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Letter from the Chair

Hello Fellow HPS Members!

I want to thank everyone for re-electing Mark S. Allen, Aimee Shocket and I back to the HPS Board. Also thanks for electing William Chen, our new Board Member. He is replacing Michael McCarty who decided not to return. We thank Michael for a well done job handling Membership for the past several years. Thankfully he is continuing in this important role in the future as an appointee.

So your new Board and their roles are as follows:
HPS Chair & Programs Chair– Mike Dillenback
HPS Vice-Chair – Coby King
Mark Allen – Secretary and Lookout Editor
George Christiansen – Mountain Records
Aimee Shocket – Programs Co-Chair & Merchandise
William Chen – Programs Co-Chair & Member Outreach
Jim Hagar – Board Member At Large

Key appointees:
Mat Kelliher – Outings and Safety
Michael McCarty – Membership
Laura Newman – Treasurer
Ignacia Doggett – Elections Chair

When you see any of these people, please thank them for their service to the Section. Serving HPS is a hard work and often thankless. Please give us feedback on where we can improve.

I wanted to be your HPS Chair because I think we have one of the finest organizations in Angeles Chapter. I enjoy leading and hiking to the HPS peaks. I only have a few peaks left to complete the list the first time. I also enjoy the comradeship of all our members and others who hike with us. I will work diligently to promote more to become HPS leaders and to increase HPS membership.

I hope that you all enjoyed the HPS Banquet. I personally enjoyed James Wapotich’s talk entitled “Adventures In the San Rafael Mountains.” The video of the bobcat was really special. This is one of our most demanding HPS events to organize. I want to thank Coby King, Mark S. Allen, Aimee Shocket and others who worked hard to put the Banquet together.

Coby King turned over the Chair to me at the Banquet. He had served three years as the Chair. I want to thank him for his service. He provided the leadership to improve HPS overall. Even with the recent rain and snow, I can sense that Spring is coming. We are already seeing the potential for a spectacular super bloom. This will be an exciting time. Join us on our HPS hikes and enjoy the scenery.
The Annual HPS Spring Fling will be held May 4th and 5th this year. We will have our gathering at the Sierra Club’s own Keller Ski Hut across from the Big Bear Snow Valley Ski Area. The Hut is 70 years old and has just been refurbished. We will be one of the first groups to use to the Hut. This should be a fun venue for us. Please look elsewhere in the Lookout for details.

Happy Hiking!

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Cover Photo by: Jeff Buchholz.
Retreating from Smith Mountain summit back to Bear Creek Trail saddle, Dec 19, 2018


Mount Baldy Ski Hut February 3, 2019
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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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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!

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HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION MEMBERSHIP REPORT
March-April 2019  Michael McCarty, HPS Membership Chair

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

DONATIONS:
$10 - Leo Rosario

13 Life Members
219 Members
26 Household
18 Subscribers
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
#3 - Ignacia Doggett - Slide Peak - 8/1/2018
Advance Schedule of Hundred Peaks Section Activities
March – June 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 March 2, 2019. These outings cover the period ranging from Mar 2 through Jun 29, 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.

Mar 2 Sat WTC, Desert Peaks Section, Hundred Peaks
I: Pinto Mountain (3,983’) - Join us on a Joshua Tree National Park off-trail hike through sand dunes and painted rocky desert terrain as we summit Pinto Mountain, the name sake peak of the Pinto Range, and one of only three Desert Peaks Section summits in the park (9.6 miles, 2,990 gain). After enjoying vast desert panoramas and a light lunch on the summit, we will head back to the cars by way of Mundi benchmark. If you're interested in joining us, please email leaders your hiking and backpacking resume including your weekly conditioning. Carpooling is encouraged as parking is extremely limited at trailhead. Contact Victor Gomez at vgomex@gmail.com for trip status and details. Leader: VICTOR GOMEZ, Co-Leader: ROSS DOERING

