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Hi all HPS’ers,

Summer is almost done and Fall is approaching. I hope that everyone has had a great summer getting outdoors and bagging our HPS Peaks. I have certainly enjoyed myself.

This summer has been particularly hot. Mother Earth had the hottest July in history. Last year we had huge fires here in California. Fortunately we have not had any huge fires here in California so far this year. August has had numerous massive fires elsewhere around the globe – the Amazon rain forest, Spain and a Greek island. We should all do our best to stop (or reduce) doing things that contribute to global warming.

Another topic – I encourage all of you to support our upcoming HPS events, in particular our upcoming Oktoberfest. Look for details here in the Lookout, on the Outings Website and email notices that you will be receiving. All these events take considerable effort to organize. I would appreciate your participation in the associated hikes, potlucks and overnight camping.

• 2019 HPS Oktoberfest will be on October 19th & 20th
• 2019 HPS Holiday Hoopla will be on December 7th & 8th
• 2020 HPS Annual Awards Banquet will be on January 11th.

Last year we brought back the Oktoberfest. According to Joe Young, our HPS Historian, the HPS Oktoberfest used to be a really big event. A whole committee would plan and prepare for it. Then the Oktoberfest wasn’t held for some time. Like many things, people got tired of the work and could not find others to replace them.

We plan to have Oktoberfest for a second year. I appreciate all of Aimee Shocket’s efforts to bring Oktoberfest back to life again. She planned the one last year and is working on this year’s. It will be held again at the Bandido Campground in the San Gabriel Mountains on October 19th & 20th. Several hikes have already been posting. More are coming. Of course, we will still have our HPS Happy Hour and potluck and ample time to socialize over a campfire. There is no charge for HPS Members for camping overnight.

During Happy Hour, there will be a beer tasting contest for those that are interested in participating. Entrants need to bring samples of beers brewed locally for the tasting competition. Every entrant will receive a gift for entering. Assuming enough participants, prizes will be given to the top tastings.

The Oktoberfest should be a lot of fun. Please make time in your schedule to attend.

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Fox #1, 7/17/2019- Elle Pennington achieves her 100th Peak. Submitted by Jeff Buchholz

Cover photo by Larry Edmonds: The photo was taken on a Spring Fling hike led by Peter and Ignacia Doggett to Crafts Peak. The date was 5/5/2019. "Taken as we descended from Crafts" LE.

Will Thrall Peak 7-28-19

Photo of a Big Horn on Big Iron, submitted by Laura Newman

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Hundred Peaks Section
MCOMM Teleconference
5-14-19

- Michael Dillenback - Chair
- Coby King – Vice Chair
- Mark S. Allen - Secretary
- George Christiansen - Access and Mountain Records
- Mike Dillenback – Programs Chair
- Aimee Shocket - Merchandise, Programs Co-Chair
- William Chen - Outreach, Programs Co-Chair
- Jim Hagar - Member At Large
- Meeting Call to order: 6:35 pm

Chair Report, Michael Dillenback
  o Closed discussion; update on HPS Facebook Code of Conduct
  o Closed discussion; update on HPS Awards Policy

- Discussion and approval of 3-5-19 MCOMM Teleconference Minutes, by Mark S. Allen (Apvd and Filed)
  o Approved 3-5-19 Minutes sent to Karen Leverich, for archives posting: [www.hundredpeaks.org](http://www.hundredpeaks.org)
- Discussion and approval May, 2019 Treasurer’s Report, Michael Dillenback for Laura Newman (Apvd and Filed)
- September Meeting in person moved to Tuesday September 17th. Proposed for Ranger House, Griffith Park area.
- Safety discussion of Leader's Waiver Form: "Continue to use same Leader Safety Form throughout the 2019 year."
- May 2019 Membership Report, Michael McCarty (Apvd and Filed):
  - Discussion of need to automate HPS Membership registration other than just signing up for the Lookout Newsletter. To next meeting>
- Life Member: Stephen McDonnell

New Members:
  o Tianhe Zhang
  o Tao Zhang
  o Teri Straub

NEW SUBSCRIBER:
  o Sheena Kuo
  o Tina Bach

DONATIONS: $300 Mars and Kathy Bonfire

- 18 Life Members
- 216 Members
- 25 Household
- 18 Subscribers
- Total HPS Members: 277

