August 21st, The Solar Eclipse

Tom Armbruster: "We traveled to Salem, Oregon. Profound, so wonderful to see it with Lynda, my wife. The crowd on the lawn was reverential, then we all gasped at the instant of totality. There were surprises: First, the sky was dark but not like midnight; instead there was twilight all around the horizon. Second surprise: The corona was much larger than in pictures I've seen, extending out the length of the disk's diameter, and it was really asymmetric. Third surprise: We saw Venus but not the other planets near the sun—Mercury and Mars were obscured by the corona and Jupiter by the horizon's twilight. Two minutes was not nearly long enough."

Winnette Butler: "Excellent Sierra Club trip led by Fred Dong, Joe Young and Bobcat Thompson on August 17-24, 2017 to Grand Tetons, Yellowstone and Craters of the Moon, culminating in Rexburg, Idaho for the total eclipse. We were fortunate to have a solar physicist from UCLA with us who gave a great presentation about solar eclipses. He explained the importance of solar studies and briefed us on the Parker Solar Probe "A Mission to Touch the Sun" that will launch in 2018."
THE NAVIGATION CORNER: DON’T BLAME YOUR COMPASS IF YOU GET LOST

By Bob Myers, LTC Navigation Chair

As thoroughly prepared as Igor Skaredoff was for his recent backpacking trip into the Stanislaus National Forest wilderness, a disruption in the force — a magnetic force — helped turn a carefully planned journey with two friends into a harrowing 24 hours lost in tough, mountainous terrain.

“My compass got messed up by a magnetic piece on a hydration pack; the drinking mouthpiece (with a magnetic attachment) came in contact with the compass, and that isn’t good,” said Skaredoff, 75, a retired chemist from Martinez. “I was so screwed up I didn’t know where I was.” Martinez Hiker Recounts Being Lost in Wilderness, East Bay Times, August 18, 2017.

The recent newspaper story quoted above highlights the potential perils of interference with the magnetic needle of your compass. In August, a hiker claimed that the magnet on his water hydration system interfered with his compass and caused him to end up at the wrong location, initiating a search and rescue operation when he did not meet up with his camping companions. The lost hiker warned: “I would advise anyone who has (a magnetic device) to keep their compass the hell away from it.”

Compass inference can compromise the functionality of your compass and should be avoided. However, it is important to remember that your compass is only one of the navigation tools available to you. A careful examination of this incident reveals that the hiker made a combination of errors.

The hiker left camp at Wood Lake with plans to go to Red Can Lake, Karl’s Lake, and Leighton Lake before returning to camp. The hiker made it to Red Can Lake. However, he never made it to Karl’s Lake or Leighton Lake. Instead, he ended up at Yellowhammer Lake.

An examination of the topographic map suggests that a compass should not have been necessary to navigate from Red Can Lake to the Karl’s/Leighton Lakes area. The map shows that the travel from Red Can Lake to Karl’s Lake can be accomplished by a straightforward route of 0.60 miles using terrain features. This short distance could be travelled by most hikers in 12 to 30 minutes and does not require complex navigation. By contrast, a route from Red Can Lake to Yellowhammer Lake is not straightforward and requires advanced navigation skills. Given the distance of over two miles and cross-country terrain, the trip would take several hours.

As repeatedly noted in prior articles, time is one of the most important navigation tools available to a hiker. Given the short distance between the lakes, paying attention to time
travelled would have avoided the mishap of ending up at Yellowhammer Lake. The failure to arrive at the destination in under an hour should have been cause for concern that something was amiss.
Always use time and distance estimates as an early warning system to prevent you from going astray. This early warning system uses established rules for estimating the time while hiking.

The **Naismith Rule** is the principal method used to estimate travel time while hiking on a trail. Although the time calculated using the Naismith Rule often has to be adjusted upward because of difficult terrain features, it is a good rule of thumb. The Naismith Rule is expressed as:

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t = \frac{1}{3} d + \frac{1}{2} h
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- \( t \) = time in hours
- \( d \) = distance in miles
- \( h \) = total elevation gain in thousands of feet

The Naismith Rule assumes a hiking speed of 3 miles per hour and adds 30 minutes for each 1,000 feet of elevation gain. **Example:** Your trip will cover 6 miles on level terrain. Your estimated time to cover the six miles, not counting breaks, would be 2 hours.

For those confused by math formulas that look like algebra, there are many ways to break down the formula. For example, under the Naismith Rule you can add 2 minutes for every tenth of mile you travel and 3 minutes for every 100 feet of gain.

The Naismith Rule usually applies to hiking with a daypack. When carrying a full pack, use the **Backpacker’s Rule:**

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t = \frac{1}{2} d + h
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The Backpacker’s Rule assumes an average speed of 2 miles per hour and adds one hour for each 1,000 feet of elevation gain.

By estimating time to intermediate points along your route, you can ensure that you do not get off-route. Don’t keep hiking if you have not reached an intermediate point in the estimated time. Stop, reassess, and go back to the last known location if necessary.

