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Greetings, HPS members!

I hope you and your family are safe and healthy.

What a difference 60 days makes in terms of the fight against COVID in California. While of course we are far from out of danger, it’s very encouraging to see that the indicators of infections are dropping throughout the state.

However, we are still on hold when it comes to restarting official outings. Officially, there is a possibility that outings might start reopening on July 5th. But I think that’s doubtful and indeed by the time you read this, the reopening date could be further extended into the future.

I also want to remind everyone who ventures into our local mountains on private trips that large swaths of the San Gabriel Mountains are officially closed in the wake of the Bobcat Fire. The Forest Service Closure Order covers 22 of our peaks, all of which are currently suspended. While signage by the Forest Service leaves much to be desired, the closure is official, and while enforcement is relatively minimal, there are dangerous conditions within the area and violating the order can subject you to fines and worse.

The map of the closure area can be found here:

And the actual order can be found here:

Please note that the order is scheduled to be lifted on April 1, 2022.

In the meantime, please safely enjoy the open areas of our mountains. And please continue to post reports and photos on the HPS Facebook page.

I am very hopeful that we may be able to hold our Fall Festival/Oktoberfest later this year. And I’m optimistic that we will be able to gather in January for our Annual Banquet. Stay tuned for more news on that.

Stay safe. And happy trails!

Coby

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Big Iron! My first summit, Bill's 29th. This was a beast of a hike, but I did it! The wrestling logo belt was in the Summit box. I didn't haul it up there! Sharon Moore pictured with Bill Simpson on Iron Mountain.
Photo by Jim Hagar.
Meeting Call to Order: 6:36pm

Selection of 2021 Officers

- Coby King, Chair
- James Hagar, Vice Chair
- Mark S. Allen, Secretary, HPS Lookout Newsletter Editor
- George Christiansen, Access and Mountain Records
- Ryan Lynch, Membership Chair
- Sunny Yi, Programs
- Mat Kelliher, Outings and Safety, appointed

Appointed Officers to be contacted by Chair, Coby King

HPS Star Emblem Peaks. After discussion and a series of votes the following peaks were selected as the 50 Star Peaks:

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Outings and Safety Report: Mat Kelliher, COVID Pandemic hold on all Scheduled HPS Outings.

Treasurers Report of November 2020 by Laura Newman Apvd and Filed


Membership Report, Ryan Lynch discussed revision of HPS Membership and Website.
MOUNTAIN RECORDS REPORT
January 12, 2021

George Christiansen

• RECENT FIRES —

The Bobcat Closure (05-01-20-11) has been reissued and is in effect thru April 1, 2022. The Lake Fire Closure (05-01-20-09), also reissued and in effect thru June 1, 2021. Both new closures reduced the size of the closure but did not affect our peak suspensions.

• ACCESS TO TEHACHAPI MOUNTAIN

Attempts to resolve private property issues in accessing Tehachapi Mountain have been unsuccessful. Tehachapi can be de-listed or reestablish the HPS “summit” at the private property line. Discussion during the meeting. Voted 1-12-2021 to delist Tehachapi Mountain (MVP

• UPPER SANTA YNEZ RIVER ACCESS—

Hildreth Peak (6M) access via Route 1 in Santa Barbara County has been impacted by a major road washout between Romero Saddle and the Santa Ynez River (and the Caliente Springs Trailhead). I was advised by the Los Padres NF prior to our Sept meeting that a contract to repair the road had been awarded, and that they had 60 days to complete the repair. The repairs have been delayed until January due to the recent forest closures.

• ACCESS TO CROSS AND CHUCKWALLA VIA ROUTE 1

The Gate at the trailhead to Route 1 in Jawbone Canyon has recently been closed to hikers and enforced by security guards. It does not appear that they have the authority to close the immediate area to hikers since the gate is on BLM (Bureau of Land Management) property. The responsible BLM Office confirmed that BLM property is open to the public. As a private road, it can be closed to vehicles

An alternate hiking route from the gate to the peaks without crossing LADWP (Department of Water and Power) parcels is being evaluated.

