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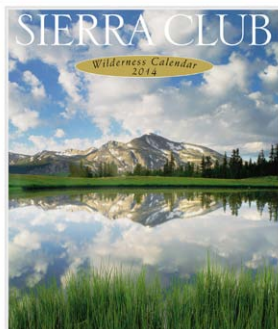


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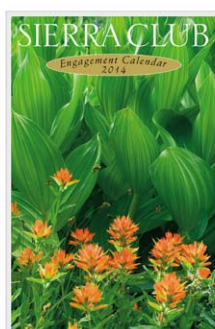
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# Start 2014 with a fresh (green) slate

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.



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## Obama, are you listening? We want more wilderness

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-environment-

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# 14 PLACES TO

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

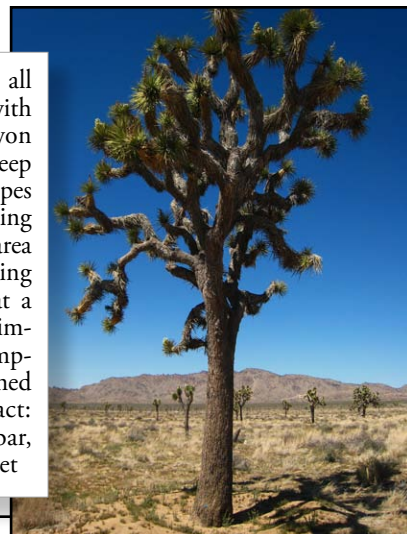
Join us on some of the most spectacular trails in Death Valley National Park with hiking options ranging from 3 to 8 miles daily. Experience geological formations of 1.8 billion-year-old metamorphic rocks and be surrounded by a panorama of rugged canyons and towering peaks. Stay two nights at Furnace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



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

## 3 Winter Combo Bus Trip to Mammoth Lakes

March 7-9



DONNA SPECHT

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](mailto:donnaspecht@juno.com)



## 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](mailto:patecu@sbcglobal.net); Felicia Hammond, (310) 391-9690, [feliciafgh@earthlink.net](mailto:feliciafgh@earthlink.net)

# VISIT IN 2014

## 5 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

## 6 Birds and Mammals of Northeast Mongolia and the Gobi Desert

June 6-27

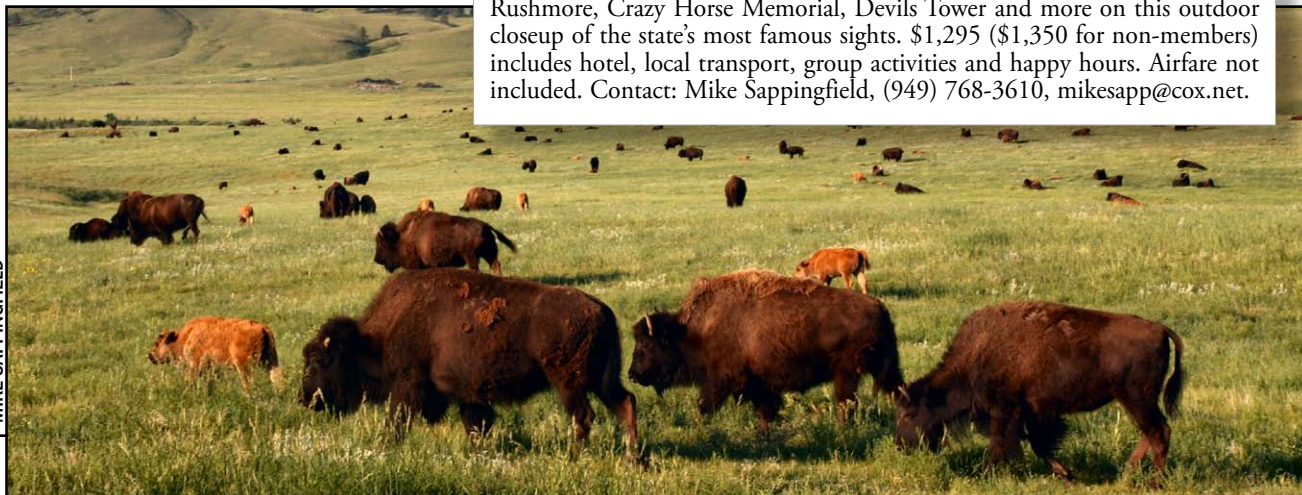


FRED DONG

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.

## 7 Black Hills Adventure

June 7-14s



MIKE SAPPINGFIELD

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.

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## 8 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 moon-scape 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](mailto:bilguana@socal.rr.com); Sridhar Gullapalli, (310) 821-3900, [sridhar\\_gullapalli@yahoo.com](mailto:sridhar_gullapalli@yahoo.com)



BILL CRANE

## 11 France and Spain: Camino del Norte

Sept. 4-27



ED MAURER

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](mailto:balois@cox.net)

## 9 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.



FRED DONG

\$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](mailto:madelinesdad@earthlink.net), and Clifford Caplan (310) 376-9105, [caplan04@yahoo.com](mailto:caplan04@yahoo.com).

## 10 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](mailto:madelinesdad@earthlink.net). Bear lovers add our Alaska Bear Viewing Adventure!