**Upcoming Navigation Events**

Our Beginning Navigation Clinic is schedule for October 7, 2017, in our local mountains.

We will close out the year with two navigation noodles in Joshua Tree National Park. Our Indian Cove Navigation Noodle is on November 18-19, 2017. This car camping adventure is a great place for beginners. For those interested in more challenging navigation, we will be holding our Navigation Workshop on 3rd Class Terrain on November 18, 2017. Our final navigation event of the year is the Warren Point Navigation Noodle on December 10, 2017.

A new year of navigation will start on Indian Cove on January 6-7, 2018.

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

I welcome your navigation questions. Contact me at rmmyers@ix.netcom.com.
Left: Past HPS Chair Wayne Bannister shares a moment with Marlen Mertz.

Below Left: Patrick E. Vaughn, Susan Kang and David.

Below Right: HPS Chair Coby King reflects upon the Waterman Rendezvous.

HPS Past Chairs Wayne Vollaire and Winnette Butler

Rosemary Campbell and Dan Butler.

Photo by Lilly Fukui
Waterman Rendezvous Group Photos


Garen Yegharian, Military Outdoors Co-Leader talks with Coby King, HPS Chair at the Waterman Mountain Rendezvous.

Photos: Airmane Shocket
Kratka Ridge, Waterman Mountain  
7/29/17
By William Chen

This was an outing led by Mat Kelliher, Jimmy Quan, Bill Simpson, and Michael Dillenback. This hike was one of several heading up to Waterman Mountain for the annual Hundred Peaks Section Waterman Rendezvous.

Not only did this hike coincide with the annual Waterman Rendezvous, it was also Jimmy Quan’s lead list finish. One can scarcely believe that not only has Jimmy completed the list, but he’s also led all 263+ peaks on the list. Congratulations!

Our group of 22 intrepid hikers met at the La Canada rideshare point at 7:30am. We quickly consolidated into carpool vehicles and headed up Angeles Crest Highway. To facilitate a shuttle, the group left some cars at the Waterman Mountain Trailhead near Buckhorn Campground, and then squeezed into the remaining cars to begin the hike at the Vista Day Use Area, where the route to Kratka Ridge begins.

In no time, we reached the top of Kratka Ridge. Here were great views of Triplet Rocks and Twin Peaks. After a length break on top of Kratka, we earnestly headed cross-country towards Waterman Mountain along a ridge. The route followed the San Gabriel Wilderness boundary almost exactly; we kept seeing brown object marker signs emblazoned with the word “wilderness”.

Along the way, the group bagged a couple of small bumps and hills that happened to be listed on peakbagger.com. Many of these bumps were surprisingly interesting. One had a ski hut near the top, and another had several conspicuous camp spots, despite being some distance from the main trail.

After winding our way along the ridge, we eventually hit the official trail to Waterman Mountain. As we completed the final stretch to the summit, we greeted some hikers heading down, including some familiar HPS friends, who informed us of the boisterous party that awaited us. Finally, around 12:30pm, we got on top of Waterman and celebrated with a few other HPS groups. There was plenty of food, wine/apple cider, and camaraderie to go around. It was great not only reconnecting with all the people I’ve met during my limited time hiking with HPS, but also seeing new and unfamiliar faces.

After taking group pictures and congratulating Jimmy on his illustrious accomplishment, we headed down the official trail towards Buckhorn. Before long, we were getting back into our cars and saying our goodbyes. There was no doubt that all of us were looking forward to the next Waterman Rendezvous.
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Advance Schedule of Hundred Peaks Section Activities
September - December 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 September 1, 2017. These outings cover the period ranging from September 1 through December 31, 2017. Note that new HPS outings are added to the online schedule of activities (OARS) all the time, often only a day or two 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 on 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.

Sep 10 Sun Hundred Peaks
I: San Gorgonio Peak (11,502’), Dragons Head (10,866’) - Hike to these fine peaks in the San Gorgonio Wilderness via the Vivian Creek Trail. The total hike will be about 18 miles round trip with 6600’ gain. Additional peak possible. Group size limited by permit. Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch, headlamp and hat. Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT; JINOAK CHUNG

Sep 12 Tue Hundred Peaks
HPS Annual Business Meeting and Bi-Monthly Management Committee Meeting - All are welcome to attend our annual business meeting and bi-monthly management committee meeting to discuss the business side of the section and upcoming activities. All are welcome to join us and opportunities to become involved are available. The meeting begins at 6:30 pm at Ranger House in Griffith Park. Please park either on the street or at the adjacent Soccer Fields. To have items added to the agenda, or to volunteer, please contact the HPS Chair: COBY KING
**Sep 17** Sun **LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, LPC, Hundred Peaks**

**I: Navigation: Mt. Pinos Navigation Noodle:** Navigation Noodle in Los Padres National Forest for either checkout or practice to satisfy Basic (I/M) or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. Send email with contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare, to **Leader: ROBERT MYERS.**

