



Supplement to the September 2007 *Southern Sierran*

TIDELINES

*News from the Long Beach Group, Angeles Chapter, Sierra Club
September-October 2007*

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October is Leadership Month!

Well, not officially, but two important events for current and future leaders are happening in October...

CLUB WILL OFFER OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP

TRAINING OCT. 13

By Ron Campbell, LTC Vice Chair

Chapter Outings Assembly

Saturday, October 27, 2007, 9:30am to 4pm
Eaton Canyon Nature Center
1750 N. Altadena Drive, Pasadena

Join the Chapter Outings Management Committee on Saturday for a session on the present and future of the chapter's outings program. All Sierra Club members are invited, especially outings leaders, provisional leaders, and outings chairs. Light breakfast and refreshments provided. Bring your lunch.

The Assembly is a venue to disseminate important information to our Outings Leaders. It is also a way for information to flow directly from your outings program back to the OMC and ExCom. It is also where we elect a new set of OMC members, a member for the Safety Committee (SC), and a member for the Leadership Training Committee (LTC). Therefore, it is imperative that all entities have a representative at the Assembly to ensure that you have a voice for your program. Only outings chairs (or entity chair if the outings chair is absent) that are present may vote.

Directions:

From the 210 freeway eastbound, exit at Altadena Dr, then go north 1.5 miles to the park entrance on the right.

From the 210 westbound, exit at Sierra Madre Blvd, then go west 1 block to Altadena Dr, then north 1.5 miles to the park entrance on right.

Contact Kent Schwitkis, Chair, Outings Management Committee at schwitkii@earthlink.net or 310-540-5558 for more information.

Interested in becoming an outings leader for the Club?

Angeles Chapter is home to one of the largest outings programs on the planet—thousands of trips ranging from beach barbecues to mountaineering expeditions. You can take the first step toward becoming a leader by attending a class offered by the chapter Leadership Training Committee on Saturday, Oct. 13.

The class covers all the basics of leadership. Experienced leaders will tell you how to plan a trip, prevent problems on the trail and make sure that everyone – including you – has a great time. They'll also explain good conservation and safety practices. Plus, they'll give you tips for getting your "O" rating quickly and then, if you choose, pursuing more advanced ratings.

The all-day class at the Griffith Park Ranger Station costs \$25. The application is on page 69 of the Angeles Chapter Schedule and online at angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc. Mail the application and check, payable to Sierra Club, to Steve Botan, LTC Registrar, 18816 Thornwood Circle, Huntington Beach 92646. You can also reach Botan at 714-963-0151 or sbotan@pacbell.net.

Applications and checks are due Sept. 29. Scholarships are available for those in financial need by applying to LTC Chair Tina Bowman at tina@bowmandesigngroup.com.

Contact Ron Campbell, LTC Vice Chair at 714-962-8521 or campbellr@verizon.net



IN MEMORIAM

From Jack Morrow, Duane Gates, and Cecilia Fidora

Family and friends gathered for a memorial service for Bea Morrow in Cambria on Sunday, August 5, 2007. Her family purchased a memorial bench on the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve beside the Bluff Trail, where she loved to hike and watch sunsets over the ocean from the Morrow home nearby. The bench is located a short distance along the Bluff Trail from the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve entrance gate at Windsor and Wedgwood streets in Marine Terrace, Cambria.



Photo by Jack Morrow

Among the many activities she loved was to serve as a docent at the Museum of Natural History in Morro Bay, leading children's groups and adult hikes, and doing puppet shows. She was also a very successful director at the Pewter Plough Playhouse in Cambria and an active environmentalist in the Long Beach Group of the Sierra Club, serving as Chair of the Group a few years ago. A testament to her courage was the fact that Bea did many these activities while fighting, and ultimately losing, a long battle with lung cancer.

Long Beach Group members have purchased a Millennium Brick in her memory, which will be dedicated on **Saturday, September 15** after the morning hike, at Hilltop Park in Signal Hill. It reads:

Bea Morrow
LB Sierra Club
Leader Friend

Photo by Duane Gates



Joshua Tree, November 10, 2001: Bea, and Renee Thorne, perform by the campfire as Jack Morrow accompanies them on ukulele.

Candidates Wanted

The Long Beach Group elects members to its Executive Committee (ExCom) each year in November. The seven members serve staggered terms of two years. Any member of the Group in good standing is eligible to be a candidate.

The ExCom generally convenes for 2 or 3 hours to conduct the formal business of the Group, usually on the last Wednesday evening of the month. They make decisions regarding the appointing of officers and committee chairs, scheduling of meetings, programs to present and participate in, activities conducted, fundraising events, disbursement of funds, etc., as each relates to Sierra Club purposes.

We cannot have an election if there are no candidates. If you would like to be a candidate, please contact any current officer (see listing on the last page of Tidelines).

Any willing candidate not accepted by the Nominating Committee but who obtains the signatures of at least 15 Group members before the deadline will also appear on the ballot as a petition candidate.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” - *Margaret Mead*

Newcomer Fairs

Are you new to the Sierra Club, or thinking of joining? Attend one of our Newcomer Fairs to learn about many of the groups, sections, committees, task forces, and great people that are part of the Angeles Chapter. Enjoy some refreshments, meet the leaders, and learn how you can become more involved with the Club.