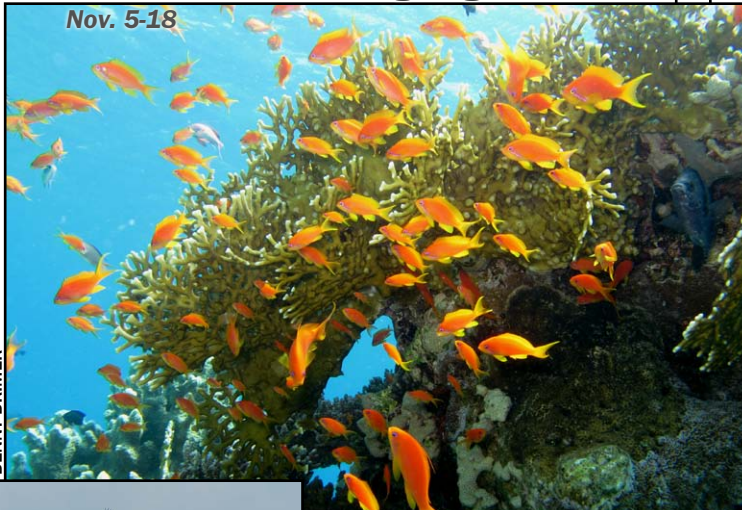


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# VISIT IN 2014

## 12 Israel Adventure: Natural and Historical Highlights

Nov. 5-18



BENNY BRIMER

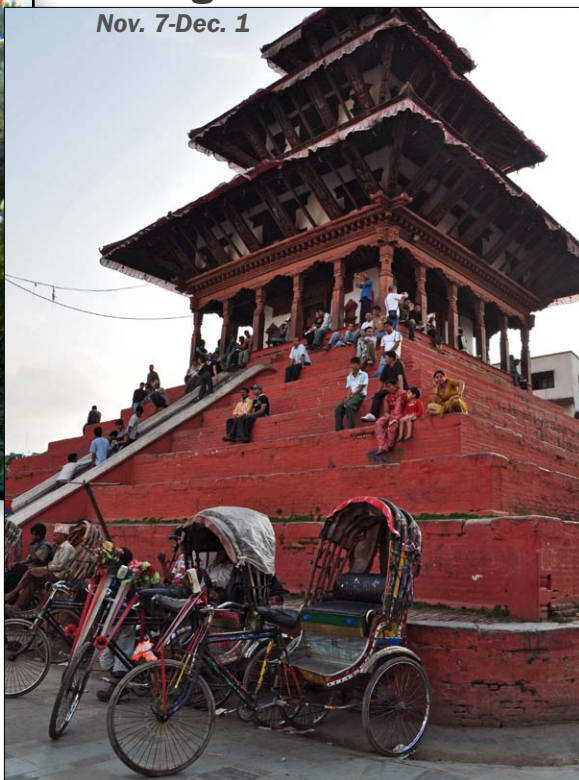


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Join an active adventure to Israel to learn about classic religious and historical sites as well as the natural history that makes Israel a critical respite in wildlife migration. Hike up Masada, stop at places along the Mediterranean Sea, and experience 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; shlomosierclub@gmail.com; Kath Giel, (415) 720-4430, sierrakath@gmail.com.

## 14 Nepal Highlights and Hiking Adventure

Nov. 7-Dec. 1



MAEW SUCHIN

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

## 13 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



MIKE SAPPINGFIELD

# Chapter news

## 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 col-

laborate 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](mailto:jennifer.robinson@sierraclub.org) or call (213) 387-4287, Ext. 204.

Contact George at [george.watland@sierraclub.org](mailto: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.



TOM POLITEO/CAMERA COMMITTEE

George Watland and Jennifer Robinson

## 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



DONNA SPECHT

Tina Bowman, right, hands off the "LTC seminar coffee urn" to incoming Leadership Training Chair Anne Marie Richardson.

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](http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc) for more information on becoming a Sierra Club leader.



Sierra Club Angeles Chapter

# SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

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## January 2014

Wednesday, January 01, 2014 10:00 AM

### 0405-Long Beach Group Outing

O: Trippet Ranch to Eagle Rock (1957')

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Erlinda Cortez [http://angeles.sierraclub.org/longbch/Navigation/people\\_leader\\_contacts.html](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 Trippet Ranch. Meet 9:00 am at the Long Beach rideshare, or 10:00 am at the Trippet 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](mailto: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 [rlorme@aol.com](mailto:rlorme@aol.com)  
Kate Okamoto 661-288-7931 [kate.okamoto@gmail.com](mailto: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

Stag Brown 323-299-0373

Jeff Brown 310-399-2792 [mesoman@earthlink.net](mailto:mesoman@earthlink.net)  
Angela Colicchio 818-957-3842 [angelteach1025@hotmail.com](mailto:angelteach1025@hotmail.com)

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## 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.

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Evening hikes range from moderate to very strenuous over hilly, sometimes steep terrain with uneven footing. Hikes are intended only for hikers capable of maintaining the pace as set by leaders. Leashed, well-behaved dogs welcome at the discretion of each leader. Hikes last from 1-1/2 to 2-1/2 hours. Meet at the Griffith Park upper merry-go-round parking lot #2 at 7PM sharp. Come early to complete waiver form. (Participants must sign the waiver and must have waiver card with them on hikes.) Sturdy hiking shoes or boots strongly encouraged. Flashlights are optional. Tuesday/Thursday coordinator Mike Johnstone and Louis Alvarado. Wednesday coordinator Joe Young and Felix Martinez.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:dougdemers@hotmail.com)  
Nancy Krupa 818-981-4799 [nkrupa@aol.com](mailto:nkrupa@aol.com)  
Moderately paced 10.1-mile 1000' gain hike past old windmill and on Upper Sycamore Canyon, Hidden, and Sin 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](mailto:jclarue@cox.net)  
Jim Palmer 949-551-8912 [james.palmer@computer.org](mailto:james.palmer@computer.org)  
Ted Wright 949-856-2592 [tednina@pixelloom.net](mailto:tednina@pixelloom.net)  
Karim Khoshab 949-559-1388 [aamiry@anaheim.net](mailto:aamiry@anaheim.net)  
Susan Harris 949-559-4570 [sueharris@cox.net](mailto:sueharris@cox.net)  
Frederick Lamb 949-350-6451 [lambfred@yahoo.com](mailto:lambfred@yahoo.com)  
Donna Specht 714-963-6345 [donnaspecht@juno.com](mailto: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