**Assistant: ANN SHIELDS.**

**Sep 23** Sat **Hundred Peaks**

**2017 HPS Fall Festival** - Welcome in the crisp, cool days of autumn with a fun and festive weekend filled with outstanding peak bagging and an evening of partying in the Garner Valley area of the San Bernardino National Forest southeast of Mountain Center, CA. Camp with us at the large Group Campsite we’ve reserved at Hurkey Creek Campground Saturday night, or stay in one of many motels in the nearby village of Idyllwild, CA. Wherever you stay, everyone is welcome to join us for a hearty Happy Hour and Potluck Saturday night, along with lots of socializing and serious relaxing around a roaring campfire beneath the waxing crescent, starry night sky. Check the HPS website, the Lookout, or the Angeles Chapter Outings website for scheduled Fall Festival hikes, and contact hike leaders directly for information on specific hikes. HPS requests a $5 per person ($10 per family) charge to help defray campground fees. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis, so be sure to email the HPS Programs Chair **MIKE DILLENNBACK** at dillyhouse@earthlink.net early to assure your spot!

**Sep 30 – Oct 1** Sat – Sun **Hundred Peaks**

**I: Jean Pk (10,670’), Marion Mtn (10,362’), Newton Drury Pk (10,160’), San Jacinto (10,830’), Folly Pk (10,480’) -** 15 mi RT, 5500’ gain. Come conquer 5 HPS peaks over 10,000 feet. Enjoy the San Jacinto Wilderness on a strenuous overnight backpack. Leave from Marion Mtn Trailhead in Idyllwild on Saturday morning for Little Round Valley (4.3 miles/ 3500’gain) where we will set up camp, relax, acclimate and have happy hour. We’ll get an early start Sunday and begin a predominately cross country route to Newton Drury, Marion, Jean, Jacinto and Folly. There will be some minor rock scrambling for a few of the peaks. Return to camp and hike out. Permit fees will be split among the group (~$5-10). Send e-mail with recent experience, high altitude tolerance, contact and rideshare info to Justin Bruno. **Leaders: JUSTIN BRUNO, PAMELA ZOOLALIAN**

**Oct 1** Sun **Hundred Peaks**

**I: East Fork Traverse Vincent Gap (6560’) to Heaton Flat (2030’)** - Memorable and magnificent aptly describe this adventure. Join us for our 3-peat. Usher in autumn, venturing into the spectacular Sheep Mountain Wilderness and journeying down the East Fork of the San Gabriel River. We'll voyage down the wooded Vincent Gap trail to the remote wild habitat of the wide river bed created by the confluence of Vincent Gulch, Mine Gulch and Prairie Fork. Navigating to a convergence with the magnificent Fish Fork, and then past Iron Fork, rock hops and stream crossings along the way, we will enter the Narrows. Not only is this the deepest gorge in Southern California, rising 5200' and 4000' to the east and west, the Narrows' rugged grandeur may make it the most beautiful and unforgettable.
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Oct 1  Sun  Hundred Peaks
I: East Fork Traverse Vincent Gap (6560’) to Heaton Flat (2030’) -

Our exploration will take us to the arched concrete Bridge to Nowhere, through a corridor of prospecting history, and out to Heaton Flats. Though a car shuttle makes this only about 500’ gain (4560’ loss) and 16.5 miles, this one day quest is only for the skilled experienced hiker. Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch, headlamp and hat. For trip details, send hiking resume to peterdoggett@aol.com. Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT; JINOAK CHUNG, SUNNY YI, JASON PARK

Oct 7  Sat  Hundred Peaks
I: C2C - Cactus to Clouds - San Jacinto Peak (10,804’) -- Come climb Cactus to Clouds, possibly the second hardest day hike in the contiguous United States. As in next weekend’s BW2T, Badwater to Telescope ascent, we will go from desert to alpine biomes in only a few hours. We'll begin early Saturday morning from Palm Springs; climb past cacti, cholla, ferns and pines; enjoy San Jacinto summit's beautiful panoramic views; and return to the desert floor via a ride on the rotating tram. At about 11,000’ gain and 20 miles, this strenuous day hike is only for the fit and experienced hiker. Please bring $$ for tram and taxi back to car. Pair this weekend's C2C with next weekend's BW2T, if possible. For trip details, send hiking resume to peterdoggett@aol.com. Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT; JINOAK CHUNG, SUNNY YI, JASON PARK

Oct 14  Sat  Hundred Peaks
I: BW2T - Panamint Traverse, Badwater to Telescope Peak (11,049’) - “The problem many of us face is not that we aim high and miss, but that we aim low and hit the mark.” From Telescope Peak, the high point of Death Valley National Park, you can gaze upon the highest point in the contiguous United States, Mt. Whitney (14,505’). Turn around and gaze upon Badwater, the low point of DVNP and the lowest point in North America (-280 feet). Aim high with us. Climb the crown of the Panamint Mountains as a one day BW2T. We'll set up a car shuttle on Friday; start early on Saturday from Shorty's Well (-250 feet); summit, and finish at Mahogany Flats on Saturday afternoon. At about 11,500’ gain and 21 miles, this is one of the hardest (if not the hardest) day hikes in the contiguous United States. Pair this weekend's BW2T with last weekend's C2C, if possible. For trip details, send hiking resume to peterdoggett@aol.com. Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT; JINOAK CHUNG, SUNNY YI, JASON PARK

