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## Membership Meetings

**Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> • 7:30 PM**

*“Living Off the Land: How Local Indians Survived”*

Presented by Walter Roth  
(see write up on Page 6)

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

*“The Ecological Importance of Mixed Intensity Fires”*

Presented by Chad Hanson  
(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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## THE ENVIRONMENT GETS SERIOUSLY DISAPPOINTED IN SAN GORGONIO

By Jono Hildner, San Gorgonio Chapter's Political Chair

**W**e failed miserably in this Primary election. As environmental activists, we had a HUGE opportunity to make a difference and show our wonderful endorsed candidates, that with our support, they could win with substantial margins.

When there is only a 20% turnout, we should be able to show our power, but we sat on our hands and did very little to Get Out The Vote from those who support the environment. If we don't do a whole lot better for November, we could easily see us giving back everything that we have accomplished in the last eight years.

(Endorsed candidates are in **bold**.)  
Our Congressional delegation



of environmental supporters struggled much more than expected. **Norma Torres** and **Raul Ruiz** won easily and should have no trouble in the fall. However, **Pete Aguilar**, who

we expected to win easily, finished in a virtual dead heat with Sean Flynn, and **Mark Takano** only polled 57%. Newcomer, **Marge Doyle**, finished with only 20% against what should have been a vulnerable incumbent Paul Cook in the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District (the High Desert). Still, if we put everything we've got into this race in November, we could pull off a huge upset. We'll need to get boots on the ground both here in our Chapter and in the Range of Light Group (Inyo and Mono Counties) in the Toiyabe Chapter.

For the State Senate, our 100 percenter, **Connie Leyva**, won over Mathew Munson 45% to 37%. We should show her more love in

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## 2018 CHAPTER AWARD RECIPIENTS



**Bryan Baker**



**Steve Farrell**



**John St. Clair**

### Joe Momyer Conservation Award: Bryan Baker

**B**ryan Baker has been selected as the recipient of the 2018 Joe Momyer Conservation Award for outstanding contributions to the San Gorgonio Chapter and Mojave Group conservation issues. Currently Bryan serves on the Mojave Group Executive Committee as Conservation Chair and also serves on the San Gorgonio Chapter Executive Committee as the Mojave Group Representative. Bryan has been an active member of the Mojave Group since he moved to the high desert in 1999 and a continuous member of the Mojave Group Excom for the past 13 years.

Bryan served for years as group treasurer and webmaster in addition to working conservation issues. As conservation chair he has done an outstanding job of monitoring and reviewing conservation issues in the High Desert. He also represented the Mojave Group in several lawsuits, the biggest one being the Tapestry Project in Hesperia.

He attended and made comments against the project at several city council meetings. When it was determined that the Hesperia city council was going to approve the project despite an abundance of public comments and objections against it, Bryan represented the Mojave Group as it joined the chapter litigation

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# Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

## JULY-AUGUST 2018

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

### CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

**DEADLINE:** Items for the September/October 2018 Calendar are due by August 1, 2018.

**FORMAT** items like 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, and 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**. 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 and water for emergency use only 9) Extra clothing including rainwear 10) Sun protection including sunscreen/sunglasses/hat. Carpooling is encouraged, but solely the responsibility of individual participants. The Sierra Club and its leaders may facilitate carpooling, however they will not assign. Drivers should have adequate insurance coverage and their vehicle should have no safety defects. For Sierra Club facilitated carpooling, drivers agree to not consume any alcoholic beverages. It is customary for riders to share expenses with the driver. The above information applies to Sierra Club Outings and Activities only. Non-Sierra Club activities may be listed in a separate location as a courtesy. Please be sure to read the disclaimer that accompanies these activities.

**\*\* 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 designates where the passes are required. Generally, areas that have developed parking and may include toilet facilities, interpretive signs and trash cans require passes and unimproved areas do not require passes. Outings that require passes usually will be preceded by \*\* in the listings that follow and/or the leader may indicate the need for Adventure Passes. While leaders try to provide accurate information, ultimately it is the vehicle's driver that assumes responsibility to adhere to all rules, regulations, and laws - not the Sierra Club. The permits cost \$30 per year or \$5 per day; however, they may not be obtainable the day of your outing. As a passenger, you are expected to share some of the cost of the daily passes along with a mileage contribution along with the others in the vehicle. Golden Eagle Passports and Golden Age Passports may be used in lieu of the Adventure Pass.

