Celebrating Wilderness

This year we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act, signed into law after eight years and over 60 drafts. As President Lyndon Johnson signed September 3, 1964, he noted that the day was a "happy and historic occasion for all who love the great American outdoors". http://wilderness.org/article/wilderness-act

And indeed it was. The Act established the National Wilderness Preservation System and defined "wilderness" as "an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammeled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain . . . an area of undeveloped Federal land retaining its primeval character and influence, without permanent improvements or human habitation, which is protected and managed so as to preserve its natural conditions...." (http://wilderness.nps.gov/document/wildernessAct.pdf)

The Pace of Change: Perspective of a College Student

by Bree Swenson

I'm heading back to school in St. Louis after three weeks at home in the South Bay and 10 weeks at an internship in Washington, D.C. with an organization that protects wildlife at risk of extinction. Thinking back on the cities in which I spent my summer, it strikes me how different these cities are. And yet, from my perspective they share something in common--a populace that lacks the commitment to make the changes necessary to solve our environmental problems.

Why the lack of commitment? Do people just not care enough to make the necessary sacrifices--of material things, of time and money, of comforts and convenience? Are they in denial of the need for change? Or are they just ill-informed? (Change, p. 3)

You’re Invited!

PV-SB Quarterly Meeting will be a Special Screening of "Yosemite: A Gathering of Spirit"
courtesy of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy
Wednesday, Oct 22, 2014 at 7 PM
Read more in Activities, page 5.

Are You a Leader?

by Paul Rosenberger

Are you a leader? If asked this question directly, most folks are probably taken aback a little and then mumble something vague. Well here is your chance to remove that ambiguity and answer with an affirmative “YES”, by becoming a Sierra Club leader. This coveted designation is open to any member willing to invest a few days in the Sierra Club’s leadership training program. Program completion (Lead, p. 2)
(Lead, from p. 1) qualifies you to lead outings as well as create your own outings not only locally but also to national and global destinations. It also opens the door to additional technical training so you can qualify to lead wilderness outings or outings requiring special technical skills such as rock or snow climbing.

The biggest reward of being a Sierra Club leader is the sense of accomplishment in taking a group of people into the backcountry and reconnecting with nature and the wilderness. It is an experience that is so vital to a healthy life style and yet so increasingly absent from our technologically-driven existence. It is through the dedication of our leaders that the ideals of John Muir are carried forward to the next generations.

The Sierra Club has a well-honed training program in place that has been used and improved since the 1970’s. To get started, a one-day leadership training seminar is being conducted on Saturday, October 25, 2014 with a sign up deadline of October 11. Sign up early so you can review the course material.

For more information go to the Leadership Training Program (LTC) website at http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/

Santa Barbara County Measure takes on Big Oil
by Bill Lavoie

Measure P, being put on the ballot in Santa Barbara County, would ban aggressive oil extraction methods. The aggressive extraction methods are fracking and steam injection. Of course the oil companies are mounting a strong campaign against this measure.

Many people in the County are worried about use of potable water in some operations. Others worry about ground water contamination. Not long ago, 11 wells were shut down in Kern County that had been used to dispose of drilling waste water. Kathryn Phillips, director of Sierra Club California, stated "We can’t afford to keep doing this in this state until we’re absolutely sure that it isn’t creating havoc for public health and the environment.... The last thing we want is water that is unpotable and could never be cleaned up." http://www.latimes.com/local/politics/la-me-santa-barbara-fracking-20140818-story.html#page=1

Of course oil industry representatives say that these claims are unfounded and that the Measure would shut down existing oil and gas production in the County. Supporters of the Measure say that it will have no effect on conventional oil drilling.

Santa Cruz has already established a county-wide ban on fracking. Like Carson and Hermosa Beach residents, people are starting to stand up to Big Oil. I wish them luck.

(Activities, from p. 5)
The meeting will be in the Community Room of the Palos Verdes Library, 701 Silver Spur Road, Rolling Hills Estates (entrance also on Deep Valley Dr). Refreshments served. For information, call Joyce White 310-383-5247.

Oct 25 Sat O: Miraleste Trails Hike. Moderate 6 mi, 1000’ gain. Meet at 8:00 AM in the parking lot of Peck Park in San Pedro. The entrance to the park is at the South East corner of Western Ave & West Crestwood St. We will meet about 100 yards into the first parking lot. We will take the Canada, Lorraine, Via La Paloma, Frasceti & Colinita Trails. Wear lug sole boots, bring a snack & water. If you anticipate rain, wear rain gear. Leaders: Barry Bonnickson & Steven Morris.

