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## Membership Meetings

**Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> • 7:30 PM**

**"Grand Schemes and Broken Dreams:**

**Stunning Visual Remnants from Southern California's Past"**

**Presented by: Robert Larson**

*(see write up on Page 2)*

**Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> • 7:30 PM**

**"The Desert: Its Grace, Its Gravity and Its Grandeur"**

**Presented by: David McChesney**

*(see write up on Page 12)*

**Programs are held at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands (California St. exit off 10 Fwy)**

## Mountain Lion's Accidental Death

By Sammy Roth, *The Desert Sun*, February 2, 2015

The accidental death of a mountain lion in the parking lot of Temecula's Promenade mall has highlighted the plight of wildlife threatened by habitat loss and fragmentation. The Santa Margarita Group of the Sierra Club (SMGSC) is responding to this sad incident by ratcheting up its support of efforts to help wildlife co-exist with development.



*Palm & Pine file photo.*

SMGSC Chair Pam Nelson said that the group is interested in partnering with volunteers and experts who are working towards improvements in our watershed. "There are various entities that are and have been producing data

on wildlife corridors. Our group would like to support their efforts in any way we can," she said.

The young male was discovered in the Macy's parking lot early in the morning of March 6<sup>th</sup>. California Fish and Wildlife darted the animal, with the intention of releasing it onto the Santa Rosa Plateau, but it died when the dart missed its target and instead hit the animal's lungs, causing respiratory failure.

The fact that the lion wandered so far into the center of town surprised local experts. Vicki Long, a veteran champion of protections for these animals, said, "I used to tell people that if they didn't want to see mountain lions, then go to the mall. I guess I can't say that anymore."

The Santa Ana mountain lion

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## East Valley Students Lobby for Tougher Smog Standard

By Sammy Roth, *The Desert Sun*, February 2, 2015

More than 100 students from Desert Mirage High School trekked to Sacramento to lobby for higher air-quality standards, which they say could lower asthma rates in the heavily polluted eastern Coachella Valley.

The Environmental Protection Agency is working on a plan to toughen federal air-quality standards for ground-level ozone, the main component of smog. The Coachella Valley exceeded the current standard on 40 days in 2014, and studies have found that more than 10 percent of children in the valley suffer from asthma.

Conditions are particularly bad in the eastern part of the valley, where low incomes and widespread lack of health insurance exacerbate air quality-related health problems. Based on recent data compiled by the California Environmental Protection Agency, census districts based in Coachella and Indio rank among the top third in the state for high levels of ozone pollution.

Ozone is generally produced by cars, trucks and industrial activity. It can aggravate asthma and contribute to other chronic respiratory conditions, including emphysema and bronchitis.

For Sierra Club organizer Marina Barragán, who lives in Oasis and graduated from Desert

Mirage two years ago, the fight for tougher smog restrictions is personal. Barragán's uncle died from asthma-related health issues eight years ago, and her 23-year-old-sister, Maritza, suffers from the same condition.

"I remember growing up, and my sister never played outside with us. I used to

she went to the hospital three times in the same week.

"I realized this was not normal, no one should have to do this," Barragán said. "That is ridiculous. That is inhumane. No one should have to do that."

The Desert Mirage High School students lobbied in Sacramento for



*(Photo: Courtesy Marta Stoepker)*

think it was normal," said Barragán, who helped organize the Sierra-Club led trip to Sacramento. "I thought it was normal that she could not go outside because she would start breathing really heavy."

Eventually, Barragán said, her sister's monthly hospital visits became more frequent, culminating in a summer when

higher air-quality standards, which they believe will help lower asthma rates in the eastern Coachella Valley.

The Environmental Protection Agency held a hearing in Sacramento to solicit public comment on its proposal to toughen federal ozone standards.

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## Outings Leader Training June 6-7

By Ralph Salisbury

If you enjoy healthy exercise and the abundance of special places to visit in the San Gorgonio Chapter, then you have probably participated in our extensive Outings Program. Coming up is the opportunity for you to become a Chapter Outings Leader beginning this June 6 & 7 at the Sierra Club-owned ski cabin near Running Springs.

The course involves an overnight stay and includes instruction in outdoor leadership, Club Outings Administration, Map and Compass Psychology of Leadership, environmental considerations and a first aid class. Sunday will include a field exercise where you put into practice your newly acquired skills.

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## May 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting Features “Grand Schemes and Broken Dreams: Stunning Visual Remnants from Southern California’s Past”

**R**obert Larson’s talk, illustrated with his own photographs, features the Salton Sea, the Goat Canyon Railroad Trestle and the Bridge to Nowhere, why they are there, what they were intended to become and what they are today. He will show how all three, in different ways, are related to water and Southern California water management.

The Salton Sea was created by accident starting in 1905 when hastily constructed connectors to the All American Canal were over-come by high waters in the Colorado River. Over a period of two years, the entire river flow was diverted into the Salton Sink, creating the lake 200 feet below sea level. By the 1950s, a thriving introduced fishery supported recreational fishing and resorts, marinas and yacht harbors dotted the lakeshore. Later, an in-crease in the lake level flooded the developments and obnoxious fish die offs drove the recreation industry away. Larson says, “Since the late

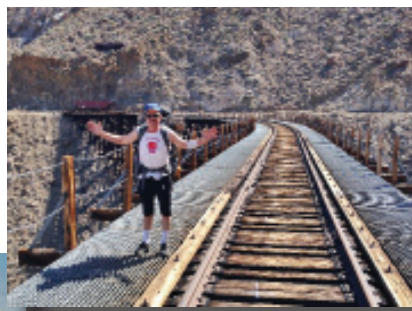
1970s, the Salton Sea has mostly sported a surreal post-apocalyptic look and feel with rotting, rusting, crumbling, half-flooded buildings.”

In 1907, sugar baron John Spreckles broke ground on the San Diego and Arizona Railroad, secretly funded by the Southern Pacific. Dubbed the “Impossible Railroad,” it connected San Diego to the east while bypassing Los



Angeles. Plagued by wash outs and tunnel collapses, it was eventually abandoned, but not before the construction of the Goat Canyon Railroad Trestle, claimed

to be the longest curved railroad trestle in the world.



The Bridge to Nowhere is a beautiful arched concrete span over the East Fork of the San Gabriel River. During the Great Depression, a highway was under construction to connect Azusa across the San Gabriel Mountains to Wrightwood. The 50-year flood of March 1938 washed out the East Fork Road and forever isolated the bridge, which is now in the Sheep Mountain Wilderness.

Robert Larson is a southern California

native with a lifelong interest in the local deserts and their lore. Robert has worked as a free-lance writer and radio talk show host. He loves backpacking to remote locations to explore some of California’s odd hidden gems.

Robert’s work has been published in the Temecula Valley Museum’s *The High Country*, *Fate* magazine, Art Bell’s *After Dark*, and *The Excluded Middle*. He also contributed an entry to the book *Weird California: Your Travel Guide to California’s Local Legends and Best Kept Secrets*.

From 2005 to 2012, Mr. Larson hosted a weekly radio program called *Out The Rabbit Hole* at KUCI Radio at the University of California at Irvine. This involved indepth interviews with various guests – usually book authors – on a variety of topics ranging from the socio-political to the paranormal to the historical to the folkloric to the arts. He currently is a correspondent for the Heather McCoy Show – also at KUCI – reporting news from the Inland Empire.

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# Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

**MAY-JUNE 2015**

The outings calendar is on the Internet at <http://sangorgonio.sierraclub.org>

## CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

**DEADLINE:** Items for the July/August 2015 Calendar are due by June 1, 2015.

**FORMAT** items similar to those below. Send items electronically if possible.

**OUTINGS:** Send outings write-ups to your group or section Outings Chair.

**MEETINGS** & other events: Send electronically to Ladd Seekins at [ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com](mailto:ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com)

## GENERAL INFORMATION, RULES & DISCLAIMERS

All Outings Leaders are Chapter Certified Leaders having appropriate Outings Training Courses, First Aid Courses, & experience for the Outings they lead. LEADERS may exclude individuals from participation if they believe they may not be qualified. Non-Sierra Club members may join outings unless otherwise stated in the write-up. All participants agree to abide by the Leader's rules. Participants should **CALL THE LEADER AHEAD TO SIGN-UP**.

## WHAT TO BRING

Many Outings specify items to be carried by **EACH** participant. Do not attend Outings without the specified items unless you have first discussed it with the leader. Often the **TEN ESSENTIALS** are required. They are: 1) map, 2) compass, 3) flashlight, 4) knife, 5) windproof/waterproof matches in waterproof case, 6) fire starter, 7) first aid kit, 8) extra food & water for emergency use only, 9) extra clothing including rainwear, & 10) sun protection including sunscreen/sunglasses/hat.

## ADVENTURE PASS SPECIAL NOTICE

Most outings occurring in the San Bernardino, Angeles, Cleveland, or Los Padres National Forests require a Forest Service permit for each vehicle (Adventure Pass). They are indicated by \*\* in the calendar. Be sure to contact the leader regarding permits. The permits cost \$30 per year or \$5 per day; however they may not be obtainable the day of your Outing. If you arrive at the meeting place without making arrangements with the leader & you don't have a permit or find a ride in a vehicle with a permit, you will not be able to attend the outing. You are expected to share the cost of the daily permits equally among everyone in the vehicle or a suggested \$.50 contribution from everyone for annual permits (above normal mileage contribution). America the Beautiful Interagency Passes may be used in lieu of Adventure Pass.

## CARPPOOLING POLICY

In the interests of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements & assumes no liability for them. Carpooling, ride sharing, or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel. Drivers should have adequate insurance coverage & their vehicles should have no safety defects. Drivers of carpools agree to not consume any alcoholic beverages. It is customary for riders to share expenses with the driver. Five cents per mile per person for short trips is suggested while three cents per mile per person over 100 miles is usually reasonable.

## LIABILITY WAIVER

In order to participate on one of the Sierra Club's outings, you will need to sign the following liability waiver

### Sign-In Sheet & Acknowledgment of Outing Member Responsibility, Express Assumption of Risk, & Release of Liability

I understand that during my participation in this Sierra Club Outing, I may be exposed to a variety of hazards & risks, foreseen or unforeseen, which are inherent in each Outing & cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of the Outing. These inherent risks include, but are not limited to, the dangers of serious personal injury, property damage, & death ("Injuries & Damages") from exposure to the hazards of travel & the Sierra Club has not tried to contradict or minimize my understanding of these risks. I know that Injuries & Damages can occur by natural causes or activities of other persons, animals, trip members, trip leaders & assistants or third parties, either as a result of negligence or because of other reasons. I understand that risks of such Injuries & Damages are involved in adventure travel such as Sierra Club Outings & I appreciate that I may have to exercise extra care for my own person & for others around me in the face of such hazards. I further understand that on this Outing there may not be rescue or medical facilities or expertise necessary to deal with the Injuries & Damages to which I may be exposed.

