Baldy, Pine, Dawson area
by Mikki Bondy Siegel
The HPS Management Committee would like to congratulate the following on their election to the Management Committee for the term 2017 through 2018:

Re-elected were Michael McCarty and Mark S. Allen. Newly elected were Aimee Shocket, Mike Dillenback.

In addition, the three proposals before the membership were adopted:

YES to place Eureka Peak back on the List
YES to place Hot Springs Mountain back on the List, and
YES to revise the Snowshoe Emblem to recognize 25, 50, and 75 peaks.

The Management Committee would like to thank all the candidates who ran for MComm, the Nominating Committee (consisting of Tanya Roton and Virginia Simpson) for recruiting a great group of candidates, and the Elections Committee (consisting of Ignacio Doggett, Peter Doggett, Tanya Roton, Stella Cheung, Winnette Butler, and Coby King) for another smoothly run election.

Finally, the Management Committee would like to thank retiring MComm members Wayne Bannister and Mat Kelliher for their many years of outstanding service to the MComm and the Section.
The Hundred Peaks Section is an Activity Section of the Sierra Club - Angeles Chapter. Our newsletter, The Lookout, is published six times a year.

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From the Chair
Wayne Bannister
December 10, 2016

It has been my pleasure to serve as Chair of Hundred Peaks Section. As I leave office and the Management Committee, it is time to look over all that has been accomplished this year. HPS membership has grown and scheduled hikes have remained constant despite the retirement of beloved leaders. Scheduled hikes and traditional club rendezvous have continued safely away from the flames during a record forest fire season threatening to close down the forests we treasure so much. Most importantly, we have preserved the fun of hiking in Southern California.

We never missed a step as others came forward to replace the Club Treasurer, Sandy Burnsides and the Lookout Newsletter Editors, Lilly Fukui and Chris Spisak. A special thanks to them for years of service. We are especially grateful for Mark Allen’s work in taking over the editorial publication responsibilities for the Lookout. It is my feeling the Lookout represents the corner stone of the organization recognizing the accomplishments of our members and publicizing upcoming events. He has been responsible for implementing the decisions made by the HPS Management Committee as we transitioned from a printed document to an image-only Lookout Newsletter aligning us with the other sections of the Sierra Club.

Social Media is allowing for greater exposure of members achieving Emblems and List Finishes. The implementation of PayPal has made it easier to renew memberships and create new HPS members. Praise to Michael McCarty, Membership Chair and Coby King for bringing us into the age of the Internet.

Special thanks to Mat Kelliher for years of service in creating and scheduling Programs for Hundred Peaks Section. Spring Fling was held at Lake Isabella with a full campground and a great many scheduled hikes. Waterman Rendezvous attracted over a hundred hikers this year despite warm, dry conditions. There were hikes led from the historical three trail heads to Waterman Peak and the traditional potluck lunch. Fall Festival was held at Hanna Flat Campground with hikers working on both HPS and LPS lists. Holiday Hoopla, held annually in December in Joshua Tree National Monument is a popular way to end the year and this year was no exception. The Annual Awards Banquet was a great success last year at the Monrovia Restaurant and promises to be the same January 14, 2017; again at the Monrovia.

The fire season of 2016 has created unwanted records in the destruction and closure of whole forests in our hiking area of Southern California. Thanks to the tireless work and reporting of George Christiansen, Access Chair and James Hagar, current conditions have been made available via social media, email and the Lookout Newsletter.

Finally, it is good to see our members response to the re-listing of Eureka Peak, Hot Springs Mountain and the revival of the Snow Shoe Emblem. The election results reflect our mutual love of the mountains, the trails and the history of the Hundred Peaks Section.
Many of us have noticed that the elevation recorded by our GPS devices is different from the elevation shown on our topographic map. I had always assumed that this difference was attributable to both the inherent errors in topographic maps and the vertical accuracy of consumer GPS devices. However, a graduate school course that I recently completed explored some of the principles of geodesy and revealed that my assumption was incorrect.

Geodesy, as defined in 1880 by Friedrich Robert Helmert, is the “science of the measurement and mapping of the Earth’s surface.” Without exploring the scientific complexity of geodesy, it is sufficient to note that elevation is determined by a reference point and that there are different reference points used to determine elevation.

Topographic maps and GPS use different reference points. The United States Geological Survey provides the following explanation:
GPS heights are based on an ellipsoid (a mathematical representation of the earth’s shape), while USGS map elevations are based on a vertical datum tied to the geoid (what we commonly call "mean sea level"). GPS elevations can disagree with map elevations by +/-400 feet.  
(https://www2.usgs.gov/faq/categories/9758/3023)

Elevations determined by reference to an ellipsoid are referred to as ellipsoidal elevation whereas elevations determined by reference to the geoid are referred to as orthometric elevation. The illustration below shows the difference between the ellipsoid and geoid.