**CARPPOOLING POLICY** - In the interests of facilitating some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club assumes no liability for carpooling arrangements. Carpooling, ride sharing, or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel.

**LIABILITY WAIVER** - To participate on one of the Sierra Club's outings, you will need to sign a liability waiver. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver prior to the outing, please visit the San Gorgonio Chapter website at [sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org](http://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org) and click on Disclaimers under the Outings tab.

### RECURRING MONTHLY MEETINGS

(LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

**(1ST MON) 6:00 PM MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on the first Monday of selected months: Feb. 5 Mar. 5 Apr. 2, May 7, Oct. 1, Nov. 5. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. MOUNTAINS GROUP

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

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

### Check this out . . .



California Department of  
**Parks and Recreation**

**Receive a \$20 CA State Park Pass if you or a relative are at least 62!**

The 2018 limited Golden Bear Pass (\$20.00) to most state parks is good from January 1 through December 31, 2018, for those 62 years or older and their spouse. Please tell your older relatives/friends. It can be purchased at Lake Perris as well as most other state parks that you must pay a car entrance fee. Whenever you buy it in 2018 it will be valid until December 31<sup>st</sup> and then you will need another for 2019. Since many day use passes cost \$10, it will pay for itself very quickly. It is good for everyone in your car and at most state parks. They can refuse you if the park is busy or expected to be busy. State park passes also include the Disabled Discount Pass (\$3.50 Lifetime) and Distinguished Veteran Pass (\$0 Lifetime). The following link provides more information [https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=1049](https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1049).

**(2ND MON) 7:00 PM 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. 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 partici-

ate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, [kimffloyd@fastmail.fm](mailto:kimffloyd@fastmail.fm) (760) 249-5385. CHAPTER

**(2ND WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, [jcricket47@yahoo.com](mailto:jcricket47@yahoo.com) BIG BEAR GROUP

**(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, [sstueber16@gmail.com](mailto:ssstueber16@gmail.com) MOJAVE GROUP

**(2ND THU) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except July & August. The public is welcome. Doors open at 6:00 PM, meeting starts at 6:30. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 [sierraclubsmg@gmail.com](mailto:sierraclubsmg@gmail.com) SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**(3RD TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly except July & August. Please join us for an informative program. PLACE: Goldy B. Lewis Center, Central Park, 11200 Baseline Rd., Rancho Cucamonga. INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, [brianelli@aol.com](mailto:brianelli@aol.com) LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**(3RD THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except January, February and December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site <[sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear](http://sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear)>. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, [jcricket47@yahoo.com](mailto:jcricket47@yahoo.com) BIG BEAR GROUP

**(4TH TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**  
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, [ruizmaryann@gmail.com](mailto:ruizmaryann@gmail.com), (909) 815-9379. CHAPTER

### WEEKLY RECURRING 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

### JUN 18 – JUN 24

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

**JUN 20 (WED) 9:00 AM MT. BADEN-POWELL HIKE**  
This will be a strenuous hike to the summit of Mt. Baden-Powell at 9399 feet elevation, 8 miles round trip with 2,814 ft. elevation gain. Spectacular vistas as far as the eye can see every direction!!! Rain cancels, BRING: Water, lunch/  
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snacks, sturdy boots, hat, sun screen. Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: John St. Clair, 909-983-8501, john@stclairs.us  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**JUN 21 (THU) 4:45 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE**  
Moderate 4-mile loop on the Hidden Springs trail and arroyo. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills. Wild donkeys usually seen on this hike. BRING: Water, wear sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. MEET: Next to Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. Park along Greenridge Dr. next to the small park. INFO and LEADER: Beatriz Vindiola(562)713-4470  
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**JUN 22 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS GRANDVIEW/GREGORY WILDFLOWER WALK**  
Join us on a 2-mile easy walk around the Grandview Gregory Property amongst the beautiful wildflowers. WEAR: Hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. DIRECTIONS: Take Grandview Rd. off HWY 189 in Twin Peaks, and turn left on Sawmill Dr. Don't block the gate. LEADER: Heather Sargeant 909-336-2836 (no text). Inclement weather will cancel.  
MOUNTAINS GROUP