Mar 2 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: RABBIT RAMP-UP HIKE #4: Martinez Mountain (6560’) & Sheep Mountain (5141’) - Join us for the fourth in a series of five hikes on five consecutive Saturdays. The Rabbit Ramp-up hike series will culminate with a hike to Rabbit Peak in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. With 23 miles and 8300 feet of elevation gain round trip, Rabbit Peak is the toughest day hike among the Hundred Peaks Section’s 281 peaks. The Rabbit Ramp-up series is designed to provide the desert hiking experience and conditioning necessary to handle the "BIG Bunny." This is a very strenuous hike in the Santa Rosa Wilderness desert terrain. The Santa Rosa Wilderness is a 72,259-acre wilderness area in Southern California, in the Santa Rosa Mountains of Riverside and San Diego counties. Enjoy views of the surrounding mountains, Palm Desert and the Coachella Valley. Expect around 21 total miles with about 5000 feet of elevation gain. Not intended for new hikers. Bring hiking footwear, water, lunch, snacks, layers, hat, sunblock and headlamp (with extra batteries!). Contact Bill Simpson for status and details. Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leaders: VIRGINIA SIMPSON, LARRY POND, RYAN LYNCH, REDDY YETUR
Mar 3  Sun  Hundred Peaks
I: Lookout Mountain #1 (5,590’) & Asbestos Mountain (5,265’) - Join us for a fun trip up into the San Jacinto and Santa Rosa Mountains for these two separate, slow to moderately paced, hikes to a couple of peaks that should be ideally located to afford spectacular views of what our recent winter storms have been dumping up in the higher elevations of our local mountains. We'll start off with Lookout Mtn; expect about 4.4 RT miles with 1,100’ of gain, then we'll drive over to the trailhead for Asbestos. Expect about 3.0 RT miles and 1,000’ of gain for Asbestos. Well behaved dogs are welcome, but if you're bringing yours along, be sure to bring along all the water it will need, and maybe even a winter jacket. High clearance vehicles are recommended for the drive in to the trailhead for Asbestos. Email Mat Kelliher at mkelliher746@gmail.com with contact info, and recent conditioning & experience for trip status and details. Leaders: MAT KELLIHER, PAT ARREDONDO

Mar 3  Sun  Hundred Peaks
O: Lost Horse Mtn (5313’), Ryan Mtn (5457’) - Join us for one or both hikes as we visit one of the jewels of our national park system, Joshua Tree National Park. Straddling the transition zone from the Colorado Desert to the Mojave Desert, this crossroads creates a surreal geologic landscape with unique fauna and flora and a variety of beautiful vistas: the snow-topped summit of San Gorgonio, the alpine heights of San Jacinto, the Desert Divide profile and its distinctive points. Our first hike will go by Lost Horse Mine; at one time owned by Johnny Lang and J.D. Ryan, its stamp mill is one of the best preserved in the national park system. We'll then do the short drive to another park favorite, a hike up Ryan Mtn as we continue to enjoy the beautiful geology and vistas of the vast JTNP. Hike totals will be 5 miles round trip and 900’ gain for Lost Horse; and, 3 mi rt with 1100’ gain for Ryan. Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch and hat. Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT; JIN OAK CHUNG

Mar 5  Tue  Hundred Peaks
HPS Management Committee Teleconference - HPS Management Committee Meeting telephone conference starting at 6:30 pm. Contact HPS Chair, MIKE DILLENBACK, for call in details.
I: Granite Mountain #2 (5,633') 32A - Come join us for this unique peak in San Diego County. It is located southeast of Julian and west side of Anza Borrego State Park. We will take HPS peak guide route 1 to climb up to our summit. We may enjoy and admire the desert cactus and flowers at this early spring at a moderate pace. Total hike will be around 8 miles round trip with 3,000' gain. Please bring liquid, lugsoles, layers, lunch, snacks, sunscreen and hat. High Clearance Vehicle Required. Rain cancels. Contact May Tang at hitomitang@hotmail.com for trip details. Leader: MAY TANG, Co-Leaders: BILL SIMPSON, VIRGINIA SIMPSON, JERRY GRENARD, SREEDHAR YETUR

Mar 9 Sat Hundred Peaks
I: RABBIT RAMP-UP HIKE #5: Rabbit Peak #2 (6640’) & Villager Peak (5756’) - Join us for the fifth (and final) in a series of five hikes on five consecutive Saturdays. The Rabbit Ramp-up hike series culminates with this hike to Rabbit Peak #2 in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. With 23 miles and 8300 feet of elevation gain round trip, Rabbit Peak is the toughest day hike among the Hundred Peaks Section’s 281 peaks. The Rabbit Ramp-up series was designed to provide the desert hiking experience and conditioning necessary to handle the "BIG Bunny." Spend a special day in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park while hiking the BIG Bunny at a moderate pace. We will also summit Villager Peak during this hike. Very strenuous. Not intended for beginners. Hike will start in the dark and will probably end in the dark, and it will be paced moderately to take around 15.5 hours. The hike will be about 23 miles round trip with around 8300 feet of elevation gain (6950 ft on the way to Rabbit; 1350 ft on the return to the trailhead). Not suitable for beginning hikers. Bring hiking footwear, water, lunch, snacks, layers, hat, head lamp (and extra batteries!). Contact Ryan Lynch for trip status and details. Leader: RYAN LYNCH Co-Leaders: BILL SIMPSON, VIRGINIA SIMPSON, MIKE DILLENBACK, LARRY POND, REDDY YETUR, DAVE TAYLOR

