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**Obituary: John Robinson, whose hiking books introduced Angelenos to their wild backyard**

By Glenn Pascall

John W. Robinson, Southern California mountain man extraordinaire, died April 24 at age 88. No one did more to make us aware of what the Southland high country has to offer.

Robinson’s “Trails of the Angles” -- a guide to 100 hikes in the Angeles National Forest -- was first published in 1971 and had sold 80,000 copies by the 100th anniversary of the forest in 1993. A companion book, “San Bernardino Mountain

“Trails,” had sold 70,000 copies at that point. Robinson’s scope as an author was remarkable. His backpack-size hiking and climbing guides were complemented by large hardback volumes on the San Gabriel, San Bernardino and San Jacinto ranges. Robinson’s histories are rated as the definitive record of human activity in every form from wilderness preservation to mining in these mountains.

*Please see Glenn Pascall's full John W. Robinson Obituary article, page 28 - 29*
Letter from the Chair – May 2018

Greetings! I hope everyone had a great winter and a fine start to the Spring season. As the many photos in this issue will attest, our annual Spring Fling was a great success. Hurkey Creek Park Campground is certainly one of the more pleasant campgrounds in Southern California, and as our events have grown, it’s really nice to have plenty of parking and lots of space for tents. We had a delicious potluck and a warm campfire. Always a great time to make new friends and catch up with long-time ones.

Kudos as always to Mike Dillenback for organizing another great HPS event, with assistance as usual from Aimee Shocket. (Speaking of which, if you are interested in serving on the Programs Committee to help plan future events, please contact Mike.) Thanks, as always, to the leaders who really make these events a success. Mike Dillenback, Aimee Shocket, Stephen McDonnell, Jerry Grenard, Jin Oak Chung, Peter Doggett, and Ignacia Doggett: THANK YOU!

I did a solo hike on Saturday of the Spring Fling that included Gold Hill (non-HPS peak, but really interesting and easy), plus Butterfly Peak and Rock Point. On the way down from Rock Point I found a new trail that cuts fairly directly from Rock Point back to the road that leads up to Butterfly, making a very nice loop and saving some mileage and time. I’ve posted my GPS track on Peakbagger and I’ll be working with Mountain Records to get the new trail onto the HPS website.

On Sunday, Peter and Ignacia Doggett and Jin Oak Chung led a group of 12 hikers to Eagle Crag. I had done Lower Peaks Agua Tibia on the Sunday of the 2017 Holiday Hoopla, so it was interesting to see the other side of Crosley Saddle. The flowers were just getting going, with the perfume of lilac enhancing our travels. After we summited, a few of us bushwhacked a short distance to bag the Agua Tibia Wilderness high point (complete with a register!), and then rejoined the rest of the group for the long trip back to the cars. A great day, and expertly led!

In other news, you may recall that in last year’s annual election, the Section approved moving to an electronic system for our annual election. To implement that vote, I established an Electronic Election Committee consisting of William Chen, Michael McCarty, Mat Kelliher, and myself. We recently ran a test election from ElectionRunner.com, and the results were very positive. It’s a very straight-forward system and easy to use.

We’ll have final confirmation soon, but look forward to seeing this system in place for the 2018 election. As with the electronic delivery of The Lookout, members without email addresses will receive a physical ballot while everyone else will receive an email with a unique link to the online ballot. By taking this action, we are joining the other Angeles Chapter climbing sections in moving to electronic voting. This will save HPS and environmental resources and (I think you’ll agree) will make it much easier to vote than filling out the physical ballot, finding a stamp, and mailing it in.

Our next event is the 2018 Waterman Rendezvous on Saturday, June 30th. I hope to see you there.

Well, that’s it for this issue.

Happy trails,
Coby King
2018 HPS Chair
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Rideshare Points

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

Note that new HPS outings are added to the online schedule of activities (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

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

May – July 2018

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 May 2, 2018. These outings cover the period ranging from May 3 through July 10, 2018. 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.

