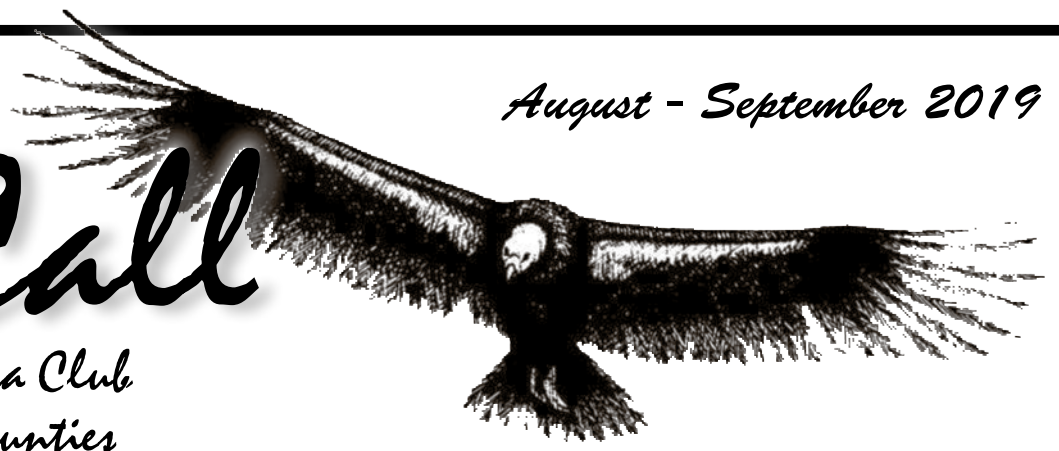


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OIL BAN

The coast is clear!

By Katie Davis

LAST LEASES

With the recent termination of Carone Petroleum's leases off Carpinteria for failure to pay, the entire Santa Barbara County coastline to the 3-mile state water boundary is now part of the permanently protected Coastal Sanctuary. Carone had intended to do slant drilling from federal Platform Hogan into state waters. That threat is now gone.



With the abandonment of Venoco's Platform Holly near Goleta also in process, this landmark decision on June 29 by the State Lands Commission terminates the last active oil/gas leases in state waters off our county.

Now, the state is identifying and plugging old leaking wells in Ellwood and Summerland, some of those century-old wells were the first offshore oil wells in the country.

POWER PLAY

SoCal Edison has energy storage projects to supply local electric needs in Ventura and (South Coast) Santa Barbara counties instead of the 262-megawatt natural-gas peaker plant on an Oxnard shoreline. That power plant was vigorously opposed by the Sierra Club and community

EAVESDROPS

"Increasing export capacity from the Freeport LNG project is critical to spreading freedom gas throughout the world by giving America's allies a diverse and affordable source of clean energy."

~ 'Freedom gas' is apparently not at joke but taken from a real Dept. of Energy press release by undersecretary, Mark Menezes. It goes even further, considering LNG "molecules of US freedom to be exported to the world." Want Freedom Fries with that?

groups.

The new plan includes a 100-megawatt/400-megawatt-hour system of lithium-ion batteries in Oxnard, and smaller units in Camarillo, Carpinteria and Goleta. Plan is to come online in December 2020.

This is a significant victory for clean energy and air advocates; it also marks the first rejection of a new gas power plant in the state.

Our local victory is contributing to a movement: a decision not to re-power three Los Angeles natural-gas power plants, which Mayor Garcetti called, "the beginning of the end of natural gas in Los Angeles."

GREENING THE GRID

There's more: SB Board of Supervisors voted on July 16 to join Monterey Bay Community Power (MBCP), a Community Choice Energy (CCE) provider, for county areas outside cities, but it is likely that the cities of Goleta and Carpinteria will join. Santa Maria has expressed interest as well.

The city of Santa Barbara is looking into its own CCE program for local city control which could promote higher levels of renewable energy.

All of Ventura County has already moved forward into the Clean Power Alliance (with Los Angeles). All these programs offer the ability to provide more renewable energy at competitive rates, increase choice and energy democracy. Such a program could achieve ambitious 100% renewable energy goals faster.

Worthy note: Our entire Los Padres Chapter region is now on track to enjoy these benefits!

ELECTRIFY EVERYTHING

Once we have a 100% renewable energy grid, electrifying transportation and buildings provides a path to kick our fossil fuel addiction. Here are some examples:

~ SB County will replace fleet cars up for replacement with electric vehicles.

~ Recent studies have found transitioning off natural gas in buildings would reduce a major

source of greenhouse gas emissions, offer public health benefits, and facilitate new construction without the need for gas hookups and infrastructure. It would save money for owners and renters. Berkeley just passed a [historic ban on gas](#) in new construction, and over 50 cities across the state have expressed an interest in similar action along with strengthening building codes.

~ Buying solar power and driving Electric Vehicle (or hybrid) cars is in high demand regionally. On that score, Sierra Club is again hosting and helping EV shows locally and offering discounts on solar (see stories back page).

OILS NOT WELL

We should feel good about the progress above -- some of which would have been unimaginable just a few years ago.

But we need to re-double our resolve to fight the oily threats to our region, from Trump's efforts to open up drilling on public lands and waters to some of the worst local oil projects ever proposed.

In July a massive 1,100,000-gallon oil spill in Kern County provided a reminder of the particular dangers of steam injection oil development, as did the recent USGS studies finding oil contaminants in groundwater in Oxnard and Orcutt.

But these too can lead to progress. In June, Ventura County enacted a 6-month moratorium on new steam wells in Oxnard. In Santa Barbara County, oil companies are delaying projects, fearing imminent rejection. An example comes from SBC Planning Commission hearing on ERG's project scheduled for Aug. 14. It suddenly saw the light and decided to amend its application to add some solar panels to its very large and polluting steam oil project, postponing a decision.

Interestingly, Texas billionaire Andrew Beal, who owns ERG's debt, currently has a pro-Trump super PAC called, "Save America from its Government." It seems fossil fuel companies don't like democracy very much when the people are winning.



Goodbye forever! – We dug up this photo taken in 2012 when Environmental Defense Center and friends waved goodbye to the last oil barge polluting from Ellwood. Now in 2019 our efforts have brought even better news that our coast is clear from any new drilling. Renewables Rise! (Photo courtesy EDC)

Border suit blues

On behalf of the Sierra Club, American Civil Liberties Union announced in late July that it will seek to expedite proceedings before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in order to restore a permanent block on border wall construction using unauthorized military funds.

The announcement comes right after the Supreme Court temporarily granted the Trump Administration's request to unfreeze up to \$2.5 billion in military funds for wall construction while the Ninth Circuit considers the merits of the government's appeal.

The decision on behalf of the Club and Southern Border Communities Coalition challenges the president's abuse of emergency

powers for border wall funds Congress denied, and for which he said Mexico will pay.

"The decision to permit the diversion of military funds for border wall construction will wall off and destroy communities, public lands, and waters in California, New Mexico, and Arizona. We've seen the destruction that the ever-expanding border wall has inflicted. The Sierra Club will continue to fight this wall and Trump's agenda through and through," said Gloria Smith, an attorney representing the club.

To learn more details and keep up with the issue, go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/SClubBorderSuit>

North County S.B. invites your input

Anyone in northern Santa Barbara County whose zip code starts with 932 or 934 is lucky enough to be in the Los Padres Chapter's Arguello Group.