Nov 14  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: COBY KING

Nov 18 – 19  Sat – Sun  Hundred Peaks
I: Rabbit Peak #2 (6640’) and Villager Peak (5756’) - Strenuous overnight backpack to one of SoCal's toughest, most remote peaks. Total distance of 22 miles with ~8600’ elevation gain (mostly cross-country) over two days. Not suitable for beginners. Basic backpacking gear (tent, sleeping bag, etc) required. Excessive
Nov 18 – 19 Sat – Sun LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, LPC, 100 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.

Dec 9 Sat Hundred Peaks
2017 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 a waxing gibbous-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 Chair MIKE DILLENBACK at dillyhouse@earthlink.net early to assure your spot!

Dec 10 Sun LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, LPC, 100 Peaks
I: Navigation: Warren Point Navigation Noodle: Navigation noodle at Joshua Tree National Park for either checkoff or practice to satisfy the basic (I/M) level or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. To participate, send email with contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Leader: ROBERT MYERS. Assistant: ANN SHIELDS.

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Photo: Laura Newman

Indian Mountain, Olivia, future HPSer, checking out the view after summiting Indian Mountain with her dad.
This year the Hundred Peaks Section will be holding its 2017 Fall Festival in the San Bernardino National Forest on Saturday September 23 and Sunday September 24. We’ve reserved one large group campsite for Saturday night (Sep 23) at the Hurkey Creek Park Campground near Mountain Center, CA. The campground is equipped with picnic tables, fire-rings, flush toilets and showers. 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. For those who prefer to sleep indoors, nearby Idyllwild offers a variety of lodging choices. From our campground, we’ll be centrally located to many of our most scenic peaks in the San Jacinto Mountains and the Desert Divide. And autumn is probably the best time of year to visit these areas!!

After spending the day bagging peaks on one of the several outings that will be available, Saturday night we’ll all meet up at Hurkey Creek Park Campground to enjoy a beautiful autumn evening 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 nearby Idyllwild, everyone is welcome and all are encouraged to attend. If you’re planning on camping out with us, be sure to make reservations in advance as spaces are limited and they’re available on a first-come, first-served basis. For questions, campground information, driving directions, potluck suggestions and campground reservations, contact the HPS Programs Chair Mike Dillenback at dillyhouse@earthlink.net

Although specific Outings have yet to be posted at the time of this printing, as we get closer to the event they will be. Make sure to check the HPS Website at http://www.hundredpeaks.org/outings.htm for newly added outings, or the Angeles Chapter online Schedule of Activities at http://angeles.sierraclub.org/activities to find specific outings to be offered. Once you’ve found the hike(s) you’re interested in attending, contact the respective outing leaders directly for status and specific details.
This outing was led by Peter and Ignacia Doggett, and Jinoak Chung.

Our group met at the La Canada rideshare at 7am. Our first destination was Josephine Peak, named by Joseph Barlow Lippincott for his wife. Curiously, Mr. Lippincott also has a peak named after him: Lippincott Mountain, which is listed by the Sierra Peaks Section. Mr. Lippincott was on the surveying team for both peaks.

Parking at the Clear Creek junction, we headed up the dirt road (2N64) to a saddle. The route was very pretty, and as we were heading up, it was possible to see most of the trail that we would climb. Eventually, we got to a junction at a saddle of sorts, from which we continued to the left on 2N64 to the summit of Josephine Peak. The summit contains a communications structure and some ruins, no doubt consumed by fires of years past. There were amazing views of our surroundings; many of the nearby peaks, like Strawberry Peak and Mount Lukens were in plain sight, and distant treats like Hines Peak, Mount Pinos, and even Old Man Mountain were visible as well.

After celebrating our ascent, we headed back to Clear Creek and drove over to Red Box where we had a quick lunch. After lunch we drove over to Eaton Saddle to hike Mount Lowe and Mount Markham.

We headed out from Eaton Saddle at around 1:30PM along dirt road 2N50.1. We quickly went through Mueller Tunnel and we soon reached the “water tank junction”, with a trail to San Gabriel Peak branching off to the right. We instead proceeded up the left towards the Mount Lowe summit. In no time, we were on top of Mount Lowe. In years past, hikers would reach this peak by taking the Mount Lowe Railway up to Crystal Springs and hiking the last several hundred feet to the top of the mountain, a very different experience.

At this point, the warm weather was getting to me and I decided it would be more comfortable to sit out Mount Markham. While the rest of the group headed up the short but quite fun use trail to the summit of Markham, Ignacia Doggett, Stella Chung, and I headed back to the cars. Soon, the rest of the group finished Markham and were back at Eaton Saddle. We said our goodbyes and separated, looking forward to the next HPS outing!

