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2016 Hundred Peaks Section Election

Election season is upon us. When you are done voting in the local/state/nationalelections, don’t forget to take part in the 2016 HPS Election.

This year, there are six candidates for 4 spots in the HPS Management Committee. The candidates are: Mark S. Allen, Mark Butski, Mike Dillenback, Ryan Lynch, Michael McCarty, and Aimee Shocket.

There are also three proposals.

The proposals and the six candidates statements are included in this issue of the LOOKOUT NEWSLETTER. They will also appear in the ballot that will be mailed to HPS members no later than November 10. If there are any problems with receipt of the ballot, please notify the Election Chair, Ignacia Doggett, at peterdoggett@aol.com or at (818)840-8748.

The ballot is pre-addressed for return to the Election Chair. After you vote, please be sure to place a stamp on your ballot and return it so that it is received no later than December 1. Only ballots received by the December 1 due date will be opened and counted by the Election Committee.

Thank you to the Nominating Committee, chaired by Tanya Roton, for taking on the task of recruiting this year’s candidates.

Thank you, also, to members of this year’s Election Committee. While Peter and I will print the ballot, and stuff and address envelopes for mailing, Winnette Butler, Stella Cheung and Coby King will be assisting us in opening ballots and counting votes.

Finally, a thank you to our candidates. Their willingness to serve and help HPS continue in its service to members and non-members is greatly appreciated and essential to the vitality of the Hundred Peaks Section. -- Ignacia Doggett, Election Chair
Statement of Mark S. Allen

I have been a member of the Hundred Peaks Section of the Sierra Club since 2002. I have hiked every trail and shared experiences with a great many members over the years. There have been setbacks, but I continue to work on my 2X List Finish while serving as Secretary on the Management Committee since 2012. This year it has been my great pleasure to become The Lookout Newsletter Editor. I am asking for your vote to continue my work of reporting the individual accomplishments of our members while effecting change as a member of the Management Committee. It really is the best of both worlds.

Statement of Mark Butski

I have been hiking with HPS for approximately ten years now and may even finish hiking the HPS list soon. Over the years I have met numerous fellow hikers and many incredibly dedicated leaders who I consider wonderful friends. I recently retired and would like to start to give back a little by supporting the section by serving on the management committee if the HPS membership would like me to do so. Thanks for your consideration.

Statement of Mike Dillenback

I am interested in an office in the HPS Management Committee. I have been a HPS member for 15 plus years. During the first five years, I completed 140+ HPS peaks. Several of them, Bob Beach and I led. Then I went back to work for ten years and the hiking slowed down. Now I am no longer working. I have begun to peak bag again and am now up to 190 HPS peaks. Have also started co-leading hikes with Mat Kelliher and have approached Bill and Virginia Simpson to lead with them as well. I am an I-rated leader and have led trips for several other Sierra Club Sections. I have been active with WTC Group 3 Long Beach for 16 years. I really enjoy being outdoors and exposing others to outdoor experiences. I look forward to leading more trips for the HPS and also serving on the HPS Management Committee. Would appreciate your support.

Statement of Ryan Lynch

This past winter, by accident or fate, I was introduced the Hundred Peaks Section of the Sierra Club. I felt challenged and gratified by the HPS hikes, and by July, I had collected my 25th peak. I’ve also been touched by the character and personalities of all the wonderful people I’ve met, and appreciate how this organization has positively impacted my own outdoor life, and the lives of the people I hike with. The HPS has had such a positive impact on my life, not only outdoor, but also, on my day-to-day perspective, and I want to be able to give back to the group who has had such a positive impact on my life. I hope that by joining the HPS Management Committee, I can positively influence those who want to explore the vast wilderness that we have in our backyard, and more importantly, I hope that my enthusiasm and dedication will help the HPS grow as a group, and further impact others like myself to appreciate and enjoy the wilderness around us.

Statement of Michael McCarty

I'm currently elected to and serving on MComm in my first term and an "I" Rated HPS Leader and WTC graduate. I’ve been the HPS Membership Chair since May 2015 and have been assisting with Mountain Records. As an Angeleno I rarely wandered the local mountains until joining Southern Courtney & Rosemary Campbell's Mt. Hillyer trip in March of 2007. Now I escape to our mountains every chance I get and share the trails, and what might have been a trail, with my three sons, fellow HPS'ers and just about anyone willing to wander with me to the summit so we can return home with the experiences, stories and photos to entice others come next time. After transitioning to Membership Chair in 2015 I’ve added a way to subscribe and renew online and have enjoyed sharing those emblem and peak list achievements to continue the celebration with our Facebook community. Collaborating with our Mountain Records co-Chairs, George and Jim, has been challenging to keep up with the local fires and recovery efforts to continually evaluate, discuss and ensure our peaks are accessible and safe to visit. It’s been a privilege to serve and I hope you select me to continue for another term. Thank you.

Statement of Aimee Shocket

Hello, my name is Aimee Shocket and I would like to join the HPS management committee because I would like to add a fresh perspective on the next generation of HPS hikers. As a recent graduate and newly appointed Wilderness Travel Course leader for West Los Angeles, I would like to offer valuable insight to help increase our chapters online presence and encourage new students to focus on hiking with HPS during and after their course study. It will be my pleasure to help inspire the new generation of hikers as I have been inspired by the previous generation this past year. In such a short amount of time this chapter has motivated and given me the skills and confidence to achieve goals I never dreamed I could. It would be my honor to continue that for future generations to come.
Argument in favor of adding Hot Springs Mountain to the HPS List of Peaks.

Submitted by George Christiansen

Hot Springs Mountain, at 6533 feet elevation, is the highest peak in San Diego County. It was previously listed as HPS Peak 31H, but removed from the list in 2005 when the area was closed on the Indian Reservation (Los Coyote Indian Reservation in Warner Springs, CA).