In consideration for my acceptance as a participant on this Outing, & the services & amenities to be provided by the Sierra Club in connection with the Outing, I confirm my understanding that:

I have read any rules & conditions applicable to the Outing made available to me; I will pay any costs & fees for the Outing; & I acknowledge my participation is at the discretion of the leader.

The Outing begins & ends at the location where the Outing officially commences with leader & participants in attendance, as designated by the Sierra Club ("Trailhead"). The Outing does not include carpooling, transportation, or transit to & from the Trailhead, & I am personally responsible for all risks associated with this travel. This does not apply to transportation provided by the Sierra Club after the commencement & before the end of the Outing.

If I decide to leave early & not to complete the Outing as planned, I assume all risks inherent in my decision to leave & waive all liability against the Sierra Club arising from that decision. Likewise, if the leader has concluded the Outing, & I decide to go forward without the leader, I assume all risks inherent in my decision to go forward & waive all liability against the Sierra Club arising from that decision.

This Agreement is intended to be as broad & inclusive as is permitted by law. If any provision or any part of any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or legally unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby & shall remain valid & fully enforceable.

To the fullest extent allowed by law, I agree to **WAIVE, DISCHARGE CLAIMS, & RELEASE FROM LIABILITY, & to INDEMNIFY & HOLD HARMLESS** the Sierra Club, its officers, directors, employees, agents, & leaders from any & all liability on account of, or in any way resulting from Injuries & Damages, even if caused by negligence of the Sierra Club its officers, directors, employees, agents, & leaders, in any way connected with this Outing. I understand & intend that this assumption of risk & release is binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators & assigns, & includes any minors accompanying me on the Outing.

I have read this document in its entirety & I freely & voluntarily assume all risks of such Injuries & Damages & notwithstanding such risks, I agree to participate in the Outing.

**Note: If the participant is a minor, the minor's guardian must sign on the minor's behalf.**

## RECURRING MONTHLY MEETINGS

(LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

**(1ST MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on Feb 2, Apr 6, May 4, Oct 5, Nov 2.  
INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**(1ST TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING**  
PROGRAM: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS [ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com](mailto:ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com). (909) 800-3911 CHAPTER

**(1ST WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ED CALIENDO, [dogs111@msn.com](mailto:dogs111@msn.com). BIG BEAR GROUP

**(1ST THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, contact BRIAN ELLIOTT, [brianelli@aol.com](mailto:brianelli@aol.com) LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**(2ND MON) 7:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**(2ND TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, [kimffloyd@fastmail.fm](mailto:kimffloyd@fastmail.fm) (760) 249-5385. CHAPTER

**(2ND WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: SUSAN STUEBER, [susanquintin.stueber@gmail.com](mailto:susanquintin.stueber@gmail.com) MOJAVE GROUP

**(2ND THU) 6:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except July & August. The public is welcome. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 [sierraclubsmg@gmail.com](mailto:sierraclubsmg@gmail.com) SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**(3RD TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly except July & August. Programs on nature, conservation & travel topics. The public is welcome & refreshments are served. See Los Serranos webpage for detailed program information: [sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/groups/los\\_serranos](http://sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/groups/los_serranos) PLACE: First Presbyterian Church, 869 N. Euclid Ave, Upland CA (educational building, entrance in rear). INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, [brianelli@aol.com](mailto:brianelli@aol.com). LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**(3RD THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING**  
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**(4TH TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**  
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, [ruizmaryann@gmail.com](mailto:ruizmaryann@gmail.com), (909) 815-9379 CHAPTER

## WEEKLY RECURRING OUTINGS & FITNESS ACTIVITIES

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings

**MON 6:00 PM RIVERSIDE MT. RUBIDOUX ONE HOUR FITNESS WALK**  
MEET: Ninth Street entrance to Mt. Rubidoux. INFO: JUDY SMITH, (951) 369-5117. CHAPTER

**MON 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING HIKE**  
Please join me for a 3 to 6 mile conditioning walk (usually 3 miles) beside the Mojave River in Apple Valley. We leave promptly at 7 PM. MEET: In the Jess Ranch Marketplace parking lot closest to the Mojave River Bed, between the Jess Ranch Cinemark & Bed, Bath & Beyond Store, address: 18815 Bear Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308. Light post location is 158. Come enjoy the evening air, river breeze, sunsets, stars & moon on this Mojave River walk. BRING: Flashlight & water. WEAR: layered clothing & good hiking shoes. For questionable weather please call LEADER: MELODY NICHOLS (760) 961-0731. MOJAVE GROUP

**WED 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING WALK WALK**  
Please join us for a 3 mile conditioning walk beside the Mojave River in Apple Valley. We leave promptly at 7 PM. MEET: In the Jess Ranch Marketplace parking lot closest to the Mojave River Bed, between the Jess Ranch Cinemark & Bed, Bath & Beyond Store, address: 18815 Bear Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308. Light post location is 158.

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Our thanks to you, the donors to the San Gorgonio Chapter's March fund appeal. Your generous support makes our conservation victories possible.

If we received your donation by April 1, we list you here!

If you did not donate yet but would like to, please mail your check, to:

Sierra Club San Gorgonio Chapter, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside CA 92501.

Make your check payable to "Sierra Club, San Gorgonio Chapter."

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James Hynd	Tiffany Lee Tschann
Marvin Johnson	Terry Turner
Thomas E. Jones	Albert R. Utzig Jr.
Peter Jorris	Rick Vetter
Kerri King	Susan & Richard Weaver
Masako Kodaka	Gail E. & Duncan C. Webb
Susan Stuber & Quentin Lake	Leslie Whitaker
Madelene Lesle	David Whyte
Eric M. Lesser	Milton Winer
Stephanie Lister	

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Walks are paced for participants. Come enjoy the evening air, river breeze, sunsets, stars & moon on this 3 mile Mojave River walk. BRING: Flashlight & water. WEAR: layered clothing & good hiking shoes. LEADERS: BILL SPRENG bspreng@gte.net (760) 951-4520 & JENNY WILDER (760) 220-0730 jensoasis@aol.com. MOJAVE GROUP

**FRI 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING HIKE HIKE**  
Please join me for a 3 to 6 mile conditioning walk (usually 3 miles) beside the Mojave River in Apple Valley. We leave promptly at 7 PM. MEET: In the Jess Ranch Marketplace parking lot closest to the Mojave River Bed, between the Jess Ranch Cinemark & Bed, Bath & Beyond Store, Address: 18815 Bear Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308. Light post location is 158. Come enjoy the evening air, river breeze, sunsets, stars & moon on this Mojave River walk. BRING flashlight, water, jacket & comfortable walking shoes. Wear layered clothing. For questionable weather please call LEADER: MELODY NICHOLS (760) 961-0731 Labelady@msn.com MOJAVE GROUP

### APRIL 27 – MAY 3

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings  
(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)

**APR 28 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**  
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, (909) 815-9379 ruizmaryann@gmail.com CHAPTER

**APR 29 (WED) 5:00 PM TWO TREES TRAIL HIKE**  
Moderate 3.5 mile hike up Two Trees Trail from Riverside with 1,000 ft. elevation gain. BRING: water, flashlight, sturdy shoes, hiking poles if preferred. MEET: Interstate 215 in Riverside exit Blaine St. & drive east about 2 miles to Belvedere, then 2nd right onto Two Trees Rd. Sign & parking area for Box Springs Mountain Park located where the road turns to dirt. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: EILEEN O'BRIEN, (951) 616-9739. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**MAY 1-3 (FRI-SUN) MANZANAR & LONE PINE LAKE TRIP**  
Join us at our beautiful creekside camp in the high desert near Lone Pine. On Saturday, we'll hike a moderate 6 miles roundtrip with 1600' gain, from Whitney Portal to beautiful Lone Pine Lake, followed by Happy Hour, a potluck feast & campfire. On Sunday, we'll caravan to Manzanar, the WWII Japanese internment camp in the desert north of Lone Pine, to visit the museum with its moving tribute to the internees held there during the war. Group size strictly limited. RESERVATIONS: Send \$8 per person (check payable to Lygeia Gerard), a letter-sized self-addressed stamped envelope, phone number, email address, & rideshare preferences to LEADER: LYGEIA GERARD, P.O. Box 721039, Pinon Hills, CA 92372, (760) 868-2179, Goody2shz@yahoo.com. MOJAVE GROUP

**MAY 2 (SAT) 7:30 AM PCT SEC D-3: SHEEP CRK-INSPIRATION POINT HIKE**  
This is the third segment of the Pacific Crest Trail Section D. The entire Section D is 110.2 miles. This stretch begins at Sheep Creek Truck Road & heads northwest 13.1 miles to Inspiration Point with an elevation gain of 2789'. This is a shuttle hike so please arrive on time to enable us to get started hiking as early as we can. 4WD vehicles are welcome. RATING: Strenuous. MEET: We'll meet at the junction of Swarthout Canyon Road & Lone Pine Canyon Road at 7:30 a.m. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 3 liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, & hat. Be aware of the day's forecast as it may be quite hot by midday. RESERVATIONS: Email LEADER LJ FOSTER, eljaye@verizon.net, leave a message at (951) 845-9440, or contact CO-LEADER, ED CALIENDO, dogs111@msn.com, (442) 2342-4103. BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAY 2 (SAT) 8:30 AM MITSUBISHI CEMENT PLANT, LUCERN VALLEY TOUR**  
We will have a private tour of the cement plant by David M. Rib, the Environmental Manager for the plant. The tour will take place from 10:00 to 12:00. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308, at 8:30 AM. WEAR sturdy shoes as there may be some walking on rocking surfaces. BRING water, a snack or lunch & a camera. LEADER, SUSAN STUEBER, susanquintin.stueber@gmail.com, 760-900-5330. MOJAVE GROUP

**MAY 2 (SAT) 9:00 AM WARNER SPRINGS TO EAGLE ROCK HIKE**  
Join me on this easy 5.5 mile (total out & back) hike to Eagle Rock. There is about 450' of elevation gain. This is a beautiful little section of the PCT that begins by following a stream through oak shaded woodland. The trail then opens into expansive open field where we will find the spectacular rock formation known as Eagle Rock. We picked this time to coincide with Warner Springs celebration of PCT through hikers (those hiking the entire PCT from Mexico-Canada). MEET: Warner Springs Community Center, 30950 Highway 79, Warner Springs CA. 92086, across from the fire station. The hike should take about three hours. After the hike you a welcome to join the Warner Springs Celebration at the Community Center & mingle with the through hikers. BRING at least two quarts of water, snacks, & a lunch. DRESS in layers, WEAR comfortable hiking shoes & do not forget the sunscreen. A hat is also a good idea. Steady rain cancels. RESERVATIONS & INFO: contact LEADER BOB AUDIBERT, bob.takeahike1@gmail.com, (951)302-1059. SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**MAY 2-3 (SAT-SUN) 11:00 AM S B MTS, KELLER SKI HUT GATHERING**  
Join us at Keller Hut for group meals, hikes, bird & nature walk, & conversation. BRING food for the weekend including a dish (salad, desert or main dish) for a potluck dinner on Saturday. We furnish hot beverages & table service. We will provide breakfast on Sunday. INFO: call OVERSEER, HEATHER SARGEANT, 909-336-2836.