- 100 Peaks Emblem:
- #200 Peaks Bar Kendra Heinicke - Pine Mountain #2- 3-31-19

- Mountain Records / Access Report, by George Christiansen: The Grade Valley Road, or 7N03 off of Lockwood Valley Road is closed due to washout. The road is seasonally closed but will remain closed for an extended period this year. This affects access to peaks in Area 7 (Ventura County), Lockwood Peak, San Guillermo Mountain. Thorn Point and San Rafael Peak (7F). Suspension of these peaks is not recommended at this time until road repair status is defined. As of May 10, the Mt. Pinos District did not have a projection of re-opening, but it is being worked on. The road section continuing on to Thorn Point is more severely damaged and repairs will follow.
Due to the severe winter, many seasonal road closure that normally open around May 1st remain closed. Check before you go!

The Cranston Fire Closure (Desert Divide - (28C, D, E and F) will be re-evaluated on July 31, 2019. The Holy Fire Closure (Santiago and Modjeska) remains in affect until September 14th, 2019.

The Romero Camuesa Road, (providing access to Hildreth) Remains closed with no projections relative to re-opening.

Peak Closures:
- 28C – Red Tahquitz
- 28D – Southwell Peak
- 28E – Ansell Rock
- 28F – Apache Peak
- 6M - Hildreth
- 18A - Santiago Peak
- 18B - Modjeska Peak

Programs, Michael Dillenback, William Chen, Aimee Shocket

- 2019 Spring Fling Critique May 4th and 5th 2019 at Keller Ski Hut. by Michael Dillenback
- 2019 Waterman Rendezvous, 6-29-19 by William Chen, Mark S. Allen
- 2019 Oktoberfest/ Fall Festival, October 19th and 20th at Bandido Campground. by Aimee Shocket
- 2020 HPS Awards Banquet, 1-11-20, at The Monrovinian Restaurant. Reserved by Michael Dillenback
- 2020 Banquet Speaker, David Money Harris, reserved by Coby King
- Holiday Hoopla 12- 7 & 8th Joshua Tree Lake RV & Campground, 2601 Sunfair Road, Joshua Tree, CA 92252
- Merchandising Report, Aimee Shocket. Nothing new
- First Aid Course discussion by Coby King. Red Cross interested in sessions for Leaders updating First Aid status.
  - More on First Aid Courses next meeting.

- Meeting Adjourned 8:15pm
HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION MEMBERSHIP REPORT
July/August 2019   Michael McCarty, HPS Membership Chair

New Member
Tiffani Sergeant
Isabelle Galan
Karen Buehler

New Subscriber
Sarah Savage

19 Life Members
206 Members
24 Household
17 Subscribers
266

100 Peaks Emblem
#1203 - Wade Stuckwisch - South Mount Hawkins (LO) - 7/13/2019
#1204 - Allan Shipley - Pacifico Mountain - 6/8/2019
#1205 - Lawrence Wozniak - Split Mountain - 7/20/2019
#1206 - Sharon Moore - Folly Peak  8/17/2019

One Thousand Peaks
#26 - Yasuhide Iemori - Galena Peak - 7/21/2019
#27 - Mary Varalyay - Galena Peak - 7/21/2019
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

September 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 August 30, 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.

**Sep 1**

**Sun**

**Hundred Peaks**

**I: Tahquitz Peak LO (8846), Red Tahquitz (8720):** Join us as we first take the South Ridge Trail up to the historic, and still active, lookout built by the CCC in 1937. On the crest of the San Jacinto Mountains, the northernmost tip of Peninsular Ranges extending 900 miles through Baja California, the views extend in all directions the Coachella Valley and Salton Sea, Palomar Mountain, the San Jacinto Massif, and much more. Joining the PCT, we'll head for our second summit, its name referencing a composition of red granite and other ancient volcanic rocks, and a demon of Indian legends. Totals for the day will be 12 miles round trip with 3200 gain. Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch and hat. Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT, JIN OAK CHUNG