The Indian Reservation has recently re-opened the area for camping and hiking and now welcomes visitors. A very nice shaded campground is located near the trail head to the peak. A ten dollar fee is charged for day use per vehicle. Camping at an additional charge. The peak is accessible via road for driving or hiking. Distance from the gate in the Reservation is approximately ten miles round trip and 2500 feet gain. Two 4WD vehicles are required for drive-up. If driving, check-in is required after 8:00AM for the gate to be opened, and return by 4:30PM prior to closing. Hiking the road is available earlier than 8:00AM with payment left upon exiting.

The hike includes a beautiful mixed conifer forest, ruins of an old fire lookout, and fall foliage in season. This is a unique area and worthy of exploration; and as a county high point, deserves to be added to the Hundred Peaks List. Please consider voting yes for the addition of Hot Springs Mountain.

Initiative to Change Snow Shoe Emblem

Submitted by Marlen Mertz

Hundred Peaks Section currently has a snowshoe emblem for 25, 100 and 200 peaks and for finishing the list on snowshoes.

In consideration of the fact that many of the HPS peaks either:

1. Are not accessible in the winter months and/or

2. Have routes to the peak that have too much exposure to be safe in snow or icy conditions or

3. Are peaks located in the desert that do not get any snow or enough snow to snowshoe.

4. It is recommended that the snowshoe emblem be limited to 25, 50, and 75 peaks
Originally added to the HPS List in 1962, Eureka Peak is a gorgeous summit within the Little San Bernardino Mountains near the NW corner of what is now part of Joshua Tree National Park near Yucca Valley, CA. Eureka Peak was delisted in 1971 in part because it required a “26-mile drive up” over poor dirt roads; it was described at the time as “an insignificant summit”. Conditions have changed since Eureka Peak was delisted; a recently completed trail system between Black Rock Campground and the peak allows travel through a beautiful portion of the Park along the fringe between the Sonoran and Mojave Deserts through country teeming with a rich variety of cacti, Joshua Trees, and Pinyon Pine. From its summit sublime views out into the Coachella Valley to the southeast, the San Jacinto Mountains to the southwest, and the San Gorgonio massif to the west can be enjoyed by all who reach its crest.

An out-and-back trek along the gorgeous trail network from Black Rock Campground to Eureka Peak involves a pleasant 10.5 round trip mile hike with about 1,700’ of gain. Another option is to set up a shuttle with vehicles parked at the campground trailhead and at Covington Flat Road; starting out to the SE from the campground and after gaining the peak via a short ridge spur as described above, one can return to the trail and continue SE another mile or so to the road, this option would require about 6.2 miles of hiking with 1,700’ of gain. A third option is to drive into the Covington Flats area about 10 miles south of Yucca Valley on what are now quite good dirt roads to a turnaround near the summit; from there a short walk of about 0.15 mile with 65’ of gain leads one to the apex.

With the recent improvements to the trail system in the area, as well as improved road conditions, Eureka Peak should be restored to the HPS List. Eureka Peak is anything but “an insignificant summit”. Your vote in favor of re-listing Eureka Peak to the HPS List will provide yet another opportunity for our membership to get out and Explore, Enjoy, and Protect our wild places.

[Insert link to OARS posting of upcoming 2017 Awards Banquet]


Note that the “Reservation Form” link is live and will take one right to the Banquet Flyer/Reservation Form. All anyone need do is follow that link, print it out, fill it out, and then mail it to me along with their $5 check and they’ll be all set for the Banquet. All they’ll have to do then is figure out what to wear...
Eureka Peak (5,518') Exploratory Hike – October 16, 2016

Original image text:
Eureka Peak (5,518') is a gorgeous summit in the Little San Bernardino Mountains located in the NW corner of what is now part of Joshua Tree National Park near Yucca Valley, CA. The peak was de-listed in 1971 in part because at that time it required a “26-mile drive up” over poor dirt roads.

Perhaps unfairly, but certainly to bolster the argument for its removal from the List, Eureka Peak was described at the time as "an insignificant summit." But conditions have changed since it was de-listed; a recently completed trail system between Black Rock Campground and the peak allows travel through a beautiful portion of the Park along the fringe between the Sonoran and Mojave Deserts through country teeming with a rich variety of cacti, Joshua Trees, and Pinyon Pine. And, improvements to the roads out there have transformed that long drive up to the summit into about 15 miles of paved and or very good (2WD) dirt road that doesn't take more than 30 minutes to reach from Yucca Valley.

So in an attempt to answer the question we are being asked to decide in our upcoming HPS Election of whether or not Eureka Peak should be restored to the HPS List, on Sunday October 16, 2016, thirteen of us met in the Visitor’s Center parking lot at Black Rock Campground for an Exploratory hike to see for ourselves how we each feel about relisting Eureka Peak. Group energy was high as everyone signed in; all were re-lieved that the weather was forecast to be breezy and mild, perfect conditions for an autumn hike in the desert. And all were pretty excited about hiking to a new peak too; a rare event in a group that included 10 HPS List Finishers, and two more who were each within less than a handful of peaks of Finishing the List.

Starting out we picked up the California Riding and Hiking Trail (CRHT) at its backcountry board located near the northeastern corner of the campground just off the main road that leads to the Visitor Center. Beyond the backcountry board the CRHT drops down into a wash and heads south; at a signed intersection 0.1 mile in the trail bears east to ascend the alluvium. At about 1.5 miles in we came upon a signed intersection of the CRHT with the Fault Trail; we turned south-southeast onto the Fault Trail here and followed it as it first climbs to traverse uplifted alluvium and then descends a few dozen feet to near the confluence of two dry washes.

This confluence, at about 1.9 miles in, is where we came upon the signed Eureka Peak Trail (EPT). We turned left onto the EPT and traveled southeast and up a dry wash, which we followed for about 3.0 miles (about 4.9 miles in) to a saddle at 5,300’. We passed several signed trail intersections through this section; we just stayed on the EPT (sometimes it was called the CRHT, but it was always and obviously the main trail) without any troubles.

Beyond the saddle we descended several dozens of feet to a final intersection, and then, without veering from our path, we ascended a wide and well maintained trail to the summit.

