gain. The overall hike is 14 miles round trip has 7200' of elevation gain (6600 on the way up; 600 on the way down). Four of the top five toughest day hikes in the San Gabriel Mountains listed on the SummitPost.org site involve hikes to BIG IRON (and yes, this is one of the four). "Friendly" moderate pace; not brisk. Please bring lug soles, layers, beverages, lunch, snacks, sunblock and hat. For trip details contact Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: JIMMY QUAN, BRUCE CRAIG

Oct 11 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Panamint Traverse [Badwater to Telescope Peak (11,049')] - "The problem many of us face is not that we aim high and miss, but that we aim low and hit the mark." From Telescope Peak, the high point of Death Valley National Park, you can gaze upon the highest point in the contiguous United States, Mt. Whitney (14,505'). Turn around and view Badwater, the low point of DVNP and the lowest point in North

America (-280 feet). Aim high with us. Climb the crown of the Panamint Mountains as a one day BW2T. We'll set up a car shuttle on Friday; start early on Saturday from Shorty's Well (-250 feet); summit, and finish at Mahogany Flats on Saturday afternoon. At about 11,500' gain and 21 miles, this is one of the hardest (if not the hardest), day hikes in the contiguous United States. Pair this weekend's BW2T with next weekend's C2C, if possible. For trip details, send hiking resume to peterdoggett@aol.com Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT

Oct 12 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Rabbit Peak #1 (5307'), Granite Mountain #1 (6600'), Round Top Mountain (6316') and Iron Mountain #3 (5040') - RARE DOUBLE LIST FINISH: Join us for this rare double HPS list finish. Zobeida Arauz will finish her 8th HPS List and the Leader will finish his Third Lead of the HPS List on Iron Mountain #3. Hike all four peaks, or just hike to Iron #3. Totals for all four peaks: about 10 miles distance with around 4000' gain. [Stats for Iron #3 only: about 3.5 miles round trip with around 1800' gain.] This is a strenuous loop hike of the "Little Four" that will utilize mainly use trails on steep ridges going up and coming down. Please bring lugsoles, layers, beverages, lunch, snacks, sunblock and hat. For trip details contact Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: JIMMY QUAN, BRUCE CRAIG

Oct 18 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Cactus to Clouds; San Jacinto Peak (10,804') - Come climb Cactus to Clouds, possibly the second hardest day hike in the contiguous United States. As in last weekend's Badwater to Telescope ascent, we will go from desert to alpine biomes in only a few hours. We'll begin early Saturday morning from Palm Springs; climb past cacti, cholla, ferns and pines; enjoy San Jacinto summit's beautiful panoramic views; and return to the desert floor via a ride on the rotating tram. At about 11,000' gain and 20 miles, this strenuous day hike is only for the fit and experienced hiker. Please bring \$\$ for tram and taxi back to car. For trip details, send hiking resume to peterdoggett@aol.com Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT

Oct 22 – 26 Wed – Sun Wilderness Adventures Section, Hundred Peaks

O: Southern Sierra Pacific Crest Trail Backpack from Walker Pass to Kennedy Meadows. This trip begins by passing Morris Peak, Mount Jenkins, and Owens Peak, travels through Rockhouse Basin, and finishes by hiking along the South Fork of the Kern River in the Dome Land Wilderness. Moderately paced, 5 days, 52 miles, one-way. Average day will be 12 miles with 2500' gain/loss. No layover days/no beginners. This is a Wilderness Adventures outing co-sponsored by HPS. Send email with H & C phones, city, recent conditioning and backpack experience to jeannstar@sbcglobal.net Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF, Co-leader: PAT ARREDONDO.

Oct 25 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Beartrap Bluff (6160'+) - Join us for a day in the Los Padres National Forest 20 miles north of Ojai. This is a strenuous, but well worth it hike. One of our newest additions to the HPS list, it is 12 miles round trip, 3800' of gain (3000' out and 800' return) on trail and some cross-country. Most of it is on the Gene Marshall/Piedra Blanca trail which is in excellent shape. The last 1 ½ miles is up a gully to a plateau then on to the summit. Estimate 8- 9 hours of hiking. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details: DAVE COMERZAN, PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT.

Nov 1 Sat Lower Peaks Committee, Hundred Peaks

O: Frankish Peak (4,200') - Northwestern approach to an orphan peak with long up and down road walk due to eastern approach trail closure. Unique views from above Rancho Cucamonga. Moderate pace, strenuous due to length, 13.5 miles, 2830' total gain, 1,230' on return. Most of hike is on road. Half of road is clear and half is not maintained and is overgrown. Excessive heat or rain will postpone. Early start time is to avoid heat. Space is limited to 10 experienced hikers. Minimum # of hikers is 6. Adventure pass is required. This is an LPC Outing co-sponsored by HPS. Contact Jane for meeting time and location. Leaders: JANE GIBBONS, DAVE COMERZAN