Afterwards, my carpool buddies and I headed over to Mount Wilson to quickly bag it before the gate closed at 5PM. It was a wonderful day full of adventure and camaraderie - truly emblematic of the Hundred Peaks Section.
Attend the Fall 2017 Leadership Training Seminar. What better way to step up and lead your favorite outing than by taking advantage of the training opportunities that the Angeles Chapter's Leadership Training Committee (LTC) provides each year?

As home to one of the largest outings programs on the planet, the Sierra Club Angeles Chapter's many groups, sections and committees sponsor thousands of trips ranging from easy hikes to backpacks to worldwide travel and mountaineering expeditions. Taught by experienced volunteer leaders, the seminar covers all the basics of leadership.

You will learn how to plan a trip, prevent problems on the trail and make sure that everyone has a great time.

You'll gain knowledge about good conservation and safety practices, along with tips for getting your “O” rating quickly and then, if you choose, pursuing more advanced ratings.

The all-day class costs $25 (PayPal option!) The application is available online at: angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc_leadership_seminar. You can also can pore over more of LTC's upcoming offerings and leadership information on this site!

Mail the application (and check $25, payable to Sierra Club, unless you paid with PayPal) to Steve Botan, LTC Registrar, 18816 Thornwood Circle, Huntington Beach, CA 92646. You also can reach Steve by email (ltpseminarregistrar@gmail.com). Applications and checks are due September 22, 2017.

Scholarships are available for those with financial need. Apply to LTC Chair Anne Marie Richardson AMLleadership@gmail.com http://angeles.sierraclub.org/get_outdoors/becoming_leader

A Note from the Leadership Training Committee

The Leadership Training Committee has adopted new procedures to expedite requests for the Provisional Lead Committee (PLC) to grant M/E Provisional status or to approve M/E Provisional outings. The target is to turn around all requests within 10 days and to keep the candidate fully informed during the review process.

The following email address has been established to facilitate communication with the PLC: ltprovisionalleadcommittee@gmail.com

Use that new address to send requests for the following:

- Requests to be granted M or E level provisional status. The request should specifically indicate whether it is for M-Rock, M-Snow, Full-M, E-Rock, E-Snow, or Full-E and be accompanied by a comprehensive climbing resume.

- Requests for approval of a proposed M or E level provisional trip. The request shall be accompanied by a draft Application for Mountaineering Outing Approval. A copy of the application form can be found at http://angeles.sierraclub.org/sites/angeles.sierraclub.org/files/docs/Mountaineering-Non-Training.pdf
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Kim La, and Jimmy Quan. Front; Ryan Lynch.

Photo: Jimmy Quan
This was a private hike with Dave Comerzan, George Christiansen and Bruce Craig. The objective of the hike was to get Clamshell for me as I needed it for LP list one and Dave for his LP list five. Additionally, we planned on hitting Pine and Silver which Dave also needed for LP list 5 and as many peak bagger bumps as time permitted.

Dave got a permit for the Rincon-Shortcut Road 2N24, the day before at the Glendora Ranger Station. First up was Clamshell. The Lower Peaks guide says to drive 12.5 miles on this road to a gated side road 2N31 on the left, marked ‘Clamshell Road’ and ‘Spring Camp’ on the Topo. Unfortunately, the gate has been closed for years about 10 miles in on the road so we had to hike an additional two miles. After hiking to the said location we took 2N31 and hiked downhill about ¼ miles to a fork and took the left fork. We continued another 1.5 miles to the fire break that leads up to Rankin Peak. From here we continued on the road another mile or so to the firebreak that goes up to Clamshell Peak. We took the steep fire break up to a saddle and turned right and followed an overgrown use trail to the summit. We found the register in a concrete hole located under a large iron lid.

On the way back to this firebreak I was several minutes ahead of the rest of the group and I almost t-boned a bear that crossed the road in front of me. He was more afraid of me than I was of him and he quickly scurried on to the other side of the road and down a ravine. My only thought was I was close enough to jump on his back and ride him bare back. I waited for the others to catch up and then we headed up a series of very steep firebreaks, first to Rankin and then to on Monrovia. On Rankin we found a metal plaque as well as an engraved white rock dedicated to Rankin but no register. We did however find the register on Monrovia as well as the benchmark which was covered with bear scat. George cleaned of the scat and took some pictures and we then headed down Monrovia back to George’s Jeep via HPS route 4. Did I mention that it was hot. The temperature gauge in the Jeep had the outside temperature above 100 degrees. Total for all three peaks was 9.1 miles and 2306 feet of gain. We drove back down the road to the spur road that leads up to Pine Mountain.