Although Eureka Peak is the 4th highest peak in Joshua Tree National Park, lower only than Quail Mountain (5,816’), Queen Mountain (5,680’), and Mt Inspiration (5,560’), there is a bump to its immediate east that is the actual high point of the summit area. Unofficially recognized as Eureka Peak East (5,530’), it’s an easy stroll of about 0.5 mile with 100’ gain & 100’ loss from Eureka over road and open country. The views from both summits are excellent; to the southeast the Coachella Valley stretches out, to the southwest San Jacinto dominates the view, to the west the San Gorgonio massif dominates everything. We were treated to a magnificent view of low clouds blowing in over Banning Pass from the Los Angeles Basin which quickly dissipated into the dry desert air; scattered high clouds above all broke up the blue of the sky into varying shades of gray, black and white. Meanwhile a cool steady wind blowing in around us from the west helped us understand what was happening to those clouds at the Pass.

From the summit we returned the way we came in for a day’s total of 11.5 miles with about 1,950’ of gain, which included the Eureka Peak East high point. Counting breaks, it took about 2 hours, 45 minutes to reach the summit of Eureka Peak. Once we’d gotten back to our cars, the group consensus was that Eureka Peak was much more than just “an insignificant summit”, and that it was indeed time to restore it to its rightful place on the HPS List by voting “Yes!” on the question of its Re-listing in the upcoming election. Present on this Exploratory hike were: Bill Simpson, Chris Spisak, Jimmy Quan, Mari Sakai, Mary Varalayan, Mat Kelliher, May Tang, Mike Dillenback, Pat Arredondo, Pat Vaughn, Tanya Roton Kelliher, Tom Connery, and Virginia Simpson.

by Mat Kelliher
Lower Peak Hikes at the HPS Festival  
September, 2016 By Dave Comerzan

The Fall Festival proved to be an excellent time to do some Lower Peaks in the Area. Fall Festival was held at the Hanna Flats Campground near Big Bear. It was held the weekend of September 24th and September 25th. On the first day, with my co-leader, Ginny Heringer, we did Cram and Morton Lookout. Joining us was Bernard Mines, Marlen Mertz, Li Kui, Peter Kudinski, and Tracy Thomerson. These peaks are located approximately 7 miles NE of San Bernardino.

We met at the junction of Hwy. 38 and FS Road 1N12. The bottom gate was open so we were able to drive to the gate at the saddle. We then hiked up the road about a mile to just past the old jeep road that the peak guide talks about. I have taken that road and it can be very brushy. Instead there is a ridge with a good use trail that drops down and meets the road. We took this ridge. Once down on the road, we continued to follow the road past three bumps to the summit of Cram. On the summit, we spent about 45 minutes exchanging hiking war stories. We returned the same way to the main road, turned right and walked the short distance to Morton Lookout. The Lookout was closed, but there was a picnic bench to relax and have a snack. We found a register on Cram, but nothing on Morton. After Morton, we hiked down the road to our cars. After the hike, all of us headed to the Hanna Flats Campground to relax and enjoy the as usual, great potluck and the company of our friends. Our thanks to Mat Kelliher for pulling this together.

The next day, Sunday, we headed to Harrison Mountain. To get there, we headed back down 330 to a FS Road 1N09 and parked at the Manzanita Flat. Joining Ginny and myself, were Youngok Lee, Illwoo Suh and Jinoak Chung. Again, we did not follow the peak guide instructions. Instead, from the parked cars, we walked about 1/10th mile to a use trail on our right. We followed this use trail up to a ridge that goes up to 3867’. This part was very steep and loose, but once on 3867’, the trail to the summit is very easy to follow. There was a register on the summit. When I was last here, I walked a short distance past the register and found a bench that someone had placed there. That bench was not here now. I don’t know what happened to it. We returned the same way. Other than being a little warm, it was a great two days of hiking.
On Saturday, October Eighth the Beginning Navigation Clinic was held to introduce compass and map use in the San Gabriel Mountains. Diane Dunbar and Richard Boardman have been involved in training a great many students for years. Altogether there were eleven of us, (students and instructors). I served as a volunteer Instructor and found the day beneficial teaching the combined use of compass and topographical map reading to identify the terrain along the road from Eton Saddle, then finding the West Ridge of Mt Lowe, and climbing it to the peak.

Designed as a first look at Navigation, the students are given homework once they sign up. This includes instructions to order a USGS 7.5 minute topographical map for this area and they are all required to bring it. They can also use this information to order needed maps after the class. They are also required to bring compasses meeting minimum requirements to use with their maps. They practice and learn this navigation outside where it matters, reading and following the map as they go. The science of “Staying Found” is taught to students as a training theme for keeping track of where they are on the map when hiking. The class serves to answer elementary questions in support of the more rigorous Navigation Noodles usually held over a weekend in the desert or forested environment where navigation is more challenging. They are encouraged to practice at as many Navigation Noodles as possible after the class, as practice itself is crucial in learning this skill.

More advanced students also come along on these clinics, they can practice at any level to gain confidence and it has proven helpful in passing the upcoming noodles. (Edited by Diane Dunbar)
The Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) consists of a number of satellite constellations operated by different countries. Most of us are familiar with the Global Positioning System (GPS) operated by the United States. This is the system most frequently used by our cars, smartphones, and other GPS devices. However, as shown below, other constellations are also available.

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Both professional and consumer GPS devices now have the capability to access multiple GNSS constellations. In its 2016 receiver survey, GPS World identified numerous receivers designed to access multiple GNSS constellations compared with only a handful in its 2006 survey (GPS World 2016; GPS World 2006). Garmin has over 50 products ranging from watches to handheld receivers that are both GPS and GLONASS enabled (Garmin 2016). The increasing interoperability of GPS devices will result in improved positioning. Indeed, “the main attraction of interoperability between these systems is the greatly increased number of satellites and signals, better satellite availability, better dilution of precision, immediate ambiguity resolution on long baselines with three-frequency data, better accuracy in urban settings, and fewer multipath worries” (Van Sickle 2015, 302).

The geometry of satellite locations is very important for positional accuracy. “GPS coordinates calculated when satellites are clustered close together in the sky suffer from dilution of precision (DOP)” (DiBiase 2014, Ch. 5, p. 21). More satellite availability means better geometry, less DOP and better accuracy.

