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By Carole Mintzer
CHAPTER CHAIR

I want to start off the new year by thanking you for your generous donations in 2013.

Your support allowed the Chapter staff and volunteers to mount a vigorous and successful campaign to shut down the San Onofre nuclear power plant, stop the Tesoro extension of the Foothill-South Toll Road in Orange County pass a plastic bag ban in Los Angeles, stop the flawed proposal for a desalination plant in Huntington Beach and stop planned oil drilling on park land in Whittier Hills. Now we turn our efforts to supporting a moratorium on fracking.

In addition to our conservation campaigns, we led hundreds of hikes and outings in 2013 to places on the planet we all treasure -- and we have just as many in 2014. I am proud of what the Sierra Club is accomplishing in Los Angeles and Orange Counties and am determined to see our good work continue.

But we need your help this year too. Here are three new ways in the box below to make a contribution to protect our wild places, our air, our water and more. Share these ideas with friends too.

Thanks so much and Happy New Year.

By Michael Brune
SIERRA CLUB EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Former Sierra Club president Edgar Wayburn once pointed out that, in at least one respect, wilderness was like any other natural resource: “Once it is consumed, it is gone forever.”

When that happens, we lose a lot more than scenery. We lose critical habitat for plants and animals that are already stressed by climate disruption. We lose recreational opportunities and the long-term economic benefits for neighboring communities that come with them. We lose an irreplaceable part of our natural heritage -- not just for ourselves but also for generations to come.

The good news is that we still have time to protect some of our finest public lands before it’s too late. The bad news is that Congress has become a black hole from which no conservation legislation has been able to escape for several years. Instead, the House of Representatives has cranked out a stream of bills that would increase drilling, hand over sacred lands to foreign mining companies, extend grazing leases without proper environmental review; allow states to take over management of federal lands; and undermine (or even eliminate) environmental protections such as the Endangered Species Act and the Clean Water Act.

Although it would be wonderful if Congress were to come to its senses anytime soon, chances of that are slim. If we want any real progress on protecting public lands, then our best hope is the executive branch. And in fact, there’s reason to be optimistic that the Obama administration might deliver.

Last Halloween, at a National Press Club event, Obama’s new Secretary of the Interior, Sally Jewell, fired this shot across the bow of the most dysfunctional and anti-environmen-
We’ve scoured the planet to come up with spectacular adventures in the new year for travelers and Sierra Club members. Each trip is planned and organized by veteran leaders and sponsored by the Angeles Chapter. So whether it’s Solvang or Spain, Alaska or Israel, experience a trip unlike any other that supports the Chapter too. Bon voyage!

1. **Death Valley National Park Bus Trip**  
   **January 18-20**  
   Join us on some of the most spectacular trails in Death Valley National Park with hiking options ranging from 3 to 8 miles daily. Experience geological formations of 1.8 billion-year-old metamorphic rocks and be surrounded by a panorama of rugged canyons and towering peaks. Stay two nights at Furnace Creek Ranch and more! $290 for Sierra Club members. Contact: Judy Shane, (310) 379-1111 judyshane@aol.com; David H Hixson at 310-676-8848 or dhixson2@socal.rr.com

2. **Pictograph Hike at Joshua Tree National Park**  
   **February 1**  
   Moderately strenuous all day seven-mile hike with 400 feet of hard won gain/loss. Hike the steep cross-country desert slopes and go boulder scrambling in cactus filled brushy area to see two outstanding pictograph sites. Led at a deliberate pace with limited breaks. Group camping available. Conditioned hikers only. Contact: Leader: Diane Dunbar, dianedunbar@charter.net

3. **Winter Combo Bus Trip to Mammoth Lakes**  
   **March 7-9**  
   Go back-country or downhill skiing, snowboarding or snowshoeing on a fun-filled weekend at Mammoth Mountain. You can go out on daily leader-led ski and participate in snowshoe tours too. $305 for Sierra Club members. Contact: Donna Specht, (714) 963-6345 donnaspecht@juno.com

4. **Solvang and Then Some!**  
   **April 26**  
   Visit the brand-new Wilding Museum, one of the original Spanish missions, Lompoc, Ballard and of course the town known as Copenhagen of the West. Cost is $79 for Sierra Club members, $89 for non-members. Cost covers round-trip bus, entrance fees and more. Contact: Paul Cutter, (310) 837-5269, patecu@sbcglobal.net; Felicia Hammond, (310) 391-9690, feliciafgh@earthlink.net
Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks Bus Trip  
May 24-27

Explore two outstanding Utah parks: Zion National Park where you may take self-guided hikes amid massive sandstone cliffs of cream, pink, and red, which soar into a bright blue sky. Leaders offer more hiking and adventure options on a day trip to Bryce Canyon National Park where red forests of hoodoos (unique pillars of rock sculptured by the forces of erosion) dominate the landscape. Cost is $600 per person for members/$625 for non-members. Contact: Judy Shane, (310) 379-1111, judyshane@aol.com  David H Hixson, (310) 676-8848 dhixson2@socal.rr.com

Birds and Mammals of Northeast Mongolia and the Gobi Desert  
June 6-27

Enjoy the beauty of the desert with dramatic cliffs, sand dunes and wildlife in an area that hosts the largest concentration of wild mammals in Asia. See the endangered Mongolian wild horse and gazelles as well as neolithic ruins and the stark beauty of this remote part of the planet. $4,750 per person ($4,850 for non-members) includes hotel, local transport, guides and park admissions. Can't do the whole tour? 14-day ($2,525 per person) and 22-day ($4,850 per person) options available. Airfare not included; group rates available. Contact: Bruce Hale, (818) 957-1936. Contact: Leaders Bruce Hale and Fred Dong, madelinesdad@earthlink.net.

Black Hills Adventure  
June 7-14s

Go where the buffalo roam and the deer and antelope play on this eight-day trip to South Dakota. Visit Custer State Park's renowned buffalo herd, Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse Memorial, Devils Tower and more on this outdoor closeup of the state's most famous sights. $1,295 ($1,350 for non-members) includes hotel, local transport, group activities and happy hours. Airfare not included. Contact: Mike Sappingfield, (949) 768-3610, mikesapp@cox.net.
Hawaiian Islands Hiking Adventure: Maui, the Valley Isle
June 14-21
Spend eight days experiencing the unique and outstanding natural beauty of Maui. Hike into awesome Haleakala National Park’s moonscape crater, with its vast array of colors and cinder cones. Traverse diverse vegetation zones, and meet the one-of-a-kind silversword! Enjoy moderate hikes or optional 11-mile Haleakala Super Hike that goes in, across and out of the crater. Cost is $1,345 for Sierra Club members and $1,479 for non-members before April 1. Bill Crane, (818) 773-4601, bilguana@socal.rr.com; Sridhar Gullapalli, (310) 821-3900, sridhar_gullapalli@yahoo.com

France and Spain: Camino del Norte
Sept. 4-27
Take a long-distance hike along the ancient pilgrimage route across France and Spain to Santiago de Compostela continues in 2014 with a walk along the Camino del Norte, from Saint-Jean-de-Luz, France, to Oviedo, Spain. Experience the green meadows, lush forests and dramatic coastal cliffs as well as the architectural treasures ranging from a 1,200-year-old church near Oviedo to Frank Gehry’s Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao. Cost for Sierra Club members is $3,500 per person, non-members, $3,600 per person, excluding airfare. Contact: Ed Maurer, (949) 768-0417; balois@cox.net

Alaska Bear Viewing Adventure
July 22-26
Spend three amazing days viewing Alaska brown bears at the state’s most spectacular wild bear viewing site, Katmai National Park. Stay at the Brooks River Lodge cabins and go bear-gawking by day. Trip is limited to 10 participants. $1,425 for members, nonmembers add $100. Consider adding on our Alaska Wildlife Adventure (below). Contact: leaders Fred Dong and Stephanie Gross, (818)-545-3878, madelinesdad@earthlink.net, and Clifford Caplan (310) 376-9105, caplan04@yahoo.com.

Alaska Wildlife Adventure
July 26-Aug. 3
Come with us to see Kenai Fjords National Park’s calving tidewater glaciers and wildlife along the ocean and on land; enjoy the great hiking and wildlife viewing that Denali National Park has to offer. $1,995 per person ($2,095 for non-members) covers hotel, bus, some meals, full day cruise. Airfare extra. Contact Leader Fred Dong, (818) 545-3878; madelinesdad@earthlink.net. Bear lovers add our Alaska Bear Viewing Adventure!
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Israel Adventure: Natural and Historical Highlights
Nov. 5-18
Join an active adventure to Israel to learn about classic religious and historical sites as well as the natural history that makes Israel a critical respite in wildlife migration. Hike up Masada, stop at places along the Mediterranean Sea, and experience the Jordan River and Sea of Galilee on this special Sierra Club trip. The cost is $3,970 per person for Sierra Club members; non-members add $100. Airfare is extra. Contact: Shlomo Waser, (408) 483-7716; shlomosierraclub@gmail.com; Kath Giel, (415) 720-4430, sierrakath@gmail.com.

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New England Extravaganza
Oct. 4-12
See the extraordinary fall colors and covered bridges of New Hampshire and Vermont. Boston-area highlights include the Freedom Trail, Paul Revere's house, and Concord and Lexington. $1,350 per person ($1,450 for non-members) includes hotel, local transportation, admission to scheduled excursions, some meals. Airfare not included. Contact: Mike Sappingfield, (949) 768-3610, mikesapp@cox.net

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Nepal Highlights and Hiking Adventure
Nov. 7-Dec. 1
Explore the Himalayas, the world’s highest mountains, wildlife and learn about the religion and culture of the Nepalese on this journey to Lumbini, the birthplace of Buddha, Kathmandu, temples, villages and national parks. $3,000 per person before March 31, 2014; $3,100 per person after March 31, 2014; non-members add $100. International airfare is extra; group airfare available. Leaders: Maew Suchin, Fred Dong, (818)-545-3878, madelinesdad@earthlink.net
Can’t do the entire trip? Come on the Nepal Highlights Adventure from Nov. 7-14 ($1,500 per person for Sierra Club members who sign up by March 31, 2014; $1,575 per person after March 31, 2014; non-members add $100.) or the Nepal Mountain Hiking Adventure from Nov. 12-Dec. 1 ($1,800 per person for Sierra Club members who sign up by March 31, 2014; $1,875 per person after March 31, 2014; non-members add $100.) Leaders: Maew Suchin, Fred Dong, (818)-545-3878, madelinesdad@earthlink.net
Co-directors step up to lead the Chapter

Two acting co-directors were named in November to run the Angeles Chapter. Both have served as conservation coordinators who help volunteers with Chapter-wide campaigns.

Jennifer Robinson and George Watland are jointly responsible for Chapter-wide fundraising initiatives including Major Gifts, Cars4Causes, the Hike Donation Program, the 1000 at $100 campaign, the March and August Membership Appeals, the Tribute Card Program and partnerships with outside organizations and companies such as Amoeba Records and Warner Bros.

The two also handle all bequest, annuity and planned giving inquiries. Until a permanent Chapter Director is named, they will collaborate to manage Chapter staff, support our members and volunteer leaders, and oversee operations including fiduciary oversight and budget maintenance, programs and projects.

Jennifer and George work in partnership with the Chapter Executive Committee Chair to move Chapter policies and programs forward.

Contact Jennifer at jennifer.robinson@sierraclub.org or call (213) 387-4287, Ext. 204.

Contact George at george.watland@sierraclub.org and (213) 387-4287, Ext. 210.

Ron Silverman who had served as Senior Chapter Director for seven years left to take a position as vice president of development for the Trevor Project in West Hollywood.

New chief takes over Leadership Training

By Jane Simpson

After 11-plus years of service, Leadership Training Chair Tina Bowman has turned over the reins of Leadership Training Committee to Anne Marie Richardson. A core element of the chapter’s huge outings program, leadership training is the key to the future. Without leaders, there can be no hikes, backpacks, and many other activities sponsored by the Angeles Chapter.

The passing of the ceremonial LTC Seminar coffee urn from Tina to Anne Marie was completed at the fall seminar in Costa Mesa. Outgoing chair Bowman received the 2012 Francis P. Farquhar Mountaineering Award that honors people who make significant contributions to mountaineering and “enhancement of the Club’s prestige in this field.”

What trip ratings mean

The role of the LTC Chair is to oversee the chapter’s training program at every level. During Tina’s tenure, leadership has seen several significant changes in the ratings system for outings. Along with splitting up O rating into O-1 and O-2, M and E ratings have been divided into full M, M-rock and M-snow, with same division for E. These changes have gone a long way towards helping to grow the outings program with more variety for the O level outings.

More leaders are now seeking advanced training, including LTC’s Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP) started by Dan Richter. Tina observes that the greatest reward “has been meeting and working with the rising stars of the Angeles Chapter’s outings program, the new leader candidates. Their seriousness and enthusiasm about becoming excellent outings leaders is impressive, and it’s great to see so many people volunteering for the club.”

An M-rated leader, Anne Marie has been active with WTC for 15 years, more recently as a Group Leader for the San Gabriel Valley area and lecturer on Snow Travel. She has also served as LTC Vice Chair and was WTC SGV Area Chair. An avid rock climber and hiker, she leads outings for WTC and SPS.

While also serving on the Outings Management Committee and continuing with WTC, Anne Marie’s first seminar in her new role as LTC Chair will be April 12 at Eaton Canyon. These one-day events are where up-and-coming outings leaders get their start. Please visit angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc for more information on becoming a Sierra Club leader.
Sierra Club Angeles Chapter

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January 1 through March 31, 2014

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January 2014

Wednesday, January 01, 2014 10:00 AM
0405-Long Beach Group Outing
O: Tripet Ranch to Eagle Rock (1957')
Todd Williams http://angeles.sierraclub.org/longbch/
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Erlinda Cortez http://angeles.sierraclub.org/longbch/
Navigation/people_leader_contacts.html
Join us on this moderate-pace, 4.5-mile, 1000' gain hike in
the Santa Monica Mountains. We'll meander our way up via
Musch Camp to Eagle Junction. From there, we'll head up to
Eagle Rock where we'll stop for lunch and take in the
beautiful views. We'll return on a more direct route to Tripet
Ranch. Meet 9:00 am at the Long Beach rideshare, or 10:00
am at the Tripet Ranch parking lot. Bring hat, sunscreen,
lunch, and $ for parking. Rain cancels.

Wednesday, January 01, 2014 12:00 PM
0416-Santa Clarita Valley Group Outing
O: Walker Ranch to Nature Center Streamside
Dr Henry Schultz 661-284-5613 henry50@pacbell.net
Edward J Benison 661-254-7517
Easy 4 mile 200' loss/gain through riparian area in Placerita
Cyn Park. Join Henry on his birthday for a beautiful stream-
side hike. Meets at same time and location as Calorie Burner
at Walker Ranch Entrance. Good for easy, little hikers and
beginners of all ages. Bring water and snacks. Rain cancels.

Wednesday, January 01, 2014 12:00 PM
0416-Santa Clarita Valley Group Outing
O: New Years Calorie Burner, Los Pinetos Trail
Raymond Lorme 661-296-0246 rorme@aol.com
Kate Okamoto 661-288-7931 kate.okamoto@gmail.com
Join the annual calorie burner up the Los Pinetos Trail.
Moderate 5 mile, 1400' gain to ridge between San Fernando
and Santa Clarita Valleys. Partially shaded hike with
outstanding views of both valleys and beyond. Meet 12:00
noon at Walker Ranch entrance of Placerita Canyon Park.
Take I-5 N to 14 Freeway, exit Placerita Canyon Road, turn R
and continue to Walker Ranch entrance app 3.7 mi (you will
pass main entrance to Placerita Canyon Park). Bring water
and snack. Rain cancels.

Wednesday, January 01, 2014 7:00 PM
0481-Angeles Chp Griffith Park Sctn Outing
O: Griffith Park Evening Conditioning Hikes
Slag Brown 323-299-0373
Jeff Brown 310-399-2792 mesoman@earthlink.net
Angela Colicchio 818-957-3842 angelểach1025@hotmail.com
Kathy Faulds 818-845-9687 kathyfaulds@cnico.com
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Larry Guzin 323-932-1600 gozen@sbcglobal.net
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Larry Lee 818-407-1778 llee48@pacbell.net

Activities and Outings
Skill Level Rating Codes

The Angeles Chapter Safety Committee has established the
following classifications for all chapter-sponsored outings to
differentiate the levels of skill required of participants and event
leaders. Classifications do not relate to outing strenuousness.

C Events conducted by a non-Sierra Club entity (e.g.,
concessionaire).
O Uncomplicated outings such as city walks, bike rides, trail
hikes, backpacking. May involve simple off-trail hiking not
requiring navigation skills. Climbing level: "Class 1" terrain.
I Outings that involve cross-country travel where navigation
is necessary. Rougher ground than "O" outings may be
traversed, and the use of hands for balance may be
necessary. Includes outings that have snow travel or skiing
on easy terrain. Climbing level: "Class 2" terrain.
M Moderate-level climbing: "Class 3" terrain. On rock, the
hands are used for climbing. Some participants may want a
safety belay. On snow, safety dictates the use of ice axes
and the ability to self-arrest.
E More exposed than M outings. Climbing on "Class 4"
terrain. Rock climbs will use a rope for all in the party. On
snow, steeper terrain than M outings is permissible, and
safety dictates the use of crampons.
T Technical outings requiring specialized skills as identified in
the sponsoring group’s safety policy.
Wednesday, January 01, 2014 7:00 PM
0409-Pasadena Group Club Support Event
Pasadena Group Monthly Meeting
Liz Pomeroy 626-791-7660 ewpomeroy@gmail.com
NOTE: Because of New Year’s Day, our monthly meeting will be held on January 8 this year.

Wednesday, January 01, 2014 7:30 PM
0405-Long Beach Group Club Support Event
Note: NO Monthly Meeting in January
Coby Skye 562-252-4196 coby@greens.org
Since the 1st Wednesday in January falls on New Year’s Day, we will be skipping our usual monthly meeting and holding our meeting in February instead. Happy New Year!

Thursday, January 02, 2014 8:30 AM
0458-Angeles Chp Wilderness Advntr Outing
O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Pt Mugu State Park
Doug Demers 805-419-4094 dougdemers@hotmail.com
Nancy Krupa 818-981-4799 nnkrupa@aol.com
Moderately paced 10.1-mile 1000’ gain hike past old windmill and on Upper Sycamore Canyon, Hidden, and Si Nombre trails. Possible small stream crossing. Break at Danielson Ranch. Half of elevation gain within 1 mi on return route. Meet 8:30 am at Wendy Drive and Potrero Rd parking area. From 101 Ventura Fwy in Newbury Park, take Wendy Dr exit, go south 2.8 mi on Wendy Dr to its end at Potrero Rd. Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, lug soles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels.

Thursday, January 02, 2014 6:30 PM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Irvine Conditioning Hikes
John C LaRue 949-661-4437 jclarue@cox.net
Jim Palmer 949-551-8912 james.palmer@computer.org
Ted Wright 949-856-2592 tednina@pixeloom.com
Karim Khoshab 949-559-1388 aamiry@anaheim.net
Susan Harris 949-559-4570 sueharris@cox.net
Frederick Lamb 949-350-6451 lambfred@yahoo.com
Donna Specht 714-963-6345 donnaspecht@juno.com
Easy/moderate/tiger-paced hikes, 4- to 7-mi rt on hilly trails. Bring water, light hiking boots. 405 Fwy, exit S at University/Jeffrey, L on Ridgeline, L on Turtle Rock, pass Sunnyhill, L into parking lot of Turtle Rock Community Park. Arrive about 15 minutes early to get a parking spot and sign in. Regular Tuesday/Thursday night conditioning hikes.

Thursday, January 02, 2014 6:30 PM
0408-Palos Verdes Group Outing
O: Conditioning Hike on Palos Verdes Peninsula
William Lavoie 310-378-8723 mrmplny@aol.com
Jacques Monier 310-320-1249 jmonier@pacbell.net
James Brooks Chadwick 310-544-0600 xcskiers@earthlink.net
Joyce White 310-383-5247
Zoltan Stroll 310-378-8975 zoli10@verizon.net
Not for beginners. 5-8 mi in 2 hours with many hills through various areas on the Peninsula. Multiple speed groups. Start in the slowest group and work your way up. (The faster groups may not be able to wait for anyone who cannot keep up.) Please come early so that everyone can sign the waiver by 6:30. Meet in the Peninsula Center parking lot near the SW corner of Hawthorne and Silver Spur.

Thursday, January 02, 2014 6:55 PM
0409-Pasadena Group Outing
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike
Pam Allen 626-296-6911 ezadorah@hotmail.com
Beth Powis Martin 626-396-9701 whmscll@gmail.com
Maureen Conn 626-862-6131 mauconn@aol.com
Keith Martin 626-396-9701 keithwmartin@sbcglobal.net
Ginny Heringer 626-793-4727 ginnyny@ix.netcom.com
Sponsored by Pasadena Group and Wilderness Adventures Section. A weekly 6-mile rt, 1400’ gain aerobic conditioning hike. Great views of LA Basin and the night sky. Meet 6:55 pm (we start promptly at 7 pm) every Thursday at gate at Pinecrest (from Pasadena, exit eastbound I-210 at Altadena Dr, N ½ mi to Crescent Dr, R to 2260 Pinecrest Dr; Altadena). Remember the neighbors, keep your voices down as we gather. Bring water, flashlight, sturdy shoes. Rain/landslides cancel.