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**MAY 3 (SUN) 8:30 AM WILDHORSE CREEK TRAIL HIKE**  
This trail is 8 miles round trip up chaparral-covered ridges with Jeffrey & Pinyon pine. We will see Greyback Ridge & the slopes of Grinnell Mountain with views of the upper Santa Ana River. Toward the end of the hike we will descend into the forested canyon of Wildhorse Creek. The creek usually runs all year so we should have a lovely place to have our lunch/snack. RATING: Moderate with a 1400 foot elevation gain. MEET: Wildhorse Creek Trail trailhead on Hwy 38. The trail marker will be on your left if you come up from the Redlands area, on the right if coming from Big Bear. It's near the Heart Bar Campground. BRING: ten essentials, 2 liters of water, layered clothing, hat, sunscreen, & lunch/snack. RESERVATIONS: contact LEADER JUDY ATKINSON, 909 289-1932, djatk57@gmail.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAY 3 (SUN) 6:30 PM SYCAMORE CANYON FULL MOON HIKE**  
Approximately 2-hour leisurely paced full moon hike. Trail has some ups & downs - rated easy to moderate. We start promptly at 6:30 p.m. BRING: flashlight, water & sturdy shoes. MEET: Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park in Riverside on the south side of Central Ave. between Canyon Crest Drive & the I-215/Hwy 60 Freeway. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

### MAY 4 – MAY 10

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings  
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**MAY 4 (MON) 6:00 PMSB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on Feb 2, Apr 6, May 4, Oct 5, Nov 2. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**MAY 5 (TUE) 9:00 AM MIDDLE MARSHALL CANYON HIKE**  
Here's an easy Cinco de Mayo hike that's only 3 miles R/T. It's centered in a beautiful riparian setting as you weave your way about stream & golf course. Elevation gain is a mere 300' & the shade, courtesy of stately oaks, is a real bonus. BRING: water, sturdy boots, layered clothing & a hiking stick. MEET: Please call/e-mail prior to 5:00 PM May 4 to confirm. LEADER: JEFF WARHOL 909-985-7686, email jmwandjjw@hotmail.com. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**MAY 5 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING**  
PROGRAM: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com. (909) 800-3911 CHAPTER

**\*\*MAY 6 (WED) 7:30 AM BIGHORN PEAK HIKE**  
This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Bighorn Peak (elevation 8,441 ft), 11 miles round trip with 3400 ft. elevation gain. The trail follows the creek for the first mile under a canopy of oak, maple, alder, cedar, & pine. Scenic view from the top of Bighorn Peak. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, 3+ liters water, lunch, & sunscreen. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. MEET: Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling & meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, 909-983-8501, john@stclairs.us. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**MAY 6 (WED) 5:30 PM TERRI PEAK HIKE**  
Difficult 5-mile roundtrip hike to Terri Peak, overlooking Lake Perris, with 1,000 ft. elevation gain. Trail starts on a path behind homes & has some steep sections as it follows an old dirt road to the top. We start promptly at 5:30 p.m. BRING: water, flashlight, & sturdy shoes. MEET: Hwy 60 Freeway in Moreno Valley, exit south on Moreno Beach Drive. Follow road for 3.4 miles, then turn left on Via del Lago. Park in the dirt area on right side of road just past the housing tract, do not enter Lake Perris Park. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES, cmt.teck@gmail.com, (951) 318-7503 MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**MAY 6 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ED CALIENDO, dogs111@msn.com BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAY 7 (THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, contact BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**\*\*MAY 8 (FRI) 7:30 AM THREE Ts TRAIL HIKE**  
This will be a very strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the Ice House Saddle, then hiking on the Three Ts Trail, doing all three peaks along the way. We will hike to the top of Timber Mt. (elevation 8,303), Telegraph Peak (elevation 8,985), & Thunder Mt. (elevation 8,587). This will be a through hike with a car shuttle for a total of about 12.5 miles & 5,000 ft. elevation climb. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, 3+ liters water, lunch, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventure Pass required at trailhead. MEET: Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling & meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, 909-983-8501, john@stclairs.us. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**MAY 8 (FRI) 8:30 AM PCT FROM ROUTE 18 TO EYE OF GOD HIKE**  
Get ready for summer on this relatively flat 6-mile round trip hike along a portion of the Pacific Crest Trail with views of Long Valley & the Big Horn Wilderness beyond. Our destination will be the Eye of God, a quartz dome named by the Serrano Indians. RATING: Moderate. MEET: Vons parking lot at 42170 Big Bear Blvd. Big Bear Lake, CA at 8:30 AM. BRING: water, snack & good hiking boots. RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER ED WALLACE, (909) 584 9407, ednjeanne@charter.net. BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAY 9 (SAT) 7:30 AM PCT SEC D-4: INSPIRATION POINT-VINCENT GAP HIKE**  
This is the fourth segment of the Pacific Crest Trail Section D. The entire length of section D is 110.2 miles & this short segment is about 4.8 miles. From Inspiration Point (7386'), the trail heads west, passes a couple of campgrounds, contours & gradually ascends (7480'), & finally descends to cross Angeles Crest Highway, ending at the parking lot at Vincent Gap (6585') where our cars are parked. There are some nice views along the short but scenic segment so bring a camera. RATING: Easy to moderate. MEET: Inspiration Point on Angeles Crest Highway at 7:30 a.m. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 2 liters of water, snacks, sunscreen, sunglasses, & hat. RESERVATIONS: Email LEADER LJ FOSTER, eljayeff@verizon.net, leave a message at (951) 845-9440, or contact CO-LEADER, ED CALIENDO, dogs111@msn.com, (442) 242-4103. BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAY 9 (SAT) 8:00 AM RIDGE ABOVE SUMMIT VALLEY HIKE**  
This is an easy 4-mile hike with spectacular views over Los Flores Ranch & the West Fork of the Mojave River. You will see a large amount of animal signs. WEAR strong shoes, BRING water, snacks & a camera. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308, at 8:00 AM. LEADER, NORMAN BOSSOM, coachnorm@yahoo.com, 760-912-3725. MOJAVE GROUP

**MAY 9 (SAT) 8:00 AM OLIVE MOUNTAIN HIKE**  
Enjoy the view from Olive Mountain on a moderate to difficult 3-mile round trip hike. Elevation gain of 1,000 ft. We start promptly at 8:00 am. BRING: water, & a snack & hiking poles if you use them. Don't forget sunscreen & wear sturdy shoes. MEET: Hwy 60 Freeway in Moreno Valley, exit Perris, go north 1 mile, turn right on Kalmia, go ½ mile & turn left on Kitching. Park at the end of the road on Kitching. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES, cmt.teck@gmail.com, (951) 318-7503. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**MAY 9 (SAT) 8:30 AM ROUND MOUNTAIN SUMMIT HIKE**  
Enjoy fantastic 100' views when we summit Round Mountain, 5,272 elevation in the Juniper Flats Area. This peak is one of the Hundred Peaks of San Bernardino. RATED: moderate to strenuous with some cross country travel, 4-5 miles round trip & approx 900' scramble up to the summit. Yet the reward is worth it. MEET: 8.30 am Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley. Drive up Coxe Truck Trail (dirt road) about 10 miles from the museum & hike from The Vatican trailhead. BRING: 3 liters of water, hiking poles, snacks, layered clothing, comfortable hiking shoes & enthusiasm. LEADERS CAROL STUBBLEFIELD yorkshirerose1@juno.com & JENNY WILDER JensOasis@aol.com 760-220 0730 MOJAVE GROUP

**MAY 9 (SAT) 9:00 AM SB MTS, LITTLE BEAR CREEK HERE & NOW HIKE**  
While on this moderate hike, we will focus on what is around us at the moment; sights & sounds of the forest, & our reactions to them. While on the trail, by talking about only what we see, hear & experience, we should be able to better appreciate what is out there. We will hike the North Shore Trail to Little Bear Creek. Distance: 5 miles RT. Elevation loss & gain: 600 feet. WEAR: hat & boots. BRING: layered clothing, water, snacks & lunch. MEET: Call: LEADER, BILL ENGS, 909-338-1910, billengs@yahoo.com. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

### MAY 11 – MAY 17

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**MAY 11 (MON) 7:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**MAY 12 (TUE) 8:00 AM EXPLORATION TRAIL HIKE**  
The Exploration Trail was completed in August 2005 as part of the 100th anniversary of the US Forest Service. The trail parallels the Keller Peak Rd (but out of sight of traffic), a distance of 4.5 miles one-way with a gain of 1300 ft. This is a beautiful forested trail. MEET: Call or email leader if interested. LEADER: JOE WHYTE, 909-949-0899, whytejoe@msn.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**MAY 12 (TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, kimffloyd@fastmail.fm (760) 249-5385. CHAPTER

**\*\*MAY 13 (WED) 8:30 AM WOODLAND TRAIL HIKE**  
Come & for an introduction to Hiking. This is for the young, families, & seniors wishing to experience an introduction to hiking & the trees that grow in the San Bernardino Forest. The trail was constructed by volunteers in 1986, & features 20 numbered posts around the loop. A brochure at the trailhead provides historic, botanical, & geological information keyed to the sign posts. RATING: Easy, a 1.7 mile hike, with a 300' elevation change. MEET: Trailhead parking lot just west the road junction of Hwy 38 & Stanfield Cutoff on the north shore of Big Bear Lake. BRING: One liter of water, snack, sunscreen, sunglasses, & hat. RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER ED CALIENDO, (442) 242-4103, dogs111@msn.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAY 13 (WED) 5:30 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE**  
Moderate 3-mile loop on the Hidden Springs trail & arroyo. Trail has some ups & downs but basically follows the base of the hills. We start promptly at 5:30 pm. BRING: flashlight, water, & sturdy shoes. MEET: Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs

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## Group News

### Big Bear Group By Ed Caliendo, Group Chair

#### MONTHLY MEETINGS

The Monthly meeting subjects for the remainder of the year are being developed by the executive committee and will be available on the Big Bear Group website which also contains information on our outing activities and conservation efforts. As the executive committee sets the programs for next year you can be a help if you will let us know what monthly meeting subjects would interest to you. Give us your ideas! Send an e mail to Glenda Akins at glendaonthewater@gmail.com.