**Sep 4**

**Wed**

**Hundred Peaks**

**O: Twin Peaks (7761) -** Join us for a challenging hike to the Twin Peaks on trail in the Mount Waterman area. Distance: 11 miles round trip on trail; Gain: 3200' total, 2000' out plus 1200' on return; Time:7-8 hours round trip; Rating: Class 1,
strenuous. We will hike at a moderate pace. Please bring lugsoles layers, lunch, water, sunscreen and hat. Contact leader at syetur@yahoo.com for details. Leaders: SREEDHAR ‘REDDY’ YETUR; Co-Leaders: BILL SIMPSON and JAMES HAGAR.

**Sep 7**  
**Sat**  
**Hundred Peaks**  
**O: Sugarloaf Mountain (9,952’)** - Join us for a moderate hike on trail for about 10 miles roundtrip and around 2600' elevation gain. Sugarloaf Mountain is located in the San Bernardino Mountains, about 7 miles southeast of Big Bear Lake. The views along the upper parts of the trail are outstanding. High-clearance vehicles are advised. Bring beverage, hat, sunblock, lunch, snacks, layers and lugsoles. Contact Leader at syetur@yahoo.com for details. Leader: SREEDHAR ‘REDDY’ YETUR Co-Leader: BILL SIMPSON.

**Sep 11**  
**Wed**  
**Hundred Peaks**  
**I: Tahquitz Peak (8846), Red Tahquitz (8720+)** - Join us for a pleasant moderate hike to these scenic peaks, which includes a trip to Tahquitz lookout and a visit to Red Tahquitz, newly reopened to hiking. Starting from Humber Park we will steadily ascend the Devils Slide trail through peaceful Little Tahquitz valley to join the PCT. Leaving the PCT it is a short distance to Tahquitz Peak with its historic lookout and breath taking views. We will then continue south on the PCT and bag Red Tahquitz after a short xc stretch. Total 13 miles, 3700' gain. Bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch, hat and sunscreen. Contact Jim Hagar at jhagar1@gmail.com for details. Leader: JIM HAGAR, Co-Leaders: BILL SIMPSON, SREEDHAR ‘REDDY’ YETUR, VIRGINIA 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, for more information.

**Sep 18**  
**Wed**  
**Hundred Peaks**  
**I: Black Mountain #5 (7438’), Split Mountain (6835’)** - Join us for two special peaks in Sequoia National Forest near Lake Isabella. This will be a strenuous all cross-country hike, first up and down along a ridge to scramble on class 2 terrain to the summit of Split, 2400' gain and 6 miles rt. Next we will return to Black Saddle and climb up Black, 1300' gain, 3 miles. Alternatively may hike over Black to connect to Split, adding 600' gain. High-clearance vehicles advised. Strenuous. Very early start. Bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch, hat and sunscreen preferred. Contact Jim Hagar at jhagar1@gmail.com for details. Leader: JIM HAGAR, Co-Leaders: BILL SIMPSON, SREEDHAR ‘REDDY’ YETUR, VIRGINIA SIMPSON

**Sep 28**  
**Sat**  
**Hundred Peaks**  
**O: Cucamonga Peak (8859’), Etiwanda Peak (8662’)** - Join us for this classic hike, which is a strenuous walk on trail and rough trail. Cucamonga Peak has perhaps the coolest summit in the San Gabriel Mountains. Great views of the 210 Freeway and beyond! Totals will be about 17 miles round trip with around 4700' of gain to peaks near Baldy Village. We'll head up and down beautiful Icehouse
Canyon. Moderate pace. Contact Dave Taylor at taylor.dave60@yahoo.com for details. Leader: DAVE TAYLOR, Co-Leaders: BILL SIMPSON, SREEJAI ARUMUGAM ‘REDDY’ YETUR