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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 [mrmnply@aol.com](mailto:mrmnply@aol.com)  
Jacques Monier 310-320-1249 [jmonier@pacbell.net](mailto:jmonier@pacbell.net)  
James Brooks Chadwick 310-544-0600 [xcskiers@earthlink.net](mailto:xcskiers@earthlink.net)

Joyce White 310-383-5247  
Zoltan Stroll 310-378-8975 [zoli10@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto:ezadorah@hotmail.com)  
Beth Powis Martin 626-396-9701 [whmscll@gmail.com](mailto:whmscll@gmail.com)  
Maureen Conn 626-862-6131 [mauconn@aol.com](mailto:mauconn@aol.com)  
Keith Martin 626-396-9701 [keithwmartin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:keithwmartin@sbcglobal.net)  
Ginny Heringer 626-793-4727 [ginnyh@ix.netcom.com](mailto:ginnyh@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 2½ 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/Navigation/people\\_leader\\_contacts.html](http://angeles.sierraclub.org/longbch/Navigation/people_leader_contacts.html)  
Sharon Moore [http://angeles.sierraclub.org/longbch/Navigation/people\\_leader\\_contacts.html](http://angeles.sierraclub.org/longbch/Navigation/people_leader_contacts.html)  
Bob Yinger [http://angeles.sierraclub.org/longbch/Navigation/people\\_leader\\_contacts.html](http://angeles.sierraclub.org/longbch/Navigation/people_leader_contacts.html)  
Joaquin Valadez [http://angeles.sierraclub.org/longbch/Navigation/people\\_leader\\_contacts.html](http://angeles.sierraclub.org/longbch/Navigation/people_leader_contacts.html)  
Richard Boothe [http://angeles.sierraclub.org/longbch/Navigation/people\\_leader\\_contacts.html](http://angeles.sierraclub.org/longbch/Navigation/people_leader_contacts.html)  
Lawrence Stern [http://angeles.sierraclub.org/longbch/Navigation/people\\_leader\\_contacts.html](http://angeles.sierraclub.org/longbch/Navigation/people_leader_contacts.html)  
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

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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 Lions 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 spuraty@hotmail.com*  
*Mr Norman O Montgomery 714-557-0794*  
*Donna Meade 714-846-3969 donnammeade@gmail.com*  
*Shilo Bartlett 714-968-5099 shopper.shilo@socal.rr.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 ginnyh@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**

**Harwood-Open Weekend (Bah Humbug!)**

*Elizabeth Ward 909-932-1980 lizzyward@aol.com*  
Join in to throw out the Christmas tree and participate in the "Bah Humbug Spirit." Or relax, hike and enjoy the local mountains at your beautiful stone lodge nestled among a pine forest. Open to all members (\$12/night) and their guests (\$15/night, limit 2). No reservations required. Bring SC card.

**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](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 mayasl@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 1½ 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 lauraf999@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 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 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 Wilderness Advntr Outing**

**O: Thu Moderate Hikers / East Canyon to Mission Point**

*Reaven Gately 661-255-8873 reavengately@yahoo.com*

*Nancy Krupa 818-981-4799 nrkrupa@aol.com*

Moderately paced 8-mile, 1400' gain hike, first going up East Canyon Mtwy of Santa Clarita Woodlands Park to ridge, then across Corral Sunshine Mtwy to Mission Point, with great views of San Fernando Valley. Return same way. Meet 8:30 am at East Canyon trailhead of Santa Susana Mtns. Take Calgrove Blvd, exit 166, from Interstate 5, turn west under the freeway and take the Old Road south about 1 mile to parking entrance after church on right, and continue past trailhead sign to parking area). Bring \$5 for parking, 2 qts water, lunch, lug soles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels.

**Thursday, January 09, 2014 6:30 PM**

**0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing**

**O: Irvine Conditioning Hikes**

See Thursday, January 2, for details.

**Thursday, January 09, 2014 6:55 PM**

**0409-Pasadena Group Outing**

**O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike**

See Thursday, January 2, for details.

**Thursday, January 09, 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 09, 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, January 09, 2014 7:00 PM**

**0411-Rio Hondo Group Club Support Event**

**Rio Hondo Group monthly meeting**

*Gary Sjogren 562-941-8485 ashogun@verizon.net*

*Margee K Hills 714-256-0807 margeehills@gmail.com*

Program TBD. Join us for conversation and dinner or snack at 7:00 followed by program around 7:30. Meeting location: CoCo's, 1250 East Imperial Highway, Brea, CA, southeast corner of State College and Imperial Hwy in Brea near Imperial Hwy and the 57 freeway.

**Saturday, January 11, 2014 6:00 AM (time tentative)**

**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 7:00 AM**

**0468-Angeles Ch Leadership Training Outing**

**I: Navigation: Indian Cove Navigation Noodle**

*Robert M Myers 310-829-3177 rmmymers@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.

**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.

**Saturday, January 11, 2014 8:00 AM**

**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing**

**O: Morgan Trail**

*John Kaiser 714-968-4677 jkai39@gmail.com*

*Michael Metcalf 949-492-6277 msmetcalf04@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\_dt@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

street parking available on Temescal Canyon Rd and on Sunset). Rain cancels.

**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 ewpomeroy@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 92016-2814). 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 dessert potluck 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 Ch Leadership Training Outing**

**I: Navigation: Indian Cove Navigation Noodle**

See Saturday, 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*

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*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 Dittmore 661-254-8543 maredittmore@yahoo.com*

*Ken Kerner 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 Schuh-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.