#### ELECTION RESULTS

Glenda Akins, Ed Wallace and Claudia Eads have been reelected to the Executive Committee along with new elected members Don Jordan and George Watson Jones. Positions are as follows: Glenda Akins will serve as Group Chair, Ed Caliendo will serve as Vice Chair, Marv Cira will serve as Treasurer, Ellen Kesler will serve as Secretary and Ed Wallace will serve as Conservation Chair. Please give them your support in the year to come.

#### CONSERVATION- Ed Wallace

In 2015 the Big Bear Group will continue to participate in the development of the trail along the Rathbun Creek corridor and the Pebble Plain Wildlands Park between Moonridge and Sugarloaf. These projects when completed will conserve pristine pebble plains and rehabilitate the riparian habitat along the creek. In additions the Wild land Park will serve as an outdoor science center for the students of the Big Bear School system as well as a potential research opportunity area for university students. In addition both projects will expand the outdoor recreation activities available in the Big Bear Valley.

There is more good news regarding the preservation efforts of a multitude of organizations in the Big Bear Valley. The wet lands along route 18 where the old outdoor movie theater and real estate office were located is being purchased by the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust with fund from both the federal and state Departments of Fish and Wildlife. This purchase will protect for all times the wetland habitat contained on this property and the endangered and rare plant species that call this

property home. The old real estate building will be turned into an outdoor nature center for the students in the Big Bear Valley school system.

#### PATCH PARTY - Ed Caliendo

On May 30, 2015, the Big Bear Group will hold its annual Awards Party at the Aspen Glen Picnic Park in Big Bear Lake. For the past 7 years, we have given special recognition to individual hikers who have accomplished special feats over the last twelve months. These special accomplishments have been done under the direct supervision of Big Bear Group Hike Leaders. This year we will recognize those individuals that have:

- Hiked the Five Peaks of Big Bear, with over 8,000' elevation gain
- Hiked Section B of the Pacific Crest Trail, 101.4 miles
- Hiked Section D of the Pacific Crest Trail, 110.2 miles



The Mojave Group is blessed with 9 certified hike leaders. One of our favorite places to hike is in the Juniper Flats area. These hikes in this area are very popular and we have been able to gain some new interest in our group up here in the High Desert through these hikes. There are several actions by the San Bernardino National Forest and the BLM that will have a significant effect on Juniper Flats.

#### WEMO and Rattlesnake Mountain OHV Trails

After studying and making our comments concerning the DRECP our attention is now focused first on Rattlesnake Mountain OHV Trails. The San Bernardino National Forest will be accepting comments, until April 10<sup>th</sup>, on their plans to:

1. "Add segments of user-created trails, decommissioned roads, and new trails to the San Bernardino NF transportation system to improve OHV opportunities, proactively manage



Round Mountain Spring Hike on January 24, 2015.

Photo by Quintin Lake

On May 30<sup>th</sup> all Sierra Club hikers and their families are invited to participate. The day begins with three different hikes to choose based upon the individuals skills, plus a special "Nature Walk" for non hikers.

At noon, everyone is treated to a barbeque, salads, watermelon, and drinks. Hikers and families are encouraged to bring their favorite dish or dessert to share with all. After lunch, recognition awards "Patches" are given out to the individuals.

It is all a great amount of fun and fellowship with hikers and their immediate families.

### SAVE THE DATE: 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Xeriscape Garden Tour

Big Bear Lake, Calif. – Mother Nature is having hot flashes!!! It's hot, it's cold, it's hot, it's cold. What's a gardener to do? After a long, cold, dry winter, spring seemed right around the corner. Birds were coming back and trees were budding out, when BAM...a series of snow storms threw us back into winter mode. But spring IS on the horizon, and thoughts turn to our gardens and yards.



One of last year's homes with artificial turf.



Red Columbine

The annual Xeriscape Garden tour, put on by the Sierra Club Big Bear Group, is the perfect opportunity to get ideas, discover plants that can survive the wild ups and downs of Mother Nature while looking great at the same time. So mark your calendars for the **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Xeriscape Garden Tour** to take place on **Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>**. Participants can begin the **FREE** self-guided tour anytime between 9 am and noon starting at Eminger's Mountain Nursery, located at 41223 Big Bear Blvd. in Big Bear Lake, across the street from the Denny's Restaurant. Once registered, participants will have until 4:00 pm to complete the driving tour of the homes in Big Bear Valley.

This year's tour will include the DWP's Xeriscape Demonstration Garden on Fox Farm Road, in front of the Community Garden with native plant expert Orchid Black on hand to answer questions about the myriad of solutions available to the homeowner who wants to create a beautiful, colorful, drought tolerant landscape. In addition to the Demonstration Garden, there will be 7 homeowner gardens, landscaped by professionals and homeowners. So no matter your budget, you'll find solutions for creating low-maintenance, drought tolerant gardens here in Big Bear.

A tour booklet, which includes the locations of the 8 stops, a map and helpful information on gardening in the mountains, will be handed out at the starting location. Experts will be on hand at each of the homes on the tour to explain the ins and outs of creating a beautiful landscape and conserving water at the same time.

For additional information on the Sierra Club's Xeriscape Garden Tour contact Christie Walker at 909-547-2237. To see pictures of previous tours, go online to: <http://bigbeargardentour.weebly.com>.

### Mojave Group By Susan Stueber, Group Chair

unauthorized use, OHV trail connections to the Juniper Flat BLM trail system to the north of the project area, and protect sensitive resources throughout the project area."

This proposed action by the Forest Service would have to be very carefully reviewed, as the next thing effecting Juniper Flats is WEMO, the West Mojave Plan. It also contains expanded OHV trails and travel in the Juniper Flats area. The comment period for WEMO ends June 4<sup>th</sup>. The two plans overlap in Juniper Flats. The WEMO, West Mojave Route Network Project is 1,000 pages and will require some time to study. The Mojave Group is planning on dedicating their May meeting to informing our group and making comments on this plan.

Lastly, the Mojave Group, along with the Friends of Juniper Flats, is working with the Barstow BLM to begin implementing a Restoration Grant for Juniper Flats that is being funded by the California State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division.

## Moreno Valley Group

By Ann McKibben, Secretary

Moreno Valley Group outings leaders have new hikes planned for May and June. There is a Sycamore Canyon Full Moon Hike on Sunday, May 3, 6:30 p.m. On May 6 there is a Terri Peak Hike (Difficult—5 mi) at 5:30 p.m. Detailed information on these and all of our outings can be found at: [http://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/groups/moreno\\_valley](http://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/groups/moreno_valley)

Theresa Carson, a long-time volunteer for the Moreno Valley group, is retiring and moving out of the area. Theresa has held many positions with our group—membership chair, newsletter editor, and most recently our outings chair. These titles do not begin to describe all that Theresa has done for our group and her dedication to ensuring that things get done. She has worked hard to get our outings program established, leading the hikes, encouraging others to take the leadership training and making sure they were certified. Although we will miss her, we wish Theresa and her husband Bill many good times as they start their retirement. Thank you, Theresa!

**Volunteer Needed:** Our current group treasurer, Manya Jiannino, will retire in August after four years on the job and we are looking for someone to help in this position. Duties include preparing short financial reports on our group's money for our group executive committee meetings which are held several times a year and also the year-end report in February. If you would like to help your local group, please contact us at [movalleygroup@yahoo.com](mailto:movalleygroup@yahoo.com)

Many thanks to Manya for all of her hard work keeping track of our financial information and for organizing our volunteers and information for the Earth Night in the Garden events over the past few years. All of your time and effort is greatly appreciated!

**Thank You Provident Mutual by Manya Jiannino, Group Treasurer:** Once again, the Moreno Valley Group, San Gorgonio Chapter, would like to thank Provident Bank for their 2015 donation to our work. As you may know, the Sierra Club, Moreno Valley Group, is participating in Provident Bank's Community Partnership Program, a funding program aimed at donating and giving back to the local community of Moreno Valley. At the end of each year, the bank takes the aggregate total of all deposits in all personal accounts "linked" to the Moreno Valley Group Sierra Club accounts and calculates a percentage which they then donate back to the group. The more accounts linked to our group, the greater the annual donation will be. If you would like to help our local group raise money this way, please talk to any Provident bank about linking any current accounts or setting up a new account. Linking your bank accounts will be kept completely confidential and any donations



Terri Peak Hike Photo by Theresa Carson



Photo by Christina Torres

will NOT come from your accounts, but rather from the Provident Bank annual donation. The latest information from the city planning staff on the **World Logistics Center (WLC)** indicates that the release of the final environmental impact report (FEIR) for the proposed project has been delayed with no indication of the release date. As we have mentioned before, the city indicates they will release the FEIR 45 days before any public hearings are scheduled. The Moreno Valley Group has been following the approval process for the proposed World Logistics Center (WLC) for a number of years. The proposed warehouse project would put 41,600,000 square feet of warehouses on 2,710 acres south of Highway 60. If built, it would share a two-mile border with the San Jacinto Wildlife Area, home to threatened/endangered species as well as more than 20 species of raptors. Please plan on attending planning commission and city council public hearings on the WLC. You can speak or attend and support those who speak. It is important that all voices be heard in the planning process. Please contact planner Mark Gross at: [markg@moval.org](mailto:markg@moval.org) & (951) 413-3215 for more information & to be notified of all meetings as well as all environmental documents. Donations are needed to help us as we work to provide strong comments on the World Logistic Center project. Your very important donations will and have been used to support our ability to hire experts to review the documents. Any amount is appreciated. Please send your donations to: Sierra Club—Moreno Valley Group, P.O. Box 1325, Moreno Valley, CA 92556-1325 with the memo notation "WLC." Thank you to all who have made donations—your support makes a difference!

**Riverside County General Plan Update (GPU):** Riverside County has recirculated the GPU and Climate Action Plan (CAP) Draft Environmental Impact Report. Comments were due April 6<sup>th</sup>. The county will now prepare responses to comments and start public Outreach meetings in June (even though they will still be working on responses). Documents and the review schedule can be found at: <http://planning.rctlma.org/ZoningInformation/GeneralPlan/GeneralPlanAmendmentNo960EIRNo521CAPFebruary2015.aspx> Please contact Kristi Lovelady, [KLOVELAD@rctlma.org](mailto:KLOVELAD@rctlma.org), Tel: (951) 955-0781 to request that all notices and documents related to the GPU and CAP be sent to you.