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 5 – 6  Sat – Sun  Hundred Peaks, WTC
I: Marion Mountain (10,320+), Drury Peak (10,160+), Jean Peak (10,670) - Join us for a backpacking trip to these three HPS listed peaks in the San Jacinto Mountains. Saturday well take the tram up from Palm Springs and then pack in on trail 2.1 miles with 1,100 of gain to our camp in Round Valley. Sunday well set off on trail and cross country to the peaks and will be rewarded with sweeping views to the east and west; to the north well enjoy views of San Jacinto and San Gorgonio, to the south the Santa Rosa Range and the Desert Divide. After summiting the third peak well return to camp where well pack up and then head back out to the tram for a days total of 8.0 miles with 2,300 of gain. Priority given to WTC students looking for an Experience trip. This HPS Outing is co-sponsored by WTC. Contact Lawrence Lee at ab6oj@verizon.net with recent experience and conditioning, including high altitude experience, to be considered for the trip. Leader: LAWRENCE LEE, Co-Leader: MAT KELLER

Oct 11 – 13  Fri – Sun  Hundred Peaks
I: Cobblestone Cleanout!! McDonald (6870'), Alamo (7367'), Sewart (6941'), Cobblestone (6730'), White #2 (6250'), Snowy (6532'), and Black #2 (6202') - Join us on a very strenuous and very rewarding weekend of car camping and hiking in the mountains above Pyramid Lake and bag these 7 peaks, including Cobblestone, one of the toughest on the list. Friday we will drive up and bag Alamo and McDonald (4 miles, 900’ gain) then make car camp and get to bed early. Saturday we will get an early start to climb Cobblestone and White, 16 miles and 6000’ gain, followed by a pot luck happy hour. Sunday we will climb Sewart, Snowy, and Black (9 miles, 4000’ gain), break camp, and drive out. Totals for the whole extravaganza is 29 miles and 11,000’ gain. Come and camp or drive just for a day, do one two or all three hikes. High clearance vehicles required. Contact leaders for further details. Leaders: JIM HAGAR, BILL SIMPSON, PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT, JEFF BUCH, JERRY GRENARD, LARRY POND

Oct 19  Sat  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 6 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. For questions, campground information, driving directions, potluck suggestions and campground reservations, contact the HPS Programs Reservationist, AIMEE SHOCKET, at AimeeHPS17@gmail.com--Be sure to make reservations with us as camping and parking spaces are limited.--(Carpooling is strongly encouraged). Find all of our outings on the HPS Website at: www.hundredpeaks.org/outings.htm Once you have found the hike(s) you are interested in attending, please contact the respective outing leaders directly for their specific details.

**Oct 19**

**Sat**

**Hundred Peaks**

**I: OKTOBERFEST!! Gobblers Knob (6955), Circle Mountain (6880’), Pinyon Ridge (6535)** - Join us for one, two, and possibly three separate ascents near the scenic community of Wrightwood. Short but steep, each climb yields its own unique vistas Pine, Dawson, Baldy, Telegraph and more crowning Stockton Flats southwest of Gobblers; views of the Mojave, San Gabriel and San Bernardino Mountains encircling Circle; and, the San Andreas Rift traveling perilously north while Baden-Powell rises magnificently to the south of Pinyon. Gobblers is 1 mile round trip and 500 gain; Circle is 2.5 miles 900 gain; and Pinyon Ridge is 2 miles and 1100. High clearance vehicles advised for Gobblers and Pinyon. Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch and hat. Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. **Leaders: PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT**

**Oct 20**

**Sun**

**Hundred Peaks**

**I: OKTOBERFEST!! Throop Pk (9138), Mount Burnham (8997), Mt Baden-Powell (9399), Ross Mtn (7402)** - This challenging hike starts with the well-defined Boy Scout trail; meets and follows the pretty PCT trail as we gain the first, second and third peak on our way to our ultimate destination, a use trail descent to Ross Mountain. We are rewarded with spectacular views of stout summits that rise from stalwart ridges extending in all directions, of the steep wild canyons that split them, and the rivers and streams that cut those canyons -- Mine Gulch southeast of Baden-Powell; Prairie Fork southwest of Blue Ridge; Copter Ridge descending eastward accompanying Iron Fork to the San Gabriel River; and San Antonio Ridge, traveling from Baldy to Big Iron and ushering Fish Fork towards the Narrows. More adventure follows as we turn our gaze to the daunting 2000' ascent to regain Baden-Powell. Totals for this four peak venture are 14 miles rt with 4620' gain. May change to a car shuttle, resulting in less miles and less gain. Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch, headlamp and hat. Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. **Leaders: PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT, JIN OAK CHUNG**

