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Hi all HPS’ers

It’s Fathers Day this coming Sunday. I saw this quote that I want to share:

“A father is neither an anchor to hold us back nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light where love shows us the way.” Author: Unknown

My Father is why I love hiking so much. He exposed me to hunting, fishing and sight seeing throughout my growing years. I also loved the time I spent with my son while he was in the Boy Scouts hiking and camping. Together we hiked many miles in the Grand Canyon, Yosemite and other places. Of course, I joined the HPS and the Wilderness Travel Course 20 years ago and became a mountain climber.

For me, the HPS hikes are an opportunity to see beautiful scenery and learn more about nature. During a recent hike to Cuyamaca and Middle Peaks, we saw many red headed woodpeckers doing their annual mating ritual at a dead tree. I understand that they come to the same tree each year. We also saw two wild turkeys.

While climbing El Montanon on Santa Cruz Island, we saw the small island fox (once endangered now a pest). On the Island Packer boat trip to and from the Island, we saw huge pods of common dolphins and a large great white shark.

My wife accuses me of being able to see almost anything in the wild but can’t find anything in the refrigerator. So you get the idea.

I have shared my interest in nature and the outdoors with my three children. They all like getting outdoors. I recently enjoyed ocean fishing with my son on the Monte Carlo. Someone on the trip asked me if I was the reason, my son loved fishing so much. That was the seed for this article.

So, our HPS hikes offer more than that! They offer camaraderie, physical conditioning and many other things. Each of you will have a reason or reasons you enjoy hiking. I suggest that you share these experiences with your family and friends. The more people that get outdoors, the more people will support conserving our beautiful outdoors for the future.

Our HPS Spring Fling was a success. The weather was great and the hikes plentiful and fun. The Sierra Club Keller Ski Hut was a great location. We will look to going there again.

By the time the Lookout is published, the Annual Waterman’s Rendezvous will have occurred. I hope that many of you enjoyed the activity.

Next on the agenda is the HPS Oktoberfest on October 19th and 20th. We plan to go to Bandido Campground in the San Gabriel Mountains again.

Hope to see you on the trails often.

Mike Dillenback
HPS Chair
Summits

Photo by Eric Chiu

Sawtooth Mountain

Photo by Nahid Shirazi

Cover photo by Ali Akhiary on Little Bear Mountain. This, during 2019 Spring Fling.

Shay Mountain
HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION MEMBERSHIP REPORT
May/June 2019  Michael McCarty, HPS Membership Chair

New Member
Linh Tu
Ken Conklin
David Sharg

New Life Member
Laura Newman

DONATIONS:
Jane Simpson - $10
Ali & Kariba Akhiary - $2
Nahid Shirazi - $1

New Subscriber
Sergei Petrov
Gina Cogswell
Nahid Shirazi
Fariba Akhiary
Ali Akhiary
Michael Maki

19 Life Members
216 Members
26 Household
21 Subscribers
282

Pathfinder Emblem - 200 Peaks
#22 - Lawrence Lee - Mill Peak - 5/15/2019

100 Peaks Emblem
#1200 - Megan Birdsill - Mount Marie Louise - 5/18/2019
#1201 - Justin Barham - Mount Marie Louise - 5/18/2019
#1202 - Teresa Spohr - Mount Lewis - 6/29/2019

One Thousand Peaks
#25 - Jin Oak Chung - Mt Lewis - 6/26/2019

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Subscription amount:

Donations to cover program and election expenses.

Donation amount:

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Michael McCarty, HPS Membership Chair
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Renew quickly using PayPal to the email address below or from the HPS page.