Fortunately there were a few shady spots along the road as we headed up. We got to the top and found the register, signed in, took a few pictures and headed back down to eat lunch at the vehicle. Total for this hike was 1.6 miles round trip and 350 feet of gain. Next up was suppose to be Silver, but with temperatures now in the high 90’s we decided it would be best to come back on cooler day. We instead climbed 3 peak bagger bumps (Peaks 3812, 2908 and 3001) on the way out. Peak 3812 was a half mile round trip with 300 feet of gain. Peaks 2908 and 3001 were done as one continues hike and was 1.1 miles round trip and 295 feet of gain. Despite the heat it was a good day in the mountains.
This was a private hike of a LPC with some Peak Bagger bumps (Alexander Peak, Little Pine Mountain, and Peak 2938). Joining me for this one was Pat Arredondo, Dave Comerzan, George Christiansen, Bruce Craig. We had an early start to beat the heat. We met at a ride share location in Thousand Oaks at 5:00 a.m. and gathered into George’s Jeep and headed off to the trailhead at the Upper Oso Campground Day Use parking area.

We started hiking about 6:30 a.m. We could already feel the heat as we began our trek. We hiked up the road for .6 miles and picked up the Santa Cruz trail. The beginning of the trail is in excellent shape but don’t be fooled as we later encountered several washouts along the way. Most of the washouts while not always easy were negotiable with a little caution. There is one really bad washout that we had to down-climb a loose and exposed section and then scramble back up more loose exposed dirt to the trail. This particular washout would be life altering if one was to slip and fall. George went first and then assisted everyone else across. After getting past this section it became evident as to why the last climbers went back via the road. We had spied a ridge prior to the washout and decided to look to see if there was another way back further down the trail that would give access to a ridge-line that would bypass the major washout section. The heat being what it was no one wanted to take the longer road back. We found a saddle just south of peak 2938 that would take us over that peak and down a steep ridge back to the trail that would avoid negotiation of the washout deathtrap. More on this later. We eventually made it to a grassy section whereby the grass was so high that it was even above the head of George Christiansen. Fighting our way through the grass along with the heat only contributed to a faster energy drain. We eventually made it to an open saddle with Alexander Peak (4107’) a half mile to the west.

We bushwhacked our way up to Alexander and returned to the saddle and then headed up to the LPC Little Pine Mountain (4459’). We took a long break here and had our lunch. The sun continued to beat down on us and Dave, Pat and Bruce decided to head back to the saddle below Peak 2938 and wait on George. George and I continued over to Little Pine Mountain (4480’). We went back down to a road and followed it south and east eventually leaving the road. After a short bushwhack we hit a firebreak and then it was an easy walk to the peak. We eventually made it back to the saddle joining the rest of our party and took a break squeezing into a sliver of shade near some bushes. By now the sun was really doing a job on us. This was the take off point we had spied to bypass the major washout. We climbed up and over Peak 2938 turned right and followed a ridge over to the steep ridge to the right of a gully that we had planned to descend.

The trail conditions made this hike a lot harder than it would have been. We all survived, but this hike is better done when it is cooler and via the longer road route until such time the main trail is repaired which could be never. The gain and mileage for all peaks was 4368 feet and 14.9 miles.
This year the Hundred Peaks Section will be holding its 2017 Holiday Hooplah in Joshua Tree National Park over the weekend of December 9 – 10. We’ve reserved a group campsite for both Friday and Saturday nights (Dec 8 and 9) 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 about 6 pm. 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, Mike Dillenback, at dillyhouse@earthlink.net

As we get closer to the event, HPS outings will be posted. 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.
Birch Mountain, Allen Peak
From Bearpaw Preserve
7/10/2017
By Larry Edmonds

On Monday, July 10th, I joined the Monday Maniacs for their hike to Birch Mountain from Bearpaw Preserve. The Monday Maniacs are a group of hikers in the San Diego area that I occasionally join as their hikes are always fun, adventurous, hikes. Always a fun group to hike with. I decided to join them on this day because they were hiking to an HPS peak, Birch Mountain, and I figured while there I could also ascend Allen Peak, another HPS peak in the area that I have not visited. They had gained permission to enter the Bearpaw Preserve.

That morning we all met at the gate to Bearpaw Preserve in the San Bernardino National Forest. The group consisted of myself, Mike Smolek, Witod Martnowicz, (Vit), Steve Blough, Kerry Blanke, Cidy Couty, John Strauch and Wayne Wilkinson. Wayne had the code for the lock, let us in and we drove on out to the trailhead parking area. From there we hiked up a dirt road past the preserve to the Yucaipa Ridge and the Oak Glen Divide Trail. Looking South from this point was a very nice view of Allen Peak which Wayne and I planned on climbing on our way down from Birch. We continued following the Oak Glen Divide trail on up towards Birch mountain. This section of the trail does not appear to be maintained but is getting enough use that it can be followed fairly easily. There are some downed trees along the way but all are easily navigated around.