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**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 mrharris35@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 Piuma 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 gsegal@earthlink.net*  
*Ernest M Scheuer 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*  
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*Joan Weaver 818-717-1946 hoansw@yahoo.com*  
2-hr, 5- to 8-mi fast-paced strenuous hikes in Santa Monica Mountains with some bushwhacking. Rideshare to local trailheads. Meet 6:30 pm; leave 6:45 pm sharp each Tues 1 block W of Topanga Cyn Bl on Clarendon St (1 stoplight S of Ventura Fwy, next to Post Office). No dogs. Rain cancels.

**Tuesday, January 14, 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 14, 2014 7:30 PM**  
**0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Club Support Event**  
**Bi-Monthly Meeting**  
*Mary Ann Webster 310-559-3126 mawebster1984@sbcglobal.net*  
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 p.m. Please contact M. A. Webster for meeting site.

**Tuesday, January 14, 2014 7:30 PM**  
**0407-Orange County Group Club Support Event**  
**Program: Gillian Martin, Sea and Sage Audubon**  
*Bob Siebert 714-997-0190 eesolar@sbcglobal.net*  
*Patricia Barnes 714-827-9744 mezzohiker@msn.com*  
Gillian will describe how "everything is connected to everything" using the example of forest snags. Their removal is tangled with the lumber industry, pest and disease control, fire prevention and risk management. In suburban and in our well-manicured urban areas, we have accepted the loss of this valuable habitat for wildlife. A very gnarly subject with many players and challenging dilemmas! Meet 7:30 pm, REI Community Room, Tustin Marketplace, 2962 El Camino Real, Tustin, CA 92782.

**Wednesday, January 15, 2014 8:00 AM**  
**0483-Angeles Chp Local Hikes Cmte Outing**  
**Annual Lukens January Birthdays Outing and Potluck**  
*Laura Joseph 626-356-4158 ljoseph2@earthlink.net*  
*Brookes Treidler 626-792-1520 judyebt@gmail.com*  
Lukens (5074') is the highest point in the city of LA and an appropriate place for our January birthdays event. The hike is 3000' gain and 9 miles round trip. Do some or all of it as long as you return in time for the potluck lunch banquet at 1:00 pm. If you have a January birthday, email Laura with your age to be included in the impressive grand total. Bring something for the potluck (celebratory beverages welcome). Take the 210 to Pennsylvania Ave exit north to Foothill, left on Foothill, right on Dunsmore to Deukmajian Park entrance. If you plan to do the full hike, meet at the trailhead at 8:00. Those wanting to do some of the hike (or none at all), make your own arrangements.

**Wednesday, January 15, 2014 8:30 AM**  
**0407-Orange County Group Outing**  
**Sierra Sage O: Cerro Rebal Loop**  
*Bob Hansen 949-586-4928 awildtrout@cox.net*  
*Judith E Mulry 949-588-1347 judymulry@aol.com*  
6 mi, 800' gain/loss loop. Please join us for our 4th annual Cerro Rebal hike in the hills between San Juan and San

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**

**0458-Angeles Chp Wilderness Advntr Outing**

**O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Malibu Creek State Park**

*Nancy Krupa 818-981-4799 nrkrupa@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**

**0458-Angeles Chp Wilderness Advntr Outing**

**I: MLK Weekend in Yosemite at Wawona**

*Keith Martin 626-396-9701 keithwmartin@sbcglobal.net*

*Beth Powis Martin 626-396-9701 whmscll@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 in the Wawona area near Yosemite's south entrance. Join leaders for low intermediate Xctry ski and snowshoe each day at Badger Pass and 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 to 4 per bedroom with shared bathrooms and kitchen), 3 continental breakfasts, 3 lunch fixings, Sat and Sun group dinner. Send \$285 (Wilderness Adventures – \$40 cancel penalty, no refund of balance after 12/12/13 unless trip is full and suitable replacement found), 2 SASE (or 1 SASE and email), home and work phones, recent ski experience (if joining Xctry skiing) to: Keith Martin, 530 South Lake Ave. #708, Pasadena CA 91101.

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**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 Hixson 310-676-8848 dhixson2@socal.rr.com*

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 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 PVS Sierra Club for \$290 to Dave Hixson, 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 mlsylvie@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.

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**Saturday, 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 Brea 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. But it is not as easy as it looks as it is quite overgrown and thus a hiking and route finding challenge. Because of the bushwacky conditions, it is likely to take over four hours to hike the four miles. If you are into an adventure, or if you are collecting your Lower Peaks, here is your chance to proudly say you tackled Arrowhead! Come try this peak with us as we do our best to reach the top and check it off. Stay in the area with leaders and hike Harrison on Sunday. 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*  
*Gerrie Montooth 818-761-7490 gerriem@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 vander 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 Outing**  
**O: Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve Newcomer Hike**

*Donna Specht 714-963-6345 donnaspecht@juno.com*  
*Houria houriazhall@yahoo.com*  
*Joel Kenyon 949-285-5909 wazmo@excite.com*  
*Julie Garner 714-335-1579 avtrix@sbcglobal.net*  
Easy paced, reasonably flat, 5-mile hike, approx 3 hrs. Newcomers welcome. Enjoy the natural beauty of Bolsa

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Chica, one of the last remaining wetland ecosystems in Southern California. Meet 8:30 am. From Warner Avenue in Huntington Beach turn south on Bolsa Chica Street to the end of the street and trailhead (Brightwater). Park on the street. Bring camera, water, sun protection, hat, light hiking boots. Rain does not cancel.