• NEW ROUTES TO SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN (22D) FOR REVIEW

David Harris proposed two new routes and they are attached for review. Routes 4 and 5. Tabled to next meeting

Programs, by Sunny Yi, William Chen, Mat Kelliher  All HPS events below are canceled:
• Spring Fling 2021 - Canceled
• Waterman Rendezvous - Canceled
• 2021 Holiday Hoopla - Canceled at this time
• Outreach Report, by William Chen, Nothing to  Report
• Merchandising Report: Mark S. Allen to become Merchandising Chair
• Meeting  Adjourned 8:15pm
Cover: Teresa Blackmon Sphor took this photo while on private hike to HPS Backus and Russel Peaks. Person in photo is Robert Wieder but his widely used nickname is Badwater. He is a geologist and earned his nickname by spending many years, including summers (!!!) researching Death Valley.

Rabbit, Villager Private Hike March 28th. Leaders Bill Simpson and Jim Hagar.

Isa Galan and friends on Liebre Mtn., April 11th.

Indian Mountain, April 18, 2021. Photo: Jin Oak Chung

May Tang 2nd List Finish on Monte Arido and Old Man Mountains. April 10th.

Michael Sallwasser List Finish on Hillredth Peak, April 28th.
HPS has many hikers with magnetic personalities, but this article is not about them. Instead, it explores a different type of magnetism – the type you need to know about if you use a compass.

Topographic maps are aligned to the geographic north pole (True North). However, the compass needle does not point to True North but to what is commonly referred to as Magnetic North. Contrary to popular belief, the compass needle does not point to the magnetic north pole; it points in the directions of the horizontal component of the magnetic field where the compass is located. This varies greatly in different parts of the earth, causing the magnetic needle to point in directions unrelated to the location of the magnetic north pole.

The difference in bearing degrees between the geographic north pole and where the magnetic needle points to is called magnetic declination. In California the magnetic declination is to the
east of True North and varies from $10.5^\circ$ E in southeastern California to $14.5^\circ$ E in northwestern California.

Magnetic declination is not constant. The Earth’s magnetic fields are in flux and the declination for a particular area changes over time. The current rate of change for Southern California is about one degree every 12 years. However, this rate could speed up or slow down in the future. The declination amount provided on any given map may not be current because it was computed at the time the map was made.

Don’t venture into the field without knowing your current declination. Finding it has never been easier with one of the following readily available tools:

**NOAA Magnetic Field Calculator**
[https://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/geomag/calculators/magcalc.shtml#declination](https://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/geomag/calculators/magcalc.shtml#declination)

This website allows you to find declination using the latitude and longitude of a location. It is accompanied by lookup feature for addresses, cities, or zip codes as illustrated below.

**Magnetic Declination Interactive Map**
[https://www.magnetic-declination.com/](https://www.magnetic-declination.com/)

This web map allows you to click on an interactive map to find the declination. This website is supported by ads and you should avoid clicking on the “Start” button. Go directly to the map and click on it. The declination of the location you click on will pop up.
NOAA Compass Webapp
https://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/geomag/calculators/mobileDeclination.shtml

NOAA recently launched a compass webapp that turns your mobile phone into a magnetic compass. This is not a separate app but uses your phone’s internet browser. This handy app provides both the True North direction and the magnetic direction. By selecting the “Calculator” icon, you can also find a location’s declination with its latitude and longitude.

Navigation Questions

I welcome your navigation questions. Contact me at rmyers@ix.netcom.com.
Tin Mountain, Death Valley. It sure felt good to get way out there again; climbing a tough peak, hanging with friends around a campfire, sleeping under the stars. Life is good and things are starting to look better in our world!
adventure
crossing into HPS from WTC

Anne Y. Kim and college buddy admire Fitz Roy.
Patagonia, Argentina
A trip to Fitz Roy’s towering pillars along a frosted landscape of mountains proved to me that: 1. I love being in the great outdoors, 2. I also can go enjoy storied mountains to author my own grand adventures into life, and 3. I need to learn how to gear up and go all the way to the top. WTC imparted the Freedom of the Hills, four curated outings to bring workshops into practice, and best of all, friends like Sandy and Pete Lara, Mike Dillenback, Lisa Miyaki and Neal Robbins, Dora, Stephanie and Dave Chapman, Donna Webster, Pritesh Sampat, Barry Holchin, David Meltzer, and countless others, who helped me feel less scared and free to fully express my personality while roaming in the wild.