**JUN 23 (SAT) 7:45 AM TRAM TO IDYLLWILD (OR REVERSE) HIKE**  
We will hike the recently reopened Willow Trail from the Palm Springs Tram to Idyllwild or in the reverse direction on this one-way key exchange hike. Starting from Humber Park, we climb 2500 ft. and descend 500 ft. in 7.9 miles. Those starting at the Tram reverse the climb and descent. We will meet in the middle for a key exchange. RATED: Strenuous. MEET: Downhill group meets Sharon at 7:45 AM at the McDonalds off I-10 at Malki Rd., 48350 Seminole Dr., Cabazon, CA 92230. Uphill group meets Dave at 7:45 AM at the Ranger Station, 54270 Pine Crest Road, Idyllwild, CA 92549. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, lunch, 3-liters of water, and hiking poles. Tram cost is \$25.95. RESERVATIONS: Contact Dave Melton dmelton61@yahoo.com 760-408-2456 or Sharon Nardoza snardoza@cox.net (760) 208-3654  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUN 23 (SAT) 9:00 AM PALOMAR MOUNTAIN STATE PARK HIKE**  
As in previous years I will design a hike that is about 8 miles in length, moderately aggressive with about 1000' gain/loss. I try to highlight different areas of the park each year. We will meet at parking area near Doane Pond. This is where the will begin and end. There is a \$8 per vehicle day use fee. The physical address is 19952 State Park Rd. Palomar Mountain, CA 92060. To register or for more information: email Bob Audibert at bob.takeahike1@gmail.com or call me at (951) 302-1059. Rain Cancels.  
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**JUN 23 (SAT) 9:00 AM SB MTS FISHERMAN'S CAMP HIKE**  
Enjoy a fun summer day with the family in the Deep Creek pools near Fisherman's Camp. Be prepared for a 4-mile R/T moderate/difficult hike, 600' of elevation loss on the way there, and 600' elevation gain on the way back. Take a dip, play in the creek sand, climb rocks to visit different pools, or just relax in the sun. WEAR: Hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING: Backpack to carry all your gear, food, water, towel, swimsuit, sunscreen etc. MEET: Junction of Crab Flats Road (3N34) and Green Valley Lake Road. High clearance vehicles recommended. LEADER: Karla Kellems 760-405-4311 (text OK) karlakellems@gmail.com. Inclement weather will cancel.  
MOUNTAINS GROUP

**JUN 23 (SAT) 9:00 AM INSPIRATION POINT HIKE**  
This is an easy 6-mile hike along the Pacific Crest Trail in Wrightwood. Views across the Mojave Desert while walking through shady forest are the highlight of this outing. BRING: Wear strong hiking shoes, a hat and sunscreen. Bring water, a snack and a camera. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, 92308 or Community Center in Wrightwood at 9 a.m. LEADER: Norman Bossom 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com  
MOJAVE GROUP

### JUN 25 – JUL 1

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

**JUN 26 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**  
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379.  
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**JUN 30 (SAT) 8:00 AM JOHNS MEADOW HIKE**  
Catching the wildflowers can be a challenge, but usually the end of June we find them in abundance at Forsee Creek. This is an approximately 7-mile, round trip hike in the San Gorgonio Wilderness. Hikers walk through a forest of Pine, Fir and Oaks, cross a couple of small springs where water is coming out on the trail, have some great views and !hopefully lots of those wildflowers! We will cross Forsee Creek and have our snack/lunch at Johns Meadow before returning on the trail back to our vehicles. RATED: Moderate with about 800 ft. of elevation gain. MEET: at the Forsee Creek trail head off Hwy 38 and Jenks Lake Rd. west. BRING: 10 essentials, 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. RESERVATIONS: Contact hike leader Judy Atkinson (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUN 30 (SAT) 9:00 AM BLUE RIDGE CAMPGROUND HIKE**  
This moderate 4/5 mile outing takes us from Wrightwood up to the campground. It is rated moderate because of the elevation gain as we make our way up to this beautiful area. Wear strong hiking shoes, a hat and sunscreen. BRING: Water, a snack and a camera. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, 92308 or Community Center in Wrightwood at 9 a.m. LEADER: Norman Bossom. 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com  
MOJAVE GROUP