Throughout the coterminous United States, the geoid is below the ellipsoid. This means that elevations determined by a GPS device will be lower than elevations shown on our topographic maps. In those places where the geoid is above the ellipsoid, GPS elevation will be higher than the orthometric elevation shown on the map.

It is important to note that reference models are regularly updated. For example, the North American Datum of 1927 was based on Clarke 1866 ellipsoid and differences between the geoid and ellipsoid were no greater than 12 meters in the United States. By contrast, the North American Datum of 1983 is based on the GRS80 ellipsoid and differences can be up to 53 meters in the United States.
2017 Navigation Events

We have a great lineup of navigation events for 2017. At all of our navigation events, we can work with beginners. No prior navigation experience is required. All are welcome!!!

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I welcome your navigation questions. Contact me at rmmyers@ix.netcom.com.
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. 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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Advance Schedule of Hundred Peaks Section Activities  
January - July 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 December 30, 2016. These outings cover the period ranging from January 1 2017 through July 29, 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.

**Jan 1**  
**Sun**  
**Hundred Peaks**  
I: Chuckwalla Mtn (5029’) and Cross Mountain (5203’) - Start the New Year with a loop hike that will be about 10 miles round trip with 4,000' of gain. Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch and hat. Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. **Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT**

**Jan 4**  
**Wed**  
**Hundred Peaks**  
I: Red Mountain (5261') and Black Mountain #6 (5244') - Join us for two special peaks in the desert north of the town of Mojave. Drive between trailheads. Totals for the day will be about 8 miles and around 3100' of gain. High-clearance vehicles necessary. Please bring water, hiking footwear, layers, lunch, sunblock and hat. Contact Leader for details. **Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: VIRGINIA SIMPSON, JIMMY QUAN, MAY TANG, MIKE DILLENBACK, JIM HAGAR**
Jan 7 – 8 Sat-Sun Desert Peaks, WTC, Hundred Peaks

I: Stepladder Mountains (2,927'), Old Woman Mountain (5,325') – Join us for a fun weekend way out in eastern California near Needles, CA as we climb a couple of classic desert peaks along the botanical transition zone between the Mojave and Colorado Deserts. Both climbs require strenuous effort, which we'll exert at a moderate pace, and will require comfort on rocky, thorny, steep, and loose class 2 desert terrain. Saturday we'll head out into the Stepladder Mtns Wilderness Area and work our way up the zig-zagging ledge system of the Stepladder Mtn's eastern face to the top of the pinnacle just south of High Point of the range. After marveling at the views from up top, we'll return the way we came in for a day's total of about 12 RT miles and 1,500' of gain. Back at our cars that evening, we'll set up a primitive, dry camp and enjoy a festive Happy Hour and Potluck under waxing gibbous winter night skies. Sunday we'll head over to our trailhead for the Old Woman Mountains High Point, located west of Saturday's peak, and set out to the south along road, canyon, and ridge to the High Point of the range. From that summit we'll thoroughly enjoy the views before heading back down the way we came up for a day's total of about 6.5 RT miles with 2,800' of gain. High clearance, 4WD vehicles required. Comfort on loose and exposed class 2 terrain required. This DPS Outing is co-sponsored by WTC and HPS. Email Mat Kelliher at mkeiher746@gmail.com with contact and carpool info, recent conditioning, and experience for trip status and details. Leaders: MAT KELLIHER, BILL SIMPSON

Jan 7 Sat LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, LPS, Hundred Peaks
I: Navigation: 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: ANN SHIELDS

Jan 8 Sun LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, LPC, Hundred Peaks
I: Navigation: 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: ANN SHIELDS

Jan 8 Sun Hundred Peaks
O: Cahuilla Mountain (5,635') - While Harriet Beecher Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" (1852) contributed to bringing to light African Americans' misery in the east, Helen Hunt Jackson's "Ramona" (1884) exposed the infringement on Native-American human rights with her story of the terrible, but true, treatment of the Cahuilla Indians. You are invited to the place of young Ramona and Alessandro's story. You will be able to enjoy the fine views of mountain ranges - Mt. San Jacinto, Thomas Mountain, Desert Divide, as well as the sights of beautiful Ribbon Trees, Manzanitas, Oaks, and Coulter Pines. The three hour hike will be easy paced, comprised of gentle slopes of the mountains and crests, 6-mile peaceful grassland walk to and from, and 1700' gain. Please bring : 10 essentials, 2 liters of water, lunch, warm layer, and lug soles are required. Leader: JINOAK CHUNG (jinoakchung52@gmail.com) Co-leader: PETER DOGGETT
Jan 8 Sun Hundred Peaks
I: Little Cahuilla Mtn (5042') - Hike to this fine peak in the afternoon (after joining Jin Oak's Big Cahuilla morning climb). Our easy hike should be about 2.5 miles round trip with a total gain of 700' (550' going & 150' back). Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch and hat. Contact peterdoggettt@aol.com for trip details. Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT

Jan 10 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

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 mkelliher746@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 15 Sun Lower Peaks, Hundred Peaks
I: Redrock Mtn (3,991') - We'll do this moderate to strenuous hike near Castaic Lake with great views of Cobblestone, White, Black, Whitaker, Slide Mountain LO, Warm Springs Mountain LO, Liebre, Burnt and Sawtooth. Most of the climb will be on trail with some cross country at the end to the summit. We are planning an unhurried pace hiking through Fish Canyon. Expect a day's total of about 11.1 miles with 2,477' of gain. This Lower Peaks Committee hike is co-sponsored by HPS. Email contact info, recent experience and conditioning to Ldr: DAN RICHTER (dan@danrichter.com). Co-Ldr: ERIK SIERING

Jan 15 Sun Hundred Peaks
O: Meeks Mountain (6,277'), Bighorn Mountains (5,894') – Join us on this day after the HPS Awards Banquet for two pleasant hikes at relaxed pace on dirt road and use trail into the Bighorn Mtns east of Big Bear Lake to a couple of very scenic points high above the Johnson and Lucerne Valleys with expansive views out into the Mojave Desert. Expect a moderately strenuous day for these two peaks with about 4.0 RT miles and 1,000' of gain for Meeks Mtn, and about 6.0 RT miles with 1,100' of gain (850' going in, 250' coming out) for Bighorn Mtns. High
clearance 4WD vehicles required to reach trailhead; participants will be limited by the number of 4WD vehicles available. Well behaved dogs are welcome. Email Mat Kelliher at mkelliher746@gmail.com with contact, vehicle type and carpool info for trip status and details. Leaders: MAT KELLIHER, MIKE DILLENBACK, MAY TANG, WINNETTE BUTLER, CHRIS SPISAK, LILLY FUKUI

Jan 18

Wed

Hundred Peaks

I: Tecuya Mountain (7155') - Hike to the highest point on the Tecuya Ridge of the San Emigdio Mountains in the area of Frazier Mountain. The totals for the day will be around 6 miles roundtrip and about 2100' of elevation gain. Expect snow. Bring water, hiking footwear, layers, lunch, snacks, sunblock and hat. For details contact Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: VIRGINIA SIMPSON, JIMMY QUAN, MAY TANG, MIKE DILLENBACK, JIM HAGAR

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

Jan 28

Sat

LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, Hundred Peaks

M/E: Local Baldy Snow Practice - Come review snow climbing, rope travel, ice axe, and snow anchors. Practice your skills or brush up on new techniques. Especially for aspiring M & E leader candidates. Restricted to SC members with prior experience with the ice axe. Lack of snow may cancel. Email SC#, climbing resume, email address, phone # to Ldr: NILE SORENSON co-Ldr: NEAL ROBBINS

Feb 4 - 5

Sat-Sun

Desert Peaks, Hundred Peaks

I: Granite Mountain #2 (4,331'+), Palen Mountains HP (3,848') – Join us for this fun weekend of desert peak bagging way out in the Palen/McCoy Wilderness Area located in the southern Mojave - northern Colorado Deserts west of Blythe, CA. Both climbs require strenuous effort, which we'll exert at a moderate pace, and will require comfort on rocky, thorny, steep, and loose class 2 desert terrain. Saturday we'll head up the southwest flank of the Granite Mtns to their High Point via dry stream beds to the summit ridge and return the way we came in for a day's total of about 8.0 RT miles with 2,900' of gain. Back at our cars that evening, we'll set up a primitive, dry camp and enjoy a festive Happy Hour around a raging campfire under waxing crescent, winter night skies. Sunday we'll drive over to the
nearby trailhead for the Palen Mountains, and then head up the eastern flank of that range to its High Point via dry creek bed and ridge. After enjoying the views up top we'll head back down the way we came up for a day's total of about 5.0 RT miles with 2,700' of gain. High clearance, 4WD vehicles required. This DPS Outing is co-sponsored by WTC and HPS. Email Mat Kelliher at mkelliher746@gmail.com with contact and carpool info, recent conditioning, and experience for trip status and details. Leaders: MAT KELLIHER, JEREMY NETKA