May 3

May 5

 leaders: Michael Dillenback, Bill Simpson, Larry Pond

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Hundred Peaks

Thursday

Hundred Peaks

Saturday

Hundred Peaks

I: Cleghorn Peak (5333), Cajon Mountain (5360), Bailey Peak (5699), Sugar Pine Mountain (5478) and Monument Peak (5290) - Hike five HPS peaks in the San Bernardino Mountains near Lake Silverwood, CA. More dirt road driving than hiking. 4WD or at least HCV required. Number of participants will depend upon the capacity of 4WD and/or HCVs available. Will be driving from TH to TH. Total hiking approximately 4.5 miles and 1020 ft. gain. Nearby Cajon Pass is the pass that was used by the pioneers and others who came to LA Basin via the historical Santa Fe Trail. Bring lug sole, lunch, liquids, layers, hat and sunscreen. Contact Michael Dillenback for meeting time and location. Leaders: Michael Dillenback, Bill Simpson, Larry Pond

I: C2C - Cactus to Clouds - San Jacinto Peak (10,804 ft) -- Join us Saturday for one of the biggest, toughest, and most beautiful day hikes in SoCal. We will start before dawn, on the desert floor at Palm Springs. As we climb, the sun will rise to reveal an incredible desert panorama, taking us into the cool alpine

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wilderness of Long Valley and up to the breathtaking summit of San Jacinto itself. Afterwards, we will ride the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway from Long Valley back down to Palm Springs. This is an extremely strenuous day hike (total distance 22 miles with ~11,000 feet of vertical gain) for fit and experienced participants, only. For trip details, email a current hiking resume to ryan.b.lynch@gmail.com  Leader: RYAN B. LYNCH Co-Leaders: BILL SIMPSON, JIMMY QUAN, LARRY POND

May 5  Sat  Hundred Peaks
I: Deer Mountain (5536 ft) - Join us for a pleasant hike to this Lake Arrowhead point, named for the Mule Deer, native to the area. From Splinters Cabin, we will hike the PCT above beautiful Deep Creek Gorge, as a pretty creek continues to flow and carve the canyon. Leaving the PCT, and rock hopping the creek to climb out of the gorge onto our main ridge, we will be treated to vistas of the surrounding sister canyons and the nearby mountains of Big Bear. The totals for the day will be 7 miles rt and 2100 feet of gain. Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch and hat. Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for trip info. Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT, MAY TANG

May 8  Tue  Hundred Peaks
HPS Management Committee Meeting telephone conference starting at 6:30 pm. For call in details contact HPS Chair - COBY KING

May 9  Wed  Hundred Peaks
I: Charlton Peak (10,806 ft) - Join us for a fun adventure in the San Gorgonio Wilderness. The peak was named for Rush Charlton, Supervisor of the Angeles National Forest from 1907 to 1925. Charlton, the "boy wonder" of the Forest Service (he was in his 20s when appointed Supervisor), was perhaps the most dynamic and most controversial leader in the history of the Angeles National Forest. Total distance about 15 miles, and total gain around 4300 feet. We may also visit nearby Little Charlton Peak (a non-HPS peak). This will add about 1/2 mile of distance and around 150 feet of elevation gain to our day. Please bring 4 liters water, lunch, lug soles, sun block, layers & hat. Contact the leader for details. Leader: STEPHEN MCDONNELL Co-Leaders: MICHAEL DILLENBACK, JAMES HAGAR, and LARRY POND

May 9  Wed  Hundred Peaks
I: Lizard Head (5250 ft) Cuyama Peak LO (5878 ft) - Enjoy views of wild mountains and canyons as we hike up a steep, then undulating route whose ridge and summit resemble one of the prevalent life forms in this area: the Small-scaled Tree Lizard (Vrosaurus microscutatus). After this 14 mile rt and 3900 feet of gain hike, we will drive to the lookout tower topping our second summit and its superb 360-degree views. Cabins atop and below now collapsed, this 1934 tower was used by the AWS civilian volunteers of WWII; then, occupied as a fire lookout as late as 1970. High clearance vehicles advised, 4x4 preferred. Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch and hat. Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT, JINOAK CHUNG
May 12  Sat  WTC, Hundred Peaks
I: Marion (10,382 ft), Jean (10,670 ft), Drury (10,180 ft) & Mt. Ellens
   (10174) - Experience trip for WTC students. Saturday afternoon backpack from top of Palm Springs Tram to camp at Round Valley (2 miles and 800 ft gain). Set up camp and day hike Drury Peak, Mt. St. Ellens Peak, Marion Mountain and Jean Peak (approx 8 mi, 2,000 ft gain, significant cross-country). Headlamps required. Sun return to cars via tram. WTC or equivalent required. If accepted on trip will be required to send $29.95 (for tram ticket and permit). Send e-mail with recent experience and conditioning, H&W phones to Ldr: CRYSTAL DAVIS. Co-Ldr: STEPHANIE SMITH.