**Sunday, January 19, 2014 9:00 AM**  
**0416-Santa Clarita Valley Group Outing**  
**O: Oat Mtn via Browns Cyn**

*Matthew Lax 661-252-2393 matthewlax@juno.com*  
*Raymond Lorme 661-296-0246 rlorme@aol.com*  
Moderate 6 mi 1800' elevation gain along fire road to the high point of the Eastern Santa Susana Mtns. Great views of the San Fernando/Santa Clarita Valleys thru Oak Woodlands. Meet 9 am at Santa Clarita rideshare (entrance to Towsley Canyon on Old Road). Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels

**Sunday, January 19, 2014 10:00 AM**  
**0480-Angeles Chp Lower Peaks Outing**  
**O: Harrison Mountain (4,743')**

*Marlen Mertz 310-990-7643 mbmertz@aol.com*  
*Laura Franciosi 714-879-1760 lauraf999@hotmail.com*  
*Wayne Vollaire 909-595-5855 avollaire1@verizon.net*  
*David Comerzan 909-482-0173 comerzan@verizon.net*  
5 miles R/T, 1,600' gain in the San Bernardino National Forest. After Sat scaling Arrowhead Peak, leaders will tackle Harrison, hiking up a steep firebreak. Contact leader Marlen for meeting time and location.

**Sunday, January 19, 2014 12:00 PM**  
**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

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 grassland 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 SMMTF 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 gsegal@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 Bienvenida Av and Via Floresta (Sunset Bl 1/2 mi W of Temescal Cyn Rd, N 1.1 mi on Bienvenida). Park on street, watch signs. Bring water, lunch, lug soles. Rain cancels.

**Tuesday, January 21, 2014 9:00 AM**  
**0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing**  
**O: Tue Moderate 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 1/4 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 1 1/2 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.

**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 mflemi@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**  
**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing**  
**O: Cristianitos South**  
*Chester Stipe 949-363-1142 chetbar@cox.net*  
*Delores Denton 949-581-8396 deadenton@hotmail.com*  
4.5 miles, 300' gain/650' loss. Car shuttle. Starting from NE San Clemente area, the Cristianitos South, Prima Descha, and San Onofre State Beach trails run south to the dog park at end of Avenue La Pata. Moderate terrain, beautiful views into open space rolling hills. Meet 8:30 am at South OC rideshare, or at East end of La Pata in San Clemente (from I-5, north on Pico, right on La Pata to end). Bring water, lug soles, hat. Rain cancels.

**Saturday, January 25, 2014 8:30 AM**  
**0409-Pasadena Group Outing**  
**O: Mt Lukens (5066') from Deukmejian Park**  
*Norm Stabeck 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 Monday, January 6, for details.

**Tuesday, January 28, 2014 8:30 AM**  
**0458-Angeles Chp Wilderness Advntr 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 cfroloff@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 chili 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 gfroy@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

## February 2014

**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**  
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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 Altadena Dr, N 2½ 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 rmmymers@ix.netcom.com*  
*Adrienne Benedict 805-374-1960 sierraadrienne@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 apthealth@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 1¾ 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*  
Strenuous 14-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 Froloff 310-821-4123 cfroloff@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 ewpomeroy@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 nrkrupa@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.

**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 Bernadino 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 RimNordic 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.

**Saturday, February 08, 2014 8:30 AM**  
**0458-Angeles Chp Wilderness Advntr 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.

**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, Triburcio 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 Marketplce, 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**  
**0458-Angeles Chp Wilderness Advntr Outing**  
**O: Tue Moderate easy pace Hikers / De Anza Park to Liberty Canyon**  
*Charlotte Feitshans 818-501-1225 charlottewf@gmail.com*  
*Dottie Sandford 805-532-2485 dottts44@att.net*  
Moderately paced 6 mile, 800' gain. The trail follows Las Virgenes Creek to the Talapop Trail overlooking Liberty Canyon to see an old adobe in Malibu Creek State Park. Lots of trees, views of the mountains and interesting plants. Meet

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**

**0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing**

**O: Tue Conditioned Hikers / Sullivan Ridge and Rustic Cyn**

*Jeri Segal 310-391-3439 gsegal@earthlink.net*

*Ernest M Scheuer 310-274-7987 ems728@gmail.com*

Strenuous 13-mi, 2500' gain loop hike on Sullivan Cyn and Ridge to Nike site. Return through Rustic Cyn including 500+ stair ascent on hidden staircase. Meet at Queensferry Rd (Sunset to Mandeville Cyn Rd, N ¼ mi, L on Westridge Rd, 1¼ mi, L on Bayliss, ¼ mi to Queensferry). Park on Queensferry or Bayliss, watch signs. Bring water, lunch, lug soles. Rain cancels.

**Tuesday, February 11, 2014 9:00 AM**

**0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing**

**O: Tue Moderate Hikers / Backbone Trail – Kanan Dume Rd. to Encinal Cyn Rd**

*Ernest M Scheuer 310-274-7987 ems728@gmail.com*

*Carol Leacock 310-454-4188 carol.leacock@verizon.net*

Moderate paced 10-mi rt, 2200' gain W from Kanan Dume Rd. Hike passes Newton Cyn Falls before entering the volcanic Zuma Cyn and Trancas Cyn. Meet at 8:15 am at Pacific Palisades rideshare point or at 9:00 am at Newton Cyn Trailhead on Kanan Dume Rd (4½ miles N of PCH on left side after first tunnel or 8 mi S of the 101/Ventura Fwy on right side just before the third tunnel). Rain cancels.

**Tuesday, February 11, 2014 6:30 PM**

**0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing**

**O: Irvine Conditioning Hikes**

See Thursday, January 2, for details.

**Tuesday, February 11, 2014 6:45 PM**

**0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing**

**O: Tue Tiger Hikers**

See Tuesday, January 14, for details.