For information, Michael can be reached at lookout membership@hundredpeaks.org or (818) 853-3305.
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Teresa Spohr gets her 100th peak (6-29-19) on Mt.Akawie. From L-R:
Peter Doggett, Ali & Fariba Akhiary, Ignacia Doggett, David Feiler, Dave
Taylor, Teresa Smith, and Mary Varalyay; Catherine Rossbach, not in
photo (photo by Nahid Shirazi)
Chair Report, Michael Dillenback
  o Closed discussion of HPS Facebook Code of Conduct
  o Closed discussion of HPS Awards Criteria going forward

Discussion and approval of 1-8-2019 MCOMM Teleconference Minutes, by Mark S. Allen (Apvd and Filed)
Discussion and approval of Treasurer’s Report, Michael Dillenback for Laura Newman (Apvd and Filed)
Membership Report, Michael McCarty (Apvd and Filed):

New Members:
  o Wei Han
  o Charles ‘Skip’ Perry
  o Keith Robinson
  o Konstanze Burleson
  o Louie Rodriguez

DONATIONS: $10 - Leo Rosario

13 Life Members
219 Members
26 Household
18 Subscribers
Total HPS Members: 276
100 Peaks Emblem:
  #1197 - Jeff Gomillion - Queen Mountain - 12/16/2018
  #1198 - Dave Endres - Barley Flats - 10/21/2018
  #1199 - Maureen Conn - Ryan Mountain - 12/15/2018
  200 Peaks Bar #502 - Alvin Walter - Little Cahuilla - 12/27/2018
  #503 - Jerry Grenard - 1/26/2019
Three Thousand Peaks Emblem #3 - Ignacia Doggett - Slide Peak - 8/1/2018

Mountain Records / Access Report, by George Christiansen: During the last MCOMM Meeting, I recommended un-suspension of peaks along the Desert Divide. This was premature since, although the PCT has been opened, the area beginning 100 feet West of the PCT is still in the Cranston Fire Closure area, and this affects four of our peaks. As a result, the following were suspended again shortly after our last meeting:
  o 28C – Red Tahquitz
  o 28D – Southwell Peak
  o 28E – Ansell Rock
  o 28F – Apache Peak

  Area closure will most likely be canceled on July 31, 2019.

  Sam Fink Peak is not affected by the Cranston Closure Order, and remains open.
Meeting Adjourned 8:15pm
Several prior articles in the Navigation Corner have been critical of the United States Geographic Survey’s (USGS) US Topo series that replaced the 7.5 minute map series that we have come to rely on for our Sierra Club trips.

In 2012, the USGS released US Topo maps for every quadrangle in California. The new maps use the same names as the 7.5 minute map series and cover the same area with slight marginal differences caused by use of the North American Datum of 1983. (Most maps in the 7.5 minute map series use the North American Datum of 1927.) These new maps can be downloaded for free on the USGS website using its Map Locator and Downloader (http://store.usgs.gov).

The US Topo map series is produced using automated and semi-automated processes and cost substantially less to produce than the handcrafted 7.5 minute map series. These new digital maps are considered the “next generation” of USGS map products. The 7.5 minute map series will no longer be updated.

Using automation to create topographic maps has come at the cost of cartographic quality. As an article in Directions Magazine noted:

It is clear to most map users that the old topographic maps have higher visual quality than US Topo maps. The old maps show more features, have better text design and placement, better visual integration, and a more graceful overall appearance. A traditional hand-drawn map is a marvel of data presentation, facilitating human processing of large amounts of information quickly and accurately. US Topo maps, although superior in this regard to a typical GIS display or plot, fall short of traditional map presentation standards. (Moore, L. (2011, May 16). US Topo — A New National Map Series. Directions Magazine. Retrieved July 4, 2019, from https://www.directionsmag.com/article/2000.)

In 2012, I was informed that US Topo will improve over time as more Lidar elevation data is acquired:

The old maps were drawn by hand. The contours on the new maps are software-generated from the national elevation dataset (NED). Most of the data in the NED is yet not high enough resolution to support the detail that could be achieved by human interpretation and craftsmanship. This will change as more of the country is covered with LiDAR. Email from Drew Decker to Robert M. Myers, USGS Geospatial Liaison, July 12, 2012.
As discussed in my previous article, Lidar data has been acquired over large areas of Southern California. For the Indian Cove area of Joshua Tree National Park, Lidar data was acquired in 2017 and publicly released in 2018. This new Lidar data presents the opportunity to see if the US Topo improved since 2012.