**The Villages of Lakeview—Revised:** There is still no new information on the proposed revised Villages of Lakeview project on the southern boundary of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. The project has been reduced to 8,000 units, all on the south side of the Ramona Expressway; the type of land use proposed for the north side of the Ramona Expressway has not been released at this time. Contact Matt Straite at [MSTRAITE@rctlma.org](mailto:MSTRAITE@rctlma.org) or (951) 955-8631 for more information.

**Moreno Valley Recreational Trails Board:** Next hike is on Saturday, May 23, 7:30 a.m. Hike to Olive Mountain (DIFFICULT—3.6 mi round trip). Meet at Palm Middle School, 11900 Slawson Ave., MV, parking lot on north side of campus (enter from Slawson). Verify all information at (951) 413-3703 and [http://www.moval.org/resident\\_services/park\\_rec/trails/hikes-2015.pdf](http://www.moval.org/resident_services/park_rec/trails/hikes-2015.pdf) to see the complete list of hikes.

## Mountains Group

By Dave Barrie, Group Chair

It has been a while (too long?) since the last time that there was some public acknowledgement of the efforts and accomplishments of the most active of the Mountains Group volunteers. Here we go . . .

Fundraising is a lot of work and Heather Sargeant does a lot of work doing just that for us. Heather is in charge of the Mountains Group efforts at our local Thrift Shoppe in Blue Jay. Non-profit organizations can earn income by working at the shop and Heather keeps our "crew" there organized and active. And she puts in the most hours as well. Helping Heather are Maria Campos, Jack Witt, Sandy Ellis, Marta Hethmon, Lindy Dennison, Nancy Taylor, Margaret Spiess, Crystal Riseley, Karla Barton, and Sylvi Brown.

Through the efforts of Heather and her band of volunteers, the Mountains Group is able to offer a \$2000 scholarship at Rim of the World High School every year; is able to donate \$3500 towards Children's Forest programs and activities (getting kids out-of-doors) annually; and can provide funding for environmental studies and litigation when required. Additionally, because of their efforts, we have the funds to maintain memberships in the Fire Lookout Host program, the Pacific Crest Trail Association, the Rim of the World Interpretive Association, the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust, the Save Our Forest Association, and the Center for Biological Diversity.

And this past year we were able to provide a \$5000 Grant to the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust for restoration work on Arrowhead Ridge. (A housing development project gone bad.) We are truly appreciative of the commitment of time and energy of our Thrift Shoppe volunteers.

Steve Farrell is our Vice Chair, our Conservation Chair, our Program Chair, our expert in all things environmental, and our voice when issues need to be addressed. His contributions to our efforts are huge! Thanks Steve!

Bill Engs is our Treasurer and our Outings Chair. Our finances are organized, our Outings schedule is organized and if you need some

environmental reading, Bill can organize that for you too. Thanks Bill!

Sherry Noone is our Secretary and for the last ten years has kept us up to the minute with minutes. Thanks Sherry!

Bob Sherman is our Publicity Chair and our "wetlands" expert. We appreciate Bob coming back to help out on the Excom after some time away. Thanks Bob!

Chris Del Ross-Risher is in her second year on the Excom and has brought a wealth of environmental planning expertise to the Group. Chris has worked tirelessly as our lead person on the less-than-serene Serenity Rehab project. Thanks Chris!

Sherry Bailey volunteered to become our Membership Chair last year

and is now the newest member of our Excom as well. And the first two "sign-ups" she got were for Life Memberships! Thanks Sherry!

Marta Hethmon is our webmaster and we love our website. Thanks Marta!

Sue (Tsunami) Walker is our Energy Chair (boundless energy) our NomCom Chair every other year, and our main contact with the County on the Church of the Woods project. Thanks Sue!

Trudie and Carl Blank provide the snacks for our monthly meetings and are a great "Hospitality" team! Thanks Trudie and Carl!

If someone tells you to take a hike you can call on one of our Outings leaders (Bill Engs, Heather Sargeant, Don Fischer, Sandy Ellis, Steve Farrell, Karla Barton) for help. Thanks Bill, Heather, Don, Sandy, Steve, and Karla!

I've probably left someone out. If I did, I'm sorry. (And I'll make it up to you somehow.)

Last, but not least, thanks to everyone that supports the Mountains Group through your membership in the Sierra Club, your attendance at our meetings, your feet on the ground on our outings and your kind thoughts as we work to Explore, Enjoy, and Protect the Natural and Human Environment of the San Bernardino Mountains. Thanks to all of you!

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Dr., Moreno Valley. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES, (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**MAY 14 (THU) 6:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except July & August. The public is welcome. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 sierraclubsmg@gmail.com SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**MAY 16 (SAT) 7:30 AM PCT, SEC. D, VINCENT GAP TO ISLIP SADDLE HIKE**

This is the 5th segment in a series of Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) hikes that will encompass all of Section D in 2015. Those individuals completing all thirteen segments will be eligible to receive a recognition patch signifying the accomplishment & the completion of 110.2 miles. This hike climbs steeply from Vincent Gap (6585') 3.8 miles to the Mt. Baden Powell Spur Trail (9245'). The PCT continues west 5.2 miles along this high ridge past Mt. Burnham & Throop Peak, before descending to Windy Gap (7588'). We continue to descend to Islip Saddle (6670') to complete the 11.6 mile journey. Most likely we will split the group to have a key-exchange, & thus offer the option of hiking in the other direction, which has a more gradual ascent, followed by a steep descent. RATED: Strenuous. BRING: the ten-essentials, sun-protection, 3.0 liters of water, & lunch. MEET: Hwy 2 at Vincent Gap trailhead. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER, DAVID MELTON, (760) 408-2456, dmelton61@yahoo.com, or CO-LEADER, ED CALIENDO, dogs111@msn.com, (442) 242-4103. BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAY 16 (SAT) 8:00 AM ZANJA PEAK HIKE**  
5-Mile Loop, moderate to difficult hike with 1100' elevation gain. Good views from the top with a portion of trail through Yucaipa Regional Park. BRING: water, a snack, sunscreen, & wear sturdy shoes. MEET: from Interstate 10 exit north/east on Yucaipa Blvd. Proceed 2.9 miles, & then veer left on Oak Glen Rd. In 1.0 mile, turn left into the trailhead parking area opposite Shadow Hills Dr. (by the soccer park). Opportunity to meet for lunch after. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES, (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**MAY 16 (SAT) 8:00 AM SB MTS, LAKE GREGORY SPRING BIRD WALK**  
See new spring arrivals & year 'round residents as we walk around the lake (2.5 miles). Optional breakfast after. MEET: North Shore Parking Lot, across from Goodwin's (24089 Lake Gregory Drive, Crestline 92325). COST \$6.00 to park in the lot or park on street free. LEADER: BILL ENGS, 909-338-1910. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

### MAY 18 – MAY 24

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings  
(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)

**MAY 19 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly except July & August. Programs on nature, conservation & travel topics. The public is welcome & refreshments are served. See Los Serranos webpage for detailed program information: sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/groups/los\_serranos PLACE: First Presbyterian Church, 869 N. Euclid Ave, Upland CA (educational building, entrance in rear). INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**MAY 20 (WED) 5:30 PM HIKE TO THE "M" HIKE**  
Difficult 4-mile roundtrip hike to the "M" on Box Spring Mountain. Trail has some very steep areas. We start promptly at 5:30 pm. BRING: water, flashlight & sturdy shoes, hiking poles if you want. MEET: from 60fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Pigeon Pass turn left at the light on Hidden Springs Drive. Driveway into Box Springs Park is on the left off Hidden Springs Drive. Drive up the gravel road & park near the picnic tables. COST: \$5 parking fee. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES, (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**\*\*MAY 21 (THU) 9:00 AM SB MTS, PILOT ROCK HIKE**  
A moderate hike of 6 miles round trip on Forest Road 2N33 to a large prominent rock at 5,260 ft. The trail follows the ridge between Lake Arrowhead & Silverwood Lake. Mormons used this Pilot Rock as a guide to cross over the San Bernardino Mountains from the Mojave Desert. We should get views of Mount Baldy, Silverwood Lake & the high desert. BRING: a snack, hat, water. MEET: Contact Leader for confirmation & meeting place details. Adventure Pass required. LEADER: STEVE FARRELL, 951 777-9150, mr\_sqf@yahoo.com. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**MAY 21 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ED CALIENDO, dogs111@msn.com BIG BEAR GROUP

**\*\*MAY 22 (FRI) 8:30 AM SNOW VALLEY TO GREEN VALLEY LAKE HIKE**  
This hike will lead us through rare stands of magnificent pines, cedars & oaks. The elevation gain is less than 1000 feet with a distance of 8 miles, which could lengthen depending on the desires of the hikers. RATING: Moderate. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 2 liters of water & suitable hiking boots. MEET: Vons parking lot at 42170 Big Bear Blvd. Big Bear Lake, CA at 8:00 am. Plan on lunch at the Malt Shop in Green Valley Lake. RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER, ED WALLACE, (909) 584 9407, ednjeanne@charter.net. BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAY 22-25 (FRI-MON) BLACK ROCK DESERT, NEVADA RENDEZVOUS**  
Our Sierra Club group will join this annual event, which is a great first trip to the Black Rock Desert, 100 miles north of Reno. The rendezvous typically includes speakers, guided tours, visits to hot springs, rocket launches, rock hounding, a Dutch oven cook-off, drawings, & similar events. Family event, bring your RV's & trailers. Primitive camping but w/ portable toilets! Bring your ham radio as there will be lots of ham activity. Dogs on leash, be prepared to pick up after them. Co-Sponsored by Friends of the Black Rock,

BLM & Friends of Nevada Wilderness. For more info go to: www.blackrockrendzvous.com. RESERVATIONS & INFO: Call LEADER, DAVID BOOK, 775-843-6443. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

