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Membership Meetings

Tuesday, July 5th • 7:30 PM

"Meet the Birds"

Presented by Steve Kaye

(see write up on Page 2)

Tuesday, August 2nd • 7:30 PM

"New National Monuments"

**Presented by Mariana McGuire
and**

Presented by Frazier Haney

(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)**

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June Primary: The Environment Advances

By Jono Hildner, San Gorgonio Chapter Political Chair

Every one of our endorsed candidates made it through to the November election!

All four of the candidates for the Assembly that we endorsed, all of whom are challenging incumbent members whose voting records are a disaster for the environment and environmental justice, have won enough votes to move to the General Election in November. Some of them with surprisingly high vote totals.

The race that has received the most attention from us, Eloise Reyes' challenge to "Chevron Cheryl" Brown in Assembly District 47, saw Eloise finish only 10 percentage points behind the incumbent. This is impressive in the face of the truckloads of dollars that Big Oil poured into this race. Abigail Medina was most notable for her finish just a few hundred votes short of beating the incumbent, Marc Steinorth. Greg Rodriguez and Sabrina Cervantes posted impressive results for second place finishes with 43%

and 36% respectively. These were achieved with very little money spent in the primary – holding their funds for a strong effort in the fall.

With our help, and we need all our members to support these candidates, we could see a four member swing to the environment in the Assembly. This is **HUGE**, so let's get everyone involved.

All four of our endorsed candidates for Congress won their primary races with comfortable margins. Reps. Pete Aguilar, Norma Torres, Raul Ruiz and Mark Takano will all face lesser known opponents in November, but it will not be a walk in the park for any of them. If you get a chance, give them your congratulations! An offer of a financial donation or a willingness to volunteer wouldn't hurt either.

Attorney General Kamala Harris garnered a surprising 40% of the vote and will face Rep. Loretta Sanchez in the fall and with her strong campaign war chest and ability to raise a lot more, she should be able to become our next US Senator representing California. It should be noted that Harris has featured her Sierra Club endorsement in her advertising and is expected to continue to do so.

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Eloise Reyes
(Assembly District 47)



Abigail Medina
(Assembly District 40)



2016 Young Environmental Champions Awards

By Jono Hildner, San Gorgonio Chapter Political Chair

This year we are recognizing a group of 13 young people, more diverse in age and geography than in the past. These individuals range in age from 13 to 34 and have each demonstrated leadership on environmental justice issues from air quality to the Salton Sea.

Without their work that has pointed out the toothlessness of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) we might not have seen the state legislature attempt to make changes in the make-up of that Board. They have demonstrated that certain members of our legislative delegation care more about the corporate interests of Big Oil than they care about the air their constituents breathe. They have brought attention to the potential environmental disaster looming for the Salton Sea and they came out in force to testify in favor of President Obama designating the three new National Monuments here in our desert.

The actions, some humorous, that they have designed and produced (Cheryl Brown "die-in," SCAQMD April Fools, and Smogy the Bear, etc.) have gained media attention and are getting results that this Chapter has not often seen in the past.

The Chapter helps financially with transportation and expenses and we encourage you to boost your giving to the Chapter financial appeals or contact Jono Hildner, Jono@Hildner.com or Kim Floyd, kimffloyd@fastmail.com to get more involved with the exciting things that are being done by these young environmental leaders.

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Help Wanted

**A Call for Chapter
Executive Committee
Candidates**

The Nominating Committee for this year's Executive Committee election is looking for candidates to fill four available positions.

If you would like to be considered for nomination, or know someone that you would want to present for nomination, please contact Dave Barrie at:

barriemail@mac.com

And while you are deciding about applying for consideration, have a look at this year's election rules:

San Gorgonio Chapter Executive Committee Election Rules

1. Nominees for the election must be San Gorgonio Chapter members who give their consent to be nominated.
2. Requests for nomination must be received by September 2 and a final list of nominees will be available from the Chapter office on September 3.
3. If the Nominating Committee chooses not to place a willing candidate on the ballot as a nominated candidate, the candidate will be notified and may seek placement on the ballot as a petition candidate.
To obtain Petition Candidate information, contact Dave Barrie at barriemail@mac.com.
4. The name of any Chapter member may be proposed by written petition (with candidate approval) containing the signatures of at least 15 Chapter members. Petitions with valid signatures are to be sent to Sierra Club, P.O. Box 651, Blue Jay, CA 92317 and must be received by 6:00 pm on September 16.
5. All San Gorgonio Chapter members as of October 14, 2016, shall be sent ballots.
6. Ballots will be mailed (as part of the *Palm and Pine*) by October 21.
7. Final receipt date for ballots shall be November 21, at 12 noon.
8. Ballots will be verified, opened, and counted at 6:30 pm on November 22 at the Chapter Office.
9. The two-year term of office for the newly elected Excom members will commence at the adjournment of the Chapter Executive Committee meeting on November 22, 2016.



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Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

JULY-AUGUST 2016

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

CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE: Items for the September/October 2016 Calendar are due by August 1, 2016.
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>

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

Outings occurring in the San Bernardino, Angeles, Cleveland, or Los Padres National Forests **MAY** require a Forest Service “Adventure Pass” for each vehicle. **THE FOREST SERVICE IS IN THE PROCESS OF UPDATING MAPS WHERE THIS PASS IS REQUIRED.** These Outings will be preceded by ** in the listings that follow. 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 **WHERE A PASS IS REQUIRED** without making arrangements with the leader and you don’t have a pass or find a ride in a vehicle with a pass, you **MAY** not be able to attend the outing. You are expected to share the cost of the daily passes **WHERE REQUIRED** equally with the others in the vehicle. A \$.50 contribution from everyone in the vehicle is reasonable for annual passes (above normal mileage contribution). Golden Eagle Passports and Golden Age Passports may be used in lieu of the 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 1, Apr 4, May 2, Oct 3, Nov 7.
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. (909) 800-3911 CHAPTER

(1ST WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ED CALIENDO, (442) 242-4103, 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 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 (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 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 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 PLACE: First Presbyterian Church, 869 N. Euclid Ave, Upland CA (educational building, entrance in rear). INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

(3RD 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, (442) 242-4103, dogs111@msn.com BIG BEAR GROUP

(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, (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. 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 jensois@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

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July 5th Chapter Program Features the Artistic Skills of Steve Kaye And His Beautiful Bird Photography

Join us on July 5th for an enjoyable photo tour that shows how birds change lives. Professional photographer Steve Kaye will show his photos of mostly local birds. He’ll also share information about these birds, tell the stories behind the photos, and offer practical tips on how to take better photos.



beauty that we encounter on our walks outdoors. So bring a friend. And if you have yet to attend a Sierra Club meeting, this program is for you.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 PM at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands, near the California St. exit from Interstate 10.

Steve has been taking photos since 1965. He has spoken at photo clubs, judged photo contests, and has conducted seminars on nature photography at the Fullerton Arboretum and the Environmental

Nature Center in Newport Beach. His photos are on sale in the Fullerton Arboretum. Recently two of his photos were selected for a book about woodpeckers (to be published this year).

From 1992 - 2010 he conducted leadership workshops nationwide that showed leaders how to achieve greater success. He is the author of four books, hundreds of articles, and five collections of poetry.



Find Steve’s photos and more info at www.stevekaye.com.



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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

JUNE 27 – JULY 3

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

JUN 28 (THU) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOMMEETING
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmary-ann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379 CHAPTER

JUL 1 (FRI) 7:45 AM BONITA VISTA FIRST DAY HIKE HIKE
This is a monthly hike at the Bonita Vista Trailhead in the Juniper Flats Area. The Bonita Vista trailhead has easy access just off the paved road and offers a great opportunity for individuals and families to get outdoors, exercise and appreciate nature in the desert. There are great views and hills to climb! Participants can listen to birds, breathe in the fresh air, discover wildlife tracks, feel the wind and the warmth of the sun and shade of a few junipers. RATING: moderate. Hike will begin sharply at 8am. Please arrive at 7:45 and give yourself time to park and reach the trailhead. MEET: Bonita Vista Trailhead -From Bear Valley Road take Central south and then east on Roundup Way to where the pavement ends. If you have a low passenger vehicle park here and walk the tenth of a mile south on Bonita Vista. If you have a high clearance vehicle you can drive the tenth mile to the trailhead. The hike will be 2-6 miles depending on the weather (it can be HOT). BRING: 2-3 liters of water, sun protection, layered clothing, sturdy hiking shoes/boots, hat, snacks, hiking stick. LEADER: LEADER: JENNY WILDER at JensOasis@aol.com or call 760 220 0730. MOJAVE GROUP

JUL 2 (SAT) 8:30 AM SANTA ANA RIVER TRAIL HIKE
This is a moderate, 6 mile, shuttle hike with little elevation gain. It’s a great hike to start a long weekend. We will hike through pines, firs and oaks with some interesting views. MEET: at the South Fork turnout on the north side of Hwy 38 just before or after the campground entrance depending on which way you come. BRING: 10 essentials, 2 liters of water, sun protection, snack/lunch, wear layered clothing, hiking boots and trekking poles. RESERVATIONS: contact LEADER: JUDY ATKINSON (909) 289-1932 by phone, text or message or email judy5723@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

JULY 4 – JULY 10

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

JUL 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

JUL 6 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ED CALIENDO, (442) 242-4103, dogs111@msn.com BIG BEAR GROUP

JUL 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

JUL 7 (THU) 6:00 PM DOGWOOD TRAILWEEKLY CONDITIONING HIKE
Easy 2.8 mile, 400’ elevation gain, starting in Dogwood Campground, off Hwy 18, through groves of dogwood trees. The pace of the hike will be determined by the group of hikers. Our goal is to weekly improve our conditioning. BRING: ten-essentials, hiking boots, water and trail snack. MEET: intersection of Hwy 18 and Daley Canyon Rd. Address: 27400 California 18, Lake Arrowhead. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER: WILL GASKILL email wgaskill@hotmail.com or CO-LEADER, ED CALIENDO (442) 242-4103. BIG BEAR GROUP