Although improved, the 2018 US Topo still falls short of the detail of the 7.5 map series. Indeed, the current production process for the US Topo series will never achieve the detail of the 7.5 minute map series for the following reasons:

- They are mass-produced from information in national GIS databases.
- There is no field inspection or data collection.
- An isolated windmill or water tank that would have been found on the 7.5 minute map will likely never be on the US Topo.
- The maps are computer generated with limited editing.


With adequate funding, there is no reason that US Topo could not be improved with the rich detail of the 7.5 minute map series. Other countries, such as the United Kingdom ([https://osmaps.ordnancesurvey.co.uk](https://osmaps.ordnancesurvey.co.uk)) and Switzerland ([https://s.geo.admin.ch/67274e29e4](https://s.geo.admin.ch/67274e29e4)), continue to produce feature rich topographic maps. It is unfortunate that the United States is no longer doing so.
Upcoming Navigation Events

On September 29, 2019, we will be at Mt. Pinos for a one-day navigation noodle.

Our Beginner Navigation Clinic will be held on November 2, 2019. This is a great opportunity for first-time navigators.

Our November 16-17, 2019, navigation noodle will be at the Wildlands Conservancy’s Mission Creek Preserve. Located in a transition zone between the Sonoran and Mojave deserts, the Mission Creek Preserve has a rich species composition, with flora and fauna representing both deserts.

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.

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POISON PLANTS

To the warning about poison plants:
“Leaves of three, let it be,” add “Beware of Phacelia and its pretty flowers,” you could itch for hours and hours or days and days or weeks and weeks! It is not clear if all varieties of Phacelia have the same effect, but there are at least two that I discovered—the hard way.
Watch where you walk in the beautiful field of wildflowers.  

Barbara Lilley
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!

LEADER CONTACT INFO

Following is contact information for Leaders who are offering outings in this edition of The Lookout. When signing up for an outing, follow the instructions given in the trip listing to find out about meeting time and location.

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Advance Schedule of Hundred Peaks Section Activities
July 2019 – January 2020
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 July 5, 2019. These outings cover the period ranging from July 6 2019 through January 11, 2020. 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.

Jul 6 Sat Hundred Peaks
O: Stonewall Peak (5730’) and Oakzanita Peak (5054’) - Hike two nice peaks in San Diego on trail. Stonewall Peak was named for a gold mine located on its northeast slope, originally the "Stonewall Jackson Mine" founded in 1870 by William Skidmore. It produced more than $2 million in gold before it closed in 1892. Total distance for both peaks is approximately 10 miles; total gain of about 2000 feet. Paved road driving. Please bring water, lunch, hiking footwear, sun block, layers & hat. Contact Sreedhar (Reddy) Yetur at syetur@yahoo.com for details.

Leader: SREEDHAR REDDY YETUR Co-Leaders: BILL SIMPSON, VIRGINIA SIMPSON.

Jul 7 Sun Hundred Peaks
I: Dobbs Peak (10459’), Jepson Peak (11205’), San Gorgonio Mtn (11499’), Bighorn Mtn (10997’) & Dragons Head (10866’) - Join us as we climb Southern California’s highest peaks in a wonderfully scenic alpine loop. San Gorgonio, the most prominent, is visible from Mt Whitney 190 miles away, and has
the longest recorded line of sight in the contiguous US. We'll leave the Vivian Creek trail to ascend the formidable ridge to Dobbs; continue with the challenging ascent over Jepson to Gorgonio; descend and climb a still tough Bighorn and the awe-inspiring Dragonshead; and, contour to rejoin the beautifully verdant Vivian Creek trail. This strenuous 17.5 miles, 6500' gain hike is only for the well-conditioned experienced hiker. Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch and hat. Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. Leaders: PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT; SUNNY YI, JIN OAK CHUNG, JASON PARK

Jul 9  Tue  Hundred Peaks
HPS Management Committee Meeting telephone conference starting at 6:30 pm. Contact HPS Chair, MIKE DILLENBACK, at dillyhouse@earthlink.net for call in details.