Since there are so many oil and development issues within the zips, the Chapter would like to bolster the membership numbers and make it easy for people to get more active to protect the land, water and air in this vibrant region, that is also home to excellent hiking trails, a long coastline and mountainous areas.

Arguello Group has long been active in monthly programs, numerous free hikes, social gatherings, trash clean-ups and some political activism as well. But some key members have passed away and new leaders and volunteers of all ages are needed.

Chair Rebecca August is the current leader and is also active with Los Padres ForestWatch, and member Rosemary Holmes of Lompoc has sent out a call to revitalize the group.

"I for one sure miss our monthly meetings, which were vibrant, productive, and informative," Holmes said, adding "there are many, many members of the Sierra Club in this area and I am hoping to hear from a few in order to meet and plan. Let's do this!"

"Insofar as oil issues alone, now would be a great time to make this more viable for serving members from Lompoc, Santa Ynez, Santa Maria, Orcutt and other regions. The north county is especially vulnerable, especially with the Bureau of Land Management opportunities now open with express directions from the current administration," Holmes said.

The chapter's Executive Director Jon Ullman is ready to help.

For all members who are reading this, ask friends and neighbors to join the Sierra Club and help focus on the North County's environment. To get involved, contact Holmes at (805) 200-4076, Ullman at (305) 283-6070 or email them:

FilmBuffRoze@gmail.com

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COVER PHOTO

Nancy Bingham's "Tinderbox" (Kings Canyon Nat'l Park, 9-color woodcut) seemed appropriate for this anxious fire season. It was one of hundreds of art works presented to the Wildling Museum in Solvang showcasing the National Lands of California (see story pg 2). Check out the exhibit through Jan. 20, 2020 ... simply amazing, showing artists' interpretations of our grand lands.

Fire safety

In response to the increasing potential for a wildfire due to heat and drought in the Los Padres National Forest, fire restrictions have been raised until further notice (usually after it rains in late Autumn). Restrictions affect the use of campfires, stoves and smoking.

In short, no open fires (wood or charcoal) will be permitted outside of developed recreation sites or designated Campfire Use Sites (even with a valid California Campfire Permit). Lanterns and portable stoves will be permitted, but only with a valid Campfire Permit, which are available free-of-charge. Details at ranger stations or on the website: www.fs.usda.gov/lpnf

Smoking is prohibited, except within an enclosed vehicle, building or a designated Campfire Site.

Internal combustion engines may be operated only on roads or designated trails (a year-round rule).



Los Padres Chapter Director Jonathan Ullman attended the Sierra Club Chapter Assembly in Philadelphia in June. Here National Executive Director Mike Brune addresses the gathering representing the Club's 62 Chapters. Themes included protecting the future, green deal, diversity and environmental justice. (Photo by Jon Ullman)

Bills tackle plastics at source and shops

Amidst growing awareness of worldwide environmental devastation and health problems wrought by plastic and non-recycled trash, Environment California gathered local students and eco-groups at Goleta Pier on July 25 to urge city and state officials to act.

Called the Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act, the identical bills are: SB 54 (Allen) and AB 1080 (Gonzalez). These two bills attack the trash crisis at both ends -- before a product is ever created or purchased, and after a single-use item is ready for disposal.

The Sierra Club supports the bills, and Los Padres Chapter Chair Katie Davis was there to witness their launch at the Pier:

"Single-use products—typically plastic packaging—are

overflowing our landfills, fouling our oceans and impacting our food chain and public health. Current disposal and recycling policies are insufficient. By targeting the reduction, composting or recycling of 75 % of single-use packaging by 2030, this bill is an important step forward in protecting people and ecosystems and reducing our reliance on fossil fuels."

Others who support the bills included League of Women Voters, Surfrider, ChannelKeeper and Gray Whales Count, among many others.

Local State Senate member Hannah Beth Jackson and Assembly member Monique Limón are on board with the bills. Limón said, "The natural environment is an important part of the identity and economy of the State and Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. Pollution such as excessive plastics threaten our pristine environment ..."

Meanwhile, Ventura Sierra Club Chair Nina Danza has embarked on a personal quest during "Plastic Free July". Here's her report on Facebook:

"One week of 'almost' plastic free report: This is what my spouse bought (who's not in the program, photos of fruit in plastic) but what I'll eat so I'm half guilty. On average I have failed with one little plastic item a day. Bread bag, old reused Ziploc bag, rare soda bottle. I'm a lot worse than Kat Selm and Candice Meneghin who are kickin' butt. The good news is awareness! I will more easily take out that nagging little plastic a day over the next few months. TRY IT!"

For more information about the bills and plastic-free methods, go to: www.EnvironmentCalifornia.org www.PlasticFree.org



The anti-public land foes wouldn't dare touch Yellowstone or Yosemite would they? ('Springtime in Yellowstone' by Eva Kámark).

Public land foes grab power

Editor's note: ALERT that agencies in the Trump Administration want to dismantle (or their word "realign") America's national public lands west of the Mississippi, many of which affect California and favorites such as Grand Canyon, Bears Ears, Canyonlands, Sawtooth, Glacier and even our Channel Islands National Park. Not on our watch. The news comes from our Los Padres Chapter vice-chair Jim Hines, who often works on national issues on behalf of the Sierra Club. Here's his report:

This morning (July 29) I took part in a conference call with the executive staff of the U.S. Dept of the Interior and several staffers from the U.S. Forest Service and the Republican leadership of the U.S. Senate.

While a great deal of discussion was centered around large units of national public lands, there was some discussion of areas within the Ventura-Santa Barbara-San Luis Obispo county region.

The Trump executive staff is concerned about how the Channel Islands National Park staff will respond when the Administration releases its proposal for vast new

offshore oil leasing in federal waters of the Santa Barbara Channel. The proposal will be released AFTER the 2020 Presidential election because it does not want any federal agency to oppose the oil/gas the offshore drilling plan.

Also, the Forest Service will be drafting executive orders to allow more lands within national forests (in our own backyard, the Los Padres National Forest) to be opened for mining and drilling. An inventory of all uranium deposits could include the Lake Casitas Watershed, which has in the past been subject to uranium mining claims.

There is an all-out effort by the Administration to stop any land protection bills currently before Congress, such as our own Central Coast Heritage Protection Act which includes the LPNF. Senate leader Mitch McConnell may stop it from even coming to a vote. Too, the Secretary of the Interior does not even like the fact that Carrizo Plain National Monument (in SLO

County) even exists and efforts by the federal manager (BLM) to weaken it will be made.

The anti-public lands people even take a negative view of America's urban national park units such as the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA) in Ventura and Los Angeles counties which also does not bode well for the Rim of the Valley Corridor Protection Act currently before Congress.

I have a scheduled meeting in September with the new BLM director who was just appointed by the President because of his anti-federal land views (great example of the fox guarding the henhouse).

It's kind of surreal being in on a discussion of how to dismantle or severely weaken an entire Interior Department which was created to protect America's great natural heritage.

You can help by visiting the Sierra Club website, click on the "Take Action" tab: www.SierraClub.org



Green Project Consultants' sculpture "was made from plastic waste to highlight the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling plastics to spare the ocean." Seen June 7 at Paso Pacifico's World Oceans Day Harbor Cove Beach, Ventura. (Photo by Condor John)

See Wild & Scenic films

Ventura Land Trust's 10th Annual Wild and Scenic Film Festival is Ventura's most popular film event and the Trust's largest fundraiser of the year.