Feb 5       Sun       Lower Peaks, Hundred Peaks
O: Mt. McKinley (4,926') - A moderate to strenuous hike above San Fernando in the San Gabriels. This should be a great winter workout. We are planning an unhurried pace and expect a day's total of about 12 miles with 3,000' of gain. This Lower Peaks Committee hike is co-sponsored by HPS. Email contact info, recent experience and conditioning to Ldr: DAN RICHTER (dan@danrichter.com) Co-Ldr: ERIK SIERING

Feb 5       Sun       LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, LPC, Hundred Peaks
I: Navigation: Mt. Pinos Navigation Practice on Snowshoes: Ever wonder what it is like to navigate in snow? Find out on this navigation practice as we take a cross-country route to Mount Pinos (8831'). Four miles round trip, 700 feet gain. Snowshoes required. Send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Leader: ROBERT MYERS. Co-Leaders: ANN SHIELDS, ADRIENNE BENEDICT, JANE SIMPSON

Feb 12      Sun       Hundred Peaks
O: Let's hike Smith Mountain (5111') - Welcome WTC students and HPS hikers. Join us on this delightful hike in Azusa Canyon with fantastic views of the San Gabriel Wilderness. From the summit of Smith Mountain, the leaders will point out nearby interesting peaks. We plan to take the very pleasant Upper Bear Creek Trail to a saddle and then scramble up a ridge on a use trail to the peak. Hike is about 7.5 miles round trip with a total elevation gain of about 2100 feet. Bring about 2 liters of water, sun hat, sun block, food, layers of clothing (rain gear, warm jacket, gloves etc.) and lugsoled shoes and a fun snack to share. This pleasant, moderate hike is geared towards current WTC students to help condition, to introduce the Hundred Peaks Section of the Sierra Club, to bag an HPS peak, and to sign the peak register! As well as have a great time in the process. You can try out your new WTC boots and gear on this hike! Questions and RSVP: Leader SRIDHAR GULLAPALLI (sridhar_gullapalli@yahoo.com), Co-Leaders: RACHEL GLEGG, BILL SIMPSON, VIRGINIA SIMPSON

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
Feb 18  Sat  Hundred Peaks  
**I: Minerva Hoyt (5405’) and Quail Mtn (5813’)** - Join us for a fun day in beautiful Joshua Tree National Park as we hike to the highest point in the Park, Quail Mtn, and it’s neighbor, Minerva Hoyt. The pace will be slow to accommodate hikers who need or want more time to get to HPS peaks. The hike will be a total of 10 miles round trip with 2,000' elevation gain. Jerry Grenard will be leading this hike to fulfill his provisional day hike requirement for the I-rating. Come help him find the peaks!! Contact leader for status and details: Leader: JERRY GRENARD, Co-Leader/ Evaluator: BILL SIMPSON

Mar 4 – 5  Sat – Sun  Desert Peaks, Hundred Peaks  
**I: Nopah Range HP (6,394’), Brown Peak (4,947’)** – Come join us for a strenuous but fun weekend of desert peak bagging out near Death Valley NP high above the Chicago Valley north-northeast of Shoshone, CA. Both climbs require strenuous effort, which we’ll exert at a moderate pace, and will require comfort on rocky, thorny, steep, and loose class 2 desert terrain. Saturday morning we’ll head out just before first light from our camp at the trailhead into the Nopah Range Wilderness Area to ascend the western flank of the Nopah Range to its high point. After thoroughly enjoying the reportedly exquisite views up there, we’ll return the way we came in for a day's total of about 10 RT mi with 4,200' gain. We'll make camp where we're parked and will celebrate the weekend around a roaring campfire under waxing crescent night skies with a traditional DPS Potluck Happy Hour. Sunday we'll drive into Death Valley via Shoshone over HCV and 4WD required dirt roads to the trailhead for the west side approach to Brown Peak in the Greenwater Range. A mere 3 miles with 2,100' of gain will get us up to the summit, where we'll eat a little lunch and enjoy the views before heading back down to our cars via the same route we came up. High Clearance, 4WD vehicles required. This DPS Outing is co-sponsored by WTC and HPS. Email Mat Kelliher at mkelliher746@gmail.com with contact, vehicle type and carpool info, recent conditioning, and experience for trip status and details. Leaders: MAT KELLIHER, BILL SIMPSON

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

Apr 8  Sat  LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, Hundred Peaks  
**M/E: Sierra Snow Checkoff/Practice** - For M & E candidates wanting to check off leadership ratings. We welcome others who wish to practice new techniques. Restricted to SC members with some prior basic training with the ice axe. Send SC#, climbing resume, email, H&W phones to Ldr: NILE SORENSON Co-ldr: NEAL ROBBINS
2017 HPS Spring Fling - Come join us as we celebrate the return of Spring with a weekend of peakbagging and merry-making in the Anza-Borrego Desert. Saturday night we’ll be camping out and partying it up at the Borrego Palms Canyon Campground. HPS requests a fee of $5 per person ($10 per family) to help defray campground reservation costs. Send email to HPS Programs Reservationist at mkelliiher746@gmail.com to reserve your spot, and do so fast, because this one will fill up fast!! Check the schedule for specific hikes to be offered, and sign up for a particular hike directly with its leaders.