**\*\*JUL 1 (SUN) 8:00 AM IDYLLWILD SUICIDE ROCK HIKE**  
Enjoy a scenic walk in the hills above Idyllwild on this 6.6-mile round trip hike. Starting at 5600 feet, we climb continuously, first on the Deer Springs trail, then on the lateral to Suicide Rock, for a total climb of 1900 feet, then retrace our steps. RATED: Moderate. BRING: 10 essentials, 3-liters water, sun protection, hiking boots, poles, and a snack. MEET: At the ranger station on Hwy 74, 54270 Pine Crest Road, Idyllwild, CA 92549. Adventure Pass not required. RESERVATIONS: Contact hike leader Dave Melton at dmelton61@yahoo.com 760-408-2456.  
BIG BEAR GROUP

### JUL 2 – JUL 8

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

**\*\*JUL 2 (MON) 6:30 AM TELEGRAPH PEAK HIKE**  
This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Telegraph Peak (elevation 8,985 ft), 11.5 miles through hike down to ski lift parking lot with 3900 ft. elevation gain. Scenic view from the top of Telegraph Peak. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, 3+ liters water, lunch, sunscreen. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: John St. Clair, 909-983-8501, john@stclairs.us  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**JUL 3 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING**  
Monthly chapter meeting. For more information, see the 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 4 (WED) 7:30 AM PS TRAM WILLOW TO WELLMAN LOOP HIKE**  
Hike an ambitious loop in San Jacinto State Park from the Palm Springs Tram Station down the reopened Willow Trail to Saddle Junction, then back up over Wellman Divide to the tram. Distance is 11.7 miles with a descent and climb of 1700 ft. RATED: Strenuous due to distance, elevation, and elevation change. BRING: 10 essentials, 4-liters water, sun protection, at least one layer, hiking boots, poles, and lunch. MEET: At Tram Station: 1 Tram Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262. Tram Cost \$25.95. Details at www.pstramway.com RESERVATIONS: contact hike leader Dave Melton at dmelton61@yahoo.com 760-408-2456  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUL 4 (WED) 10:00BAM SB MTS 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE WALK**  
Grab the family and walk in the Green Valley Lake 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, known as one of the shortest and quickest parade on the mountain. Come decked out in your hiking best, to represent the hiking community. WEAR: Hiking apparel. BRING: Backpack, hiking poles, water and snacks. MEET: Lakeside Park (33268 Green Valley Road, Green Valley Lake, CA 92341). LEADER: Karla Kellems 760-405-4311 (text OK) karlakellems@gmail.com. Inclement weather will cancel.  
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along with Center for Biological Diversity and Audubon Society in opposing the project. In the final agreement, the developers agreed to stay out of the more critically sensitive environmental areas and reduce the number of housing units to be constructed. Bryan's background and expertise in GIS and mapping helped to illustrate the areas where the project was to be developed.

Bryan also represented the Mojave Group in chapter litigation against the Jupiter Project, a big warehouse proposed in Apple Valley. He worked with an attorney and others who had challenged a similar project. In the settlement, it was agreed that the builders would contribute money to conserve desert lands with \$60,000 initially set aside for this purpose.

It was determined that \$45,000 would go to the Mojave Desert Land Trust and \$15,000 would go to Transition Habitat for the purpose of purchasing desert lands to be conserved. And later additional monies were given to these two Conservancies. They also agreed to several environmental improvements including solar and electrical powered warehouse equipment.

Bryan has picked up the work on the WEMO OHV Routes issue that continues to drag on as well and the High Desert Corridor (proposed truck route between Palmdale and Apple Valley). He also is providing leadership in the Group's efforts to engage fully in the political arena of Victor Valley. The demographic of that area are changing rapidly giving the Club new opportunities to elect the right decision makers.

Bryan also attends the Chapter Conservation Committee monthly conference calls and gives his thoughts on different issues – especially those that impact the Mojave Group. The San Gorgonio Chapter is very fortunate to have Bryan actively working on behalf of the environment.