**Tuesday, February 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, February 12, 2014 8:30 AM**

**0409-Pasadena Group 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 7gables@cox.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 Outing**

**O: Puente Hills Conditioning Hike**

See Wednesday, January 8, for details.

**Wednesday, February 12, 2014 7:00 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 818-344-6869 hiker.rosemary@  
sbcglobal.net  
Margaret Vernallis 818-360-4414 margaret.vernallis@  
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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 Outing**  
**O: Yosemite National Park Bus Trip**  
Paul Cutter 310-837-5269 patecu@sbcglobal.net  
Ilona Kupecz 909-599-7115 startrekgal48@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 resold. 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 Proskurowski 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 Advntr 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 6:30 PM**

**0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing**

**O: Irvine Conditioning Hikes**

See Thursday, January 2, for details.

**Thursday, February 20, 2014 6:55 PM**

**0409-Pasadena Group Outing**

**O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike**

See Thursday, January 2, for details.

**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 clarkta@hotmail.com*

*Sylvie Cote 949-547-2998 mlsylvie@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. (Note: 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 9:00 AM**

**0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing**

**O: Tue Moderate Hikers / Santa Ynez Cyn via Wirebreak**

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*Ernest M Scheuer 310-274-7987 ems728@gmail.com*

Moderate 7-mi, 1000' gain hike to Trippet Ranch via the re-engineered Wirebreak. Shorter 4- to 6-mi option. Meet 9:00 am Santa Ynez trailhead (PCH N ½ mi on Sunset Blvd, L 2 ½ mi on Palisades Dr , L on Vereda de la Montura to the gate). 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.

**Tuesday, February 25, 2014 6:45 PM**

**0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing**

**O: Tue Tiger Hikers**

See Tuesday, January 14, for details.

**Tuesday, February 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, 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.

**Thursday, February 27, 2014 8:30 AM**  
**0458-Angeles Chp Wilderness Advntr Outing**  
**O: Thu Moderate Hikers / Towsley Cyn, Santa Clarita Woodlands**

*Mimi Knights 661-253-3414*

*Norm Stabeck 818-236-3884 normstabeck1945@yahoo.com*  
Moderately paced 7-mile, 1350' gain (optional 5 mile 1050' gain) hike with great vistas, a chilly narrows, diverse plant life and tar seeps. Meet 8:30 am Ed Davis Park in Santa Susana Mtns. Take Calgrove Blvd, exit 166, from Interstate 5, turn west under the freeway and take the Old Road south ½ mile to Ed Davis Park on right, drive past Santa Clarita rideshare parking area outside entrance, go through gate and park in large dirt parking area 100 yds beyond the gate. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lug soles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels.

**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 wildness 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.*

— *John of the Mountains: The Unpublished Journals of John Muir, 1938, page 317*

## March 2014

**Saturday, March 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, March 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, March 01, 2014 8:30 AM**  
**0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing**  
**O: Santa Monica Mountains Trail Work**

See Saturday, January 4, for details.

**Saturday, March 01, 2014 8:30 AM**  
**0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing**  
**I: Mt. San Jacinto Backcountry Ski Tour**

*Mark Alan Mitchell 818-753-9328 markamitchell@att.net*

*Mark Fleming 626-712-3671 mfilemi@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.

**Saturday, March 01, 2014 9:00 AM**  
**0409-Pasadena Group Outing**  
**O: El Prieto Cyn to Little Roundtop**

*Liz Pomeroy 626-791-7660 ewpomeroy@gmail.com*

*David Czamanske 626-458-8646 dczamanske@hotmail.com*

Moderately paced 4-mi rt, 800' gain hike up wooded tributary canyon of the Arroyo Seco to see effects of the 2009 Station Fire, and site of cabin built by two sons of John Brown of Harpers Ferry notoriety and nearby gravesite of Owen Brown, one of those sons. Since this area was burned in the Station Fire, be prepared (long sleeved shirt and long pants) for the possibility of poodle-dog bush, which causes an allergic rash in some people. Meet 9 am at W end of Altadena Dr in Altadena overlooking the Arroyo. Bring water, lunch, hiking boots, appropriate clothing. Rain cancels.

**Sunday, March 02, 2014 9:45 AM**  
**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 (tapas, 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.

**Tuesday, March 04, 2014 8:30 AM**

**0458-Angeles Chp Wilderness Advntr 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 Tgables@cox.net*

6 miles, 500' gain. We start from the Willow parking area, up the Laurel Cyn trail, under the Toll road, down Camarillo Cyn road and across the Stage Coach trail, a shady walk uphill with a view. We should have a good view of wildflowers in the Laguna Coast Wilderness. Meet 9:00 am at the entrance to the Laguna Coast Wilderness, Willow parking on Laguna Cyn Rd, 100' south of El Toro, turn R into the Willow parking lot. \$3 parking. Bring water, snack, lug soles. Rain cancels.

Provisional leader: Sherri Sisson, (949) 282-7207

*sksisson@gmail.com* Asst: Helen Maurer. This will be the provisional hike for Sherri Sisson. The Maurers will be the senior leaders.

**Wednesday, March 05, 2014 6:30 PM**

**0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing**

**O: Puente Hills Conditioning Hike**

See Wednesday, January 8, for details.

**Wednesday, March 05, 2014 7:30 PM**

**0405-Long Beach Group Club Support Event**

**March Monthly Meeting and Presentation**

See Wednesday, February 5, for details.

**Thursday, March 06, 2014 6:30 PM**

**0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing**

**O: Irvine Conditioning Hikes**

See Thursday, January 2, for details.

**Thursday, March 06, 2014 6:55 PM**

**0409-Pasadena Group Outing**

**O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike**

See Thursday, January 2, for details.