Thursday, January 02, 2014 7:00 PM
0481-Angeles Chp Griffith Park Sctn Outing
O: Griffith Park Evening Conditioning Hikes
See Wednesday, January 1, for details.

Thursday, January 02, 2014 7:00 PM
0405-Long Beach Group Outing
O: Conditioning Hikes on Signal Hill (Tue and Thur)
Todd Williams http://angeles.sierraclub.org/longbch/
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John H 562-427-0809
Three hikes: Fast group, 5 mi, 800’ gain; fast-intermediate group, 4 mi, 700’ gain; moderate group, 3½ mi, 600’ gain. Well-behaved K9s welcome. Meet every Tue and Thu 7 pm at
Industry Ave and Redondo Ave. Bring water, lug soles; flashlight with red lens optional.

Friday, January 03, 2014 6:45 PM  
0415-West Los Angeles Group Outing  
O: Pacific Palisades Hike in Topanga State Park to Parker Mesa Overlook  
Edward Lubin 310-826-2750 edlubin@gmail.com  
Marshall Ratinoff 310-420-3600 lataxman@att.net  
David Haake 310-237-3447 dhaake@ucla.edu  
Joe Phillips 818-348-8884 recreationbyjoe@yahoo.com  
Spectacular view of Santa Monica Bay and LA Basin. Moderately strenuous conditioning hike for fit hikers. 2-hr, 5-mile round trip, 1100' total gain on fire road. Meet and sign in at 6:45 pm every Friday, Los Liones Drive at Sunset Blvd (0.3 mi from PCH). Carpool 1.5 miles to trail head. Lug soles. Bring flashlight. Optional dinner at restaurant after. Beach walk when there is a Red Flag Warning. Palisades Highlands sidewalk when it rains. Co-sponsored by the West Los Angeles Group and Sierra Singles Section.

Saturday, January 04, 2014 7:30 AM (Time Tentative)  
0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing  
O: Trail Maintenance in the San Mateo Canyon Wilderness  
John Kaiser 714-968-4677 jkai39@gmail.com  
The Santa Ana Mtn Task Force (Orange Cnty Group, Sierra Sage Group, San Gorgonio Chapter) maintains trails in the San Mateo Canyon Wilderness on a monthly basis. No experience is needed and tools are provided. Bring work gloves, sturdy boots, water, lunch. Trail locations are chosen monthly based on need. Contact leader to receive monthly email notices with specific details of each outing. Rain or critical fire danger will cancel the outing. Leader: John Kaiser; assistant: Michael Metcalf.

Saturday, January 04, 2014 8:00 AM  
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing  
O: Peters Canyon Regional Park Conditioning Hike  
Sharry Puraty 714-761-8761 spuratly@hotmail.com  
Mr Norman O Montgomery 557-0794  
Donna Meade 714-846-3969 donnammeade@gmail.com  
Shilo Bartlett 714-968-5099 shopper.shilo@socalrr.com  
Fast-paced conditioning hike, 6 mi RT, 700' gain. No beginners or tigers! From 5 Fwy, N on Jamboree, or from 55 Fwy E on Chapman. Take Canyon View into parking area. Bring water, hiking boots, $3 for parking or have permit. Rain cancels. (Important note: If park is closed, meet in Taco Bell parking lot, corner Chapman/Jamboree). Conditioning hike every Saturday. Arrive a few minutes early to sign in.

Saturday, January 04, 2014 8:30 AM  
0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing  
O: Santa Monica Mountains Trail Work  
Ronald Webster 310-559-3126  
Noel Bell 310-398-0774  
John Russell Marshall 951-898-4632 russmarshall13@gmail.com  
Volunteers (males and females) help build and maintain trails in the Santa Monica Mountains. 8:30 am to 2 pm (usually) each Sat (Oct – Jun). Tools and instructions provided. Rain cancels. For meeting time/place call leaders.

Saturday, January 04, 2014 9:00 AM  
0409-Pasadena Group Outing  
O: Hahamongna Update  
Donald G Bremner 626-794-2603 donbremner@earthlink.net  
Ginny Heringer 626-793-4727 ginnym@ix.netcom.com  
Join this tour of the upper Arroyo Seco north of Devils Gate Dam to see the varied habitat of this semi-natural area and learn of dramatic changes being planned, particularly the proposed excavation of huge amounts of sediment. (The public comment period on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for this project will end on Jan. 6.) Level hike of about 3 mi. This hike satisfies a half-day for the Environmental Education Requirement for I-rated leaders. Meet 9 am at parking lot next to softball field on west side of the arroyo (from Lincoln Ave. and Woodbury Rd. in Altadena, go W on Woodbury, which becomes Oak Grove Drive. Continue on Oak Grove as it rounds S end of Hahamongna basin to Foothill Blvd. entrance to Hahamongna Watershed Park. Turn right into park, follow park road to first left, go left downhill and bear right to parking lot next to softball field).

Saturday, January 04, 2014 to Sunday, January 05, 2014  
0488-Angeles Chp Harwood Lodge Social Event  
Join this tour of the upper Arroyo Seco north of Devils Gate Dam to see the varied habitat of this semi-natural area and learn of dramatic changes being planned, particularly the proposed excavation of huge amounts of sediment. (The public comment period on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for this project will end on Jan. 6.) Level hike of about 3 mi. This hike satisfies a half-day for the Environmental Education Requirement for I-rated leaders. Meet 9 am at parking lot next to softball field on west side of the arroyo (from Lincoln Ave. and Woodbury Rd. in Altadena, go W on Woodbury, which becomes Oak Grove Drive. Continue on Oak Grove as it rounds S end of Hahamongna basin to Foothill Blvd. entrance to Hahamongna Watershed Park. Turn right into park, follow park road to first left, go left downhill and bear right to parking lot next to softball field).

Sunday, January 05, 2014  
0489-Angeles Chp Harwood Lodge Social Event  
Bring flashlight. Optional dinner at restaurant after. Beach walk when there is a Red Flag Warning. Palisades Highlands sidewalk when it rains. Co-sponsored by the West Los Angeles Group and Sierra Singles Section.

Monday, January 06, 2014 7:00 PM  
0405-Long Beach Group Outing  
O: Conditioning Beach Walk (every Monday)  
Jeffrey Kenyon http://angeles.sierraclub.org/longbch/Navigation/people_leader_contacts.html  
Gaines Lyons bigbearlake1@peoplepc.com  
4–5 mi of brisk, fast-paced walking. Meet every Monday at 7 pm. Hikes start at Belmont Pier parking lot, S of Ocean Blvd at end of Termino St, near Belmont Pool side. Free parking after 6 pm. Flashlight optional.

Tuesday, January 07, 2014 8:30 AM  
0458-Angeles Chp Wilderness Advntr Outing  
O: Tue Moderate Easy Pace Hikers / Top of Reseda to Cathedral Rock:  
Pixie Klemic 818-787-5420 pklemic@roadrunner.com  
Virve Leps 310-477-9664 ants.leps@ca.rr.com  
Moderately paced 5-mile, 300’ gain hike along dirt Mulholland and fire roads through the chaparral of Topanga State Park. Valley views and glimpse of the Pacific, too! Meet 8:30 am at top of Reseda Blvd in Tarzana. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Reseda Blvd exit, turn south and go 3 miles to Mulholland Gateway Park. Choice to park along street below the white line at beginning of fee area or pay fee and park above. Meet

When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything in the Universe.

— John Muir, My First Summer in the Sierra, 1911, page 110
at trailhead at the top. Bring water, snacks, lug soles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels.

Tuesday, January 07, 2014 8:30 AM
0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing
O: Tue Conditioned Hikers/Santa Ynez Cyn, Musch Trail, Garapito Trail & Trailer Cyn
Maya Levinson 310-398-6344 mayasi@aol.com
Mike Louis 310-395-8432
Strenuous 14-mi, 2500' gain hike to Eagle Rock, Garapito Trail, and returning by Trailer Cyn. Meet at Santa Ynez trailhead (PCH to Sunset Bl, N ½ mi, L on Palisades Dr 2½ mi, L on Vereda de la Montura to the gate). Park free on street. Bring water, lunch, lug soles. Rain cancels.

Tuesday, January 07, 2014 9:00 AM
0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing
O: Tue Moderate Hikers / De Anza Park to Malibu Creek State Park
Margaret C Fields 310-839-8235
Willy Blumhoff 818-905-5558 blumhoff@sbcglobal.net
Moderate 11.7-mi loop, 1200' gain hike on Talapop, Phantom and connecting trails. Meet at 8 am at Pacific Palisades rideshare point or 9 am at De Anza Park (Las Virgenes Rd 1½ mi S of Ventura Fwy or ½ mi N of Mulholland Hwy, go NW on Lost Hills Rd ¼ mi to park on left. (Parking lot is free.) For shorter 9-mi version, make arrangements ahead with Margaret Fields. Rain cancels.

Tuesday, January 07, 2014 6:30 PM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Irvine Conditioning Hikes
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Tuesday, January 07, 2014 7:00 PM
0481-Angeles Chp Griffith Park Sctn Outing
O: Griffith Park Evening Conditioning Hikes
See Wednesday, January 1, for details.

Tuesday, January 07, 2014 7:00 PM
0405-Long Beach Group Outing
O: Conditioning Hikes on Signal Hill (Tue and Thur)
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Wednesday, January 08, 2014 9:00 AM
0407-Orange County Group Outing
O: Aliso Wood Grand Tour
Helen Maurer 949-768-0417 7gables@cox.net
Ed Maurer 949-768-0417 balois@cox.net
11.5 mi, 900' gain. Start the New Year right with great views and 3 parks. We’ll start at Canyon View and go up to Alta Laguna (Top of the World), then thru the houses and on to Moulton Meadows. From there we’ll leave the ridgeline and drop into Wood Cyn for our return. Meet 9 am at Canyon View Park in Aliso Viejo (from El Toro Rd, go S on Moulton Pkwy, R on Glenwood, uphill and over the toll rd where it becomes Pacific Park Dr, R on Canyon Vistas Dr to bottom of hill) with water, lunch, lug soles. Rain cancels. (For a shorter hike, hikers can sign out at Top of the World and go back, or take another trail – say, Mathis – back.)

Wednesday, January 08, 2014 6:30 PM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Puente Hills Conditioning Hike
Laura Franciosi 714-879-1760 lauraf99@hotmail.com
G. A. Johnson 626-333-0225 hiker626@hotmail.com
Bertha Padilla 909-980-6139
Regular Weekly Wednesday night Steve Feld Puente Hills Conditioning hike, 6:30-8:30 pm [OCSS, Puente Hills Task Force, LA 20's/30's, Rio Hondo]: Moderately paced 5- to 6-mile hike in the lush canyons of the Puente/Whittier Hills. Please, no beginners. Enjoy this Emerald City hike as the sun sets in the west. 700' gain up long switchbacks and trails with varying routes. Wear hiking boots and bring water. Rain cancels. Be prompt to enjoy the sunset. Meet at south end of 7th Avenue where street ends and turn right on Orange Grove to park on street. Use 7th Ave. exit off Pomona Fwy, go south to Orange Grove.

Wednesday, January 08, 2014 7:00 PM
0481-Angeles Chp Griffith Park Sctn Outing
O: Griffith Park Evening Conditioning Hikes
See Wednesday, January 1, for details.

Wednesday, January 08, 2014 7:00 PM
0409-Pasadena Group Club Support Event
Canada, Iceland, and Greenland by Dave Weeshoof at Pasadena Group Monthly Meeting
Liz Pomeroy 626-791-7660 ewpomeroy@gmail.com
Note: This meeting is one week later than usual due to New Year’s Day. Dave Weeshoof, president of San Fernando Valley Audubon Society, presents “Canada, Iceland and Greenland: Wildlife and native cultures in the Arctic north.” Information on group’s hikes, outings and conservation activities. Newcomers always welcome. Doors open at 7 pm, program at 7:15 pm at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, 1750 N Altadena Dr in NE Pasadena.

Wednesday, January 08, 2014 7:00 PM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Club Support Event
Wilderness Skills Monthly Course: First Aid in the Wilderness
Frances Penn 714-434-2754 fpenn@rutan.com
Todd Clark 714-803-0195 clarkta@hotmail.com
Sylvie Cote 949-547-2998 msylvie@hotmail.com
Come join us for this fun and informative evening series of monthly classes at REI in Tustin as we will be discussing subjects such as day hiking, backpacking, navigation, first aid, stoves, cooking and meal planning, sleeping and sheltering, emergencies and survival, gear selection, and more. All courses will be taught by experienced Sierra Club outing leaders. Whether you are a veteran hiker or camper or new to the sport, there will always be something new to learn and new people to meet and hike with. Feel safer and more comfortable going into the outdoors with this information that can be used immediately. This topic will be first aid and will cover the basic items first aid kits should contain, common environmental medical issues such as hypothermia, heat illness, dehydration, altitude, sunburn, poison oak, tick bites, GI problems when backpacking, common wilderness injuries such as wounds of all kinds, sprained ankle, not so common injuries such as snakebite, cardiac and breathing problems, how to respond to accidents, how and when to interface with
emergency medical services and search and rescue. The instructor for this session will be nurse Donna H. who also teaches the Wilderness First Aid class. Information will be available about upcoming hikes and events. Come and invest an hour or two of time. It might be the best investment that you have ever made. Meet REI Community Room, 2962 El Camino Real, Tustin, 92782.

Thursday, January 09, 2014 8:30 AM
0458-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Peters Canyon Regional Park Conditioning Hike
See Saturday, January 4, for details.

Saturday, January 11, 2014 7:00 AM
0468-Angeles Chp Leadership Training Outing
I: Navigation: Indian Cove Navigation Noodle
Robert M Myers 310-829-3177 rmyers@ix.netcom.com
Phil Wheeler 310-214-1873 phil.wheeler@sierraclub.org
Navigation noodle at Joshua Tree National Park to satisfy the Basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Sat for practice, skills refresher, altimeter, homework, campfire. Sun checkout. Send email/SASE, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to leader.

Thursday, January 09, 2014 8:00 AM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Griffith Park Evening Conditioning Hike
See Wednesday, January 1, for details.

Saturday, January 11, 2014 8:00 AM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Peters Canyon Regional Park Conditioning Hike
See Saturday, January 4, for details.

Thursday, January 09, 2014 6:30 PM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Thursday, January 09, 2014 7:00 AM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Griffith Park Evening Conditioning Hike
See Wednesday, January 1, for details.

Thursday, January 09, 2014 6:30 AM
0452-Angeles Chp Hundred Peaks Outing
O: Rattlesnake Peak (5826')
Christine Soskins 858-220-9697 csoskins@gmail.com
Bill Simpson 323-683-0959 simphome@yahoo.com
Jimmy Quan 323-257-9846 h2otigerjim@gmail.com
Bruce Craig 213-746-3563 craig3162@sbcglobal.net
Spend your Saturday morning working up an appetite for that evening’s HPS awards banquet. We’ll hike a steep 9 miles, with about 4100 feet of gain, in the San Gabriel Mountains. To finish in time for the banquet, plan on an early start and a moderate (but steady) pace. Bring extra clothing layers and the rest of the essentials. Contact leader for information.

Saturday, January 11, 2014 8:00 AM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Griffith Park Evening Conditioning Hike
See Saturday, January 4, for details.

Saturday, January 11, 2014 8:00 AM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Morgan Trail
John Kaiser 714-968-4677 jkai39@gmail.com
Michael Metcalf 499-492-6277 smetcalfo4@yahoo.com
10-mi round trip, 1000’ gain, moderate paced hike in the San Mateo Wilderness. Hike to Morrell Canyon for lunch in scenic grove of oaks and sycamores. Continue to South Main Divide where a clear day provides great views. Return same way. Meet 8:00 am at South Orange County rideshare or 8:30 am at FS San Juan Loop parking area across from Candy Store. Contact leader if you plan to meet at the trailhead. Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, lug soles. Adventure Pass required at trailhead. Rain cancels.

Saturday, January 11, 2014 8:30 AM
0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing
O: Santa Monica Mountains Trail Work
See Saturday, January 4, for details.

Saturday, January 11, 2014, to Sunday, January 12, 2014
0477-Angeles Chp Bicycle Touring Outing
Ventura to Refugio State Beach Pannier Ride
Jerry D Tate 626-248-8423 j_dtt@sbcglobal.net
Ron Frankiewicz 949-631-8071 ron42554@aol.com
Beautiful ride through the Santa Barbara foothills to camp at Refugio State Beach on Sat. Return Sun via coastal route with optional breakfast in Isla Vista. 57 miles per day, no sag support. Rain cancels. Registration required.

Saturday, January 11, 2014 9:00 AM
0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing
O: Temescal “Signal Booster” Hike
Robert J Baldwin 818-510-1274 rbaldwin@uclaextension.edu
Ron Rosien 310-474-0349 glendon3@aol.com
Moderately paced 8-mi, 2000’ gain loop hike in Temescal Gateway Park along trails and fire roads with options for some ridge rambling. Tremendous views of LA basin and the Pacific! Meet 9 am in the fee parking lot (first left after entering the park off Sunset at Temescal Canyon Road; free
Thousands of tired, nerve-shaken, over-civilized people are beginning to find out that going to the mountains is going home; that wildness is a necessity; and that mountain parks and reservations are useful not only as fountains of timber and irrigating rivers, but as fountains of life.

— John Muir, *Our National Parks*, 1901, chapter 1, page 1

Saturday, January 11, 2014 9:00 AM
0409-Pasadena Group Outing
O: La Cañada Trails Day
David Czamanske 626-458-8646 dczamanske@hotmail.com
Liz Pomeroy 626-791-7660 epwomeroy@gmail.com
Moderate 5-mi, 900’ gain loop hike in rolling hills of SE La Cañada with outstanding views of San Gabriel Mts. We’ll observe and discuss ongoing efforts of this city to protect and enhance its natural environment. Newcomers welcome. Meet 9 am parking lot of Community Ctr (4459 Chevy Chase Dr, La Cañada just S of Foothill Blvd) with water, lunch, sense of adventure. Rain cancels.

Saturday, January 11, 2014 5:00 PM
0452-Angeles Chp Hundred Peaks Social Event
HPS Annual Awards Banquet
Christine Soskins 858-220-9697 csoskins@gmail.com
Miss Alice Goldman 213-655-3944 eyebaliceg@sbcglobal.net
Come celebrate our accomplishments at the HPS’s annual awards banquet. This year’s speaker is Tom Harrison, of Tom Harrison Maps. He will present “Mapping the Mountains.” Harrison was a California State Parks ranger and has degrees in geography from Florida State University and San Francisco State University. Tom Harrison Maps has 66 maps in print, covering many of the wilderness areas and parks we love to explore in California. The banquet will be held at The Monrovia (534 South Myrtle Ave, Monrovia, CA 91016-2814). Happy hour will start at 5, and dinner will be served at 6:15.
To add some variety and satisfy our collective sweet tooth, we’re going to have a dessertpollut this year. If you are so inclined, bring a dessert to share (don’t worry, you can still partake even if you don’t contribute). Reserve your place by sending a check payable to HPS ($38 per person if received by 1/4/14, $43 per person thereafter) to reservationist: Alice Goldman, PO Box 481148, Los Angeles, CA 90048.

Sunday, January 12, 2014 7:00 AM (Time Tentative)
0468-Angeles Chp Leadership Training Outing
I: Navigation: Indian Cove Navigation Noodle
See Sunday, January 11, for details.

Sunday, January 12, 2014 9:00 AM
0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing
O: Annual Lemming Hike
Bill Crane 818-773-4601 bilguana@socal.rr.com
Joan Weaver 818-717-1946 hoansw@yahoo.com
Mary Ann Webster 310-559-3126 mawebster1984@sbcglobal.net
Ronald Webster 310-559-3126
Moderate 7-mi, 1000’ gain hike. Join us as we continue the long tradition of this “formerly-miserable” hike on fire roads and trails, this time with lunch at Parker Mesa Overlook. Car shuttle. Meet 9 am at end of Los Liones Dr (PCH N on Sunset Blvd ¼ mi, L on Los Liones to end). Rain cancels.

Sunday, January 12, 2014 9:00 AM
0416-Santa Clarita Valley Group Outing
O:Verdugo Hills Summit Ridge
Mary Ellen Dittemore 661-254-8543 maredittemore@yahoo.com
Ken Kern 661-259-8800
Slow to moderately paced hike, 5.5 mi, 1500’ gain around the south end of the Verdugo Hills. At the top we’ll have views of Burbank and the San Gabriels. Meet 9 am at Santa Clarita rideshare (entrance to Towsley Canyon) or 9:30 am at park-and-ride at 210 Freeway/Lowell Avenue in Glendale. Bring lunch and water. If you want to meet at trailhead, send leader an email.

Sunday, January 12, 2014 9:00 AM
0469-Angeles Chp Wilderness Training Outing
O: Conditioning Hike to Temescal Peak (2126’)
Gillian Bailey thatbaileygirl@gmail.com
Sarah Schu-Quist sarahschuh@gmail.com
Enjoy a moderately paced conditioning hike over a truly scenic stretch of the Santa Monica Mountains. The hike covers 7.5 miles rt and 1200’ gain to Temescal Peak, approximately 3 to 3.5 hours. Meet at 9 am at the entrance to the fire road at 1803 Michael Lane, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272. Wear sturdy hiking shoes, bring the 10 essentials (especially sunscreen and water since there is little shade), and a snack to enjoy at the summit. Rain does not cancel.

