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Letter from the Chair – July 2018

Hello everyone.

I hope that your hiking adventures are going well this summer. I have a number of peaks in the high country that I’m looking forward to visiting on my quest to complete the list by the end of August of 2019 on San Jacinto.

But I wanted to start this issue’s letter with a personal tribute to John Robinson. We all know that his guidebooks to the San Gabriel, San Bernardino, and San Jacinto Mountains were and are invaluable aides to exploring what I consider to be the pinnacle of the Southern California hiking. And that we were privileged to have John recount his stories as the featured speaker at a number of our Annual Banquets. But even more for me, John’s guidebooks provided the confidence to get me out of my comfort zone of the Santa Monica Mountains and start really exploring Southern California’s forests.

A word about the word “forest.” When I moved to Los Angeles in 1978, I had occasion to drive up and down I-5 to the Central Valley and back. I was always amused by the signs on the interstate around Pyramid Lake that said “Entering Angeles National Forest” and then a little later a similar sign indicating I had left the Forest. Surveying the chaparral and desert vegetation on the hills along the 5, I sometimes grumbled or chuckled to myself, ”some forest! A forest has tall trees and shade, not yuccas and scrubby bushes!” Not until I picked up a copy of “Trails of the Angeles” did I discover to my amazement that the forests of my imagination were very close indeed and even more inviting than I imagined!

John’s guidebooks were about much more than just hike descriptions. John knew his history and loved his forest. I learned so much about the first inhabitants, the outlaws, and the pioneers of the forest, The Golden Age of Hiking, Thaddeus Lowe and his ability to turn imagination into reality, and at the end, the ecosystems that must be protected for my children and their children to continue to enjoy these priceless places. John’s knowledge of and love for them seeped into every page. The communities that love and care for our local mountains owe him a great debt. Rest in Peace, John W. Robinson.

On a different note, I wanted to remind everyone that we are moving to electronic voting for this fall’s elections. Each of you with an email address will receive an email with a unique link to the ballot. We tested the system back in April and it worked very well. As with the Lookout, those HPS members without an email address will continue to receive a hard copy of the ballot in the mail as in past years.

Finally, as to this year’s Management Committee election, we will have at least one open seat, so please consider running for MComm. Anyone interested should contact Tanya Roton at tanya.roton@gmail.com.

Happy trails,

Coby
Waterman Rendezvous
June 30, 2018
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Hundred Peaks Section
MCORM Teleconference
May 8, 2018

- Coby King - Chair
- Aimee Shocket – Vice Chair
- Mark S. Allen - Secretary
- George Christiansen - Mountain Records
- Mike Dilllenback – Programs Chair
- Aimee Shocket - Outreach Chair
- James Hagar, Member At Large

Meeting Call to order: 6:34pm

Chairs Report, Nothing to Report

Discussion and approval of March 6, 2018 Teleconfernce Minutes. Coby/James/Apvd

- March 6, 2018 Teleconference Minutes emailed to Karen Leverich, www.hundredpeaks.org

Committee Reports:

- Treasurers Report, Laura Newman. Received and Filed.
- Membership Report, Michael McCarty- Discussed further on the need to contact members that have not renewed.
  - Currently, Membership Chair emails membership / subscription status six times a year with Lookout Newsletter

- Mountain Records / Access, George Christiansen. Nothing changes from last report.

- Programs, Michael Dillenback
  - Banquet Report, Banquet a great success.
  - Proposed Jan 12, 2019, Monrovian $200 deposit Michael/George/Prvd
  - Proposed Brian Conant as Speaker
  - P&L: presented, discussed, Received and Filed

- 2018 Spring Fling- April 21-22 Hurkey Creek Park
- 2018 Waterman Rendezvous – June 30, 2018
- Fall Festival / Oktoberfest – Proposed weekends of Oct 6, 13, 20 - Hanna Flats Campground
- Holiday Hoopla, Joshua Tree 12-15-18

Meeting Adjourned 8:18pm
New Members
Robert Williams
Maureen Conn
Michael Petrello
Barry Yoch

DONATIONS:
Mars Bonfire & Kathleen
Cheever Bonfire - $300
Michael Manhchester - $1