May 13  Sun  Hundred Peaks
I: Sewart Mtn (6841 ft), Cobblestone Mtn (6733 ft), White Mtn #2 (6250 ft) - It is a long drive in from Hungry Valley and Piru Creek to this remote and isolated area, but the rewards of the day make it worthwhile summiting Cobblestone, its distinctive profile impressive from across two counties; and traversing the beautiful pine lined ridge to White and its 360 degree views. Totals for the day will be about 16 miles rt with 6500 feet of gain. High clearance vehicles advised for the long drive into this remote and isolated area. Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch and hat. Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT, JINOAK CHUNG

May 19  Sat  LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, LPC, 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

May 20  Sun  Hundred Peaks
I: Sewart Mtn (6841 ft), Snowy Peak (6532 ft), Black Mtn #2 (6202 ft) - Join us as we return for another visit to the remote and wild Cobblestone area. After driving through Hungry Valley, and crossing Piru Creek, we will wind our way up to our trailhead. Hiking a serpentine route with some steep descents and ascents out and back, we will go over the first two peaks on our way to Black, as we enjoy views of rocky forested ridges and deep rugged canyons. Totals for the day will be about 10 miles rt with 3900 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, JINOAK CHUNG

Jun 13  Wed  Hundred Peaks
I: Wysup Peak (8990 ft), Heart Bar Peak (8332 ft) and Onyx Peak #1 (9113 ft) - Join us for a pleasant day climbing these three moderate peaks in the San Gorgonio area. We will drive between trailheads so you can do one two or all three peaks. Total distance for all three will be 10.5 miles, 3100 feet of gain. Bring
lugsoles layers lunch liquids hat and sunscreen. Recent precipitation cancels. Contact Jim Hagar for meeting time and place. Leader: JAMES HAGAR, Co-Leaders: BILL SIMPSON, JERRY GRENARD, LARRY POND, MIKE DILLENBACk, VIRGINIA SIMPSON

Jun 16  Sat   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. Saturday is a practice day; Sunday is for checkoff or additional practice. Send email with contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare, to Leader: Robert Myers. Assistant: Ann Shields

Jun 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. Saturday is a practice day; Sunday is for checkoff or additional practice. Send email with contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare, to Leader: Robert Myers. Assistant: Ann Shields

Jun 30  Sat   Hundred Peaks
2018 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 Campfire schedule for specific hikes offered and sign up for the one you're interested in directly with that outing's leaders. For more information contact MIKE DILLENBACk or AIMEE SHOCKET.

Jul 8 – 15  Sun – Sun  WAS, 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, JEFFERY TAYLOR, and JERRY GRENARD.

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

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HPS Spring Fling 2018

Saturday, April 21, 2018
Rosa Point, 3-10-18, From the top Jerry Grenard, Stephan McDonnell, Robert Luher and Mary Varalay. Bottom from the left Kimi Chung, Susan Kang, Megan Birdsell, Jimmy Quan and Bill Simpson, Photo by Jimmy Quan.

Lost Horse, Ryan Hike 3-11-18 Leaders Peter and Ignacia Doggett, Jin Oak Chung. Participants, William Chen, Youngok Iee, Jason Park, Sunny Yi.