Jul 10  Wed  Hundred Peaks
I: Pine Mtn (9648'), Dawson Pk (9575'), Wright Mtn (8505') -- Hike the "other Devil's Backbone trail" to Pine Mountain and its tree studded slopes; continue on to Dawson Peak and note its history (Ernest Dawson was an influential early member of the Sierra Club); and, enjoy the surrounding views a commanding Baldy to the south, Stockton Flats and Lytle Creek to the east, Fish Fork and Wild View to the west, and Blue Ridge to the north. After completing 5.5 miles and 2600 gain for the first two peaks, we'll end our day’s adventure with a short 0.5 mile, 200’ gain, hike to Wright Mountain, the high point of Blue Ridge. Hike-experienced dogs with well-behaved owners welcome. Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch, and hat. For trip details contact leader at peterdoggett@aol.com. Leaders: PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT; JIN OAK CHUNG

Jul 13  Sat  Hundred Peaks
O: South Mt. Hawkins (7,783') - Please join us on this 7-mile, out-and-back hike to South Mt. Hawkins in the San Gabriel Mountains. Starting from Crystal Lake Campground, we'll be climbing 2000' at a moderate pace on trail and fire road to this peak, the site of a former lookout tower. All experience levels are welcome, keeping in mind the altitude and gain. Bring hiking footwear, at least 2 L of water, lunch and something to share for a small picnic afterward (optional). RSVP to hike leader Wade Stuckwisch at wstuckw+sc@gmail.com for details on where and when to meet. A day pass ($5 at the camp store) or National Forest Adventure Pass is required to park at the trail head. Leader: WADE STUCKWISCH, Co-Leader: BILL SIMPSON

Jul 17  Wed  Hundred Peaks
I: Fox Mountain #1 5167, Peak Mountain 5843, McPherson Peak 5749 - Join us for a pleasant moderate hike to three peaks in Santa Barbara County near Cuyama. Fox Mountain is named after turn of the century resident and Sierra Club Chair whose land donation was part of the original Los Padres National Forest. Hike to Fox is 5 miles rt cross country. McPherson is a drive-up, and the prosaically named Peak is 1 mile with 400' gain. Drive between peaks, moderate pace. Bring lunch, snacks, beverage, hiking footwear, layers, sunblock and hat. High-clearance vehicle advised. Contact Jim Hagar at jhagar1@gmail.com for status and details.
Leader: JIM HAGAR, Co-Leaders: BILL SIMPSON, VIRGINIA SIMPSON, MIKE DILLENBACk, SREEDHAR YETUR

**Jul 20**

**Sat**

**Hundred Peaks**

**I: Black Mountain #5 (7,438) & Split Mountain (6,835)** - Join us for a moderately paced, moderately strenuous, mostly cross country, mid-summer loop hike to a couple of gorgeous and brushy peaks high above Lake Isabella in the Sequoia National Forest near Kernville, CA. Our hike will start with a steep ascent to the summit of Black where we'll rapidly gain 1,250' over 1.0 mile. Once up on top we'll lose that 1,250' just as quickly as we got it by dropping off the northern ridge of Black to intersect an east west oriented ridgeline that we'll traverse for an undulating (1,500' gain and 1,000' loss) 2.3 miles to get to the summit of Split. On the return we'll retrace that 2.3 mile traverse back to Black's northern ridge, this time gaining 1,000' and losing 1,500' along the way. Rather than ascend back up Black's northern ridge, we'll contour around its northern and western flanks along trail and road for about 3.0 miles to our parked cars. Expect a total of about 9.6 miles and 4,500' of gain (3,000' going in, 1,500 coming out) for the day. Email Mat Kelliher at mkelliher746@gmail.com with contact info, and recent conditioning & experience for trip status and details. **Leader: MAT KELLIHER, Co-Leaders: BILL SIMPSON, VIRGINIA SIMPSON, LARRY POND, SREEDHAR (REDDY) YETUR, DAVE TAYLOR**