It's a fantastic family-friendly event with a lineup of 14 beautiful and inspirational award-winning short films including a few of our all-time favorites. Even better, it's again outdoors on the grassy campus of the Ventura County Credit Union, 2575 Vista Del Mar Dr. on Saturday, Aug. 17. Doors open at 5pm, films start at 8pm when the sun sets over the ocean as seen from the site.

Live music features the Guy Martin Band and Todd Hannigan & Sleeping Chief along with the county's most popular food trucks and craft beer and wines; information booths include the Sierra Club, Once Upon a Watershed, Los Padres ForestWatch, Runners for Public Lands and many others.

Enjoy family-friendly games on the lawn before the films begin and peruse a silent raffle that includes high-end items like original artwork, wet suit, outdoor clothing & gear from Patagonia and REI, kayaking excursion, gift certificates and more.

This year adds an exclusive VIP Experience Ticket where a limited number of lucky guests will enjoy catered food, craft beer and cocktails and live music, along with a chance to network with VLT staff, board and festival sponsors (and indoor restrooms!).

Ticket prices are: \$35 for adults, \$5 for children (ages 12 and under) and \$125 for the VIP Experience.

All you have to do now is come and enjoy; get your tickets here:

<https://tinyurl.com/VLTwildTix>



NPCA/PLAN Meeting

August 24, 2019 • 8:30 am - 1:00 pm
Borchard Community Center • 190 Reino Rd., Newbury Park

MEETING TOPICS

Ventura County Wildlife Overlay Zone Ordinance (WOZO)
The ordinance passed but not without resistance

The Rim of the Valley Preservation Act
Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area extension into the Simi Hills/Santa Susana Mountains and beyond.
Update on progress of ROV by Dennis Arguelles, NPCA.

Save Open-Space and Agricultural Resources (SOAR)
The initiative passed in November, 2018 for a 50-year renewal.
Benefits for Ventura County.

Woolsey Fire and future wild fire concerns for Ventura County
How fires impact communities, cost, resources, humans and wildlife.

Event is free to attend with coffee-beverages and snacks provided.

Meetings will have speakers and is a forum for sharing ideas and working together to protect our environment, natural world, wildlife and native habitat.

RSVP: planopenspace@gmail.com

If you Have Questions Contact:

Caria Bollinger: 818.307.6418 and/or Dennis Arguelles: 213.393.5077

Group News

The public is welcome to our programs

CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

~ Meets 4th Thursday 7pm of every month, either at Carpinteria IHOP or by phone. Email Secretary Gerry Ching for the agenda: gching@cox.net

~ Chapter website and blog at: www.sierraclub.org/los-padres

SANTA BARBARA GROUP

~ We meet 1st Tuesdays, noon to 1:30pm of each month. Meets at Impact Hub, 1117 State St. View the calendar, hikes, issues and join the mailing list for the South Coast SB area (Carpinteria to Goleta) at:

www.SBSierraClub.org
www.facebook.com/sbsierraclub
<https://tinyurl.com/SBGroupBlog>

ARGUELLO GROUP

Our North County Group would like to restart regular meetings and programs. See page 1 story on how you can help. Keep informed on our Facebook page:

<http://tinyurl.com/ArguelloGroup>

~Volunteers needed for hikes and/or issues; your talents could make a difference. Call 350-0629 or: RebeccaAugust@mac.com

VENTURA NETWORK

~ 1st Tuesday monthly at Ventura Bike Hub, 490 N. Ventura Ave, 7-8:30pm. STRONGLY RECOMMEND RSVP as location and date are subject to change:

sierraclubventura@gmail.com

~ Get latest info about the western Ventura County group via Facebook and a blog:

<http://tinyurl.com/VenturaSierraClubFB>
<https://tinyurl.com/VenturaSierraClubBlog>

~New MEETUP site for hikes, outings etc:

www.meetup.com/SierraClubVentura

CONEJO GROUP

~ Events, outings and meetings will be sent to you if you sign up at ConejoGroup@gmail.com

Otherwise, get all information on this eastern Ventura County Group from Hugh Warren, 341-6295 mail@hkwarren.net

www.sierraclub.org/los-padres/conejo
www.sierraclub.org/los-padres/conejo/outings



Big condor known as AC 4 proudly spreading its wings in Santa Barbara County. A massive effort to bring the endangered condor back from the brink of extinction is working! (Photo courtesy of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)

Back from brink: 1k hatched

Just as the incredible news came in July that the endangered condor species have hatched its 1,000th egg, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and its partners have launched a livestreaming camera near a nest of endangered California condors on Hopper Mountain National Wildlife Refuge above Fillmore. See it *live* at:

<https://tinyurl.com/CondorsLive>

NPR announced the landmark news with the headline: “Once Nearly Dead as The Dodo, California Condor Comeback Reaches 1,000 Chicks.” You can also view that landmark hatching here:

<https://tinyurl.com/1000condors>

AND you can take guided tours of the two local (Ventura) areas to view condors and learn about U.S. Fish and Wildlife’s efforts by contacting:

www.FriendsOfCondors.org

“Until now, only a handful of biologists had the privilege to observe wild condor nests. They had to trek into the remote backcountry and wait for days, sometimes weeks, at observation blinds located hundreds of feet from the nests to catch a glimpse of the birds,” says Dr. Estelle Sandhaus, the Santa Barbara Zoo’s Director of Conservation and Research. “Today’s technology

allows researchers like us to observe a number of nests with high precision – and in high definition. That enables more efficient nest management and research for us and allows anyone with an internet connection to share in the excitement of scientific discovery.”

The wild population fell to just 22 birds in the 1980s, but there are now more than 300 free-flying birds in California, Arizona and Baja California, with about 200 or more in captivity for breeding, viewing (SB Zoo is closest) and research.

Lead poisoning remains a severe threat to their long-term prospects.

Gaviota fight a coastal legacy

Celebrating the gorgeous Gaviota Coast and the philanthropists who have led the way in preserving it, the Gaviota Coast Conservancy (GCC) is planning an elegant fête that will be the group’s first community-wide public fundraising event, Coastal Legacy 2019.

The event honors Jack

and Laura Dangermond, who donated \$165 million to create the Dangermond Preserve. While they can’t attend in person, director of the preserve, Michael Bell, will accept the Coastal Legacy 2019 Honor on their behalf.

Join us at this very special event on Saturday, Sept. 21st from 2-5pm at the Music Academy of

the West, 1070 Fairway Road, Santa Barbara. Visit the website for more details:

www.GaviotaCoastConservancy.org

The event is at the Academy’s Marilyn Horne House, a setting to send you back to another time. It’s a catered affair along with live music and silent and live auctions for an unforgettable experience.

Maintaining agriculture, ecological integrity and public access to the Gaviota Coast is tantamount to GCC’s mission. The Los Padres Chapter Sierra Club is part of the Naples Coalition and supports the Conservancy.

Newly appointed Executive Director of GCC, Doug Kern, said, “For 20 years Conservancy volunteers have protected these precious resources for all of us. It is my great honor and privilege to join these passionate activists and help bring their tireless labor to fruition.”

The Dangermond Preserve is 24,364 acres, with eight miles of coastline. The couple donated the money to The Nature Conservancy to buy it from the Bixby Ranch (previously Cojo-Jalama Ranch).