Mt. Lukens, 3-28-18 Front Row: Bruce Craig (holding Paquita), Sonia Arancibia, Ignacia Doggett. Middle Row: Peter Doggett, Brian Marks, Bruce Calkins. Back Row: Alene Castro, Susan Kang, Ilya Mogilansky, Patrick Vaughn, Serop Karoglanian

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Wysup Peak, 3-31-18. Rear (LtoR): Brian Franz, Chris Spisak. Front: Mat Kelliher, Tanya Roton, Lilly Fukui

Gleason, Iron Bike-Hike, 4-14-18 Participants: Jerry Grenard, Jeff Buchholz, Bill Simpson, Jimmy Quan, Larry Pond, Laura Newman, Ken Snyder, Robert Williams, Michael Petrella, Jay Dolan, Mike Manning

(Above) Sheep and Martinez 3-31-18. Standing in the back row is Mikey. Middle row is Matthew Ackerman, Annie Hoang, Bill Simpson, Larry Pond, Stephen McDonnell, Mary Varalyay and Jerry Grenard. Front row is Amy Huang, Susan Kang and Jimmy Quan.

Iron Springs Mountain


Cuyamaca Peak and Middle Peak. Participants: Maureen, Stephen, Larry Pond, Jerry Grenard, Mary Varalyay, Christine.
Lightner Peak (6430') and Bald Eagle Peak (6181') on Saturday 4/29/2018 Bill Simpson, Mary Varalyay, Swee Chen, Jeff Buchholz, Larry Pond, Michael Dillenback, Stella Cheung. Photo: Jeff Buchholz

Heald and Nichols Peaks, 4-11-18 Serop Karoglanian, Reddy Yetur, Jerry Grenard, Bill Simpson, Larry Pond, Jim Hagar

Sunday, Bohna Peaks, 4-25-18 L to R: Stephen McDonnell, George White, Ella Pennington, Bill Simpson, Jim Hagar, Larry Pond

Eagle Crag, 4-22-18 Coby King displays HPS Emblem on Spring Fling Sunday hike.
**Milestones**

**Cuyamaca Peak, 4-14-18.** Tracey Thomerson led the group on her O-1 Provisional hike. Participants are: Left: Bottom row, Moses Santillan, Tonya Boon, Peter Kudlinski, Tracey Thomerson, Sean Karagianian, Middle Row, L to R: Diana Estrada, Jorge Estrada, Melody Wu, and Jeff. Top: Connie Kim. Co-Leader: Matt Kelliber.


**Iron Mountain #1, 4-15-18.** Robert Luther earns his 100th Peak. Participants are: Jim Oak Chung, Leaders Peter and Ignacia Doggett, Mary Varady, Kendra Hradil, Eric Chu, Charles, William Chen, Robert Luther, Paul Suih.
2018 WATERMAN RENDEZVOUS!!
JUNE 30, 2018

Hard to believe it’s already upon us, but sure enough, summer is here!! And along with summer comes long days, warm nights, high altitude peaks to climb, and maybe best of all, the Annual HPS Waterman Rendezvous! This year we’re holding the Rendezvous Saturday June 30, 2018. The idea is to have several hikes scheduled from different starting points converge on the summit of Waterman Mtn. (8,038”) at about the same time. Once on the summit we’ll all spend some quality time enjoying the company of our friends, old and new alike, over a nice festive pot-luck that we all contribute to and carry up to the summit with us.

Be sure to check the online HPS Outings schedule http://www.hundredpeaks.org/outings.htm for hikes as we get closer to the date.
For general questions, contact Mike Dillenback, HPS Program Chair at: dillyhouse@earthlink.net or Aimee Shockey, Outreach Chair at: aimeechps17@gmail.com

More Summits:

Caliente Mountain, 4-18-18

Photo: by Thomas Sakowych

Caliente Mtn. 4-18-18. L to R: Bill Simpson, Larry Pond, Mike Dillenback, Tom Sokowych, Wasim Khan, Jim Hu. Photo: Larry Pond
Magic in the Mountains
by Jayson Woodruff

The tardy ice and snow of 2018 allowed me to really storm the HPS list in February to get to the point of closing in on my personal number 50. Now I know 50 isn’t a special number for most of the HPS enthusiast, but I wanted to do something a little special. So I scoured the map for some simple “Family” assents. Our closest range with easy peaks is the Western Angeles Crest area, where I spotted a cluster of low peaks; Vetter Mountain, Mt Mooney and Mt Sally. The name on the final peak is what solidified this trip plan for myself, and for who I’m bringing.