****JUL 9 (SAT) 8:00 AM BERTHA PEAK HIKE**
This is a Peaks of Big Bear hike. Those achieving all five peaks will be awarded a commemorative patch. This is a 7.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1,400 feet. Take in views of the full length of the lake, Holcomb valley, the San Gorgonio Mountains and even a little bit of the San Gabriel Mountains in the west. MEET: Cougar Crest trail head parking lot at 8:00 AM. An adventure pass is required for parking. BRING: The ten essentials, a good pair of hiking boots, trekking poles, two liters of water, snack/ lunch, hat, sun-glasses, and sunscreen. RESERVATIONS: Contact PETER MICHELSEN at petermichelsenor@gmail.com or call me (760) 333 3103. BIG BEAR GROUP

JUL 9 (SAT) 8:00 AM CHARLIES TRAIL HIKE
This easy 5 mile hike offers views across the Mojave Desert to the north, while winding its way through lovely woodland. BRING water, a snack, a camera and strong footwear. MEET at the Museum on Apple Valley Road by 8am. We will car pool to the Wrightwood Community Centre arriving by 9am. From there we will drive to the trailhead. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM 760-912-3725 or coachnorm@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

JUL 9 (SAT) 8:00 AM TAHQUITZ LOOKOUT TOWER HIKE
An early morning hike to Tahquitz Peak Lookout Tower via the South Ridge Trail. MEET: At the “fort” in Idyllwild between Jo Ann’s and the coffee shop at 8:00 AM so we can caravan to the starting point. We will hike from the beginning of the Forest Road to the trailhead on a 9 mile out and back hike to Tahquitz Peak Lookout Tower. The hike is moderately difficult with about 2500 ft of elevation gain. DIRECTIONS: From Idyllwild drive south on highway 243, turn left at Saunders Meadow Rd (Mile High Cafe) and left

again on Pine. Park at the trailhead up the Forest Rd. I will obtain Wilderness Trail pass for those that register for the hike in advance. BRING: Three liters water; Snacks; Ten Essentials, and layered clothing. Rain cancels. RESERVATIONS: LEADER: GARY MARSALONE at (858) 663-1201 or hikesie@gmail.com SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

JULY 11 – JULY 17

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

JUL 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

JUL 12 (TUE) BALDY NOTCH FROM MANKER FLATS HIKE
This is a nice summer hike of about 7 miles r/t with a gain of 1700 feet. BRING lunch and enjoy the view from 7700 feet to the valley below. Restrooms and water available at the notch. MEET: Call leader for carpool and meeting time. LEADER: JOE WHYTE 909-949-0899 or whytegaryjoe@aol.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

JUL 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

JUL 14 (THU) 6:00 PM DOGWOOD TRAILWEEKLY CONDITIONING HIKE
Easy 2.8 mile, 400’ elevation gain, starting in Dogwood Campground, off Hwy 18, through groves of dogwood trees. The pace of the hike will be determined by the group of hikers. Our goal is to weekly improve our conditioning. BRING: ten-essentials, hiking boots, water and trail snack. MEET: intersection of Hwy 18 and Daley Canyon Rd. Address: 27400 California 18, Lake Arrowhead. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER: WILL GASKILL email wgaskill@hotmail.com or CO-LEADER, ED CALIENDO (442) 242-4103. BIG BEAR GROUP

JUL 16 (SAT) 14TH ANNUAL XERISCAPE GARDEN TOUR
Don’t miss this year Garden Tour that focuses on the planting of low water tolerant trees bushes. Participants can begin the FREE self-guided tour anytime between 9 am and noon starting at Eminger’s Mountain Nursery, 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. To see pictures of previous tours, go online to: http://bigbeargardentour.weebly.com. For additional INFORMATION on the Sierra Club’s Xeriscape Garden Tour contact LISA PATTERSON at 909-866-1067. BIG BEAR GROUP

JUL 16 (SAT) 8:30 AM JOHN’S MEADOW HIKE
Your hike leader loves this hike and wants to get another look at the wildflowers and water in the area. It is one of the few San Gorgonio Wilderness trails that can be done at the moment. It’s an easy/moderate 6 mile, 800’ elevation gain hike. We will have possible stream crossings, pines, firs, oaks, views and wildflowers. MEET: Forsee Creek Trail head off Jenks Lake Rd. BRING: 10 essentials, 1.5 liters of water, snack/lunch, wear layered clothing, sun protection, hiking boots and trekking poles. RESERVATIONS: contact LEADER: JUDY ATKINSON (909) 289-1932 by phone, text or message or email judy5723@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

****JUL 16 (SAT) 8:30 AM MOUNT ISLIP HIKE**
This is an approximately 7 mi round trip hike with a 1,300 ft. elevation gain-loss to the crest of the San Gabriel Mountains. We will start at Islip Saddle, and will go south on the PCT to Little Jimmy camp where we will leave the PCT and continue to the top of Mount Islip. There are great views of the rugged San Gabriel’s from the top. RATING: Moderate to Strenuous MEET: 8:30 AM at Inspiration Point on Highway 2, approximately 3 miles west of Big Pines. From there we will carpool for the roughly 10 mile drive to the parking lot at Islip Saddle. An Adventure or Golden Pass will be required for parking. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing (because it could be cold and windy at the top), 2-3 liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sun hat, wear sturdy shoes/boots. LEADER: QUINTIN LAKE (951) 315-7691 or qlake15@gmail.com CO-LEADER: SUSAN STUEBER. MOJAVE GROUP

JUL 17 (SUN) 9:00 AM - 3:00 PMECO FESTIVAL NATURE HIKES
Please join us at the Big Bear Lake Discovery Center to celebrate nature outings with two nature hikes. The hike are part of the annual Eco Festival, which also includes FREE kayak, canoe, and paddleboard rides in Big Bear Lake. PLACE: The Discovery Center, 42300 North Shore Drive, Hwy 38, Fawnskin. The group will have a booth to greet all. LEADER: ED WALLACE 909-584-9407 rushewallace@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

JULY 18 – JULY 24

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JUL 20 (WED) CRAFTS PEAK HIKE
This is a moderate hike of 8 miles r/t with a 1500 elevation gain. The hike starts at Green Valley Lakes and goes to Crafts Peak (8364). WEAR boots, bring lunch and water. There are great views at this elevation. MEET: Call leader for carpooling and start time. LEADER: JOE WHYTE 909-949-0899 or whytegaryjoe@aol.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

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JUL 21 (THU) 6:00 PM DOGWOOD TRAIL WEEKLY CONDITIONING HIKE
Easy 2.8 mile, 400’ elevation gain, starting in Dogwood Campground, off Hwy 18, through groves of dogwood trees. The pace of the hike will be determined by the group of hikers. Our goal is to weekly improve our conditioning. BRING: ten-essentials, hiking boots, water and trail snack. MEET: intersection of Hwy 18 and Daley Canyon Rd. Address: 27400 California 18, Lake Arrowhead. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER: WILL GASKILL email wgaskill@hotmail.com or CO-LEADER, ED CALIENDO (442) 242-4103. BIG BEAR GROUP

JUL 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, (442) 242-4103, dogs111@msn.com BIG BEAR GROUP

****JUL 22 (FRI) 6:30 AM MT. BALDY HIKE**
This will be a strenuous hike to the top of Mt. Baldy (elevation 10,064), 11 miles total trip with 3900 ft. elevation gain. We will go up the ski hut/Baldy Bowl trail and come down the Devil’s Backbone trail. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, 3+ liters water, lunch, and sunscreen. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. MEET: Contact leader prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, 909-983-8501, john@stclairs.us LOS SERRANOS GROUP

JUL 23 (SAT) BIG HORN MINE HIKE
This is a moderate 4 mile hike with great views across the San Gabriel Mountains. Part of the trail is damaged but passable. In view of this no dogs or children are allowed. There is a large amount of mining equipment still at the mine. BRING the ten essentials. BRING hiking sticks/poles and wear sturdy shoes. MEET: Contact LEADER: BILL SPRENG for details of the meeting place on 760-885-0013. MOJAVE GROUP

JUL 23 (SAT) 7:30 AM PCT SEC C, VAN DUSEN CYN RD – LITTLE BEAR SP. HIKE
This is Hike #5 of the Pacific Crest Trail, Section C Recognition Program. It will cover the PCT Section C from Van Dusen Canyon Road 3N09 to Little Bear Springs. Those hikers completing all nine segments will receive a special recognition patch. This hike is an 11.0 mile through- hike. RATING: Moderate. MEET: Vons parking lot, 42170 Big Bear Blvd, Big Bear Lake. From there we will caravan to the Van Dusen trailhead. This will be a shuttle hike. BRING: ten-essentials, 2-liters of water, lunch, trail snacks, sun-protection, and hiking boots. Trekking poles optional. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER: SHARON NARDOZZA at snardozza@cox.net or (760) 208-3654 or CO-LEADER ED CALIENDO at (442) 242-4103 or dogs111@msn.com BIG BEAR GROUP

JUL 23 (SAT) 8:30 AM DELAMAR MOUNTAIN 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. RATING: This hike is 6.0 miles in distance and rated Moderate in difficulty. MEET: 8:30 a.m. at the Cougar Crest trailhead, approximately 300 yards west of the Big Bear Discovery Center. We will car pool to Poligue Canyon Road and park near the PCT/Poligue Canyon Road crossing. BRING: two-liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hat, and trekking polls.. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER: CHARLOTTE WATTS (909)866-7423 or momscampsite@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

