President Barack Obama gets a warm welcome on the campaign trail in Las Vegas in August.

Cleaning up our country -- a move that will make for healthier kids, families and workers, while creating much-needed jobs. And we still have a lot of work to do. We need stronger smog standards, protections from toxic coal ash, and an end to the devastating process of mountaintop removal coal mining. The Sierra Club will continue working hard toward all these goals in the months and years ahead.

In short, we know that the struggle for clean air, clean water, good jobs, and healthy families is far from over -- and it doesn’t stop at the coal plant gates or at the coal executive’s desk. As so many of you all know, we have to fight everywhere from the halls of Congress to city hall, and on to the voting booth.

Big polluters know that, too -- that’s why they are dumping hundreds of millions of dollars into shadowy front groups and propaganda campaigns to help put their political allies in office.

The goal of big polluters is the same as it has been for years: they don’t want any new protections in place that would mean they have to clean up their pollution. And if there’s an elected official who opposes them, they want to beat them. Coal companies, along with their big oil cronies, are supporting candidates and ballot initiatives we endorse.

See Pages 4-5.

Not registered to vote? Californians have until Oct. 22 to vote in the general election. Contact the Secretary of State’s office at (800) 345-8683 or online at tinyurl.com/voteinCA.
Volunteer opportunities

The Angeles Chapter relies on volunteers to carry out the mission and goals of the Chapter. If you are interested in volunteering, you can visit our website at angeles.sierraclub.org to get involved. If you are interested, contact Senior Chapter Director Ron Silverman at (213) 387-4289 or e-mail him at ron.silverman@sierraclub.org.

Volunteer editor/designer

If you are web savvy, enjoy creating graphics and layouts and are good at communicating with all ages, then I have an exciting volunteer job for you! Put your graphic and editing abilities to good use and reformat our current on-line Schedule of Activities into a printable version for members to use both in and out of the Chapter office. It is a fun way to make some change! That may help explain why nearly 11 Latino voters are willing to pay more each month on their electricity bill to ensure their home's electricity come from clean sources.

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By Michael Brune
Executive Director, Sierra Club

You’re probably already aware that Latinos are the fastest growing segment of the American electorate. Latino influence on our economy, our culture, and our politics will only increase in the coming years. But what about the environment? Where do Hispanics in the United States stand when it comes to clean energy, protection for wilderness, and climate change?

New information shows Latino support for environmental issues is stronger than ever.

Together with the National Council of La Raza, the Sierra Club recently led a nationwide survey of Latino voters and their environmental concerns and priorities. This was a follow-up to the first bilingual survey of Latino voters, which was the first of its kind. This project included focus groups with registered Latino voters in Houston and Los Angeles, followed by a bilingual phone poll of 1,131 registered Latino voters across the country.

Here are key takeaways from the survey:

1. Overall, Latinos are strongly concerned about the environment. In both the focus groups and phone poll, Latino voters consistently expressed a strong desire to protect the environment and move toward a clean energy future.

2. Nearly all Latino voters (96%) believe that outdoor activities are important to their personal health and well-being. Latinos also value environmental safeguards that protect their family, community and culture. Substantial numbers of Latinos take advantage of public outdoor spaces, and nearly 71% in Latinx focus groups in Los Angeles, followed by a bilingual Latino voters in Houston and included focus groups with registered Latino voters in Los Angeles, followed by a bilingual phone poll of 1,131 registered Latino voters across the country.

3. Latinos have firsthand reasons to distrust polluters—they report that they live or work near toxic sites. Many also have family members whose health was affected by environmental pollution. Half of respondents (47%) reported that they or someone in their family has had health problems related to the same thing about cancer. Since 2008, their concern over the pollution of air and water has grown by 10 points.

4. Latinos are as concerned about job and economic concerns as any other group, but they overwhelmingly support clean energy and clean energy solutions that will function as job creators. A hefty 86% of Latino voters report that they would prefer the U.S. to invest in clean, renewable energy resources rather than fossil fuels and coal.

5. Global climate change! Nine in 10 Latino voters believe that some change is already happening or will happen in the future. That may help explain why nearly 11 Latino voters are willing to pay more each month on their electricity bill to ensure their home's electricity come from clean sources.