“Over the years, Laura and I have become deeply attached to this land. It is a very special place and one of the most unique land and ocean ecosystems in the world. It also happens to be the home to many globally important, rare, and endangered species,” said Jack Dangermond. “We hope our gift inspires and motivates other people and organizations to pursue similar opportunities to conserve remaining natural areas important to the future of our planet.”

Tickets are \$125; for more information call GCC at (805) 683.6631 or email:

legacy@gaviotacoastconservancy.org

SIGHTINGS

Club protects and plays at the beach

By John Hankins

You might notice this list of actions by our club is not as long as usual. No we’re not slacking off, but during the summer activity is usually less (see photo collage pg 5).

We act all year and still we find time to enjoy the outdoors. If any of this resonates, please join us; see Group News box on page 3 for contacts and links where you can get involved. Don’t forget to join any of our free outings (see pages 6&7. Oh, and if you want to donate, go to: www.sierraclub.org/donate/1000

July 31: **Ormond Beach Restoration** and Public Access Plan had a second airing in Oxnard with the city, state Coastal Conservancy and Nature conservancy which has a “preferred alternative to restore the coastal habitats ... and improve public access.” Sierra Club was there, and many testified or wrote comments, notably Ventura Sierra Club Chair Nina Danza. View the plan here: <https://ormond.scc.ca.gov/>

July 25: **Reduce Plastic** press conference at Goleta Pier was to

Oil delayed

Two action groups were able to “score an incredible victory for the people of South Oxnard” by delaying an expansion of the Cabrillo Oil Field.

The Field is located near low-income residents surrounded by oil drilling, pesticides and diesel truck traffic.

CFROG (Climate First: Replacing Oil & Gas) and WaterWatch brought the issue to the Ventura Board of Supervisors on July 23. A 4-1 vote directed staff to return Sept. 24 with a resolution of denial for the expansion.

Sierra Club supports the delay and eventual denial, which CFROG believes has the votes to pass.

“This, along with the moratorium on new cyclic steam oil drilling near the Fox Canyon Aquifer, shows us the tide is turning in our efforts to accelerate the transition to clean energy,” CFROG said in a statement.



The media showed up at Goleta Pier to hear advocates of pending bills that would help reduce plastic pollution. The bills are identical for the state Assembly and Senate: AB 1080 and SB 54. Los Padres Chapter Chair Katie Davis spoke along with reps from State Sen. Jackson and Assembly member Limón. (Photo by Liam Horstick)

All aboard islands

There are only three more dates this year to get aboard the Sierra Club’s trips to the beautiful Channel Islands on a 3-day, 3-island, live-aboard tour.

Remaining dates are Aug. 18-20, Sept. 22-24, Oct. 20-22.

Join us for a scenic adventure cruise with opportunities to hike, kayak, snorkel, or just relax at sea. You’ll enjoy spectacular wildlife from seabirds and shorebirds to frolicking seals and sea lions ... and likely whales and dolphins.

The tours depart from Santa Barbara and the low cost is only \$730, which includes an assigned bunk

educate about SB 54 and AB 1080, designed to drastically reduce plastic waste and consumption over the next decade and turn our waste into a resource, bills which the Sierra Club has endorsed. (See story pg 3)

July 21: **Ormond Beach** clean-up and nature walk in concert with the Nature Conservancy, hosted by Amy Davis.

July 9: **Gaviota Film** by Shaw Leonard was sponsored by the Ventura Sierra Club at Foster Library as part of its popular Venture(a) Out educational series. “Gaviota: The End of Southern California.” (See story pg 5)

June 28: **Eco-Groups** celebrate the termination of four oil/gas leases within the three-mile limit off Carpinteria’s coast, announced by the Environmental Defense Center which represented the groups, including our Sierra Club. “This lease termination will permanently protect the coastal ocean waters of Carpinteria by adding a former oil lease to the coastal sanctuary.” said Katie Davis, Chair of our Los Padres Chapter. (See story pg 1)

June 26: **U2’s Edge ‘Mali-booed’**

with “a near fatal blow” for his (aka David Evans) \$100 million rock and roll colony idea high in the hills overlooking the Malibu Pier, wrote Steve Lopez in the *Los Angeles Times*, due to a California Supreme Court decision. It’s been a big deal for nearly 15 years and was the Sierra Club that filed suit to block what the club’s hired lawyer, Dean Wallraff, said would have been a “scar” on an untouched hillside. Read the story here: <https://tinyurl.com/EdgeMalibood>

June 23: **Club Chapters** met in the city of Brotherly Love (Philadelphia).

June 7: **World Oceans Day** was celebrated in both Ventura and Santa Barbara with Sierra Club members taking part, along with Surfrider’s cleanup at Surfer’s Point in Ventura.

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EVENTS

Aug 8: **A World of Blue:** "Creating a More Ocean Literate Society through Marine Education," a special event by marine biologist and Holly Lohuis sharing stories and images on why it's critical to understand the ocean's influence. Starts 7pm at Santa Barbara Maritime Museum 113 Harbor Way; details at: <https://sbmm.org>

Aug 13: **Summer Potluck** at 5pm on, with live music sponsored by Ventura Sierra Club, all are invited. A Zero Waste and No Alcohol event at North Bank Linear Park, next to 9844 Rio Grande St. Ventura. Go here for details:

www.MeetUp.com/SierraClubVentura

Aug 17 **Wild & Scenic** Film Festival is outdoors again this year. Quality films of course along with live bands, food trucks, high-end raffle along with VIP Experience Pass. At the Ventura County Credit Union campus (ocean views!) 2575 Vista Del Mar Dr. in Ventura. On sale now, click the Film Festival tab at:

www.VenturaLandTrust.org

Aug 22: **Local Answers for Green Energy**, presented by Indivisible Santa Barbara as the second in a series speaking about Climate Change. At 7pm at Unitarian Society, 1535 Santa Barbara St, Santa Barbara. Two featured speakers on local use of solar, the other about energy storage. Details at:

<https://indivisibleSB.org>

Aug 24: **Speak Up** and share your ideas during a meeting on how to protect Ventura's environment, sponsored by the National Parks Conservation Association and Public Land Alliance Network. Free with beverages and light snacks from 8:30am to 1pm, Borchard Community Center, 190 Reino Rd., Newbury Park. RSVP and more information here:

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Carla.Bollinger@halo.com

Sept 12: **Tech for Ocean Protection**, using drones for ocean research, a public event by NOAA (ret) Commander Matthew Pickett at 7pm SB Maritime Museum, 113 Harbor way. Details at:

<https://sbmm.org>
Sept 20-21: **Under the Open Sky** is an Ojai Valley Land Conservancy event with a private screening of Mountainfilm on Tour and a farm-to-table dinner. For details, go to:

www.ovlc.org
Sept 21: **Coastal Clean-up** day by the Ventura Sierra Club happens at the Santa Clara River Gateway at Johnson Drive/Hwy 101, meet across the street from Motel 6, 3075 Johnson Dr. Everyone can play the 'Most Unusual Thing Found' contest where winners are picked by the volunteers and prizes given.