JUL 24 (SUN) 7:00 AM BIG BEAR LAKE PADDLE & BREAKFAST WATER SPORTS
Join us with your kayak, canoe, or paddleboard at Captain John’s Fawn Harbor for an outing on Big Bear Lake where we will paddle across the Lake to Boulder Bay Park and then eat breakfast at Blanca & Pierre’s restaurant. We will return by way of paddling across Big Bear Lake to Fawn Harbor. Rental equipment is available at \$20 per hour. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER: CHRISTINE JACOBS at (909) 272-3755 or hikeit23@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

JULY 25 – JULY 31

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JUL 26 (TUE) PCT FROM ONYX SUMMIT TO HWY 18 HIKE
This is an enjoyable hike, much of it paralleling HWY 38. It begins at elevation 8510 and ends at elevation 6829 at HWY 18. The hike is 13.6 miles. MEET: Contact leader for information and carpooling. LEADER: JOE WHYTE 909-949-0899 or whytegaryjoe@aol.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

JUL 26 (TUE) 7:00 PMSAN 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, ruizmary-ann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379 CHAPTER

JUL 27- AUG 1 (WED-MON) BANNER PEAK AREA BACKPACK
This trip will take us into the Ansel Adams Wilderness from Agnew Meadows (8320’) to Shadow Lake (8737’) to Ediza Lake (9270’), considered the most beautiful lake in the Ansel Adams Wilderness, to Garnet Lake (9680’) and continuing to Thousand Island Lake (9833’) while viewing Banner Peak before returning to Agnew Meadows via the Pacific Crest Trail. This is a 25.0 mile loop backpacking trip. RATING: This trip is considered moderate in difficulty. BRING: The ten-essentials, backpacking and camping gear. MEET: Meetings place it yet to be determined. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER: ED CALIENDO at dogs111@msn.com or call 442-242-4103 or CO-LEADER CHARLOTTE WATTS (909)866-7423 or momscampsite@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

JUL 28 (THU) 6:00 PM DOGWOOD TRAILWEEKLY CONDITIONING HIKE
Easy 2.8 mile, 400’ elevation gain, starting in Dogwood Campground, off Hwy 18, through groves of dogwood trees. The pace of the hike will be determined by the group of hikers. Our goal is to weekly improve our conditioning. BRING: ten-essentials, hiking boots, water and trail snack. MEET: intersection of Hwy 18 and Daley Canyon Rd. Address: 27400 California 18, Lake Arrowhead. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER: WILL GASKILL email wgaskill@hotmail.com or CO-LEADER, ED CALIENDO (442) 242-4103. BIG BEAR GROUP

JUL 29-31 (FRI-SUN) ANNUAL CHILDRENS’ FOREST CAR CAMP
We’ll camp at Shady Cove group campground. TIME: arrive any time after 2:00 PM on Friday. Join us for happy hour, followed by a potluck, starting at 5 PM on Saturday. BRING: drinks, a dish to share, fire wood and folding chair to sit around the fire. Camp overnight or come for a day. Day hikes and other optional activities. RESERVATIONS: If you plan to attend, please call LEADER: HEATHER SARGEANT, 909-336-2836. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

JUL 30 (SAT) 8:00 AM VINCENT’S CABIN AND SPRING HIKE
This is a four-mile hike in the Vincent Gap area of Wrightwood. It is rated as moderate because the return is uphill all of the way. Included is a commentary on the history of the area relating to Tom Vincent. BRING the ten essentials and wear sturdy shoes. MEET at the Museum on Apple Valley Road by 8am. We car pool to the Wrightwood Community Centre arriving by 9 am. From there we will drive to the trailhead. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM 760-912-3725 or coachnorm@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

JUL 31 (SUN) 8:30 AM SKYLINE TRAIL HIKE
We will do a moderate, approximately 7 - 8 mile hike along the Skyline Trail in Big Bear. This trail is used by hikers, bikers and horseback riders. It is a fairly new trail that meanders along the ridgeline behind Big Bear with views of the San Gorgonio wilderness and beyond. MEET: at the Vons parking lot in Big Bear City and we will carpool to trailhead. BRING: 10 essentials, 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, wear layered clothing, hiking boots and trekking poles. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER: JUDY ATKINSON (909) 289-1932 by phone, text or message or email judy5723@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

AUGUST 1 – AUGUST 7

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AUG 1 (MON) 7:45 AMBONITA VISTA FIRST DAY HIKE HIKE
This is a monthly hike at the Bonita Vista Trailhead in the Juniper Flats Area. The Bonita Vista trailhead has easy access just off the paved road and offers a great opportunity for individuals and families to get outdoors, exercise and appreciate nature in the desert. There are great views and hills to climb! Participants can listen to birds, breathe in the fresh air, discover wildlife tracks, feel the wind and the warmth of the sun and shade of a few junipers. RATING: moderate. Hike will begin sharply at 8am. Please arrive at 7:45 and give yourself time to park and reach the trailhead. MEET: Bonita Vista Trailhead -From Bear Valley Road take Central south and then east on Roundup Way to where the pavement ends. If you have a low passenger vehicle park here and walk the tenth of a mile south on Bonita Vista. If you have a high clearance vehicle you can drive the tenth mile to the trailhead. The hike will be 2-6 miles depending on the weather (it can be HOT). BRING: 2-3 liters of water, sun protection, layered clothing, sturdy hiking shoes/boots, hat, snacks, hiking stick. LEADER: JENNY WILDER at JensOasis@aol.com or call 760 220 0730. MOJAVE GROUP

AUG 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 ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com. (909) 800-3911 CHAPTER

AUG 3 (WED) CLOUDBURST SUMMIT TO LITTLE ROCK CREEK RD HIKE
This is an easy to moderate hike on the PCT of 8.8 miles mostly downhill in the Angeles National Forest. Starting elevation 7018 and ending elevation 5310. BRING lunch and water. MEET: Call leader for time and place, more information and carpooling. LEADER: JOE WHYTE 909-949-0899 or whytegaryjoe@aol.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

AUG 3 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ED CALIENDO, (442) 242-4103, dogs111@msn.com BIG BEAR GROUP

AUG 4 (THU) 6:00 PM DOGWOOD TRAIL WEEKLY CONDITIONING HIKE
Easy 2.8 mile, 400’ elevation gain, starting in Dogwood Campground, off Hwy 18, through groves of dogwood trees. The pace of the hike will be determined by the group of hikers. Our goal is to weekly improve our conditioning. BRING: ten-essentials, hiking boots, water and trail snack. MEET: intersection of Hwy 18 and Daley Canyon Rd. Address: 27400 California 18, Lake Arrowhead. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER: WILL GASKILL email wgaskill@hotmail.com or CO-LEADER, ED CALIENDO (442) 242-4103. BIG BEAR GROUP

AUG 6 (SAT) 8:00 AM MANZANITA SPRINGS HIKE
This hike is out of the Angelus Oaks area off Hwy 38 on the way to Big Bear. It’s a moderate/ strenuous 8 mile, 1,600 ft. elevation gain hike. We start with 2 miles of switchbacks before getting into the wilderness area. We will hike another 2 miles along the manzanita covered trail. MEET: at the San Bernardino Peak trailhead. BRING: 10 essentials, at least 2.5 liters of water, snack/lunch, wear layered clothing, sun protection, hiking boots and trekking poles. RESERVATION: Contact leader for more information and directions to the trailhead for this hike. LEADER: JUDY ATKINSON (909) 289-1932, by phone, text or message or email judy5723@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

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Big Bear Group

By Ed Caliendo, Group Chair

First Annual RAFFLE is underway!

Our first annual RAFFLE is underway with more than 50 exciting prizes, all provided by Big Bear Merchants. You can win a helicopter ride for two over Big Bear Lake and surrounding mountains, many gift certificates issued for dinner at some of Big Bear's finest restaurants and nurseries. Lake cruises, free pontoon boat rentals, Miss Liberty tours, Action Segway tours, custom made rustic birdhouses, and many more prizes are available!

Raffle Tickets can be purchased for \$5 (six-tickets) or \$10 (15 tickets) all benefits the many charitable actions of the Big Bear Group. Tickets sales are occurring regularly at the VONS store located at 42170 Big Bear Blvd, Big Bear Lake, 92315. Also, tickets may be purchased by mail. Just send your check to Sierra Club, P.O. Box 3048 Big Bear Lake, CA 92315 and include a self-address stamped envelope and we will mail you the raffle ticket receipts. You do not need to be present to win! We will telephone the winners. The drawing will be accomplished on July 17th at our ECO booth located at the Discovery Center.

Wet and Wild Summer Activities

Our summer water sports program kicked-off on Thursday, May 19th at the Big Bear Discovery Center. That evening, water sports enthusiasts had an opportunity to see the latest in water sports kayaks and paddleboards. Jim and Janet Dooley of North Shore Trading Company provided product information and demonstrated the proper methods of paddling of both kayaks and paddleboards.



Also, a summer events schedule was provided:

June 5 (Sun) – ECO Festival Downtown Big Bear Lake & Pine Knot Landing launching of Kayaks, Canoes and Paddleboards
June 12 (Sun) – 7:00 a.m. Paddle Safety Training North Shore Landing – Chris Jacobs, Leader

July 9 (Sat) – 6:00 am to 2:00 pm – Paddlefest East Ramp on Big Bear Lake 5K, 10k, and 20k races & prizes • Clinic: Introduction to Paddle sports Product manufacturer representatives • Food Vendors • Sierra Club booth Captain John Fawn Harbor booth • North Shore Trading Co. booth

July 17 (Sun) – 9:00 am to 3:00 pm – ECO Festival at the Discovery Center with free Kayak, Canoe and Paddleboard rides provided by Captain John's Fawn Harbor

July 24 (Sun) – 7:00 am Sierra Club Outing "Breakfast at Blanca & Pierre's" Restaurant Paddle event from Captain John's Fawn Harbor to Boulder Bay Park – Chris Jacobs, Outings Leader

Aug 14 (Sun) – 7:00 am – Sierra Club Outings "Paddle event from Captain John's Fawn Harbor to Solar observatory round-trip adventure. Lunch following event

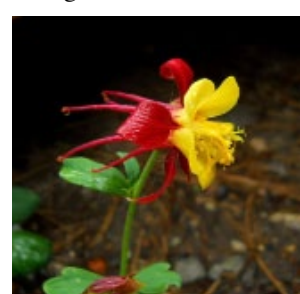
Sep 3 (Sat) – 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm – "Moonlight Paddle Night" from Captain John's Fawn Harbor – Chris Jacobs, Outings Leader

14th Annual Xeriscape Garden Tour – July 16th

El Niño didn't quite deliver this winter and so Big Bear Valley is looking at more of the same conditions as last year. Water conservation is not going away anytime soon, and neither is the popular Xeriscape Garden tour going on its 14th year.