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By Mike Sappingfield and Carolyn Lord

The Angeles Chapter has recently made some significant changes to the manner in which it communicates with members. While there are members who would prefer there had been no changes, we have been pleased with the feedback that has been received. Rachel Kelley reports that circumstances changed because the Chapter needed to advance its plans for electronic communications.

Here is information on the changes:

Southern Sierran

Beginning with the July-August 2012 issue, the Southern Sierran is no longer being mailed to the entire membership, but it is still available by request. An invitation to request the Southern Sierran by mail was enclosed in the May-June 2012 issue; to date approximately 300 people (out of a membership of 40,000) have requested printed copies. Current plans call for mailing one issue a year to all Chapter members, with an insert containing the leader directory and new members listed on a downloadable file now included in the Schedule of Activities.

The news and announcements in Southern Sierran are also now available from our Chapter website (sierraclub.org/angeles). In addition, a PDF digital copy of each full, printed issue will be available on the website.

To subscribe to Angeles Chapter news, send an e-mail with the subject “E-news” to southern.sierran@sierraclub.org.

To opt in to receive print versions of the Southern Sierran, send an e-mail with the subject “Opt-in by print” to southern.sierran@sierraclub.org and include your name and address.

Or, send a request in writing to Subscriptions, Sierra Club Angeles Chapter, 3453 Wilshire Blvd #320, Los Angeles, CA 90010-1904.

Schedule of Activities

The Schedule of Activities will no longer be produced in its current format. This was announced in the July-August 2012 issue, with a form to request a printed, emailed list of the outings and events included in the Schedule. To date, approximately 300 people (out of a membership of 40,000) have requested this printed version, which will be mailed beginning in October 2012.

The outings and activities formerly printed in the Schedule are now online in the Schedule of Activities (angeles.sierraclub.org/find_hike_trip_event). This new system of online scheduling offers much more timely information on outings and activities, as well as useful functions such as the ability to sign up and easy contact with trip leaders.

The leader directory formerly printed in the Schedule will be included in a one-year edition of the Southern Sierran that will be mailed to the entire membership.

In preparation, we converted our website into a new format that is easier to read and much easier to keep current. Working closely with the Outings Management Committee, we installed a new, online, interactive events calendar (built in a system called OARS). Online Activity Registration System, developed and maintained by OARS (http://www.oars.org) and in use by chapters around the country.

This events calendar—especially the Schedule of Activities in online format—provides the long lead time for posting outings required by a printed version; it currently has between 600 and 700 outings and events listed, with the ability to contact leaders, access maps, sort by type of trip, etc.

Why was it done suddenly?

By April, it had become clear that the Chapter was faced with an unenviable choice—fire the existing Schedule of Activities or let it die. Alternatives included making the Schedule of Activities available to all 40,000 members, knowing that not everyone reads it, was not financially responsible.

By dramatically curtail the circulation of the Southern Sierran and Schedule of Activities to the membership. Because we have 10,000 volunteers, we can build up the money saved (and raised) to keep us in black through as you can provide an effective way for people to keep up with what is happening around their communities.

We appreciate the patience and understanding of our membership during this transition. Change is painful, but we think that the new system, online interactive events calendar, and electronic newsletter will help the Angeles Chapter provide better service and information for all its members!

Michele Sunarr is chair of the Chapter’s Finance Committee. Susan Heiman is Angeles Chapter Communications Chair.
Conservation news

Montebello Hills
Fire lends urgency to oilfield plan

Twenty-one fire engines, approximately 200 firefighters and two water-dropping helicopters ensued a three-alarm wildfire in a Montebello Hills oilfield that’s slated for a housing development.

In the wake of the fire, the Save the Montebello Hills Sierra Club Task Force renewed its concerns about building a high density, environmentally hostile development in hills surrounded by a dense ring of flammable coastal sage. The proposal would place houses atop an active oil field, in close proximity to operating oil well cells and their pumping units.

If the hills were developed, the task force says, firefighters and police officers would have been faced with the responsibility of evacuating frantic residents in addition to fighting the flames. Luckily less than a dozen workers needed evacuation.

And then there’s the danger of the flammables on the site. The oil company that operates the oil field was worried about the significant possibility of hazardous materials, oil and natural gas, being released into the environment during this fire. Plains Exploration & Production Company (PXP) took the unusual step of filing a pre-emiptive Hazmat Spill Report with the California Emergency Management Agency. Fortunately, a release did not occur, but the dangers are no less diminished for families if the development goes forward.