photos by Anne Y. Kim & WTC 2011 G3
Eight years, eight marathons, and countless triathlons later, I found WTC’s website now included a “challenge” to try seven outings and activities with different parts of the Sierra Club in 12 months to earn a patch. Seeing Sandy’s name on the list, I decided to give it a go. The first hike would be with the Hundred Peaks Section on St. Patrick’s Day up to Josephine Peak. It seemed close and relatively easy to do with my green partner. We met our hosting leaders Peter and Ignacia Doggett at the rendez-vous point, where Ignacia had green pins, necklaces, moustaches, and other festive paraphernalia for all participants to choose. I was charmed. We felt lucky from the start. Along the way, we talked and met like-minded spirits like Rich Gillock.

Just like that, I knew I wanted to try more HPS hikes. To complete the WTC challenge, I went on an annual hike to Mount Lowe, Mount Markham, and San Gabriel Peak hosted by Asher Waxman; a weekly hike to Parker Mesa hosted by West LA; a WTC hike to Echo Mountain once more; a one-off to Devil’s Chair hosted by Pete Garcia; trail work on MLK Day at the Kenneth Hahn Recreation Area hosted by the Santa Monica Mountains Task Force; HD inkjet printing for outdoors photos with the Camera Committee;
a traverse to capture the low four led by Jerry Grenard and Bill Simpson; and finally a hike on PCT Section A to Pedro Fages Monument from Scissors Crossing with the San Gorgonio Chapter Big Bear Group. It gave me a good taste for the breadth of hikers and depth of character that each leader brings to her/his/their adventures. Needless to say, what stuck like spit wads on an elementary school ceiling was me to the ceilingless listing of outings with different leaders.

Over the course of 2019, I dabbled. In 2020, I dove into weekend listings with HPS leaders I treasured. That appreciation grew over the Rock Point rock problem and Lookout Mountain (sliding my butt across the massive boulders in the Wonderland of Rocks to make it 6mi of Rattlesnake Canyon before the gates closed (the kind of adventure you can be sure to have with Sunny Y. and Jason Park), the whale of a view of the Salton Sea to the East with stretches of desert panning North to the Santa Rosa Wilderness and West towards even more mountains and a pristine desert view into the mountains of Mexico from Whale Peak, failing Old Man and Monte Arido after arriving on 4 hours of sleep and hiking the PCT the day before only to return two weeks later to finish the job and riding through my fear of heights to summit Cone Peak with my partner and gushing over sight of rhyme ice for the first time in our lives on the way to Palm View Peak - after Martinez and Sheep the day before.
The pandemic has given me an even deeper appreciation for these treasured memories. Hiking on my own I feel the fear of a lone member of the animal kingdom in a predator–prey world. I can do it, but not really (even the sound of a flock of quails scared by me scares me); hiking half of the Backbone Trail on my own is testament to this fact. However, as a trained public health professional, I hold high standards for infectious disease prevention, so private hikes with people outside of my bubble could only work with masks and 10 feet social distancing to prevent transmission.

It was a long time before I hiked again.

When Jim Hagar reached out to share his Backbone Trail series, it was time to finish the job. Winding down 2020 and welcoming 2021, we hiked from where I left off (Malibu Canyon Road) all the way to Ray Miller Trailhead. At first, I feared being around so many people. Jim emphasized social distancing and masking to zero the chance of COVID-19 transmission from the prevailing mode of transmission: close contact exposure for 15 minutes or more. We all enforced this as necessary. Over the next few weeks, I gained a stronger sense of safe parameters under which hiking with others, who show no symptoms of COVID-19, can be enjoyable. I even regained a knack for putting one foot in front of the other at a good clip.