This tour, put on by the Sierra Club Big Bear Group, is the perfect opportunity to get landscaping ideas, discover drought tolerant plants and learn how to save money on your water bill, all while creating a beautiful garden.

This year's theme focuses on education and identifying drought-tolerant and native plants with "What's that Plant."



Volunteers at each of the featured gardens will have a plant list specific to that particular home, identifying the top ten plants to help you find the plants you would like for your garden. Plant names and a brief description will help attendees make their own plant lists with the confidence of knowing they are planting beautiful drought-tolerant plants. The plant lists will also be highlighted on the Xeriscape Website at <http://bigbeargardentour.weebly.com>.

The X-Tour Photo Contest will also be back this year with three categories: Plant/Flower Close-ups, People & Gardens, and Overall Garden. The top winner in each category will receive a \$20 nursery gift card. More details on how to enter will be included in the tour booklet.

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.

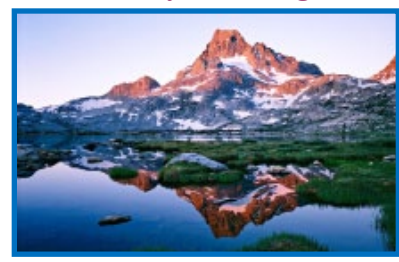
The tour will once again highlight the DWP's Xeriscape Demonstration Garden on Fox Farm Road, in front of the Community Garden, with native plant expert Orchid Black on hand to answer questions. In addition to the Demonstration Garden, there will be six homeowner gardens, landscaped by professionals 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 eight stops and helpful information on gardening in the mountains, will be handed out at the starting location.

For additional information on the Sierra Club's Xeriscape Garden Tour contact Lisa Patterson at 909-866-1067. To see pictures of previous tours, go online to: <http://bigbeargardentour.weebly.com>

Discovery Center Big Bear Group Monthly Meetings for July and August



For the months of July and August we have two interesting programs, guaranteed to stimulate you into action!

- July 21st – Local Native Edible Plants by Peggy Otterstrom
- August 18 – A colorful presentation of 2015 Banner Peak (see photo) Backpacking Trip by Ed Caliendo of the Sierra Club

In Brief... Fitness Improvement Hikes

Starting in July and continuing through August on consecutive Thursdays at 6:00 pm, Will Gaskill, Hike Leader, is providing a 3.5 mile introduction to hiking for beginners as well as existing hikers wanting to improve their hiking stamina. Will has 25 years of hike leader experience and will help you prepare yourself for greater hiking distances and improved endurance. Look in this *Palm and Pine* for his scheduled fitness hikes.

Big Bear Ecotourism Day – July 17th (Sun)

The Sierra Club is a contributor to the Big Bear Ecotourism Collation and will be participating to promote the ecological use of nature. In addition to holding a raffle and promoting Sierra Club membership, we will be providing guidance and assistance to participants with a free canoe, kayak, and paddle boarding to be held at Captain John's Fawn Harbor in Fawnskin located near the Discovery Center. Also, Ed Wallace, Hike Leader, will be conducting two hiking events for all to enjoy. The event will be open from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Pacific Crest Trail Special Recognition Awards for Section C

As previously published, our primary focus is to complete Section C of the Pacific Crest Trail during this year. This section begins at I-10 Interstate freeway near Palm Springs and travels north through the San Geronio Wilderness, Big Bear Lake, and the San Bernardino Forest to Interstate 15 freeway. That distance covers 132.7 miles and is separated into 9 day hikes and one 30-mile backpacking trip. Please look in the hiking section of this *Palm and Pine* to review the upcoming Section C hikes or go to our website at <http://www.sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear>

Visit Big Bear Group new Website!

If you have not visited our new website, please take a LOOK <http://www.sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear> • It is full of information and photos!

Solicitation of New Board Members

It is that time of the year when the Big Bear Group solicits individuals who may wish to join the Big Bear Group and become an active board member. If you have experience in Accounting, Fund Raising, Environmental activities, Hiking Leadership, or Administration Support, please apply. All interested applicants are to submit their intentions to Ed Caliendo, Group Chairperson, to email address: dogs111@msn.com. If you wish to ask questions, please call me at 442.242.4103.

In order to qualify, you must be a member of the Sierra Club and must be assigned to the Big Bear Group. Both of these requirements can quickly be accomplished if you do not already qualify. You must apply before September 30, 2016.

The open board position is for the years 2016 – 2017. If elected, you will serve for two consecutive years. Your position and responsibilities as an active board member will be determined at our first meeting in January 2016.

Join one of the most community active Groups with College Scholarship Fund Raising for local high school students, active environmental activities, strong hiking program, monthly public meetings held at the Discovery Center with guest presenters, and a growing base of membership. Please consider joining the Team!



Mountains Group

By Dave Barrie, Group Chair

replacement Iri ' pläsmæntl noun

the action or process of replacing someone or something: the replacement of religion by poetry | a hip replacement.

a person or thing that takes the place of another.

succession Iseək ' seSHənl noun

a number of people or things sharing a specified characteristic and following one after the other: she had been secretary to a succession of board directors.



The last 12 months found the Mountains Group looking for replacements for Executive Committee (ExCom) members that were leaving the ExCom. And we're still looking. Sherry Noone, our Secretary, left at

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Mojave Group

By Susan Stueber, Group Chair

CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENT – By Norman Bossom

For the first time in its recent history, the Mojave Group of the Sierra Club is endorsing a political candidate in the upcoming election. It is a proud moment for us and it is not something that we have taken lightly. The High Desert has long been a stronghold of politicians who, in the main, have ignored conservation for the sake of development.

Our recent battles with the Hesperia City Council regarding the 16,000+-unit Tapestry development in the beautiful Summit Valley are well documented. The five member Council appeared to be listening to the many objections/observations of the local citizens. But it seems they were just going through the motions. Two of the City Council members (and remember it was a 5-0 vote in favor) are running for the First District County Supervisor position in the June elections. Since the vote in favor of the Tapestry Project, these two persons have taken donations from Terra Verde, the Tapestry Developers.

Let us state that both men are within their rights to take these contributions and they have been lawfully disclosed. But the contributions don't pass our 'smell test.' It has not helped that another member of the City Council made derogatory comments, suggesting that the "stupid conservationists" did not understand the situation. As you may know, the Sierra Club is currently contesting the Tapestry project in court, along with other conservation groups. One can only hope that the courts 'understand the situation'!

There are five Candidates for the role of First District County Supervisor. We contacted all five to offer and interview for endorsement, but only one replied, Ms. Angela Valles. She has served on the Victorville City Council, where she gained a reputation as someone who listened to the citizens. She was strong on financial accountability. We interviewed Ms. Valles and were impressed with her stand on protecting resources, water in particular, and that conservation and development must be balanced. She is the Director of Finance for the Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority for 11 years. What was most impressive is that she has been funding her own campaign having spent 40K so far. She refuses to take contributions from developers. Over time she has been the subject of attacks from developers because of her independent nature. It was not a difficult decision related to the endorsement of Ms. Valles. It is hoped that she will force a run-off against the incumbent, Robert Lovingood. With support from us, the AFL-CIO union local, Teamsters, and her independent nature, we hope that this locally born, determined woman can draw support from all sides of the community and take her place as First District County Supervisor.



There is no doubt that working with reasonable, open-minded politicians can enhance the reputation of the Sierra Club as a voice for the people and our wonderful planet. Make no mistake, the Mojave Group will be actively seeking endorsements for the future, as the political tide turns in the High Desert.

JUNIPER FLATS RESTORATION GRANT UPDATE – By Susan Stueber

Things continue to progress within the polygon in Juniper Flats. The perimeter is fenced and almost everything inside the polygon is signed. Although the weather will be getting warmer there are still opportunities for people to get involved. There is a need to have more teams of two instructed on the use of the tablets to monitor the polygon. It is also a good time to find out more about the work being done in Juniper Flats and the plans for the future. Alyssa Canoff with the Barstow BLM will continue to have two volunteer workdays a month in July and August. We would like to see more people join the existing dedicated volunteers in helping to restore and educate the public on the need to preserve and protect this complex and varied ecosystem.

For more information and to sign-up, please contact, Alyssa Canoff, acanoff@blm.gov phone: (760) 252-6099 or Zack Pratt, zpratt@blm.gov or Susan Stueber, stueber16@gmail.com phone: (760) 900-5330.

Everything accomplished by the Mountains Group is done by volunteers and this is one way that you can help make a difference.

NOMINATIONS for the 2017-2018 MOJAVE GROUP EXCOM

The Mojave Group Nominations Committee would like to have any interested candidates be submitted before August 1st so that they can appear in the September/October *Palm and Pine*. Voting will occur in November and the new elected officers will be announced at the Mojave Group's annual Christmas Party in December. Please submit your candidate to the Nominations Committee, which consists of Carol Wiley, desertlily1@verizon.net, Arlene Pierce, arlenenp1@charter.net and Susan Stueber, stueber16@gmail.com.