The boys (6 and 12) have been with me on a couple hikes. The younger loves it, but is obviously a bit slow. The elder is too close to being a teenager to outwardly enjoy anything with a parent. But this was the girl’s turn. Sally, a very small age 9, lives to torment her brothers in any way. She “Hates” (her favorite word) hiking, but when I invited her to come alone, she absolutely jumped at the prospect; anything to upstage the boys.

Even with this year’s extended hiking season, it’s somewhat disappointing when the winter finally does come. We planned to go the first weekend in March, but a Saturday evening storm came early and put our weekend on hold. The second weekend of March was then tagged, but once again we were thwarted by weather as a warm rain came through. Getting antsy, Sally made me load a weather app on her tablet so she could give me hour by hour updates on the forecast for this third weekend of March. As the weekend drew near, a window of clear skies was shown for Saturday (with Friday and Sunday rain). So finally off we went.

I didn’t exactly fully describe the hikes to my little girl to not discourage her that we were going to walk about double what she’s ever done, but also wanted to hold the “Mt Sally” final assent in reserve. With a pretty early start at 7:15am we were the only hikers in the area, which she mentioned often with excitement. She usually only gets to do the populous hikes.

We first tackled Vetter Mountain. I decided to ballast my pack up to 40bs to train for an upcoming overnighter and to level the ground with my 9 year old novice. In hindsight I could have done 10lbs less for each purpose. The area had a thick layer of frost from the previous night’s rain, which made for a “Winter Wonder Land” theme, without having to trod through snow. The early pavement had a few icy slick spots, which made me nervous to the continued upward hike, but once we hit the dirt road there were no more traction problems.
Spent a few minutes at the top. Still too early for a snack, so after a quick education on what lookout towers were for and about the Station fire of 2009 we headed right back down. With the sun up for a couple hours now the icy patches were all but gone, which was a very good thing since I didn’t need any additional challenge keeping up with my speeding daughter.

A view from the top

The second challenge was right across the highway. As I had hoped, it appears Mt Mooney Road never closes. We popped into 4WD and headed up the short muddy road, which had Sally squealing and giggling in the back seat. While I thought the road was pretty mild, this was her first time on a rugged forestry road and the perspective is probably quite different from her unstable booster seat. From here Mt Mooney is a fairly short jaunt, but a little rugged. Up and over some fallen trees, even under one (her, not me). The snow was a little thicker, which gave the brave one an opportunity to pelt me with snowballs every hundred feet. Handed out knowledge on the poodle dog bush, ducks, and the curious pile of rocks with “weird red can” at the top (summit register). Once again she lead the way down, but she found the use trail quite a bit different than the Vetter Road as she had to use some memory and clues to stay on the same return path. Once back to the car, we opted to take the long way down the dirt road to the highway.
Driving on to our final destination of the day, the Mt Sally starting point was just far enough up Angeles Crest Highway for the legs to get stiff. Once out of the car we started up the steep beginning of the use trail. We quickly learned to choose tacky mud over the loose rocks for traction, which would be a very useful lesson for the downhill return. At about one third the way out a nice Southward view opened up that we stopped to admire. After a moment of silence Sally said “That is a BIG view”, which I found to be a unique perspective. Busting through some thorny brush at times and calling out every berry filled scat we found (which was quite a bit) we made it to the top drama free. At the top I fibbed to Miss Sally that this peak was unnamed, and that we could name it. She suggested “Mount Berry Poop” and “Mount Pokey Bush”, but I insisted we name it after her. I pretended to punch it into my phone then showed her how all the various maps had been updated to show “Mt Sally”. We opened up the summit log which had “Mt. Sally” written on it in big bold letters (thanks to whoever did that). This magic trick in the mountains now had my Sally stumped, which is a difficult thing to do these days. After we signed the log, she flipped back a few pages to see the year old entries, which then clued her in that this mountain had already been named “Mt. Sally”. The route finding on the way down from our final mountain gave us time to chit chat about what she liked best (snow balls of course), who this “Mt Sally” was and where we were going to dine for our late lunch.
One last Summit Selfie before leaving Mt. Sally