—Linda Strong, chair, Save the Montebello Hills Sierra Club Task Force

Orange County
Plan changes threaten Trabuco Canyon

Despite intense public opposition, the Orange County Planning Commission in late July approved a major overhaul of two master planning documents for the canyon areas, the Orange County General Plan and the Foothill Trabuco Specific Plan, including deleting a requirement that new development be “natural” in character.

The changes were made at the request of Rutter Development whose president, Dave Eadie, said the Foothill Trabuco plan “just doesn’t work” because not enough houses have been built in the canyons since the project’s enactment in 1991.

The plan overhaul also repeals limits on grading along Santiago Canyon Road, allows developers to cut down formerly pristine oak trees and replaces them with acorns, and raises the allowable traffic volume on Santiago Canyon Road from 800 to 2,750 vehicles per hour. Rutter needs the plan revisions to legitimize a mass-graded 65-unit housing tract, Saddle Crest, proposed along Santiago Canyon Road north of Cook’s Corner, according to an environ-

mental impact report (EIR) for the project. Irons against.

The plan change now goes to Orange County supervisors.

—Rand Canyon Conservation Fund

Sierra Club leadership training session starts October 6

Leaders in training learn navigation skills at a desert event organized by the Chapter.

By Jane Simpson

The Angeles Chapter Sierra Club is home to one of the largest outings programs on the planet. Each year, the Chapter sponsors thousands of trips ranging from beach barbecues to mountaineering expeditions in Southern California, across the nation and the world.

You can take the first step toward becoming a leader by attending a class offered by the chapter Leadership Training Committee on Saturday, Oct. 6, at Eaton Canyon Nature Preserve.

During the seminar, participants learn the basics of leadership. Experienced Sierra Club leaders will tell you how to plan a trip, prevent problems on the trail and make sure that everyone— including you—has a great time. They’ll also explain good conservation and safety practices while on the trail. And they’ll give you tips for getting your “O” rating quickly and then, if you choose, pursuing more advanced leadership ratings.

The all-day class costs $25. The application is online at angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc.

Mail the application and check payable to Sierra Club, to Steve Botan, LTC Registrar, 18816 Thorneood Circle, Huntington Beach 92646. You also can reach Botan by phone (714-321-1296) or e-mail (ltcregistrar@hundredpeaks.org). Applications and checks are due Sept. 22. Scholarships are available for those with financial need. Apply to LTC Chair Tina Bowman (tina@bowmandesigngroup.com).

Donate it running or not

You receive a tax deduction and help the Angeles Chapter.

Contact Ron Silverman

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Where the original plan requires developers to preserve a certain amount of “natural open space” within each project, Rutter persuaded commissioners to delete the word “natural,” so that he can now count graded areas, such as manufactured slopes, as open space.

Orange County approved a smaller version of Saddle Crest in 2003, including similar amendments, but it was shot down in 2005 by a lawsuit brought by environmental organizations, including similar amendments, but it was shot down in 2005 by a lawsuit brought by environmental organizations, including the Sierra Club. The appellate court held that the in 2003, including similar amendments, but it was shot down in 2005 by a lawsuit brought by environmental organizations, including the Sierra Club. The appellate court held that the in 2003, including similar amendments, but it was shot down in 2005 by a lawsuit brought by environmental organizations, including the Sierra Club. The appellate court held that the in 2003, including similar amendments, but it was shot down in 2005 by a lawsuit brought by environmental organizations, including the Sierra Club. The appellate court held that the
Candidate endorsements

By Michael Stevenson

Just in terms of energy policy alone, we are actually one of the most generous states in country-wide presidential elections in our lifetime. The decisions that will be made during this next presidential term will not only impact the way we produce and use energy but also what kind of a planet we will leave our children. In the future, this topic will briefly summarize the Sierra Club’s Energy Resources Policy. It can be found by searching at www.sierraclub.org.

The consensus of the scientific community is that the burning of fossil fuels is increasing the amount of greenhouse gas emissions to levels that will substantially change our climate, thereby threatening human health and harming natural ecosystems. To combat this problem the Sierra Club has proposed an energy policy that centers on promoting a positive vision of sustainable energy, using as clean coal, natural gas and nuclear power.