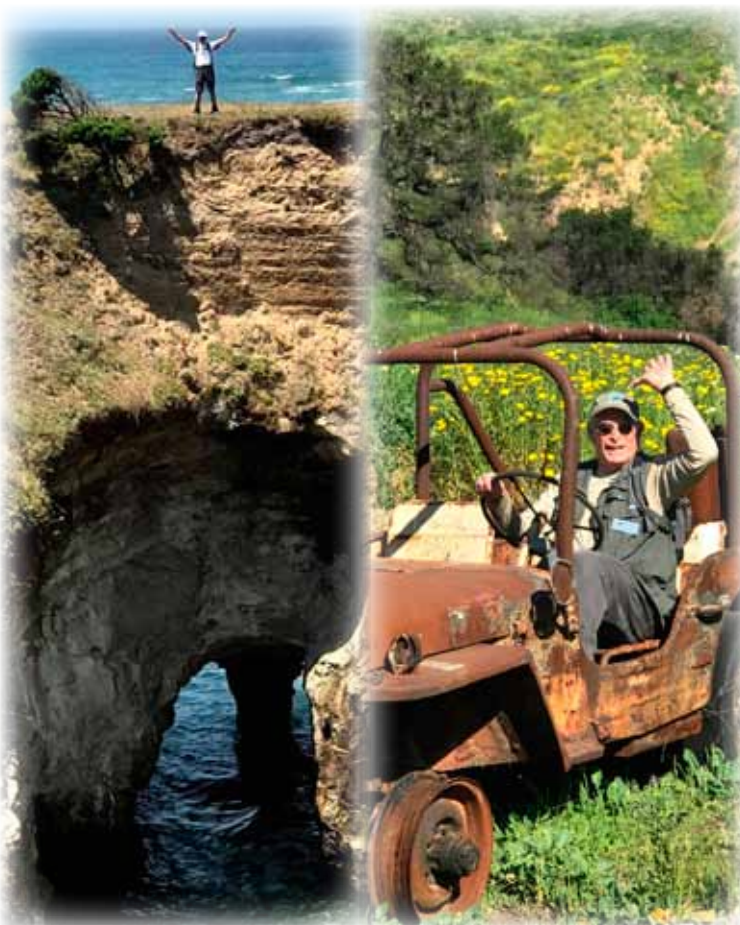
Oct 13: **Shoreline Picnic** with optional beach hike has become an annual Santa Barbara Group tradition for all members and guests. It's a potluck, bring enough to share. This is a Leave No Trace event; club will provide water and soft drinks from 9-11am, located at Shoreline Dr & Santa Rosa Place, Santa Barbara.



Backflipping in Los Padres forest, Lord Shiva in Rishikesh, Jon meets Gump in Georgia.



Danyel Dean finds blissful rest during Sierra Club Channel Islands outing.



Sea Ranch trip by Suzanne and Paul while Condor John stays local at Harmon Canyon.



Alex of Truth Aquatics and fishy friend.

Collage photos by B Stevens, Monica Stanley, Camille Collette, Suzanne Tanaka, Condor John's iPhone.



Documentary filmmaker Shaw Leonard shown filming along the Gaviota Coast and inland during the five years he spent creating what's now known as simply "The Gaviota Movie". (Photo contributed)

Gaviota movie our biggest hit

By Sam Marin

"It's a full house; we're going to need more chairs," said Rachel Enevoldsen, host to the Venture(a) Out Sierra Club events having its first movie night on July 9 at the Foster Library.

The documentary was "Gaviota: The End of Southern California" which took five years of filming by local filmmakers Shaw Leonard and Tamorn Chase with the help of numerous people in Santa Barbara and funding by Patagonia, among others.

"It drew our biggest attendance ever and was a hit for a summer night," said Nina Danza, chair of Ventura Sierra Club.

Admission is always free to the Venture(a) Out series coordinated by Enevoldsen, which normally has an educational guest speaker; a recent example being Fish and Wildlife coyote expert Jason Hodge. The series usually fills the Topping Room by half or more, but word of the documentary film must've spread all over because people were pouring in.

Some made small conversations to the strangers around them; others were surprised and happy to see an old friend and the sound grew in volume.

When the movie started it had the attention of everyone; people were still coming in and, because there were no more seats, some chose to stand along the back wall. The audience was 'ooh-ing' and 'awe-ing' when certain animals and or landscapes were shown; along

with small giggles and chuckles when an animal would do something cute.

The film's main purpose was to show the different plants and animals that live in Gaviota in contrast to most of the Southern California coast being urbanized. Capturing the beauty of life that lives there, it reminded the audience how it's so important to help keep our planet clean and protect such open lands like the Gaviota Coast. (Our Los Padres Chapter of the Sierra Club is part of the Naples Coalition and Gaviota Coast Conservancy.)

Many people were eager to ask questions at Leonard's Q&A afterward, one of which was: "Where can you buy this documentary and how much is it?"

It's not for sale, "I'm actually trying to get people up and out of their homes," Leonard answered with a smile.

It was first shown at the Santa Barbara Film Festival in 2017 at the Lobero which had to turn people away. Since then, it has made the rounds of other festivals, and local groups like the Sierra Club have had similar movie nights featuring it.

You can go online for future showings on its Facebook page; just type in the title: Gaviota The End of Southern California.

For future Venture(a) Out events, check out the website or Meetup: www.sierraclub.org/los-padres/ventura www.Meetup.com/SierraClubVentura

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The public is welcome at all outings listed, unless otherwise specified. Please bring drinking water to all outings and optionally a lunch. Sturdy footwear is recommended. If you have any questions about a hike, please contact the leader listed. All phone numbers listed are within area code 805, unless otherwise noted. Note that most of Santa Barbara County is in the new 805 overlay zone so dial 11 digits from landline phones (1-805-number). Pets are generally not allowed. A parent or responsible adult must accompany children under the age of 14.

A frequently updated on-line listing of all outings can be viewed at:

<http://lospadres2.sierraclub.org>

This website also contains links to Group web pages and other resources. Some regional Groups also list their outings on Meetup sites. See box this page.

August 6
PORT HUENEME BEACH: Meet at 8:45am at the restrooms, which are adjacent to the pay parking lot at \$2 per hour. The parking lot is on East Surfside Dr. This is a 2.5-mile leisurely paced walk on paved walkways, which will last 1.5 hours, or from 8:45am to 10:15am. We will walk south along a palm-lined path and loop around the Bubbling Springs drainage channel. After crossing Port Hueneme Beach Park, we head towards the pier, walk it, and continue on the paved path to the Alaska Air flyer memorial. We turn around and are back to the parking lot around 10:15am. Wear sun protection, appropriate shoes for pavement walking (i.e. tennis shoes) and bring water. Note: The leader does not check Meetup for tardies or comments, so any questions will be addressed at the trailhead. ANGELA COLICCHIO (VEN)

August 11
MIDLAND SCHOOL LOVERS LOOP:

Conditions	
A number of campgrounds and roads in Los Padres National Forest are closed or have restricted (no autos) access due to protection of habitats and species or are under repair. Before you go into the local backcountry, it's a good idea to check conditions with rangers. Numbers to call (unless noted all are area code 805):	
Los Padres National Forest Districts	
Headquarters	968-6640
Ojai District	646-4348
Mt. Pinos	(661) 245-3731
Santa Barbara	967-3481
Santa Lucia	925-9538
Other Areas	
Santa Monica Mtns. Area	370-2301
Conajo Parks	381-2737
Simi Valley	584-4400
Montecito	969-3514
Forest Notes	
For updated information, news releases, maps, and many other goodies, go to Los Padres National Forest's website: http://fs.usda.gov/LPNF	
Regional Hike Info	
There are a number of websites that give you information as varied as outings, trail profiles, wildflower alerts, trail work opportunities, and much more. Here's a few:	
http://LosPadresSierraClub.org	
www.SBSierraClub.org	
www.SantaBarbaraTrailGuide.com	
www.SantaBarbaraHikes.com	
www.LPForest.org	
www.VenturaCountyTrails.org	
http://Hikes.VenturaCountyStar.com	