This is what I like about the design of sprinkling in easier HPS peaks. It gives the chance to focus on the nature enhanced human to human experience with my casual hiking family rather than the constant solo physical challenge of the bigger climbs. The facebook posts will fall away and the REI clothes will get outgrown, but hopefully the memories of magic in the mountains will last.
I had no plans to pursue completing the San Diego 100 Peaks list until Sept 29th of 2013, the date of the death of my good friend Paul Freiman. Paul created the San Diego Peaks Club (SDPC) in early 1991 and created a peak list containing 117 peaks in San Diego County as the clubs peak list. That club disbanded in mid-1997, and sometime after the Sierra Club decided to create a 100 Peaks list for the county. It was the SDPC Peak List that was used as the basis for the Sierra Club 100 Peaks list. At the time of Paul’s death I had climbed 37 of the peaks on the SD-100 list and 41 of the peaks on the SDPC list. After his death I decided to climb all the peaks I had yet to visit on both lists and leave a register in memory of Paul on all the peaks needing a new register.

On March 11th of this year I completed the SD-100 list on Monument Peak, which is also an HPS peak. A twofer for me. I purposely saved Monument Peak for last because it is relatively easy allowing any friends who wanted to join me. It had rained the night before and on the drive out to the trailhead we passed thru bands of light showers. But 24 of my good friends persevered and showed up for the hike. Five of those friends had previously completed the list. We had perfect weather for the hike. Cool with cloud cover, but with breaks in the clouds opening up windows down into the desert below creating unique views. We hiked up in two groups. One led by me from the Desert View Picnic Site and another led by John Strauch from the Big Laguna Trailhead. Five of our hikers missed the turn off onto the use tail up to the peak and ended up on Hayes peak but soon realized their mistake and headed up the ridge to Monument. After the hike we partied at the Desert View Picnic site. Had Paul been there at that after party I know he would be letting me know that I still have five peaks to go to finish his SDPC list. RIP good buddy.
Originally we had planned to drive out to the desert and hike Avawatz Peak or climb Clark Mountain but the forecast was for temps in the 90’s, so we decided to look for something local with better weather. Mary had scoped out a route where we could make a partial loop out of a hike to Mt. Zion and Newcomb Peak.

I’ve lived and hiked in many places in southern California all my life, but had never been to Chantry Flat. What a pleasant surprise. Our hike started out heading up Santa Anita Canyon along the Gabrieleno National Recreation Trail. All of the old, mostly well kept, hike in only, cabins were charming. The trail is in the cool shade of the large alders and oaks. Many folks were out for an easy stroll to the popular Sturtevant Falls. Leaving the falls we continued up the canyon to the trail junction just before Sturtevant Camp and climbed the well graded trail to Newcomb Pass. From there it was an easy walk to Newcomb Peak. I was a bit disappointed in Newcomb Peak as it’s covered by a giant electrical transmission tower. The peak is in the path of three transmission lines crossing the San Gabriels.

We retraced our route back to Sturtevant Camp where we encountered a very friendly volunteer caretaker. You can still get a room at the camp and stay the weekend. From the camp we followed the well maintained and graded trail to Mt Zion then headed down back to Chantry Flat.

This was one of the most pleasant hikes I have done in a while. The trail is well maintained, graded, and shaded. Wildflowers, birds, butterflies and a couple llamas added beauty and interest to the hike. The route is about 14 miles with an elevation gain of about 2400 feet.
Mount Gleason (6502’) and Iron Mountain #2 (5,635’)
Bike and Hike
Jerry Grenard Lead
4/14/2018

by Jeff Buchholz

Participants: Bill Simpson, Jimmy Quan, Larry Pond, Laura Newman, Ken Snyder, Robert Williams, Michael Petrella, Jay Dolan, Mike Manning, Jerry Grenard, Jeff Buchholz

Mount Gleason has a distinct summit prominence when viewed from the many vantage points within the Angeles Forest. The summit has a thinning hairline of trees when looking North from, say, Mount Lukens. When viewed from the Pacifico Mountain Area’s many peaks from the east one can easily see the target with its ascending 17 miles of paved road. From a distance the road looks to be averaging, maybe, a 6-8% grade. Those grades would be fairly easy bike miles, right?

Literally out of the gate access along the Mill Creek Summit, our meeting location, our 11 bikers were clanging their derailleurs, chains, and sprockets seeking the absolute lowest gears. For much of our summit road we had to endure a steady 12 – 15% gradient! The percentage was not calculated but the effort spoke the loudest.