New Subscribers
Jian Hu
Lawrence Wozniak
Shawn Sites

238 Members
28 Household
15 Subscribers
281 Total Members

100 Peaks Emblem
#1191 - Swee Chin Goh - Sugarpine Mountain - 4/3/2018

200 Peaks Bar
#489 - Robert Luher - Iron Mountain #1 - 4/15/2018

Pathfinder Emblem - 200 Peaks
#20 - Yasuhide Iemor - Palm View Peak - 6/4/2017

Second List Completion
#63 - Diana Neff Estrada - Gobblers Knob - 6/23/2018
#64 - Jorge Estrada - Gobblers Knob - 6/23/2018

Fifteenth List Completion
#2 - Peter Doggett - Black Mountain #2 - 5/20/2018

100 Peaks Leadership
#56 - Larry Pond - Mount Wilson - 6/2/2018
**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 (Campfire Events) 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 Campfire Events, 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](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!
Advance Schedule of Hundred Peaks Section Activities
July 2018 – Jan 2019
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 as of June 29, 2018. These outings cover the period ranging from July 1, 2018 through January 12, 2019. Note that **new HPS outings are added to the online schedule of activities (aka “Campfire Events”) 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 frequently for last minute additions. Follow this link to the HPS Schedule of Activities 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 with HPS, check out the Angeles Chapter online Schedule of Activities (Campfire Events) for a staggering selection of outings options offered by all of the various Groups, Sections, and Committees of the Angeles Chapter. The Angeles Chapter Schedule of Activities 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 Sierra Club or the HPS 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.

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<td>I:  Bare Mountain (6388), Mt Hillyer (6200+)</td>
<td>The name may reflect a sparsity of plants and trees on the summit, but not the abundance of views that surround our first peak in the Angeles National Forest -- the Mojave desert to the north; Pacifico to the west; Pleasantview, Waterman, Hillyer, Wilson and more to the east and south. After Bare (5 miles round trip and 1800 feet of gain), join us for the short drive and short hike to Hillyer, 1.5 miles rt and 300 feet of gain. Hike-experienced dogs with well-behaved owners welcome. Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch and hat. Contact <a href="mailto:peterdoggett@aol.com">peterdoggett@aol.com</a> for trip details. Leaders PETER &amp; IGNACIA DOGGETT</td>
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<td>I: Copter Ridge (7499), Mount Hawkins (8850), Throop Peak (9138)</td>
<td>Strenuous cross-country hike in the Angeles National Forest. We will start at Dawson Saddle then hike to Throop Peak, Mt Hawkins and Copter Ridge. Not named for anyone named Copter, but named to commemorate the famous crash of a Bell-</td>
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47 helicopter on this ridge. Our route, in order to collect pathfinders, is over the top of both Throop and Hawkins both on the way out and on the return. (An HPS pathfinder is hiking to a peak over two different routes.) Totals for hike will be about 9 miles on trail and cross country and around 3800 ft of elevation gain (2000 ft gain going out plus 1800 ft on the return). Also for the day we will collect 3 peaks and 2 pathfinders. Please bring lugsoles, layers, water, lunch, snacks, sunblock and hat. Leaders: LARRY POND and BILL SIMPSON.

Jul 4           Wed  Hundred Peaks
I: Grinnell Mtn (10,284), Lake Pk (10,161) & 10K Ridge (10,094) - Climb to the cool heights of ten-thousand feet, as we celebrate Independence Day and its historic declaration of fundamental inalienable freedoms and rights. While the signers of the Declaration of Independence risked loss of property and life, we will be risking only a bit of sweat. Going from the South Fork Trail to Lodgepole Spring, we will first visit Grinnell (named for the UC zoologist that studied the mammals and birds of the San Gorgonio area from 1905-1906). At 18 miles and 4250 feet of gain, this hike is for fit experienced hikers. Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch & hat. Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT; JIN OAK CHUNG, SUNNY YI, JASON PARK

Jul 8 – 15      Sun – Sun Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks O:
Yosemite Natl Park Backpack Trip on the Pacific Crest Trail from Tuolumne Meadows to Sonora Pass - We will begin our adventure near the Tuolumne River and travel through Glen Aulin, the Yosemite Wilderness, the Hoover Wilderness in the Toiyabee National Forest, and the Emigrant Wilderness of the Stanislaus National Forest. This trip covers PCT miles 942-1017. Strenuous, but moderately paced, 7 days, 75 miles, one-way. 55 miles of the trip will be within Yosemite National Park. Typical day has 10-12 miles with 2500-3000 feet of gain and loss. Permit limits group size. Trip does not qualify as a WTC Experience Trip. Participants will share in expense of wilderness permit. Car shuttle set up at beginning of the trip. Send email with cell phone, home city, recent conditioning and backpack experience to jeannstar@sbcglobal.net This Wilderness Adventures Section trip is co-sponsored by HPS. Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF, Co-leaders: PAT ARREDONDO and JEFFERY TAYLOR.