We'll explore one of the Midland School trails on this moderate 3 mrt hike. This partially shaded trail has great views of Grass Mt. Bring water, a light lunch and sun protection. This hike involves a 1 hr drive to the trailhead on Figueroa Mtn Rd. Rain cancels. Meet at 9am at the Bank of America parking lot, Hope Ave & State St. If you are coming from north of Santa Barbara, you can meet us at the trailhead. Email me for instructions. GERRY 1-805-964-5411, gching@cox.net (SB)

August 12
SEABRIDGE WATERWAYS: Meet at 8:45am in the parking area at West Wooley and Chesapeake Dr. (1247 Chesapeake Dr.) In Oxnard for a 5-6 mile walk amongst houses along the channels fed by Channel Islands Harbor. This is a flat and exposed paved trail. Tennis shoes are fine, bring sun protection and water. Find us in the parking area near the restroom. Hosted by MAUREEN HERNANDEZ, 1-805-657-8735. (VEN)

August 13
VENTURA BOTANICAL GARDENS: Meet in the parking lot at 567 S. Poli St. in Ventura at 8:45am. This location is in back of and up the hill from the San Buenaventura/Ventura City hall building at 501 S. Poli St. The botanical garden offers a controlled collection of plants, which are from similar climates as Ventura such as Peru or Chile for cultivation, study and exhibition. This is a moderately steep climb of 2 miles with a 350-foot gain. NO dogs and no bathrooms. The trail is hard or packed dirt. Wear appropriate shoes with a waffle sole, use sun protection and bring water because this will be a warm hike. 8:45am to 10:30am. Note: The leader does not check Meetup for tardies or comments, so any questions will be addressed at the trailhead. ANGELA COLICCHIO (VEN)

VENTURA GROUP ANNUAL SUMMER POTLUCK: Party in the park with BBQ & buddies. Bring an entree to cook, potluck dish to share, and blanket or chair. We'll bring the drinks and hot coals. Bocce ball anyone? A music act is also planned for your listening enjoyment! Members and families and friends welcome. Pets on a leash only. Please no alcohol. Let's do this ZERO WASTE !! No disposable cups, plates or utensils. We'll have some reusable dinnerware for sale if you forget. Northbank Linear Park, Ventura, 5pm to 8pm. (Ventura)

August 15
RAY MILLER TRAIL - POINT MUGU STATE PARK: Moderate 5.6 mrt hike with 805 ft. elev. gain. Fabulous ocean

views. Bring water, food and wear lug-soled shoes. Meet at 7:45am to carpool. Meet in parking lot near Freddy's just before the Shell Station on Hampshire Road in Thousand Oaks or meet at 8:30am at the La Jolla Canyon parking lot off of PCH (CA State Parking lot with parking fee) next to the trailhead. RSVP FONTAYNE HOLMES 1-805-300-4590, fontayneholmes@att.net. (CJ)

August 17
OVERLOOK TO RAY MILLER TRAILS HIKE. Meet at the Ray Miller trailhead at 9am. La Jolla canyon. 9000 Pacific Coast Hwy, Malibu, CA 90265. We'll start by hiking along the Beach to Sycamore canyon, then up the scenic trail to the overlook trail and return on the Ray Miller trail to our cars. We'll hike at a moderate pace for 8 miles with 1200 ft. of elevation gain. Bring 2 litres of water, snack, hat, sunscreen and anything else you might need. Rain cancels. For more info, contact GERARD 1-805-212-0798 baileygerard@hotmail.com (VEN)

August 18
CHUMASH (MUGU) PEAK TRAIL: 8am - 10am 2.7 mile loop is highly trafficked, with a 1243 foot elevation gain. Features beautiful wild flowers and ocean views. Option to extend hike to extended loop if wanted. This is a leave no trace hike. Whatever we bring on the trail will be brought off. Due to the time of the year please make sure to bring warm enough clothes that can be removed if hot. Bring 1-2L of water and a high caloric snack. We will be moving at a moderate pace. Please make sure you are in shape enough to keep up and go the distance. Parking is found in the dirt lot or along pch west of Mugu rock. I will be waiting near the trailhead lot. For more info, contact VICTORIA at victoria.a.perez@gmail.com. (VEN)

August 19
BUBBLING SPRINGS PARK TO THE LIGHTHOUSE: Meet at Bubbling Springs Park in Port Hueneme, 850 Bard Rd., at 8:45am for a 9am start time. The route to the beach and back is 5-6 miles and flat. Prepare for sun exposure and bring water. There are facilities near the pier. Hosted by JUDITH LAURENTOWSKI. 1-805-509-2026 (VEN)

August 20
HUENEME WHARF PLAZA: Take a 90-minute leisurely paced, 3-mile walk at Hueneme Wharf Plaza. Meet at 8:45am at the corner of Surfside St. and Market St. at the 6 Flags Wharf plaza where there are 6 flags blowing. There is free street parking 1 block north on Sea View St or pay parking on Surfside St. From the Hueneme Wharf



stroll 1 1/2 miles on a flat sandy beach and 1 1/2 miles on flat pavement. Both 1 1/2 mile walks are on either side of a man-made rock sea wall. There are ocean views on one side compared to feral cats-in-the-rocks hideaways with Port Hueneme commercial dock lots on the other side. No restrooms. Wear sun protection, appropriate beach and pavement walking shoes and bring water. Note: The leader does not check Meetup for tardies or comments, so any questions will be addressed at the trailhead. ANGELA COLICCHIO (VEN)

August 22
URBAN WALK DOWNTOWN L.A. and TOUR OF CENTRAL LIBRARY: Moderate 3.5 mrt walk. Disney Hall, L.A. Cathedral, Angels Flight, Guided tour of Central Library and garden. Bring water, hat and good walking shoes. Meet at 9:30am in the Park and Ride, southeast corner of Kanan and the 101 Freeway. RSVP FONTAYNE HOLMES 1-805-300-4590 fontayneholmes@att.net. (CJ)

August 24
RED ROCK TO GIBRALTAR DAM: Hike up the road to Gibraltar Dam, then back past a popular swimming area. Moderate- strenuous 6.5 mrt. Optional side trip to old mercury mine adds 4 miles. Bring swimsuit, wading shoes, lunch and water. Meet behind B of A on upper State St. at Hope Ave. at 9am. ALEJANDRO 1-805-898-1240 (SB)

August 25
BUENA VISTA LOOKOUT VIA ROMERO CYN: This short but steep moderate hike will take us to one of the scenic lookouts on the Buena Vista - Edison Catway. We'll start at the Romero Cyn trailhead, hike up the steep fire road to the lookout. After pausing for the scenic view, we'll return via the Romero Canyon Connector and the main canyon trail. 3.5mrt, 800 ft elevation gain. Meet behind the Bank of America on upper State St. at Hope Ave. at 9am. If you are coming from south of Santa Barbara, you can meet us at the trailhead. Email me (gching@cox.net) for instructions. GERRY 1-805-964-5411 (SB)