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the end of 2015 (she's now the Big Bear Group's Secretary) and we are still looking for someone to be our Secretary. (On the ExCom or not)

Bill Eng, our Treasurer, decided to step away from that position and has been replaced (officially, finally, earlier this year) by Debby McAllister.

Bill will also be leaving his position as Outings Chair at the end of 2016 and will no longer be a member of the ExCom after this year. We are actively pursuing a replacement for Bill in both capacities.

We are also looking for help on our Conservation Committee (ConsCom) and at the Thrift Shoppe.

Our ConsCom is currently five active members, with a little help here and there from one or two other folks. We have seven major projects/developments that we are tracking/involved in and there are several other potential projects as well. We will soon need to address which projects we must "drop" from our active list unless we have some additional help from members that are currently not involved.

Almost all of our funding comes from the efforts of Heather Sargeant and her band of volunteers that work for the Mountains Group at the Mountain Thrift Shoppe in Blue Jay. Heather does not have enough volunteers to provide "coverage" for all of the hours we would like to be working. More volunteers will give Heather a chance to maximize the hours that our Group puts in. Just a three-hour shift on Monday morning (10am to 1pm) or Monday afternoon (1pm to 4pm) or Wednesday afternoon (1pm to 4pm) – easy enough!

We have been lucky over the years to have enough volunteers (just) to step up and help us with our various activities and Executive Committee service. The current situation is looking a little less lucky.

The Mountains Group has 220 members (varies a little from month-to-month) and there are 27 of us providing some kind of active participation. Just a little over 12%. If we can get that to 15% (6 more active volunteers) it would be most helpful. Let's say one Secretary to handle ExCom meeting minutes for five meetings per year, two volunteers to help with ConsCom projects (monitor a development, etc.) and a trio of Thrift Shoppe workers. Breathing room. Check your mirror – do you see one of those folks?

So, that's the "replacement" part. Now, let's talk succession. I have been the Chair of the Mountains Group for more than eleven years and if something happened to me (like if I came to my senses) the remainder of the ExCom would be significantly burdened. Not because I am handling big, heavy-duty stuff but because I am handling lots of little nit-picky stuff, and however well (or not well) the details of the tasks are documented, there would still be a lot time needed to pick up all of the loose ends and make sure that things that needed to be done were recognized and handled.

What we should have is someone who is willing to become the Group Chair (one day) and can spend time with me learning about the Chair's responsibilities and how they are addressed. That way if I need to step away, or something happens to me, we have a transition that does not put undue strain on the Group leadership.

Same with Heather's Thrift Shoppe role. And Steve Farrell's Vice-Chair and Program Chair tasks.

And someone on the ConsCom should be willing to step into a leadership role here if needed. Or you could become an Outings Leader with the idea of becoming the Outings Chair one day.

Please think about spending some of your time as an active member of the Mountains Group, helping where you may be needed, or where your interests lie, and with an eye towards moving into a leadership position some day.

Contact me (barriemail@mac.com) and ask me any questions that you may have about the "jobs" that we have and the help that you could provide.

Mountains Group Executive Committee Election

This year's Nominating Committee (Dave Barrie, Sue Walker and Chris Del Ross-Risher) wants you to know that if you want to be considered for nomination, or know someone that you want to present for nomination, you can contact any one of them. (Try Dave at barriemail@mac.com)

Before you do, however, look over this year's Election Rules:

Election Rules

- Nominees must be Mountains Group members who give their consent to be nominated.
- Requests for nomination must be received by September 3, 2016.
- If the Nominating Committee chooses **not** to place a willing candidate on the ballot as a nominated candidate, the candidate may seek placement on the ballot as a petition candidate.
- The name of any Mountains Group member may be proposed by written petition (with candidate approval) containing the signatures of at least 5% of Mountains Group members. (10 minimum). Petitions with valid signatures must be received by September 17, 2016.
- All Mountains Group members as of October 14, 2016, shall be sent ballots.
- Ballots will be mailed (as part of the *Palm and Pine*) by October 21, 2016.
- Final receipt date for ballots shall be November 25, 2016, at 12 noon.
- Ballots will be verified, opened, and counted at 3:30 pm on Saturday December 3, 2016, at Keller Hut.
- The two-year term of office for the newly elected Excom members will commence on January 1, 2017, and will run through December 31, 2018.

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If you want to know more about the duties of an Executive Committee member please feel free to contact Dave Barrie at barriemail@mac.com.

Moreno Valley Group

By Ann McKibben, Secretary

The Moreno Valley Group had a good season of hikes from fall to spring. Thank you to Christina Torres for organizing our hikes, for her enthusiastic leadership and making sure that everyone



Lake Perris Hike Photographer: Christina Torres

had a great time. Group outings will restart again this fall. Please contact Christina at movalleygroup@yahoo.com if you have ideas for hikes or questions about future walks.

Update World Logistics Center (WLC): The nine separate lawsuits against the city of Moreno Valley on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) issues for the WLC were combined earlier in the year. The lawsuits challenged the adequacy of the CEQA documents for the WLC

project. A second lawsuit challenges the three initiatives the developer sponsored which allowed the Moreno Valley city council to directly approve the WLC project in an attempt to bypass the CEQA lawsuits. The next court date will be concerning the initiatives which will be decided prior to the CEQA lawsuits moving forward and is scheduled for Friday, June 17. Please contact group conservation chair George Hague at movalleygroup@yahoo.com if you have any questions about the lawsuits or hearing schedule.

Yes, Donations Are Still Needed: Your donations will still help us with this and other efforts to challenge the WLC. 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 of you who have donated in the past and continue to support our work.

Mid County Parkway: The six-lane Mid County Parkway (MCP) between



Terri Peak Hike Photographer: Christina Torres

the cities of San Jacinto and Perris is designed to allow projects like the Villages of Lakeview to be built. It also directly impacts more than 400 home and business owners in the city of Perris as well as indirectly impacting many more homes and businesses with pollution. The Center for Biological Diversity is leading litigation efforts on the MCP with the help of the Sierra Club as well as several other local groups.

Villages of Lakeview (VOL): According to the Riverside County Planning Department the revised and updated environmental impact report (EIR) for the VOL could be released as soon as early July or maybe September. The proposed

VOL housing project (8,900 units) is planned on the southern boundary of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. As Riverside County approved their new General Plan Update and Climate Action Plan in December, the VOL EIR is going through a revision process to match what the county approved. Please note the county has assigned a new planner to the project. You can contact planner Russell Brady at rbrady@retlma.org or (951) 955-3025 for more information and to be put on their mailing list.

The Riverside County GPU, officially known as General Plan Amendment 960 (GPA 960) lawsuit, is moving slowly through settlement talks. Riverside County requested a four month delay in order to respond to settlement requests. The litigants (Sierra Club, Center for Biological Diversity and San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society) agreed to a two month delay.

SR-60 Truck Climbing Lanes: In May, Caltrans administration approved the SR-60 Truck Climbing Lanes project that begins on State Route 60 at the eastern edge of the World Logistics

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Santa Margarita Group

By Michael H. Momeni, PhD - Environmental Scientist

Our activities have focused on education about our environment, preservation and improvement of our local water quality, and wildlife protection. We have expanded our ability to communicate within our organization and with the public by creating our webpage, Facebook, the Outdoor Family meet-up, and our Blog "What's Up." **Our Webpage:** (<http://sierraclubsmg.org/>), organized by Rick Barclay; **Our Facebook:** (<https://www.facebook.com/SierraClubSantaMargaritaGroup>) organized by Margaret Meyncke. **Our Outdoor Family "meetup":** (<http://www.meetup.com/Outdoor-Families/>) Pam Nelson organizes this activity; her goal is to create opportunities to learn about nature. **What's Up:** (<http://sierraconservation.blogspot.com/>): It is also an archive of information about our past activities and allows feedback from our membership, organized by Michael Momeni.

In addition, through "Blast," we quickly inform our members by emails about coming events. This activity is organized by Jim Mitchell. **2016 Initiative: Focus on Air Quality in Temecula-Murrieta Corridor** Automobiles are a dominant contributor to the quality of air within the Temecula Valley. Prolong exposure to the exhaust from vehicles has been associated with a decrease in mental capacity, intelligence and emotional stability. Other illnesses linked to vehicle exhaust include cardiovascular disease, asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and lung cancer.

Highway 15 is the principle commuting route from Temecula-Murrieta to San Diego and Los Angeles. Both cities are predominantly bedroom communities. Highways 15 and 215 are generally congested in the morning and again late in the afternoon. These highways are also the only north-south routes for the interstate traffic through the Temecula Valley. We cannot reduce air pollution within the Valley and improve the quality of life,

unless we provide a viable cost-effective option for commuters. We are exploring options for reducing impact of vehicular exhaust in our region.



Celebration of 100th birthday of the National Park Service: We did it on April 16 by touring Cabrillo National Monument. Later, we toured the community of Little Italy in San Diego. This activity was organized by Laurie Webster.



Murrieta Creek Flood Control Project: Melvin Meneses, the Army Corp Murrieta Creek Project Manager, and Army Corp Biologist Jessie Rae presented different options for revegetation of the flood control area.

Army Corp Biologist Jessie Rae discussed the biological aspects of the project. The audience participation and follow-up questions indicated the public's interest.

Leadership Retreat

The San Geronio Chapter recently met at the Whitewater Preserve on May 16th. The Santa Margarita Group was represented by Pam Nelson (our group Chair Lady) and Margret Meyncke (Facebook coordinator).

Trail Hikes: Two hikes were scheduled for May and June: May 7, "Black Rock Canyon Trail and June 11, "Devil's Slide Trail" followed by "Deer Springs Trail."