### **Marjorie & Clark Jones Service Award: Steve Farrell**

Steve Farrell, recipient of the Marjorie and Clark Jones Service Award is well-known for environmental activism in the Sierra Club since the early 2000s, and in 2009 was awarded the San Gorgonio Chapter's Joe Momyer Conservation Award. But Steve has spent considerable time and energy with all facets of the Sierra Club including leading outings. Like most Sierra Club volunteers, his formal training provided little clue to a future in the environmental arena and was basically in computer science and math fields. But around 2000, after moving to a 1929 cabin in Crestline, Steve found himself involved with local environmental issues and pursued an interest in water issues which has led to him serving the last two years as president of the Crestline Village Water District Board of Directors.

But to succeed in environmental stewardship, the Sierra Club can only be successful with dedicated volunteers to help with all the requisite administrative tasks. The Sierra Club operates at four primary levels: National, State, Chapter and Group. Steve serves at the National level as a member of the Council of Club leaders representing the San Gorgonio Chapter. He serves at the State level through Sierra Club California (SCC) which is unique among the states in that it has 13 chapters. He currently serves on the SCC Executive Committee as the California/Nevada Regional Conservation Committee Liaison and on the Legislative Committee ex officio.

Steve also contributes to the San Gorgonio Chapter, serving as an elected officer of the Executive Committee, a member of the Chapter Conservation Committee and Chapter Litigation Committee as well as Chapter Webmaster. And locally in the San Bernardino Mountains he has continuously served the Mountains Group Executive Committee since 2005. He has been group program chair for the past 13 years and was responsible for setting up the group for online voting. In 2018 he will help facilitate online ballots for the San Gorgonio Chapter and most of the groups for this year's elections.

Steve is one of those people who make those around him better. He does this by example, his kind words of encouragement and offers of help. He serves his adopted community and local Sierra Club Group, but as outlined above he has been a leader within the Sierra Club for years at regional, state and national levels. He is someone all can count on for help with tough issues.

### **Ralph Salisbury Outings Award: John St. Clair**

John St. Clair from the Los Serranos Group of the San Gorgonio Chapter is this year's recipient of the Ralph Salisbury Outings Award. Presented to select outing leaders who contribute far more than outstanding leadership skills, John sets the bar. Besides submitting new outings every cycle, John has been the Los Serranos Group Outings Chair since 2013, only two years after completing training in 2011. Additionally, as a member of the chapter Leadership Training Course team, John conducts the Psychology of Leadership interactive class since 2016; as well, he has lead the field exercise for new leaders since 2014.

At the group level, John not only compiles the Los Serranos Outings Calendar every two months, he enters all the outings into the Sierra Club database (Campfire) as well – the only group outings chair to do so. He has been instrumental in

recruiting, training and supporting new outings leaders through the entire process to become certified leaders. Under his leadership, both the Los Serranos Group outings program and group membership have grown.

John makes it a point to encourage and support his group's outings leaders by attending their own hikes. He is always willing to help wherever needed, leading or sweeping hikes, training new leaders, mentoring others, always demonstrating "leave no trace" principles and being good stewards of our environment.

John St. Clair is a retired teacher, having taught 35 years in the Ontario-Montclair School District with his last 18 years at Vina Danks Middle School in Ontario. He is also a storyteller, interested in folk tales and children's literature. He made his debut as a public storyteller at the Tellabration! 2003 concert and also produced the 2006 concert and many other concerts for Inland Valley Storytellers since.

His storytelling has become legend in outings also. He's willing and eager to tell a fascinating story on outings, especially around a campfire. On a trip to Peru to hike the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu, he was sharing a story one night after dinner and the local guide was enthralled with his story and dramatic effects. It was reported at one point during the story the guide's eyes were bigger than saucers.

John has been married to Chris since 1971 and has three wonderful grown children. His favorite hobbies include storytelling at festivals, organic gardening, hiking in the San Gabriel Mountains as well as playing cards and board games when his whole family gets together during holidays.