Mar 10 Sun Hundred Peaks
O: Mt Lowe (5603’), Mt Markham (5724’), San Gabriel Peak (6161’) - Climb Mt Lowe, 1.5 miles each way, 500’ gain; Markham adds .5 miles & 400' more gain on a bit steeper trail; San Gabriel Peak is 1.5 miles and 900' more gain on a good trail. Each peak optional. Kids of all ages and dogs with well-behaved owners. newcomers and old-timers. All welcome. This hike is 35th anniversary of leader's first provisional lead hike for HPS to these peaks, before he was eligible for membership. A great introductory hike for HPS. Contact Asher Waxman at amuirman@yahoo.com for trip status and details. Leader: ASHER WAXMAN, Co-Leaders: PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT, JIN OAK CHUNG

Mar 13 Wed Hundred Peaks
O: Lost Horse Mountain (5,313’), Mount Inspiration (5,560’) and Ryan Mountain (5,457’) - Join us for a day in Joshua Tree National Park. First, we will hike about 5 miles round trip with a gain of around 900 feet primarily on road and trail to Lost Horse Mountain. Next, we will hike on an excellent use trail on a ridge for about 2 miles round trip with gain of around 700 feet to Mount Inspiration. Finally, we will hike about 3 miles round trip on trail with a gain of around 1,100 feet to Ryan Mountain. Totals for the day are about 10 miles with around 2,700 feet of gain. All three peaks are relatively easy hikes, and we will travel at a moderate pace. We will move our vehicles among trailheads for each peak. Contact Reddy Yetur for meeting time and location. Leader: SREEDHAR (REDDY) YETUR Co-Leaders: BILL SIMPSON, VIRGINIA SIMPSON, JERRY GRENARD
Mar 16  Sat  Hundred Peaks
O: Monrovia Peak (5,409') - Class 1, Strenuous, plus short Class 2 segment: Join us for a hike on dirt road and trail in the front range of the San Gabriel Mountains. Expect about 12 miles (round trip) with around 5,300' of total gain, 4,800' out plus 500' on return. Estimate about 8 hours round trip at slow to moderate pace. The views on a clear day are wonderful overlooking the Los Angeles basin, the San Gabriel River Canyon, San Gorgonio, San Jacinto, Santiago, and possibly to the ocean. Bring hiking footwear, water, lunch, snacks, layers, hat and sunblock. Email Reddy Yetur for status and details. Leader: SREEDHAR REDDY YETUR Assistant Leader: BILL SIMPSON, VIRGINIA SIMPSON, RYAN LYNCH

Mar 16  Sat  Hundred Peaks
O: Strawberry Peak (6164') - Strawberry Peak is the highest peak in the front range of San Gabriel Mountains. It has been on the HPS list since 1946, and was named because of its resemblance to a strawberry with the blossom down. The view on the summit to the north looks out on the high desert and Tehachapi Mtn. Hike totals will be 6 miles round trip with 1500' elevation gain. Moderate pace. Bring: lug soles, hat, sunscreen, lunch, liquid, and 10-essentials. Contact Lawrence Lee at ab6oj@verizon.net for trip details. Leader: LAWRENCE LEE, Co-Leader: MAT KELLIHER

Mar 20  Wed  Hundred Peaks
I: Chuckwalla Mountain (5029') & Cross Mountain (5203') - Join us for a beautiful yet strenuous hike to these two peaks north of Mojave. We will climb these high desert peaks located at the southern end of the Sierra Mountain Range. Totals for the day will be about 11 miles round trip with 5200 feet of gain. Please Contact Jerry at jerry.grenard@gmail.com for trip details. Leaders: JERRY GRENAH, BILL SIMPSON, VIRGINIA SIMPSON, SREEDHAR YETUR.