Jul 10          Tue  Hundred Peaks
HPS Management Committee Meeting - telephone conference starting at 6:30 pm. Contact
HPS Chair, COBY KING, for call in details.

Aug 4          Sat  Hundred Peaks
I: Pine Mountain #1 (9,648) and Dawson Peak 9,575), Wright Mountain (8,505) - Join us for this strenuous, moderately-paced cross country hike up a steep and narrow ridge system along the North Backbone trail to these scenic and remote peaks north of Mount Baldy. If the gate at Guffy Campground is open, expect about 5.5 RT miles with 2,600 feet of gain (1,900 feet going up, 700 feet coming back) for Pine and Dawson, followed by an easy 0.5 mi RT with 200 feet of gain to summit Wright. Add 3.0 miles and 1,000 feet of gain for the round trip if the Guffy CG gate is locked. This hike is not for beginners, and comfort on loose and
exposed Class 2 terrain is essential. HCV vehicles required to reach trailhead. Email Mat Kelliher at mkelliher746@gmail.com with contact info, and recent conditioning & experience for trip status and details. **Leaders: MAT KELLIHER, BILL SIMPSON, JIMMY QUAN, LARRY POND, RYAN LYNCH, RICH GILLOCK**

**Sep 11** Tue **Hundred Peaks**

**HPS Management Committee Meeting** – telephone conference starting at 6:30 pm. Contact **HPS Chair, COBY KING**, for meeting location.

**Sep 15 – 22** Sat – Sat **Wilderness Adventures, Hundred Peaks O: Northern Sierras - Pacific Crest Trail Backpack Trip from Sonora Pass to Echo Lake** - We will begin our adventure at Sonora Pass (Hwy 108) and travel through the Carson-Iceberg Wilderness in the Humbolt-Toiyabee Natl Forest and the Mokelumne Wilderness of the Stanislaus Natl Forest. The trip will then cross Ebbetts Pass (Hwy 4), Carson Pass (Hwy 88) and end at Echo Lake near Lake Tahoe. This trip covers PCT miles 1017-1092. Strueningus, but moderately paced, 7 days, 75 miles, one-way. Typical day has 12 miles with 2500-3000 gain and loss. Permit limits group size. Trip does not qualify as a WTC Experience Trip. Participants will share in expense of wilderness permit. Car shuttle set up at beginning of the trip. Send email with cell phone, home city, recent, conditioning and backpack experience to jeannstar@sbcglobal.net  **Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF, Co-leaders: PAT ARREDONDO, JEFFERY TAYLOR, and JERRY GRENARD.**

**Sep 23** Sun **LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, Hundred Peaks**

**I: Navigation: Mt. Pinos Navigation Noodle** - Navigation Noodle in Los Padre 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.**

**Oct 6** Sat **LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, Hundred Peaks**

**C: LEADERSHIP TRAINING SEMINAR** - Offered just twice a year, the next Sierra Club Angeles Chapter's Leadership Training Seminar is scheduled for Saturday, October 6, 2018. Apply by September 22 (see website link) to guarantee a spot and learn all about the best leadership practices of our outings program. This all-day event covers group management, our ratings system, rules of conduct, safety and much more, from presentations, breakout groups and scenarios. Email LTPSeminarRegistrar@gmail.com for information.