**Jul 31**

**Wed**

**Hundred Peaks**

**I: Mount Pinos (8832'), Sawmill Mountain (8818'), Grouse Mountain (8582'), Cerro Noroeste (8280')** - Join us for a hike that includes the highest peaks in two counties! Enjoy a mostly ridge-and-trail hike to four peaks near Frazier Park through a nice forest with grand views in the Los Padres National Forest. The summit of Mount Pinos is the highest point in Ventura County and the 11th greatest prominence in California. Sawmill Mountain is the highest point in Kern County. Mount Pinos was created over 100 million years ago, and it lies on the edge of the Chumash Wilderness. Moderately paced 10.5 miles round trip, 3000' gain. Please bring lugsoles, layers, beverages, lunch, snacks, sunblock and hat. For trip details contact **Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: VIRGINIA SIMPSON, MIKE DILLENBACk, REDDY YETUR**

**Aug 31 – Sep 1**

**Sat – Sun**

**Desert Peaks, WTC, Hundred Peaks**

**I: Charleston Peak (11,915'), Mummy Mountain (11,528')** - Join us on this very strenuous, moderately paced, Labor Day weekend trip up into the Spring Mountains of Nevada to climb two of the State's most alluring peaks. Saturday we'll take the South Loop trail out of Kyle Canyon for a moderately paced, but very strenuous hike on trail to Charleston Peak and return for a day's total of 18 miles and 4,300' of gain. Saturday night we'll relax around the campfire and enjoy a festive Happy Hour/Potluck under moonless-night skies at a nearby campground. Sunday we'll start out on the North Lake trail out of Kyle Canyon and then travel cross country at a moderate pace over very rugged class 2 terrain to the summit of Mummy Mountain and then return the way we came in for a day's total of 10 miles and 3,700' of gain. We've reserved a local campground for Friday through Sunday nights; campground fees will be split among the group. This is a DPS Outing co-
sponsored by WTC and HPS. Email Mat Kelliher at mkelliher746@gmail.com with contact info, recent conditioning, and experience, including high altitude experience, for trip status and details. Leaders: MAT KELLIHER, BILL SIMPSON

Sep 17          Tue        Hundred Peaks
HPS Management Committee Meeting at the Ranger House (not to be confused with the Ranger Station Visitor Center!) in Griffith Park starting at 6:30 pm. Contact HPS Chair, MIKE DILLENBACK, at dillyhouse@earthlink.net for more information.

Sep 29          Sun        LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, Hundred Peaks
I: Navigation: Mt. Pinos Navigation Noodle - Navigation noodle at Mt. Pinos to satisfy the basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Practice skills or checkoff. Send email with contact info (mailing address, telephone numbers), navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Leader: ROBERT MYERS. Assistant: ANN SHIELDS

Oct 18 – 20   Fri – Sun    Hundred Peaks
2019 HPS Oktoberfest - Welcome in the fall hiking season with the Hundred Peaks Section as we celebrate OKTOBERFEST! Come join us for a weekend filled with outstanding peak bagging and an evening of Beer tasting from local breweries. After spending the day bagging peaks on one of the several outings that will be available, Saturday night we will all meet up at 5 pm at Bandido Campground in the San Gabriel National Forest to celebrate with a beer tasting contest with prizes and our ever famous 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 are camping out or staying in town, everyone is welcome and all are encouraged to attend! If you’re planning on camping out with us, camping is free for HPS Members and $5 per person for Non-HPS members. Contact AIMEE SHOCKET at aimeehps17@gmail.com or MIKE DILLENBACK at dillyhouse@earthlink.net to make reservations or for additional information.