Mike, Kerry, Steve and I left the trail at a point just north of the peak and climbed to the summit. It started off nice with a use trail and light brush but the trail disappeared about ½ way down and was getting brushy. At this point I dropped off the ridge heading NE down to the trail thru moderate brush. Once on Allen Peak I made radio contact with John, he was just about to head down the road to the preserve. Also got contact with Kerry. He Mike and Steve were also approaching the road down to the preserve and they had made contact with Wayne who was back on the trail. We had our usual celebration of the hike at the trailhead. Another great hike with the Maniacs and two more HPS peaks under my belt.
Un-Suspension
Lookout Mountain No. 1

George Christiansen
Access Chair

Lookout Mountain No 1 (29E), South of Highway 74 off of the PCT, has been un-suspended. The peak was suspended about two years ago due to the property owner North of the peak closing HPS Route 2 with a secure and electrified fence. The summit itself is outside the fenced area, but could not be accessed without establishing a new Route avoiding the private property and listing that Route in the HPS Peak Guide.

In August of 2016, Dave Comerzan led an exploratory hike to see if it was feasible to access the peak from the South, and avoid any private property issues. The hike was intended to also confirm that the summit itself was not within the fenced perimeter. This hike was successful, but required additional “trail work” to define a reasonable route from the PCT up to the summit. The exploratory hike ran into severe brush and very steep terrain.

On June 12, 2017, I joined Mark Allen, a premier trail builder, to see if we could refine the route as an acceptable HPS Route. We were able to accomplish this with a long day of route finding, flagging and brush clearance, or avoidance, to establish a “use trail” to the summit.

On July 4, 2017, Peter and Ignacia Doggett, Jinoak Chung, Sunny Yi, and Jason Park, led an HPS hike to Lookout Mountain via this proposed route. They confirmed the details of the Peak Guide draft, and the Draft has now been finalized as “Route 3”. Previous Routes 1 and 2 have been deleted from the peak guide, and care should be taken to avoid those older routes.

Please plan to visit this re-established peak, and enjoy the area!
ROUTE 3
(USFS Adventure Pass may be required)
Distance: 4.8 miles round trip on maintained trail and use trail.
Gain: 1100’ (150’ on the return)
Time: 3 1/2 hours round trip
Rating: Class 1, easy
Navigation: easy
Leader Rating: "O", normal conditions
Original: George Christiansen and Mark Allen

DRIVING ROUTE 3

Go south on I-215 to the Ramona Expressway. Turn left (east).

• Go east and then southeast on the Ramona Expressway until it ends at SR 74. Turn left (east).
• Go east on SR 74 to Mountain Center.
• Continue east on SR 74 for 12.5 miles to the intersection with SR 371.
• From the junction of SR 74 and SR 371 in Garner Valley, drive east 1.0 mile on SR 74 to the signed PCT parking lot on the left (north) side of the highway. 62500 Pines to Palms Hwy (SR 71), Anza. This is also the parking area for Route 1 for Ken Point. Park here.

HIKING ROUTE 3

• From the parking area (4919’), cross to the south side of the highway and observe a gate accessing the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT).
• Pass through the gate, close it, and follow the PCT which initially heads south, then contours around Lookout Mountain.
• After 0.5 mile the PCT reaches a shallow saddle (5040+’). Continue now downhill to a point 1.61 miles from Hwy 74 (4890/4900’ elev) to a gully that heads North toward the summit.

Follow the gully approx 1/3 mile where the track leaves the gully to the left (steep for approx 30 yards) to gain the ridge. Continue on to the summit approx 0.8 miles after leaving the PCT.

NOTE:
Avoid hiking through private property via previous hiking Route 2. Older Route 2, as well as Route 1, cross private property and are now fenced and closed to entry.
Folly Peak, 8-10-17. Jim Hagar, Leader.
(LtoR) Larry Pond, Serop Karoglanian, Mike Manning,
Ferris Gluck, Bill Simpson Photo: Jerry Grenard

Guillermo Mtn. / Lockwood Peak, 7-12-17. Bill Simpson Leader with Jim Hagar,
Ferris Gluck, Valerie Norton, David Andres, Serop Karoglanian, Jerry Grenard, Larry
Pond, George Christiansen and Wasim Khan.

Lightner Peak 6, 430ft
Lightner Peak, 7-19-17. Leaders Peter and Ignacia Doggett.
Participants: Bruce Craig, Patrick Vaughn, Sonia arancibia, Shurovi
Masud, Stella Cheung, Young Lee. Photo: Jin Oak Chung

Mt. Pinos, Grouse, Cerro Noroste.,
7-9-17. L-R: Wasim Khan, Ignacia
Doggett, Louie Hoffman, Peter
Doggett, Sonia Arancibia, Younghwan
Lee, Mari Sakai, Kendra Heinecke,
Ilwoo Suh

Lookout Mtn, L-R, standing: Kendra Heinecke, Sonia Arancibia, Peter
Doggett, Serop Karoglanian, Jimmy Quan;
Sitting. Ignacia Doggett, Ferris Gluck
Fox Mtn. #1, 5,167', 7-16. LtoR, Larry Pond, Bill Simpson, Jerry Grenard, Serop Karoglanian, Wasim Khan, Jimmy Quan.

Ken Point, 6,423'. LtoR Jimmy Quan, May Tang, Bill Simpson, Larry Pond, Mary Varalray.