Sunday, January 12, 2014 3:30 PM
0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing
O: San Clemente K9 ridge line hike
Russ Brown 949-481-5295 russbrown3@cox.net
Sylvia Stevenson 949-487-2660 sylvia_stevenson@yahoo.com
Enjoy this ridgeline walk with panoramic views of the San Clemente back county and Dana Point. The trail is hilly and mostly paved. From I-5 go east 1 mile on Pico and turn right on Calle Amanecer. Go .3 mile and turn right on Calle Cordillera. Bring your friendly dog, water, hat. Rain cancels

Monday, January 13, 2014 6:30 PM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Club Support Event
Program: Earthwatch Expedition to Mongolia with Joe Young
Donna Specht 714-963-6345 donnaspecht@juno.com
Mr Charles G Geller 714-292-2352 eduright@aol.com
Sierra Club member Joe Young participated on an Earthwatch expedition in Mongolia in support of research into archaeology in Ikh Nart Nature Reserve. His program depicts the topography and environment of the reserve, how teams combed the desert floor looking for artifacts, some as small as a fingertip, mapping burial sites, living conditions at the camp site, and more. Newcomers welcome! 6:30 pm for social time, 7:00 pm program. Meet in the Community Room, REI, 2962 El Camino Real, Tustin Marketplace, CA 92782.

ANGELES CHAPTER SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

6 JANUARY - MARCH 2014
Monday, January 13, 2014 7:00 PM
0405-Long Beach Group Outing
Conditioning Beach Walk (every Monday)
See Monday, January 6, for details.

Tuesday, January 14, 2014 8:30 AM
0458-Angeles Chp Wilderness Advntr Outing
O: Tue Moderate Easy Pace Hikers / Tapia SP to Malibu Creek SP / Backbone Trail
Marcia Harris 310-828-6670 mhrharris35@verizon.net
Stephen Beck 818-346-5759 s_beck@pacbell.net
Moderately paced 500’ gain, 6.5-mile route from Tapia SP to Malibu Creek SP; visit the Rock Pool and Century Lake and return. Meet 8:30 am at Tapia Park. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Las Virgenes Rd exit and go about 4-1/4 miles south, passing Malibu Creek State Park. Enter Tapia Park just before Pliuma Rd; park in first parking area in fee lot. Bring 2 quarts water, snack, lug soles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels.

Tuesday, January 14, 2014 8:30 AM
0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing
O: Tue Conditioned Hikers / Satwiwa/Sycamore Canyon Loop from Via Goleta
Jeri Segal 310-391-3439 gssegal@earthlink.net
Ernest M Schueer 310-274-7987 ems728@gmail.com
Strenuous 13.5-mi, 2500’ gain loop on Old Boney Trail, Blue Canyon Trail, Upper Sycamore Canyon to Danielson Ranch and return. Meet at Via Goleta parking for Rancho Sierra Vista (101 to Lynn Rd in Thousand Oaks, exit S, 5½ mi to Via Goleta, L and continue ½ mi to Satwiwa parking lot). Park free in lot. Bring water, lunch, lug soles, rain cancels.

Tuesday, January 14, 2014 9:00 AM
0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing
O: Tue Moderate Hikers / Bienvenida to Will Rogers
Carol Leacock 310-454-4188 carol.leacock@verizon.net
Robert Cody 310-410-9172 bcodyman@aol.com
Moderate 8-mi rt, 1600’ gain hike to Temescal Cyn Pk and Will Rogers Park. Meet 9:00 am at end of Bienvenida Av (0.6 mi W of Temescal Cyn Rd on Sunset Blvd, 1 mi N on Bienvenida). Rain cancels.

Tuesday, January 14, 2014 6:30 PM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Irvine Conditioning Hikes
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Tuesday, January 14, 2014 6:30 PM
0452-Angeles Chp Hundred Peaks Club Support Event
HPS Management Committee Meeting
Bill Simpson 323-683-0959 simphome@yahoo.com
All are welcome to attend our bi-monthly management committee meeting to discuss the business side of the section and upcoming activities. Opportunities to become involved are available. The meeting begins at 6:30 pm via conference call. To receive access information to join in on the conference call, to have items added to the agenda, or to volunteer, please contact the HPS chair: Bill Simpson.

Tuesday, January 14, 2014 6:45 PM
0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing
O: Tue Tiger Hikers
William C Crane, Jr 818-773-4601 bilguana@socal.rr.com

JANUARY - MARCH 2014 7
Clemente. Our route begins at the trailhead on Via Cerro Rebal in San Juan and meanders through the hills above San Juan and San Clemente. We will have a fair amount of elevation gain, which is steep in a few places. We also have great views in all directions, both mountains and sea in places. Meet 8:30 am at the South Orange County rideshare point. Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, lug soles. Rain cancels.

Wednesday, January 15, 2014 6:30 PM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Puente Hills Conditioning Hike
See Wednesday, January 8, for details.

Thursday, January 16, 2014 8:30 AM
0456-Angeles Chp Wilderness Advntr Outing
O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Malibu Creek State Park
Nancy Krupa 818-981-4799 nkrupa@aol.com
Stephen Beck 818-346-5759 s_beck@pacbell.net
Moderately paced 8-mile 1000’ gain hike including Lookout Trail with great views, Century Lake, and Reagan picnic area. Meet 8:30 am at Cornell and Mulholland dirt parking area (from 101 Ventura Fwy take Kanan Rd, exit 36, south ½ mile, turn left on Cornell and veer to right continuing south 3 miles, past Paramount Ranch, to paved entrance of dirt parking area on east side of street just south of Mulholland Hwy). Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, lug soles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels.

Thursday, January 16, 2014 6:30 PM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Irvine Conditioning Hikes
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Thursday, January 16, 2014 6:55 PM
0409-Pasadena Group Outing
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Thursday, January 16, 2014 7:00 PM
0405-Long Beach Group Outing
O: Conditioning Hikes on Signal Hill (Tue and Thur)
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Friday, January 17, 2014 to Monday, January 20, 2014
0456-Angeles Chp Wildenerness Advntr Outing
I: MLK Weekend in Yosemite at Wawona
Keith Martin 626-396-9701 keithwmartin@sbcglobal.net
Beth Powis Martin 626-396-9701 whmscliff@gmail.com
Sharon Moore 562-494-3080 justslm@earthlink.net
James Hagar 818-243-6574 jhagar1@gmail.com
Rideshare Fri to stay in a cabin including transportation Fri – Sun, with shared motel room, all admissions, snacks, and driver gratuity. Join us for 3 days of skiing in the Mammoth area. Stay in comfortable condo, ski mountain or join local ski tour. Cost includes 3 nights’ comfortable condo, 2 dinners, happy hour, continental breakfast, $35 cancel fee before 12/15. Entire fee non-refundable after 12/15/13 without suitable replacement. Send 2 4’x9’ SASEs, home and work phones, $250 check w/SC# (Ski Mountaineers), $275 non-member to leader.

Friday, January 17, 2014 to Monday, January 20, 2014
0465-Angeles Chp Ski Mountaineers Outing
TI: Mammoth Ski/Backcountry Ski Touring
Tom Marsh 805-498-9580 qrtmoon@roadrunner.com
May Adachi 562-692-0150 madachi@teac.com
Join us for 3 days of skiing in the Mammoth area. Stay in comfortable condo, ski mountain or join local ski tour. Cost includes 3 nights’ comfortable condo, 2 dinners, happy hour, continental breakfast, $35 cancel fee before 12/15. Entire fee non-refundable after 12/15/13 without suitable replacement. Send 2 4’x9’ SASEs, home and work phones, $250 check w/SC# (Ski Mountaineers), $275 non-member to leader.

Saturday, January 18, 2014 to Monday, January 20, 2014
0408-Palos Verdes Group Outing
O: Death Valley National Park Bus Trip
Judy Shane 310-379-1111 judyshane@aol.com
David H Hixon 310-676-8848 dhixon2@socal.rr.com
Join us on one of the most spectacular trails in Death Valley National Park with hiking options ranging from 3 to 8 miles daily. Experience the showcase of American deserts where we will encounter unique geological formations of 1.8 billion-year-old metamorphic rocks and be surrounded by a panorama of rugged canyons and towering peaks. We stay two nights in the Furnace Creek Ranch, enjoying an Olympic-size swimming pool and nearby spa. Price includes bus, shared motel room, all admissions, snacks, and driver gratuity. Depart early Sat. from Redondo Beach (followed by OC pick up) and return Mon night. Cancellation penalty is $40, with balance refundable until 12/10/13, and then only if trip is full. Send 2 business-size SASEs, home and work phones, email, and check to PVSB Sierra Club for $290 to Dave Hixon, 15120 Polly Ave, Lawndale, CA 90260.

Saturday, January 18, 2014 8:00 AM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Peters Canyon Regional Park Conditioning Hike
See Saturday, January 4, for details.

Saturday, January 18, 2014 to Monday, January 20, 2014
0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing
I: MLK Jr. Day Holcomb Valley Snow Camping Trip (Big Bear Area)
Todd Clark 714-803-0195 clarkta@hotmail.com
Sylvie Cote 949-547-2998 msylvie@hotmail.com
Frances Penn 714-434-2754 fpenn@rutan.com
12 miles, 2000’ gain/loss over the three days. Celebrate MLK Jr. Day on snowshoes. On this adventure we will meet in the parking lot of the Big Bear Discovery Center and will take public transportation to the departure point. From there we will backpack on plowed roads or off trail 4 miles to Holcomb Valley and set up camp. Possible Saturday exploration around camp, happy hour. Sunday we will explore Holcomb Valley on Snowshoes. Monday (MLK Day) break camp and return to meet up with pre-arranged ride back to parking lot. Bring two $5 bills for transportation. Must be comfortable hiking and camping in the snow, and at altitude (the entire trip will take place at or around 7,000’ above sea level). Outing is to be considered strenuous based upon conditions, altitude, and distance. Interested participants should submit a hiking resume (showing recent hiking at altitude). Vehicles must display USFS Adventure Pass at the Discovery Center.
Sunday, January 18, 2014 8:30 AM
0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing
O: Santa Monica Mountains Trail Work
See Saturday, January 4, for details.

Saturday, January 18, 2014 9:00 AM
0407-Orange County Group Outing
La Vita hike
Eric Johnson 714-524-7763 ericsj@mindspring.com
Fred Reed 714-528-4841 fkreed@msn.com
Hike a remote and relatively unknown loop through the back hills of Breia in the Chino Hills State Park. A 4-mi loop, 1100’ gain, along a trail crossing Sonome Creek. Meet 9:00 am in Olinda Village at 200 Verbena Ln (and Olinda Dr – not Place) off Carbon Canyon Rd). Bring water, a snack, and sturdy shoes. Rain within 48 hours cancels. Organized by the Puente-Chino Hills Task Force.

Saturday, January 18, 2014 9:00 AM
0480-Angeles Chp Lower Peaks Outing
I: Arrowhead Peak (4,234’)
Marlen Mertz 310-990-7643 mbmertz@aol.com
Wayne Vollaire 909-595-5855 avollaire1@verizon.net
Laura Franciosi 714-879-1760 lauraf999@hotmail.com
David Comerzan 909-482-0173 comerzan@verizon.net
4 miles R/T with 500’ gain and 1,200’ loss one way in the San Bernardino National Forest. After Sat scaling Arrowhead Peak, leaders will tackle Harrison Mountain, hiking up a steep firebreak. Contact leader Marlen for meeting time and location.

Saturday, January 18, 2014 9:30 AM
0464-Angeles Chp Sierra Singles Outing
O: Venice Beach Canals and Boardwalk
Bob Dean 310-539-9561 bobd424@hotmail.com
Gernie Montooth 818-761-7490 gerniem@sbcglobal.net
Socially paced, 3-mi rt. Walk the colorful boardwalk and along Venice Beach’s unique canals, learning about their unusual history. See unique shops, unusual businesses, muscle beach pavilion, local artists, street vendor displays and colorful people. Optional lunch to follow at variety of snack shops. Approx. 3 hrs. Meet 9:30 am on corner of Washington Blvd and Ocean Front Walk. This is where Washington Blvd ends at the beach. Street and public parking lots available nearby. Dress for weather. Wear walking shoes and sun protection. Bring water, money for parking and lunch. Rain cancels

Sunday, January 19, 2014 8:30 AM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Social Event Lunch and La Mirada Symphony
Fred Lazzelle Jr 714-870-4469 ferdlazz@yahoo.com
Join us for lunch and socializing. Meet 12 noon at the Sizzler, 15252 Rosecrans in La Mirada or at the theater (14900 La Mirada Blvd) for the 3 pm performance. Please bring a few dollars to support the symphony, which continues to offer free concerts to all.

Sunday, January 19, 2014 3:15 PM (Time Tentative)
0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing
O: Crystal Cove Sunset Hike (Sierra Sage, Easy Hikers)
Michael Sappingfield 949-768-3610 mikesapp@cox.net
John Kaiser 714-968-4677 jkai39@gmail.com

Ten Essentials to Carry With You on a Hike
- Map
- Compass
- Flashlight (with spare batteries and bulb)
- Extra food and water
- Extra clothing
- Pocket knife
- Fire starter
- Matches (in waterproof container)
- Sunglasses and sunscreen
- First aid kit

ANGELES CHAPTER SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES
A “Mike’s Hike” of 4 mile round trip, 100’ gain. Enjoy a late afternoon beach walk, pausing at Pelican Point to view the sunset. Meet 3:15 pm at North parking lot. Enter Crystal Cove Park opposite Newport Coast Drive, turn right after the tollbooth, and continue to farthest north parking area. Bring water, $$ for parking fee. Rain cancels.

Monday, January 20, 2014 7:00 PM
0405-Long Beach Group Outing
Conditioning Beach Walk (every Monday)
See Monday, January 6, for details.

Tuesday, January 21, 2014 8:00 AM
0458-Angeles Chp Wilderness Advntr Outing
O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Ahmanson Ranch
(Upper Las Virgenes
Rita Okowitz 818-889-9924 apthealth@hotmail.com
Pixie Klemic 818-787-5420 pklemic@roadrunner.com
Moderately paced 5-mile hike with 700’ gain. Enjoy our recently acquired Santa Monica Mtns Conservancy land at the edge of the Simi Hills. Hike the rolling grasslands hills of oaks and coastal sage and visit the old ranch house at Lasky Mesa. Meet 8:30 am at Victory trailhead. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Valley Circle Bl, exit and go north to Victory Bl, about 2 miles. Turn left on Victory, go 1/2 mi to fee parking area. Bring water, snack, lug soles, hat, sunscreen. Muddy when wet. Rain cancels.

Tuesday, January 21, 2014 8:30 AM
0490-Angeles Chp SMMFT Subcom Outing
O: Tue Conditioned Hikers / Temescal Cyn Loop via Temescal High Trail
David Finch 310-450-4102 davidmfinch@mac.com
Jeri Segal 310-391-3439 gssegal@earthlink.net
Strenuous 13-mi, 2800’ gain loop hike into Topanga Cyn Park via the seldom-used Temescal High Trail to Rogers Rd. Return via Temescal Ridge Trail. Meet at Bienveneda Av and Via Floresta (Sunset Bl ½ mi W of Temescal Cyn Rd, N 1.1 mi on Bienvenedena). Park on street, watch signs. Bring water, lunch, lug soles. Rain cancels.

Tuesday, January 21, 2014 9:00 AM
0490-Angeles Chp SMMFT Subcom Outing
O: Tue Moderd Hikers / Parker Mesa Overlook (1530’)
Hannelore Suddeth 310-370-3008 hannesudds@gmail.com
Margaret C Fields 310-839-8235 luvpitbull@sbcglobal.net
Moderate 7 mi rt, 1500’ gain hike on steep trails from Los Liones Cyn to panoramic overlook above the Pacific. Meet 9 am end of Los Liones Dr (PCH N on Sunset Blvd ¼ mi, L on Los Liones to end). Rain cancels.

Tuesday, January 21, 2014 6:30 PM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Irvine Conditioning Hikes
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Tuesday, January 21, 2014 6:45 PM
0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing
O: Tue Tiger Hikers
See Tuesday, January 14, for details.

Tuesday, January 21, 2014 7:00 PM
0405-Long Beach Group Outing
O: Conditioning Hikes on Signal Hill (Tue and Thur)
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Wednesday, January 22, 2014 7:30 AM
0414-Verdugo Hills Group Social Event
Monthly Meeting Audubon Program
Delphine Trowbridge 818-558-7722 dtrowbridge36@sbcglobal.com
The Verdugo Hills group is pleased to present Sierra Club, SFV Audubon Society, National Wildlife Federation and Nature Conservancy member Alan Pollack, who will present a program titled “Restoring Habitat, One Yard at a Time.” He will discuss how individuals and institutions can create gardens that are attractive to wildlife as well as humans with the goal of preserving and restoring wildlife habitat in our busy urban environment. Everyone is welcome at 7:00 for social time and refreshments. The meeting begins at 7:30 in the community room of Montrose Citibank (2350 Honolulu Ave, Montrose). There’s plenty of parking, enter in the back.

Wednesday, January 22, 2014 9:00 AM
0407-Orange County Group Outing
Sierra Sage O: Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park
Garry McCoppin 949-858-7292 mccoppin@cox.net
Chester Stipe 949-697-1985 chetbar@cox.net
5-mi loop, 500’ gain, moderate hike. A series of hill and canyon trails in the eastern area, to and from Four Corners. Enjoy shady oak and sycamore areas, vistas and possibly, deer. Meet 9:00 am at the park entrance parking lot on Glenn Ranch Rd, between Portola Pkwy and El Toro in Lake Forest. Bring water, lug soles, hat, snack. Rain cancels. Parking $3.

Wednesday, January 22, 2014 6:30 PM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Puente Hills Conditioning Hike
See Wednesday, January 8, for details.

Thursday, January 23, 2014 8:30 AM
0458-Angeles Chp Wilderness Advntr Outing
O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Placerita Cyn, Pinetos Trail
Mimi Knights 661-253-3414
Norm Stabeck 818-236-3884 normstabeck1945@yahoo.com
Moderately paced 9-mile 1700’ gain hike starting in Placerita Canyon Park with shaded oak groves and a willow and sycamore-lined seasonal stream, to Walker Ranch and then up the Pinetos trail to Wilson Canyon Saddle. Meet 8:30 am at Placerita Nature Center parking lot. From Hwy 14 in Newhall, take Placerita Cyn Rd, exit 3, and go east 1½ miles to park entrance. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lug soles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels.

Thursday, January 23, 2014 6:30 PM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Irvine Conditioning Hikes
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Thursday, January 23, 2014 6:55 PM
0409-Pasadena Group Outing
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

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Thursday, January 23, 2014 7:00 PM
0405-Long Beach Group Outing
O: Conditioning Hikes on Signal Hill (Tue and Thur)
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Friday, January 24, 2014 to Sunday, January 26, 2014
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
I: Mammoth Winter Sports Bus Trip
Mark Fleming 626-712-3671 mffmpeg@earthlink.net
Donna Specht 714-963-6345 donnaspecht@juno.com
Homer Tom hikerhomie@gmail.com
Michael Dodson 714-529-6020 phyllisd42@att.net
Todd Clark 714-803-0195 clarkta@hotmail.com
Sylvie Cote 949-547-2998 mlsylvie@hotmail.com
Join OCSS for an awesome weekend adventure. This trip has it all: Learn to cross-country ski in the backcountry with experienced instructors; enjoy backcountry ski touring and snowshoe touring with leaders; XC ski on your own at Tamarack Nordic Ski Center; Downhill ski or snowboard on Mammoth Mtn. Stay at Quality Inn (2 per rm, 2 beds, priv. bath) close to shopping, night life, free shuttles. Leave O.C. 2:00 pm with pickup in San Fernando Valley. Return O.C. Sun. 10:00 pm. Includes bus, lodging, breakfasts, happy hour, Sun dinner and bus refreshments. Send email address (or 2 SASEs), phone #, $305 w/SC# or $320 non-member (OCSS) to reserve: Donna Specht, 22221 Wood Island Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92646.

Saturday, January 25, 2014 7:45 AM
0405-Long Beach Group Outing
O: Echo Mtn, Inspiration Point, Muir Peak (4688')
John H 562-427-0809
Duane Gates 562-598-6078 mdg8z@yahoo.com
Hike the Sam Merrill trail to the historic railway and resort site at Echo Mountain, then up Castle Canyon to Inspiration Point, and on to Muir Peak. Return by Middle Merrill trail, 12-mi round trip, 2900’ gain. Meet 7:45 am at Long Beach rideshare point or 9 am at north end of Lake Ave in Altadena with minimum 2 liters water, lunch, lug-soled hiking boots, hat. Contact leader for alternate meeting point. Heavy rain cancels.

Saturday, January 25, 2014 8:00 AM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Peters Canyon Regional Park Conditioning Hike
See Saturday, January 4, for details.

Saturday, January 25, 2014 8:30 AM
0409-Pasadena Group Outing
O: Mt Lukens (5066') from Deukmejian Park
Norm Stabek 818-236-3884 normstabeck1945@yahoo.com
Gary Kinsley 626-289-2921 garykinsley@sbcglobal.net
Moderately paced 10-mi, 2900’ gain hike to the highest point in the City of Los Angeles. Great views in all directions. Meet 8:30 Deukmejian Park. (Exit 210 Freeway at Pennsylvania Ave., go N … up the hill … to Foothill Blvd; turn W (left) on Foothill, go two signals to Dunsmore Ave; go N (right) on Dunsmore Ave to Markridge Ave.; go E (right) Markridge Ave approx. one block. The park entrance is on the left. Bring min. two quarts of water, lunch, hiking boots, suitable clothing layers. Not suitable for beginners. Rain cancels.