Mar 23  Sat  Hundred Peaks
O: Rabbit Peak (5307'), Granite Mountain (6600'), Round Top (6316'), Iron Mountain (5040') - Join us for a fun outing to adjacent peaks. On October 10, 2017, President Obama used his authority under the Antiquities Act to establish 346,177 acres of national forest land in the San Gabriel Mountains in southern California as a national monument to increase access and outdoor opportunities. These four peaks are (barely) within the new national monument. Totals for the day will be about 11 miles distance with around 4100' elevation gain. This is a strenuous loop hike of the "Little Four" that will utilize mainly well-defined use trails on steep ridges going up and coming down. Please bring hiking footwear, layers, beverages, lunch, snacks, sunblock and hat. For details please contact Dave Taylor. Leader: DAVE TAYLOR, Co Leaders: BILL SIMPSON, SREEDHAR YETUR, MIKE DILLENBACK.
### Mar 30  Sat  Hundred Peaks

**I: Scodie Mountain (7294′)** - Join us for a spring hike up to Scodie Mountain with views of the Mojave and points north. We will meet at Walker Pass Campground and then will travel cross country up a couple gullies before ascending to the ridge that we will follow to Scodie Mountain. We will begin our return traveling cross country and then join the Pacific Crest Trail to make a nice loop. The hike will be moderately strenuous and about 9 miles round trip with 2900' gain. Bring 2 liters of water and the 10 Essentials. Email Errin Vasquez at errin.vasquez@gmail.com with contact, recent conditioning, and experience for trip status and details. **Leader: ERRIN VASQUEZ; Co-leader: MAT KELLIHER**

### Apr 7  Sun  Hundred Peaks

**O: Caliente Mountain (5,106′)** - Join us for a long springtime hike on steadily deteriorating dirt road high above the Carrizo Plain National Monument. Strenuous because of its length, we’ll do this hike at a moderate pace; expect about 17 RT miles with 2,800' of gain (2,000’ going in, 800' coming out). Be prepared to encounter Super Bloom flower conditions in the area. Well-conditioned dogs are welcome, but if you’re bringing one along, be sure to bring along all its water for the day. Driving on good dirt road required to reach trailhead. Excessive heat or recent rains cancels. Email Mat Kelliher at mkelliher746@gmail.com with contact info, and recent conditioning & experience for trip status and details. **Leaders: MAT KELLIHER, SUNNY YI**

### Apr 10  Wed  Hundred Peaks

**I: Eagle Crag (5078 ft)** - Join us for a full day in the Cleveland National Forest 13 miles southeast of Temecula. Enjoy the views within the Agua Tibia Wilderness, which is a 17,961-acre protected area in Riverside and San Diego counties. This is a strenuous hike on occasionally steep and loose trail for about 18 miles round trip with around 3500 ft of gain to a peak near Aguanga. Moderate pace. Bring lunch, snacks, beverage, hiking footwear, layers, sunblock and hat. High-clearance vehicle advised. Contact Jim Hagar at jhagar1@gmail.com for trip status and details. **Leader: JIM HAGAR, Co-Leaders: BILL SIMPSON, JERRY GRENARD, MIKE DILLENBACK, SREDHAR YETUR, VIRGINIA SIMPSON**

### Apr 13  Sat  Hundred Peaks

**O: BIKE-N-HIKE, Caliente Mountain (5106′)** - Join us for this lengthy ride on mountain bike and very short hike in San Luis Obispo County, 7 miles west of New Cuyama. Caliente Mountain is the high point of SLO County (prominence 2206 feet; isolation 9.9 miles). It is also the highest point within a vast grasslands area that was designated Carrizo Plain National Monument. This is a bike-n-hike of 17 miles on dirt road and easy single-track trail with about 3000 feet gain (2000 up, and 1000 back). Good dirt road driving to the trailhead. Email Jerry Grenard at jerry.grenard@gmail.com for trip status and details. **Leader: JERRY GRENARD, Co-leaders: BILL SIMPSON, VIRGINIA SIMPSON, JIMMY QUAN, AND ERRIN VASQUEZ**
Apr 14  Sun  Desert Peaks, WTC, Hundred Peaks  
I: Rosa Point (5,083') - Want to bag a peak that is both on the HPS and DPS list? Then join us for a moderately strenuous day trip to Rosa Point in the Santa Rosa Mountains in Anza Borrego State Park! We will be meeting on Sunday morning to hike the south ride route to get up to Rosa Point. We'll enjoy some beautiful desert scenery as we hike cross country approximately 12.6 miles with 5,000 of elevation gain. Your 10 essentials are required along with 2-3 liters of water. Please email your hiking resume and recent conditioning to the outing leaders. Email Randy De Los Santos at randyd242@gmail.com for trip status and details. **Leader: RANDY DE LOS SANTOS, Co-Leader: MATT HENGST**