**Oct 6** Sat **Hundred Peaks**

**I: Wild View Peak (7258 ft), Pine Mtn Ridge (7440 ft+)** - Join us for a hike to one of the most remote and pristine areas in LA County. Along with stunning views of the northern face of San Antonio Ridge, from its crest to the depths of Upper Fish Fork, we will enjoy a panorama of magnificent peaks Baldy, Big Iron, Ross, and Baden-Powell included. Totals for the day will be about 8 miles rt with 1600 feet of gain. High-clearance vehicles advised. Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch and hat. Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. **Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT; JIN OAK CHUNG**
Oct 7 Sun Hundred Peaks
I: Throop Pk (9138 ft), Mount Burnham (8997 ft), Mt Baden-Powell (9399 ft), Ross Mtn (7402 ft) - This challenging hike starts with the well-defined Boy Scout trail; meets and follows the pretty PCT trail as we gain the first, second and third peak on our way to our ultimate destination, a use trail descent to Ross Mountain. We are rewarded with spectacular views of stout summits that rise from stalwart ridges extending in all directions, of the steep wild canyons that split them, and the rivers and streams that cut those canyons -- Mine Gulch southeast of Baden-Powell; Prairie Fork southwest of Blue Ridge; Copter Ridge descending eastward accompanying Iron Fork to the San Gabriel River; and San Antonio Ridge, traveling from Baldy to Big Iron and ushering Fish Fork towards the Narrows. More adventure follows as we turn our gaze to the daunting 2000' ascent to regain Baden-Powell. Totals for this four peak venture are 14 miles rt with 4620 feet of gain. May change to a car shuttle, resulting in less miles and less gain. Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch, headlamp and hat. Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT; JIN OAK CHUNG

Oct 20 Sat LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, Hundred Peaks
I: Navigation: Beginning Navigation Clinic - Spend the day one-on-one with an instructor, learning/practicing map and compass in our local mountains. Beginners to rusty old-timers welcome and practice is available at all skill levels. Not a checkout, but it will help you prepare. Many expert leaders will attend; many I-rated leaders started here in the past. 4 mi, 500' gain. Send sase, phones, rideshare info, $25 deposit, refunded at trailhead (Sierra Club) to Leader: DIANE DUNBAR. Co-Ldr: RICHARD BOARDMAN

Nov 2 – 4 Fri – Sun LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, Hundred Peaks
C: Wilderness First Aid Course at Harwood Lodge - For 35+ years, the Wilderness First Aid Course (WFAC) has been training students in first aid and medical emergency management when regular response services are unavailable. The three-day, 26-hour course runs from 7:30 am Friday to 5:00 pm Sunday. Fee includes instruction, lodging and meals. Proof of CPR within previous 4 yrs required to enroll. Fee $295 (full refund until 9/28/18). For sign-up and more information, instructions and application at www.wildernessfirstaidcourse.org

Nov 10 – 11 Sat – Sun LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, Hundred Peaks M/E: Sheep Pass/Indian Cove Rock Checkoff & Practice - M & E level rock checkoff and practice for LTC leadership candidates wishing to pursue a rating or practice skills. Also open to Advanced Mountaineering Program students wanting to solidify what they learned in the course. Practice Saturday and optionally checkoff Sunday. Restricted to active Sierra Club members with previous rock climbing experience. Climbing helmets and harnesses required. Email climbing resume to leader to apply. Leaders: PATRICK McCUSKY, DANIEL RICHTER

Nov 13 Tue Hundred Peaks HPS Management Committee Meeting - telephone conference starting at 6:30 pm. Contact HPS Chair, COBY KING, for call in details.
Nov 17 Sat LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, Hundred Peaks
I: Navigation: Mission Creek Preserve 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.

Nov 18 Sun LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, Hundred Peaks
I: Navigation: Mission Creek Preserve 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.

Dec 9 Sun LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, Hundred Peaks
I: Navigation: Warren Point Navigation Noodle - Navigation noodle at Warren Point 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.

Jan 12 Sat Hundred Peaks
2019 HPS Annual Awards Banquet. Details to be provided later.

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Laura Newman and Ken Snyder, Dobbs and Little Dobbs 6-24-18. Photo: Yvonne Heusler Galvez

West Big Pine, 6-30-18 The Big Four Drive and Hike 2018. Participants Robert Luher, Shurovi Masud, Dan Graef and Susan Kang. Leaders Peter and Ignacia Doggett and Jin Oak Chung.

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Villager and Rabbit Peaks, Saturday April 7th. Leaders: Bill Simpson, Jerry Grenard & Larry Pond. Participants: Shurovi Masud, Susan Kang, Meghan Cason & Dan Graef

Cover Photo, this edition, by Shurovi Masud. July August Lookout Newsletter was taken on this trip, Saturday, April 7th.