4th of July Parade in Temecula

This activity has been organized by Margaret Meyncke. We intend to celebrate the 4th of July by walking in the Temecula parade all wearing Sierra green tee shirts.

Speakers and Topics at our Monthly Meetings:

April 14: Speaker Gary Oddi, a Great Oaks High School teacher, told us about the bike trails in the Temecula area. He was joined by representatives from Murrieta, Wildomar and Lake Elsinore. Each overviewed the many bike trails around their cities.

May 1: Meetup outing, Aquanga Surprise: We visited a hidden waterfall with pools for wading, toured the Temecula Olive Oil Ranch, and then visited the celebrated workshop of Ricardo Breceda who creates metal masterpiece sculptures.

May 12: Speaker Kurt Campbell, a local resident with a life-long passion for bird biology, told us all about the birds we see, those that hang around and those that migrate extensively.

June 9: Speaker Matt Rahm, Temecula

City Council member Dr. Matt Rahm will be discussing a number of development issues which will impact the City of Temecula and the Temecula Valley.

June 14 Teachers Environmental Education 4-part workshop: This activity was organized by Pam Nelson, the Chair Lady of Santa Margarita Group. She wrote: "This will be the last of our Teachers Environmental Education four-part workshop series that began last August. In previous workshops they visited the Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve, Vail Lake, Dripping Springs campground and the Agua Tibia Wilderness. The field trip will be a visit to Meadowview's restoration project."

A synopsis of the other activities of the Santa Margarita Group:

April 21 and 28: The Quino Checkerspot habitat and trail restoration project: Directed by Dr. Gordon Pratt, our group members, Pam and Greg Nelson and John Dechert assisted RCA biologists, Anza residents, and California Native Plant members in removing invasive plants from a study area in the Beauty Mountain Wilderness.

Earth Day Events: Members, Kathy Bundy and Cheryl Carter took 130 school kids on an after school walk on the Murrieta Creek Regional Trail on April 22nd.

We promoted our organization during the Recycling Fashion Show at Monte de Oro (May 13th), Santa Rosa Plateau's Garden Tour (May 14th), the Anza Earth Day (May 28th).

June 4: The Flood Control Project, The Army Corp of Engineers: In Temecula, we will have a walking tour, in Wildomar at Health Fair at Marna O'Brien Park, and in Lake Elsinore: Celebration at Serenity Park. **June 4: National Trails Day and our anniversary of the Murrieta Creek Regional Trail ribbon cutting.** Celebrations will be held at Temecula Community Center, in Wildomar at Marna O'Brien Park, and in Lake Elsinore at Serenity Park.

Our group endorsed Debbie Walsh for District 1 Riverside County Supervisor.

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AUG 6 (SAT) 8:00 AM DOBLE MINE HIKE
This 6-mile hike is rated moderate in view of the 600' elevation of the mine. The area has a history of gold mining and there are remnants of this past near the trail. An historic commentary will be given. BRING the ten essentials and wear sturdy shoes. MEET at the Museum on Apple Valley Road by 8am. We will car pool to the trailhead. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM 760-912-3725 or coach norm@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

AUG 6 (SAT) 9:00 AMPALOMAR MOUNTAIN STATE PARK HIKE
Join me on an eight mile moderately difficult hike in Palomar Mountain State Park. There is about 1000' of elevation gain/loss on the hike, most of it on one two mile stretch. We will be using a number of trails to form a loop. I will be highlighting a different section of the park than hikes I have lead here in the past. WEAR: Please dress in layers and wear sturdy slip resistant hiking shoes. Also BRING a lunch or snack and two liters of water and don't forget the sunscreen. For a more detailed description and directions please visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SierraClubSanta-MargaritaGroup> or our website at <http://sierraclubsmg.org/> The Park address is 19952 State Park Drive Palomar Mountain, CA 92060. There is an \$8 per vehicle day use fee. RESERVATIONS: To register or for additional information: email LEADER: BOB AUDIBERT at bob.takeahike1@gmail.com or call me at (951)302-1059. SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

AUGUST 8 – AUGUST 14

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AUG 9 (TUE) 7:00 PMCHAPTER 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, kimfloyd@fastmail.fm (760) 249-5385. CHAPTER

AUG 11 (THU) 6:00 PM DOGWOOD TRAIL WEEKLY CONDITIONING HIKE
Easy 2.8 mile, 400' elevation gain, starting in Dogwood Campground, off Hwy 18, through groves of dogwood trees. The pace of the hike will be determined by the group of hikers. Our goal is to weekly improve our conditioning. BRING: ten-essentials, hiking boots, water and trail snack. MEET: intersection of Hwy 18 and Daley Canyon Rd. Address: 27400 California 18, Lake Arrowhead. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER: WILL GASKILL email wgaskill@hotmail.com or CO-LEADER, ED CALIENDO (442) 242-4103. BIG BEAR GROUP

AUG 13 (SAT) 8:00 AM PCT SEC C, VAN DUSEN CYN RD – HWY 18 HIKE
This PCT C Segment 6 hike from Van Dusen Canyon Road 3N09 to HWY 18 is a total of 8.9 miles. This is mostly a down-hill hike through the forests north of Big Bear Lake and is a good hike to bring family and friends to show them a peaceful part of the PCT. We will hike from Van Dusen PCT trailhead towards Gold Mountain, and eventually reach Doble camp before existing on to Hwy 18. RATED: Moderate in difficulty. MEET: Vons parking lot, 42170 Big Bear Blvd, Big Bear Lake. From there we will caravan to the Van Dusen trailhead. This will be a shuttle hike. BRING: ten-essentials, 2-liters of water, lunch, trail snacks, sun protection. Trekking poles optional. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADERS: SHARON NARDOZZA AT snardozza@cox.net or (760) 208-3654 or DARLENE TAYLOR at dtaylorncrew@verizon.net or (951) 385-5706. BIG BEAR GROUP

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AUG 13 (SAT) 8:00 AM INSPIRATION POINT HIKE
This is a five mile hike rated as easy, through the wonderful woodland of the San Gabriel Mountains. The views across the Mojave Desert to the north are spectacular. BRING the ten essentials and wear sturdy shoes. MEET: The museum on Apple Valley Road by 8am. We will car pool to the Wrightwood Community Centre arriving by 9am. From there we will drive to the trailhead. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM 760-912-3725 or coachnorm@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

AUG 14 (SUN) 7:00 AM PADDLE EVENT WATER SPORTS
Join us for a round-trip paddle event from Captain Johns Fawn Harbor to the Solar Observatory on Big Bear Lake and then return for a basket lunch on the green grass at Captain John's marina. Bring your own equipment or rent at \$20 per hour. RESERVATIONS: Contact Water Outings LEADER: Christine Jacobs at (909) 272-3755 or hikeit23@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

****AUG 14 (SUN) 8:00 AM GRAYS PEAK 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 is a moderate 6-7 mile round trip hike up to the top of Gray's Peak, 7952', an elevation gain of 1400'. Good views of Big Bear Lake and surrounding mountains. There are several impressive rock outcrops where bald eagles nest in winter. RATING: moderate MEET: 8 a.m. at the Gray's Peak trailhead located on the west side of Hwy 38, a half mile southwest of Fawnskin or 2.7 miles northeast of Big Bear dam. An Adventure Pass is needed for parking at the trailhead. BRING: 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, good hiking boots, trekking poles RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER PETER MICHELSEN at petermichelsenor@gmail.com or call me (760) 333 3103. BIG BEAR GROUP

AUGUST 15 – AUGUST 21

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AUG 18 (THU) 6:00 PM DOGWOOD TRAIL WEEKLY CONDITIONING HIKE
Easy 2.8 mile, 400' elevation gain, starting in Dogwood Campground, off Hwy 18, through groves of dogwood trees. The pace of the hike will be determined by the group of hikers. Our goal is to weekly improve our conditioning. BRING: ten-essentials, hiking boots, water and trail snack. MEET: intersection of Hwy 18 and Daley Canyon Rd. Address: 27400 California 18, Lake Arrowhead. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER: WILL GASKILL email wgaskill@hotmail.com or CO-LEADER, ED CALIENDO (442) 242-4103. BIG BEAR GROUP

AUG 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, (442) 242-4103, dogs111@msn.com BIG BEAR GROUP

AUG 19-21 (FRI-SUN) PERSEID METEOR SHWR, BLACK ROCK DESERT CARCAMP
Come enjoy the Perseid meteor shower in a dark sky area. We'll probably have about 100 people camping in the widest part of the Black Rock Desert about 100 Miles north of Reno. Expect a potluck, tours, and meteor watching. Sky will be pretty dark in this remote area and the meteors show up really well. Side trips to hot springs and the Emigrant Trail likely. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER: DAVID BOOK 775/843-6443. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

AUG 21 (SUN) 8:30 AM DELAMAR MOUNTAIN 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. RATING: This hike is 6.0 miles in distance and rated Moderate in difficulty. MEET: at 8:30 a.m. at the Cougar Crest trailhead approximately 300 yards west of the Big Bear Discovery Center. We will car pool to Poligue Canyon Road and park near the PCT/Polique Canyon Road crossing. BRING: two-liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hat, and trekking poles. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER PETER MICHELSEN at petermichelsenor@gmail.com or call me (760) 333-3103. BIG BEAR GROUP

AUGUST 22 – AUGUST 28

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

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

AUG 25 (THU) 6:00 PM DOGWOOD TRAIL WEEKLY CONDITIONING HIKE
Easy 2.8 mile, 400' elevation gain, starting in Dogwood Campground, off Hwy 18, through groves of dogwood trees. The pace of the hike will be determined by the group of hikers. Our goal is to weekly improve our conditioning. BRING: ten-essentials, hiking boots, water and trail snack. MEET: intersection of Hwy 18 and Daley Canyon Rd. Address: 27400 California 18, Lake Arrowhead. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER: WILL GASKILL email wgaskill@hotmail.com or CO-LEADER, ED CALIENDO (442) 242-4103. BIG BEAR GROUP

****AUG 26 - SEP 1 (FRI-THU) MT. WHITNEY BACKPACK**
If Mount Whitney is still on your bucket list of lifetime achievements, here is your chance. For experienced backpackers. This is a 7-day journey, 74 mile R/T backpack starting at Horseshoe Meadows (9,950) south of Lone Pine, via the Pacific Crest Trail and John Muir Trail to the top of Mount Whitney (14,500') via Cottonwood Lakes. RATING: Strenuous

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Finally, on the County level, both our endorsed candidates for Supervisor got enough votes to appear on the November ballot. Debbie Walsh, candidate for Riverside County Supervisor #1 and Angela Valles, candidate for San Bernardino supervisor #1, each got 25% of the vote. Both of these candidates are challenging well entrenched incumbents who won by huge margins and it will be a real challenge for either of them to mount a winning campaign this fall.