Saturday, January 25, 2014 8:30 AM
0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing
O: Santa Monica Mountains Trail Work
See Saturday, January 4, for details.

Saturday, January 25, 2014 9:30 AM
0414-Verdugo Hills Group Social Event
O: The Nethercutt Museum and Collection
Evelyn Alexander 818-843-0920 alexander837@sbcglobal.net
David Eisenberg
Tour the amazing Nethercutt Museum and Collection, see the museum’s eclectic collection of vintage automobiles, dolls, silver, and mechanical musical instruments. Bring $ for lunch. Wear comfortable shoes. Space limited, send SASE/email address to Evelyn Alexander.

Sunday, January 26, 2014 5:00 PM (Time Tentative)
0463-Angeles Chp Sierra Peaks Social Event
SPS Annual Banquet
Eric Scheidemantle 310-820-6869 shidesthewise@zoho.com
Save the date! The SPS Banquet will be held at Taix. Peter Croft will be the featured speaker.

Monday, January 27, 2014 7:00 PM
0405-Long Beach Group Outing
Conditioning Beach Walk (every Monday)
See Tuesday, January 6, for details.

Tuesday, January 28, 2014 8:30 AM
0458-Angeles Chp Wilderness Advnt Outing
O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Wilson Canyon Exploratory
Pixie Klemic 818-787-5420 pklemic@roadrunner.com
Let’s explore some trails in this SM Mts Conservancy Park with its magnificent oak area and chaparral canyons with great SF valley views. Approx 4-5 miles, possible 800’ gain. Meet 8:30 am at Wilson Cyn Park trailhead. From the Golden State/I-5 Fwy in Sylmar, take the Roxford exit north past the 210 Freeway, turning north to Olive View Dr. Drive past the main hospital and the four-way stop at Bledsoe St. The park entrance road is located approximately 200 yards east of Bledsoe, just before Fenton Ave. Pay parking fee near entrance, then proceed to trailhead parking at the northwest terminus of the entry road. Bring 2 qts water, snack, lug soles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels.
Tuesday, January 28, 2014 8:30 AM
0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing
O: Tue Conditioned Hikers/Malibu Creek State Park, King Gillette Ranch
Jon Sheldon 805-496-4371 jonfromto@gmail.com
Mike Louis 310-395-8432
Strenuous 14 mi, 2500’ gain hike in Malibu Creek State Park, including Liberty Canyon trails with lunch in King Gillette Ranch. Meet at Cornell Rd just S of Mulholland Hwy (101 to Kanan Rd, S 0.4 mi, L on Cornell Rd, 2.3 mi, L on first road after Mulholland Hwy, L into parking). Park free in dirt lot. Bring water, lunch, lug soles. Rain cancels.

Tuesday, January 28, 2014 9:00 AM
0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing
O: Tue Moderate Hikers / Leo Carrillo Beach to Nicholas Flat
Catherine Froloff 310-821-4123 cfrolf@ca.rr.com
David Finch 310-450-4102 davidmfinch@mac.com
Moderately paced 8-mi rt, 1800’ gain hike. Meet 8:15 am Pacific Palisades rideshare point or 9:00 am in the Leo Carrillo State Park parking lot. Park in the lot (fee, or free with an appropriate California State Park parking pass) or on PCH (free). Rain cancels.

Tuesday, January 28, 2014 6:30 PM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Irvine Conditioning Hikes
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Tuesday, January 28, 2014 6:45 PM
0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing
O: Tue Tiger Hikers
See Tuesday, January 14, for details.

Tuesday, January 28, 2014 7:00 PM
0405-Long Beach Group Outing
O: Conditioning Hikes on Signal Hill (Tue and Thur)
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Tuesday, January 28, 2014 7:00 PM
0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Club Support Event
Open House
Patty Sappingfield 949-768-3610 solanese@cox.net
Join us at our annual open house and Chili Cookoff for the Sierra Sage Group of the Sierra Club. This is your opportunity to learn more about the Sierra Sage Group and the Sierra Club’s various activities, hikes, camping trips, environmental and conservation efforts and many more. Enjoy the exhibits and demonstrations and get all your questions answered. There is even a Chili Cookoff Contest to indulge everyone’s appetite. Old members, new members, non-members – you are all invited. Everyone is invited to join in the Chili Cookoff contest and win prizes, or just enjoy the chilli and vote on the best. While at the meeting, if you are not already a Sierra Club member, you will have the opportunity to join and get a free gift. Meeting will begin at 7:00 pm at the Norman Murray Community Center, 24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo, CA. For information on the open house, the Chili Cookoff, or just directions, contact Patty Sappingfield

Wednesday, January 29, 2014 9:00 AM
0407-Orange County Group Outing
S Sage O: Crystal Cove Beach Walk
Peter R Height 949-713-4569 prheight1@cox.net
Gail Roy 949-854-3820 gfray@uci.edu
7 mi, 100’ gain. Join us for a stroll along the beach and bluff top in this beautiful State Park in Newport Beach. Optional stop at Ruby’s Date Shack. Meet 9:00 am at the SW corner of PCH and Cameo Shores. Park on Cameo Shores or Cameo Highlands. Bring water, walking shoes. Rain cancels.

Wednesday, January 29, 2014 6:30 PM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Puente Hills Conditioning Hike
See Wednesday, January 8, for details.

Thursday, January 30, 2014 8:30 AM
0458-Angeles Chp Wilderness Advntr Outing
O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Trippet Ranch, Musch Trail, Eagle Rock Loop
Ted Mattock 818-222-5581 mattock4@charter.net
Stephen Beck 818-346-5759 s_beck@pacbell.net
Moderately paced 7-mile 1200’ gain hike in Topanga State Park. Meet 8:30 am at Trippet Ranch parking lot (from 101 Ventura Fwy take Topanga Canyon Blvd, exit 27, south to Entrada Rd, turn left (east), go about one mile making two left turns to stay on Entrada Rd, and park along Entrada Rd outside lot or pay to park in lot). Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lug soles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels.

Thursday, January 30, 2014 6:30 PM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Irvine Conditioning Hikes
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Thursday, January 30, 2014 6:55 PM
0409-Pasadena Group Outing
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Thursday, January 30, 2014 7:00 PM
0405-Long Beach Group Outing
O: Conditioning Hikes on Signal Hill (Tue and Thur)
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Ten Essentials to Keep in the Car

Water, pack, boots
Spare motor oil and tools
Spare clothes and personal items
Extra car keys outside car
Jumper cables
Car jack
Tow cable and shovel
Maps
Alarm clock
Blanket or tarp to cover visible items
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Saturday, February 01, 2014 6:00 AM (Time Tentative)
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
I: High Desert Pictograph Hike, Joshua Tree NP
   Diane Dunbar 818-248-0455 dianedunbar@charter.net
   Frances Penn 714-434-2754 fpenn@rutan.com

Moderately strenuous all-day 7-mi, approx 400’ hard-won gain/loss with steep cross-country desert slopes and boulder scrambling in cactus filled brushy area to see two outstanding pictograph sites. Led at a deliberate pace with limited breaks. Group camping available in conjunction with Feb 2 Elton Mine, Eagle Cliff Mine and Desert Queen Mine trip led by Frances Penn. Conditioned hikers please contact leader.

Saturday, February 01, 2014 7:30 AM (Time Tentative)
0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing
O: Trail Maintenance in the San Mateo Canyon Wilderness
See Saturday, January 4, for details.

Saturday, February 01, 2014 8:00 AM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Peters Canyon Regional Park Conditioning Hike
See Saturday, January 4, for details.

Saturday, February 01, 2014 8:30 AM
0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing
O: ork
See Saturday, January 4, for details.

Saturday, February 01, 2014 9:00 AM
0409-Pasadena Group Outing
O: Mt Fuji (3600’)
  Pam Allen 626-296-6911 ezadorah@hotmail.com
  Norm Stabeck 818-236-3884 normstabeck1945@yahoo.com

Brought to you by Pasadena Group and Wilderness Adventures. No, you do not need your passport for this 10-mi, 2500’ gain hike for great views over the Los Angeles basin. “Mt Fuji” is the unofficial name given to a ridge above the Henninger Flats/Mt Wilson Toll Road. On our return trip we will stop at the Henninger Flats museum so you can learn about history of the area. Meet 9 am at gate at Pinecrest (exit 210 Fwy at Altaadena Dr, N ½ mi to Crescent Dr, R to Pinecrest – on weekends you must park on Crescent Drive) with Asian-inspired food item to share, hiking boots, water, clothing layer layers. Rain/fire cancels.

Sunday, February 02, 2014 6:00 AM (Time Tentative)
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
I: Elton Mine, Eagle Cliff Mine and Desert Queen Mine (4,300’), Joshua Tree NP
   Frances Penn 714-434-2754 fpenn@rutan.com
   Diane Dunbar 818-248-0455 dianedunbar@charter.net
   (OCSS, HPS) Join us to explore these historic mines in Joshua Tree National Park, 6-mile round trip, 300’ gain. We will meet Sunday morning at the intersection of Park Blvd and Desert Queen Mine Road/Geology Tour Road. We will explore our cross-country route to Elton Mine and Eagle Cliff Mine while we imagine the miners trying to make a living using the mining equipment left around the Desert Queen Mine area. Group camping available in conjunction with Feb 1 High Desert Pictograph hike led by Diane Dunbar. Send hiking resume to leader.

Sunday, February 02, 2014 7:00 AM (Time Tentative)
0468-Angeles Ch Leadership Training Outing
I: Navigation: Mt. Pinos Navigation Practice on Snowshoes
   Robert M Myers 310-829-3177 rmmyers@ix.netcom.com
   Adrienne Benedict 805-374-1960 sierradrienne@verizon.net
   Ann Pedreschi 818-637-2542 apedreschi@sbcglobal.net
   Jane Simpson 310-476-3059 jsimple@earthlink.net

Ever wonder what it is like to navigate in snow? Find out on this navigation practice as we take a cross-country route to Mount Pinos (8831’). Four miles round trip, 700 feet gain. Snowshoes required. Send email/SASE, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to leader.

Sunday, February 02, 2014 9:00 AM
0416-Santa Clarita Valley Group Outing
O: Rice Canyon to Oak Tree
   Dr Henry Schultz 661-284-5613 henry50@pacbell.net
   Edward J Benison 661-254-7517

Easy 3-mile hike up Rice Canyon to old Oak Tree. 200-ft elevation gain with several small stream crossings. Check out the native plant garden. Meet at the entrance to East Canyon app, one-half mile south of Towsley Canyon Park on the Old Road in Santa Clarita. Free parking on the Old Road. Bring water and snack. Suitable for easy hikers and little hikers. Rain cancels.

Monday, February 03, 2014 7:00 PM
0405-Long Beach Group Outing
O: Conditioning Beach Walk (every Monday)
See Monday, January 6, for details.

Tuesday, February 04, 2014 8:30 AM
0458-Angeles Chp Wilderness Advntr Outing
O: Tue Moderate Easy Pace Hikers / Newton Canyon (W) / Backbone Trail
   Rita Okowitz 818-889-9924 aphealth@hotmail.com
   Pixie Klemic 818-787-5420 pklemic@roadrunner.com

Moderately paced 5-mile, 800’ gain hike into Zuma Canyon on a scenic trail through oak woodlands and chaparral. Meet 8:30 am Newton Canyon Trailhead. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Kanan Rd exit, go south on Kanan Rd approx 8 miles to paved trailhead parking area on west side just north of Tunnel 1 (3rd tunnel from 101, about 1½ miles past Mulholland Hwy; 4½ mi. north of PCH). Bring water, snack, lug soles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels.

Tuesday, February 04, 2014 8:30 AM
0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing
O: Tue Conditioned Hikers / Malibu Cyn/Las Virgenes Rd to Saddle Pk
   Ken Star 323-931-6343 ken3star@gmail.com
   Ernest M Scheuer 310-274-7987 ems728@gmail.com

Moderate level 13-mi, 3300’ gain hike along the Backbone Trail from Malibu Cyn/Las Virgenes to lunch on Saddle Peak and return. Meet at corner of Malibu Cyn/Las Virgenes and Piuma Rd. (101 to Las Virgenes Rd, S 4.9 mi, or PCH to Malibu Cyn Rd, N 4.7 mi). Park free in dirt lot at the SE corner of Malibu
Cyn/Las Virgenes and Piuma Rd. Bring water, lunch, lug soles. Rain cancels.

Tuesday, February 04, 2014 9:00 AM
0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing
O: Tue Moderate Hikers/ Tri Peaks (3010')
Catherine Frolloff 310-821-4123 cfrolloff@ca.rr.com
Margaret C Fields 310-839-8235
Moderately paced 9-mi loop, 1500’ gain hike on Boney Mountain scenic trails past Balanced, Split and Echo rocks. Meet 8:00 am Pacific Palisades rideshare point or 9:00 am at Mishe Mokwa trailhead (PCH 24 mi W of Malibu Cyn Rd; 7 mi on winding Yerba Buena Rd to R side parking area – 2 mi past Ranger Station). Rain cancels.

Fresh beauty opens one’s eyes wherever it is really seen, but the very abundance and completeness of the common beauty that besets our steps prevents its being absorbed and appreciated. It is a good thing, therefore, to make short excursions now and then to the bottom of the sea among dulse and coral, or up among the clouds on mountain-tops, or in balloons, or even to creep like worms into dark holes and caverns underground, not only to learn something of what is going on in those out-of-the-way places, but to see better what the sun sees on our return to common everyday beauty.

— John Muir, The Mountains of California, 1894, chapter 15

Tuesday, February 04, 2014 6:30 PM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Irvine Conditioning Hikes
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Tuesday, February 04, 2014 6:45 PM
0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing
O: Tue Tiger Hikers
See Tuesday, January 14, for details.

Tuesday, February 04, 2014 7:00 PM
0405-Long Beach Group Outing
O: Conditioning Hikes on Signal Hill (Tue and Thur)
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Wednesday, February 05, 2014 8:30 AM
0407-Orange County Group Outing
Sierra Sage O: Caspers/East Ridge
Bob Hansen 949-586-4928 awildtrout@cox.net
Audrey Tomovich 949-830-8936
7 miles, 700’ gain. Our route starts at the corral trailhead and meanders through oak groves to meet Bell Cyn Trail, which will take us N to our junction with the Oso Trail. We head E to climb East Ridge where we find excellent views of the Cleveland Nat’l Forest. We follow the E Ridge to Quail Run Trail and descend back to our lunch spot under spreading oaks. Meet 8:30 am at South Orange County rideshare point with 2 quarts water, lunch/snack, lug soles. Rain within 3 days cancels.

Wednesday, February 05, 2014 6:30 PM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Puente Hills Conditioning Hike
See Wednesday, January 8, for details.

Wednesday, February 05, 2014 7:00 PM
0409-Pasadena Group Club Support Event
Pasadena Group Monthly Meeting
Liz Pomeroy 626-791-7660 epomeroy@gmail.com
Illustrated conservation/outing program. Information on group’s hikes, outings and conservation activities. New-comers always welcome. Doors open at 7 pm, program at 7:15 pm at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, 1750 N Altadena Dr in NE Pasadena. For information contact group membership chair, Elizabeth Pomeroy

Wednesday, February 05, 2014 7:30 PM
0405-Long Beach Group Club Support Event
Feb. Monthly Meeting and Presentation
Coby Skye 562-252-4196 coby@greens.org
Join us at our monthly Sierra Club meeting for an excellent presentation on a topic to be announced. Topics range from amazing travelogues from our members to environmental issues, local authors to political topics. You don’t want to miss it so make sure to put the first Wednesday of the month on your calendar.

Thursday, February 06, 2014 8:30 AM
0458-Angeles Chp Wilderness Advntr Outing
O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Caballero Canyon to Eagle Rock
Reaven Gately 661-255-8873 reavengately@yahoo.com
Nancy Krupa 818-981-4799 nrkupa@aol.com
Moderately paced 8- to 10-mile hike in northern Topanga State Park. Meet 8:30 am at Caballero trailhead in Tarzana (from 101 Ventura Fwy take Reseda Blvd, exit 23, go south 2 miles to east side across from Braemar Country Club entrance). Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, lug soles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels.

Thursday, February 06, 2014 6:30 PM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Irvine Conditioning Hikes
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Thursday, February 06, 2014 6:55 PM
0409-Pasadena Group Outing
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Thursday, February 06, 2014 7:00 PM
0405-Long Beach Group Outing
O: Conditioning Hikes on Signal Hill (Tue and Thur)
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Friday, February 07, 2014 6:45 PM
0415-West Los Angeles Group Outing
O: Pacific Palisades Hike in Topanga State Park to Parker Mesa Overlook
See Friday, January 3, for details.
**ANGELAS CHAPTER SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

**Saturday, February 08, 2014 7:00 AM**
**0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing**
I: Snow Valley Backcountry Ski Tour
Mark Alan Mitchell 818-753-9328 markamitchell@att.net
Keith Martin 626-396-9701 keithwmartin@sbcglobal.net
Moderate 4+ mile day ski in the San Bernardino Mountains.
Beginners who have had at least a couple days’ prior ski experience welcome! We will break our own trail on a route that will depend on participants’ skill level; if conditions warrant we may play a bit on slopes. Metal-edged, backcountry skis and backcountry boots highly recommended. Rental skis should be available at nearby RimRoc ski center although this gear may not be ideal for backcountry. Bring winter clothing, water, lunch. No snow or likely blizzard cancel trip. Send e-mail or phone leader with experience level/conditioning for trip details including early-morning meeting point in the 2 weeks before trip.

**Saturday, February 08, 2014 8:00 AM**
**0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing**
O: Peters Canyon Regional Park Conditioning Hike
See Saturday, January 4, for details.

**Saturday, February 08, 2014 8:30 AM**
**0409-Pasadena Group Outing**
O: Orchard Camp
Norm Stabeck 818-236-3884 normstabeck1945@yahoo.com
Pam Allen 626-296-6911 ezadorah@hotmail.com
Brought to you by Pasadena Group and Wilderness Adventures Section. Moderately paced 9-mi, 2,000’ gain hike. Meet 8:30 at the intersection of Mira Monte Ave and Mt Wilson Trail Dr in Sierra Madre with water, lunch, hiking boots, suitable clothing layers. This is a popular trailhead, and parking is limited. Rain cancels.

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**Saturday, February 08, 2014 8:30 AM**
**0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing**
O: Santa Monica Mountains Trail Work
See Saturday, January 4, for details.

**Saturday, February 08, 2014 9:00 AM**
**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing**
O: O’Neill Park, Vista Point Early Wildflower Hike
Garry McCoppin 949-858-7292 mccoppin@cox.net
Chester Stipe 949-363-1142 chetbar@cox.net
A 4-mile, 400’ gain “Mike’s Hike.” Enjoy the early spring flowers on a relaxed pace hike up Oak Canyon with a climb to Vista Point to enjoy the view and return back down the ridge line to the parking lot, Meet 9:00 am at parking lot just inside main entrance on Live Oak Road. Bring water, snack, hat, sunscreen, sturdy shoes and $ for park entrance fee. Rain cancels.

**Saturday, February 08, 2014 9:00 AM**
**0409-Pasadena Group Outing**
O: South Pasadena Historic Walk
David Czamanske 626-458-8646 dczamanske@hotmail.com
Bonnie C Strand 818-247-6398 nelsdotter@sbcglobal.net
Easy 3-mi walk through historic neighborhoods of South Pasadena threatened by proposed extension of 710 Fwy. Three-hour walk includes summary of early history of South Pasadena and visits to historic residential and business districts. Optional lunch and/or visit to museum after walk. Meet 9 am Meridian Iron Works (SW corner Mission and Meridian St, adjacent to Mission Station on Gold Line light rail). Rain cancels.

**Sunday, February 09, 2014 9:00 AM**
**0416-Santa Clarita Valley Group Outing**
O: Indian Canyon to Vasquez Rocks
Matthew Lax 661-252-2393 matthewlax@juno.com
Gaylon S Rodin 661-263-0568 grodin2@gmail.com
Moderate 9 mi, 800’ gain along PCT in Aqua Dulce. Lunch at the famous film site Vasquez Rocks, named after the notorious bandit, Tiburcio Vasquez. Rolling hills and wide-open views. Meet 9 am at the Canyon Country rideshare. Carpool 15 min to Vasquez Rocks and then car shuttle to trailhead. Bring water and lunch. Rain Cancels

**Monday, February 10, 2014 6:30 PM**
**0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Club Support Event**
Program: Climbing Mt Starr King with Matthew Hengst
Donna Specht 714-963-6345 donnaspecht@juno.com
Mr Charles G Geller 714-292-2352 eduright@aol.com
Mount Starr King is one of the more impressive features in the Yosemite high country though unlike it’s more prominent neighbor Half Dome the easiest route to the summit is 5th class. Join us for a picture filled presentation about a mixed group of WTC students and other climbers climbing the two-pitch SW face route including information on Wilderness Travel Course, Advanced Mountaineering Program, and how you can join similar outings. The presentation will given by Matthew Hengst, a Sierra Club E-Rock rated leader. Newcomers welcome! 6:30 pm for social time, 7:00 pm program. Meet in the Community Room, REI, 2962 El Camino Real, Tustin Marketplace, CA 92782.