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Apr 20  Sat  Hundred Peaks  
I: Dawson Peak (9575'), Pine Mountain #1 (9648'), and Wright Mountain (8505') - Join us for a hike on the Acorn and North Backbone Trails to these three peaks with a great view of the northern slopes of Mount San Antonio. Total stats for the day will be 12.0 miles round trip with 5,500 feet of gain. Please contact Jerry Grenard at jerry.grenard@gmail.com for trip status and details. **Leaders: JERRY GRENARD, TED LUBESHKOFF**

Apr 27 – 28  Sat – Sun  Desert Peaks, WTC, Hundred Peaks  
I: Mount Palmer (7,958'), Grapevine Peak (8,738') - Join us for a nice spring weekend in Death Valley National Park to climb these classic DPS peaks near Beatty, Nevada. Saturday we'll head out at first light from our dry, primitive campsite in Nevada and travel cross country to the south along rugged desert ridgelines and ascend Mt Palmer, passing into California as we do so. We'll do this very strenuous hike at a moderate pace; expect about 11.0 miles and 3,100' of gain for the round trip. Sunday we'll head out from that same dry, primitive campsite and travel west; travelling cross country at a moderate pace we'll ascend along ridgelines to the summit of Grapevine; expect about 6 miles and 2,500' of gain for the round trip. Festive Happy Hour-Pot Luck Saturday night under barely lit, last quarter-moon night skies!!! High Clearance, 4WD vehicles are required to reach our campsite/trailhead. This DPS outing is co-sponsored by WTC and HPS. Email Mat Kelliher at mkelliher746@gmail.com with contact, vehicle type and carpool info, recent conditioning, and experience for trip status and details. **Leaders: MAT KELLIHER, STEPHEN MCDONNELL**

Apr 28  Sat  Hundred Peaks  
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 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. NOTE: The tram is currently closed for repairs, and is expected to reopen by April 1. If tram repairs are sufficiently delayed, the hike may be postponed or cancelled. **Leader: RYAN B LYNCH, Co-Leader: BILL SIMPSON**
May 14       Tue       Hundred Peaks
**HPS Management Committee Teleconference** - HPS Management Committee Meeting telephone conference starting at 6:30 pm. Contact HPS Chair, MIKE DILLENBACH, for call in details.

May 18       Sat       LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, Hundred Peaks
**I: 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 (Sierra Club), refunded at trailhead to Leader: DIANE DUNBAR, Co-Ldr: RICHARD BOARDMAN

Jun 15       Sat       LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, Hundred Peaks
**I: Mt. Pinos Navigation Noodle** - Navigation noodle at Mt. Pinos 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

Jun 16       Sun       LTC, WTC, SPS, DPS, Hundred Peaks
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Jun 22 – 23   Sat – Sun   WTC, Hundred Peaks
**I: Marion Mtn (10,362’) & Jean Peak (10,670’)** - Moderately paced overnight backpack in the San Jacinto Mountains. Day one, 4 miles and 1,500 feet elevation gain. We will meet at the Humber Park trail head in Idyllwild where we will climb the Devils slide trail to Saddle Junction. From the Junction we will head southeast to Tahquitz Meadow where we will find a campsite and enjoy a Saturday night happy hour overlooking the Meadow. Day 2, 14 miles (3 miles cross country), 2,625 feet elevation gain. We will have a pre-dawn start for our climb of Marion and Jean Peaks. We will be on trail until we reach a point just north of Jean Peak. We will then begin our 3 mile cross country trek southward as we bag Jean and Marion Peaks. After bagging our peaks we will head cross country southeast from Marion Peak until we join our trail back to camp. After returning to camp we will break camp and return to Humber Park via the Devils Slide Trail. Send email with experience to Bill Payne at leakycanoe@yahoo.com Leader: BILL PAYNE, Co-Leader KIM CRANE
Jun 29 Sat Hundred Peaks

2019 Waterman Rendezvous - Join us for our annual rendezvous on the summit of Waterman Mountain, one of the most beautiful peaks in the San Gabriel Mountains. Check the HPS Outings Schedule for specific hikes offered and sign up for the one you are interested in directly with that outings leader. Contact MIKE DILLENBACK at dillyhouse@earthlink.net or AIMEE SHOCKET at aimeehps17@gmail.com for additional information.