Rabbit Mountain sign-in, Saturday April 7th.

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Summits

Owens Peak, 5-30-18  L to R: Stephen McDonnell, Justin Barham, Larry Pond, Jim Hagar, Mike Dillenback, Bill Simpson, Victor Lopez, Wasi Khan, Jorge Estrada

Sawtooth 5-28-18

On June 16 Mat Kelliher lead a hike to Cucamonga Pk and Etiwanda Pk. Hikers on Cucamonga Pk LtoR: Mari Sakai, Larry Pond, Kat Jankaew, Jeff Buchholz, Mat Kelliher, Tianhe Zhang, Tanya Roton, Jeffery Taylor, Bill Simpson, Lorraine Daly, Swee Chin Goh, Mike Dillenback

Hikers on Etiwanda Pk LtoR: Mike Dillenback, Kat Jankaew, Jeff Buchholz, Tanya Roton, Swee Chin Goh, Larry Pond, Mari Sakai, Jeffery Taylor, Tianhe, Zhang


Cucamonga Peak


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Circle Mountain: Standing LtoR: Wayne Vollaire, Sreedhar “Reddy” Yetur, Theresa Haley, Tracey Thomerson, Peter Kudinski, Eric Granlund, Tanya Roton, Mike Dillenback, Bill Simpson, Marlen Mertz, Bruce Craig, Jesse Glick, Patrick Vaughn, Serop Karoglanian, Lilly Fukui, Christopher Spisak Kneeling LtoR: Larry Pond, Mat Kelliher, Jeff Buchholz, George White, Virginia Simpson, Diana Estrada, Jorge Estrada, Jimmy Quan
Jim Fleming is presented Lifetime Service Award by Chapter Chair Sharon Koch and Dr. Director George Watland.

Jimmy Quan is presented Outings Award by Chapter Chair Sharon Koch and George Watland, Sr. Director

Larry Campbell congratulates Jimmy Quan

Peter Doggett is presented Chester Vertere Outings Award by Sharon Koch, Chapter Chair and George Watland Sr. Director
- SAVE THE DATE -

HPS OKTOBERFEST

Beer Tasting From Local Breweries & Limited Edition Merchandise

October 6th & 7th 2018

- Bandido Campground - Angeles National Forest
My daughter Sarah and I started hiking out of Angelus Oaks lodge on Sunday, May 27 around 6 a.m. We arrived at the San Bernardino peak trail head about 20 minutes later and began the long uphill journey of 7.9 miles and over 4,500 feet of elevation gain.

The trail starts at the end of a rocky dirt road which ends in a large parking area at 5,960 feet elevation. So at around 6:30 a.m. we started up the trail. The first section of trail goes on up the side of a mountain for about 3 miles under tree cover, after about 2 miles you come to a sign marked San Gorgonio Wilderness. Another mile of going uphill and the trail levels out giving a much needed break.

After 5.9 miles of hiking we came up to Limber Pine Bench which is a nice flat area at 9,320 feet and perfect for a much needed snack break. We got to this point at 9:45 a.m. After sitting down for about 10 minutes we would start our final uphill journey to the summit. About 1/4 mile up the trail is Limber Pine Springs and had water running. This section of trail is much less tree covered and allows for good views of the valley below. At around 1.5 miles and sitting at 10,290 feet is the Washington monument after coming upon that at 10:50 a.m. we knew that we were almost to the summit.

About 1/2 more mile we finally reached our goal the summit of San Bernardino Peak at 10,649 feet, we made it at 11:35 a.m. after 7.9 miles of hiking. After taking some pictures we started the long hike back. Finally arriving back to the trailhead at 3 p.m.