**Thursday, March 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, March 07, 2014 to Sunday, March 09, 2014**

**0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing**

**I: Winter Combo Bus Trip to Mammoth Lakes, CA**

*Keith Martin 626-396-9701 keithwmartin@sbcglobal.net*

*Donna Specht 714-963-6345 donnaspecht@juno.com*

*Beth Powis Martin 626-396-9701 whmscl@gmail.com*

*Mark Alan Mitchell 818-753-9328 markamitchell@att.net*

*Kent Schwitkis 310-540-5558 schwitkii@earthlink.net*

*Sherry Ross 562-429-6953 chlross@yahoo.com*

Backcountry oriented fun-filled weekend. Ski downhill or snowboard on Mammoth Mtn, daily leader led backcountry ski tours and snowshoe tours. Visit geological formations. Ski on your own at Tamarack Nordic Ski Center. Non-skiers welcome. Quality Inn lodging, two person, 2 beds/private bath, microwave, fridge, indoor spa. Close to shopping, night life, casual and fine dining, free shuttles. Leave Orange County 2:00 pm. South Bay and Sylmar pick-up later. Return Orange County Sunday approx 10 pm. Includes bus, lodging, full breakfast, happy hour, bus refreshments, Sunday dinner. Send 2 SASEs OR 1 SASE and email address, phone numbers, \$305 (made out to Orange County Sierra Singles) to reservationist Beth Martin, 530 South Lake Ave #708, Pasadena CA 91101 (whmscl@sbcglobal.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 ¼ 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 llively@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, lugsoles, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels.

**Tuesday, March 11, 2014 6:30 PM**  
**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*  
*Houria Hall 714-767-5327 houriazhall@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 I-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 prheight@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 mlsylvie@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 rschranzsc@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  
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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 msmetcalf04@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 805-255-2350 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,

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and back down the Leacock Trail. Meet at Bienvenida Ave and Via Floresta (Sunset Bl ½ mi W of Temescal Cyn Rd, N 1.1 mi on Bienvenida). 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 6:30 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 6:45 PM**

**0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing**

**O: Tue Tiger Hikers**

See Tuesday, January 14, 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.

**Wednesday, March 19, 2014 8:30 AM**

**0407-Orange County Group Outing**

**O: Sitton Peak**

*Sharon Kirk 714-376-3197 sl.kirk@sbcglobal.net*

*Garry McCoppin 714-269-5078 mccoppin@cox.net*

OC Group, Sierra Sage, OCSS: 10 miles, 2150' gain/loss. A nice workout up the Bear Cyn Trail to 4 corners, then on up the Sitton Peak road and trail to the peak. Tremendous views on top, ocean to mountains. Meet 8:30 am at South Orange County rideshare with 2 liters water, lunch/snack, lug soles; hiking poles helpful. Rain cancels.

**Wednesday, March 19, 2014 6:30 PM**

**0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing**

**O: Puente Hills Conditioning Hike**

See Wednesday, January 8, for details.

**Thursday, March 20, 2014 6:30 PM**

**0456-Angeles Chp Orange Cty Singles Outing**

**O: Irvine Conditioning Hikes**

See Thursday, January 2, for details.

**Thursday, March 20, 2014 6:55 PM**

**0409-Pasadena Group Outing**

**O: Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike**

See Thursday, January 2, for details.

**Thursday, March 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, March 22, 2014 8:00 AM**

**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing**

**O: Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve**

*Sylvia Stevenson 949-487-2660 sylvia\_stevenson@*

*yahoo.com*

*Russ Brown 949-481-5295 russbrown3@cox.net*

6 miles 500' gain. A special place, at its best in the spring. The checkerbloom and chocolate lilies may be in flower. Home to California's last vernal pools and rare Engelmann oaks. Meet at south OC rideshare point. Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, lug soles, hat. Rain cancels.

**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**

**0409-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 8:30 AM**

**0490-Angeles Chp SMMTF Subcom Outing**

**O: Santa Monica Mountains Trail Work**

See Saturday, January 4, for details.

**Saturday, March 22, 2014 9:00 AM**

**0407-Orange County Group Outing**

**Telegraph Canyon hike**

*Jim McCullough 714 442-1521 jm@dalab.com*

*Eric Johnson 714-524-7763 ericsj@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, a snack, 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

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 alleé 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*

*Ernest 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 – Bienvenida/Leacock Trail to Howard's Peak**

*Wlodek 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 Bienvenida Av (½ mi W of Temescal Cyn Rd on Sunset Blvd, 1 mi N on Bienvenida). 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

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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

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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**  
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*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!

**Sunday, March 30, 2014 8:00 AM (Time Tentative)**  
**0469-Angeles Chp Wilderness Training Outing**  
**I: Sandy Point (7062 ft.)**

*Benjamin Bowes bowes.benjamin@gmail.com*  
*Will McWhinney*  
Cross-country, springtime day hike to Sandy Point near the north end of Death Valley National Park. This hike affords panoramic views of the Eureka Valley and snowcapped Eastern Sierra Nevada Mountains in the distance. 11-mile round trip with approximately 2000 feet of gain. Optional car camp Saturday and Sunday nights under a new moon near the entrance to decommissioned Crater Mine. You may pair this trip with the day hike to Last Chance Mountain on Saturday, March 29. 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.

**Monday, March 31, 2014 7:00 PM**  
**0405-Long Beach Group Outing**  
**Conditioning Beach Walk (every Monday)**  
See Monday, January 6, for details.

## 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 feliciafgh@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.

**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 judyshane@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-size SASEs, home and work phone numbers, email and check to PVSJ Sierra Club for \$391 to Dave Hixson, 15120 Polly Ave, Lawndale, CA 90260.