According to the Department of Energy, under President Obama took office, net oil imports have fallen from 57% to 45% of overall consumption, the lowest level in 16 years. In 2011, U.S. crude oil production reached its highest level since 2003 with a record number of oil rigs, which is 1 million barrels per day. By 2025, the U.S. will be the leading producer of natural gas.

One of the best ways to help reduce the use of fossil fuels is to become more energy-efficient. To this end, Obama has mandated an increase in the average fuel efficiency for passenger vehicles. This goal to give 80% of Americans access to high-speed rail within 25 years. Through the Energy Star program, new efficiency standards for more than 30 products have been put into place and expected to save consumers more than $100 billion through 2020.

How do the Sierra Club’s Energy Policy compare with Obama’s? Overall, they are fairly close to the Sierra Club’s position on the need to prioritize energy efficiency as a policy priority. The Sierra Club demands a higher standard for green energy than the president, but he has many more responsibilities because of the economy. For the moment, he keeps natural gas, “clean coal” and nuclear energy in his portfolio of transition energy options to balance these choices. The Sierra Club’s plan points out at least that at this point there is no such thing as “clean coal.” His emphasis on improving energy efficiency is very much in line with the Sierra Club position.

Mitt Romney’s energy plan

Compared to the Sierra Club, Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney has a very different energy policy. He sees energy production as primarily a national security and job creation issue. He wants to streamline approval processes for extracting energy and says “all permits and approvals for exploration and development should be turned around in a few months’ time with the availability of fast-tracks.”

He says “the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act and other environmental laws need to be overhauled.” He says the Clean Air Act was passed to protect against pollutants that pose dangers to human health and was not intended to control CO2 emissions, and is poorly tailored to that purpose.” He says President Obama is trying “to fit that particular square peg into the round hole of the Clean Air Act to essentially achieve the effect of cap-and-trade without congressional approval.” The Supreme Court disagrees with that as it ruled in 2007 that part of the mandate of the Clean Air Act allows the EPA to regulate CO2.

Romney wants to increase our domestic supply of oil—of which would put downward pressure on energy prices. The Energy Information Administration, the supply of oil and gasoline is higher today than it was thirty years ago, when the national average price for a gallon of gasoline was just $1.90. Meanwhile, due in part to a slower economy and more efficient cars, in the U.S. is at its lowest level since April 1997. Besides that the president of the United States does not set the price of oil and gasoline, the global market. Rumors of war in the Middle East, increased use of oil by China and other countries could dramatically increase global prices.

Romney is for quick approval of the Keystone XL Pipeline which would bring oil from Canada through the Midwest to the Gulf coast. He says that Obama has “an unhealthy green jobs obsession” and is “in thrall with the environmentalist lobby and its dogmas.” He asserts that the president has waged a war on oil and coal while touting the creation of green jobs and says that “wind and solar remain sharply uncompetitive on their own with conventional resources such as oil and natural gas in must applications.” He says “we have wasted time and money by steering investment towards politically favored approaches.”

Recently, Mr. Romney has come out in favor of running mate. Paul Ryan’s new Republican budget proposal eliminating federal subsidies and tax breaks for alternative energy forms and would slash funding for energy research.

Romney says “the United States is blessed with a cornucopia of carbon-based energy resources and developing them has been a path to prosperity for the nation in the past and offers similar promise for the future.” He says “we will permit drilling wherever it can be done safely including the Gulf of Mexico, both the Atlantic and Pacific Outer Continental Shelves, Western lands, the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and off the Alaska coast. This will include both conventional reserves and shale oil deposits. There is no dependence on imports as we make the United States energy independent.”

The Sierra Club has taken the following positions on three California ballot measures. For a detailed description of each visit Sierra Club’s website. Secretary of State Debra Bowen, website at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-measures/qualified-ballot-measures.htm.

YES on 32: Prohibits Political Contributions by Payroll Deduction

By prohibiting use of payroll-deducted funds for political purposes. Some use restriction would apply to payroll deductions, if any, by corporations or government contractors. Firms voluntary employee contributions to employer or union committees if authorized by internal policy. Donations are to support candidates and not committee-controlled committees. This proposal would also be subject to public disclosure and would apply to political committees.

YES on 39: Tax Treatment for Multibusiness

Requires multibusiness to base California income tax liability on the percentage of their sales in California. Requires each multibusiness to file a California income tax return. Requires each business to report its California income tax liability based on the percentage of its sales in California. Requires each business to file a California income tax return. Requires each business to report its California income tax liability based on the percentage of its sales in California.