More Summits.........
Mt. Baden Powell
May 26, 2018
By Richard Moore
Cone, Palm View and Pyramid Peak
By Larry Edmonds

On Monday, May 28th I had the privilege of leading a Monday Maniacs hike. The Monday Maniacs are a San Diego County hiking group originally led by the late Al Holden who have been doing adventurous hikes almost every Monday since 1991. On this Monday Mike Smolik, Witold Martynowicz, and John Strauch, the three who normally organize and lead the hikes, were going to be out of town so I volunteered to put together a hike. Joining me for the hike were Leslie Williams, Jim Renn, and Afra Roet. We met at the Cedar Spring Trailhead on Morris Ranch Road. From there we headed up HPS route 2 which turned out to be well ducted and was relatively easy to follow. Just below the saddle south of Cone we looked back and were surprised to see Ted Caragozian, known as Ranchita Ted by his friends. He had arrived at the trailhead a little late but was able to find us by following our footprints. Once we reached the saddle we ascended high point 6684 ft. since someone had added that to peakbagger since I was last up there. After climbing to the rocky summit we headed to Cone Peak still following a well ducted route. Ted and I ascended the summit block while the others were content with reaching the base of the summit block where the register resides. The summit block was a fun scramble and one I was not able to do on my previous trip to Cone. On that day the wind was howling and gusting making a scramble up the summit block a bit too risky. After enjoying the views from Cone we headed on up the ridge to Palm View, signed the register and then south on the PCT to the junction with the use trail up Pyramid. Jim and Leslie chose to wait while Ted, Afra and I ascended Pyramid. Another well ducted use trail. Unfortunately someone had left the register sitting under a rock beneath the register can. The register was a total loss, soaked and unreadable. We left a new register and register can that I hope will be there decades to come. Another fun day visiting peaks with good friends. Life is good.
This was my second trip to San Mateo Peak. It is on the Sierra Club Lower Peaks list and even though it is short, it is one of my favorites in the Santa Ana range. It has great scenery and boulder options along the trail. The first time I did this hike, I started from a closed turnout on South Main Divide Road. This time, I started from the standard Morgan Trailhead. I was not sure an adventure pass was required, but I always display it when in doubt. Not far down the trail, a use trail branches hard left (about 120 degrees). It is a connector to the San Mateo Peak trail. A sign near the start of the connector trail suggests a 5.5 mile round trip loop to the Rancho Capistrano subdivision.

The use trail was green from recent rain and more rain was on the way. It followed Lion Spring until it intersected San Mateo Peak Trail. One part of the connector trail was covered with dead trees, but it was easy to bypass. A sign at the junction pointed toward the peak and the first of two plastic dinosaurs was mounted in the same area. At the top of the first hill, I took a side trail to Peak 3064 where a worn flag hung from a pole. The summit of 3064 is a little beyond the flag. I got back on the main trail and made it to the summit quickly. Views east were gratifying with layers of low clouds threatening rain. I signed the register and started back as soon as I felt the first few rain drops. On the way back, I wanted to stop at an intermediate peak with a cluster of boulders but the rain encouraged me to continue down. The rain was light but I was pretty wet by the time I got back to the truck. Fortunately, I had a dry shirt and other shoes to make the drive back comfortable.

Bedford Peak Sign
by Mark S. Allen

It all started on Bedford Peak. There, I questioned a broken Geodetic Marker with the casing lying in the dirt. This began a discussion, to put it mildly, between the Geodetic Survey Agency and the Trabuco Ranger. I was referred to trail builders, Santa Ana Mountains Task Force and became a volunteer sign maker.

Despite the large metropolitan area surrounding the Santa Ana Mountains, the trails system established by the CCC in the 1930's vanished. The Sierra Club in the 1970's, with Kenneth Croker in the lead, re-established the mountain trails and worked to set aside special wilderness areas. Croker received many awards: Angeles Chapter Conservation Service Award (1975); Angeles Chapter Weldon Heald Conservation Award (1978); Achievement Award (1984). His book: The Trails of the Santa Anas.

Bedford Peak (3800 ft), is mid-range in the Santa Ana Mountains. The two highest peaks, Santiago and Modjeska are HPS Peaks at the South end of the range. Bedford is accessible via the old Silverado Motorway (now a trail) from the village below. They comprise the LPS “Santa Ana Round-Up”.

On May 26th, we installed a peak sign on Bedford per the Forest Service. My constant sign companion has been Saud Boby. We have put up many signs. Not gloating- all in fun. These signs never last long. They are defaced, stolen or become firewood regularly. Metal signs are the way of the future.
On June 3rd I was fortunate enough to lead my “O-1 Provisional” hike to Sandstone Peak, in the Santa Monica Mountains. The Circle X Ranch area is one of the least developed areas in our local mountain range, and an exceptional place for a day hike! An early morning start helped our group avoid the worst of the heat; it was still warmer than usual— with temperatures rising towards the end of the hike. The 6 miles of trail and 1,600’ of gain was masterfully negotiated by a strong group of SoCal Hikers!