It is well recognized that the “ideal arrangement of four satellites would be one directly above the receiver, the others 120° from one another in azimuth near the horizon” (Van Sickle 2015, 91). The figure below illustrates examples of satellite geometry that would produce low and high DOP values. The higher the DOP, the greater the error.
Most handheld GPS devices have a satellite page that shows the location of the satellites being used. Location accuracy will change based on the position of the satellites.

A GPS that can use satellites from multiple constellations will achieve better positioning. The below illustration shows satellite availability in the City of Los Angeles at 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on July 1, 2016. At 12:00 p.m., 16 satellites (9 GPS; 5 GLONASS; 1 Beidou; 1 Galileo) were visible. At 6:00 p.m., 25 satellites were visible (7 GPS; 9 GLONASS; 3 Beidou; 6 Galileo).
For most recreational users, DOP is not an important factor. The United States government has designed the GPS system to have acceptable DOP levels. Moreover, whether a hiker’s GPS device is accurate to within 10 feet or 30 feet is not going to make a significant difference. However, many GPS applications such as surveying and scientific research require much greater accuracy. Low DOP and other correction methods can increase accuracy for these uses.

As more satellites become available, DOP will continue to decline and positioning will improve. This will fulfill a United Nation’s objective of a GNSS that is interoperable and compatible (International Committee on Global Navigation Satellite Systems 2016a, 1). Such a system will “ensure the best satellite based positioning, navigation and timing for peaceful uses for everybody, anywhere, any time” (International Committee on Global Navigation Satellite Systems 2016b).

References


Upcoming Navigation Events

The first navigation event of 2017 will be held at Indian Cove on January 7-8. We provide free camping in the beautiful Indian Cove Campground. At all of our navigation events, we can work with beginners. No prior navigation experience is required. All are welcome!!!

Goodykoontz Peak, 8-23-16. (L-R), Bruce Calkins, Heesook Kim, Peter & Ignacia Doggett, Susan Kang, Donna Gallick, James Chung, Jinoak Chung (photo by David Han)

Brad Stemm: 09-14-2016. Mid-week Sierra Club 2-peak group hike to Gold Mountain(8,235’) and Grays Peak(7,920’), north of Big Bear Lake. Some of the group at Grays Peak summit rocks. Good hiking weather, thanks to leaders Bill and Virginia, good to see everyone!

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Jimmy Quan: October 5th, 2016 our group of five leaders hiked from Cloudburst Summit to Winston Peak, Winston Ridge Akawie Peak. May Tang, Jim Hagar, Jimmy Quan, Virginia and Bill Simpson.

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Bill Simpson: Five HPS peaks bagged near Big Bear Lake on Saturday. The fourth peak - Slide Peak -- was my 3,000th HPS peak. [Crafts, Butler, Keller, Slide & Mill, October 8, 2016]

Yasu Iemori completed the HPS list on White Mtn #2, 5-31-15. Yasu kneels as the rest of the group stands; L-R, are Susan Kang, Illwoo Suh, Mark Lyons, Mike Stubblefield, Stephen Bryne, Nancy Jones, Ignacia & Peter Doggett, Louie Hoffman, Jason Park, Sunny Yi, Bruce Craig, Catherine Rossbach. Photo: Jinoak Chung

Herman Hagen’s 200th HPS peak,10-29th. L-R are Eric Chu, Tay Lee, Naresh Satyan Youngok Lee, Illwoo Suh, Sonia Arancibia, Herman Hagen, Ignacia & Peter Doggett

Mike Manning celebrates his 200th peak in HPS style with his favorite hiking buddy, Bernice Manning, on Bertha Peak, October 21, 2016.

Susan Kang earns her List Completion on Goodykoontz Peak, August 23rd.

Dean Stewart who earned his 100 Peaks Emblem on Sawmill Mountain, September 4th.
The Doggetts and Sonia Arancibia on Peter’s Lead List 4 on San Rafael Mtn, 5-11-16

Mary Varalyay, Susan Kang, the Doggetts and Illwoo Suh (taking photo), part of the group on Ignacia’s Lead List 4 on Dawson Peak, 6-25-16

Peter Doggett and group on the way to White Mtn #2 and his 13th List completion on 10-23-16 (photo: Jackson Hsu)

Above and Left 10-29-16, Pacifico Mountain Grand Finish. Bill’s Fourth Lead the List and Virginia Simpson’s First List Finish(Photo: Winnette Butler)

Pacifico Mountain Group Photo: Jim Kidder
HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION MEMBERSHIP REPORT  
September-October 2016  Michael McCarty, HPS Membership Chair

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You are cordially invited to the
HPS Annual Awards Banquet
Saturday — January 14, 2017

Join us for an evening of fun, good food and socializing with old and new friends at the:

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Pamela Zoolalian will be presenting:
“30 Days Along the John Muir Trail”

PAMELA ZOOLALIAN hiked 30 days solo along 220+ miles of the John Muir Trail as a fundraiser for Aspire2Be.org to benefit their outdoor programming. “I hope my solo hike inspires young women to know they can do anything they put their mind to.” This is the story of Pamela’s John Muir Trail experience. Her presentation will include a short documentary inspired by the steps she took, the people she met, and the land she saw. The film will be followed by a slide show presentation on her trip preparation and a more in-depth talk about the John Muir Trail itself. You can check out Pamela’s Website here: www.theadventurher.com

Social Hour begins at 5:00 pm – Dinner begins at 6:15 pm
Silent Auction of Donated Items – HPS Merchandise Available for Purchase

Please Reserve ______ place(s) at the HPS Annual Awards Banquet on January 14, 2017

Guest Name (1)__________________________________ Guest Name (2)__________________________________
Email Address__________________________________ Phone Number__________________________________

Enclosed is a check for _____ ($49 per person, if received by 1/2/17, $54 thereafter)

Make Check Payable to Hundred Peaks Section and mail to Reservationist:
Mat Kelliher
5846 Willis Ave
Van Nuys, CA 91411

Tickets will be held at the door. Upon receipt of reservation, email confirmation will be sent.
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/ltc_ridesharing

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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Here's a link to the OARS posting of our upcoming 2017 Awards Banquet:


Note that the "Reservation Form" link is live and will take one right to the Banquet Flyer/Reservation Form. All anyone need do is follow that link, print it out, fill it out, and then mail it to me along with their $5 check and they’ll be all set for the Banquet. All they’ll have to do then is figure out what to wear...