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State Assembly

Betsy Butler
Assembly District 50

Despite her relatively short tenure in the California State Legislature, Butler has positioned herself to be a real leader on environmental issues in the State Assembly. She also strongly supports her re-election.

Butler was eager to take her long-time dedication to environmental affairs to work on environmental legislation that would have a significant impact on the future of California. Her commitment to environmental issues spans her entire career, including the time she spent working for the California League of Conservation Voters and the Environmental Defense Fund. During this time, she helped create communities of support for strategic environmental movements, including carbon cap and trade changes, water conservation and habitat protection policies.

In her first year in office, she was the author of bills such as the Train-Free Infants and Toddler Act, signed by Governor Jerry Brown in October 2011, which bans the use of Bisphenol-A (BPA) in baby bottles and sippy cups. By enacting this important legislation, California has taken a vital first step to protect babies and toddlers from the harmful health effects of BPA. In addition to the ban on BPA, one of the other bills she authored and was signed into law by the Governor in her first year in office included a bill to expand electric vehicle infrastructure.

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Jimmy Gomez
52nd Assembly District

Gomez received a bachelor's degree in Political Science from UCLA and a master's in public policy from Harvard. During his time at UCLA, he served as a representative for Mike Feuer, who was a professor and worked with communities on opposing redistricting plans. While at Harvard, Gomez worked for then Congresswoman Hilda Solis, current Secretary of Labor in the Obama administration. In 2011, Gomez was elected to the State Senate in California with a strong commitment to work on critical legislation advocating for the environment and the working men and women of California. Earlier this year, she introduced the Farm Worker Protection Act of 2012, which will ensure our farm workers have access to shade and clean drinking water.

Lee Rogers
25th Congressional District

Lee Rogers is a podiatrist who has seen a significant increase in diabetes occurrences in diabetes. He is a national health expert and lectures on the latest topics related to diabetes, complications from the disease and health policy. Lee lives in Simi Valley with his wife and two daughters.

“I'm running for Congress because we're not representing in Washington,” Lee says. "We need an independent candidate with fresh ideas who will represent the needs of the district. As chair of the Environmental Committee, I've worked on legislation to improve our natural resources, including clean air, clean water, and open space. I've also supported protections for endangered species and worked to reduce pollution from coal-burning power plants. As a member of the Select Committee on Climate Change and Environmental Protection, I've been a strong advocate for action to address the urgent challenges facing our country. I'm running for Congress because we need a new voice in Washington to stand up for the people of the 25th Congressional District and work together to create a more sustainable future for all Californians.”

Loretta Sanchez
30th Congressional District

Loretta Sanchez is the current Congresswoman, representing California's 30th Congressional District. This is a coalition of all council members on this issue were noteworthy. Kang brings a pragmatic approach to environmental concerns, and would be a strong advocate for the Sierra Club's mission if elected to represent the district that includes Irvine.

Alan Lowenthal
47th Congressional District

As a state senator, he had a 71% rating on the Sierra Club's California Environmental Scorecard for his votes against the development of Coyote Hills and its efforts to protect the 500 acres of North Orange County's last open space in Fullerton. She chaired the Sustainable Communities Committee in the State Assembly. In 2011, she was recognized as an Environmental Champion by the California Association of Governments, where she led a successful process to develop a regional transportation planning. Quick-Silva has worked toward development of regional/citywide mass transportation and notes that Fullerton is the first city in Southern California to have a local initiative to develop a regional plan. Quick-Silva has also supported efforts toward neighborhood preservation and preserving the integrity of historical buildings in Fullerton. She looks forward to working on issues relating to sustainable communities when she goes to work in Sacramento.

Al Muratsuchi
Assembly District 66

Al Muratsuchi is representing for the Assembly in a new district that includes most of the South Bay and the Santa Monica Peninsula. Muratsuchi supports Sierra Club positions on important environmental issues including renewable energy, water supply, and clean air. For more information, see his Website at aflo.com.