Jean White and I drove to the Villager Trailhead Friday, October 8, 2004, 'slept' overnight and began our journey before sunrise, heading in a Northwesterly direction across the desert floor toward that long, long ridge up Villager Peak in the Borrego Desert.

We were both carrying an ample supply of water, snack bars and a bivy sack. The Ten Essentials, of course, were part of our preparation. Finding the extra weight of the surplus water a heavy burden we made a few water stashes up this LONG ridge.

By 5pm, reaching the summit of Villager, Jean proclaimed “that’s all I can do”, took a pain med and promptly fell asleep. To her credit, it’s 7 miles and nearly 5,000 feet of gain to Villager. She had just returned from a summer in New Hampshire tearing down and rebuilding an outhouse, working on the farm; all events precluding any hiking.

After a fitful night of dodging the wind gusts I climbed out of my bivy sack before dawn, emptied my back pack of everything except water, snacks, a first-aid kit, map and compass and declared “I’m going over to bag Rabbit. It’s just too close to pass up!”

Heading towards a ridge, I went down the north ridge towards the first saddle. I waved goodbye to Jean keeping watch over me from atop Villager. I heard her say, “be careful and safe”. More than an impulsive move, I was determined to get the list done after a hiatus of raising my family. This peak was there for the taking, no-matter it’s ominous name and reputation. I was up to the task and I knew Jean fully understood. We would go on to hike many more mountains together.

Keeping the peak in view ahead I clamored over and around the many ‘bumps’ till I finally reached the slope leading towards the top. I followed many ducks along the way and surely hoped they had been placed by knowledgeable previous hikers. Keeping a visual bearing, I hustled up the ridge, reaching the big boulder at the top, ate a snack, signed the register and promptly headed back down the South slope towards that saddle once again, checking my watch to make the shortest trip possible, knowing that Jean would be concerned for me. Half-way across the distance I spied Jean waving happily at my return.

I returned to Villager by 1:30pm. Once back, Jean informed me that she was ready to go and search for me. We packed up and flew down that LONG ridge, reaching the desert floor just as the sun set and once again crossed the desert to the vehicle in the dark. It was a really nifty hike and many thanks to Jean White.
HPS list finishers accompanied Nancy Jones on her list finish on Sugarloaf Mtn, 7-2-17. They are, L-R: Jason Park, Susan Kang, Mary Varalay, Sunny Kim, John Slagle, Nancy Jones, Brian Mason, Sandy Lara, Peter & Ignacia Doggett, Mark Lyons, Mari Sakai, Jinoak Chung

Waterman Mtn., 7-30-17. Jimmy Quan’s Lead The List Finish!


The Three T’s

Thunder Mtn. 8,387ft.

Telegraph Peak 7,985ft.

Timber Mtn. 8,303ft.

Thunder, Telegraph, Timber, 8-3-17. Leaders Jim Hagar and May Tang. Participants: Jeff Buchholz, Ferris Gluck, Ella Pennington, Larry pond, Mike Manning, Louis Hoffman and Frank Dunst. Photo credit: Jeff Buchholz.
On Friday 4/7/2017 Mark S. Allen and I made a trek to Azusa peak. We drove up Glendora Mountain Road and parked across the road from the gated and locked entrance to Glendora Ridge Motorway. This is the only legal access to Azusa peak as Garcia trail is still closed (three years and counting) and the motorway is not accessible at the other end as it goes through private property. We observed a very cool lenticular cloud formation over Mt. Baldy before starting. From there we headed west threading our way up, down and around the rolling hills.

Lizards were in abundance as were the small flies which attacked me with a vengeance. We also found LARGE bear tracks set in dried mud on the road-trail and there were lots of wildflowers and brush id home! We also found LARGE bear tracks set in dried mud on the road-trail and there were lots of wildflowers and brush in bloom. Along the way we came across several cisterns used for collecting water to fight fires and remnants of the old paved road. We enjoyed a layover of about 40 minutes at the peak which is marked by a cross with a bench nearby. There is a memorial of sorts at the base of the cross.

Rested up, we headed back towards Peak 2596 (aka Glendora peak it seems locally). Heading back, and nearing the trail head, I decided to check out a peakbagger via a use trail that had me curious. At the top I found a rain gauge from the University California at Riverside. A little further on and jutting out on another point were cement foundations, apparently from a radio facility (as indicted on topo maps) no longer there. This is also a terminus for the Upper Colby trail, although not signed but shown on some maps. On the way down I passed another cistern I had checked out the prior week. Trail time was about 5.5hs. including the layover for a total of about 8 miles. Hike accomplished we drove by the Garcia trail head (closed) to get a look at the "A" which we couldn't see from the peak. Both of us now quite hungry, we I stopped once again at City Cafe in Azusa and then we headed home!
Hiking Photography
By Jin Oak Chung

Sedum Ground Cover, Golden Garden

Mueller Tunnel

Climbing Toro’s wonderfully forested slope are Peter Doggett, Kendra Heinecke, Sonia Arancibia, and Ignacia Doggett. Behind them, not shown, are Ferris Gluck and the photographer Jinoak Chung.
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