**Oct 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 Cristo 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 (Sierra Club), refunded at trailhead to Leader: DIANE DUNBAR. Co-Ldr: RICHARD BOARDMAN

Nov 12 Tue Hundred Peaks
HPS Management Committee Meeting telephone conference starting at 6:30 pm. Contact HPS Chair, MIKE DILLENBACK, 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
2020 HPS Annual Awards Banquet – The Annual HPS Awards Banquet will be held at the Monrovia 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 Association. The highlight of the evening will be the awarding of certificates that recognize all the various achievements HPS members have made over the year. Stay tuned for additional details – the cost has yet to be determined, and instructions on how to purchase tickets will be provided at a later date.

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SAVE THE DATE -
HPS OKTOBERFEST

Beer Tasting From Local Breweries
& Pot Luck Happy Hour

October 19th & 20th 2019

- Bandido Campground -
Angeles National Forest
Sierra Club Led Hike by Peter and Ignacio Doggett.

We parked at highway 33 turnout with lots of deer hunters, as the season started the prior week. We carried hunter orange vests and backpack covers, so if hiking after daybreak they would easily see us. To avoid the heat of the day, our plan was to hike throughout the night, returning by early morning.

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"Hike onto History, Step into Science"
Lookout Mtn #2 (6812’) – This July 20th was the 50th anniversary of American astronaut Neil Armstrong being the first man to step on the moon, and the 100th anniversary of the birth of Sir Edmund Hillary, the first man to step on Mt Everest’s summit. Celebrate and take your own step onto history, as we climb a peak that was part of Albert A. Michelson’s light experiments. Projecting a light beam from Mt Wilson to Lookout, and back, resulted in the measurement of the speed of light and ensuing consequential scientific applications and discoveries. (Submitted by Ignacia Doggett)

Mummy Peak (09.01.2019)

Mat Kelliher 50th lead + his 5th emblem desert peak

Wade Stuckwisch led South Mount Hawkins, Saturday July 13th. It turned out that it was also Wade’s 100th HPS Peak climbed.

Bare Mountain - 08.03.2019 - Reedy's 100 lead

Bare Mnt 8-3-2019

Photo: Jeff Buchholz. Credit also Nahid Shirazi

Mary Varalyay and Yasu Iemori, both gained Galena for their 1000th HPS on 7-21-19 (photo by Jin Oak Chung)
Joshua's provisional leading hike (Throop, Hawkins, Burnham, Mount Baden-Powell)
Photo: Nahid Shirazi

Mill, Keller and Slide Peaks on 8/24/19
Photos: Jeff Buchholz

San Jacinto Mt.

Castles Rocks

Winston, Winston Ridge

Photo: Jin Oak Chung
The plan for the day was to drive out to the San Gorgonio area, summit four peaks that could be connected by a 20-mile loop, and then drive to the San Gabriel Valley for a family dinner; unfortunately, this plan also required a 3 am start. After a two-hour drive, I reached the turnoff from Highway 38 just after 5 am and started down the dirt road. Although a sign was posted for the Forsee Trail parking, it was not clear how good the road was. I found the first good spot to park rather than exploring further in the dark. Around 5:30 I started up the road on foot, headlamp on. Ten minutes later I came across the actual parking lot and trailhead. Oh well.

After another ten minutes on the trail a junction with signs appeared – Jacksaw Springs straight ahead (this is the Forsee trail) and John’s Meadow to the right; I planned on coming back via the little described John’s Meadow trail, so I was glad to see it clearly signed. A tiny hint of daylight started in the sky, but a headlamp was still needed, as it was still quite dark on the trail. Around 6:15 am the forest started to come alive…first the sounds of birds, then a hint of wind, last a red glow around Sugarloaf Mountain across the valley.

The trail started to gain elevation steadily. My legs weren’t feeling great, so I began reconsider the number of peaks and trying the loop route. I decided to make that call after two summits where I could still go back the way I came and save a few miles.