August 26
OXNARD SHORES TO CHANNEL ISLANDS HARBOR: Meet at the end of 5th St., Oxnard and park along the road. We will be on the corner of 5th Street and Mandalay Beach Rd. This is a 5 mile lollipop hike on level ground mostly pavement. Wear a hat and comfortable walking shoes and bring water. There are facilities along the way. Hosted by MAUREEN HERNANDEZ, 1-805-657-8735. (VEN)

August 29
HIDDEN MEADOWS TRAIL: Moderate

4.4 mrt with 500 ft. elev. gain. Bring water, food and wear lug-soled shoes. Meet 7:30am in the Falling Star Cul-de-sac. Falling Star is one block west of the Kanan/Lindero Canyon intersection in Oak Park and Westlake Village. FONTAYNE HOLMES 1-805-300-4590 fontayneholmes@att.net. (CJ)

September 2
VENTURA HARBOR & SETTLING PONDS: At 8:45am meet in the parking lot at the corner of Harbor Blvd. and Spinnaker, 3639 Harbor Blvd., for a 9am start time. Find us parked behind Salon Panache. We will walk through the Harbor to the Visitors Center then turn and follow the road back to the settling ponds. Here we will be able to view local wildlife and natural flora before returning to our cars. The trail is a mix of concrete and dirt trail. All is exposed so wear sun protection and bring water. There are restrooms along the harbor. Hosted by MAUREEN HERNANDEZ, 1-805-657-8735. (VEN)

Conservancy job open at Ojai Land

Ojai Valley Land Conservancy is looking for a full-time executive director. It currently protects 2,300+ acres and manages 27 miles of trails via an 8-person staff. Check out its website and to apply, submit a cover letter, resume and references with contact information to Lu Setnicka, Setnicka Consulting: lu.setnicka@gmail.com

September 8
CAMUSA CONNECTOR TRAIL: We'll hike a short portion of the trail starting from the SY River and ending at a good lookout spot for a light lunch. Great views of the Lower Santa Ynez recreation area. 3 mrt. 800 ft elevation gain. Bring a light lunch, water a sun protection. Meet 9am at the Bank of America parking lot, Hope & State St. If you are coming from north of Santa Barbara, you can meet us at the trailhead. Call or email for instructions. Rain cancels. GERRY 1-805-964-5411, gching@cox.net (SB)

VENTURA BEACH HIKE: 5-mile hike south on sand from Channel Islands National Park Headquarters in Ventura Harbor beyond the Santa Clara River mouth to McGrath Lake. Meet at NPS Headquarters at 10am. Bring water and snacks. No reservation needed and no limit. 85 degrees forecast cancels. KIM HOCKING 1-805-983-2147 (VEN)

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Meetups & Ongoing Outings

Santa Barbara

Meetup site by the Santa Barbara Group is a place for people to find all sorts of local activities, including hikes, and you can post or see photos too. Go to: www.meetup.com/SierraClub-SantaBarbara

Regular outings are every Wednesday and Friday nights and every Saturday and Sunday during the day.

Wednesday night: Strenuous conditioning hike. Meet at 6:30 at the Santa Barbara Mission, Laguna and Los Olivos St.

Friday evening social hike for an easy-to-moderate 2-4 mrt evening hike in the Santa Barbara front country, beach or back roads. Meet at 6 p.m. at the Santa Barbara Mission; we leave at 6:15 sharp. Bring a flashlight; optional potluck or pizza afterward. AL SLADEK, 770-7656. (SB)

Saturday and Sunday hikes: Usually meets at the Bank of America on Hope and State Street. Starting times vary. For detailed schedules and who to call, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/SB-Hikes>

Ventura

Meetup group is open to anyone to join and is a super handy calendar of the local official Sierra Club outings. Ease into fitness at beginner walks, get going on intermediate half or whole day hikes, or make new friendships on overnight backpacks. Just go to: www.meetup.com/SierraClubVentura

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September 9
SUMMERLAND ENNISBROOK TRAILS: Meet at 8:45am on San Leandro Lane on the right side of the street 1 mile from Crane Country Day School in Summerland, 1795 San Leandro Lane. The partially shaded dirt trail winds along equestrian trails for about 4.5 miles with a 280 ft. elevation gain. Leashed dogs are allowed, but be aware of poison oak. Tennis shoes are ok. Bring poles if you use them, a hat and water. No bathrooms available. Hosted by MAUREEN HERNANDEZ, 1-805-657-8735. (VEN)

September 13
SYCAMORE CANYON TO RAY MILLER: This moderate hike starts at the Sycamore Canyon trailhead, where we hike up the canyon and then ascend the Backbone Trail to the fire road. We descend on the Ray Miller trail with ocean, island and canyon views. 9.6 miles with an elevation gain/loss of 1,100 ft. Bring layers, water, lunch, sun protection, and the other 10 essentials. Meet at 7:45am at the Ray Miller trailhead at La Jolla Canyon to leave cars for short shuttle back to Sycamore Canyon Campground day use parking area. Park on PCH, pay to park in lot or use senior State Park access pass. Rain cancels. For more info, contact TERESA at 1-805-746-6030 or SUZANNE at suzanne@hiplaces.org. (VEN)

September 14
SNYDER TRAIL: Hike up from Paradise Road to the remains of Knapp's Castle. Enjoy breathtaking views of mountains while eating lunch. Moderate 6.5 mrt. Bring lunch and water. Meet behind B of A on upper State St. at Hope Ave. at 9am. ALEJANDRO 1-805-898-1240 (SB)

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September 16
VENTURA STATE BEACH: Meet near the check-in booth into the parking lot at 08:45. Parking inside is free for those with a state parking pass. Parking along San Pedro Street is limited but free. We will walk along the Promenade to Surfers Point and continue to Emma Wood Beach. This is our turn-around point, making a 6 mile out and back. The trail is flat and is along but not on the beach. Wear comfortable walking shoes, a hat and bring water. Restrooms are available along the way. Hosted by MAUREEN HERNANDEZ, 1-805-657-8735. (VEN)

CONDOR CALL OUTINGS DUE NOW: Group outings chairs should send their write-ups for the next Outings Schedule, covering the period of October 2019 thru January 2020 plus at least the first week into February. Send to Gerry at gching@cox.net

September 20-22
CLAIR TAPPAAN LODGE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FUNDRAISER: The Sierra Club's Clair Tappaan Lodge at Donner Summit is having a fundraiser this September 20-22 to support environmental education at the Lodge. Michael Brune will be speaking on Saturday and we will have Celtic music, hikes, raffle, and art auction. The cost for the two days is \$220 for adults, \$150

for kids. This includes lodging for two nights, all meals and events. For the Saturday events only, the cost is \$85. Reservations are required. For more information, contact the lodge at www.clairtappaanlodge.com or by phone at 530-426-3632.