“With a deep passion for the ocean since my childhood days (and as a former California State Sen. Frank Pavley, a world leader in environmental conservation who has championed environmental issues since he was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1995. Throughout her legislative career, Sanchez has worked with colleagues from both sides of the aisle to craft legislation that is environmentally friendly and calls for accountability for their business practices. She has co-sponsored legislation that protects some of our most vulnerable species: Sanchez is an original co-sponsor of the Save Our Seas Act, which aims to protect our oceans. She has been instrumental in bringing national attention to the issue. She will continue to fight for Congress and she will continue to work on the issue, regardless of party lines, to ensure that priceless lands like the Grand Canyon are protected from development. She will continue to work on her environmental record by supporting legislation that will improve emission standards, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, improve water quality and clean up toxic waste sites. Loretta Sanchez 46th Congressional District Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez, a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives in the newly drawn 47th District, which encompasses southern coastal Los Angeles County and includes a portion of Orange County. She is a dedicated spokesman for Environmental issues. Lowenthal has been a champion for the ocean since my childhood days (and as a former California State Senator). He has a long track record of fighting for environmental action in the city, including long-term sustainability of the city's critical systems, development of an inventory of the city's green infrastructure, and energy efficiency. He is a strong supporter of environmental actions in the city, including long-term sustainability of the city's critical systems, development of an inventory of the city's green infrastructure, and energy efficiency. He is a strong supporter of environmental actions in the city, including long-term sustainability of the city's critical systems, development of an inventory of the city's green infrastructure, and energy efficiency. He is a strong supporter of environmental actions in the city, including long-term sustainability of the city's critical systems, development of an inventory of the city's green infrastructure, and energy efficiency.
Angeles Chapter Adventure Travel Calendar

These fund-raising trips are open to Sierra Club members and non-members alike. Each trip earns a value for participants and raises funds for the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club. For more details and reservations, see contact information at the end of this page. To get outdoors and travel, contact sierrclub.org/getoutdoors/travel_adventure.

Explore Patagonia region of Argentina and Chile
Feb. 16-22, 2013
C/O rated: Watch for wolves, bison, elk, mountain goats, arctic birds and aways during winter halibut fun. Enjoy wildlife viewing and photography as well as the icy air that enhances gyser scenes at Mammoth Hot Springs, Norris, Old Faithful and West Thumb gyser fields. Spend five days with a Yellowstone Association tour guide who knows where to go to see wildlife and guide participants on walks, snowshoe and cross-country skiing activities around gyser fields. Bonus: Visit the dinosaur exhibit at Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman, Montana.

Trips include travel by snow coach, hotel stays, ground transportation, guides, two days of cross-country ski options, daily breakfast, most lunches and one dinner. Group size is limited to 10. These are special accommodations: the hotel at the park will be single occupancy, 37 meals, admission fees, $140 in gratuities and guides. Airline taxes/fuel charge of $480 per person is not included and is subject to change. Sponsored by the Angeles Chapter. Contact  leaders Fred Dong (fred.dong@earthlink.net) and Katil Gell (bear80@glial.org).

Yellowstone National Park in Winter
March 14-20, 2013
C/O rated: March 14-20 trip based at three eco-lodge reserves and one lodge in the Amazon jungle and Desolation Sound. Group of 20 miles from the Ecuadorian capital of Quito, staying in an 18th-century Spanish Hacienda at 10,000 feet in elevation. Then spend a few nights at a lodge in the Hummingbird Sanctuary high in the cloud forest and another in the tropical rainforest. Days will be spent trekking to sacred waterfalls; some trails follow in the same footsteps as the pre-incans. Learn about local culture, wildlife, tropical birds, plants and flowers. Tours will also include the Quito Indian Market and Cotopaxi Volcano National Park.

Join it’s on the Amazon River and four days at a rainforest. Canoe the Rio Napo, take guided hikes; see wildlife, go proxima fishing and more. The price is $2,080 for Sierra Club members, $3,085 for non-members. It includes in-country flight to the Amazon, canoe transport, lodges (double occupancy), ground transport, all meals, guides and international airfare is extra; group rates available. Sponsored by Orange County Sierra Club and the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club. For more information, contact leader Donna Specht (714) 963-6345, donnaspecht@juno.com and co-leader Ana Cadez (ana.cadez@bt-store.com).