Apr 22 Sat LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, LPC, Hundred Peaks
I: Navigation: Mission Creek Navigation Noodle: Navigation noodle at Mission Creek Preserve 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: ANN SHIELDS

Apr 23 Sun LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, LPC, Hundred Peaks
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Jun 3 Sat LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, LPC, Hundred Peaks
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July 29 Sat Hundred Peaks
2017 Waterman Rendezvous - Join us for our annual rendezvous on the summit of Waterman Mountain, one of the most beautiful peaks in the San Gabriel Mountains. Check the HPS Schedule of Activities for specific hikes to be offered and sign up for the one you’re interested in directly with that outing’s leaders. For more information, contact Mike Dillenback (dillyhouse@earthlink.net) or Aimee Shocket (aimeehps17@gmail.com)

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Virginia and Bill Simpson made Hundred Peaks Section history on October 29, 2016 on Paciﬁco Mountain when they celebrated their simultaneous HPS list ﬁnishes. For Virginia it was her ﬁrst HPS list completion. For Bill it was his fourth time leading the entire HPS list. There are only three other people* who have accomplished Bill’s feat, and it represents a monumental achievement and contribution to the Section and the Sierra Club.

The Simpsons met on Virginia’s second HPS hike – Mt. Lukens. She had been hiking with an informal group of Sierra Club folks in the Santa Monica Mountains on evening conditioning hikes. Seeing her enthusiasm and excellent conditioning, fellow hiker and long-time Sierra Club leader Ed Lubin suggested that she might enjoy hiking with the HPS. Virginia had no idea that she would not only learn about new peaks, places and challenges but that she would immediately meet her future mate. This happened in early 2008. They were married on September 9, 2009 (09/09/09).

For a variety of reasons, Virginia made slower progress on her HPS list during some of the years after she began hiking. However, she was a determined hiker and managed to bag a fair number of peaks each year. To stay in shape when she was not hiking, Virginia would often ride her mountain bike. In December 2015 she became an I-rated leader and in 2016 began regularly leading hikes with Bill, mostly on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Virginia was proud to be able to ﬁnish the list on Paciﬁco Mountain in the company of over 60 of her friends and fellow hikers.

For Bill hiking has been a passion ever since his personal trainer – after four years of asking – ﬁnally got him to go on a hike to Mount Baden-Powell from Dawson Saddle. He loved his new hobby, especially because of how it helped him stay in great shape. In 2007 Bill became a Sierra Club leader and began leading HPS hikes. Now he cannot stop. He leads hikes at all paces to accommodate the widest range of hikers. In 2016 the couple began periodically posting “slower” hikes designed to attract new people to the HPS and to accommodate HPS members who “need -- or want -- more time to reach the peak.” They still also continue do their long and hard outings.

Bill calls himself an extreme hiker (as he puts on his license plate), and he can certainly race up the trails at an impressive speed. Apart from his leading of HPS peaks, he may be best known for two “extreme” hikes: hiking twice in one day to the top of the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway from the parking lot of the Palm Springs Art Museum (a combined total for the two trips of 20 miles and 17,200’ gain – 3.26 vertical miles) and hiking in one day to all 17 of the 10,000-foot peaks in the San Gorgonio area (31 miles and 10,700’ gain).

Bill and Virginia enjoy mountain biking and have tagged many HPS peaks with long approaches on dirt roads using their bikes. They report it saves time and footsteps – especially on the downhill – and they also like the sport for its cross-training beneﬁts as well as the fact that it keeps the muscles surrounding the knees strong to help minimized the chance of knee injury.
Since the date of their joint list finishes was close to the eve of Halloween, participants surprised the Simpsons with an array of scary and creative costumes they brought for the celebration on the summit. Virginia was given a pair of way-oversized spectacles so she could believe what she had witnessed. Meanwhile, Bill was transformed into a daunting-but-gentle Chewbacca (of “Star Wars” fame). The celebration on the summit included a “mountain” of food for the potluck and a “river” of champagne and sparkling cider carried by various climbers.

Congratulations Virginia and Bill for their very noteworthy achievements!