Oct 25          Fri        Hundred Peaks
I: Rabbit Pk 1 (5307’), Granite Mtn 1(6600+), Round Top (6316’), Iron Mtn 3 (5040’) - Join us for this not so little hike of the Little Four via the Monte Crisco Loop. Generous views of the many peaks and canyons of the western San Gabriels, and of the Antelope Valley, accompany this 10 mile and 4100’ gain hike. Hike-experienced dogs with well-behaved owners welcome. Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch and hat. Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT

Nov 2           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 (make check payable to “Sierra Club”) to be refunded at trailhead to Leader: DIANE DUNBAR. Co-Leader: RICHARD BOARDMAN
Nov 12  Tue  Hundred Peaks
HPS Management Committee Meeting telephone conference starting at 6:30 pm. Contact HPS Chair, MIKE DILLENBACK, at dillyhouse@earthlink.net for call in details.

Nov 16  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 checkoff or additional practice. Send email with contact info (mailing address, telephone numbers), navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Leader: ROBERT MYERS. Assistant: ANN SHIELDS

Nov 17  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 checkoff or additional practice. Send email with contact info (mailing address, telephone numbers), navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Leader: ROBERT MYERS. Assistant: ANN SHIELDS

Dec 8  Sun  LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, Hundred Peaks
I: Navigation: Indian Cove Navigation Noodle - Navigation noodle at Indian Cove to satisfy the basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Practice skills or checkoff. Send email with contact info (mailing address, telephone numbers), navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Leader: ROBERT MYERS. Assistant: ANN SHIELDS

Jan 11  Sat  Hundred Peaks
HPS Annual Awards Banquet will be held at the Monrovian Restaurant in Monrovia, CA. The evening will start with a social hour at 5 pm with dinner to follow at 6 pm. The speaker will be David Money Harris who took over the San Bernardino Trails. The highlight of the evening will be the award to all the certificates that HPS members have earned throughout the year. Pricing and additional information will be available later this year.

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Fox, Condor and Iron #3
4-20-19. Photos: Nahid Shirazi

Joshua's provisional leading hike (Throop, Hawkins, Burnham, Mount Baden-Powell. Photo: Nahid Shirazi
Milestones

Megan Birdsill and Justin Barham on the summit block of their 100th peak, Mount Marie Louise, Sat. 5/18/2019. Leaders

Lawrence Lee's O-1 Provisional lead to Strawberry Peak - March 16, 2019. Photo by Mat Kelliher. Lawrence Lee earned the Pathfinder Emblem - 200 Peaks (#22) on Mill Peak, May 15, 2019 (no photo submitted).

Kendra Heineche, 3rd row left, completed her 200th peak on Pine Mountain#2 (7054’). Hike led by Peter and Ignacia Doggett, April 1, 2019. Photo: Andrew Manalo

Jin Oak Chung's 1000th HPS Peak on Mt. Lewis 6-26-19.
In mid-March while the weather was still cool, Mary and I decided to make a trip to Joshua Tree National Park and bag a couple of Lower Peaks. The first day was a two LPC peaks hike, like most hikers do these two, Mt Mel and Keyes Peak. We started from the end of W Indian Cove Rd and headed up the gentle slopes to the saddle below Mount Mel. From the saddle it's a fun, short, class 3, no exposure, scramble to the top of Mt Mel. We headed back down to the saddle and descended to the popular Boy Scout Trail in the bottom of the canyon to the northwest. From here we headed up canyon, west. Gently climbing the canyon bottom until the trail turns south and climbs a bit steeper canyon with some switchbacks occasionally continuing to follow the creek. The trail soon levels out and Keyes peak comes into view. We left the trail at a point close to the base of Keyes and scrambled to the summit. The summit is large and flat with lots of boulders and fantastic views. The route is about 4.5 miles each way and took about 2.5 hours each way. Lots of folks on this popular route.