Seattle Getaway
July 20-27
C/O rated: Join us for a 5-4, night-2 exploration of the wonders of the city of Seattle, Mt. Rainer and Mount Baker. This can be taken in conjunction with the July 20-27 Olympic National Park and Victoria Excursion or as a separate trip. Sponsored by the Sierra Club. Airfare and hotel rates will both in the Seattle Getaway and the Olympic National Park and Victoria Excursion will qualify for a $50 discount for the Seattle Getaway (i.e., trip cost will be $545). Cost is $395 for Sierra Club members, $435 for non-members. It includes hotel, transportation while on the getaway, admissions and breakfasts are included. Airfare to and from Seattle and most meals not included. Contact Mike Sappingfield by phone 949-768-6169 or e-mail mikesappingfield@cox.net and co-leader Ana Cadez (ana.cadez@bt-store.com).

Olympic National Park and Victoria Excursion
July 20-27
C/O rated: Join us for an 8-4, 7-night excursion to explore the wonders of the Pacific Northwest’s fabulous Olympic National Park and a ferry ride to Victoria, Canada. Sample the delights of the cliffs and the rain forest before returning to Seattle via a ferry winding through the San Juan Islands. Lodging, admissions, and transportation while on the trip included. Airfare from Seattle and most meals not included. Cost for the trip is $545 for Sierra Club members, $595 for non-members. To reserve a spot and for more information, call Mike Sappingfield by phone (949) 768-6169 or e-mail mikesappingfield@cox.net.

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Iceland, Hiking and Exploring an Extraordinary Island
Aug. 17-23, 2013
C/O rated: This 11-day tour explores the land of the fire and ice, which is surprisingly green for much of the year. Visit the capital Reykjavik in southwest, Akureyri in far north, travel south through the remote, barren interior to the brilliant-blue hot spring Hveravellir, drive along the rift of volcanoes Eyjafjallajökull and wander farther south to majestic glaciers from the Vatnajökull icecap. Among floating icebergs, participants will board a boat in the glacier lagoon Jökulsárlón and also take a relaxing swim in the cool blue waters of the Snæfellsnesfjordur. Highlight of Reykjavik. Hike and explore towering cliffs, remote fjords, majestic waterfalls, volcanic craters, geysers, boiling mud pools and more.

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Saturday, September 8
9 a.m. O: Mt. Waterman from Boy Scout Trailhead.

Tuesday, September 11

Wednesday, September 12
7:30 p.m. O: Mountain Camera Calendar Kickoff Party. Camera Committee: Members and guests will display prints, slides, and other nature-related visual art. Room of Montrose Citibank (2350 Honolulu Ave, Montrose). Delphine Tsong 818-392-6354, donnapeach@nfl.com

Saturday, September 15

Sunday, September 16

Monday, September 17

Saturday, September 22
7 p.m. Monthly Meeting: Madera Group: Breakfast at the Ridge. Meeting at the community room of Montrose Cithbank (2350 Honolulu Ave, Montrose). Delphine Tsong 818-556-7722 drewbridge63@gmail.com

Saturday, September 29
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Sunday, October 1
8 a.m. O: Franklin Canyon Hike. Sierra Singles: Easy 6-mile round-trip hike with 800 feet of gain. Meet in Rains/Hastain Trail parking lot. Francine Oschin, 818-907-1130, francin@fsglobal.net

Monday, October 2
8 a.m. O: Death Valley Bus Trip. Orange County Group: 8 miles, 800 feet of gain. Meet at 8 a.m. at Death Valley National Park at the best time for your desired view. Eco-friendly, high-speed Internet, Jacuzzis. 1-800-776-2210. bigbear-compatible.com

Monday, October 2
8 a.m. O: Full Moon Hike to Tippet Rock, Ranch Trail. Eagle Rock Loop. Sierra Singles: Easy 8-mile hike with 1,200 feet of gain in Tipton State Park. Meet outside Ranch parking lot. Linda Hillman, 818-591-9124, lhillsmith@earthlink.net. Sam Ratoff 510-446-1806, lara@verizon.net. Francine Oschin, 818-907-1130, francin@fsglobal.net

Saturday, October 6

Saturday, October 13
4.5 to 5.5 miles round-trip at slow to moderate pace on walking trail. No reservations or permits required. Meet at Mishe Mokwa trailhead parking lot just 2 miles past ranger station. Robert Cody, 818-901-9712, healthyman@gmail.com; Mafem Mertz, 310-991-6028, mafemmtz@aol.com; Wayne Vollaire, 995-595-8585, wvollaire@verizon.net