**MAY 23 (SAT) 7:30 AM PCT, SEC D: ISLIP SADDLE TO CLOUDBURST SUMMIT HIKE**

This hike combines the 6th & 7th segments of Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) hikes that will encompass all of Section D in 2015. Those individuals completing all thirteen segments will be eligible to receive a recognition patch signifying the accomplishment & the completion of 110.2 miles. The first 3.8 miles are mostly level from Islip Saddle to Eagles Roost Picnic Area. From Eagles Roost the trail dips 1.5 miles into Rattlesnake Canyon, where it crosses Little Rock Creek. The trail follows this creek 2.3 miles to Burkhart Trail 10W02 (5640'), & then begins its 3.2 mile climb through Cooper Canyon to Cloudburst Summit (7,018'). Due to a closure of part of the trail to protect an endangered toad, we will shuttle cars twice. RATED: Moderate. BRING: the ten essentials, sun protection, 3 liters of water, snacks, & lunch. MEET: Islip Saddle lies west of Vincent Gap 10.6 miles on Highway 2. This is a shuttle hike so please arrive in a timely manner so we can start hiking as quickly as possible. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER, LJ FOSTER, eljaye@verizon.net, leave a message at (951) 845-9440 or contact CO-LEADER, ED CALIENDO, dogs111@msn.com, (442) 242-4103. BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAY 23 (SAT) 9:00 AM SB MTS, COYOTE ROCK & MILL PEAK HIKE**  
Join us to hike the upper portion of the Coyote Rock, a 160-acre parcel of forest land acquired by the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust in 2013. The hike will include optional climbs of the Rock, which offers a 360 degree view of the surrounding country & Mill Peak. Hike on newly constructed trails. Distance: 4 miles. Elevation gain/loss: 700 feet. BRING: 2 qt. water, snacks, lunch. WEAR: Hat, boots, sunscreen, layered clothing. MEET: Call for meeting place. LEADER: KARLA BARTON, 760-805-0782, kbarkus2000@yahoo.com SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**\*\*MAY 24 (SUN) 9:00 AM S B MTS WILDFLOWERS WALK**  
Join us to see plants blooming in the mountains. Easy hike. BRING: water & snack. MEET: Call Gina Richmond, interpreter & guide, for meeting place, 909-645-0850. Adventure Pass required. LEADER: BILL ENGS, 909-338-1910. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

### MAY 25 – MAY 31

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings  
(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)

**MAY 26 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**  
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379. CHAPTER

**MAY 27 (WED) 8:30 AM SKYLINE TRAIL HIKE**  
This is the second introduction to hiking for the young, families, & seniors wishing to experience an easy hike & learn about the type of trees that grow in the San Bernardino Forest. Our hike will be a brief 1-1/2 miles. You will be introduced to beautiful skyline views, tall trees of the San Bernardino Forest. We will also review the criteria for selecting good hiking boots. The Skyline trail is the newest trail in the Big Bear area & was completed in September 2014. It is located above the Bear Mountain Ski Resort. RATING: Easy, a 1.5 mile hike, with very little elevation change. MEET: Vons Shopping Center, 42170 Big Bear Blvd, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315 in the first row of parking on the south side of the street entrance. From here we will carpool to the trailhead & return the same way. BRING: One liter of water, snack, sunscreen, sunglasses, & hat. RESERVATIONS are required. Contact LEADER, ED CALIENDO, (442) 242-4103, dogs111@msn.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAY 27 (WED) 5:30 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS, MORENO VALLEY HIKE**  
Moderate 3-mile loop on the Hidden Springs Trail & Arroyo. Trail has some ups & downs but basically follows the base of the hills. We start promptly at 5:30 pm. BRING: flashlight, water, & sturdy shoes. MEET: Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES, (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**MAY 30 (SAT) 7:30 AM TWO TREES TRAIL, RIVERSIDE HIKE**  
Moderate to difficult 3.5 mile hike up Two Trees Trail from Riverside with 1,000 ft. elevation gain. BRING: water, & hiking poles if preferred, sunscreen & sturdy shoes. Long pants recommended due to poison oak & stinging nettle in some areas by the springs. MEET: Interstate 215 Freeway in Riverside exit Blaine St., drive east about 2 miles, turn left on Belvedere, then 2nd right on Two Trees Rd. Sign & parking area for Box Springs Mountain Park located where the road turns to dirt. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**\*\*MAY 30 (SAT) 8:30 AM DEVILS SLIDE TRAIL HIKE**  
Join me on an 8.5 -9 mile out & back hike from Humber Park in Idyllwild to the fire lookout station on Tahquitz Peak. From Humber Park we will travel the 2.5 miles up Devils Slide Trail to Saddle junction. From there we will head south 1.4 miles on the PCT gradually climbing through the open forest. At the South Ridge Trail junction we head southwest toward Tahquitz Peak for .4 miles then take a short spur to the summit. RATED: Strenuous & should take about 5 hours. There is 2400' of elevation gain. BRING 3 liters of water, lunch & snacks. Be sure to bring sunscreen, a hat, sturdy & comfortable hiking shoes & dress in layers. DIRECTIONS: From Highway 243 in Idyllwild just south of the ranger station turn northeast on North circle Dr. Drive .7 miles. At the four way intersection turn right on South Circle Dr. Drive .1 mile then turn left on Fern Hill Rd. Proceed to the top & park where the outhouse structure is. An Adventure Pass is

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The group of students from Desert Mirage High School made the trip, taking buses that left the valley at 1:30 a.m. and were scheduled to return between 5 and 6 a.m. on Tuesday. According to Marta Stoecker, the Sierra Club's deputy press secretary for the southwest region, most of the Desert Mirage students who went to Sacramento are Latino or Latina, many of them children of migrant farmworkers. She said most of the students were expected to testify at the hearing.

"It's pretty impressive that they're willing to spend most of their day on a bus to speak for two minutes before the EPA and then turn around and come home," Stoecker said.

The trip was organized and funded by the Sierra Club, with help from the school's "Green Academy" student group and the support of school district officials. The Coachella Valley Unified School District's board is expected to officially approve the trip.

"We want our students actively being involved in environmental issues, issues of policy that are relevant to their lives," district Superintendent Darryl Adams said. "To us, it's really an opportunity for them to see how their voice can impact the world around them."

The current federal smog standard is 75 parts per billion, but many scientists and public health experts — including the American Lung Association — have argued that a 60 parts per billion standard is needed to protect public health. The Environmental Protection Agency has proposed a new standard between 65 and 70 parts per billion, although it's also accepting comments on a standard as low as 60 and as high as 75.

The Sierra Club and other environmental groups want the agency to adopt a 60 parts per billion standard, although business groups have pushed back against changing the current standard, arguing that doing so could stifle economic growth.

A representative of the American Chemistry Council, a national trade group for chemistry companies, testified at Monday's hearing in Sacramento.

At a similar hearing in Washington, D.C., last week, Lorraine Gershman, the organization's senior director of environment and process safety, testified that a stricter standard could slow manufacturing growth and hurt industry — particularly in areas that are already out of compliance with the current standards.

"Communities designated "nonattainment" have a hard time attracting and retaining industry and sustaining economic activity and growth," Gershman said in her testimony. "Industry located in a nonattainment area face increased operating costs, permitting delays, and restrictions on building or expanding facilities."

Among those "nonattainment" areas is the South Coast Air Basin, which covers parts of Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino and Orange counties. The basin is one of two regions in "extreme" noncompliance—the highest level of noncompliance—with the current standards.

In 2014, the South Coast Air Basin experienced 93 days with ozone levels above legal limits, according to data provided by the South Coast Air Quality Management District. The Coachella Valley, by comparison, experienced 40 such days last year, down from 50 in 2013 and 54 in 2012.

Speaking from Sacramento, Barragán said that east valley residents "shouldn't have to fight for clean air."

"None of us should have to be here right now fighting for our right to breathe," she said. "I already lost my uncle — I shouldn't have to lose my sister too."

— Sammy Roth covers energy for *The Desert Sun*. He can be reached at [sammy.roth@desertsun.com](mailto:sammy.roth@desertsun.com), (760) 778-4622 and @Sammy\_Roth.



## A Call for Chapter Executive Committee Nominations . . . and Opportunities to Volunteer for the Sierra Club



The San Geronio Chapter of the Sierra Club covers all of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties — a pretty large area to be managed by volunteers. Our Chapter Executive Committee administers all Sierra Club requirements which make possible all our hugely successful Conservation Victories and our continued monitoring of multitudes of environmental issues. Additionally our outings program, monthly Membership Meetings, member service and much more all are administered by our Chapter Excom.

Every year the chapter elects members to our Chapter Executive Committee to serve two-year terms. This is a call for your input. The volunteer services of either you or someone you know are always needed and we are asking for nominations now for our elections later this year. Naturally, if you nominate someone, you should first seek their permission; however, we will follow-up on those deemed to be good candidates that may be hesitant to seek office.

One thing should be made very clear — "ordinary people" comprise our leadership. Having some expertise is great, but historically our volunteers don't really fit that category and just learn as they go. That is where we excel. Unlike other environmental organizations, the Sierra Club is run by volunteers beginning with our National Board of Directors and all the way down to our group and committee levels.

Please contact our Nominating Committee Chair, Ralph Salisbury or committee members Roland Hansson or Dave Barrie with suggestions (contact information below).

Additionally, the San Geronio Chapter always needs volunteers. Your assistance can be of unmeasurable support to us whether as an outings leader (article included on front page of this issue of the *Palm and Pine*) or help with arranging programs or greeting folks attending. We have many needs, some just involving perhaps four hours of computer work every other month to positions such as preparation of minutes for our meetings to treasurer. And please be aware that for duties requiring specific Sierra Club knowledge of procedures such as treasurer, there is no-cost national training provided including hotel lodging and air fare.

Contact for nominations:  
**Ralphsalisbury@att.net,**  
**rolandhansson@gmail.com,**  
 or  
**barriemail@mac.com**

## Santa Margarita Group

By Teri Biancardi

The Santa Margarita group is thrilled to report that our Murrieta Creek Trail project has won a merit award from California State Parks. It's due to be presented at the California Trails and Greenways conference in Yosemite on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and will be collected by our Chair, Pam Nelson; also in attendance from the team will be Murrieta City representative Colby Diuguid, and the project's National Parks Service (NPS) representative Patrick Johnson. This award comes after nearly three years of planning and coordination by the team consisting of the four cities of Temecula, Murrieta, Wildomar and Lake Elsinore and citizens' groups; facilitated by SMG's Nelson with support from Johnson. The award will recognize the novel partnership formed between these diverse entities.

We packed the house for our March presentation by permaculturist Diane Kennedy, who sketched out the fundamentals of this relatively new way of approaching gardening, and maximizing the use of water in our arid climate. The talk was followed by an outing to Finch Frolic, her own garden, which was transformed in just four years from a dusty, eroded, compacted clay soil weed haven to a food forest wildlife preserve, by implementing the principles of permaculture.

Coming up we have a "Sierra Sunday" fundraiser scheduled on April 19<sup>th</sup> at Emerald Creek Winery. This is a lovely and peaceful spot on the road out to Warner Spring, with a wonderful view, and away from the hubbub of Temecula's wine country. For our Earth Day events, we'll be partnering with the Rose Society for Earth Day at Temecula Valley Rose Garden on April 18<sup>th</sup>. We're also planning a Pacific Crest Trail welcoming day at Warner Springs Community Resource Center on May 2<sup>nd</sup>; please join us for a hike to Eagle Rock. We'll also be tabling at the Idyllwild Earth Fair in mid-May.