*Ignacia Doggett has led the list four times, and Peter Doggett and Mars Bonfire share the record in leading the list five times.
Milestones

Chris Spisak's List Finish 11/19/2016. (Photo by Virginia Shackelford Simpson)

Tay Lee finished the HPS list on Big Rabbit on 11-19-16. L-R are Eric Chu, Tay Lee, Naresh Satyan, Yasu Iemori, Jackson Hsu, Ignacia & Peter Doggett

Heesook Kim earned the 200 Peaks Bar on Cole Point, 12-3-16

Toasting Peter Doggett's Lead List 5 on Lost Horse, 12-11-16, L-R are Jinoak Chung, David Han, Stella Cheung, Mike Manning, Nancy Jones, Illwoo Suh, Ignacia & Peter Doggett (photo by Susan Kang)

Illwoo Suh finished the HPS list on Monrovia on 11-5-16. L-R are Kim La, Jackson Hsu, Tay Lee, Naresh Satyan, Peter & Ignacia Doggett, Illwoo, Sonia Arancibia; Nancy Jones (photo: Jinoak Chung)

Mark Lyons waves from Eagles Rest, his HPS list finish, 11-30-16. With him were, L_R, Valerie Norton, Heesook Kim, Lawrence Lee, & Peter Doggett (Photo: Ignacia Doggett)
**Cobblestone Mountain:** celebrating Mark Butski’s list finish on Saturday 11/05/2016. From the top is Rod Keiffer, Fiona McGinty, Mark Butski, Ryan Lynch, Diana Estrada, Valerie Norton, Mike Manning, Christine Riley, Tracey Thomerson, Peter Kudlinski, Jimmy Quan, May Tang, Aimee Shocket, Mary Varalay, George White, Bill Simpson, Mike Dillenback, Jorge Estrada, Mat Kelliher and John Tevelein.

**Galena Peak:** Jimmy Quan, Bill Simpson, May Tang, George White and Jim Hagar on November 9, 2016.

**Deer Mountain:** George White, Jimmy Quan, May Tang, Bill Simpson, Patrick Vaughn and Mike Dillenback on Oct. 19, 2016.

**Hooplaph on Bighorn Mts.** L-R are Youngok Lee, Peter Kudlinski, Tracey Thomersen, I Doggett, Jim Green, Mary Varalay, Peter D, Ilbeow Suh, William Chen, Jason Park, Sunny Yi, Coby King, Shaune Hand, Heesook Kim, Pat Wells(by Jinoak)

**From left:** Wasim Khan, May Tang, Maya, Dave Endres, Mat Kelliher, Mary Varalay, Lilly Fukui, Mike Dillenback, Wayne Bannister, Bill Simpson, Virginia Simpson, Tanya Roton. December 31, 2016 - Summit of Boucher Hill (Photo by Chris Spisak)
Los Padres Forest Association Trail Maintenance Volunteers
Madulce Peak Trail
Leader: VWR Steve Cypher

Over the past year or so the Los Padres Forest Association has been quietly working on promoting an Adopt-A-Trail (AAT) program here within the Los Padres. The idea of an Adopt A Trail program is really neat and here's a great example of how an AAT works. Four years ago the Hundred Peaks Section (HPS) of the Sierra Club reached out to us asking about trail conditions up and around the BIG FOUR peaks (Madulce, Samon, Big Pine and West Big Pine). The HPS, (Hundred Peaks Section, Sierra Club), or peak baggers as they are sometimes known, travel across Southern California bagging a list of designated peaks. I believe the peaks need to be over 5,000ft and distinct enough to warrant being called a standalone peak. The BIG FOUR are on their list and they had noticed that some of the trails, in particular the Madulce Peak Trail, were becoming impassable due to fallen trees and post-Zaca re-growth.

The BIG FOUR are challenging enough to summit without having to deal with extra bushwhacking so we figured out a way to help each other out through an informal HPS adoption of the Madulce Peak Trail. The LPFA would offer to lead a trail project each year along the Madulce Peak Trail and HPS would provide the trail workers. We get workers who will spend a day cutting brush and they get to camp at Alamar and have a better trail to their favorite peaks. Everyone wins and it's fun - what could be better?!

2016 marked the third year of this arrangement and once again it was a huge success. The crew of 16 HPS'rs spent the day in July brushing the trail out to Madulce Peak and helping Steve remove as many downed trees as he could along the trail. We ended-up working a bunch of the trail but there is still much more to be done out there. The cool thing is when you compare the trail now to what it looked like when HP adopted it three years ago - it has improved dramatically and that is just from HPS adopting the trail and committing to work it once a year. Imagine the potential if every trail was worked even one day a year! Article written by Bryan Conant (Used with permission of Los Padres Forest Association).Photos credit: Steve Cypher.
My Favorite Lower Peaks

By Marlen Mertz

More and more HPSers are showing interest in Lower Peaks. Why not? These peaks are just as interesting as Hundred Peaks and many quite challenging. In recent years, you find Lower Peaks sneaking into the Fall Festival, Spring Fling and the Winter Holiday events (Thanks to Dave Comerzan). These hikes allow you to get a taste of peaks under 5,000’ while still hiking with HPS friends.