Saturday, October 20
8 a.m. O: Santa Rosa Plateau. Orange County Group: 8 miles, 800 feet of gain. Meet at the Los Penasquitos Oaklands at the Los Penasquitos Preserve. Jim and Susan Deveraux, 818-730-7730, sierra_jay@msn.com

Saturday, October 20
5 p.m. O: Gold Creek to Big Tujunga Canyon. Wilderness First Aid Course at Hardwood Lodge, Wilderness First Aid Course runs from 7:30 a.m. Friday to 5 p.m. Sunday. Fee includes lodging, meals and practice first aid kit. Proof of CPR within previous 4 yrs is required to enroll. $210 per person. Steven Schuster 714-526-9308 steven.w.fsa@fsglobal.net

Sunday, October 21
2:30 p.m. O: Full Moon Hike to Tippet Rock, Ranch Trail. Eagle Rock Loop. Sierra Singles: Easy 8-mile hike with 1,200 feet of gain in Tipton State Park. Meet outside Ranch parking lot. Linda Hillman, 818-591-9124, lhillsmith@earthlink.net. Sam Ratoff 510-446-1806, lara@verizon.net. Francine Oschin, 818-907-1130, francin@fsglobal.net

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Calling all leaders to meeting room). Front gates close 90027 (follow Sierra Singles signs
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hiking clothes, camping and hiking equipment and memorabilia.

Free drawings. All are welcome to

Sustainable, including informational displays, exhibits, demonstrations, refreshments and
drawings and records, organizing and archiving them for future use. Last year during the Chapter’s centennial, he and Maureen dressed in period attire—complete with hiking clothes, camping and hiking equipment and memorabilia.

—Genevieve Heringer

Members and new members welcome at Sept. 20 event

Come find out about the many activities in your neighborhood and adjoining areas offered by the Angeles Chapter, the largest chapter in Sierra Club. Learn about the many entities you can join and participate in—from hiking, cycling, mule packs, backpacks, backcountry and interior outings to the Santa Monica Mountains, the Sierra Nevada and beyond. The evening will feature informational displays, exhibits, demonstrations, refreshments and free drawings. All are welcome to explore this chapter of the world’s largest environmental organization. Meet at 6:30 p.m. at the LA Zoo in Griffith Park, 5333 Zoo Dr, LA, 90027 (follow Sierra Singles signs to meeting room). Front gates close promptly at 7:30 p.m. so please arrive early. For more information, contact Jeanne Karpenko at jkarpenko@earthlink.net or (818) 244-0733.

Suitable for framing—and buying

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Bill Betts, Camera Committee chair

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Get an energy boost with Sungevity’s solar offer

Sungevity offer homeowners a chance to install rooftop solar panels easily and affordably. The offer is good in California as well as Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland and New York.

Sungevity will give $750 to the Sierra Club for every home that installs solar panels in their

electric cars with a plug-in parade and a day at the beach. Come take a look at the Seal Beach Pier (in the wet parking lot at the corner of Main Street and Ocean Avenue) From 1 to 5 p.m.

—Bob Siebert

Nominate someone for an Angeles Chapter award

Each year the Angeles Chapter recognizes individuals who have provided exemplary service to the Chapter in the fields of conservation, outings, leadership, interpretation of nature, and service. Recommendations for awards may be made by each group, section, committee and task force based on the criteria listed below.

Award nominations forms are available on the Angeles Chapter website under “Chapter Awards.” (You may fill out an online form or download and mail in the form.) Deadline for nominations is Nov. 1.

For more information, contact Mary Morales at 10ter@cox.net or 949-636-2981.

Please keep in e-touch!

Want to stay on top of the latest hikes, trips and e-news from the Angeles Chapter? Here’s an easy way to sign up and change or update your e-mail address to make sure you will receive our e-newsletter and the Travel Adventure newsletter.

Fill out a one-time registration form on the Sierra Club’s website at tinyurl.com/SierraClubnews.

Select which e-publications you want to receive. You may unsubscribe or change publications at any time.

Download the Southern Sierran in all-color PDF format to read right away or save for the future.

Questions? Contact mary.morales@sierraclub.org.

Electric car parade

This year the Sierra Club and the Electric Auto Assn. once again join forces Sept. 23 to create Plug-In America’s nationwide awareness of the environmental, economic and other benefits of plug-in electric vehicles through simultaneous events staged around the country.

Orange County National Park In Day will celebrate the many benefits of electric cars with a plug-in parade and a day at the beach.

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