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Mat Kelliher receives R.S. Fink Service Award

Laura Newman receives Special Services Award, Bookkeeping

Larry Pond receives Bill T. Russel New Leader Award

Bill Simpson Receives Fifth Leadership List Completion Certificate

Peter Doggett Receives Seventh Leadership List Completion Certificate

Past and Present Lookout Newsletter Editors, Mark S. Allen, Joe Young, Chris Spasik and Lilly Fukui gathered at the Banquet.
Jackson Hsu, List Finish #326

Alvin Walter, 100 Peaks Emblem #1193

Stephen McDonnell, 100 Peaks Emblem #1192

Jeff Buchholz, 100 Peaks Emblem #1195

Maureen Conn, 100 Peaks Emblem #1199

Robert Luher, 100 Peaks Emblem #1189

James Hagar, 200 Peaks Certificate #500

Patricia Arredondo, 1000 Peaks Emblem #23

Jorge and Diana Estrada 2nd HPS List Finish

Ignacia Doggett receives 3000 peaks certificate #3

Jim Fleming updates HPS Perpetual Trophies

Sonja Arancibia, 1000 Peaks Emblem #24
Frankish and Stoddard Peaks  
By Mike Maki

The cooler Winter months make for perfect weather for hiking the Lower Peaks. Mary and I decided to do Stoddard and Frankish Peaks together from the North. Frankish can be done from the South but a recent Peakbagger report I had read did not sound too fun. We started about 8:00 am at the lower Baldy Wilderness Preserve parking area.

The morning was cool and I started the hike in two layers and knit cap. The trail starts heading up Barrett Stoddard Rd which is wide, well graded, and clear. Needless to say I soon shed one layer and the knit cap. Once you arrive at Stoddard Flats the well traveled use trail to Stoddard is easy to spot.

The initial climb up Stoddard is a bit steep and brushy but soon levels out as you traverse the ridge passing a few rocky outcrops. Stoddard provides good views of the higher snow covered peaks to the north with Frankish and the San Gabriel valley and beyond to the south. Retracing the route back to Stoddard Flats we encountered two other groups of hikers headed to Stoddard.

Once back on the road the route to Frankish is one of those downhill approaches for about 2.5 miles. When you arrive at the intersection of W Cucamonga Truck Trail you have the option of the more direct route up the old overgrown firebreak to Frankish Peak or continue on the overgrown road. We decided to head up the firebreak. At first I thought it was a bad choice, but after the first couple hundred yards the brush improved and we were soon on top. Frankish itself has spectacular views. It was such clear day we could see San Clemente Island and the skyline of Irvine. We decided to take the longer overgrown road route back. The bush-wacking wasn’t too bad, but we did find a few ticks hitching rides. We didn’t see anyone else headed to or from Frankish.

I don’t really care for climbs on the way out but Barrett Stoddard Road has a very gentle and consistent grade and we were back at Stoddard Flats and on the way back down to our car in reasonable time.
HPS Annual Spring Fling at Keller Ski Hut
Across from Snow Valley Ski Resort.
May 4-5, 2019

- **Location:** In a rocky, forested area in the San Bernardino Mountains. Elevation 6,800 feet.
- **Overnight Capacity:** 30 (Overnight: Inside 20 sleeping pads - Outside space for tent, hammock, or sleep in vehicle)
- **Facilities:** Two rustic living/dining rooms, two dormitory lofts (separate men and women on open weekends) with 10 sleeping pads each. Fully equipped kitchen with cookware, dishes, and utensils. Furnish your own food, sleeping bag or bedding, lighting, and personal items. For cold weather, please contribute firewood for the pot-belly stove and fireplace.
- There should be ample parking. There is some parking at the Hut and more at a nearby trailhead.
- **Contact for Info/Reservations:** William Chen (wchenhps@protonmail.com)

Come join the 2019 Hundred Peaks Section Spring Fling! After spending the day bagging peaks, we’ll all meet up Saturday night at the Hut to celebrate with a big potluck Happy Hour at 6 pm. Hang out around a roaring campfire with old and new friends! Whether you’re staying at the Hut or in town, everyone is welcome.

Please let us know if you will be staying at the Hut. The cost is $6 per person for HPS members or $15 for non-members. Please pay at the event. Further details will be provided later. Hope to see a large turnout!

As we get closer to the event, HPS outings will be posted. Make sure to check the HPS Website at [http://www.hundredpeaks.org/outing.htm](http://www.hundredpeaks.org/outing.htm) for newly added outings. Once you’ve found the hike(s) you’re interested in attending, contact the respective outing leaders directly for status and specific details.
Santa Rosa Plateau
By Lilly Fukui
2-24-19

Chocolate Lillies

Montiaceae

Black Nightingale
Ken Point  
January 26, 2019  
By Jerry Grenard

We had a great outing with a wonderful group of 14 hikers to celebrate my 200th HPS Peak on the summit of Ken Point, (6,473’). We started at the Pacific Crest Trail parking area just off State Highway 74, Southeast of Mountain Center. From there, we followed the PCT North into the rolling foothills of the San Jacinto Mountain Range.