All in all, it was a wonderful primary for the Sierra Club and the environment, but

battles, especially for the State Assembly and County Boards will be fierce. We can expect that special interest dollars that would normally go to Republican candidates for US President and US Senate, will find their way into our area to support the incumbents that we are committed to oust. This means that our members need to volunteer to put these fine candidates over the top. If you live in any of these districts, expect to get a call from a fellow member of the Club, asking you to spend some time, especially after Labor Day, working on these campaigns.



*Greg Rodriguez
(Assembly District 42)*



*Sabrina Cervantes
(Assembly District 60)*

LET'S ALL COMMIT TO GET OUT AND WORK TO TURN THE INLAND EMPIRE GREEN!



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BRING: Backpackers gear, tent, water purification, bear canister, food, first aid materials, trekking poles, 2.0 liters of water, energy snacks, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, rain gear, and good hiking shoes. Experienced backpackers only, please. **RESERVATIONS:** contact **LEADER:** ED CALIENDO at (442) 242-4103 dogs111@msn.com or **CO-LEADER** CHARLOTTE WATTS at (909) 866-7423. **BIG BEAR GROUP**

AUG 27 (SAT) 7:30 AM SAN JACINTO PEAK VIA PALM SPRINGS TRAM HIKE

Hike in the cool weather at the top of the Tram in San Jacinto State Park. The hike starts from the Tram's 8400' Mountain Station and climbs to Wellman Saddle (9700'), and from there to the Peak at 10,800 feet, which has spectacular views all around. A short rock scramble is required to get to the top of the peak. We retrace our steps to return. This is a challenging hike for experienced hikers only. **RATED:** Strenuous due to altitude and climb. **TRAM FEE:** \$24.95 per person, \$22.95 for age 62 and up, plus \$5.00 for parking (unless you have a pass or are a Coachella Valley resident.) **MEET:** At the Tram Station lobby at the end of Tram Way Road. 1 Tram Way, Palm Springs. **BRING:** Ten essentials, at least one layer, sun protection, lunch, 3-liters of water. **RESERVATIONS:** Contact **LEADER:** DAVE MELTON at (760) 408-2456 or dmelton61@yahoo.com **BIG BEAR GROUP**

AUG 27 (SAT) 8:00 AM GRASSY HOLLOW HIKE

This is a 4-mile hike along the Pacific Crest Trail through wonderful woodland. **BRING** the ten essentials and wear sturdy shoes. **MEET** at the Museum on Apple Valley Road by 8am. We will car pool to the Wrightwood Community Centre arriving by 9am. From there we will drive to the trailhead. **LEADER:** NORMAN BOSSOM 760-912-3725 or coachnorm@yahoo.com **MOJAVE GROUP**

AUGUST 29 – SEPTEMBER 4

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(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)*

SEP 1 (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**

COMING UP

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SEP 23-25 (FRI-SUN) BLACK ROCK DESERT SERVICE

Join us in helping out for National Public Lands Day in the Black Rock Desert, a beautiful and remote desert about 100 Miles north of Reno. Plans are not definite yet, but we will be doing a work project of some sort. The trip usually includes a day of work and day of play. More information will be available as the time draws nearer. **LEADER:** David Book 775/843-6443. **CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE**

OCT 22-23 (SAT-SUN) GHOST TOWN EXTRAVAGANZA CARCAMP

Celebrate Halloween by visiting the ghosts of California's colorful past in the eerie desert landscape near Death Valley. Camp near the historic ghost town of Ballarat. Saturday, a challenging hike to ghost town Lookout City with historian Hal Fowler who will regale us with tales of this Wild West town. We'll return to camp for happy hour and a potluck feast, followed by a midnight visit to Ballarat's graveyard. On Sunday, we'll tour the town of Ballarat itself before heading home. **RESERVATIONS:** Send \$8 per person (check payable to Lygeia Gerard), home and work phones, email address and rideshare preferences to **LEADER:** LYGEIA GERARD, P.O. Box 721039, Pinon Hills, CA 92372, 760-868-2179. **ASSISTANT LEADER:** MARGUERITE MCGUIGAN. **MOJAVE GROUP**

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Center in Moreno Valley. No formal public hearings were held before decision-making governmental bodies where the public could attend, make comments; no documents were shared regarding their decision. The Sierra Club is looking into any legal remedy that could be taken.

Riverside County residents can find collection dates for Household Hazardous Waste <http://www.rcwaste.org/openems/hhw/index.html>

Moreno Valley Recreational Trails Board hike, Saturday, July 23, 2016, 7:30 am, Hike to Hidden Springs (MODERATE); approx. 3.3 miles roundtrip; meet in the parking lot directly in front of Hidden Springs Elementary



*Wildwood Canyon State Park Hike
Photographer: Christina Torres*

School, 9801 Hidden Springs Drive, MV. Verify all information at (951) 413-3703. List of hikes: http://www.moreno-valley.ca.us/resident_services/park_rec/trails.shtml



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NON-SIERRA CLUB RECURRING WEEKLY & MONTHLY MEETINGS (LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

(1ST FRID 8:30 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB
Note: there will be no meeting July 4. Join us for international folk dancing. This is the same group that used to meet at UCR. Meetings are twice monthly: on the 1st & 3rd Fridays. **COST:** \$3 donation to help pay for the room. **PLACE:** Highgrove United Methodist Church, 938 W. Center St., Highgrove. **DIRECTIONS:** Take the Center St. exit from Interstate 215. The church is one half mile east of the freeway on the right. **INFO:** GAIL SEEKINS (909) 825-4427 lgseekins@sbcglobal.net or LARRY POWELL (909) 864-2309

(3RD WED) 7:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLE AUDUBON SOCIETY
PROGRAM: A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize. The June and December meetings are potluck dinners and start at 6:30 p.m. **LOCATION:** San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. **DIRECTIONS:** Exit I10 at California St. **INFO:** DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

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JUL 1 (FRI) 8:30 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
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At press time it is not known whether this folk dance will take place or be cancelled because of the holiday. Please call to confirm. Join us for international folk dancing. This is the same group that used to meet at UCR. Meetings are twice monthly: on the 1st & 3rd Fridays. **COST:** \$3 donation to help pay for the room. **PLACE:** Highgrove United Methodist Church, 938 W. Center St., Highgrove. **DIRECTIONS:** Take the Center St. exit from Interstate 215. The church is one half mile east of the freeway on the right. **INFO:** GAIL SEEKINS (909) 825-4427 lgseekins@sbcglobal.net or LARRY POWELL (909) 864-2309

JUL 9 (SAT) 6:00 AM - 2:00 PM PADDLEFEST, BIG BEAR LAKE WATER SPORTS

NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT BIG BEAR PADDLEFEST
This is the ninth annual PaddleFest where multiple kayak, canoe, and individual paddle board events take place for prizes. A series of events including 5k, 10k, and 20k compete for prizes. Other events include "How To" clinics, manufacturer's reps, food vendors, and product booths. Big Bear Group will have a booth too! Captain John Fawn Harbor will provide free rides on canoes, kayaks, and paddleboards. North Shore Trading Co. is providing discounts tickets to all Sierra Club members. Wet and Wild fun for all! For additional information go to paddleguru.com/races/BigBearPaddleFest2016

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*Alex Portillo
18 years old
Mecca, CA*

Over the last year, Alex has shown leadership in environmental issues in the East Coachella Valley. She is currently employed as the Social Media Assistant at the EcoMedia Compass, an environmental education non-profit dedicated to raising awareness around the Salton Sea. When she is not working with EcoMedia, Alex is volunteering as a leader with the Sierra Club around clean air issues and the Salton Sea. Over the past year, Alex has attended and given public testimony at AQMD hearings, state water board meetings, school district meetings and Salton Sea Meetings. Alex was also involved in our very influential SB350 work and the subsequent campaigning after that. She was also a legislative intern for Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia, and worked on bringing air quality and Salton Sea issues directly to him. She was featured on Southern California Public Radio and in the Sierra Club's *Sierra Magazine*.



*Asher Jones
21 years old
Riverside, CA*

Asher is a leader in the Sierra Club Metro Committee. Over the past year, he has worked tirelessly advocating for environmental justice in our region. Asher has participated in and given public comments at AQMD hearings and warehousing hearings. He has participated in lobby visits and was part of the influential SB350 team last year, and its subsequent political work this year. Asher has participated in our AQMD April Fool's Action, our Die-In action and our delegation to local public officials. Asher was also key in organizing our Riverside Earth Day event and Intersectional Movie night at Riverside City College. Asher has also worked with us on supporting CCAEJ and their work with Ag Park. He was a representative of the San Gorgonio Chapter at the CNRCC and is a tireless advocate on bridging the gap between the LGBTQ community and environmental work. Asher is a member of CHICCCAA.