Saturday, September 8, 2007 1-4 pm

Eaton Canyon Nature Center
1750 North Altadena Dr
Pasadena

Contact Don Bremner: 626-794-2603,

donbremner@earthlink.net

www.angeles.sierraclub.org/pasadena

Monday November 5, 2007 6:30-9pm

Costa Mesa Neighborhood Community Center
1845 Park Avenue
Costa Mesa

Contact Donna Specht: 714-963-6345,

donnaspecht@juno.com

www.angeles.sierraclub.org/ocss

ENVIRONMENTAL BONUS NOTES

By Brett Beck

Food Donation Program

The City of Long Beach has partnered with **Food Finders**, a local non-profit organization, to seek donations of surplus food from all local businesses. Donated food is distributed to members of our community who are in need. The program also keeps quality, edible food from ending up in landfills. To sign up as a food donor, to donate your time, or to provide your financial support, please contact Food Finders at 562-598-3003. Please pass this information on to your favorite restaurants and food stores. **C**

Junk Mail Reduction

Tired of your mailbox being stuffed with endless catalogs, credit card offers, and coupons? Junk mail may seem as inevitable as death and taxes, but a few simple steps can make a big difference. Reducing your junk mail not only makes your life less cluttered, it saves precious resources like trees, energy, and landfill space. Let us send you a free Junk Mail Reduction Kit that can help you substantially reduce your unwanted mail. Call the City's Recycling Hotline at 562-570-2876. **C**

Adopt-A-Waterway

The money raised by this project is used for public awareness and education, to clean catch basins, scrub parking lots, and install pollution-reducing devices along various stretches of storm drain systems. Donors get their names on "Cleaner Storm Drains, Cleaner Oceans" signs to be posted along the system. Please call 800-890-1185. **C**

Sponsor a Neighborhood Cleanup Event

The City hosts neighborhood cleanup events throughout the city and will prominently thank your company for its support through signage at the cleanup event of your choice. Call 562-570-2895. **C**

Notes:

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C designates conservation content

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NEW! Reach about 3000 environmentally conscious readers in Long Beach and surrounding areas! Place your ad for items for sale, private trips, professional services, personal ads, etc. for \$5 per line or partial line. Editor reserves the right to decline ads in violation of Sierra Club policies or positions.

Help Wanted: The Long Beach Group needs a volunteer to serve as Fundraising Chair. Please contact any ExCom member (see p. 8) to volunteer!

September Potluck and New Members' Meeting

Our annual Potluck and New Members' Meeting takes place on Wednesday, September 5. All members, new and continuing, are encouraged to attend. Meet our activists and leaders and learn how to become involved with the club. Meet other hikers and identify opportunities to get out and explore our natural surroundings. Bring a dish for 8 to share (we stress plant-based, organic, locally grown food) and \$1 for drinks and common items (\$5 if you don't bring a potluck item), place setting, and up to 20 vacation slides (film or MS PowerPoint) to share.

Special Early Time: Meet 6:30 PM Environmental Services Bureau, 2929 East Willow, near Temple Avenue, in Long Beach.

WHITE MOUNTAIN AGAIN, JULY 22, 2007

By Sharon Moore



White Mountain Peak, at left, soars over starkly beautiful terrain.

I had to cancel this trip at the utmost last minute because my co-leader had a serious emergency. Unable to reach all the participants, my carpool

partner, Paul Sandorff, and I went anyway. It morphed into a private camping trip, which was fine with those who did show up. While at camp, a breeding pair of Western Tanagers became strangely fascinated with Paul's vehicle, and we all got a very good look at these very pretty birds. It was a great weekend for wildlife sightings, and we saw a lot of alpine wildflowers on the way to White in spite of very dry and unusually warm conditions. Thousands of tiny blue butterflies were feeding on the flowers, which gave us something pretty to look at those times we were trudging along with our heads down. There were serious signs of drought everywhere we went. We saw brown grasses in the high meadows, the snow-fed vernal pools inhabited by fairy shrimp about half a mile from Barcroft Gate that are usually filled in July had dried up already, and the snowfield that normally blocks the trail near the summit had melted to a pitifully tiny patch. I summited White for the third time, and Paul reached the top with me. It was his first high peak (at 60+!) and the longest hike he ever did, so despite the snafus and its unofficial status, I consider it another successful trip.

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Tidelines Deadlines

Contributions to *Tidelines* are always welcome! Articles, trip reports, and announcements of interest for the November/December issue are due **September 15**. I reserve the right to edit for length and clarity, and to stamp out passive voice wherever I find it. Send to *Tidelines* Editor Sharon Moore at justslm@earthlink.net. Send November/December outings, meetings, and events information to Outings Chair Todd Williams at twilliams2@charter.net by **JSeptember 15**. E-mail preferred, but I can also accept CDs and Zip disks. No "floppies," please: my computer does not have a floppy drive. I will use Microsoft Word to edit articles, so .doc, .rtf, and .txt files will work. I can also copy from e-mails. Non-digital photos should be scanned at 300 dpi/ppi, and I have a scanner if needed. Include return postage if we can't arrange to return items in person. Mailing address: Sharon Moore, 4425 Galeano St, Long Beach, CA 90815-2710.

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