The PCT rises in elevation from the highway up onto the ridges of that range past numerous HPS peaks before passing San Jacinto Peak at the far North end of the range.

The Southern section of the San Jacinto Mountain Range is commonly called the Desert Divide. We hiked past large boulder fields rising out of the desert and, in places, through forests of Redshank Brush. We turned off the PCT after about six miles, long before reaching San Jacinto Peak. The summit of Ken Point was about one mile to the Southeast. The last portion of the hike climbed up a relatively steep ridge where the winds for the day were probably gusting at up to 45 mph, or at least that was forecast. We all struggled to keep our feet under us with varying degrees of success as we approached the summit.

Fortunately, there were some areas sheltered from the Easterly wind by the boulders piled at the summit. This is where we gathered to share goodies to celebrate my 200th peak. We had cookies, chocolate, sparkling cider, and a few of us might have tasted sparkling wine. I greatly appreciated everything the group brought.

After lunch we started back down the ridge we had come up just an hour earlier. The gusts seemed stronger, or maybe I was just a little bit less steady after the lunch. No one was hurt by the gusting wind, fortunately and we continued back to the junction with the PCT. From there it was quick downhill travel on good trail to the cars. Total distance was 15.2 miles with elevation gain of 2,000 feet. Elapsed time was eight and half hours although that included an hour and forty-five minutes of stopped time (long lunch).


Photos by Nahid Shirazi
Whale Peak
Nov 17, 2018
By Larry Edmonds

I picked Whale Peak for my November Larry’s Hike Of The Month (LHOTM) since a few regulars on my hikes had requested it and I had only been up Whale once. My previous hike had been from the saddle between Pinyon Mountain and Whale, so this time I chose to take the route from the Pictograph Trailhead in Little Blair Valley. Leslie Williams and I met Jim Wick, Mark Sutton, Jim Leckie, Nelson Peacock, Sharon Gott, Britney Zell and Maurice Hogue at the turn off from S2 into Blair Valley. Leslie had driven her sedan because I expected the dirt road into the trailhead to be in good shape not needing my truck. Well the road had a few good sized ruts across the road but I was able to coach Leslie thru them all without getting stuck. She did scare me as we crossed the most difficult one by stopping in the bottom of it. Oh no, I expected we would need some help getting out of that one. But fortunately there was enough traction to spin up out of it. After the hike Leslie insisted that I drive her car out of there. For the hike we followed the Pictograph Trail out to Smuggler Canyon and then headed up Smuggler Canyon. The going is very easy up to around the 4000 ft. level of Smuggler Canyon. From that point up the canyon has some rocky sections but nothing beyond class 2 rocks. Maybe some very short class 3. At around the 4300 ft. level the HPS route climbs out of the canyon to the west. Some of the group wanted to stay in the canyon so Jim Wick agreed to lead the group up the canyon to the intersection of the trail coming from the Pinyon-Whale saddle while I led the group west out of the canyon. The HPS trail is not easy to follow and for much of the way I don’t think I was on route but the terrain is fairly easy cross country. As we reached the trail coming from the saddle we could hear the others on the way so we waited and joined together again at that point. From here up we simply followed the well worn trail to the top. We were by ourselves on top with the exception of one fellow who had come all the way from Poland to visit Whale. OK, he likely had other objectives for his visit. Another fine adventure with good friends. Rough stats are 8 ½ miles round trip with 2400 ft. of gain. It took us six hours including lunch break etc. and a visit of the pictograph site on the way out.

Left to right. Jim Wick, me, Mark Sutton, Jim Leckie, Nelson Peacock, Leslie Williams, Sharon Gott, Britney Zell & Maurice Hogue
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By Jin Oak Chung

Photo: Mary Varalay

Jin Oak Chung, Asbestos Mountain, Jan 30th

Luna Mountain

Eagle Mountains

Snowball at Rattlesnake Mountain Summit
On Saturday, March 2, a group of 17 hikers visited Martinez Mountain and Sheep Mountain in the last of the ramp-up series of hikes before tackling Rabbit and Villager on Saturday, March 9. There were plenty of rainbows (see photo by Nahid Shirazi) along the way to Martinez (see summit photo by Nahid Shirazi) and plenty of camaraderie throughout the lengthy day. Leaders Ryan Lynch, Jerry Grenard, Reddy Yetur and Bill Simpson kept everyone together and safe--not a single cholla incident! Totals were around 21 miles and about 5500 feet of gain.
San Antonio Ridge Traverse
(Baldy to Iron Mountain)
By Jin Oak Chung
(Part Two)

In Part One of this article we began hiking the San Antonio Ridge Traverse. We decided to traverse from Mount Baldy to Iron Mountain. In many summits to Baldy I had never been so tired. We have been on the trail since 0350 hours.