**Monday, February 10, 2014 7:00 PM**
**0405-Long Beach Group Outing**
Conditioning Beach Walk (every Monday)
See Monday, January 6, for details.

**Tuesday, February 11, 2014 8:30 AM**
**0438-Angeles Chp Wilderness Advntr Outing**
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8:30 am at De Anza Park, Calabasas. Exit 101 Fwy at Lost Hills Rd., turn south (left if coming from the Valley). Proceed 1 mile to parking lot on the right in De Anza Park. Bring water, snack, lug soles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels.

Tuesday, February 11, 2014 8:30 AM 0409-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing O: Zion Loop Hike From Chantry Flats Norm Stabeck 818-236-3884 normstabeck1945@yahoo.com Carole Scurlock 626-794-5207 cscurlock@earthlink.net Brought to you by Pasadena Group and Local Hikes Section. Moderately paced, 10-mile, 1800’ gain hike, partly in a shaded canyon. Meet 8:30 am lower parking lot, Chantry Flats with water, lunch, hiking boots, suitable clothing layers. Rain, government shut down or other idiocy cancels. Remember your USFS parking pass.

Wednesday, February 12, 2014 8:30 AM 0407-Orange County Group Outing O: Bear Springs via Holy Jim Trail Helen Maurer 949-768-0417 tgaraball@earthlink.net Ed Maurer 949-768-0417 balois@cox.net 9 miles, 2245’ gain/loss. We’ll hope for winter greenery and perhaps some wildflowers as we make a steady but moderate ascent to the shady trees at Bear Spring. It’s another 3 mi to the top of Santiago Peak, but we won’t go that far today! Meet 8:30 am in the dirt parking area at the beginning of Trabuco Cyn (dirt) Rd (take Live Oak Cyn Rd to Trabuco Cyn Rd, L onto dirt road right after crossing Trabuco Creek). We will carpool up the bumpy dirt road to the trailhead. Please notify leaders if you wish to join this hike, if you can drive, and how much room you have for additional passengers. Bring at least 2 quarts water, lunch, lug soles. Rain cancels. (A shorter concurrent alternate to this hike would be a leisurely visit to Holy Jim Falls, like what Audrey recently did. I would suggest the same meeting place and time, as it takes a while to drive the dirt road to the trailhead. If there were 2 hikes going, it would be absolutely necessary for participants to contact leaders regarding car shuttles, to make sure that we know who wants to do what and how much car space is needed for each group.)

Wednesday, February 12, 2014 6:30 PM 0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Club Support Event Wilderness Skills Monthly Course: Navigation in the Wilderness Frances Penn 714-434-2754 fpenn@rutan.com Todd Clark 714-803-0195 clarkta@hotmail.com Sylvie Cote 949-547-2998 mlsylvie@hotmail.com Come join us for this fun and informative evening series of monthly classes at REI in Tustin as we will be discussing subjects such as day hiking, backpacking, navigation, first aid, stoves, cooking and meal planning, sleeping and sheltering, emergencies and survival, gear selection, and more. All courses will be taught by experienced Sierra Club Outing Leaders. Whether you are a veteran hiker or camper or new to the sport, there will always be something new to learn and new people to meet and hike with. Feel safer and more comfortable going into the outdoors with this information that can be used immediately. This topic will be navigation and will cover how to use the compass, how to use map and compass to stay found and return home safely, how to read and understand topographical maps, how to recognize terrain features and how to use them to find your location. Field exercises will be available. The instructor for this session will be Fred Lamb who was an expert navigator in the military and has taught navigation to boy scouts. Information will be available about upcoming hikes and events. Come and invest an hour or two of time. It might be the best investment that you have ever made. Meet REI Community Room, 2962 El Camino Real, Tustin, 92782.
Thursday, February 13, 2014 8:30 AM
0458-Angeles Chp Wilderness Advntr Outing
O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Santa Clarita Trails Exploratory
Rosemary Campbell 818-344-8689 hiker.rosemary@sbcglobal.net
Margaret Vernallis 818-360-4414 margaret.vernallis@csun.edu
Exploratory of newer trails, Santa Clarita area: Moderately paced series of short trails from two nearby trailheads off Placerita Cyn Rd. Three Golden Valley trails heading North total 5.4 mi and three East Walker Ranch Trails to the South of the road total 3.6 mi, giving a total of 9 mi in these rolling hills. Meet 8:30 am at the Golden Valley parking area. From the #14 freeway, exit at Placerita Cyn, turn R to go East for 3.5 mi to the marked Golden Valley parking area on the North side of the road. Bring water, lunch, lug soles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels.

Thursday, February 13, 2014 6:30 PM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Irvine Conditioning Hikes
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Thursday, February 13, 2014 6:55 PM
0409-Pasadena Group Outing
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Thursday, February 13, 2014 7:00 PM
0405-Long Beach Group Outing
O: Conditioning Hikes on Signal Hill (Tue and Thur)
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Thursday, February 13, 2014 7:00 PM
0411-Rio Hondo Group Club Support Event
Rio Hondo Group monthly meeting
See Thursday, January 9, for details.

Friday, February 14, 2014 to Monday, February 17, 2014
0415-West Los Angeles Group Oouting
O: Yosemite National Park Bus Trip
Paul Cutter 310-837-5269 patecu@sbcglobal.net
Ilona Kupecz 909-599-7115 startrekg48@gmail.com
35th annual winter bus trip with 3-night stay in Yosemite's winter wonderland. There is skiing and hiking available. Both skiers and non-skiers welcomed. The park has restaurants, museums, a visitor's center, an Indian museum and village, gift shops and ranger programs. Price of $600 members/$625 non-members includes RT bus, Deluxe accommodations (2 per room, 2 beds) at Yosemite Lodge, light breakfast on bus, park entrance fees, driver's gratuity, bus treats and happy hours, and breakfast at the Ahwahnee Hotel on day of departure. To reserve, send payment in full to Paul Cutter and include names, addresses and phone numbers of all participants. Cancellation policy: $20 per person through 12/1/13. No refunds after that date unless your space can be sold. No refunds for no shows.

Saturday, February 15, 2014 8:00 AM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Peters Canyon Regional Park Conditioning Hike
See Saturday, January 4, for details.

Saturday, February 15, 2014 8:30 AM
0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing
O: Laurel Canyon Loop
Chester Stipe 949-363-1142 chetbar@cox.net
Sylvia Stevenson 949-487-2660 sylvia_stevenson@yahoo.com
6 miles, 1000' gain. Hike up Laurel Cyn to Serrano Ridge, down on Camarillo Cyn, and return on Stagecoach Laurel Trail. Meet 8:30 am, Laguna Coast Wilderness Visitors Center parking ($3) on Laguna Cyn Rd 133, just South of El Toro Rd junction. Bring water, lug soles, hat. Rain cancels.

Saturday, February 15, 2014 8:30 AM
0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing
O: Santa Monica Mountains Trail Work
See Saturday, January 4, for details.

Saturday, February 15, 2014 9:00 AM
0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing
O: Pt Mugu “(Post) Fire Walk”
Robert J Baldwin 818-510-1274 rbaldwin@uclaextension.edu
Ron Rosien 310-474-0349 glendon3@aol.com
Moderately paced 8-mi, 1800' gain loop hike via the Ray Miller Trail, returning via La Jolla Canyon. We'll make note of how nature is doing since the devastating Springs Fire in early May, 2013, which burned over 24,000 acres in the park. Meet 9 am Malibu rideshare point. Rain cancels.

Sunday, February 16, 2014 8:30 AM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve Newcomer Hike
See Sunday, January 19, for details.

Monday, February 17, 2014 7:00 PM
0405-Long Beach Group Outing
Conditioning Beach Walk (every Monday)
See Monday, January 6, for details.

Keep close to Nature’s heart ... and break clear away, once in a while, and climb a mountain or spend a week in the woods. Wash your spirit clean.
— John Muir, as quoted by Samuel Hall Young in Alaska Days with John Muir, 1915, chapter 7

Tuesday, February 18, 2014 8:30 AM
0458-Angeles Chp Wilderness Advntr Outing
O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / Calabasas Peak
Pixie Klemic 818-787-5420 pklemic@roadrunner.com
Rita Okowitz 818-889-9924 apthealth@hotmail.com
Moderately paced 4-mile hike with 950' elevation gain to the top for great multi-Valley views at one of the highest peaks in the Santa Monica Mountains. Wonderful rock formations and flowers; waterfalls after rains, too! Meet 8:30 am at Stunt Road trailhead. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Valley Circle/Mulholland Dr exit south, turn right on Valmar Rd (becomes Old Topanga Cyn Rd), right on Mulholland Hwy for 3½ miles, left on Stunt Rd for 1 mile, park on dirt shoulder on
right. Bring water, snack, lug soles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels.

**Tuesday, February 18, 2014 8:30 AM**
**0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing**
**O: Tue Conditioned Hikers / Malibu Creek SP Loop**
Mike Louis 310-395-8432
Jeri Segal 310-391-3439 gsegal@earthlink.net
Strenuous 14-mi, 3000’ gain loop from Piuma Trailhead, up Mesa Peak Mtwy to Castro Crest, down the Bulldog, past the M*A*S*H site, return via Tapia Spur Trail to Tapia Park. Meet at Piuma Trailhead (101 to Las Virgenes Rd, S 5.1 mi, or PCH to Malibu Cyn Rd, N 4.5 mi). Park at Piuma Trailhead or Tapia Park (fee, or free with appropriate parking permit), or park free in dirt lot at the SE corner of Malibu Cyn/Las Virgenes and Piuma Rd. Piuma Trailhead is 0.2 m S of dirt lot, 0.3 m S of Tapia Park. Bring water, lunch, lug soles. Rain cancels.

**Tuesday, February 18, 2014 9:00 AM**
**0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing**
**O: Tue Moderate Hikers / Santa Monica’s Hidden Staircases**
David Finch 310-450-4102 davidmfinch@mac.com
Wlodek Prosukowski 310-202-0331 proskuro@usc.edu
Moderate 7-mi, 1000’ gain hike. Join us to count the stairs (about 500 up and 500 down) on this hike from Will Rogers Beach to Will Rogers State Park. Includes 9 hidden staircases and historic Upper Rustic Cyn. Optional hike to Inspiration Point. Meet at 9:00 am on Adelaide Dr and 4th St. in Santa Monica (1 block N of San Vicente Blvd). Bring water, lunch, comfortable shoes. Rain cancels.

**Tuesday, February 18, 2014 6:30 PM**
**0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing**
**O: Irvine Conditioning Hikes**
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

**Tuesday, February 18, 2014 6:45 PM**
**0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing**
**O: Tue Tiger Hikers**
See Tuesday, January 14, for details.

**Tuesday, February 18, 2014 7:00 PM**
**0405-Long Beach Group Outing**
**O: Conditioning Hikes on Signal Hill (Tue and Thur)**
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

**Wednesday, February 19, 2014 9:00 AM**
**0407-Orange County Group Outing**
OCSS O: O’Neill Ramakrishna
Judith E Mulry 949-588-1347 judymulry@aol.com
Peter R Height 949-713-4569 prheight1@cox.net
6 miles, 800’ gain. We will hike thru O’Neill Park with a visit to Ramakrishna Monastery. Meet 9:00 am at Altisima Park with water, lug soles. Go E on El Toro Rd to Margarita Pkwy, turn R, then 1 block to Los Alisos, turn L. Follow Los Alisos E past the 241 toll Rd to the first light at the top of the hill. Go thru the light and immediately look for the left turn lane into the entrance to Altisima Park. Rain cancels.

**Wednesday, February 19, 2014 6:30 PM**
**0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing**
**O: Puente Hills Conditioning Hike**
See Wednesday, January 8, for details.

**Thursday, February 20, 2014 8:30 AM**
**0458-Angeles Chp Wilderness Advntur Outing**
**O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Chumash Trail to Fossils**
Reaven Gately 661-255-8873 reavengately@yahoo.com
Nancy Krupa 818-981-4799 nrkrupa@aol.com
Moderately paced 8-mile (optional 10-mile), 1500’ gain hike in rolling hills of Santa Susana Mtns. Meet 8:30 am at trailhead. From 118 Fwy take Yosemite Ave, exit 29, north 0.4 mile, turn right on Flanagan Dr, continue 0.8 mile to end and park. Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, lug soles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels.

**Thursday, February 20, 2014 7:00 PM**
**0405-Long Beach Group Outing**
**O: Conditioning Hikes on Signal Hill (Tue and Thur)**
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

**Saturday, February 22, 2014 7:00 AM**
**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing**
**I: Agua Tibia Wilderness Wild Horse Peak (3277′) (LPS)**
Garry McCoppin 714-269-5078 mccoppin@cox.net
Todd Clark 714-803-0195 clarcka@hotmail.com
Sylvie Cote 949-547-2998 msylvie@hotmail.com
We’ll begin this hike at DPS TH (1600’ elev.) and use the Wild Horse trail 4.4 miles to a drainage (2800’ elev.) and begin cross-country navigation hiking to LPS – Wild Horse Peak (3277′ elev.) eat lunch and return cross-country down the ridge to exit by Arroyo Seco Creek for a total 9 miles, 2900’ gain. Meet 7:00 am at South Orange County rideshare, San Juan Capistrano, to carpool for 2-hour drive to Dripping Springs Campground, or meet at DSCG parking lot by 9:15 am ($5/day parking fee or Forest Adventure Pass). Bring 10 essentials, 2 to 3 liters water, lunch, hat, sunscreen; wear long pants and shirt, lug sole boots. Rain cancels.

**Saturday, February 22, 2014 8:00 AM**
**0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing**
**O: Peters Canyon Regional Park Conditioning Hike**
See Saturday, January 4, for details.

**Saturday, February 22, 2014 8:30 AM**
**0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing**
**O: Santa Monica Mountains Trail Work**
See Saturday, January 4, for details.
Saturday, February 22, 2014 9:00 AM
0407-Orange County Group Outing
O: Powder Canyon hike
Fred Reed 714-325-2710 fkreed@msn.com
Eric Johnson 714-524-7763 ericsj@mindspring.com
Enjoy a 5-mi, 1100' gain hike and info about the Powder Cyn Significant Ecological Area. Meet 9 am Powder Canyon entrance (equestrian ring) along Old Fullerton Rd, 400 yds W of Harbor Blvd (near Pathfinder) in Rowland Hgts. Bring water, a snack, and sturdy shoes. Rain within 48 hours cancels.
(Notes: People new to this hike should be careful to find the right parking lot. This is the Old Fullerton Rd/Harbor Blvd intersection in Rowland Heights, not the more southern Fullerton Rd/Harbor Blvd intersection in La Habra Heights.) Organized by the Puente Chino Hills Task Force

Sunday, February 23, 2014 9:00 AM
0416-Santa Clarita Valley Group Outing
O: The Beast
Gaylon S Rodin 661-263-0568 grodin2@gmail.com
Kate Okamoto 661-288-7931 kate.okamoto@gmail.com
Strenuous 9.5-mile, 2100 ft elevation gain/loss at west end of San Gabriels. Hike on fire road between Whitney and Elsmere Canyons to top of ridge. Great views of open space areas and Santa Clarita Valley. Meet 9 am at south end of Newhall Ave. Take 5 N to 14 freeway, 1st exit R to park-and-ride. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels.

Sunday, February 23, 2014 12:00 PM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Social Event
Lunch and La Mirada Symphony
See Sunday, January 19, for details.

Monday, February 24, 2014 7:00 PM
0405-Long Beach Group Outing
Conditioning Beach Walk (every Monday)
See Monday, January 6, for details.

Tuesday, February 25, 2014 8:30 AM
0458-Angeles Chp Wilderness Advntr Outing
O: Tue Moderate Easy Pace Hikers / Caballero Canyon and Bent Arrow Trail
Marcia Harris 310-828-6670 mrharris35@verizon.net
Stephen Beck 818-346-5759 s_beck@pacbell.net
Moderately paced 5-mile loop hike with 900’ elevation gain up a typical SM Mtn canyon onto old dirt Mulholland, then briefly into Topanga State Park. Chaparral and valley views. Meet at 8:30 am at the Caballero trailhead. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Reseda Blvd exit, turn south and go 2 miles, street parking. Trailhead is on east side across from Braemar Country Club entrance. Bring water, snack, lug soles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels

Tuesday, February 25, 2014 8:30 AM
0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing
O: Tue Conditioned Hikers / Seeking Wildflowers
Roger Woods 310-459-3389 palisadeswoods@aol.com
Mike Louis 310-395-8432
Strenuous 12-mi, 2000’ gain ascent to Mugu Pk via Chumash and Mugu Pk Trails; Overlook and Ray Miller Trails to lunch at La Jolla picnic area. Return via a coastal ridge, Mugu Pk, Chumash Trails to start. Meet at Chumash trailhead (PCH 22.7 mi W of Malibu Cyn Rd, opposite Navy Firing Range orange tower). Park free in dirt lot. Bring water, lunch, lug soles. Rain cancels.

Tuesday, February 25, 2014 6:30 PM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Irvine Conditioning Hikes
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Wednesday, February 26, 2014 9:00 AM (Time Tentative)
0407-Orange County Group Outing
O: Local Hike
Pita Landesman 949-425-8966 pitanbob@cox.net
This local hike in south Orange County will be a leader's choice, to be determined after January 1. Contact leader Audrey Tomovich at 949-830-8936 or check out the “green sheet.”

Wednesday, February 26, 2014 6:30 PM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Puente Hills Conditioning Hike
See Wednesday, January 8, for details.

Wednesday, February 26, 2014 7:30 PM
0414-Verdugo Hills Group Social Event
Monthly Meeting Program – Mayan Chocolate
Delphine Trowbridge 818-558-7722 dtrowbridge36@sbcglobal.com
Join the Verdugo Hills Group for a program titled “Chocolate and Palenque, the Eternal City of the Maya, as well as adventures in Chiapas.” Judy Anderson, lifelong student of the Maya and chocolate lover, shares tales from her recent visit featuring discoveries at Palenque and Tikal. She will also highlight stories from the history of chocolate and bring samples. Come early before the samples are gone. Everyone is welcome at 7:00 for social time and refreshments. The meeting begins at 7:30 in the community room of Montrose Citibank (2350 Honolulu Ave, Montrose). There’s plenty of parking; enter in the back.

ANGELES CHAPTER SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

JANUARY - MARCH 2014 19
Thursday, February 27, 2014 8:30 AM
0458-Angeles Chp Sierra Santa Monica Mtns Outing
O: El Prieto Cyn to Little Roundtop
Saturday, March 01, 2014 8:30 AM
0456-Angeles Chp Wilderness Advntr Outing
I: Mt. San Jacinto Backcountry Ski Tour
Mark Alan Mitchell 818-753-9328 markamitchell@att.net
Mark Fleming 626-712-3671 mflemi@earthlink.net
Orange County Sierra Singles, Wilderness Adventures:
Moderately strenuous 5+ mile, 800’ gain from top of Palm Springs Tram. No need to worry about tire chains! Ski from ranger station to Round Valley. Possible additional skiing up nearby slopes or just playing may add a few miles + a few 100 feet elevation loss and gain. Part of route may be in pre-existing tracks, but recent snowfall, rutted trail, or aesthetics may require breaking new trail. Given steep sections and potential icy conditions, intermediate X-C skills required & metal-edged, backcountry skis & backcountry boots highly recommended. Bring winter clothing, water, lunch. No snow or likely blizzard cancel trip. Tram ticket $23.95 as of trip publishing date. Send e-mail or phone leader with experience level/conditioning for trip details in the 2 weeks before trip.

Thursday, February 27, 2014 6:30 PM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Irvine Conditioning Hikes
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Thursday, February 27, 2014 6:55 PM
0409-Pasadena Group Outing
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Thursday, February 27, 2014 7:00 PM
0405-Long Beach Group Outing
O: Conditioning Hikes on Signal Hill (Tue and Thur)
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

In God’s wilderness lies the hope of the world – the great fresh unblighted, unredeemed wilderness. The galling harness of civilization drops off, and wounds heal ere we are aware.

March 2014

Saturday, March 01, 2014 7:30 AM (Time Tentative)
0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Social Event
O: Bowers Museum - Santa Ana, CA
Mary L Morales 949-636-2981 10ter@cox.net
Sylvia Stevenson 949-487-2660 SJStevenson2828@yahoo.com
The Bowers Museum is one of California’s finest and Orange County’s largest museums, offering ever-changing national and international treasures and permanent collections. Free admission on first Sundays of the month to first 1500 people – be there early. Weekends may also feature multicultural entertainment, art projects and dancing in the magnificent Spanish-style courtyard! After a self-guided tour (audio headset included w/admission), dine in the on-site restaurant, Tangata (taps, salads, soups and sandwiches – make own reservations prior to outing). Afterwards, return to the galleries or visit the museum store for unique gifts. Meet 9:45 am – 2002 N Main St, Santa Ana, just off the 5 Freeway (Main St exit). Park at museum or a lot directly across on Main St. Wear comfortable shoes and bring money for lunch. Rain doesn’t cancel. This outing is co-sponsored by Sierra Sage of South Orange County and LA Sierra Singles.

Monday, March 03, 2014 7:00 PM
0405-Long Beach Group Outing
Conditioning Beach Walk (every Monday)
See Monday, January 6, for details.