Nov 1 Sat LTC, Hundred Peaks, WTC, DPS, SPS

I: Navigation: Beginning Navigation Clinic - Spend the day one-on-one with an instructor, learning/practicing map and compass in our local mountains. Beginners to rusty old-timers welcome and practice is available at all skill levels. Not a checkout, but it will help you prepare. Many expert leaders will attend; many I-rated leaders started here in the past. 4 mi, 500' gain. Send sase, phones, rideshare info, \$25 deposit, refunded at trailhead (Sierra Club) to Leader: DIANE DUNBAR. Co-Ldr: RICHARD BOARDMAN

Nov 8 Sat Desert Peaks Section, Hundred Peaks

I: New York Butte (10,668'), Pleasant Point (9,690'), Cerro Gordo Peak (9,188') - Join us for a pleasant autumn weekend in the southern Inyo Mountains as we scale a couple of classic DPS peaks as well as a bonus trip up to the summit of one of the Great Basin Peaks Section peaks. Saturday we'll start out from Long John Canyon near Lone Pine, CA to ascend the long and steep southwestern ridge of New York Butte to its summit and return for a very strenuous day's total of 8.3 RT miles with 6,200' of gain. Saturday night we'll camp at our cars in Long John Canyon and enjoy a traditional and festive DPS Potluck Happy Hour. Sunday we'll drive over to the eastern side of Owens Lake and head up into the Inyo Mtns. From our trailhead in the Cerro Gordo Ghost Town, we'll first head north up the southern ridge crest to Pleasant Point and return for a total of 6.0 RT miles and 1,850' of gain. Then we'll head south to hike up an old mining road to the summit of Cerro Gordo Peak and return for a total of 2.8 RT miles with 1,150' of gain. This is a DPS Outing co-sponsored by HPS. Email Mat Kelliher with contact info, recent conditioning, and experience for trip status and details. Leaders: MAT KELLIHER, BILL SIMPSON

Nov 11 Tue Hundred Peaks

HPS Management Committee Meeting - All are welcome to attend our bi-monthly management committee meeting to discuss the business side of the section and upcoming activities. 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

Nov 15 Sat LTC, Hundred Peaks, WTC, DPS, SPS

I: Indian Cove Navigation Noodle - Navigation noodle at Joshua Tree National Park to satisfy the basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Saturday for practice, skills refresher, altimeter, homework, campfire. Sunday checkout. Send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Leader: ROBERT MYERS. Assistant: PHIL WHEELER

Nov 16 Sun LTC, Hundred Peaks, WTC, DPS, SPS

I: Indian Cove Navigation Noodle - Navigation noodle at Joshua Tree National Park to satisfy the Basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Saturday for practice, skills refresher, altimeter, homework, campfire. Sunday checkout. Send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Leader: ROBERT MYERS. Assistant: PHIL WHEELER

Nov 21 – 23 Fri – Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Rabbit (6640'), Villager (5756') - These peaks are normally done in a 2 day backpack or even as a very strenuous day hike. You usually start in the dark and often come out in the dark. We will be doing this as a 3 day backpack. All hiking should be done in daylight. Friday we will hike Villager, 7 miles, 4900' gain, and spend the first night there. Saturday, hike Rabbit using a summit pack, 7.5 miles, 3100', round trip from Villager. We will spend Saturday night on Villager then hike out on Sunday. If time and energy permit, we may add Mile High peak, a peak on the San Diego list. This would add about 2 miles round trip, 1600' gain. Space is limited. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. You will have to bring

water for three days. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, PAT ARREDONDO

Dec 7 Sun LTC, Hundred Peaks, WTC, DPS, SPS

I: Warren Point Navigation Noodle - Navigation noodle at Joshua Tree National Park for either checkoff or practice to satisfy the basic (I/M) level or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. To participate, send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Leader: ROBERT MYERS. Assistant: PHIL WHEELER

Dec 12 – 14 Fri – Sun Hundred Peaks

2014 Holiday Hooplah - Come on out and join us for a fun weekend filled with Peaks and Partying!! This year's festive Holiday Party and Potluck will be held on Saturday night (Dec 13) in Joshua Tree National Park at the Cottonwood Campground. Campground amenities include water and restrooms with flushing toilets. While we're out there for the weekend, there will be several outstanding outings offered to wonderful peaks in the area including DPS, LPC, HPS, and peakbagger.com listed Peaks. Check the outings schedule often for new updates, and contact the trip leaders directly for specific details if a particular trip suits your fancy. There's no charge for the group campground we've reserved for Friday and Saturday nights, but space is limited, so be sure to save your spot by signing up early with MAT KELLIHER mkelliher746@gmail.com

Dec 13 Sat Hundred Peaks

I: Mt. Minerva Hoyt (5405') - Join us for the day in Joshua Tree National Park to hike the newest addition to Hundred Peaks list. We will be doing Rt. 2, estimate 10 miles round trail, 2200' total gain, 1800' out plus 400' on return. This hike will be done on cross country and use trail. Other peaks possible. Other routes possible. Slow to moderate pace. After the hike, join us for the Holiday Hooplah potluck being held at Cottonwood Campground. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. Contact Leaders for details: DAVE COMERZAN, PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT

Dec 13 Sat Hundred Peaks

O: Queen Mountain (5,680') - LIST FINISH!!! Come help Stella celebrate as she finishes the HPS List on this lovely peak in Joshua Tree National Park. 4 miles round trip with 1,200' of gain on dirt road and trail with minor class 2 scrambling to reach the summit. Relaxed and casual pace. List Finish celebration on the peak and then later back in camp at the 2014 Holiday Hooplah. National Park entry fee required. Some dirt road driving required to reach trailhead. Contact mkelliher746@gmail.com for trip status and details. Leaders: MAT KELLIHER, STELLA CHEUNG

Dec 14 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Ryan Mountain (5757') - Hoop it up for a second day of Holiday Hoopla and enjoy the adventure of an inordinary hike, an uncommon approach, as we hike to this most popular of peaks. Starting at Ryan Campground, we will climb a completely cross-country route and descend via the Ryan Mountain trail. Moderately paced, the totals will be about 3 miles round trip and 1140' gain. Additional peaks possible. Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch and hat. Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. Leaders: PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT, DAVE COMERZAN

Jan 10 Sat Hundred Peaks

HPS Awards Banquet - Join HPS for its annual awards banquet at the Monrovia Restaurant in Monrovia, CA, as we celebrate our accomplishments and visit with friends new and old. This year's speakers will be Craig Carey and Bryan Conant; their presentation will be on the "Highlights and High Peaks of the Southern Los Padres."

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Rideshare Points

There are no Rideshare Points mentioned in the Outings in this issue of The Lookout.

Note that new HPS outings are added to the online schedule of activities (OARS) all the time, often only a few days prior to when the trip is scheduled to occur. Rideshare Points that may be mentioned in those Outings posted on OARS, as well as most of the Angeles Chapter rideshare points (complete with directions and maps), can be found here:

http://angeles2.sierraclub.org/get_outdoors/know_you_go/rideshare_meeting_places

Several roads that we frequently use to travel to the trailheads have warnings that headlights must be turned on for daylight use. 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. Be Safe!! Don't get a ticket! Turn on your headlights where required!

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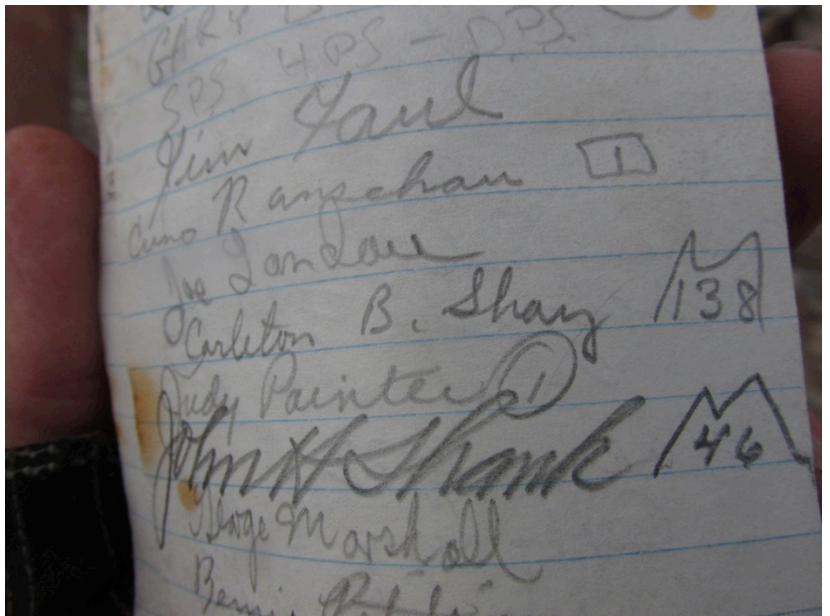
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This past Memorial Day weekend was special for an offshore peak celebration. Jane Gibbons (1998 HPS list finisher) was a proud Lower Peaks list finisher on El Montanon. Jane partied with 58 other participants on the Wilderness Adventures Section four day Holiday weekend to Santa Cruz Island. Pictured below and preparing to toast are Sharon Heckler, Jane Gibbons and Winnette Butler.

Jane is quite an accomplished peak bagger. Besides HPS and LP, Jane finished DPS in 2001. She has hiked the lower 48 state high points, county high points in Maine and New Hampshire, all trails in the White Mountain Guide, Kilimanjaro, New England's hundred highest, and winter ascents of 48 highest peaks in New Hampshire. Jane is an Appalachian Mountain Club leader in Maine and New Hampshire and a Sierra Club leader in New Hampshire. She is working on her leadership rating in the Angeles Chapter. Jane spends her summers in Maine.



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