The climb up gave the riders a few brief downhill stretches where we got to test our particular braking and bravado tolerances. At about the halfway point before Gleason we collected for a nutrition break at the memorial for those firefighters who were succumbed by the rapid moving Station Fire. Jerry Grenard gave us a brief account of the events that led to the death of those brave souls who gave their lives fighting fires along this ridge on 8/30/2009.
Back on the bikes we clicked off the remaining brutal climbing miles to the beautiful summit with its grand 360 degree views. We had good sight lines south to Lukens, Catalina Island, west to the Los Padres Mountains, North to the deserts, and East to the Pacifico’s beyond.

With lunch, views, and group photos accomplished we continued our journey along un-improved dirt roads to the second summit of the day, Iron Mountain #2. After an hour and a half of mostly downhill miles we stacked our bikes on the side of the road for the short-but-steep jaunt to our second peak of the day where photos and geography played out.

The return to the MCS trailhead had us climbing back up to the Gleason access road while a few riders returned to the summit to bag a Pathfinder.

We made a short stop again at the Station Fire Memorial and then descended with great speed, hands pressing our brake levers, to our cars at the Mill Creek Summit turnout. We had good weather, comrade, and a safe outing, and two more distant peaks to add to our lists.

Gleason, Iron Mtn. Bike-Hike, 4-14-18 Participants: Jerry Grenard, Jeff Buchholz, Bill Simpson, Jimmy Quan, Larry Pond, Laura Newman, Ken Snyder, Robert Williams, Michael Petrella, Jay Dolan, Mike Manning
Hiking Photography
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Luna, Rattlesnake, Round 4-11-18

Rattlesnake 3-11-18
"There is no change from last year's list since no peaks have been added or deleted. Suspended peaks are not reflected in this list," George Christiansen, Access, Mountain Records Chair.
This hike, led by Peter and Ignacia Doggett and Jin Oak Chung, incorporated Robert Luher’s 200th HPS peak. We started out early in the morning at the Heaton Flat trailhead.

Our journey started out in a shady canyon, but we soon started switch-backing along the side of several mountains, before eventually topping out on a ridge. The trail continued on this undulating ridge. At the very end of the ridge, our group dropped down to Allison Saddle, where we stashed some water and proceeded in earnest up a big, wide use trail.

As we huffed and puffed up the final stretch, we couldn’t help but admire the gorgeous open forest all around us. The upper part of Iron Mountain is, in my opinion, one of the most pleasant hikes to be had in the San Gabriel Mountains.

Before long, our group was on the summit enjoying a panoramic view. Peter pointed out Wild View Peak and Pine Mountain Ridge to us, and we had an excellent sight of Mount Baldy and Mount Baden-Powell. We celebrated Robert’s great accomplishment with treats and snacks. Robert had been rapidly bagging peaks over the year prior to this hike, and it was fitting that he would earn an emblem on such a nice peak.

Heading back down at a good pace, we got back to our water stash at Allison Saddle and then proceeded back down trail.

We did make a short detour to Bonita Peak, a little bump on the Lower Peaks Committee list. Eventually, with more than sufficient daylight left, we got back to the trailhead, overjoyed at our amazing day on Iron Mountain.

A Caliente Mountain Rendezvous was the early intent of this trip. I would mountain bike Route #1, (17 mi R/T), on the Ridge Road and meet hikers ascending the intense cross-country Route #2 from the Tavers Ranch, Old Adobe on the Carrizo Plain below. So, I put forth an informal plan to the Leader of the scheduled hike that they should watch the ridge-line on Wednesday April 18th. I would be returning after fourteen years over this road less traveled.

Now 70yrs of age I looked forward to biking some of our HPS Peak access roads rather than walking. I could get around gates and deal with long dirt roads more efficiently. Even as I was being sold a new Mountain Bike, the salesman raved about ‘The Caliente Ride’ Problem was, my hiking partner George White needed the peak, but was without a bike. So, we were walking it. Throughout the day of walking, the bike tire impressions, (tire tracks), seemed to be taunting me!

New to the Ridge Road since 2004, is a cellular relay installation. About three miles in, the tower is plainly visible from the start. It also marks the end of the graded dirt road. After this it shrinks to a single-track trail. On the bright side, we were provided clear cell phone coverage up to the peak and for my peak selfie at the shack.