Our group was able to conquer both Inspiration point 1,150’ and Sandstone Peak during our outing! Many participants had never been to this often overlooked local area, the wildflowers in bloom along the Mishe Mokwa trail was a very nice surprise. Additionally, it must have been butterfly mating season or something, because there were hundreds of butterfly’s throughout the morning. Sandstone Peak via the Mishe Mokwa trail is a classic “LA area hike”, not terribly far from the hustle and bustle of the second largest city in the country.

Thank you to all of the participants and leaders who supported this hike.
This hike was led by Ryan Lynch, Bill Simpson, Larry Pond, and Jimmy Quan.

We started at 2AM from the Palm Springs Art Museum, elevation 500 ft. Despite our extremely early start, it was quite warm at the trailhead, with the temperature in the mid-70s. There were several other groups of hikers who set off at around the same time we did, an interesting sight considering the hour. The first part of the hike involves meandering up switchbacks to the top of a large hill, where there were picnic tables and a nice view of Palm Springs city lights. We could barely see anything due to the darkness, so it was difficult to evaluate the terrain we had just come up, and what was ahead of us.

Eventually, Ryan pointed out the light of the tram station to the group, and we got an idea of how much further we had to go. At this point, we were at around 3,000 ft elevation. Despite the station being located at over 8,000 ft in Long Valley, the remaining 5,000 ft did not look so bad. Encouraged, we continued on as the sun rose and we gained elevation rapidly on easy terrain. Before long, we hit a well-known landmark known as the Flat Rock.

At the Flat Rock, Ryan communicated to us that he was feeling unwell and decided not to continue to the peak. Larry would accompany him slowly and safely up to the tram station where they would take the tram down. After we thanked Ryan for doing an awesome job guiding us through the dark, the rest of the group, led by Bill and Jimmy, broke off from Ryan and Larry and moved on ahead. The terrain got much steeper, but the quality of the trail was remarkably excellent. The temperature also dropped, making the hike much more comfortable. We got to Long Valley around 11am, where it was nice and cool, a great respite from the heat we had encountered below. We took a long break among shady, idyllic pines; during which we had lunch and filled our water bottles from a hose behind a nearby ranger station.
Soon, we were back on the trail again. Bill and Jimmy decided to take a cross-country shortcut to save us time. We passed through Tamarack Valley and eventually we hit a busy trail. The last set of switchbacks to the summit were nice and pleasant, and it wasn’t too long before we were on top of San Jacinto Peak, 10,300 ft above where we started. The summit area was a veritable zoo of people; there was barely any space to sit at the expansive summit area, and it was problematic enough that there were moments where I had to look around to search for other members of the group. I had never seen such a large crowd on top of a peak; it felt quite a bit like Disneyland or the Grand Central Market on a holiday weekend.

Our next task was to return to Long Valley and take the tram down. We hiked back the way we came in, taking the cross-country shortcut through Tamarack Valley. In contrast to the massive crowds we encountered on the summit, there was no one other than our group on this route. The descent went quickly. The last part of the hike involved a short but unwelcome 200 ft ascent up a concrete ramp to the tram station, which we conquered with little effort. After buying our tram tickets, we waited over 30 minutes to board a packed tram, which took us down to a parking lot. Here we ordered rideshare taxis from Uber and Lyft.

As I was driven back to Palm Springs, I took a look at the mountains that we ascended that morning. The setting sun created a beautiful silhouette over those rocky and rugged hills. I was very glad to have the opportunity to participate in this amazing experience, and I have no doubt that one day I will once again hike Cactus to Clouds.

Waterman Mountain, 6-11-18 Tanya Roton and Winnette Butler on Private hike of Waterman Mtn.
Hiking Photography

By Jin Oak Chung

Pallet Mountain, 5-30-18

Cobblestone, Sewart, White #2 Hike, 5-13-18

Valcrest Rocks, 6-30-18

Alamo, McDonald, Sewart, Snowy, Black #2 5-19&20
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