**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 bilguana@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 Wailua (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 after April 1 incur a \$395 penalty; after May 3 a \$739 penalty; after May 25 or no-shows forfeit all 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 Lions 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.



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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.

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# Conservation issues

## 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

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## 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 families who rely on and heavily use the Crystal Springs picnic area and have done so for half a century? The DEIR talks about "high quality, affordable recreation programs for youth in the area, especially at risk boys and girls."

But Crystal Springs already provides affordable (free) passive 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



TOM POLITO

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 health 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.



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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



San Onofre Nuclear Station, while it was still in operation.

& 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-

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# Mountain lion cubs born in Santa Monica Mountains



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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-sieverts 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 to the southwest (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



A vernal pool on a mesa at Banning Ranch in Newport Beach.

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 unequalled 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 endan-

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entered into the agreement with Whittier, argued that the Board of Supervisors did not have the authority to halt the project. So this will likely not be the last we hear of the drilling proposal. The Los Angeles Times reports that litigation already is underway over this issue.

"This is not a complicated issue," said Yvonne Watson of the Angeles Chapter and the Montebello Hills Task Force. "These lands were bought with Prop A funds, which were approved by the voters to buy park land. That is the plain and simple truth of the matter. Matrix Oil is trying to make this into a complicated issue; it is not. It is simply the voice of the people who said 'We want parks; here's our money.' They did not say 'We want parks, here's our money, now go buy an oil field.'" "

The supervisors' vote is a big victory for land preservation in L.A. County and across the state of California. Had the board approved the land use change, many sites across the L.A. Basin that were also purchased

using Prop A funds could be at risk for future oil drilling. It could have set a precedent in L.A. County and in other parts of California threatening the preservation of other lands previously purchased using tax payer funds.

## Did we really need studies? Americans feel climate change is real

New state-by-state polling reports issued in November find that the vast majority of Americans in traditionally red and blue states accept climate science and want government action to clean up climate pollution.

The state reports were released by Rep. Henry A. Waxman (CA-33) and Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (RI), co-chairs of the Bicameral Task Force on Climate Change. Key findings showed that in every state surveyed, at least 75% of the population acknowledges the existence of climate disruption.

The reports also showed that in every state surveyed, at least two-thirds of the population believes that the government should limit dangerous greenhouse gas emissions created by polluting industries.

"If the devastation in the Philippines has shown us anything about the climate crisis, it's that we can't wait any longer for climate action from our leaders," Michael Brune, Sierra Club Executive Director, said in response. "This new state-level polling analysis makes clear that Americans across the country understand the dangers of climate disruption and want action from their leaders now."

In Stanford University's State-Level Climate Polling Data report, here's what Californians said.

82% said global warming been happening  
76% believe warming will continue in the future

82% believe warming will be a serious problem for the US

80% think government should limit gas emissions from US businesses



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Banning Ranch, looking south toward the ocean.

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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.banningranch-conservancy.org](http://www.banningranch-conservancy.org) or email at [info@banningranchconservancy.org](mailto:info@banningranchconservancy.org)

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# Passages

We remember Dave Brown, Robert Hicks, Jim Kilberg and Robert Smith

## 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.

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--From Chapter reports

## Robert (Bob) Smith

Dr. Robert (Bob) Smith, environmental activist and founding member of the Orange County Global Warming Committee of Angeles Chapter, died on October 31, 2013.

Bob had a leading role in the design and implementation of "Juicing Orange County," a comprehensive survey of OC cities with regard to energy usage and steps taken toward energy efficiency and sustainability. Along with fellow Global Warming Committee member, Jennifer Searfoss, Bob created a survey form covering eight areas of energy use. When completed forms were obtained from 80% of the OC cities, Bob took the lead in tabulating, analyzing, and interpreting survey results. Along with other Committee members, Bob prepared reports for each city, comparing each city with all others. Chuck Buck, co-chair of the committee at the time, described Bob as "a bright, insightful and thoughtful researcher and environmental activist, who played a major role in the success of the committee."

Bob served on the Huntington Beach Environmental Board, reviewing development proposals for their environmental adequacy. He was a major leader in Residents for Responsible Desalination, speaking at hearings to oppose Poseidon's desalination projects. An active member of the National Institute of Building Sciences, Bob worked with Green Building professionals in pursuing improvements in state building codes and state agency policies. He was a retired professor of management information science at Long Beach State.

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

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tal Congress in history:

- Protecting the special places that communities care about most and passing sustainable budgets that support our public lands are the kind of commonsense, bipartisan actions that Americans want to see Congress take, but we cannot and will not hold our breath forever. We owe it to future generations to act, and President Obama is ready and willing to step up where Congress falls short.
- Actually, President Obama has stepped up on several occasions and designated new national monuments. But given the current state of Congress, he needs to take his game to a higher level. Many first-rate candidates for national monument status are still waiting -- from the seashore of Northern California to the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks of New Mexico. The opportunity to save these places won't always be there. President Obama needs to act before it's too late.
- We cannot and will not hold our breath forever. Well, why hold it at all? Let's tell President Obama that we're ready to see him do what Congress won't: Protect these wild places before they're gone forever. Then we'll all be able to breathe a little easier. Follow the link [bit.ly/19AY03F](http://bit.ly/19AY03F) to make your voice heard.

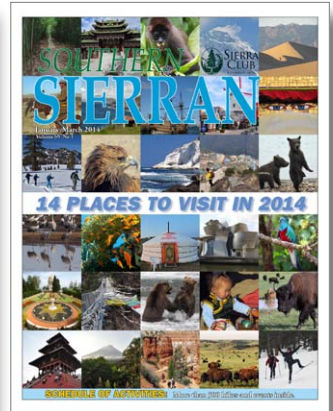
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