An hour after starting, the sun finally crested the mountains on the other side of the valley. Golden morning light flooded the area. Big Bear Lake and Mills Peak came into view. To the west, Mount San Antonio and its neighbors were bathed in light. I finally took off my headlamp.

A little before 9 am I reached Anderson Flat; it is a wide, flat saddle from which one could see San Jacinto area to the south. Shields Peak was just to the east of the flat and consists of a pile of granite boulders and rocks that is geologically different from the rest of the scenery around it. East San Bernardino Peak was next, then Anderson Peak. The last mountain of the day was San Bernardino Peak. A well-worn side trail spurred from the main trail, which lead directly to the top of the peak. It was 11:30 AM and I had made all the planned summits. This peak was crowded – approximately 25 people were at the top. I had only encountered two people up to this point, so the throng was a bit overwhelming. San Bernardino Peak appears in the Six-Pack of Peaks Challenge which explains its popularity.

John’s Meadow Trail winds around multiple gullies and ridges and there was as stream crossing in nearly every gully. Soon after, I passed through the parking lot where I should have parked and kept walking down the road. After half a mile and nearly at my car, I came across a large wedding being held in the woods nearby. It was a beautiful sight and made me glad that I had parked in the wrong location.

As I drank a celebratory beer from the cooler in my trunk, I could hear “You may now kiss the bride” and a massive cheer came up through the woods. What a way to end a hike!
A Record twenty hikers showed up Wednesday July 31st for an HPS hike to Mount Pinos, Sawmill Mountain, Grouse Mountain and Cerro Noereste. The weather was nearly perfect for this hike of 10 miles and 3000 feet of gain. During the outing, our group encountered 16 hikers from Local Hikes who were in the same area to hike three of the same peaks: Pinos, Sawmill and Grouse. While we hiked from the Cerro Noereste end, the other group hiked from Mt. Pinos trailhead.

Very unique: 36 Sierra Club hikers after the same peaks, ON A WEDNESDAY!!
El Montanon 5X List Finish

August 23, 2019
By Dave Comerzan

It took me a while, but I finally finished my fifth list of the Lower Peak on El Montanon. For those not familiar with Lower Peaks, El Montanon is on Santa Cruz Island in the Channel Islands off the coast of Ventura. It requires taking a boat from Ventura to Scorpion Cove on the island. Island Packers has regular trips to the island. Their price is $54 round trip, senior rate. Their number is 805-642-1393.

I generally do this as a 2 day trip, spending the night at the Scorpion Cove campground. The campground has pleasant tree shaded sites, water, clean restrooms and can be paid for by an extra $20. This is how I did the El Montanon the first three times. One of the neat things about taking a boat to the trailhead is the opportunity to see dolphins and sometimes whales. The hike from the campground is fairly easy and straightforward. Its 9 miles round trip and 1800’ of gain all on trail or road. I follow the Alternate Route of the peak guide doing the loop route on the return. It generally takes me about 5 hours.

On the 4th and 5th times, I decided to try it as a day hike. The first boat out of Ventura leaves at 8:00 am and gets to the island about 9:30. The return boat leaves the island at 4:00. Sometimes there is a 4:30 return boat. This gives you about 6-6 ½ hours to hike. This could be tight if you run into a problem. My 4th attempt was a good example of this. It was a private hike with Pat Vaughn. We left on the 8:00 am boat. When we got to Scorpion Cove, swells were running. The captain made several attempts to tie up to the pier, but was unable. He then motored over to Prisoners Harbor. After several tries he was finally able to let us off at about 12:30 pm. From Prisoners Harbor to the Montanon ridge, it was 10 miles. It would then be a ½ mile to the summit, then 4 ½ miles to Scorpion Cove for the 4:00 boat. There was no way we could do 15 miles in 3 hours. Pat and I were bummed out. On the boat over, we met a man and told him our problem. He said he thought he could help us out. He said for us to meet him at the end of the pier. It turns out he had access to a vehicle. He was able to drive within a ½ mile of the ridge. Pat and I made it to the summit and down to Scorpion Cove by 4:00.