In the vicinity of the summit, two Bighorn Sheep are lingering. One of them looks small, so I guess probably a baby and a mother. Seeing these sheep, we share the word that today's our hiking might be very lucky. We found this to be a symbolic good omen improving my body and mental condition.

We arrive and take pictures at the West Baldy summit rock (9988'). then we go down to the west slope of the West Baldy towards Iron Mountain. I see Iron Mountain in the distance. It is a very low and small peak from here. Still early in the traverse I worry if I will be able to make it to Iron mountain. The use trail is distinctive, so there is little concern that we will take the wrong path. In the sky in the lower left, a yellowish cloud appears spread horizontally. It must be the smoke layer due to the wildfires burning wildly in California's many forests with a strong and dry Santa Ana wind.

The wind is getting stronger. At about 9000's altitude, the rocks and Lodgepole Pines are mixed with beautiful harmony. Continuing on Buckthorn brush is so dense that they have swallowed the trails. Jason stood in front of us, referring to the GPS and diligently leading us. We come upon a hiker approaching from front of me (10:07 hours). What kind of mountain hiker in such an isolated place? It is an Indian-American hiker named Suria who appears in his 30s. He says he left the East Fork parking lot at 0300 hours, and through the Iron and through the Gunsight Notch, he comes here. He will go to Baldy and then back to East Fork parking via this place, Notches and Iron. The courage to walk this harsh and lonely ridge alone, and also on its round trip, is truly amazing. The name Suria stands for "The Sun" and I find comfort the Sun will guide me over Gunsight Notch just ahead.

We arrive at San Antonio Ridge Peak (7903'); 10:41 hours, the most prominent peak in the middle of the ridge. I imagine for a while joyfully that if we put this peak on our Sierra Club's HPS list. From this summit it leads to a gentle descent. Passing through the field of tough Buckthorns, we climb up the gently rolling hills which covered with Yerba Santa, and this is the last peak (11:40; 8.2 miles; 7748') to the Gunsight Notch. Some read it as Campsite Peak, meaning suitable place for camping because of its mild and peaceful configuration of ground covered with yellow flowers of Rabbit Brush.
Now we see a thick smoke rising on the west ridge of the West Baldy shoulder, about five miles back (14:01). At first glance red flames are noticeable. Concern for the solo hiker we met heading that way. It is clear that the forest fire is coming. It seems to be the point where we passed around 08:30 today. In order to report this wild fire, we think we need to summit Iron Mountain as soon as possible. Following Jason, Sunny, and Susan we proceed quickly.

We share a quick moment of ‘High Five’ handshakes as we stand at the top of ‘Big’ Iron mountain (8007’). Fortunately, communication is possible and Sunny explains the situation via 911 (14:15 hours). We keep on eye about the change of the forest fire and the effect of the report, and then observe the fire scene continuously. There is a helicopter flight at 14:45 hours to the scene of the fire. Another helicopter appears at 14:58 hours to spray a fire retardant. The airplanes continue to follow them, spray water, and spray fire retardants.

It is still sunlight while we get down to Allison Saddle. In the course of the descending, the fire scene was observed intermittently, and about 10 planes appeared to have completely suppressed the fire around 16:20 hours. The sunset that falls on horizon today is more beautiful than any other day. Our hike seems to be receiving a grand celebration of majestic heavenly sky. We all put on headlamps (17:20). Although it is a long descent route, the joy of crossing well in San Antonio Ridge is so great that it is not boring or difficult at all, and my mind and body are light like a feather.

This hike resulted in a long hike over 15 hours and 07 minutes. When I rearrange my GPS records, I walked a total of 16.9 miles, and it is a hike about elevation gain 5700', elevation loss 9900'. If I had walked a little faster when I climbed the Baldy, we could have finished this trekking within 14 hours. When I look at Jason and Sunny, I think of the word "Youth should be regarded with respect’
Our newsletter, The Lookout, is published six times a year. Final dates for receipt of material have changed to accommodate our membership: They are January 2nd for the January-February issue, March 2nd, for the March-April issue, May 2nd, for the May-June issue, July 2nd, for the July-August issue, September 2nd, for September-October issue, and November 2nd for the November-December issue.

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