The following day we probably set the record for longest ascent of Malapai Hill with a net gain of -143ft on the hike in. The Geology Tour Road was closed at Park Blvd so we walked the road and open country 5 miles each way. Luckily the weather was great and we had a good walk. Lots of jack rabbits, flowers in bloom, butterflies, and birds. Climb of Malapi Hill is quick though rocky in some spots. Great view from the top. Great time of year to be in Joshua Tree!
“Pacifico again?!!” I can hear all the peak veterans yawning. Many of them have added this summit to their resume, by a multitude of TH’s, a gazillion times.

Pacifico is one of those standard highpoints. Just got married? Honeymoon at its campground. Child’s birthday? The trail is kid friendly. Got a new backpack… well, you get the idea. But, wait! Some of us noobs have their first list in progress!

Enter, Al Shipley. He bagged his 100th HPS peak on Pacifico Mountain on this day!

CONGRATS to Al Shipley’s 100th HPS peak!

I and many others have enjoyed his company on several HPS outings and look forward to many more. Like 186 to be precise. Go man, go. What a gentleman!

Aside from Al’s huge accomplishment that day we encountered over 15 NOBO through hikers on the PCT section that we shared. They were approximately on mile 225 from Campo, CA by then. Hope these late starters find favorable snow conditions as they head into the Sierras. We all enjoyed the rigorous common elements to Pacifico Mountain this day. Set down your goals and Hike Your Own Hike. You are awesome Al Shipley!
HPS Spring Fling 2019

Swee Chin is presented HPS 100 Peaks Certificate during Spring Fling at the Keller Ski Hut. Photo: Nahid Sharazi

Silver Mountain. Photo: Swee Chin

Gray’s Peak. Photo: James Wick

James Wick
Waterman Rendezvous 2019

Nahid Shirazi

Waterman Rendezvous photo submitted by Sridhar Gullapalli

Nahid Shirazi

SAN GABRIEL WILDERNESS ANGELES National Forest

Bruce Craig
Butterfly Peak and Ken Point
April 20th, 2019
By Larry Edmonds

For my Larry’s Hike Of The Month (LHOTM) for April I lead a hike to Butterfly Peak and Ken Point in the desert divide country of the San Jacinto Mountains. Joining me were Leslie Williams, Mark Sutton, John Allen, Susan Smith and Nelson Peacock. We met at the Paradise Valley Café from which we carpooled over to the Butterfly route 1 trailhead along Table Mountain Road because I wanted to minimize the number of vehicles parked along table mountain road. We hit the trail at about 8:30 AM. Although the trail is still easy to follow it has suffered a bit of erosion with all the rain we received this year. After passing gold hill and a nice sign with past mining history we started the climb up an old road bed which switch backs up towards the New Hemet Bell mine site. We left the road bed at a nicely ducted trail which leaves the road bed at the turn onto the last switchback up to the New Hemet Bell Mine site. This trail led us to the saddle area at about the 5500 foot level where we headed west in search of the ducted use trail up Butterfly which we shortly found. The trail is well ducted all the way up. During the climb up the southern slope of Butterfly a small rattler scurried across the trail between Susans legs. She was not aware of it but John had witnessed it and let her know. We arrived on Butterfly a little before 10:30, signed the register and enjoyed the view of the San Jacinto high country and Thomas Mountain area. From here we followed the east ridge down to an old 4WD road thru light brush. Then followed old roads which are now just trails past the Tunnel Spring area and on up to meet the PCT. As we climbed towards the PCT we could see a fire burning on the west slopes of Thomas Mountain. We had seen signs at the Paradise Valley Café indicating controlled burns were in progress, but where we were it was very windy so I had some concern with the fire getting out of control. The smoke was rising straight up indicating that the burn area was not getting the high winds that we were getting so we continued on keeping a watch on the fire. We headed south on the PCT a short distance where we picked up the trail out towards Ken Point. At around the 6100 foot level we left the trail, gained the ridge to Ken Point and climbed to high point 6230. The winds were howling on the ridge and although this group of friends are hikers they are not peakaholics like I am. Since I had been to Ken Point before I did not feel the need to get on top of it so we had our lunch on high point 6230. John Allen did feel the need to reach Ken Point since he had never been to it, so while we had lunch he jogged over to Ken Point and back which was about ¼ mile from our lunch spot. The smoke from the burn was still rising straight up into the air so I was not too concerned about the fire. The views from 6230, like Ken Point are awesome. I love the view of Pine Mountain, and you also have a nice view of Martinez, Sheep and Toro. After lunch we returned the way we came except rather than going over Butterfly Peak again we stayed on the 4WD road until we hit the miners trail that we had come up on. Another fun day along the Desert Divide, an area I love. Statistics for this trip are 12 1/8 miles with 3500 feet of elevation gain.
Hiking Photography
By Jiun Oak Chung