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**JUL 5 (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 6 (FRI) 8:00 AM SAND/BOW CANYON LOOP HIKE**  
RATED: moderate. This 6-mile partial cross-country hike traverses below the southern ridge line of the Big Bear Valley. Some interesting rock formations and large oaks will make this walk in the woods an enjoyable outing. MEET: at the Vons parking lot at 42170 Big Bear Blvd. in Big Bear Lake to car pool to the trailhead which has limited parking. BRING: ten essentials, 2 liters of water and a snack. For additional information and RESERVATIONS: please call Ed Wallace, Hiking Leader at (909) 584-9407 or email at rushewallace@yahoo.com Lunch at nearby restaurant is possible if the group desires. BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUL 6-8 (FRI-SUN) BLACK ROCK DESERT - "2<sup>ND</sup> FOURTH OF JULY" CARCAMP**  
Another fun trip to the Black Rock Desert about 100 miles north of Reno. This will be a smaller group but expect several dozen people camped on the edge of the Playa. This is a busy weekend on the Playa as many Burning Man attendees use this weekend as a "shakedown cruise" for Burning Man. This may be a "second 4<sup>th</sup> of July" with big fireworks and bright lights. There's usually a potluck or dutch-oven cookoff on Saturday. We'll also visit hot springs and the Emigrant Trail! Bring food and water but we'll have portapotties! LNT. Leader is very familiar with the area. Sign up after 6/24 with David, 775/843-6443  
GREAT BASIN GROUP/CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

**JUL 7 (SAT) 8:00 AM BLUFF LAKE/SIBERIA CREEK TO GUNSIGHT HIKE**  
Join me on this lovely 7-mile hike around Bluff Lake. We will stop by the historic Lodgepole Pine, then hike along Siberia Creek where there should be an abundance of wildflowers, and on to Gunsight. We will have our snack/lunch break, taking in the views, before retracing our steps. This hike requires a carpool to the trailhead and an Adventure Pass to leave the cars at the Aspen Glen picnic area. RATED: Moderate with little elevation gain. MEET: at the Aspen Glen Picnic area, 40105 Mill Creek Rd, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315. We will need vehicles able to drive the dirt road to the trailhead. BRING: 10 essentials, 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. RESERVATIONS: Contact hike leader Judy Atkinson (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com  
BIG BEAR GROUP

### **JUL 9 – JUL 15**

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

**JUL 9 (MON) 7:00 PM 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.  
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## July 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter Program Features "Living Off the Land: How Local Indians Survived"

Presented by Walter Roth

Walter Roth will present a program on the topic Living Off the Land: How Local Indians Survived. Walter tells us, "Indians had a sustainable way of life. They lived here for thousands of years utilizing nothing but what could be found in nature. It took superb skill, keen observation, and an encyclopedic knowledge of everything in their environment. Learn a bit of what it took to survive." He will share tools, techniques, and native American survival knowledge with both a slide presentation and reproduction artifacts.

Walter tells us that he wants people to appreciate and respect the incredible skill and knowledge Indian people had. He goes on, "I also want to contrast their ability to live in harmony with their environment that could be sustained for thousands of years with our exploitive and unsustainable way of life. In addition, I want people to appreciate how much we have altered the environment over the last 200 years."

This program is one that Walter, a member of the San Geronio Wilderness Association (SGWA), will present summer evenings at the Greyback Amphitheater in Barton Flats. Walter bases his presentation on lectures and field trips, UCR Extension courses on native American technologies, visits to museums, archeology coursework and several books on the subject. Walter tells us that the most influential book for this talk is *Tending the Wild* by M. Kat Anderson.

Walter is a retired elementary school teacher living in Riverside. He's been a Sierra Club member since 1970, a volunteer with SGWA for 18 years, a Certified California Naturalist, and an Interpreter at the Barton Flats ranger station.

Making flint.



Photo above is of the Paiute "wikkiup" was taken by my grandmother, Sara Piper near her ranch near White Mountain in California. The Pomo woman gathering seeds in her basket (on the left) was taken by Edward Curtis and is from the National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution. The photo of the basket weaver (below); I do not know where I got it.



### Big Bear Group

By Ellen Kesler, Group Chair

The winter thaw is behind us and just like the lilacs up here bursting into blossoms, the Big Bear Group is bursting into action. June 2<sup>nd</sup> will have found us bothing at the "Adventure Days" in the Village and again on July 28<sup>th</sup> where the "Adventure Days" moves to the Discovery Center, 9am – 4pm. This provides participants the opportunity to experience kayaking and canoeing for free, or take a hike with a trained leader. There will be other recreational groups at the booths demonstrating all kinds of outdoor activities.