It has been a crazy start to 2021, but there are endless — dare I say ceilingless — possibilities for the young at heart with much tread left on their shoes. Things are starting to look up. Stay safe and happy trails, HPS friends.
Jill Takes a “Peak” at McPherson

3-20-21

By Louie Rodriguez

At 6:00 am on March 20, 2021, steady rain was pelting the grapevine in the dark as hikers were driving to get to Aliso County Park in Eastern Santa Barbara County for a private double summit climb. The objective was to climb McPherson Peak (5749”) and Peak Mountain (5843”).

At 8am the rain had stopped in the area, but it was cold and cloudy at the trailhead. Jill had assembled a small, hardy group to attempt the 14 ½ mi, 3800’ gain hike. The forecast was for clearing weather, but cold and windy at the summits. At 8:30, Jill, Heather, Stephany, Theresa, Teri, Tao, and Louie took off on the establish trail from the campground.

As we continued climbing closer to the summit of McPherson Peak, the temperature dropped and the wind picked up. Left over snow was also visible on the trail, but the summit remained hidden in the clouds. At about 11:20, we arrived at the top completing 4 miles. The wind was really whipping, bringing the temp down to the forecast 25-degree windchill. The register was found on top of the water tank and we quickly signed in and ate an abbreviated lunch.

The summit had several large radio towers and antennas that we could not see from below due to the clouds. After a short summit break, we started toward our next goal, Peak Mtn. about 3 miles away. The stay on Peak was short and we headed back down the firebreak, and then to the road. At 3pm, we were back at McPherson, which was still cold and windy, but much less cloudy and not as freezing. On the trail down, we dropped elevation fairly quickly and the temp increased dramatically, forcing layers to come off. On the open ridge we gained amazing views to the north, with Caliente Mountain looming on the horizon. Much of the group spoke of Caliente as a soon to be planned trip, via hike or bike.

At 5:10 pm, the group arrived at the cars, earlier than expected. We all felt pretty good and thanked Jill for leading us on this double summit excursion filled with lots of excitement.
Fifteen HPS hikers did a private hike to Rabbit Peak #2 and Villager Peak in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Jim Hagar, May Tang and Bill Simpson were the leaders.

There are dozens of ways that this hike can be confirmed as the toughest on the HPS list of 280 peaks. The most significant way: the hike is 22 miles, all cross-country in the desert, and it involves some 8000+ feet of elevation gain. I stumbled upon a new way yesterday to gauge the hike difficulty: the MOON! We started our 16.5-hour hike at 4:10 am. After about two hours of hiking in the dark, I took a photo of the moon setting. Many, many miles and thousands of feet of elevation gain and loss later -- and just a short time before we finished our outing with one more hour of hiking in the dark -- I took a photo of the moon rising. Seeing the moon set and rise underscored the time commitment involved in the effort.

This was my 19th trip to Rabbit Peak #2, (I try to visit Rabbit at least once every year), and each one has underscored the difficulty and challenge of this monster. Many kudos to the participants who bagged the BIG Bunny for the first time yesterday!

Photos by Heesook Kim, James Hagar and Nahid Shirazi
May Tang’s Second List Finish !!

By Louie Rodriguez

On April 10, 2021, on a warmish, but breezy Saturday morning, a hardy group of 17 assembled for a private hike at the Matilija Road trail-head for a daunting climb of Monte Arido (6010’) and Old Man Mountain (5538’).

Under the renowned leadership of Jim Hagar, the group took off at 6:10 am. The route was fairly easy, just follow the yellow brick road all the way to the summit of Monte Arido. Along the way, the group stashed some water and other “items” at Murrieta Divide and below Old Man. We also dodged through a grove of Poodle Dog on the road. It was sunny and mildly warm most of the way up, but the gusty breezes throughout the hike saved us.

At about 12:15pm, the group reached the first summit. It was sunny and breezy with an amazing 360-degree view on Arido. Everyone found a spot for lunch while the register was passed around. Some even reclined to bask in the sunshine.