Mat Kelliher, HPS Programs Chair
Advance Schedule of Hundred Peaks Section Activities

November 2016 - January 2017
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 October 13, 2016. These outings cover the period ranging from November 2, 2016 through January 14, 2017. 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. Follow this link to the HPS OARS site:

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://angeles.sierraclub.org/activities

HPS outings are open to everyone; you don’t need to be a member of either the HPS or the Sierra Club to join us! However, to participate in an outing, you will be required to sign a liability waiver, which you can preview here:

http://angeles.sierraclub.org/sites/angeles.sierraclub.org/files/docs/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.

**Nov 2  Wed  Hundred Peaks**

O: San Sevaine (LO) (5240’), Buck Point (6433’) - An easy walk on road and brushy trail for a total of 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. This will be a slow-pace hike to accommodate those who want more time to get to HPS peaks. Please bring lugsoles, layers, beverages, lunch, snacks, sunblock and hat. For trip details contact Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: VIRGINIA SIMPSON, MAY TANG

**Nov 2  Wed  Hundred Peaks**

I: Sewart Mtn (6841’), Snowy Peak (6532’), Black Mtn #2 (6202’) - Join us for a midweek hike to the remote and wild Cobblestone area. After driving through Hungry Valley, and crossing Piru Creek, we’ll wind our way up to our trailhead. Hiking a serpentine route with some steep descents and ascents out and back, we’ll go over the first two peaks on our way to Black, as we enjoy views of rocky forested ridges and deep rugged canyons. Totals for the day will be about 10 miles rt with 3900’ of gain. High clearance vehicles advised. Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch and hat. Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT
Nov 4  Fri  Hundred Peaks
I: Cobblestone Complex Cleanout I - Alamo Mountain (7,360'+) and McDonald Peak (6,870') – Join us on this first day of our push to get up on top of all seven of the HPS Peaks in the Cobblestone area in Ventura County, CA over a three day Autumn weekend. This first day will involve two easy hikes with a drive between trailheads; expect about 2.0 RT miles with 450' of gain along cross country terrain for Alamo; 1.0 RT mile with about 400' of gain on use trail for McDonald. After finishing the peaks, you're welcome to join us for a festive Happy Hour and a refreshing night's sleep at a nearby campground; this will allow us to avoid making the long drive in for the next day's peaks. Feel free to join us for one, two, or all three days of hiking. Email contact info, recent experience and conditioning, which (if not all) of the days you'd like to join us, and whether you'll be camping with us Friday and/or Saturday night to mkelliher746@gmail.com for trip status and details. High Clearance Vehicles recommended.
Leaders: MAT KELLIHER, BILL SIMPSON, JIMMY QUAN

Nov 5  Sat  Hundred Peaks
I: Cobblestone Complex Cleanout II - Sewart Mountain (6,841’), White Mountain #2 (6,250’), and Cobblestone Mountain (6,733’) – Join us on this very strenuous second day of our push to get up on top of all seven of the HPS Peaks in the Cobblestone area in Ventura County, CA over a three day Autumn weekend. Although we'll travel at a moderate pace, this second day will be very strenuous and will involve predominantly cross country terrain; it is for experienced and well-seasoned hikers only and is not appropriate for beginners. Totals for the day will be about 14 RT miles with 6,500' gain; 3,000' of which we'll get on our way out. After finishing the peaks, you're welcome to join us for a festive Happy Hour and a refreshing night's sleep at a nearby campground; this will allow us to avoid making the long drive in for the next day's peaks. Feel free to join us for one, two, or all three days of hiking. Email contact info, recent experience and conditioning, which (if not all) of the days you'd like to join us, and whether you'll be camping with us Friday and/or Saturday night to mkelliher746@gmail.com for trip status and details. High Clearance Vehicles recommended. Leaders: MAT KELLIHER, BILL SIMPSON, JIMMY QUAN

Nov 6  Sun  Hundred Peaks
I: Cobblestone Complex Cleanout III - Sewart Mountain (6,841’), Snowy Peak (6,532’) and Black Mountain #2 (6,202’) – Join us on this strenuous third day of our push to get up on top of all seven of the HPS Peaks in the Cobblestone area in Ventura County, CA over a three day Autumn weekend. Although we'll travel at a moderate pace, this third day will be strenuous and will involve predominantly cross country terrain; it is for experienced and well-seasoned hikers only and is not appropriate for beginners. Totals for the day will be about 8.5 RT miles with about 2,000' gain going in, and about 2,300' of gain coming back out. Feel free to join us for one, two, or all three days of hiking. Email contact info, recent experience and conditioning, which (if not all) of the days you'd like to join
us, and whether you'll be camping with us Friday and/or Saturday night to mkelliher746@gmail.com for trip status and details. High Clearance Vehicles recommended. Leaders: MAT KELLIHER, BILL SIMPSON, JIMMY QUAN, LILLY FUKUI

Nov 8  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: WAYNE BANNISTER

Nov 9  Wed  Hundred Peaks
I: Galena Peak (9324') - Galena Peak is the high point of the Yucaipa Ridge. Hike this steep, extremely challenging peak via Mill Creek. The total hike is about 8 miles round trip with around 3300 feet of gain. The need to negotiate the "headwall" (Mill Creek Jumpoff) makes this hike not for beginners (or the faint-hearted). The headwall is concave and gets steeper as you climb, and extreme caution is needed to avoid falling rocks. Bring water, lug soles, lunch, snacks, layers, hat & sunblock. Contact the leader for meeting information. Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: MAY TANG, JIMMY QUAN, JIM HAGAR, VIRGINIA SIMPSON