Feb 13-16, 2015 Fri thru Sun I: President's Day Weekend in Yosemite at Wawona. Rideshare Fri to stay in a cabin in the Wawona area near Yosemite's south entrance. Join leaders for low intermediate x-cntry ski & snowshoe each day at Badger Pass & other areas. On your own you can downhill or track ski, ice skate or simply explore Yosemite Valley in the winter. Cost includes 3 nights lodging in modern cabin with all amenities (2-4 per bedroom with shared bathrooms & kitchen), 3 continental breakfasts, 3 lunch fixings, Sa & Su group dinner. Send $285 (Wilderness Adventures - $40 cancel penalty, no refund of balance after Jan 12 unless trip is full & suitable replacement found), 2 sase (or 1 sase & email), H&W phones, recent ski experience (if joining x-cntry skiing) to Ldr: Keith Martin at 530 South Lake Ave. #708, Pasadena CA 91101 Asst: Beth Powis Martin, Snow Shoe Leaders: Sharon Moore & Jim Hagar.

The Beauty of Nature
Throughout 2014, the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy is screening a series of films celebrating The Beauty of Nature. In September they will screen "More than Honey", and in November, "Kon-Tiki". The Sierra Club is a promoting sponsor--the film series being a vehicle to raise community awareness about our natural world and our interrelationship with it. For more info, see http://pvplc.org/_activities/events.asp
Yet our country is United already--the largest electric utility, Ameren, is reluctant to commit to renewable energy and a clean energy future.

Commitment is hard. Commitment to making the world better means that you can’t turn a blind eye to the environmental problems that you have helped create. Commitment in this case requires change--perhaps even radical change.

But wanting everyone in the United States to have access to clean water, clean air, and clean energy should not be considered a “radical” ideal. It should be common sense. With respect to clean water and air, Los Angeles is viewed as being progressive when it comes to action in pursuit of these ideals. Yet local cities such as Carson continue to be tempted by the money that would come from new oil and gas drilling projects and are reluctant to commit to renewable energy and a clean energy future.

Of course, lack of commitment is an issue worldwide. I spent a week in Warsaw, Poland last November attending the United Nations Conference of the Parties and saw in world leaders the same problems with commitment that haunt us in the United States. The Conference created the appearance of commitment to making progress on environmental issues, but ultimately the inaction there frustrated many activist and lobbying groups so much that they left the conference early rather than waste time on a façade of environmental servitude that seemed more focused on pacifying the masses than generating substantial, impactful change.

In comparison to some countries, the United States appears rather progressive. Yet our country takes baby steps toward change, unwilling to leap forward if other countries will not do the same. The Clean Power Plan proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency this summer is a good step, but announcing rules to cut carbon dioxide by 30% from 2005 levels by 2030 fools people into thinking we are committed to making bigger changes than we are, given that we had already accomplished a third of that goal at the time the plan was publicized.

Many problems that we face today have the potential to be so devastating to our environment and our well-being that they call for commitment to drastic change. It is important that we answer that call individually and quickly.

An Afternoon with Richard Louv, author of "The Nature Principle: Reconnecting with Life in a Virtual Age"

Mr. Louv will discuss his book, engage in Q & A, and sign his book (available for purchase).

Saturday, September 27, 2-4 PM, at the Peninsula Library, 701 Silver Spur Rd, RHE. All ages free admission.

Sponsored by Palos Verdes Library District, Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy, Marymount California University, Palos Verdes Art Center and Sustainable Palos Verdes Schools.
Weekly Activities


**Monday Nights O:** Rancho Palos Verdes: Slow moderate 2 hr 4-6 mi hike. Not for beginners. Leave 6:30 PM from end of Crenshaw (Del Cerro Park). Hike the trails of Portuguese Bend Reserve, Filiorum, and some streets. Only one group. Wear sturdy shoes or lug sole boots and bring a red lens flash light. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Bill Lavoie, Jacques Monier, & Zoltan Stroll.

**Tuesday Nights O:** San Pedro/PV: 2 hr, 5-8 mi hike. 2 hiking groups: fast/strenuous and moderate (suitable for newcomers/beginners). Leave 6:30 PM from 8th and Averill. Ldrs: Brooks Chadwick, Barry Bonnickson, Joyce White, Dorie Chadwick, Jacques Monier.

**Tuesday Nights O:** Hermosa/Manhattan Beach: Moderate 1½ hr, 4 mi hike on greenbelt and hilly streets. Good for beginners. Leave 7 PM from far end of parking lot of Hermosa Valley School (1645 Valley Dr). Ldrs: Sharon Brossier, Alix Benson, Susan Johnson.

**Thursday Nights O:** Palos Verdes Peninsula: 2 hr, 5-8 mi hike, flat/hilly streets/trails. Up to 5 hiking groups: slow, slow mod, mod, fast mod, fast/strenuous. Leave 6:30 PM from parking lot near Rite Aid Drugs at Hawthorne & Silver Spur. Ldrs: Linda Werk, Brooks Chadwick, Joyce White, Jacques Monier, Bill Lavoie, Judy Shane, Dorie Chadwick, Jerry Trager, Lois Vile, Zoltan Stroll.

**Saturday Hikes:** For all Sat hikes, wear lug sole boots, bring a snack & water. If you anticipate rain, wear rain gear, See locations and other details in Activities listings and at the website.

Next Submission Deadline
Foggy View October 15, 2014

Monthly Activities

**Executive Committee Meeting.** Second Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM the PVSB Group Executive Committee meets to discuss matters relevant to the Group. Meeting open to all Sierra Club members. Call secretary for meeting location.