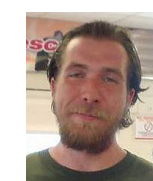
*Gullit Acevedo
23 years old
Fontana, CA*

A relative newcomer, but a firecracker, Gullit has been on fire since becoming involved with the Sierra Club. In the past few months, Gullit has participated in actions such as delegations to public officials and our Die-In action. Gullit has donned the Smoggy the Bear costume at several events as well. Gullit has also worked on organizing capacity for our team in the Inland Empire. Gullit is a member of CHICCCAA and does amazing work with the special needs community in Fontana.



*Cristian Garza
17 years old
Mecca, CA*

Cristian has shown to be one of our leaders within Desert Mirage High School over the last year. Cristian has worked tirelessly to advocate for clean air issues in the East Coachella Valley. In the past year, he has attended and given public comment at the AQMD, state water board meetings and Salton Sea meetings. He has participated in key actions such as the April Fools AQMD action and several lobby visits to local legislators. He was also involved in our very influential SB350 work and the subsequent political campaigning after that. He was a representative to the CNRCC from the San Gorgonio Chapter and was one of the main high school organizers from Desert Mirage High School to the huge Desert Monuments Hearing earlier this year.



*Kevin Head
26 years old
San Bernardino, CA*

As one of the leaders of the San Gorgonio Chapter's Metro Committee, Kevin has worked tirelessly over the course of the last year advocating for clean air and sustainability. Over the past year, Kevin has participated in AQMD hearings, visibility events at the Etiwanda Gas Plant, our Die-In at a warehousing summit and delegations to elected officials. Kevin has also participated in lobby visits and was part of our influential SB350 team last year and its subsequent political work. Kevin is a leader and support team member with CHICCCAA and works on community gardens.



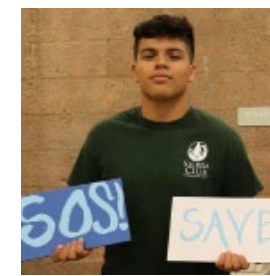
*Bev Eskew
34 years old
San Bernardino, CA*

Bev is one of the leaders who crosses county borders. Bev has been involved in our delegation actions, Die-in action and April Fool's AQMD action. Bev is our main organizer for the Riverside City College Earth Day event and the intersectional movie night event. She has also supported our solidarity work with CCAEJ and Ag Park. Bev is a member of CHICCCAA and is also focused on community gardens.



*Anthony Victoria
24 years old
San Bernardino, CA*

Anthony is a journalist for the *Inland Empire Community Newspapers*. He is the editor of the El Chicano newspaper. Anthony has been a tireless advocate for environmental issues in the Inland Empire. Over the last 12 months, Anthony has written many pieces on air pollution, including, "Reyes: I will bring money for workers and students," "Brown attempting to retain assembly seat," "Town hall meeting displays resident concerns for environmental justice," and "Assemblymembers undecided on environmental senate bill."



*Raul Zendejas
19 years old
Mecca, CA*

Raul is one of our main leaders in the East Coachella Valley. He has participated in numerous ways in the past year. Raul has taken part in our delegation actions to public officials and our AQMD April Fool's action. He has also taken part in local lobby visits and was part of the influential SB350 team and its subsequent political work. Raul has testified at AQMD meetings, state water board meetings and Salton Sea meetings. He was featured in an Al-Jazeera news story talking about the Salton Sea and air quality issues. Raul was also a representative for the San Gorgonio Chapter to the CNRCC. He is currently the lead on building up our social media presence on twitter.



*Elijah Cervantes
19 years old
Thermal, CA*

Eli is one of our leaders in the East Coachella Valley. Over the past year, Eli has worked on really bringing to light the air quality issues in the valley. He has attended and given public testimony at AQMD hearings and state water board meetings. Eli has participated in delegations to public officials, lobby visits and in our AQMD April Fool's action. He was also featured in an Associated Press story and in Al Jazeera this past year focusing on the Salton Sea and air quality issues. He has also been able to move his people to write LTEs about air quality issues and get them published in *The Desert Sun*. Eli was a San Gorgonio Chapter representative to the CNRCC.



*Stephanie Gonzalez
19 years old
Mecca, CA*

Stephanie is one of our rising leaders in the East Coachella Valley. Over the past year, Stephanie has participated and testified at the AQMD and at Salton Sea Meetings. She has participated in lobby visits and delegations to public officials as well as helping out on the political work this season. She was also involved in our AQMD April Fool's action. Her testimony has been quoted in both KFI News Radio and in the *Riverside Press Enterprise*.



*Ruben Garza
19 years old
Mecca, CA*

Ruben is one of our established leaders in the East Coachella Valley. Over the past year, Ruben has participated and given testimony at the AQMD, state water board and at Salton Sea Meetings. He has participated in lobby visits and at delegations to public officials, as well as helping out on political work this season. Ruben was also a member of the influential team working on SB350. He participated in our AQMD April Fool's action and in organizing local Salton Sea meetings. He helped organize Earth Day events at Desert Mirage High School, appearing as Smoggy the Bear, and was covered by the local TV news station. Ruben has also submitted and published a letter in the *Desert Sun* on the Salton Sea. He has been quoted on KFI News Radio.



*Diego Alaniz
13 years old
Mecca, CA*

Diego is relatively new to our organizing program, but has proven to be a force to be reckoned with. Since arriving, Diego has participated and given comment at AQMD hearings and Salton Sea meetings. He also participated in our AQMD April Fool's action. Diego also organized students to protest a local AQMD hearing held at his middle school.



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Meet the New California Desert National Monuments at Chapter's August Meeting

At the August 2nd San Geronio Chapter meeting, Mariana Maguire and Frazier Haney will discuss the newly designated National Monuments in the California desert: Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow and Castle Mountains. The speakers will cover the campaign to establish the monuments, give an update on what management tools are being developed for them and spend a good chunk of time looking at their landscapes, ecology, and opportunities for recreation.

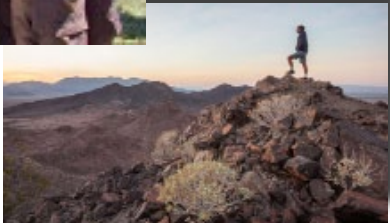


Mariana is Southern California Associate Director for Conservation for the Conservation Lands Foundation (CLF), a national organization dedicated to protecting, restoring and expanding the National Conservation Lands, the USA's newest collection of

the longest undeveloped stretch of historic Route 66; ancient lava flows, and trilobite fossil beds. It also represents the largest land gift in American history, with over 200,000 private acres donated to the Bureau of Land Management for conservation in perpetuity.



"The California desert is a remarkable area with one of the most diverse landscapes in our state," says Mariana. "This designation comes in response to nearly a decade of collaboration by local leaders, business owners, off-road vehicle groups, veterans, local conservation organizations, faith leaders and members of California's congressional delegation. Local leaders understand that we can both protect the natural wonders that draw visitors to the California desert and support outdoor recreation and tourism important to our economy."



She previously spent seven years in Washington, D.C., as a policy advisor in the House of Representatives. She spearheaded legislation to create a national recreation area in the San Gabriel Mountains outside Los Angeles, and worked closely with the Obama Administration and a diverse coalition of stakeholders to establish a national monument there. A California native, she has a strong appreciation for the state's conservation legacy, and the benefits of public lands.



protected lands. Frazier is Conservation Director at the Mojave Desert Land Trust.

Mojave Trails National Monument provides more than 1.6 million acres of vital habitat for sensitive wildlife and unspoiled desert vistas, including 350,000 acres of congressionally designated Wilderness. It protects sacred Native American trails and trade routes;

Frazier Haney has been the Conservation Director at the Mojave Desert Land Trust since September 2013. He grew up hiking, climbing and camping in the Midwest and the California Desert. Finishing a Bachelor's degree in Ecology at UC Santa Cruz, Frazier began his career managing preserves for the Wildlands Conservancy. He now serves in volunteer capacity on the Board of The Wildlands Conservancy, and is actively involved in the high desert community, helping to educate the public on the value of conservation. He currently lives in Joshua Tree, CA, with his wife Jamie and their daughter Lily.

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James Patrick Wood
 November 11, 1949 - October 30, 2016

James Patrick Wood was born in Pasadena, California, November 11, 1949.

His parents were James A. Wood and Barbara DeVeen Wood (now Pafe). His father's name was James so he was Patrick to family and friends. When two, the family moved to Riverside, California, where the family built a home close to where his father grew up. Three sisters Julie, India and Jean followed. The home was surrounded by grapefruit trees with large orange groves surrounding that. Besides managing the groves his Father was in the life insurance business. While growing up he attended Calvary Presbyterian Church, and went through confirmation in the seventh grade. He attended Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon for two years, Riverside Community College for one year, and the University of Arizona, in Tucson, Arizona, for two years. While at the University of Arizona he obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology. After college he joined his father in the life insurance business. He was very active in the Sierra Singles group of the Sierra Club where in 1993 he met Jane Gibbons. They enjoyed bike trips and mountain hiking, including making it up Mt. Whitney.

In the summer of 1994 he moved to Apple Valley, CA, where he was a substitute teacher for several years.

In August 1996 he and Jane were married, in Sweden, Maine, near Jane's family summer home. In January 2002, after Jane retired, the couple bought a Sportsmobile camper van, took a 17,000 mile, 17-week trip across the south and east of the U.S., and moved to Sweden, Maine. The couple lived in Maine year round for eleven years. In 2014 they moved to Pilgrim Place in Claremont. Both were very active in the Claremont Senior Bike group. He proudly won two gold and one silver medal in the two judged events in which he participated in 2016, the last on April 24.

He passed away on Memorial Day, May 30, at home.

Donations can be made to Pilgrim Place Resident Health and Support Fund, 625 Mayflower Road, Claremont, CA 91711 or Jubilee Partners, Box 68, Comer, GA 30629 - a community in support of immigrants.