Nov 12 Sat  Hundred Peaks
I: Pyramid Peak (7035'), Pine Mountain #2 (7035'), Lion Peak (6868') - Climb these fine peaks on the Desert Divide, the major ridge system that stretches south from the San Jacinto mountains. Magnificent views of the Santa Rosa Mountains, the San Jacinto Wilderness and the Coachella Valley. Outing will be a moderately paced 8-mile round trip -- with around 2700' of gain -- mostly on trail and use trail (including a portion of the PCT). Bring lug soles, layers, lunch, water, hat and sunblock. Contact Leader for details. Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leader: VIRGINIA SIMPSON

Nov 16  Wed  Hundred Peaks
I: Mount Baden Powell (9366') via the East Ridge, Big Horn Mine - Join us for a challenging climb up Mount Baden Powell via the fun but rarely climbed East Ridge, nicknamed "Baden Powell the hard way". Starting from Vincent Gap we will visit the historic Big Horn Mine and learn about its colorful past. Then we will make a steep Class 2 scramble, mostly on dirt, 1.5 miles and 2400' up the east ridge to the summit on use trail, returning via the PCT. Very strenuous, moderate pace. Some exposure in places. Experienced hikers only. Bring your best lug soles, lunch, water, and 10 essentials. 7.5 miles rt, 2800' gain. Contact leaders for meeting time and place. Leaders: JIM HAGAR, BILL SIMPSON, VIRGINIA SIMPSON, JIMMY QUAN, MAY TANG

Dec 3  Sat  Hundred Peaks
I: Mount Akawie (7283'+), Vetter Mountain (5908'), Mount Mooney (5840'+'), Mount Sally (5408') - This will be a slow-paced hike, designed to accommodate hikers who need -- or want -- more time to get to an HPS peak. Join
us for four unique peaks on trail, use trail and ridges in the Angeles National Forest. Total distance will be around 8 miles, and total gain will be about 2000 feet. We will drive between each of the trailheads. Bring beverage, lunch, snacks, layers, hat, sunblock and lugsoles. Contact Leader for details. Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leader: VIRGINIA SIMPSON, MAY TANG

Dec 3 Sat WTC, Hundred Peaks
I: Nelson Range HP (7,696’) In The Dark / Matthew Hengst Glow In The Dark DPS List Finish #1 (Try #2) - After *6* years and one knee surgery Matthew Hengst is (finally) finishing the Desert Peak Section List. And we're going to do it in suitable style. We'll meet Saturday at sunset at the trailhead for Nelson Range HP, strap on our headlamps, and deck ourselves out in as much glow in the dark or light emitting gear as we can carry. We'll summit in the dark and proceed to have a celebration bright enough to be visible for miles before returning to camp and continuing the party fireside with glow in the dark libations. Total stats are 2 miles and 1200 ft gain so appropriate for all levels of fashion challenged bipeds. Garishly colored jeeps optional though high clearance vehicles will be needed to reach the trailhead. This WTC Outing is co-sponsored by HPS. Contact Leader matthew.hengst@gmail.com for trip status and details. Leaders MATT HENGST, JACK KIEFFER

Dec 10 Sat Hundred Peaks
2016 HPS Holiday Hooplah - Welcome in the Holidays with a fun and festive weekend filled with outstanding peak bagging and an evening of partying in Joshua Tree National Park. Camp at the group campsite (Dry camp, pit toilets) we've reserved at Sheep Pass Campground for Friday and Saturday nights, or stay in one of many motels in nearby towns of Joshua Tree and Yucca Valley, CA. Wherever you stay, everyone is welcome to join us for a hearty Happy Hour and Potluck, along with lots of socializing and serious relaxing around a roaring campfire beneath the moon-lit night sky. Check the HPS website, the Lookout, or the Angeles Chapter Outings website for scheduled Holiday Hooplah hikes, and contact hike leaders directly for information on specific hikes. HPS requests a fee of $5 per person ($10 per family) per night to help with the campground fees. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis, so be sure to email the HPS Programs Committee reservationist at mkelliher746@gmail.com early to assure your spot! #Hikethe100

Dec 10 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Meeks Mtn (6277’), Bighorn Mtns (5894’) - Join us for the first day of the Holiday Hooplah and continuing celebration of the National Park Service centennial. Experience a sense of exploration as we venture into a seemingly inaccessible and wild remote area. Shrouded by the grand San Bernardino Mountains on one side, and the vast high desert on the other, this was once the realm of large bands of mountain sheep and home to one S. H. Meek, a locally famous 1880’s desperado. Two separate hikes, the hike to Meeks is 4 miles rt and 1000' gain; Bighorn Mtns is 6 miles rt and 1100' gain. Group size will be limited by the availability of 4-wheel drive vehicles. Hike-experienced dogs with well behaved owners welcome. Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch and hat. Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT
Dec 10 Sat Lower Peaks, Hundred Peaks
I: Mt. Mel (3814’), Keys Peak (4483’) – Join us for a day to hike these two Lower Peaks in the Joshua Tree National Park 6 miles SW of Twentynine Palms. This is an out and back of hike on these peaks. The hike is mostly trail with some short cross country and some boulder climbing. You should be comfortable on boulders. Estimate 9 miles round trip, 2100’ gain, 6-7 hours of hiking. Slow to moderate pace. Afterwards we will join the folks at the HPS Holiday Hooplah at the Sheep Pass Campground. See the HPS website for details. For the hike, bring food, water and 10 essentials. For the Holiday Hooplah, bring something to share at the potluck. This Lower Peaks outing is co-sponsored by HPS. Contact leaders for details: DAVE COMERZAN, MARLEN MERTZ, GINNY HERRINGER #Hikethe100

Dec 10 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Bernard Peak (5,430’), Little Berdoo Peak (5,440’+) – Join us on this first day of the HPS Holiday Hooplah weekend for a fun hike into a scenic and remote portion of Joshua Tree National Park off Geology Tour Road to climb a couple of classic HPS peaks. We’ll move along at a relatively relaxed pace on this moderately strenuous hike of about 6.2 RT miles (2,350’ gain) and approach the peaks from their east on a route that will allow us to summit the poetically named “Peak 5435” on our way up to Bernard Peak. From Bernard we’ll head over to Little Berdoo, and then head back down to our cars via more-or-less the same route we came in on. Once back at our cars we’ll drive on in to Sheep Pass Campground with plenty of time to get our campsites ready and get all set up for the evening’s Holiday Hooplah festivities!! Email contact info, recent experience & conditioning to mkelliher746@gmail.com for trip status and details. Leaders: MAT KELLIHER, MIKE DILLENBACK, LILLY FUKUI #Hikethe100