One of my favorite Lower Peaks is El Montanon on Santa Cruz Island. You can go there on your own using Island Packers, the only commercial boat company that travels to the Channel Islands National Park. Or you can join one of the Wilderness Adventure/Lower Peaks Section annual trips to the Islands. You can climb this peak as a day hike or spend the weekend camping, kayaking and enjoying other areas of the Island including the Conservancy land (with a mandatory Island Packer naturalist).

Another favorite is Silver Peak on Catalina, the highest point west of Two Harbors. This peak can be accessed from the east or the west. This is a wonderful ridge hike with fabulous panoramic views of the ocean and coves.

The main route for Silver is a 12 miles round trip from Two Harbors, 2300' gain to the peak, and 500' gain on return. For this outing too, I would recommend spending the weekend and you can camp, rent a very simple primitive cabin, or stay at the Banning House Lodge, a rustic 1910 bed-and-breakfast. Wherever you stay, you can end your full day of hiking with a nice dinner at the Harbor Reef Restaurant.

You can also hike Silver Peak from the Parson's Landing Campground which has many campsites, a little beach and seaside picnic area. This is a seven mile hike with 1,700-foot elevation gain and if you detour to Starlight Beach, the most remote beach on the Island, it is 11 miles round trip. Starlight Beach is set in a cove with rocky cliffs surrounding it and marks the western terminus of the Trans-Catalina Trail backpacking route. You can do a loop by hiking back on the Boushay Road to the Coastal Road and then back to Parsons Landing.

Note that Catalina Express offers two for one boat rides on your birthday. You can travel to Avalon or Two Harbors and the gift includes a return trip anytime within a month.
This was a private hike with Pat Vaughn Bruce Craig and Paquita (Bruce's puppy). I needed Verdugo Peak for my 4X on the Lower Peaks list. I had done it three ways and was looking for a fourth route. We set this up as a shuttle hike. We left one car at the entrance to the Wildwood Canyon Park then drove to the Stough Canyon Nature Center to start the hike. Since this was a private hike I wanted to pick up some Peakbagger peaks on the way. Directions to Wildwood were 5 north to Burbank. Burbank east to San Fernando Blvd, turn left. Go a short distance to Delaware, turn right. Go to Glenoaks, turn right. Go to Harvard and turn left. Drive about 1 ½ miles to the entrance of Wildwood.

The Verdugo Mtn. road starts to the left of the Nature Center. We walked about a mile to a signed junction. The road straight ahead goes to the saddle. The road to the left leads to the Old Youth Campground and eventually to the saddle. It also goes past two of the Peakbagger peaks. We took the road to the left and within a short came to a signed junction, Trail View, to the left. It was a short distance to the viewpoint which was also Peak 1922.

We continued on the road towards the Youth Campground. It soon turned into a trail. In a few minutes, we came to the campground. All that remained was a fireplace. We continued on the road/trail and shortly came upon a junction. We went straight passing 2256. Shortly we came to a junction with a use trail coming in from the left. We took this use trail about a ¼ mile to 2256. We went back down to the junction, going (east) towards Verdugo.

We walked the road about a mile, going past 2646 to where the ridge comes down to the road. We then walked up the ridge about a 10th mile to 2646. Back to the road and continued on to Verdugo, passing the ridge to Wildwood Canyon. Verdugo is the third antenna field. There is a fence around it, with a trail just outside the fence. There was a bench on the summit.

After Verdugo, we walked back down the road about a mile to the first antenna we passed. The trail down to Wildwood starts in front of antenna. It is called the Vital Link Trail. It is short and steep; about an 1800’ drop in a little over a mile. It is a popular hike for locals. Just before the end, we went over 1815 and down to the car.

We had an excellent day for the hike. It was a sunny, breezy day and the views were spectacular. I would call this the Park Bench Route. There was a bench on almost every peak and many in between.

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This was a scheduled hike to this Lower Peak. The co-leader was Doris Duval. Joining us was Winnette Butler and Mike Johnston. We did the primary route starting from Chantry Flats. From 210, exit at Santa Anita Ave. and drive 5 miles to the end of the road. The gate to Chantry Flats opens at 6:00 am and closes at 8:00 pm. There is limited parking, so you need to arrive early, especially on the weekends.