ANGELES CHAPTER SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES
Tuesday, March 04, 2014 8:30 AM
0458-Angeles Chp Wilderness Advnt Outing
O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers - O'Melveny Park to Mission Point
Pixie Klemic 818-787-5420 pklemic@roadrunner.com
Herb Moore 818-786-4932 herbmoor@hotmail.com
Moderately paced 5-mile, 1400' gain/loss hike with great views of SF Valley and way beyond, depending on visibility, in our second largest city park. Meet 8:30 am at trailhead. From 118 Fwy take Balboa Blvd exit north about 2 miles to Orozco St, turn left continuing ½ mile to end, then left on Sesnon, pass parking lot, and go about 4 blocks to Neon. Turn right and park at end of street. Bring water, snack, lug soles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels.

Tuesday, March 04, 2014 8:30 AM
0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing
O: Tuesday Conditioned Hikers: Topanga State Park loop, including the 'Cheap Thrills' trail
Jon Sheldon 805-496-4371 jonfromto@gmail.com
Ernest M Scheuer 310-274-7987 ems728@gmail.com
Strenuous 13-mi, 2500' gain hike via Musch Trail, the Hub, Garapito Trail, returning via “Cheap Thrills.” Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot (PCH to Topanga Cyn Bl, N 4½ mi to Entrada rd, 1 mi, 2 L turns to lot; or 7½ mi S of 101/Ventura Fwy on Topanga Cyn Bl to Entrada Rd). Park free on Entrada Rd and walk in or in lot (fee, or free with appropriate parking permit). Bring water, lunch, lug soles. Red flag alert or rain cancels.

Tuesday, March 04, 2014 9:00 AM
0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing
O: Tue Moderate Hikers / Solstice Canyon
Hannelore Suddeth 310-370-3008 hannesudds@gmail.com
Robert Cody 310-410-9172 bcodyman@aol.com
Moderate 7-mi rt, 2000' gain hike to Roberts Ranch continuing into Deer Valley and onto high ground with ocean views. Meet 8:30 am Pacific Palisades rideshare point or 9:00 am at Solstice Canyon parking lot (PCH 2½ mi W of Malibu Cyn Rd, take Corral Canyon Rd, L at gate to 2nd parking area). Rain cancels.

Tuesday, March 04, 2014 6:30 PM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Irvine Conditioning Hikes
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Tuesday, March 04, 2014 6:45 PM
0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing
O: Tue Tiger Hikers
See Tuesday, January 14, for details.

Tuesday, March 04, 2014 7:00 PM
0405-Long Beach Group Outing
O: Conditioning Hikes on Signal Hill (Tue and Thur)
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Wednesday, March 05, 2014 9:00 AM
0407-Orange County Group Outing
O: Laurel Canyon hike
Ed Maurer 949-768-0417 balois@cox.net
Helen Maurer 949-768-0417 7gables@cox.net
Saturday, March 08, 2014 8:00 AM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Peters Canyon Regional Park Conditioning Hike
See Saturday, January 4, for details.

Saturday, March 08, 2014 8:30 AM
0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing
O: Santa Monica Mountains Trail Work
See Saturday, January 4, for details.

Saturday, March 08, 2014 9:00 AM
0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing
O: Arroyo Trabuco Wilderness Walk
Garry McCoppin 714-269-5078 mccoppin@cox.net
Chester Stipe 949-363-1142 chetbar@cox.net
A “Mike’s Hike”, 4.5-mile round trip leisurely paced walk in
O’Neill Park, through one of the biggest sycamore groves in
California. Meet 9:00 am at O’Neill Park access on Arroyo
Vista in Rancho Santa Margarita. (From Santa Margarita
Pkwy, turn south on Empresa, right on Banderas, and right on
Arroyo Vista.) Bring water, snack, hat, sunscreen and sturdy
shoes – some stream crossings. Rain cancels.

Sunday, March 09, 2014 10:00 AM
0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing
O: Baldwin Hills Ramble
Ronald Webster 310-559-3126
William H Vanderberg 310-245-2763 bill.vanderberg@ca.rr.com
Moderate and fun 6- to 7-mi rt hike over urban trails. Visit
Japanese Gardens, waterfall, lake, forest, and other areas in
this urban gem. Meet 9 am at Ken Hahn Recreation Area. (10
fwy to La Cienega S 1 ¾ mi). Exit right, then L over bridge
and into 1st fee lot on L, drive to end (Olympic Forest). Rain
cancels.

Monday, March 10, 2014 7:00 PM
0405-Long Beach Group Outing
Conditioning Beach Walk (every Monday)
See Monday, January 6, for details.

Monday, March 10, 2014 7:00 PM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Social Event
OUTDOOR SKILLS CLASS
Mr Charles G Geller 714-292-2352 eduright@aol.com
Stay safe, warm, healthy and found on the trail and in the
wilderness! Learn basic emergency preparedness and
response skills, how to stay “found,” basic map reading skills,
contents of your first aid kit, the ten essentials, hydration,
signaling and rescue skills, and prevention of altitude
sickness. REI Tustin, 2962 El Camino Real, Tustin, CA 92782,
7 to 8:30 pm. Meet in the Seminar Room.

Monday, March 10, 2014 7:30 PM
0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Club Support Event
Bi-Monthly Meeting
Mary Ann Webster 310-559-3126 mawebster1984@sbcglobal.net
Ronald Webster 310-559-3126
Learn status and issues, help formulate and implement
actions involving land use in the Santa Monica Mtns. Keep
current on issues and meeting agenda via SMMTF monthly
newsletter. Refreshments. 7:30 pm. For information call M. A.
Webster for meeting site.

Tuesday, March 11, 2014 8:30 AM
0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing
O: Tuesday Conditioned Hikers: Mugu Pk
Lynn Lively 805-256-4106 lively@aol.com
Jeri Segal 310-508-1759 gsegal@earthlink.net
Strenuous 12-mi, 2500’ gain loop hike up and over Mugu Pk
followed by a ramble in La Jolla Valley. Meet at Chumash
trailhead (PCH 22.7 mi W of Malibu Cyn Rd, opposite Navy
Firing Range orange tower). Park free in dirt lot. Bring water,
lunch, lug soles. Red flag alert or rain cancels.

Tuesday, March 11, 2014 9:00 AM
0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing
O: Tue Moderate Hikers/Red Rock Canyon & Calabasas
Peak from Stunt Rd
Margaret C Fields 310-839-8235
David Finch 310-450-4102 davidmfinch@mac.com
Moderately paced 8.5-mi rt 1750’ gain up a fire road and
down into Red Rock Canyon, a beautiful canyon similar in
looks to canyons of the Southwest. After exploration we
return to the fire road for an ascent up Calabasas Peak,
elevation 2163’, overlooking Red Rock Canyon and
spectacular 360-degree views into surrounding canyons and
the San Fernando Valley. A shorter hike option at 6 miles.
Meet 8:15 am Pacific Palisades rideshare or 9:00 am at Stunt
High Trail parking area (PCH W 8-1/2 mi from Sunset Blvd to
Las Virgenes/Malibu Canyon Road, N 6.4 mi or 3 mi from
Ventura Fwy to Mulholland Hwy; E 4 mi to Stunt Rd, turn R go
1 mi to parking area on R). Rain cancels.

Tuesday, March 11, 2014 9:30 AM
0458-Angeles Chp Wilderness Advntr Outing
O: Tue Moderate Easy Pace Hikers / Solstice Canyon
Marcia Harris 310-828-6670 mrharris35@verizon.net
Stephen Beck 818-346-5759 s_beck@pacbell.net
Moderately paced 4 mile, 600’ gain hike on Rising Sun Trail
to Tropical Terrace and Solstice Canyon Falls, then back
along the canyon through oak and walnut groves by the
stream. Meet 8:30 am at parking lot kiosk. From 101 Ventura
Fwy take Las Virgenes Rd/Malibu Canyon exit, go south to
Pacific Coast Hwy. From Malibu Canyon Rd intersection, go
west on Pacific Coast Hwy 2-1/4 miles, turn inland on Corral
Canyon Rd (at 76 station), drive 1/4 mile to park entrance,
and continue on paved park road to parking lot at end. Bring
water, snack, lug soles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels.

Tuesday, March 11, 2014 10:00 AM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Fullerton Beginners Hike
Margee K Hills 714-256-0807 margeehills@gmail.com
Christopher Lewis chrislewis6057@yahoo.com
Houriya Hall 714-767-5327 houriazahl@yahoo.com
Joel Lester Ortmann 562-806-1057
Martin Kluck 562-677-4740 martinkluck@hotmail.com
Sanford Opperman, Host 714-993-0651
OCSS, Rio Hondo, Orange County Group: Hike with our
social group on this regular weekly beginner’s hike of 4 to 5
miles in the gentle hills of Fullerton. Slow to medium pace is
great for beginners. Each week we rotate through numerous
trails in the area to provide new experiences. Optional dinner
afterwards. Last Tuesday of each month we have a potluck dinner. Hike scheduled during daylight savings time – i.e., March through Oct. Meet at the east end of Laguna Lake in Fullerton (from Harbor Blvd, W on Hermosa Dr; L on Lakeside Dr for ½ block and park on the street). Look for hikers on east side of Lakeside Dr. Wear sturdy boots, bring water, flashlight.

Tuesday, March 11, 2014 6:30 PM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Irvine Conditioning Hikes
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Tuesday, March 11, 2014 6:45 PM
0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing
O: Tue Tiger Hikers
See Tuesday, January 14, for details.

Tuesday, March 11, 2014 7:00 PM
0405-Long Beach Group Outing
O: Conditioning Hikes on Signal Hill (Tue and Thur)
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Wednesday, March 12, 2014 9:00 AM
0407-Orange County Group Outing
O: Long and Short: Quail Hill and (possibly) Turtle Rock
Ed Maurer 949-768-0417 balois@cox.net
Helen Maurer 949-768-0417 7gables@cox.net
Moderate 10-mi, 1900’ cum gain/loss hike. Starting at Quail Hill, we’ll follow the Shady Cyn Trail into Bommer Cyn and climb the nicely switchbacked Turtle ridge Trail to the ridgetop. There we’ll enjoy good views before looping back into Shady Cyn and returning to our starting point. Meet 9:00 am in the parking area at the Quail Hill trailhead in Irvine. (from L-405 exit Sand Cyn and go S on Shady Cyn Dr to traffic circle, continue S – trailhead is ca 100 yds past traffic circle & fire station on R). Bring at least 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles. Rain cancels. Short hike: 5 miles, 700’ gain/loss. Leader: Pete Height (949) 412-8954 pheight@cox.net (A shorter version of this hike is possible: 5 miles, 700’cum gain/loss. Starting at the same place and time, it would follow natural surface trails through the gently undulating terrain of Shady Cyn to Turtle Rock Community Park or into Bommer Cyn (facilities at both), where it would split off from the longer hike and return via the same route. Bring water, lunch or snack. Walking shoes ok for this one.)

Wednesday, March 12, 2014 6:30 PM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Puente Hills Conditioning Hike
See Wednesday, January 8, for details.

Wednesday, March 12, 2014 7:00 PM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Club Support Event
Wilderness Skills Monthly Course: Sleeping and Sheltering in the Wilderness
Frances Penn 714-434-2754 fpenn@rutan.com
Todd Clark 714-803-0195 clarkta@hotmail.com
Sylvie Cote 949-547-2998 msylvie@hotmail.com
Frederick Lamb 949-350-6451 lambfred@yahoo.com
Come join us for this fun and informative evening series of monthly classes at REI in Tustin as we will be discussing subjects such as day hiking, backpacking, navigation, first aid, stoves, cooking and meal planning, sleeping and sheltering, emergencies and survival, gear selection, and more. All courses will be taught by experienced Sierra Club outing leaders. Whether you are a veteran hiker or camper or new to the sport, there will always be something new to learn and new people to meet and hike with. Feel safer and more comfortable going into the outdoors with this information that can be used immediately. This topic will be different types of sleeping bags (down and synthetic), sleeping pads (foam, inflatable and self-inflating) and one person, two person, and three person tents that are best suited for different conditions and temperatures. The instructors for this session will be former WTC instructors Cheryl McMurray and Joe Harvey. Information will be available about upcoming hikes and events. Come and invest an hour or two of time. It might be the best investment that you have ever made. Meet REI Community Room, 2962 El Camino Real, Tustin, 92782.

So extraordinary is Nature with her choicest treasures, spending plant beauty as she spends sunshine, pouring it forth into land and sea, garden and desert. And so the beauty of lilies falls on angels and men, bears and squirrels, wolves and sheep, birds and bees....
— John Muir, My First Summer in the Sierra, 1911, chapter 4

Thursday, March 13, 2014 6:30 PM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Irvine Conditioning Hikes
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Thursday, March 13, 2014 6:55 PM
0409-Pasadena Group Outing
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Thursday, March 13, 2014 7:00 PM
0405-Long Beach Group Outing
O: Conditioning Hikes on Signal Hill (Tue and Thur)
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Thursday, March 13, 2014 7:00 PM
0411-Rio Hondo Group Club Support Event
Rio Hondo Group monthly meeting
See Thursday, January 9, for details.

Saturday, March 15, 2014 7:45 AM
0471-Angeles Chp Camera Comm. Outing
La Jolla Valley / Mugu Pk Hike
Judith Molle 805-682-2805 sunshine4sb@yahoo.com
Stephen D Beck 818-346-5759 s_beck@pacbell.net
Moderate 6- to 8-mi rt (1,266’) hike through La Jolla canyon and valley to Mugu Peak. Explore, enjoy and photograph ocean views, gorgeous open grasslands with the possibility of wildflowers. Bring water, hiking boots, hat, windbreaker, snack or lunch and camera; tripod optional. Meet at 7:45am at the picnic table in the lot at Point Mugu State Park (Ray Miller Trailhead Parking). You can park in the ($) lot or on PCH and walk in. Heavy rain or extreme wind cancels!
Saturday, March 15, 2014 8:00 AM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Peters Canyon Regional Park Conditioning Hike
See Saturday, January 4, for details.

Saturday, March 15, 2014 8:30 AM
0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing
O: San Mateo Peak (3591)
John Kaiser 714-968-4677 jkai39@gmail.com
Ron Schrantz 714-995-8240 rschartzscc@yahoo.com
Sierra Sage, OC Group, Lower Peaks: 6 mi round trip, 950' gain. Join us for a loop hike to this rocky peak, the highest in the San Mateo wilderness, and enjoy outstanding views of the wilderness and, on a clear day, distant peaks. The return route will take us through upper Wildhorse Canyon and a portion of Rancho Capistrano and along the upper portions of Morrell Creek. Meet 8:30 am at South Orange County rideshare point (see map) or 9:15 am at the Morgan trailhead on South Main Divide Road. Bring water, lug soles, snack/lunch. Contact the leader if you are planning to meet at the trailhead. Rain or critical fire level will cancel.

Saturday, March 15, 2014 8:30 AM
0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing
O: Santa Monica Mountains Trail Work
See Saturday, January 4, for details.

Saturday, March 15, 2014 9:00 AM
0409-Pasadena Group Outing
O: Rubio Canyon Waterfalls
Donald G Bremner 626-794-2603 donbremner@earthlink.net
Norm Stabeck 818-236-3884 normstabeck1945@yahoo.com
On this 2-mi, 400' gain hike, we'll see not only waterfalls in canyon north of Altadena cleared of rocks and debris by heavy rains in October 2004, but also the steep incline used by the Mt. Lowe Railway a century ago. Meet at 9 am at corner of Rubio Vista and Pleasant Ridge Dr. (from Lake Ave, and Altadena Dr in Altadena, go N 3 blks. to Dolores Dr; right to Maiden Lane; left to Rubio Canyon Rd; right to Rubio Crest Dr; left to Rubio Vista, then right). Bring water, hiking boots; hike involves some rock scrambling.

Saturday, March 15, 2014 9:00 AM
0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing
O: Mishe Mokwa Trail to Sandstone Peak
Robert J Baldwin 818-510-1274 rbaldwin@uclaextension.edu
Ron Rosien 310-474-0349 glendon3@aol.com
Moderately paced 6-mi, 1500' gain loop hike to the highest point (3,111') in the Santa Monica Mts. Option for a 3.5-mile rt extension along the Grotto Trail once we complete the loop. Meet 9 am at the Malibu rideshare point. Rain cancels.

Saturday, March 15, 2014 9:00 AM
0480-Angeles Chp Lower Peaks Outing
Lower Peaks Committee co-sponsors outing to Sandstone Peak
Robert J Baldwin 818-510-1274 rbaldwin@uclaextension.edu
Ron Rosien 310-474-0349 glendon3@aol.com
Hike to the highest point the Santa Monica Mountains (3,111') on an outing co-sponsored with SM Mtns Task Force. Moderately paced 6-mi, 1500' gain loop on the Mishe Mokwa trail in the SM mountains. Optional 3.5 rt extension on the Grotto trail after the loop is completed. Meet at 9 am Malibu rideshare. Rain cancels. Bring lunch, water, hat, sunscreen, hiking shoes. There are eleven named peaks in the SM Mtns on the Lower Peaks list and a total of 83 peaks in So CA on the list. For information on Lower Peaks Comm, go to http://angeles.sierraclub.org/lpc/index.html

Sunday, March 16, 2014 8:30 AM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve Newcomer Hike
See Sunday, January 19, for details.

Sunday, March 16, 2014 8:45 AM
0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing
O: Wood Canyon North Loop
Chester Stipe 949-697-1985 chetbar@cox.net
Michael Metcalf 949-492-6277 smmetcalf04@yahoo.com
4 miles, 400' gain, moderate. Ridge road, canyon and steep single-track connecting trails in Aliso and Wood Canyons Park. Meet 8:45 am at top of Hollyleaf Street in Aliso Viejo. From Pacific Park, take Canyon Vistas Drive, Left on Silkwood, Right on Bottlebush, Left on Hollyleaf to trailhead. Bring water, hat, lugsoles. Rain cancels.

Sunday, March 16, 2014 3:00 PM
0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing
O: Laguna Niguel East Ridge K9 hike
Russ Brown 949-481-5295 russbrown3@cox.net
Sylvia Stevenson 949-487-2660 sylvia_stevenson@yahoo.com
5 miles, 400' gain. Hike the hills along the ridge bordering Laguna Niguel and San Juan Capistrano. Great views into Capistrano valley and all directions. Bring your friendly dog, water, lug soles. Rain cancels.

Monday, March 17, 2014 7:00 PM
0405-Long Beach Group Outing
Conditioning Beach Walk (every Monday)
See Monday, January 6, for details.

Tuesday, March 18, 2014 8:30 AM
0458-Angeles Chp Wilderness Advntr Outing
O: Tue Moderate Easy Pace Hikers / Hummingbird Creek Trail
Reaven Gately 818-928-3953 reavengately@yahoo.com
Pixie Klemic 818-787-5420 pklemic@roadrunner.com
Moderately paced 4.6-mile, 1000' gain hike up Hummingbird Creek through a narrow canyon and open chaparral, past sculpted caves and the magnificent sandstone rock formations of the Santa Susana Mountains. Meet 8:30 am at Hummingbird Trailhead. From westbound 118 Fwy take Kuehner Dr. exit, north .3 miles to posted street parking. Bring water, snack, lug soles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels.

Tuesday, March 18, 2014 8:30 AM
0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing
O: Tuesday Conditioned Hikers: Bienveneda-Leacock Trails to Will Rogers
Maya Levinson 310-398-6344 mayasl@aol.com
Michael Louis 310-395-8432
Strenuous 14-mi, 2800' gain loop hike starting on the Leacock Trail, down Temescal Ridge Trail to Temescal Gateway Park, across Rivas Cyn Trail to Will Rogers State Park, up Rogers Rd, across the Temescal Pk Trail to Temescal Ridge Trail,
and back down the Leacock Trail. Meet at Bienveneda Ave and Via Floresta (Sunset Bl ½ mi W of Temescal Cyn Rd, N 1.1 mi on Bienveneda). Park on street, watch signs. Bring water, lunch, lug soles. Red flag alert or rain cancels.

Tuesday, March 18, 2014 9:00 AM
0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing
O: Tue Moderate Hikers/La Jolla/Ray Miller Trail
David Finch 310-450-4102 davidmfinch@mac.com
Catherine Froloff 310-821-4123 cfroloff@ca.rr.com
Moderate 7-mi, 1,200’ gain hike. Hike through a beautiful canyon, then get dramatic views of Boney Ridge and the ocean. Meet 8:00 am Pacific Palisades rideshare point or 9:00 am La Jolla Cyn trailhead (PCH 21 mi W of Malibu Cyn Rd – pay fee or park outside). Rain cancels.

Tuesday, March 18, 2014 9:30 PM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Fullerton Beginners Hike
See Tuesday, March 11, for details.

Tuesday, March 18, 2014 6:30 PM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Irvine Conditioning Hikes
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Tuesday, March 18, 2014 6:30 PM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Irvine Conditioning Hikes
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Tuesday, March 18, 2014 7:00 PM
0405-Long Beach Group Outing
O: Conditioning Hikes on Signal Hill (Tue and Thur)
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Saturday, March 22, 2014 8:00 AM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Peters Canyon Regional Park Conditioning Hike
See Saturday, January 4, for details.