Our next two club meetings will highlight local SMGSC projects. On April 9<sup>th</sup> we'll learn about the ever growing Meadowview restoration project, and the Partners for Fish and Wildlife program which has guided this effort, followed in May by a presentation on the Murrieta Creek Trail.

Our hikes leader Bob Audibert has scheduled two great hikes in May: In addition to the aforementioned Eagle Rock hike, he's also arranged one to Tahquitz Peak on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Details on these hikes can be found in the listings.

OUR SANTA MARGARITA GROUP  
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 ON THE 2<sup>nd</sup> THURSDAY OF EVERY  
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 AUGUST AT THE  
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**Submission and Payments**  
E-mail directly to [mywwuni@charter.net](mailto:mywwuni@charter.net)  
Payments must be received at least two weeks before deadline. Mail all payments to Treasurer Ladd Seekins, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside, Ca 92501; be sure and mark envelope "advertising."

**Any Questions?**  
**Call or email us TODAY at (951) 686-4141 or**  
**[ralphsalisbury@att.net](mailto:ralphsalisbury@att.net) . . . Ask for Ralph!**

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required to be displayed when parking at Humber Park. Because there is a limit on the number of hikers allowed on Devils Slide I will get the permit in advance. So if you are interested please register as soon as possible. INFO & RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER, GARY MARSALONE, hikesie@gmail.com, 858-663-1201.

SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**MAY 30 (SAT) 8:30 AM ANNUAL BIG BEAR GROUP AWARDS PARTY**  
Annually, we award "Patches" to hikers for significant achievements including the completion of the (1) Five Peaks of Big Bear; (2) a section of the Pacific Crest Trail, either Section B or Section D over the past three years, & (3) other recognition programs. In the morning we offer three different hikes for participants, plus a guided Nature Walk for non-hikers. Participants will be given a guided tour of the local wild flowers, rocks, & trees, truly a nature experience to remember. The hikers & guests are treated to a barbeque with drinks & desserts. Friends & family of hikers in the Big Bear Group are invited. Patches will be presented following lunch, plus a competitive volley ball match. RATED: All hikes are guided by Big Bear Group Hike Leaders & are rated Easy, Moderate, & Strenuous in difficulty. MEET: Aspen Glen Picnic Area, 40101 Mill Creek Rd San Bernardino National Forest, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315. BRING: Day hiking gear, 2-litters of water, & friends & family. RESERVATIONS: Contact ED CALIENDO, OUTINGS CHAIR, (442) 242-4103, dogs111@msn.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

### JUNE 1 – JUNE 7

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings  
(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)

**JUN 2 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING**  
PROGRAM: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS, (909) 800-3911, ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com. CHAPTER

**JUN 3 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ED CALIENDO, dogs111@msn.com  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUN 4 (THU) 9:00 AM SAN ANTONIO FALLS/ICE HOUSE SPLIT HIKE**  
Looking for a bonus? Here's your chance to see two wonderful areas in one easy outing. We'll start at Ice House Canyon & hike it to the Cedar Glen trail head & back for a 2 mile R/T distance & a 700' elevation gain. Then, it's off to the falls for a pleasant 1.5 mile R/T, 200' elevation gain stroll where you'll witness the falls dropping 140' over a three tier formation. A total of 3.5 miles & 900' of elevation gain at days end. BRING: water, sturdy boots, layered clothing, & a hiking stick. MEET: Please call or email prior to 5:00 PM June 3 to confirm. LEADER: JEFF WARHOL, (909) 985-7686, jmwandjjw@hotmail.com. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**\*\* JUN 5 (FRI) 8:00 AM WATERLINE TRAIL HIKE**  
This is a 7 to 8 mile loop hike that takes us along a beautiful section of the south fork of the Santa River in the San Gorgonio Wilderness.. A portion of the hike will follow the flume that supplies water to Jenks Lake with wonderful views of the Santa Anna River Canyon. The trail in part is unmaintained with some difficult stream & downed tree crossings being part of the adventure. RATED: moderate. Space will be limited because of permit restrictions. MEET: at the Vons parking lot at 42170 Big Bear Blvd. Big Bear Lake, CA at 8:00 AM. BRING: ten essentials, 2 liters of water, lunch & suitable hiking boots. For trailhead information, contact the leader. Adventure pass required. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER, ED WALLACE, 909 584 9407, ednjeanne@charter.net.  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**\*\*JUN 6 (SAT) 8:00 AM BERTHA PEAK VIA COUGAR CREST TRAIL HIKE**  
This is a Peaks of Big Bear hike. Those achieving all five peaks overlooking the Big Bear Valley will be given a commemorative patch. This will be a 7.5 mile hike, 1,400'+ elevation gain. RATING: Strenuous. BRING: 2.0 liters of water, snack/lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, & good hiking shoes. MEET: Cougar Crest Trail Head, located a half-mile west of the Big Bear Discovery Center. An Adventure Pass is required for parking. RESERVATIONS: contact LEADER, ED CALIENDO, (442) 242-4103, dogs111@msn.com.  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUN 6 (SAT) 8:00 AM BLUE RIDGE TRAIL HIKE**  
This moderate 4-mile hike through beautiful woodland in Wrightwood is always pleasing. WEAR strong shoes, BRING water, snacks & a camera. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308, at 8:00 AM or in the parking lot of the Wrightwood Community Center Parking Lot at 9:00 AM. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, coachnorm@yahoo.com, 760-912-3725. MOJAVE GROUP

**\*\*JUN 6 (SAT) 9:00 AM SB MTS, CRAFTS PEAK HIKE**  
Join us for a moderate hike, 8 miles, 1500 ft. elevation gain, from Green Valley Lake to Crafts Peak at 8,364 ft. This area was burnt in the 2007 fire, so many of the trees are still in the process of recovering. It will be interesting to see how nature continues to restore itself. Views in all directions, from Lake Arrowhead & Mt Baldy to Big Bear Lake & San Gorgonio Mountain. WEAR sturdy boots, BRING sufficient water, lunch, hat & a jacket. MEET: Call leader for carpooling meeting time & place. Adventure Pass required. LEADER: KARLA BARTON, 760-805-0782,. CO-LEADER, DON FISCHER, 909-633-5369. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

### JUNE 8 – JUNE 14

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings  
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**JUN 8 (MON) 7:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**JUN 9 (TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, kimffloyd@fastmail.fm (760) 249-5385. CHAPTER

**JUN 10 (WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: SUSAN STUEBER, susanquintin.stueber@gmail.com  
MOJAVE GROUP

**JUN 11 (THU) 6:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except July & August. The public is welcome. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 sierraclubsmg@gmail.com  
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**JUN 11 (THU) 8:00 AM TELEGRAPH PEAK HIKE**  
We are doing this peak the easier way. Our hike begins at the bottom of the Mt. Baldy chair lift then up the service road to the notch & up past Thunder Mt. to Telegraph Peak. This hike is about 10 miles with a gain of 2200 ft. Call leader if interested. LEADER: JOE WHYTE, whytejoe@msn.com, 909-949-0899. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**JUN 13 (SAT) 9:00 AM SB MTS, STRAWBERRY PEAK HERE & NOW HIKE**  
On this light hike, we will focus on what is around us at the moment; sights & sounds of the forest, & our reactions to them. While on the trail, by talking about only what we see, hear & experience, we should be able to better appreciate what is out there. A variety of wildflowers should be in bloom. Distance: about one mile (loop). Elevation gain: 300 feet. This area, threatened by inappropriate development, was acquired by the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust in 2012. WEAR: hat & boots, BRING water & snacks. MEET: Contact leader for meeting place & information. LEADER, BILL ENGS, 909-338-1910, billengs@yahoo.com. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**JUN 13-14 (SAT & SUN) 7:00 AM BACKPACKING TRAINING BACKPACK**  
If you have not camped out in the wilderness or just have not been backpacking in some time, this is the course for you. This is an opportunity to learn the key essentials to beginning backpacking & over-night camping in the wilderness. Learn how to properly load a backpack, lifting techniques, proper use of trekking poles, selection of safe camp & tent locations, setting up your tent, food preparation, lighting of the cook stove, water purification, food storage, thunder storm & lighting defenses, leaving-no-trace, & extensive map-and-compass training. COST: \$25, which includes a compass & maps. If you already have a compass, then course cost is \$20. The hike leader will assist each participant in equipment selection if so requested. RESERVATIONS: contact LEADER, ED CALIENDO, dogs111@msn.com, (442) 242-4103. BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUN 14 (SUN) 9:00 AM SB MTS, ARROWHEAD RIDGE WALK**  
Eighty acres of the last remaining island of undeveloped forest within the Lake Arrowhead community, formerly known as Eagle Ridge, was acquired by the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust in 2011 to protect as open space. The Land Trust inherited a plethora of maintenance problems from the aborted development project there. This year we will again follow the Will Abel Trail the SBMLT created on the property & see how their stewardship projects are progressing. The trail is a little over a mile with some steeper stretches of medium elevation gain. We're hoping for flowers. RATED: Easy/moderate walk, taking 2 hours or more with frequent discussion (and rest) stops as needed. BRING: snack, water, clothing layers as appropriate WEAR: boots, sun hats. MEET: Arrowhead Ridge Parking area, Grass Valley Road, across from golf course. LEADER: STEVE FARRELL, mr\_sqf@yahoo.com, 951-777-9150. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

### JUNE 15 – JUNE 21

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings  
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**JUN 16 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly except July & August. Programs on nature, conservation & travel topics. The public is welcome & refreshments are served. See Los Serranos webpage for detailed program information: sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/groups/los\_serranos. PLACE: First Presbyterian Church, 869 N. Euclid Ave, Upland CA (educational building, entrance in rear). INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**JUN 18 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ED CALIENDO, dogs111@msn.com  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUN 19 (FRI) 7:00 AM CUCAMONGA PEAK HIKE**  
This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Cucamonga Peak (elevation 8859 ft), 12.2 miles round trip with 3900 ft. elevation gain. The trail follows the creek for the first mile under a canopy of oak, maple, cedar, & pine. Scenic view in all directions from the top of Cucamonga Peak. BRING: sturdy boots, 3 liters water, lunch, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET:

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Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling & meeting place. Rain cancels. Adventure Pass required at trailhead. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, 909-983-8501, john@stclairs.us. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**JUN 19-24 (FRI-WED) COYOTE GULCH BACKPACK**  
Backpack 30 miles through some of the best of Utah's red rock, with sheer high-walled canyons & cathedral-like campsites. Trip starts with obtaining permits at the Escalante visitor center. There will be 4-5 miles of travel each day. Most of the hiking is moderate, but requires wading back & forth across the creek. One steep trail will bypass waterfalls. There are side trips so bring a small day pack. This is the warm season, but usually quite pleasant. Limit 12. RESERVATIONS & INFO: Trip details & agenda available on sign-up. LEADER: DAVID HARDY, 702-875-4826 but email preferred, hardyhikers@embarqmail.com, CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