At 1pm, the group took off back down the road to the NW ridge of Old Man coming off the road. It was at this point that Bill said it was going to be fun. And so it was, as we scrambled up a steep rocky ridge with a dramatic drop off visible on the north side of Old Man. After about 30 min. of sharp ridge climbing, we made to the top of Old Man. At this point, May Tang let everyone summit first. Then she made her ascent to finish her second HPS list!! The group cheered, applauded, and took photos to commemorate the great accomplishment.

After a short stay on the narrow summit, Sunny and Jason led the group back down the spiny ridge, and then turned to a broad shoulder leading south down to the road. Once on the road, the group assembled at one of the stash locations. Then the champagne and treats came out for a true celebration. Mary brought fresh strawberries and whip cream to share! Other treats included cookies and fruit snacks.

When the party was over, we took off down the road to our other stash point at Murrieta Divide. Here we had more champagne and cake! Everyone again congratulated May. Some said their goodbyes to the group as everyone took off on the last five-mile leg back to the cars. A few people needed to get back as quickly as possible for the long drive home. Everyone was back to the trailhead by 7:10pm.
PASSINGS: ALICE HARVEY GOLDBERG (1926-2021)

Long-time Angeles Chapter outings leader Alice Goldberg passed away in Seattle, Washington on March 16, 2021, a month short of what would have been her 95th birthday.

Alice led her first Sierra Club outing in 1972, and after that there was no stopping her. Over the decades, she was to lead many dozens of hikes, bus trips, and backpacks, often with her husband Jack, who predeceased her in 2004. In addition to these activities, she chaired the Local Hikes Committee for a number of years. The chapter bestowed the Outings Service Award upon her in 1984 and again in 2001. Alice was an avid peakbagger in the Hundred Peaks Section, attaining her Emblem in 1975 and climbing all the peaks on ‘the list’ in 1981. The Goldbergs also established a long-standing friendship with outings leader Harry Goldstein, assisting him in leading scores of bus trips throughout the American West and Canada.

Travel with a capital T was another of Alice’s passions. She visited the seven seas and all seven continents, hiked to Everest Base Camp, crossed the Northwest Passage, visited Antarctica to see penguins, and went on safari in Africa where she breakfasted with giraffes.

Alice Harvey was a native Angeleno, born April 15, 1926, and graduated from Fairfax High School in 1944. She went away to college at Stanford in Palo Alto. During her freshman year she would mail home her laundry because it was cheaper and easier than doing it at school. But she had gone on a blind date in Los Angeles and met Jack Goldberg, who was at school at the University of Southern California. She moved back to L.A.

She came from a Zionist family and remained a committed Zionist her entire life. She was also led early into the Wobbly movement and attended summer camp for Zionists and Labor unionists, which eventually led her to supporting the environmentalist causes of the 1960s and 1970s. Throughout her life she supported the rights of workers and people of all shapes, sizes, and beliefs. Liberalism was not a nasty word but a way of recognizing that every person should be able to live their life free from oppression.

In 2004 Alice moved to a continuing care retirement community in Seattle in order to be closer to her daughter Jennie and son-in-law Peter. The staff there loved her. They loved her “spunk” and the “twinkle in her eye” and sang along with her when she regaled everybody in song or recited poetry. She really was the “life of the party!”

Alice Goldberg donated over 500 images to the Angeles Chapter Archives, all of which may be viewed at the following URL: https://flic.kr/s/aHsmPcF6Lx.

Donations in her name may be made to the Sierra Club.—Bob Cates, with assistance of Peter Stekel
PASSAGES: PAT BERTOLDI

Pat Bertoldi, an avid member of the Hundred Peaks Section, passed away in San Diego County in April at the age of 94. She was a familiar participant on Angeles Chapter outings, and especially those of the Hundred Peaks Section, in the 1970s and 1980s. Pat was also one of “Sam Fink’s Girls,” an ever-changing bevy of women whom Sam would help in obtaining their HPS emblems via private outings he would organize.

Contributed by Bob Cates, Sierra Club Historian
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By Jin Oak Chung

Onyx Peak, 4-24-21

San Emigdio Mountain
4-11-21

Chaparrosa Peak,
3-28-21

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