Dec 10 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: Warren Point (5103’) and Warren View (4890’) – HOLIDAY HOOPLA!! JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND OF FUN!! Hike with us Saturday and/or Sunday (see separate Sunday posting for Eureka Peak). On Saturday we will visit Warren Point, which is known as Warren Peak by the National Park Service, and Warren View via a fun off-trail route from Black Rock Visitor Center. Both spots should offer excellent views from their locations high in the northwest section of Joshua Tree National Park, and you can be the judge of which spot has the better views! This will be a slow-paced hike, designed to accommodate hikers who need -- or want -- more time to get to an HPS peak. Total distance should be around 5.5 miles, and total gain should be about 1,300 feet. Following the hike there will be an optional visit to Sheep Pass Campground, where one can enjoy a hearty Happy Hour and a Potluck. Socializing will be mandatory! Stay Friday night and/or Saturday night at the campground or a nearby motel. HPS requests a fee of $5 per person ($10 per family) per night to help with the campground fees. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis, so be sure to email the HPS Programs Committee reservationist at mkelliher746@gmail.com early to assure your spot! Bring food, water, lugsoles, layers, hat and sunblock. Contact Leader for status and details. Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leader: VIRGINIA SIMPSON
Dec 11 Sun Hundred Peaks

**O: Lost Horse Mtn (5313’), Mt Inspiration (5560’)** - Join us for the second day of the HPS Holiday Hooplah. Do one or both hikes. The first hike goes by Lost Horse Mine which was at one time owned by Johnny Lang and J.D. Ryan. Once very productive and successful, the mine operated between 1894 and 1931; now, its stamp mill is one of the best preserved in a National Park Service unit. After the first hike, we'll drive to the nearby Mt Inspiration trailhead. Located where the lower southern Colorado Desert transitions to the northern higher Mojave Desert, this peak is named for the fabulous and inspirational views from its summit and trail -- San Gorgonio, San Jacinto and the vast JTNP. Day's totals will be 5 miles round trip and 900' gain for Lost Horse; 2 miles rt and 700' gain for Inspiration. Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch and hat. Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT #Hikethe100

Dec 11 Sun Lower Peaks, Hundred Peaks

**I: Monument Mountain (4834’), Mastodon Peak (3371’)** - Join us for a second day of hiking in the Joshua Tree National Park. These are two separate hikes. Monument is all cross country with a steep unavoidable scramble that leads up the rocky cone to the summit. A high clearance vehicle is required to get to the trail head. Estimate 6 miles round trip, 1600' gain, 4-5 hours of hiking. Mastodon is a much more leisurely hike on trail to this popular spot behind the Cottonwood Springs Visitor Center. Splendid views of the southern Joshua Tree Area. For the hikes, bring food, water, and 10 essentials. This Lower Peaks outing is co-sponsored by HPS. Contact leaders for details: DAVE COMERZAN, MARLEN MERTZ #Hikethe100

Dec 11 Sun Hundred Peaks

**I: Ryan Mountain (5,457’)** – Join us as we come off the previous night's Holiday Hooplah festivities with a scenic hike to a classic HPS peak in Joshua Tree National Park. Sunday morning we'll hike out directly from our campground at Sheep Pass to climb Ryan Mountain on a moderately strenuous, cross country route at a relatively relaxed pace over rocky and thorny desert terrain. Although we'll keep it to Class 2, we'll be scrambling up and along rocky and bouldery talus; experience and comfort on such terrain is required. On our way up to Ryan we'll pass over “Joshua BM” and then make our way over to “Peak 5238” before reaching the summit. From the summit of Ryan we'll return to Sheep Pass Campground via the Ryan Mtn Trail for a nice loop hike of about 4.25 miles with 1,400' of gain. Email contact info, recent experience & conditioning to mkelliher746@gmail.com for trip status and details. Leaders: MAT KELLIHER, MIKE DILLENBACK, #Hikethe100

Dec 11 Sun Hundred Peaks

**I: Eureka Peak (5,518’) – HOLIDAY HOOPLA!! JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND OF FUN!! BE AMONG THE FIRST TO HIKE TO A [POTENTIALLY] NEWLY ADDED PEAK TO THE HPS LIST!! Hike with us Sunday and/or Saturday (see separate Saturday posting for Warren Point). On Sunday we will visit Eureka Peak, which at 5518’ is the fourth highest peak in Joshua Tree National Park. Travel out and back will be mostly along a moderately strenuous trail system through gorgeous, but rocky and...**
thorny, desert terrain. Also, Eureka Peak may have by now been voted back onto the HPS list following balloting in November to re-add this previously delisted peak. This will be a slow-paced hike, designed to accommodate hikers who need -- or want -- more time to get to an HPS peak. Total distance should be around 10.5 miles, and total gain should be about 1,800 feet. Bring food, water, lugsoles, layers, hat and sunblock. Contact Leader for status and details. Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leader: VIRGINIA SIMPSON

Jan 14    Sat    Hundred Peaks
2017 HPS Awards Banquet - Join HPS for its annual awards banquet at the Monrovian Restaurant in Monrovia, CA, as we celebrate our accomplishments and visit with friends new and old. This year's speaker will be Pamela Zoolalian; her presentation, "30 Days Along the John Muir Trail", describes her experiences while traveling solo on the John Muir Trail as a fundraiser for Aspire2Be.org to benefit their outdoor programming. Her presentation includes a short documentary inspired by the steps she took, the people she met, and the land she saw. You can check out Pamela's website at www.theadventurher.com Social Hour begins at 5:00 pm, Dinner begins at 6:15 pm. Cost is $49 per person, $54 per person if reservations are made after Jan 2, 2017. Contact the HPS Program Reservationist at mkellihers46@gmail.com for questions and additional information. Follow the "Reservation Form" link to print out the form, then mail it in to reserve your space!