Once a WWII “Spotters Shack,” it was a part of the Aircraft Warning System. Caliente’s 2,200 foot prominence allowed for aerial surveillance and early warning protection of the strategic oil fields of Bakersfield, California. Unfortunately, since my last visit the shack had collapsed to a debris heap.

Near the peak I noticed stick marks on the trail. Three large, freshly carved slashes in the dirt indicated the point which the other group arrived on top and would return to their point of origin along Route #2. We missed them, but quickly signed the summit register and turned into an oncoming weather system. It was, however a great day and great hike!
John W. Robinson, Southern California mountain man extraordinaire, has died at age 88. No one did more to make us aware of what the Southland high country has to offer.

Robinson’s “Trails of the Angeles” - a guide to 100 hikes in the Angeles National Forest – was first published in 1971 and had sold 80,000 copies by the 100th anniversary of the forest in 1993. A companion book, “San Bernardino Mountain Trails,” had sold 70,000 copies at that point.

Robinson’s scope as an author was remarkable. His backpack-size hiking and climbing guides were complemented by large hardback volumes on the San Gabriel, San Bernardino and San Jacinto ranges. Robinson’s histories are rated as the definitive record of human activity in every form from wilderness preservation to mining in these mountains.

Each summer his parents took John, two sisters and brother camping in Yosemite. But this Long Beach boy fell in love with the outdoors when he camped in the San Gabriels.

Robinson’s climbing exploits led to his being a founder and chair of the Angeles Chapter’s Sierra Peaks Section and author of a climbing guide covering the High Sierra between Mt. Whitney and the Palisades. He also wrote the definitive guide to climbing in Baja California, including an early ascent of San Pedro Martir, Baja’s sheer granite 10,000-foot culminating peak. Closer to home, Robinson concluded “San Bernardino Mountain Trails” with a thrilling account of the Snow Creek route that climbs 8,800 feet up the north face of Mt. San Jacinto without trail.

A Sierra Club member since 1956, his dedication, skill and public service led to Robinson receiving numerous awards from the Angeles Chapter, including the Elna Bakker Nature Interpretation plaque in 2001, the Outings Service Award in 1990 and a Special Media Award in 1976.

A Los Angeles Times tribute to Robinson was published on the 100th anniversary of the Angeles National Forest in 1993. It quoted Thomas Andrews, executive director of the Historical Society of Southern California: “John really commands the territory of these mountains. He is not an armchair historian and once you have read his books you can never enter that mountain world with ignorance or lack of sensitivity.”

The Times article added, “Perhaps as much as any individual in recent years, Robinson has spawned a surge of interest in the region’s mountains... He knows where hard-rock miners gouged tunnels out of granite and fought over claims, where the Gabrielino, Cahuilla and Serrano tribes fished for trout and gathered acorns, and where 19th century bandits made their hideouts...Go with John
Robinson to almost any mountaintop in Southern California and he can tell you a story about it.”

Robinson said he owed most to “the late Will Thrall, editor of Trails magazine, who in his time knew more about the San Gabriels than any man alive.” Robinson became Thrall’s worthy successor and, in introductions to his trail guides, eloquently described their shared philosophy:

“Some hikers have emerged from the mountains with the scent of laurel and pine on their clothing and with dust on their boots, tired but enriched – both physically and mentally – by their wilderness experience. Others have stumbled out of the mountains exhausted, footsore, sunburned, dehydrated, chilled, with clothing and skin torn by thorny chaparral, or soaked to the bone by unexpected downpour; sadder but wiser for their ordeal. Some have had to be carried out. And a few have not come out...

“If you learn and heed forest regulations, follow route directions, become familiar with the area, have proper equipment, and use good sense, you will thoroughly appreciate your intimacy with the mountains. Never leave the trailhead without this preparation. The mountains are no place to travel alone, unbriefed, ill equipped or in poor condition. Enter their portals with the enthusiasm of adventure tempered by respect, forethought and common sense. The mountains belong to those who are wise as well as willing.”

John Robinson may no longer be among us. But like a regional John Muir, his spirit lives on.
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