Saturday, March 22, 2014 8:30 AM
0490-Pasadena Group Outing
O: Hastings Peak from Bailey Canyon Park
Norm Stabeck 818-236-3884 normstabeck1945@yahoo.com
William Joyce 909-596-6280 bill@rollingtherock.com
Moderately paced 10-mi, 3,000’ gain hike. Meet 8:30 am in the Bailey Canyon Park parking lot with water, lunch, hiking boots, suitable clothing layers. Take Baldwin Ave N from the 210 freeway to its end at Carter Ave; turn left and proceed 0.5 mi. to the parking lot entrance on the right. The parking lot isn’t visible until you reach the entrance. Not suitable for beginners. Rain cancels.

Saturday, March 22, 2014 9:00 AM
0407-Orange County Group Outting
Telegraph Canyon hike
Jim Mccullough 714 442-1521 jm@dalach.com
Eric Johnson 714-524-7763 erics@mindspring.com
Hike along Telegraph Canyon and South Ridge in the Chino Hills State Park for 7 miles and 1000 foot gain. Meet at the Discovery Center ($5 parking) at 9:00 AM. Bring water, lunch, and sturdy shoes. Rain within 48 hours cancels. Organized by the Puente Chino Hills Task Force.

Monday, March 24, 2014 7:00 PM
0405-Long Beach Group Outing
Conditioning Beach Walk (every Monday)
See Monday, January 6, for details.

Tuesday, March 25, 2014 8:30 AM
0458-Angeles Chp Wilderness Advntr Outing
O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / King Gillette Ranch
Pixie Klemic 818-787-5420 pklemic@roadrunner.com
Rita Okowitz 818-889-9924 apthealth@hotmail.com
Moderately paced 5-mile, 400’ elevation gain hike around our newest acquisition to the Santa Monica Parklands, most

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recently owned by SOKA University. Beautiful valley and coast live oak savannah, grasslands, coastal sage scrub, etc., as well as manicured grounds around the original Gillette Mansion. Meet 8:30 am in fee parking lot of Ranch. From 101 Ventura Fwy take Las Virgenes Rd/Malibu Canyon exit, go south approx. 5-3/4 miles to Mulholland Hwy. Turn left on Mulholland and then right to enter the long eucalyptus allée driveway for Ranch. Bring water, snack, lug soles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels.

Tuesday, March 25, 2014 8:30 AM
0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing
O: Tuesday Conditioned Hikers: Solstice Canyon with Supplements
Lynn Lively 805-256-4106 llively@aol.com
Emest M Scheuer 310-274-7987 ems728@gmail.com
Strenuous 11-mi, 2400’ gain ramble hike exploring every road and trail in Solstice Canyon. Meet at Solstice Canyon Trailhead (PCH 2.3 mi W of Malibu Cyn Rd or 3.6 mi E of Kanan-Dume Rd, N 0.2 mi at Corral Cyn Rd (at the 76 gas station), L 0.3 mi on Solstice Cyn Rd (watch for cars going S on Corral Cyn, they have the right of way). Park free in lot. Bring water, lunch, lug soles. Red flag alert or rain cancels.

Tuesday, March 25, 2014 9:00 AM
0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing
O: Tue Moderate Hikers – Bienveneda/Leacock Trail to Howard’s Peak
Wlodak Proskurowski 310-202-0331 proskuro@usc.edu
David Finch 310-450-4102 davidmfinch@mac.com
Moderate 9-mi rt, 1800’ gain hike to rediscover Howard’s Peak, rumored site of Will Rogers Mtn Cabin. Meet 9 am at end of Bienveneda Av (½ mi W of Temescal Cyn Rd on Sunset Blvd, 1 mi N on Bienveneda). Rain cancels.

Tuesday, March 25, 2014 6:30 PM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Fullerton Beginners Hike
See Tuesday, March 11, for details.

Tuesday, March 25, 2014 6:30 PM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Irvine Conditioning Hikes
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Tuesday, March 25, 2014 6:45 PM
0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing
O: Tue Tiger Hikers
See Tuesday, January 14, for details.

Tuesday, March 25, 2014 7:00 PM
0405-Long Beach Group Outing
O: Conditioning Hikes on Signal Hill (Tue and Thur)
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Wednesday, March 26, 2014 8:30 AM
0407-Orange County Group Outing
O: Bedford Peak (3800’)
Sharon Kirk 714-376-3197 sl.kirk@sbcglobal.net
Garry McCoppin 714-269-5078 mccoppin@cox.net
OC Group, Sierra Sage, OCSS 7-mi, 2200’ gain/loss on a steady climb to the peak with rewarding views of the surrounding canyons and peaks. Meet 8:30 am in the small parking lot at the end of Silverado Cyn Rd, off Santiago Cyn Rd. Bring Forest Service Pass, 2 liters water, snack, lug soles, optional poles.

Wednesday, March 26, 2014 6:30 PM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Puente Hills Conditioning Hike
See Wednesday, January 8, for details.

Wednesday, March 26, 2014 7:30 PM
0414-Verdugo Hills Group Social Event
Monthly Meeting Program
Delphine Trowbridge 818-558-7722 dtrowbridge36@sbcglobal.com
Join the Verdugo Hills Group for a program presented by Michael Beck. Everyone is welcome at 7:00 for social time and refreshments. The meeting begins at 7:30 in the community room of Montrose Citibank (2350 Honolulu Ave, Montrose). There’s plenty of parking; enter in the back.

Thursday, March 27, 2014 6:30 PM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Irvine Conditioning Hikes
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Thursday, March 27, 2014 6:55 PM
0409-Pasadena Group Outing
O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Thursday, March 27, 2014 7:00 PM
0405-Long Beach Group Outing
O: Conditioning Hikes on Signal Hill (Tue and Thur)
See Thursday, January 2, for details.

Saturday, March 29, 2014 to Monday, March 31, 2014
0458-Angeles Chp Wilderness Advntr Outing
O: Channel Islands Adventure
Marlen Mertz 310-990-7643 mbmertz@aol.com
Sharon Moore justslm@earthlink.net
Wayne Vollaire 909-595-5855 avollaire1@gmail.com
Ginny Heringer 626-793-4727 ginnyh@ix.netcom.com
Springtime live-aboard cruise at the height of the islands’ wildflower bloom, with hillsides still a verdant green. Three days, three Islands. Weather permitting, we will go to Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa, and San Miguel Islands. Half day or full day leader-led hikes to view wildflowers, wildlife, and other magnificent island features. Highlight will be brilliant giant coreopsis displays. Naturalists will accompany the hikes. Option to bring your own or rented kayak. Two days' Environmental Awareness Credit available for LTC candidates. Excellent meals (all breakfasts, lunches, and dinners) accommodate a range of dietary needs. Snacks, beverages and fresh fruit available throughout the day. Hot showers on-board. Sleeping accommodations in single and double berths. Boat leaves 4 am Saturday morning and returns Monday evening at 5 pm. Sleep on board Friday night for convenience. Trip cost $470, which includes a small amount (5%) for gratuities. Additional gratuities encouraged after you experience the outstanding crew and service. To sign up, send full amount payable to Wilderness Adventures to leader Marlen with contact and conditioning information. Checks held until week of outing. Refund after 2/28/14 only if
suitable replacement found. Maximum of 30 participants. We anticipate a waiting list, so sign up early. In the event of severe weather, charter will be rescheduled. Co-sponsored by Wilderness Adventures and the Natural Science Section.

Saturday, March 29, 2014 8:00 AM
0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing
O: Peters Canyon Regional Park Conditioning Hike
See Saturday, January 4, for details.

Saturday, March 29, 2014 8:00 AM (Time Tentative)
0469-Angeles Chp Wilderness Training Outing
I: Last Chance Mountain (8456 ft.)
Benjamin Bowes bowes.benjamin@gmail.com
Will McWhinney
Enjoy a beautiful cross-country, springtime day hike to Last Chance Mountain at the north end of Death Valley National Park. The hike will be 7 miles round-trip with approximately 2300 feet of gain. Optional car camp Friday and Saturday nights under a new moon near the entrance to decommissioned Crater Mine. You may pair this trip with the day hike to Sandy Point on Sunday, March 30. Bring 10 essentials, 3 to 4 liters water, and a pleasant demeanor. Wilderness Travel Course, or similar experience and training, is encouraged. Send experience, current conditioning and contact information to leader: Benjamin Bowes (bowes.benjamin@gmail.com).

Saturday, March 29, 2014 8:00 AM
0468-Angeles Ch Leadership Training Club Support Event
Deadline to Register for Leadership Training Seminar
Steven Botan 714-321-1296 ltcregistrar@hundredpeaks.org
Last day for receipt of application and payment by LTC Registrar for April 12 seminar to be held at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, Pasadena. See LTC website (http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/) for registration information. Next seminar: Fall 2014.

Saturday, March 29, 2014 8:30 AM
0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing
O: Santa Monica Mountains Trail Work
See Saturday, January 4, for details.

Saturday, March 29, 2014 9:00 AM
0409-Pasadena Group Outing
O: Switzer to Red Box
Liz Pomeroy 626-791-7660 ewpomeroy@gmail.com
David Czamanske 626-458-8646 dczamanske@hotmail.com
Bonnie C Strand 818-247-6398 nelsdotter@sbcglobal.net
Moderate 5-mi, 1400’ gain hike along upper Arroyo Seco to explore impacts of 2009 Station Fire, which burned a portion of this watershed. One of the impacts may be poodle-dog bush which causes an allergic rash in some people. We’ll discuss canyon’s natural uniqueness, and its importance as a hiking route during the Great Hiking Era. Meet 9 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring water, lunch, jacket or sweater, long sleeved pants and shirt in case of poodle dog and enthusiasm to explore! Rain or heavy snow cancels.

Saturday, March 29, 2014 4:00 PM
0415-West Los Angeles Group Club Support Event
O: Newcomer / Member Information Event

Looking Ahead

Saturday, April 26, 2014 7:00 AM
0415-West Los Angeles Group Outing
Solvang and Then Some!
Paul Cutter 310-837-5269 patecu@sbcglobal.net
Felicia Hammond 310-391-9690 feliciagfh@earthlink.net
One-day bus trip to Solvang and surrounding areas with the following possible venues: Museum of the Wilderness, an area mission, miniature horse ranch, murals in Lompoc, a century-old little red school house in Ballard and, of course, time to explore the visual and edible charms of Solvang. Price of $79 members/$89 non-members includes RT bus, light breakfast on bus, driver's gratuity, all entrance fees and bus treats. Lunch may be included. To reserve, send payment in full & 2 SASEs to Paul Cutter. Cancellation policy: $10 per person to 4/1/14. No refunds after 4/1/14.

David Haake 310-237-3447 dhaake@ucla.edu
Discover the Sierra Club … in your neighborhood! Come and learn all about the Sierra Club and our many activities, hikes, adventure outings and environmental efforts! We invite you to an afternoon packed with lots of activities: Table displays, exhibits, refreshments, free drawing. Meet the leaders of activity sections, Wilderness Travel, 20s & 30s, Sierra Singles, Hundred Peaks, Natural Science and Conservation Task Forces and many others. Your membership represents a voice for the environment. Please remember to RENEW your Sierra Club Membership! We need you! Join the Sierra Club! $15 introductory rate. Receive a free gift! Date/time: Saturday, March 29, 2014, 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Location: Community Room, Burton Chace Park, 13650 Mindanao Way, Marina Del Rey. Directions: Burton Chase Park is at the west end of Mindanao Way in Marina del Rey. Metered parking spaces for public use at the event. Overflow parking is available about 100 yards east on Mindanao. For information, contact David Haake. Bring a friend! Join the Sierra Club Today!
Have fun and play your host.

Saturday, May 24, 2014 to Tuesday, May 27, 2014
0408-Palos Verdes Group Outing
O: Zion & Bryce Canyon Bus Trip
Judy Shane 310-379-1111 judyshan@aol.com
David H Hixson 310-676-8848 dhixson2@socal.rr.com

Join us May 24 to 27 for a double-header hiking adventure in Zion and Bryce Canyon national parks. In Zion, we will have numerous options for self-guided hiking where we’ll be surrounded by massive sandstone cliffs of cream, pink, and red, which soar into a bright blue sky. On a day trip to Bryce Canyon, the leaders will offer shorter and longer hiking options through red forests of hoodoos (unique pillars of rock sculptured by the forces of erosion). We stay three nights in the Bumbleberry Inn in Springdale near Zion. Price includes bus, shared motel room, all admissions, snacks, and driver gratuity. Depart early Sat from Redondo Beach and return Tues night. Cancellation penalty is $40. If you cancel fewer than 30 days before departure, you will only receive a refund if the trip is full. Send 2 business SASEs, home and work phone numbers, email and check to PVSB Sierra Club for $391 to Dave Hixson, 15120 Polly Ave, Lawndale, CA 90260.

No backpacking. In 8 days experience the unique and outstanding natural beauty of Maui. Descend on hike into awesome Haleakala National Park moonscape crater, with its vast array of colors and cinder cones. Traverse diverse vegetation zones, and meet the one-of-a-kind silversword! Enjoy moderate hikes (4 miles/1,000 to 1,500’ loss and gain) or optional 11-mile Haleakala Super Hike: in, across and out of the crater. Hike through rainforest and bamboo jungle to beautiful Waimoku Falls (4 miles round trip; 900 gain/loss). Snorkel/swim at picturesque, less crowded beaches including Hana's secret Red Sand Beach. Shop at legendary Hasegawa General Store. Awesome coastal views on the road to Hana. Share oceanside rustic cabins in lush Wai'anapanapa State Park (3 nights) – bring lightweight sleeping bag/liner/sheet and small pillow. 2 nights in a lodge and 2 nights in shared condos in Wailea (full kitchens, washer/dryer, swimming pools, whirlpool spas). Meals cooked group commissary style – all help with duties. Cost: $1,345 w/SC# / $1,479 non-member before April 1; April 1 to June 1, $1,479/$1,627; after May 25, $1627/$1790. Covered activities/costs: all ground transportation; all sumptuous breakfasts and dinners (ahi and two other BBQs); 7 nights cabins, lodge, and condo; two restaurant dinners, including grand finale Aloha Dinner; cooking gear, logistics. Airfare is extra – best prices early. Cancellations received in writing shows forfeit a refund monies. NO EXCEPTIONS! Limit 14; fills fast. For info only, send 1 self-addressed, stamped envelope. To sign up, send email address, or if no email, send 3-4"x9" SASEs, with home/cell/work phone numbers, $395 deposit ($92 non-refundable) made out to Sierra Club, include hiking experience/conditioning information, to leader/reservationist Bill Crane at 22351 Mission Cir, Chatsworth, CA 91311

Saturday, June 14, 2014 to Saturday, June 21, 2014
0476-Angeles Chp Backpacking Comm Outing
Thirty-Ninth Annual Hawai’ian Islands Hiking Adventure: Maui, The Valley Isle
Bill Crane 818-773-4601 biliquana@socal.rr.com
Sridhar Gullapalli 310-821-3900 sridhar_gullapalli@yahoo.com

No backpacking. In 8 days experience the unique and outstanding natural beauty of Maui. Descend on hike into awesome Haleakala National Park moonscape crater, with its vast array of colors and cinder cones. Traverse diverse vegetation zones, and meet the one-of-a-kind silversword! Enjoy moderate hikes (4 miles/1,000 to 1,500’ loss and gain) or optional 11-mile Haleakala Super Hike: in, across and out of the crater. Hike through rainforest and bamboo jungle to beautiful Waimoku Falls (4 miles round trip; 900 gain/loss). Snorkel/swim at picturesque, less crowded beaches including Hana's secret Red Sand Beach. Shop at legendary Hasegawa General Store. Awesome coastal views on the road to Hana. Share oceanside rustic cabins in lush Wai'anapanapa State Park (3 nights) – bring lightweight sleeping bag/liner/sheet and small pillow. 2 nights in a lodge and 2 nights in shared condos in Wailea (full kitchens, washer/dryer, swimming pools, whirlpool spas). Meals cooked group commissary style – all help with duties. Cost: $1,345 w/SC# / $1,479 non-member before April 1; April 1 to June 1, $1,479/$1,627; after May 25, $1627/$1790. Covered activities/costs: all ground transportation; all sumptuous breakfasts and dinners (ahi and two other BBQs); 7 nights cabins, lodge, and condo; two restaurant dinners, including grand finale Aloha Dinner; cooking gear, logistics. Airfare is extra – best prices early. Cancellations received in writing shows forfeit a refund monies. NO EXCEPTIONS! Limit 14; fills fast. For info only, send 1 self-addressed, stamped envelope. To sign up, send email address, or if no email, send 3-4"x9" SASEs, with home/cell/work phone numbers, $395 deposit ($92 non-refundable) made out to Sierra Club, include hiking experience/conditioning information, to leader/reservationist Bill Crane at 22351 Mission Cir, Chatsworth, CA 91311

Rideshare Meeting Places

Airport-Marina US Bank parking lot, SE corner Lincoln and Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey.
Antelope Valley-Lancaster Park-and-Ride lot on N side of Avenue K, just W of Antelope Valley Fwy (CA 14). Turn into Park-and-Ride at Ave "S" traffic light, meet at back fence east of bus stop.
Antelope Valley-Palmdale Avenue S exit, Park-and-Ride lot E of Antelope Valley Fwy (CA 14) as near as possible to Avenue S traffic light entrance.
Azusa On Santa Fe St. just E of Azusa Ave, one block N of Foothill, just before the railroad tracks.
Canyon Country Vons parking lot next to Soledad Cyn Rd. Sand Cyn Rd exit from Hwy 14.
Corona Park-and-Ride on Main St N exit from 91 Fwy.
Diamond Bar Park-and-Ride lot, Diamond Bar Blvd, N of Pomona Fwy (Hwy 60).
East San Gabriel Valley Albertsons W parking lot, Westfield West Covina Shopping Center, W Covina; N on Citrus St 0.2 mi from San Bernardino Fwy (I-10) to Workman Ave.
Fairplex Park-and-Ride N of San Bernardino Fwy N (I-10) in Pomona, exit Fairplex Dr., go N, turn right on Gillette Rd.
La Cañada Angeles Crest Hwy (Hwy 2), Just N of Foothill Fwy (I-210). Park on Angeles Crest Hwy only.
Long Beach North side of E Atherton St (across from the CSULB Recycling Center) between N Britton Dr and Fanwood Ave in Long Beach.
Malibu Malibu Civic Center. If lot not available, park on street. From Pacific Coast Hwy, N on Webb Way, R on Civic Center Way.
Mount Baldy Park-and-Ride, NE corner of Mills Ave and Mt Baldy Rd. Baseline exit from I-210 Fwy, 0.6 mi W on Baseline, 1.1 mi N on Mills Ave, Claremont.
Orange County, North Park-and-Ride, E side of Tustin Ave just S of Lincoln Ave, Orange.
Orange County, South Ortega Plaza parking lot SE corner, Ortega Hwy/Rancho Viejo, San Juan Capistrano.
Pacific Palisades Los Liones Dr at Sunset Blvd, 1/4 mi from PCH.
San Fernando Valley W side of Balboa Blvd, N of Burbank Blvd, Encino.
Santa Clarita Entrance to Ed Davis/Towsley Cyn Park. I-5 exit Calgrove, W to the Old Road, S to park entrance.
South Bay E side of Vermont Ave N of Artesia Blvd; use Artesia West exit from Harbor Fwy, Gardena.
Sylmar Encinitas Ave, S of Roxford St; Roxford exit from Golden St Fwy (I-5).
Tustin Redhill Ave on N side (fwy side) of Stater Bros Market, just SW of Redhill Ave exit from Santa Ana Fwy.
Verdugo Hills Joslyn Adult Center, 1301 W Olive, Burbank. Park in rear lot next to Clark St.
West LA Federal Building parking lot 11000 Wilshire Blvd, visitors section, Veteran S of Wilshire.
Woodland Hills Taft High School parking lot, SW corner of Ventura Blvd and Winnetka Ave.

ANGELES CHAPTER SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES
Each year Chapter members gather to celebrate award winners at annual banquet.

**Save the date!**

**Awards Banquet set for May 4**

*From Chapter reports*

Who will be honored for their volunteer efforts this year? Find out at the Chapter Awards Banquet on May 4 when members come together to salute Sierra Club awardees and leaders.

This is the Chapter’s most exciting event of the year, a chance to celebrate entities and leaders’ achievements, meet old friends and make new friends, and cheer on Chapter leaders and volunteers who receive awards.

Awards are given to volunteers who serve the Club through conservation, outings, activism and advocacy.

The evening begins with a fabulous reception hosted by some of our generous entities. Members and guests then put bids in for Silent Auction treasures.

The banquet will be held at Brookside Country Club, 1133 N. Rosemont Avenue, Pasadena 91103, (near the Rose Bowl).

Reservations cost $40 per person or $400 for a table of 10. You must reserve by April 20 to get a seat or a table. Contact: Reservationist Donna Specht at 714-963-6345 or e-mail donnaspecht@juno.com.

For the Silent Auction, remember to bring cash and/or checkbook! Contact Mary Ann Webster (310-559-3126 or mawebster1984@sbcglobal.net) with donations to the Silent Auction.

All profits benefit the Angeles Chapter.

**Chapter election winners**

*By Joe Young*

The Angeles Chapter elections for the Executive Committee were held in November and December. The five top vote-getters were David Haake, Carole Mintzer, Marcia Hanscom, Lynne Plambeck and Charming Evelyn.

Chapter members voted via an online e-ballot or by requesting a paper ballot.