Our Group's greatest event will be July 21<sup>st</sup> when we offer the annual Xeriscape Tour. Houses around the valley are selected by our committee whose yards demonstrate Xeriscape and Fire-wise landscapes. It's a self-guided tour starting at Eminger's Nursery. There is an additional Expo with booths as part of the tour located at the community "China Gardens" with a booth run by members of the Sierra Club, Mike and Cindy Bode, offering drought-resistant seedlings, as well as our own S.C. booth.

Our General Meeting for June 21<sup>st</sup> will highlight speaker Dr. Sally McGill, Interim Associate Dean, College of Natural Sciences, California State University, San Bernardino, talking about the geothermal and seismic hazards and history of the San Bernardino Mountains and nearby faults. July 19<sup>th</sup> will highlight a "Trip to Cuba Through Photography" by member Dave Foltz. All our General Meetings are the third Thursday of the month in the Discovery Center at 6:30 pm and everyone is welcome.

August General Meeting will be a kid's hike/scavenger hunt under the leadership of ExCom member, Mike Casares. Details will follow in our local newspaper, *The Big Bear Grizzly* and on our website.

So mark your calendars and come join the fun! For those of you living "down the hill," remember "It's cooler up here!"

"Just a reminder – if you are interested in becoming a member of our ExCom, applications are due by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Please refer to the "Election Rules" in the May/June issue of the *Palm and Pine*.

### Santa Margarita Group

By Michael H. Momeni, PhD

Environmental Nuclear Scientist

#### Transportation Issues

The congested Interstate 15 is the artery linking the communities within the Temecula Valley. The options for improvement have been discussed over several years, but many improvement projects are not even on the planning schedule.

The options for improvements are realignment of the State 79 roads to carry some of the interstate traffic, addition of express lanes to the Interstate 15, and construction of commuter electric light train linking San Diego to Ontario. Unfortunately, none of these options are on the planning board due to lack of financial resources and the lack of advocacy of the public interest.

#### Science Day, Teri Biancardi

Our first Science Day was a success! The event focused on watershed and water quality. The project involved Rancho Water, the Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve, and Riverside County Flood Control, and Water Conservation District. Several speakers addressed about 30 students. They evaluated water quality by testing pH, dissolved oxygen, and nitrates in Santa Margarita River.

The Flood Control agency sponsored the Science Day project; we anticipate the program to continue.



#### Political Committee, Elena Garcia

The Political Committee has been urging our members to inform themselves of the issues and candidates for the upcoming primary on June 5<sup>th</sup>. A list of the endorsed candidates and issues is listed at <https://www.sierraclub.org/california/2018-endorsements>.

Only the top two vote-getters face off in November. Please vote in this primary!

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**Tree City USA, Margaret Meyncke**

The Arbor Day Foundation promotes planting and maintaining trees within our cities. The program, called Tree City USA, requires four steps to achieve certification.

1. A tree board;
2. A tree care ordinance;
3. A Community forestry program with a per capita budget of \$2 per person; and
4. Arbor Day celebration and proclamation.

There are currently 3,409 cities that have achieved this distinction. Margaret recently completed this process along with the City of Temecula and using her affiliation with the Temecula Valley Woman's Club.



**Earth Day Celebration, Caren Hanson**

The second Earth Day Celebration was on April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Vail Headquarters in Temecula CA. We shared this event with the Murrieta Arts Council (MAC) and Vail Headquarters, who donated the site.

We had ten speakers presenting an array of conservation issues and music group. The vendors ranged from Organic Food Companies, Project Wildlife, Astronomy, Water Resources, Recycling, Solar Panels, Waste Resource, and conservation-oriented games for the kids.



**Monthly Speaker Program, Pam Nelson**

Diana Lindsay, a dedicated volunteer for the State Park and an author, addressed our general meeting in May. Her books are on local Native American culture, geology, trails and botanical topics. June is our last meeting until September 2018.

Please send your inquiries to Pam Nelson (Chair): [pamela05n@yahoo.com](mailto:pamela05n@yahoo.com)  
 You may also contact us by Email: [sierraclubsmg@gmail.com](mailto:sierraclubsmg@gmail.com)  
 Our interactive blog: What's Up at the Southern California Nature Guardians  
<http://sierraconservation.blogspot.com/>  
 Or, visit us on our Facebooks:  
<https://www.facebook.com/SierraClubSantaMargaritaGroup/>  
 Or @advocateElectricTrain  
 Or @SoCaNatureGuardians  
 And our webpage: <http://www.sierraclubsmg.org/> which presents highlights of our activities.