**Moonlit Hikes in Palos Verdes O.** Friday before or on full moon. Meet 7:30 PM. Easy to moderate 1.5-2 hr hike in Palos Verdes hills. Go for pizza afterwards. Check website for details.

**Manhattan Beach Sunday Hike O.** First Sunday of every month at 9 AM. Easy 4-5 mi, 300’ gain, 2 hr hike on streets, trails, ocean strand. Restrooms available. Meet by police memorial (1901 N Valley Dr, Manhattan Beach, under giant oak tree by tennis courts). Bring water, walking shoes, sun hat. Rain cancels. Ldr: Paul Rosenberger.

**IMPORTANT NOTICES**
In order to participate on one of the Sierra Club’s outings, you will need to sign a liability waiver. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver prior to the outing, please see http://sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms or call 415-977-5528.

In the interest of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements and assumes no liability for them. Carpooling, ride sharing, or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel. CST 2087766-40. Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the State of California.

**PV-SB GROUP ACTIVITIES**
Symbols used for outings: walk, hiking, flight, backpack, educational, conservation, canine, bird watching, slides, moonlit hike, bus trip, flowers, skiing, lodge, trail work, snow shoeing.

For the most up-to-date information on all activities:
See the PV-SB website (http://angeles.sierraclub.org/pvsb)
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Activities


Sep 6 Sat O: Moderate 6 mi, 1000’ gain, 3 hours. Take Palos Verdes Dr South to Forrestal Dr, north to gate. Meet at gate at 8:00 AM. Klondike Cyn, across Portuguese Cyn, Portuguese Pt., Abalone Cove. Wear lug sole boots, bring a snack & water. If you anticipate rain, wear rain gear.

Sep 7 Sun: Join us for a gala Sierra Club Garden Party Potluck, 37 Harbor Sight Drive, RHE 90274. Bring food to share. Wine & soft drinks provided. In order to reduce our carbon footprint, please bring your own cup for drinks. RSVP to Joyce's voice mail (310) 383-5247. Park on Harbor Sight Drive & walk up driveway to the house (look for balloons).

Sep 20 Sat O: Lower Point Vicente Hike. Moderate 7 mi, 800’ gain, 3 hours, with stops for flora & fauna. Directions: From the southern end of Hawthorne Boulevard, where it meets Palos Verdes Drive West, go south on Palos Verdes Drive West (with the ocean on your right-hand side). Stay in the right-most lane & after 0.3 miles, take the first right, which is marked Point Vicente. Take a sharp right & park on the left, on the unpaved parking field next to the Point Vicente Lighthouse. Meet at parking field, overlooking the ocean, at 8:00 AM. Wear lug sole boots & sun protection. Bring a snack & lots of water. If you anticipate rain, wear rain gear. Leaders: Emile Fiesler & Barry Bonnickson.

Sep 27 Sat O: Malaga Cove Hike. 3-3.5 hours, moderate 7 mi, 1200’ gain. Meet 8:00 AM at the Malaga Cove Plaza fountain (Palos Verdes Dr W & Via Corta). The route covers Malaga Dunes, Malaga Canyon & Mossbank Trails, neighborhoods, & the Douglas Trail. Wear lug sole boots, bring a snack & water. If you anticipate rain, wear rain gear. Leaders: Barry Bonnickson & Steven Morris.

Oct 4 Sat O: Malaga Cove Hike. Moderate 6 mi, 600’ gain. Meet 8:00 AM at the Malaga Cove Plaza fountain (Palos Verdes Dr W & Via Corta). The route covers trails & fire roads overlooking Bluff Cove with exceptional panoramic views. Wear lug sole boots, bring a snack & water. If you anticipate rain, wear rain gear. Leaders: Steven Morris & Judy Shane.

Oct 11 Sat O: Three Sisters Reserve Hike. This is Terri’s provisional hike for becoming a Sierra Club leader. Meet 8:00 AM at Upper Point Vicente (RPV City Hall) at 30940 Hawthorne Blvd. Trails include Alta Vicente, McCarral Canyon, Three Sisters, Prickly Pear. Approx. 2 1/2 hours, 6 miles, steep climb not for beginners. Bring water & snack. Wear lug soles, bring rain gear if rain expected. Leaders: Terri Straub & Barry Bonnickson.

Oct 18 Sat O: Central Peninsula Hike #2. Moderate 7 mi, 1000’ gain, 3.0 hr. Meet at Rolling Hills Estates City Hall, NW corner of Crenshaw & Palos Verdes Dr North, at 8:00 AM. Trails: Landfill Loop, Chadwick Cyn, & more. Wear lug sole boots, bring snack & water. If you anticipate rain, wear rain gear. Leaders: Barry Bonnickson & Steve Bradford.

Oct 22 Wed: Quarterly Meeting. Join us for a screening of the Ken Burns film "Yosemite: A Gathering of Spirit" in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act. The film documents early environmentalists who, 150 years ago, helped to preserve what would become our first national parks, inspiring future generations to continue to conserve wild lands. (Outings, p.2)
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