Pallet Mountain

Eagle Rest Peak

Twin Peaks

Kratka Ridge

Cooper Canyon Falls

Sam Pink Peak
Wild Horse Peak is in the Agua Tibia Wilderness Area about 10 miles east of Temecula, CA. Researching this hike. Hiked in 2013, I discovered how infrequently it is visited. There were only three entries on Peakbagger.com over the last 11 years, zero on Summitpost.org, and you won’t find any casual hikers bragging about it on Yelp. It is on the Lower Peaks list and is one of the few that has no summit use trail or other direct approach. The Wild Horse Trail winds around the peak, leaving the climber to find a way through about a half mile of brush to the top. This poses a route finding challenge and some extra hazards. In other words, fun!

In addition to climbing this peak, I wanted to scout the area for a much longer future hike to Agua Tibia and Eagle Crag. For now, I was focused on getting up to Wild Horse. I arrived at Dripping Springs Campground at 6:20 AM, just after sunrise. Parking is near the road and the trailhead is at the end of the campground. It was 48F, low clouds, and a 20% chance of rain. Thankfully, it didn’t rain on me. I started off wearing Glider Gloves, special gloves that pass the electrical current from your hands to a smart phone. They worked great and I was able to operate my phone without removing them. Recommended! Shortly after starting up the Dripping Springs Trail, the Wild Horse Trail forks to the left, following the Arroyo Seco Creek. The creek was completely dry.

When I got close to five miles in, I started looking for cairns to see where other people had left the trail and started bushwhacking. I considered following a gully up, which was listed as an alternate route in the Lower Peaks guide, but the first cairn I found looked good enough. I changed gloves to my leather bushwhacking gloves (belay gloves) and started picking my way through the brush. The ridge was loose and steep, making the ascent even slower. There were no other cairns on the way and no hints of a use trail. You just dodge and shove your way through the brush. It thinned out toward the top of the first ridge, but I still had another quarter mile or so to go and made a bad mistake by dropping down into a gully. The brush got over my head and so thick that I often uprooted and dragged some small bushes with me through the bigger ones. I was very glad to have a long shirt and long pants as well as the gloves. I eventually got to another ridge where the going was easier. I highly suggest staying on the ridge. There is plenty of intimate contact with the chaparral no matter how you ascend.

At the summit, I found a register but no benchmark. The register went back to 1999, but there were so few entries that I counted how many parties had made it each year. The average is less than three parties a year, with some years seeing only one. A lonely peak to be sure. After signing the register and taking a few photos, I finished my snacks and rested a little before heading back down into the jungle. It had warmed up to 65F and was quite pleasant in the sun. I stuck to the ridge on the way down and found the trail just slightly off from where I had started up. The return was uneventful. I didn’t see another human all day. Still, it was a fun day and a memorable peak.

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