In my opinion, this is probably one of the most beautiful hikes in the San Gabriel’s. There are several different approaches to this peak. We chose the route that goes up the Santa Anita Canyon to the Sturtevant camp. From the lower parking lot (elev. 2200’), we hiked down the paved fire road to the Roberts Camp (elev. 1800’) where the Lower Winter Creek trail comes out. We continued straight on what is now a trail called the Gabrielleno Trail. We passed a number of cabins and came to a junction. The left trail was for horses. We took the right trail that leads to the falls. This trail was very scenic. After about a mile, the two trails join. We kept to the right. As we headed to the Sturtevant camp, we passed the Cascade Picnic area and the Spruce Grove campground, both excellent places to take a rest. Shortly after Spruce, we came to a junction. We continued toward Sturtevant following the signs to a junction to Mt. Zion. There is excellent signage throughout the hike and it was easy to follow the route.

Mt. Zion was a short spur hike off the trail. The summit was a bit of a disappointment. It was just a flat spot without much of a view. There was no register or benchmark. We continued south on the trail to a junction for the Lower Winter Creek trail and the Upper Winter Creek trail. We went up the Upper Winter Creek trail. Although it is about a mile longer, it avoids walking up 400’ from Roberts Camp on a hot, paved fire road. The Upper trail comes out at the parking lot.

About 90% of the hike was in shade. On this hike we saw a virtual explosion of wild flowers, including Canterbury Bells, Blue Dicks, Monkey Flowers and a host of others. There was a number of interesting old buildings at Sturtevant with information signs explaining the history. I highly recommend this area for hiking. The only negative was that there is a great deal of poison oak on this trail. Be careful what you touch.
Take That First Step Toward Becoming a Leader!

Offered just twice a year, the next Sierra Club Angeles Chapter's Leadership Training Seminar is scheduled for Saturday, April 15, 2017. Come and learn all about the best leadership practices of our outings program conducted by the Leadership Training Committee. This all-day event covers group management, our ratings system, rules of conduct, safety and much more, from presentations, breakout groups and scenarios.

The all-day class costs $25. See below for online application:
Mail the application and check, payable to Sierra Club, to Steve Botan, LTC Registrar, 18816 Thornwood Circle, Huntington Beach 92646.

Spring Leadership Seminar
April 15, 2017 at the Eaton Canyon Nature Center, Pasadena

- Time: Arrive at 7:30 a.m., done by 4 pm
- Register by April 1, 2017
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- And now - there is a Paypal option!
- Find out more including information on advanced ratings and navigation events at: http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc_leadership_seminar
- Scholarships are available for those with financial need. Apply to LTC Chair Anne Marie Richardson at: <AMLLeadership@gmail.com>

Keller Ski Hut
Call for Volunteers
Located just twelve miles from Big Bear at 6800 ft, Keller Ski Hut is much more than a ski cabin. It is open year round, offering a relaxing getaway and a comfortable place to eat and sleep after any sort of mountain adventure.
Built in 1938 by the Sierra Club Ski Mountaineers, Keller Ski hut is located across Hwy 18 from Snow Valley Ski Resort, just 5 miles past Running Springs. The Mountains Group hold their annual Christmas gathering at Keller every December and the San Gorgonio Chapter also hosts summer parties. Fall weather is crisp, with autumn leaf color and it is a nice place to spend a long Thanksgiving weekend.

Work Parties in April, May, July, August & October (Exact dates TBA)
Please contact Marty Kluck martinkluck@hotmail.com or Cecilia Fijiorsa cjfidora@yahoo.com for more information. The cabin is staffed by volunteers and everyone is invited to join summer work parties to help spruce up the cabin.

Santa Ana Mountains Task Force
Saturday 1/7/17  Trail Maintenance on the Bear Canyon Trail
Saturday 2/4/17  Trail Maintenance in the San Mateo Canyon Wilderness

See schedule of upcoming events: https://angeles.sierraclub.org/activities
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Milestones
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Fifth Leadership List Completion
#2 - Peter Doggett - Lost Horse Mountain - 12/11/2016

Fourth Leadership List Completion
#5 - William Simpson - Pacifico Mountain - 10/29/2016

Eighth List Completion
#7 - William Simpson - Liebre Mountain - 11/30/2016

First List Completion
#314 Virginia Simpson - Pacifico Mountain - 10/29/2016
#315 - Illwoo Suh - Monrovia Peak - 11/6/2016
#316 Mark Butski - Cobblestone Mountain - 11/5/2016sq
#317 - Chris Spisak - Mount Lewis - 11/19/2016
#318 - Tay Lee - Rabbit Peak #2 - 11/19/2016
#319 - Mark Lyons - Eagle Rest Peak - 11/30/2016

200 Peaks Bar
#487 - Mike Manning - Bertha Peak - 10/21/2016
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#489 - George White - Sorrell Peak - 10/26/2016
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