September 21
WILDERNESS FIRST AID: 8am to noon, Matt May will provide Wilderness First Aid training for Los Padres Chapter hike leaders and provisional leaders. Church of the Foothills in Ventura. Must have completed OLT 101 and sign up with group outings chair. Arrive early to help set up. For more info, contact TERESA at teresahnorris@earthlink.net (VEN)

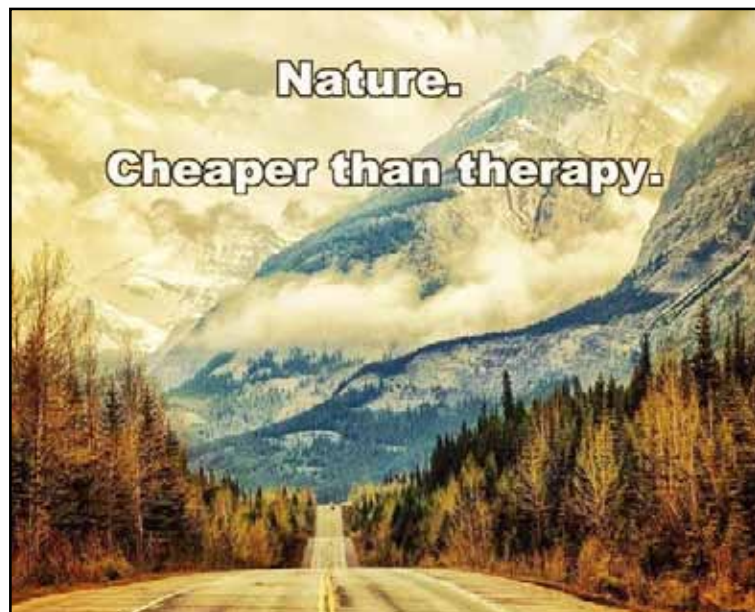
September 21
COASTAL CLEAN UP DAY - Santa Clara River Gateway. 9am-noon Across from Motel 6 (3075 Johnson). Park behind Anytime Fitness and walk to the sign in table. Be a part of the biggest environmental volunteer day in the world. The simple act of taking out trash in the Santa Clara River at Johnson/Hwy 101 means big improvement in our earth. You will reduce the size of the Pacific garbage patch, help wildlife thrive in our area, and keep the beach and marine water clean. Kids 14 and under must be with an adult. No dogs please. Q: sierraclubventura@gmail.com (VEN)

September 22
LIZARD'S MOUTH CLEANUP: Have fun exploring while making this popular spot a bit cleaner! Beautiful rock formations and wind caves are a pleasure to enjoy and restore! Short Easy hike with some boulder hopping. Bring a snack and water. Gloves and trash bags will be provided. Rain cancels. Meet behind B of A on upper State St. at Hope Ave. at 9am. ROBERT 1-805-685-1283 / event@swt.org (SB)

September 23
RAY MILLER TRAIL: Meet at the La Jolla campground parking lot at 8:45am. Parking is free with a state pass or \$12 without. We will take the 2.5 mile trail to the Overlook, which will offer spectacular views of the coast and islands, turn around and return to our cars. There is a port-a-pot in the parking lot. No shade on this hike, wear a hat, sunscreen and bring water. Hosted by MAUREEN HERNANDEZ, 1-805-657-8735. (VEN)

September 30
CHANNEL ISLANDS HARBOR TO SILVERSTRAND BEACH: Meet in the parking lot near Mrs. Olson's at 8:45am, 2800 South Harbor Blvd. We will walk to Silverstrand and follow the beach to the end near the lighthouse, head up to the neighborhood and return to our cars. It is a 6-mile flat walk. Prepare for sun exposure and bring water. There are facilities available. Hosted by MAUREEN HERNANDEZ, 1-805-657-8735. (VEN)

October 13
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WALK: Share a potluck breakfast. Bring food to share. Coffee and fresh squeezed orange juice provided. Meet in the middle of Shoreline Park at 9am. Beach walk follows led by ROBERT 1-805-685-1283 event@swt.org

Sierra Club Los Padres

Tuesday evening August 13, 2019 5-8 PM
 North Bank Linear Park
 (next to to 9844 Rio Grande St., Ventura)

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Or, as *Condor Call* editor John Hankins said in July as he passed a fuel station after four months of driving a fully electric car: “Oh, a gas station. How quaint.”

He has since bought an electric scooter and an electric trike for his wife Suz – all running off solar power, but the car sometimes uses a commercial plug-in for charging at a fraction of the cost of gas. Most EV drivers find the cost per mile to be about 1/3rd the cost of petroleum.

Perhaps the largest shows will be our Sierra Club sponsored show in Oxnard, which was a great success last year, and CEC’s Goleta event.

Come to the shows and learn more about the vast variety of fully electric and hybrid vehicles on display. Talk to EV owners and learn from their expertise and experiences ... without a sales pitch!

If you are an EV owner, sign up to show your car and share your experience, a great opportunity for us to come together to make connections and influence change. To register your vehicle for shows or for more specific information, go to the links below.

Kent Bullard is the local Sierra Club chapter’s Transportation



Chair and he is helping to organize these events. Both he and his wife Cathy will be showing their cars.

Vehicles on display by owners will be current model battery electric and plug-in hybrids and a variety of vintage cars, neighborhood vehicles, motorcycles, bikes, trikes and even watercraft. Here’s the calendar and links:

Drive Electric Solvang, Saturday Sept. 14th, 10am – 3pm at the Solvang City Parking Lot #1, 470 Alisal Drive, Solvang, CA 93463. More info or RSVP here: <http://driveelectricweek.org/1980>

Drive Electric Ventura, Tuesday Sept 17, 10am – 2pm. This will be not only be a showcase but has opportunities to Ride and Drive with dealers. Held at the Ventura County Government Center, 800 S. Victoria Ave. More info or RSVP here: <http://driveelectricweek.org/1976>

Drive Electric Oxnard, Sunday Sept 22, 9:30am – 3pm at the Channel Island Harbor next to the Farmers’ Market (“show and shop”), 3610 S. Harbor Blvd. More info or RSVP here: <http://driveelectricweek.org/1592>

Drive Electric Goleta, Sunday, Sept 15, 10am – 2pm at 7004 Camino Real Marketplace, next to Farmers’ Market (another “show and shop”). This is an SB Community Environmental Council sponsored event, more details or RSVP here: www.CEC.org cgray@cecmail.org

RECRGE ME plate adorns Lisa Tucciarone’s 2017 BMW i3 (and her dog can hardly hear it). Learn about more benefits at any of the EV shows. (Photo by Condor John at Ventura Earth Day)



Go Solar

SunPower and Sierra Club are working together to make it easy for anyone (member or not) to go solar and save money with a proven company backed by the club.

This is especially critical in the Ventura area which has joined the Clean Power Alliance. Having solar is an advantage for lower prices.

You’ll receive a \$1,000 mail-in rebate while the Sierra Club gets \$1,000 to support its work for clean energy.

Condor John (editor, *Condor Call*) took advantage of the club’s deal three years ago. “Next Door is full of comments today about how residents’ bills may have risen since Ventura joined the CPA and SCE’s new rate structure. But guess what, my bill for July was \$14 even after I chose the 100% clean energy tier. That’s because I have Sierra Club solar. Even with my 10-year loan to buy it, my bill is less than it would be without

solar.”

Click on the link to get a free quote and find out how much you can save:

<http://tinyurl.com/SClubSolarQuote>

Aug 30 deadline

Another program is for those who live within the city of Ventura, but you must sign up by Aug. 30.

Solarize Ventura is a program by the Community Environmental Council (CEC) in partnership with the [City of Ventura](#) that makes it easier and more affordable to go solar.

It assists residents who are rebuilding from the Thomas Fire. Nancy O’Rode who lost her home and helped select the solar contractor, said, “As we rebuild, we are happy to have support from the City in considering options for solar energy ... I hope that the educational workshops and discounted pricing from Solarize Ventura will make a few decisions easier for our community.”

Here’s the link: <https://tinyurl.com/VTA solar>