Jan 21    Sat    Lower Peaks, Hundred Peaks
O: Sugarloaf (3227'), Old Sugarloaf (3326') - Join us for a day to hike these two Lower Peaks. Located in the Santa Ana Mountains in the Cleveland National Forest. Hike is mostly trail with some short cross country. Estimate 10 miles round trip, 2500' gain, 6-7 hours of hiking. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. This Lower Peaks outing is co-sponsored by HPS. Contact leaders for details: DAVE COMERZAN, RON SCHRANTZ

Jan 28    Sat    Lower Peaks, Hundred Peaks
O: San Mateo (3591') - Join us for the day in the Santa Ana Mountains west of Elsinore. San Mateo is 6 miles round trip, 900' gain, estimate 3 hours of hiking on trail. This peak is the high point in the San Mateo Wilderness and has great views. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. This Lower Peaks outing is co-sponsored by HPS. Contact leaders for details: DAVE COMERZAN, RON SCHRANTZ

Feb 18    Sat    Lower Peaks, Hundred Peaks
O: Sitton Peak (3,273') - Join us for a day in the Santa Ana Mountains in the Cleveland National Forest west of Elsinore. This Lower Peak is 10 miles round trip, 1700' of gain, estimate about 5-6 hours of hiking. It is all on road and trail. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. This Lower Peaks outing is co-sponsored by HPS. Contact leaders for details: DAVE COMERZAN, RON SCHRANTZ
Mar 18 Sat  Lower Peaks, Hundred Peaks
O: Gilman Peak (1685’), San Juan Hill (1781’) - Join us for a day in the Chino Hills State Park in Orange County.

These two Lower Peaks are a loop hike of 10 miles round trip, 1700’ of gain, estimate 5-6 hours of hiking. If we get a little rain, this can be a beautiful hike among rolling green hills with snow capped mountains in the background. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for details: DAVE COMERZAN, RON SCHRANTZ

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Please make your check out to "Hundred Peaks Section"

New T-Shirts are now available
Cotton t-shirts in light blue or sand color with HPS logo on front
Size S $10 plus $2.00 postage
Sizes M, L and XL $15
But we are offering a special "HPS Anniversary" sale price of $14
Please include $2.50 each for postage

New Bandanas are now available
Polyester 22” x 22” bandanas with HPS logo
Color: light blue, pink or silver grey $11
But we are offering a special "HPS Anniversary" sale price of $10
Please include $2.00 each for postage

HPS Achievement Patches
HPS logo patches embroidered with "100 Peaks" "200 Peaks"
"List Finish #1" "List Finish #2" "Lead 100" "Lead 200"
$5.00 each, include 4” SASE envelope

HPS Metallic Pins
"Embem 100 Peaks" $10 "200 Peak Bar" $5.00
"List Completion" $7.00 "October Fest" $5.00
Postage: standard size SASE one stamp per pin
As Register Box Chair I report on peak register status and make them available to those that request new cans. It is a position that places me as the apparent keeper of old peak registers. I received an anonymous mailing of peak registers, post-marked Santa Barbara, CA. One was of Santa Cruz Peak as set down by R.S. Fink in 1949.

Some of the individuals’ signing the total of six registers mailed to me (Above) would someday become historic Hundred Peaks Section names found on our Peaks, Peak Guides and Awards: R.S. Fink, Richard Akawie, Stag Brown, Frank Goodykoontz, Paul A. Lipsohn, Bill T. Russel.

(All Peak Registers will be scanned to: www.hundredpeaks.org).

<Scanned Copy Left: Santa Cruz 1949 Peak Register, by R. S. (Sam) Fink, one of the original players of the hundred peaks “game” in the 1940’s. Sam Fink was the second person (after Weldon Heald) to climb 100 peaks in southern California. He was the first to complete the HPS List, and was the first to complete it a second time.

Scanned Copy Right: Freda Walbrecht. Ms. Walbrecht was an early confidante of Weldon Heald. Heald first floated his idea of a hundred peaks “game” to her on a trip to Havasu in 1942. She was one of the earliest hundred peaks peakbaggers in the 1940s, and a member of the 1955 Central Committee of the Hundred Peaks Section in 1955.
She participated in the hundred peaks hike to Mt. Hawkins in 1946 which included 2 LA Times reporters. Their story appeared on the front page of the LA Times. She was the second person to complete the HPS List. (Sam Fink was the first.) She hiked frequently with Sam.
(Contributed by Joe Young)
This year the Hundred Peaks Section will be holding its 2016 Holiday Hooplah in Joshua Tree National Park over the weekend of December 10 – 11. We’ve reserved a group campsite for both Friday and Saturday nights (Dec 9 and 10) at Sheep Pass Campground right in the center of the Park. The campground does not have potable water, but it’s equipped with picnic tables, fire ring, and pit toilets. For those who prefer not to camp out, there are numerous lodging choices in the nearby communities of Joshua Tree and Yucca Valley.

After spending the day bagging peaks on one of the several outings that will be available, Saturday night we’ll all meet up at Sheep Pass Campground to celebrate the Holiday Season HPS style with a big Potluck Happy Hour. There will be ample opportunity to socialize and hang out around a roaring campfire with old and new friends. Whether you’re camping out or staying in town, everyone is welcome and all are encouraged to attend.

If you’re planning on camping out with us, HPS requests a fee of $5 per person ($10 per family) for each night you’ll be camping out. And be sure to make reservations in advance as spaces are limited. For questions, campground information, driving directions, potluck suggestions and campground reservations, contact the HPS Programs Reservationist, Mat Kelliher, at mkelliher746@gmail.com

Although there are only a couple of hikes scheduled at the time of this printing, as we get closer to the event more outings are sure to be added. Make sure to check the HPS Website at http://www.hundredpeaks.org/outings.htm for newly added outings. Once you’ve found the hike(s) you’re interested in attending, contact the respective outing leaders directly for status and specific details.
View from Pacifico Mountain. Photo: Jim Kidder