**JUN 20 (SAT) 8:00 AM CHARLIE'S TRAIL HIKE**  
This is an easy 5-mile hike through a glorious woodland with spectacular views across the Mojave Desert. WEAR strong shoes, BRING water, snacks & a camera. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308, at 8:00 AM or in the parking lot of the Wrightwood Community Center at 9:00 AM. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, coachnorm@yahoo.com, 760-912-3725. MOJAVE GROUP

### JUNE 22 – JUNE 28

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**JUN 23 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**  
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379 CHAPTER

**JUN 25 (THU) 8:30 AM JOHN'S MEADOW HIKE**  
A beautiful 6 mile hike in the San Gorgonio Wilderness that takes us around the mountains, crosses creeks & gives us some wonderful views. It will be a good time of the year to see the wildflowers blooming along the trail & in abundance where we cross Forsee Creek. We will have lunch/snack at the meadow; visit another creek before coming back along the same trail to our vehicles. RATED: easy/moderate, elevation gain is approx. 600 ft. BRING: 2 liters of water, hat, sunscreen, lunch/snack, trekking poles, & layered clothing. MEET: Forsee Creek trailhead. Coming up from the Redlands area you come up Hwy 38 to Jenks Lake Rd. West about 3/10th of a mile up the road you will see the Forsee Creek trailhead sign on the right. Take that up to the parking area about another 3/10th of a mile. It is a dirt road but all cars should make it. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER, JUDY ATKINSON, 909 289-1932, djatk57@gmail.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUN 26 (FRI) 8:00 AM SNOW VALLEY/LAKEVIEW POINT LOOP HIKE**  
This is a 7 mile hike through mixed oak & pine forests. Depending on the weather we may get a display of wildflowers. The trail reveals views of Snow Valley, Keller Peak, Big Bear Lake & the ridge from San Bernardino Peak east. After the hike, if the group wants we can meet for lunch at a local restaurant. RATING: moderate. BRING: ten essentials, 2 liters of water & a snack. MEET: Vons parking lot at 42170 Big Bear Blvd. Big Bear Lake, CA at 8:00 AM. RESERVATIONS & INFO: Contact LEADER, ED WALLACE, 909 584 9407, ednjeanne@charter.net. BIG BEAR GROUP

**\*\*JUN 27 (SAT) 8:00 AM GREYS PEAK HIKE**  
New hikers welcome! Join me for a moderate 6-7 mile round trip hike up to the top of Big Bear's very popular Gray's Peak, 7952'. This is a Peaks of Big Bear hike. Those achieving all five peaks will be given a commemorative patch. The trail climbs gradually 1200 feet through Jeffrey pines, black oak, & chinquapin, past an old (2007) burn & several impressive rock outcrops where bald eagles nest in winter. To get to the very top there's an easy scramble over colorful granitic boulders & logs. Take in the views of Big Bear Lake through the trees, & enjoy a snack while resting. RATING: Moderate. BRING: Ten essentials, water for a 3-4 hour hike, sun protection (sunscreen, sunglasses, & hat), & snacks for energy. MEET: 8:00 AM at the Gray's Peak trailhead parking area on the north side of Highway 38 a half mile southwest of Fawnskin or 2.7 miles northeast of Big Bear dam. An Adventure Pass is needed to park, & there is a restroom at the parking area. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER, PETER MICHELSEN, petermichelsen@gmail.com, or CO-LEADER, ED CALIENDO, (442) 242-3102, dogs111@msn.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

### JUNE 29 – JULY 5

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings  
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**JUL 1 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ED CALIENDO, dogs111@msn.com BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUL 2 (THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, contact BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP



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to the west of Temecula, is estimated to contain about 20 adults, and has long been the focus of conservationists concerned that the triple threats of encroaching development, vehicle strikes, and a shrinking gene pool could lead to an irreversible decline in numbers and eventual extirpation, or local extinction.

In addition to the above challenges, male mountain lions also have to contend with the threats from their own kind. When they reach about two years of age, young males "disperse" in search of their own territory. If they stray into occupied territory, senior male lions may kill or injure them so they wander till they find an area unoccupied by a resident male, sometimes traveling over 100 miles. In Southern California this means they are forced to take their chances crossing numerous roads and freeways in terrain they are not familiar with. They may also turn away from the busiest ones like I-15, and then travel the fringes of the habitat. At the edges, the animals are at greater risks from interactions with people.

Conservationists have long advocated the construction of new or improved wildlife crossings such as wildlife bridges over or passages under I-15. New crossings would help connect the Santa Ana Mountains wildlife populations (especially mountain lions) with those in the Palomar mountains and others further east. Southern California Mountain Lion Project Lead Dr. Winston Vickers says that genetic and GPS collar results from his project have shown that during the 15 years of his study, only one mountain lion was detected that had crossed from the west to the east across I-15, and just one from the east to the west. But that's not for a lack of trying. Several GPS-collared lions have approached the freeway and turned back multiple times, and one uncollared animal was recently killed while trying to cross near the Riverside and San Diego County line.

To move the crossings effort forward, Dr Vickers, of the Wildlife Health Center at UC Davis, the Nature Conservancy, and National Parks Service initiated an effort at the beginning of this year to rank potential locations for a bridge and/or under-crossings on both I-15 and Hwy 101 in the Santa Monica Mountains. They will release their findings this summer. The Mountain Lion project is also receiving funding from California Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), San Diego County Association of Governments (SANDAG), Western Riverside County Resource Conservation Authority (RCA), Nature Reserve of Orange County (NROC), and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) to integrate genetic, modeling, and collar data to help define wildlife pathways and corridors in the region. This will assist in prioritizing acquisition of conservation lands in North San Diego County and South West Riverside County to help wildlife stay connected throughout the area as development continues. A report detailing these findings will be released at the end of 2016, and the researchers hope that policy makers will make use of the data to move forward with corridor preservation, highway passage construction, and the installation, where appropriate, of wildlife fencing.

However, they are aware that these projects run into the millions of dollars and with many competing demands on limited funds, that is where their efforts can be bolstered by the public, by indicating to representatives that they value wildlife and want corridors.

Vicki Long points out that mountain lions are part of a healthy ecosystem, who keep deer, rabbit, and rodent populations in check. "They are a keystone species, they're called that because when you take the keystone out of the arch, the whole thing comes tumbling down," she said.

– Submitted by Teri Biancardi  
of Santa Margarita Group



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There will be a \$42 fee which covers lodging, all class materials including the Sierra Club outing Leader's Handbook, first aid instruction by the American Heart Association and some food and beverages. Participants will be asked to contribute one food item for the Saturday night dinner after which we hold one final class.

Early enrollment is highly encourage as upon receiving your application with payment you will

immediately be provided some pre-course material, some of it web-based, to study at your own pace. For late enrollees, it is not necessary to complete this study material prior to the class; however it will greatly aid you in doing so. Naturally completion will be necessary before becoming an outings leader.

For an application form or general questions, please email Ralph Salisbury, LTC Chair at ralphsalisbury@att.net Alternately you may use mail to Ralph Salisbury, 2995 Floral Ave, Riverside, CA 92507.

### Harry Joseph Krueper, Jr. April 4, 1929 – February 26, 2015

*Harry Krueper passed away on February 26 at age 85 in Loma Linda. Harry earned an undergraduate degree at UCLA and a Master's degree in Civil and Traffic Engineering from UC Berkeley. His engineering company, Krueper Engineering & Associates provided space for the San Gorgonio Chapter office for a number of years.*

*Harry served as treasurer of the San Gorgonio Chapter for 7 years in the 70s and later as Outings Chair. Prior to that, Harry and his wife Alice both served on the Board of the Defenders, an early advocacy group for wilderness protection of the San Gorgonio area which finally led to successful legislation in 1964.*

*Harry was preceded in death by his son, Bruce and his wife of 41 years, Alice Krueper. He is survived by his three sons, Ronald, David and Brian, seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild.*

## Island Hopping in Channel Islands National Park

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of years. Or, just relax at sea. All cruises depart from Santa Barbara, California. The cost, \$615, includes an assigned bunk, all meals, snacks, and beverages plus the services of a ranger/naturalist who will travel with us to help lead hikes, point out items of interest and give evening programs.

To reserve space, send a \$100 check, written to Sierra Club, to leader Joan Jones Holtz, 11826 The Wye St., El Monte, CA 91732. For more information contact leader: 626-443-0706; jholtzhl@aol.com

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## “The Desert: Its Grace, Its Gravity and Its Grandeur” set for June 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter Meeting

David Jesse McChesney, photographer, author and musician, is featured at the June 2<sup>nd</sup> San Geronio Chapter meeting.

David has photographed 55 of America's national parks over the past 39 years. He has served as the advanced photo instructor

basis for his last visual presentation at one of our chapter meetings three years ago.

His imagery is showcased at national parklands and wildlife refuges, world birding centers, travel centers, museums and a growing number of nature outlets around the country. He has been published around the globe and is the recipient of over fifty awards for his photographic work.

David captures the life and color of the Mojave Desert and uses his imagery to help celebrate and preserve the beauty and wildlife found there. He travels the country offering visual presentations, tours and lectures related to the desert, nature, wildlife and birdlife photography.

In 2012, McChesney travelled to Washington D.C. to speak to members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee of behalf of the California Desert Protection Act.

In 2014, one of David's images was chosen to represent Joshua Tree National Park in the National Park Gallery in the Interior Department building in Washington D.C.

At his home in Joshua Tree, David has developed a remarkable

are rare migratory species in the Joshua Tree Highlands.

A harmonica-player extraordinaire, “Hurricane David” began belting the blues 40+ years ago and was influenced by performers such as Sonny Boy Williamson, Paul Butterfield and Junior Wells. He is a National Harmonica Champion, a title he won at the National Harmonica Festival held in Yellow Pine, Idaho. His harp and vocal stylings have evolved over the years and after winning more than 200 talent competitions earlier in his career.

David has been entertaining for the past 35+ years. His original-style, blues-oriented rock ‘n’ roll has been presented in over 2,500 performances since 1976. “Hurricane” David has recently completed a music studio “Outmywindows” and enjoys the Joshua Tree atmosphere for both writing and recording.



wildlife sanctuary, rich in flavor of the species' which visit the Joshua Tree National Park. His property was certified as a Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation and many of the desert species found on this site were, quite literally, photographed out of his windows at home. David's home has been visited by an Osprey and Lewis's woodpecker, which

for the Desert Institute at Joshua Tree National Park. He is author of *The Mojave Desert: Miles of Wonder and Muir Roots: At One with the Wild*. The former was the