The newly elected members will serve a two-year term.

Voter turnout in 2013 was about twice as large as the prior year. Thanks to all candidates for their service.
Puente Hills landfill closed for good

L.A. city officials and environmentalists say the closure of the L.A. County landfill in Puente Hills, the nation’s largest, marks a shift in future waste management across the country.

You may have seen Puente Hills while driving the 60 freeway east of Los Angeles. It looks like a 700-acre, 450-foot high, tree-covered mountain. However, no mountain was there in 1957, when the facility opened. It’s made of seven decades of Southern California’s waste.

For those concerned with the waste system, the closure of Puente Hills – which has been the final resting place for a third of Los Angeles County’s waste – represents a defining moment. “The Puente Hills closure is happening as we reach a turning point in how we deal with solid waste in this country. We don’t need to make mountains of trash anymore,” Patricia Castellanos, director of Don’t Waste LA, emphasized. “We have the technology and ability to redesign our waste system into a recycling economy, move towards zero waste, and create jobs as we do so.”

Activists score key victory in Whittier drilling

More than 100 activists from the Sierra Club Angeles Chapter and other environmental groups turned out in force in November to oppose a plan to allow oil drilling in the Whittier Hills on land that was purchased by the city and supposed to be preserved as open-space parkland — and their voices didn’t go unheard.

The L.A. County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to oppose a land use change for the property in the City of Whittier. The land was purchased with funds from Prop A, a 1992 bond measure that allocated $540 million of public money for Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation Beaches and Wildlife Protection. To allow drilling on this property would set a precedent that could result in other regions, also bought with Proposition A money, to be exposed to future development—and not protected as voters had intended.

The L.A. supervisors’ action has temporarily stopped the proposed oil drilling from moving forward. Matrix Oil of Santa Barbara, which

Griffith Park: Picnic area, not ball fields

By Carol Henning

After the dust-up in spring 2012 about replacing most of Griffith Park’s Crystal Springs picnic area with two “youth baseball” fields, there was a period of relative silence. Local media had relished a disagreement that was often framed as tree-hugging curmudgeons versus kids longing for a place to play baseball.

At length, the story went off the radar. But, behind the scenes, promoters of Little League type baseball, along with a certain L.A. City councilmember, had not given up on their attempt to snag Proposition K money (a competitive grant of $500,000) to replace most of the picnic area of Crystal Springs with two baseball fields. The Sierra Club’s Angeles Chapter opposes the use of Crystal Springs for ball fields.

A Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) was made public in October. Here is a brief summary: Funding from Proposition K (“L.A. for Kids”) and the Quimby Act would be used to build two youth baseball fields—accompanied by the usual dugouts, bleachers, warm-up areas, scoreboards, security lighting, landscaping and fencing—on a 4-acre site now used as a picnic and free-play area. To accommodate the ball fields, “up to 49 trees” would be removed. Included would be a huge, heritage sycamore. Removal of mature trees also means removal of habitat for birds, rodents and insects. Seven picnic tables would be “relocated.” The loop driveway would be truncated. Construction is expected to take two years.

Picnic area is a recreational use too

The DEIR for the ball fields project says its objective is to provide recreational programs “based on the needs of the community.” Which community is that? What about the community that consists of thousands of recreation for families in the area, many of them Latino, most without backyards or easy access to green open space. These are the very people

Conservation issues

Colonel Griffith had in mind when he gave land to the City of L.A. as a place of respite for “the plain people,” who would need to escape from the noise and pollution of the surrounding city.

The ball fields project will benefit the few at the expense of the many. It will continue the national trend which Robert Reich calls “the decline of the public good.” In his book “Beyond Outrage,” Reich points out that, “much of what’s called ‘public’ today is increasingly private.” These ball fields will be available only to children who are organized in youth baseball leagues. When baseball season ends, or when no one reserves them, the ball fields will be unavailable. They will be surrounded by chain link fences with locked gates. Most of the time, they will be closed, as is Pote Field (also in Crystal Springs). Four more acres of open green space in Los Angeles will be gone. And, when the bulldozers roll in, Crystal Springs picnic area and its users—humans and wildlife—will be out of luck.

Hearing held in November

A “workshop and hearing” meeting to present and discuss the DEIR was held on Nov. 20. L.A. City’s Bureau of Engineering, which will build the ball fields, conducted the meeting. Attendees were allowed 1 minute each to tell whether they supported or opposed the Crystal Springs location for the ball fields. Many who wanted to speak did not get a chance to do so before the meeting ended.

Proponents, many of whom brought their children, said more baseball fields for kids are needed. Opponents spoke about the trees that would be destroyed, the wildlife corridor that would be disrupted, and the users who would be displaced. Some argued that the Atwater site, proposed as an alternative location, would be better.

George Grace, founder of the Griffith Park Natural History Survey, has asked why the Ferraro Soccer Field area was not included as an alternative. This location is 23 acres and could host a complete sports complex. Why was this area not considered? Grace suspects that “Ferraro is not the high profile location where naming rights will be extremely valuable.”
No desalination plant for Huntington Beach

Activists prevail in Coastal Commission’s decision to postpone flawed proposal

The California Coastal Commission last week put off a decision on plans for a desalination plant in Huntington Beach — a plan strongly opposed by Sierra Club Angeles Chapter.

Hundreds, including Chapter activists, packed the commission hearing in Newport Beach to point out the destructive impacts on ocean water quality and climate change. “This is not an issue of water supply, it is about upholding the Coastal Act and opposing a bad proposal,” Jennifer Robinson, acting co-director for the Chapter, said at the hearing. “The Sierra Club doesn’t oppose all desalination, but this project as proposed is NOT the one to approve.”

The Chapter had already submitted petitions from more than 2,500 individuals opposed to the proposed Poseidon Desalination Facility that would harm our marine resources, contribute to pollution and heath concerns and negatively impact the Southern California coast and the region’s tourist-driven economy.

The proposal

Poseidon had planned to use open ocean intake pipes, which the State of California has required all coastal power plants to discontinue using by 2020. Open ocean intakes suck in and kill billions of fish eggs, adult fish and other marine life. Not only is desalination harmful when taking water in, but also when it expels hyper saline brine, the salt by-product of the desalination process. In addition to a very high concentration of salt, brine also contains other pollutants such as heavy metals that can bioaccumulate throughout the food chain.

Activists turn out at the Coastal Commission hearing.

According to a study by the Pacific Institute, “direct discharges into estuaries and the ocean disrupt natural salinity balances and cause environmental damage of sensitive marshes or fisheries.” The brine discharge from the Poseidon plant will cause a dead zone off the coast of Huntington Beach.

The Huntington Beach Independent reported that Coastal Commission staff members had urged the commission — which is tasked with protecting access to California’s coastline — to approve the project, but with major caveats that officials with Stamford, Conn.-based Poseidon Resources said would effectively kill the project.

Club seeks ‘better outcome’ for closed San Onofre plant

By Glenn Pascall,
CHAIR, SAN ONOFRE TASK FORCE

Environmental activists had only a short time to celebrate the June 7 closure of the San Onofre nuclear power plant before realizing the huge challenge posed by radioactive waste at the site. Gene Stone, a leader of the coalition to close the plant, has said, “We are safer now that San Onofre is shut – but we are not safe.”

During the hard-fought shutdown debate, the Sierra Club and other groups pointed to defective technology and urged the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission not to grant a fast-track restart sought by Southern California Edison, the plant operator. Parts of the plant were shut in January 2012 after pipes in its steam generator were found to be leaking small amounts of radioactive water. An investigation revealed widespread premature and unexpected wear throughout the piping system.

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The San Onofre Task Force of the Sierra Club Angeles Chapter was launched in 2012 to monitor the shutdown of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station due to radiation leaks reported in January.

The Club’s position was vindicated immediately after shutdown when power company Edison sued Mitsubishi, the equipment-maker, calling its product a “lemon” with chronic and irreparable defects. We couldn’t have said it better — but we wondered why Edison tried so hard to restart San Onofre given the problem.

“We’re on the same page with Edison on one big issue: We hope they win their suit and collect the full $775 million wasted on the flawed system. Every dollar Mitsubishi pays is a dollar off the table as the California Public Utilities Commission allocates cost shares between Edison and ratepayers for the San Onofre debacle.

On October 19, the Sierra Club joined other groups in sponsoring a Community Symposium on Decommissioning San Onofre. Three nationally regarded experts addressed the challenges and concerns. Highlights from their presentations:

Donald Mosier, Professor of Immunology & Microbial Science at the Scripps Research Institute, asked if any dose of radiation is safe and answered, “No - Any level can be dangerous. We now know why very low doses can cause cancer. Many sites in the body are hypersensitive DNA regions highly vulnerable to cancer factors. These are areas of rapid change, which provide openings for cancerous mutation.”

Mosier noted that “exposure to 10,000 mil-...
Mountain lion cubs born in Santa Monica Mountains

One of three new lion cubs born in the Santa Monicas.

From media reports

Three mountain lion kittens were born in the Malibu Springs area Santa Monica Mountains recently -- and National Park Service rangers have already started tracking them.

The park service has been monitoring the health of mountain lions for the past 11 years. This is the fifth litter in the Santa Monicas since the study started, according to a story in the Ventura County Star. "They are pretty good habitat for mountain lions," Seth Riley, a wildlife ecologist with the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, told the newspaper. But it's not all rosy.

From the story: "The wild cats seem to find plenty of deer to eat and are reproducing, he said. 'The only problem: They (the Santa Monicas) just aren't big enough in the long run for a viable population."

The three kittens were born to a lion named P19, a 3-year-old mountain lion which herself was born in the Santa Monicas. The birth of healthy kittens is a positive sign for the local mountain lion population, the paper reports. However the father of the kittens also is the father of P19, not great for problems of inbreeding.

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li-sievert is deadly. 1,000 brings sickness and is cancerous. The rate during the Fukushima crisis was 400 per hour. A CAT scan is 20 to 60. A mammogram is 4. A dental x-ray is .005 – and requires you to wear a lead apron. “

He cited a 15-country study that found the risk was double the norm for nuclear industry workers, and added, "There is no reliable survey data on the health of San Onofre workers because the amount of radiation releases are not monitored at any point near the site."

Mosier concluded, "The effects of exposure to cancer factors are cumulative. This is why repeated exposure matters. Why add one more insult to the mix?"

Marvin Resnikoff, Senior Associate at Radioactive Waste Management Associates, told the Symposium that at San Onofre spent fuel will need 15 to 20 years to cool in pools before it can be put in dry casks. Edison has said spent fuel will be removed from the pool by 2034.

After that, Resnikoff said, "San Onofre will consist entirely of fuel casks or silos in a Stonehenge configuration. What remains? A fuel mausoleum and the conversion of a valuable site into a wasteland."

An urgent issue is the use of high burn fuel, brought to the fore by the diligent research of San Clemente activist Donna Gilmore. This fuel permits longer continuous operation before refueling but is twice as radioactive and twice as hot after use.

"We should be very concerned about the challenge of storing high burn fuel," Resnikoff said. "There is a long cool-down period for fuel used at 67 megawatt-days per metric ton. How did San Onofre get permission to operate at this level? The question has not been analyzed and San Onofre has put little or no high burn fuel in storage. Indeed, no form of storage has yet been approved for fuel this hot."

Resnikoff concluded with a charge to Symposium attendees: "The NRC doesn't have all the answers. Sometimes citizens have to force the issue by getting involved in the proceedings of regulatory agencies. Educate yourselves on the minutiae of safety. Continue to question authority. Work to empower independent voices that have demonstrable expertise. Challenge the NRC and Edison to be sure they are employing the best possible technology in every regard."

Arjun Makhijani, President of the Institute for Energy and Environmental Research, noted ironically that "the domes are the most visible part of a nuclear plant. They exist to protect against meltdown of the reactor core. Once the reactor is shut, the domes are just decoration."

Makhijani said San Onofre has 3,200 to 3,400 spent fuel assemblies containing 120 million curies of radioactive waste. "A curie is a lot of radioactivity. Each curie represents 37 billion radioactive disintegrations per second."

Makhijani warned, "After a nuclear plant ceases operation a large part of the risk remains, especially the spent fuel pools. A fuel pool fire would create almost 100 times as much radiation as a dry cask fire."

Like Resnikoff, Makhijani addressed the high burn fuel issue. "San Onofre has been authorized to use fuel rods that run hotter and contain more radiation but they seem to have exceeded the NRC high burn limit of 62.5 gigawatts. What we know about spent fuel in dry storage is based entirely on experience with low-burn fuel. Why high-burn was authorized at San Onofre without knowing how it might affect storage is a huge concern."

The greatest risk during decommissioning, Makhijani said, is in maintaining pool storage and in dealing with dry casks that are certified only for 20 years. "We don't want to be transferring spent fuel from one cask to another if an assembly has been damaged. And in actual experience, there has never been a transfer from one dry cask to another under any circumstance."

The endgame in Makhijani's view: "We need to work on a repository. All other solutions are much less adequate. A worst-case event on the surface, especially in a sensitive area like San Onofre, is an order of magnitude more severe than worst-case in deep geologic storage. Our goal should be to store waste in a way where the worst-case is not catastrophic."

Makhijani asked why the U.S. government and international agencies aren't thinking more about precluding unacceptable consequences. One reason he cited is a kind of "risk analysis" that cancels out the seriousness of outcomes by rating the worst cases as extremely improbable. "Yet at Chernobyl and Fukushima they have happened," he concluded.

Bottom line for the Sierra Club: In the shutdown phase, the minimal response - fast track restart - was not adequate and did not prevail. In the decommissioning phase, the minimal response - San Onofre as a long-term mausoleum for nuclear fuel waste - is not adequate and should not prevail.

Our goal is a "better outcome" that creates a new national standard.

Glenn Pascall is chair of the Sierra Club's San Onofre Task Force.
Victory at Newport Banning Ranch

By Terry Welsh

In November, activists opposing a plan to build more than 1,300 homes in Banning Ranch in Newport Beach won a legal victory that reverses the city’s project. It’s been a long-term environmental battle -- and here are some of the milestones in the campaign led by Chapter and local activists.

Banning Ranch is located at the mouth of the Santa Ana River, between the cities of Newport Beach, Huntington Beach and Costa Mesa. At 400 acres, Banning Ranch is the largest parcel of unprotected coastal open space remaining in Orange County. There has been an oil operation on Banning Ranch since the 1940s, and for this reason it has escaped the dense residential development characteristic of much of the Orange County coast. The oil operation has largely wound down in recent years, with the vast majority of the wells abandoned. Because of the relatively small amount of human intrusion (only a small crew of oil workers enter and exit each day) wildlife has flourished on Banning Ranch.

Banning Ranch is contiguous with publicly-owned open spaces (Army Corps of Engineers Wetlands and Semeniuk Slough), southeast (Sunset Ridge Park), and north (Talbert Regional Park and Nature Preserve). All of the above open spaces, along with Fairview Park in Costa Mesa, the Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy properties, and assorted smaller parcels, are planned to comprise the future Orange Coast River Park (ORCP), a project long-championed by Friends of Harbors, Beaches and Parks. The inclusion of the entire Banning Ranch in the future ORCP would provide important connectivity and wildlife corridors. Banning Ranch would indeed be the “crown jewel” of the future ORCP.

The ‘ecological staircase’

Banning Ranch is one of the few remaining coastal ecosystems containing an “ecological staircase” consisting of a coastal mesa, bluffs, arroyos and coastal salt marsh. The variety of special status species on Banning Ranch, including federally-listed and state-listed species, is unequaled anywhere in Orange County. The coastal mesa on Banning Ranch contains a large vernal pool complex that is the only federally-declared critical habitat for the endangered...
gered San Diego Fairy Shrimp in all of Orange County. Cactus wrens and California gnatcatchers nest in the cactus-scrub and sage-scrub habitat on Banning Ranch. Burrowing owls, considered to be extirpated throughout Orange County (except for a small population at Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station), regularly winter on Banning Ranch.

The proposed development includes 1,375 homes, a 75-room resort hotel, 75,000 square feet of commercial space, a 4-lane 50 mph roadway (Bluff Road) traversing Banning Ranch from 15th Street to PCH plus arterial highways, and an active sports park comprised of 6 tennis courts, soccer fields, baseball fields, a skateboard park, and 2 parking lots with over 125 parking spaces. Banning Ranch also contains documented remnants of an important pre-historical Native American settlement.

Banning Ranch is private property. The surface development rights are owned by Newport Banning Ranch LLC (NBR), while the mineral rights and oil operation are owned by a separate entity. While the majority of Banning Ranch is unincorporated, a small portion is within the city of Newport Beach, and therefore the entire Banning Ranch is considered to be within “sphere of influence” of Newport Beach.

Activists go to work

The Sierra Club Banning Ranch Park and Preserve Task Force was formed in 1999 with the goal of preserving the entire Banning Ranch as open space. The Banning Ranch Conservancy, an independent nonprofit land conservancy, was formed in 2008. The mission of the Banning Ranch Conservancy is “the Preservation, Acquisition, Conservation and Management of the entire Banning Ranch as a permanent Public Open Space, Park, and Coastal Nature Preserve.” The Banning Ranch Conservancy works closely with the Sierra Club.

In 2006, the voters of Newport Beach approved a General Plan amendment that prioritizes the preservation of the entire Banning Ranch as open space. The amendment also allowed development of Banning Ranch in the case where preservation is not possible. Soon after the 2006 vote, NBR began pursuing development plans for 1375 homes, a 75-room hotel, and 70,000 square feet of commercial space on Banning Ranch.

In July 2012, despite widespread community opposition and very strong evidence demonstrating the significant negative impacts of the proposed project, the Newport Beach city council approved the proposed 1375-home project, along with its EIR. The Banning Ranch Conservancy promptly filed a lawsuit challenging the project under General Plan law and under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

In early 2013, NBR submitted their development plan to the California Coastal Commission (CCC) as part of a Coastal Development Permit (CDP) application. It is clear from the CCC staff’s initial review that there are many significant issues that need to be resolved, and that the proposed project is not consistent with the Coastal Act. The CDP application has twice been deemed incomplete.

The legal decision

In November 2013, an Orange County Superior Court judge ruled that the Newport Beach city council did not follow its own General Plan in approving the project. Specifically, the judge ruled that Newport Beach did not coordinate with appropriate state and federal agencies in identifying wetlands and habitat to be preserved on Banning Ranch. The ruling reverses the Newport Beach city council’s approval of the proposed Banning Ranch project.

The case for preserving Banning Ranch as open space is stronger than ever. Orange County will benefit by including the entire Banning Ranch in the future OCRP.

The Sierra Club Banning Ranch Park and Preserve Task Force meets on the third Wednesday of the month, and the Banning Ranch Conservancy meets on the fourth Wednesday. Both groups meet at the Mesa Verde United Methodist Church in Costa Mesa. Call (714) 719-2148 for more information.

Visit the Banning Ranch Conservancy website at www.banningranchconservancy.org or email at info@banningranchconservancy.org

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David Brown

Longtime activist and Sierra Club outings leader David Brown died Oct. 12, 2013, after a lingering illness. He was 79.

For more than 30 years, Dave was Conservation Chair for the Santa Monica Mountains Task Force of the Sierra Club. He was a veteran member of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy since 1985 and served as a Planning Commissioner for the city of Calabasas since 1992.

Dave knew every inch of land in the Santa Monica Mountains and was a valuable resource on all land use issues. At one time or another, he sketched out maps for almost every pocket of land in the Santa Monica Mountains. He was an early proponent for the Backbone Trail.

He worked to persuade public agencies to buy land, so that these open spaces would be protected forever from development. Frequently, he traveled to Washington to lobby Congress and called on legislature members in Sacramento to persuade officials to support and protect specific open space through land acquisition and habitat protection. Dave helped to preserve and protect thousands of acres of open space. He fought to preserve view sights and watersheds and save prominent ridge lines from development.

In his honor, a prominent overlook along Piuma Road will be named for him. There will be a public dedication within the next two months.

Dave held a Ph.D from UCLA and was a professor of history at L.A. Valley College for over 40 years. He leaves a loving family and many Sierra Club friends. His contributions in protecting open space, coastal and mountain trails, and habitat corridors are enormous and enduring. He will be greatly missed.

--Mary Ann Webster

Robert Hicks

Robert Hicks, former Chapter Safety Chair and Sierra Peaks Chair, died at age 87. For his volunteerism, he received the Angeles Chapter's Phil Bernays Service Award in 1981 and a Lifelong Service Award in 1996.

Bob's Sierra exploits began with family backpacks, then the Chapter's Basic Mountaineering Training Course (now Wilderness Travel Course), then entered warp speed when he was befriended by Duane McRuer and Bill T Russell. Their trips propelled each of them to SPS List Finishes.

Bob completed the list in a 1990 summit on Clouds Rest. And he completed the Desert Peaks and Hundred Peaks list as well as hiked up Kilimanjaro and Mt. Fuji, trekked in Tasmania and New Zealand and had many more adventures.

--Doug Mantle

James Kilberg

Desert activist and Sierra Club leader James Kilberg died Sept. 2. He was 69. Jim was a passionate photographer and devoted many years to environmental conservation and preservation in western states of California and Nevada.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sierra Club to honor Jim's activism with the Angeles Chapter (3435 Wilshire Blvd #660, Los Angeles, CA 90010. Donations can be made by mail or through the website: angeles.sierraclub.org

--Chuck Buck, founding co-chair of the Chapter's OC Global Warming Committee.
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