For the 5th time, which would be my 5X list finish, I decided to press my luck and do it as a day hike. Joining me was George Christiansen and Ron Schrantz. This time we were lucky. The boat was able to land on time and we were up and down in plenty time. We even had a little celebration at the top. George had brought up some beer and nuts up to the summit. He even kept it on ice. On the way down, George, who is a faster hiker then me, was able to pick up a couple of Peakbagger peaks, High Mount and Peak 1532.

Although it can be done as a day hike, I strongly recommend doing it as a two day trip. There are lot other interesting things to do on the island.
This Island offers adventure, abundant wildlife, and a step back in time with a boat to the trailhead. San Miguel Island, one of five islands in Channel Islands National Park is profiled by two prominent peaks, San Miguel Hill (831ft) and Green Mountain (817ft). If you’ve ever seen San Miguel from the mainland, mostly visible between Santa Barbara and Gaviota, those are the bumps you see. Getting to the island is usually the biggest challenge. Island Packers is the park’s transportation concessionaire. Trips to San Miguel are infrequent, three or four times a month and you’ll need to camp three nights if you want to bag the peaks. Once on the island you’ll need to haul your camping gear (and water) one half mile to the campground up 400 feet. Once at the campground you can relax with great views of the Pacific, adjacent Santa Rosa Island, and the mainland over 28 miles away. Hiking on the island for the most part is only allowed on trails and when guided by park staff.

The hike to San Miguel Hill and Green Mtn is generally done the next day as part of the ranger led hike to Pt Bennett at the west end of the island. Pt Bennett is one of the few places where you are almost always guaranteed to see hundreds if not thousands of seals and sea lions (CA Sea Lion, N Fur Seal, Elephant seal) along with the occasional Steller Sea Lion and Guadalupe fur seal. San Miguel is the first peak you’ll encounter, about a mile from the ranger station. A very broad flat summit with a Navy weather station perched on top and easy to find benchmark. Before heading to Green Mtn you’ll make a stop at the Caliche Forest (½ mi), a unique geologic formation of calcified plant remains. From there Green Mtn is about one mile. But here’s the catch, the trail comes within about 350 yards of the summit. You’ll have to convince the Ranger to allow you trot up the hill to bag the summit on your way back from Pt Bennett. Most generally allow you to do it as there is a well worn use trail used by biologists to conduct telemetry on the island foxes. Even if you can’t convince the ranger to let you go to Green Mtn, you have bagged San Miguel Hill, the highest point on the island.
The plan for my “Larry’s Hike Of The Month” for July was to go for Sam Fink Peak but when the date arrived it was very hot so I changed plans. Sam Fink would have meant climbing back up to saddle junction during the hottest part of the day. So instead I decided to do a loop hike up Devils Slide then up the PCT to just past Strawberry Cienega where I would drop down off trail to Suicide Rock and then take the climbers trail back to Humbar Park. This way our climbing would be in the coolness of the morning and our descent during the hotter part of the day. I had previously done a similar hike with the Monday Maniacs where we dropped down from the PCT to Suicide rock and my memory was that the terrain was friendly with a light bushwhack just prior to joining the Suicide trail. Joining me for this adventure was Leslie Williams, Sharon Gott, Nelson Peacock, Jim Wick and Mark Sutton. Our ascent of the Suicide Trail was enjoyable in the cool morning passing Indian Paint Brush, Scarlet Bugler Penstemon, Columbine, Showy Penstemon, and Western Azalea all the while enjoying a nice view of Suicide Rock etc. When we reached the point where the PCT turns left off towards Wellman Divide we left the trail to ascend Cienega Point for the great views of Strawberry Valley. Back on the PCT we continued thru beautiful fern filled Strawberry Cienega to the point where I believed we descended to Suicide several years ago on the Monday Maniac Hike. On the way up Devils Slide my GPS beeped its signal that my battery was low so I changed out my batteries but when I arrived at Saddle Junction I noticed that my GPS was dead. Apparently I had forgotten to charge that second set of batteries, also I had either forgot to load my waypoints for the descent to Suicide or the battery problem wiped them out. All my waypoints were gone. No problem because as usual I had a topo map and compass which is how I navigated for most of my life. The descent to Suicide went well although I descended a bit further west than we did on the maniac hike resulting in a bit more bushwhacking. Once we intersected the trail to Suicide we followed it out to the rock and ascended the high point but found no register. From here we followed the climbers trail down with views of the rock climbers making their way up the sheer face of Suicide. A fun day with friends even though we did have a few minor injuries. Leslie was stung by a bee up near Strawberry Cienega, Jim slid on some loose granite skinning up his arm during the bushwhack to Suicide, Sharon ran into a fairly stout tree branch on Suicide putting a gash in the side of her head, and Nelson was hobbled with a sore Knee for the last part of the hike. Maybe the 13th is not the best day to be hiking?…..Nahhhh, any day is a good day to hike.
HPS HOLIDAY HOOPLAH!!! DECEMBER 6-7, 2019
Joshua Tree Lake Campground nearby JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK

This year the Hundred Peaks Section will be holding its 2019 Holiday Hooplah over the weekend of December 6-7. We’ve reserved a group campsite for both Friday and Saturday nights (Dec 6 and 7) at Joshua Tree Lake, RV and Campground located nearby Joshua Tree National Park. The campground has plenty of parking and has toilets and pay showers. It also has picnic tables and fire rings. For those who prefer not to camp out, there are numerous lodging choices in the nearby communities of Joshua Tree and Yucca Valley.

After spending the day bagging peaks on one of the several outings that will be available, Saturday night we’ll all meet up at the Campground to celebrate the Holiday Season HPS style with a big Potluck Happy Hour about 6 pm. There will be ample opportunity to socialize and hang out around a roaring campfire with old and new friends. Whether you’re camping out or staying in town, everyone is welcome and all are encouraged to attend.

Advance reservations are required since we will have to make arrangements with the Campground for the number of people attending. There is no fee for HPS Members. Non-members are requested to pay a fee of $8 per person ($15 per family) for each night you’ll be camping out. For questions, campground information, driving directions, potluck suggestions and campground reservations, contact the HPS Programs Reservationist, Mike Dillenback, at dillyhouse@earthlink.net

As we get closer to the event, HPS outings will be posted. Make sure to check the HPS Website at http://www.hundredpeaks.org/outings.htm for newly added outings. Once you’ve found the hike(s) you’re interested in attending, contact the respective outing leaders directly for status and specific details.
Hiking buddy Mark S. Allen contacted me recently and asked if I wanted to complete a hike we attempted November 2, 2017 to Clamshell Peak, Lower Peaks Committee, in the lower San Gabriel Mountains above Monrovia. Having some vacation time to use up, I said sure if the weather was ok, which it turned out to be. On Monday morning 12-17-18 at the unspeakable hour of 5:00 am I met up with him and his hiking buddy George Christiansen who had the permit and lock combination for the forest service road we would traverse.

It took about an hour to drive from Seal Beach to the gate at Rincon Road. Then we bounced another hour on Rincon Road in George’s Jeep on that mountain road nearly eleven miles to another locked gate where Mark and I had parked before. We would hike the rest of the way. George was using his experience of a previous outing and a recorded GPS track. At the first junction where Mark and I had gone left, we went right this time. Further on it was a left and then a right at more junctions. The final approach to the peak was up a firebreak trying to avoid getting poked by yucca plants at the top. A summit log was in a steel covered cement vault which we all signed but I forgot to get a picture of!

The morning had started out cold but warmed up as the clouds broke up some, then turned cold again as we started back. Other than the firebreak, it was a mostly pleasant stroll through the forest as the more restricted portion of the Rincon Forest Road continued toward Mt. Wilson. My fitbit came in at 12 miles r/t, George had 10.7 I think per his gps. On the drive out George stopped to get a couple of "bumps" up a VERY steep firebreak. I did the first one with him but decided to give the second one a pass which was an extension of the first. This added another mile, giving me 13 for the day per the fitbit. As we negotiated the rush hour traffic home I dozed some having completed a great hike in good company and checking the elusive Clamshell Peak off "the list"!
Hiking Photography

By Jin Oak Chung

Photo: Mary Varalayay

Antsell Rock 8-21-19

Jin Oak Chung

July 31, 2019 (Tehachapi Mountains)
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