**A Fundraising Chairperson Would Really Help the San Gorgonio Chapter.**



**Do you have a background or interest in fundraising?  
 Is the environment important to you?  
 Would you feel good about raising money to protect the environment?**  
**If your answer to each of these questions is YES – why aren't you on the San Gorgonio Chapter Executive Committee?**

Our Chapter works tirelessly to protect the environment in Riverside and San Bernardino counties; in the desert, in the mountains and in our cities as well.

We are working to protect National Monuments, to protect our cities from unchallenged warehouse development, to help plan for a sustainable future for the Salton Sea, to promote clean energy legislation and to make sure that the environment has a voice in our part of California. We review development plans and EIRs to make sure that land use decisions consider added congestion, traffic, pollution and water impacts. We are ready to litigate if bad projects need stopping.

All of these tasks require many hours of volunteer time and effort. They also require many hours of paid staff time, costly expert opinions and reports, lawyer fees and court costs.

Investments and grants that we receive, as well as our annual fund appeal income, are not enough to ensure against a shortage of funds in the foreseeable future. If we want to continue our involvement in current and future environmental protection we need more income.

The members of the Chapter Executive Committee (ExCom) are multi-talented, dedicated, relentless, knowledgeable and aging well. But none of us are very good or comfortable with asking people for money. And that is why having an "expert" on our ExCom would be so very helpful.

The ExCom currently has an open position, so if someone qualified wanted to step forward to join they could be appointed immediately and then added to the ballot for the election this fall.

If you find that your qualifications and willingness to help the Chapter with its fundraising are in alignment please contact Nominating Committee Chair Dave Barrie at

**[barriemail@mac.com](mailto:barriemail@mac.com)**



**Moreno Valley Group**

*By Ann Turner McKibben, Secretary*

**T**he Moreno Valley Group outings will start up again this fall, taking a break this summer. Please take time to look at the calendar of outings on our group web page: [http://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/groups/moreno\\_valley](http://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/groups/moreno_valley)  
 Thank you to Christina Torres and Beatriz Vindiola for organizing and leading our outings!

The Moreno Valley Group hosted a table at the Earth Night In the Garden event in Riverside on April 20. We handed out copies of the *Palm & Pine* and applied temporary tattoos on many future conservationists. Thank you to Christina Torres, Tom Thornsley and Terri Hall, Kathy Dale, Beatriz Vindiola, and Ann McKibben for volunteering. It was a lovely afternoon and early evening in the Western Municipal Water District demonstration garden. Unfortunately, the garden property is being sold and this was expected to be the last year for this event.

The Moreno Valley Group will hold executive committee (excom) elections this fall. Two positions will be up for election and we would love to have at least four candidates on the ballot. If you would like to run and have been a member for over one year, please contact us at: [movalleygroup@yahoo.com](mailto:movalleygroup@yahoo.com) for more information about the nomination process. The nomination period runs through September 1.

Here is some updated information on projects we are following:

**Moreno Valley Logistics Center (MVLC):** This massive warehouse across the street from an established neighborhood reduces the minimum setback from 300 feet to just 100 feet. The Moreno Valley City Council approved this poorly planned project on April 17<sup>th</sup>. We have filed a lawsuit.

**World Logistics Center (WLC):** We prevailed in our California Environmental

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November and make this a blowout! in SD 20. In Senate District 28, where **Joy Silver** was running against the incumbent, zero percenter, Jeff Stone, she took 35% to Stone's 56% and with our serious help, we could put her in a strong position to take that seat in November.

Moving on to the Assembly, it was telling that our **Eloise Reyes**, another 100 percenter, has done such an incredible job of representing her 47<sup>th</sup> AD, that no one had the temerity to even file against her. She will continue to be a champion for us in Sacramento and will be honored by the Sierra Club California PAC for her leadership at an awards ceremony on August 25<sup>th</sup>. (More details on this event and how to get your tickets, soon). **James Ramos**, running in the 40<sup>th</sup> AD had a strong showing against Henry Nickel, garnering 40% to Nickel's 47%. We can flip this seat, but we need you all to get up, get out, and help. **Freddie Rodriguez**, in AD52, won with 45% in a race that was tighter than expected and with his much improved environmental record, we need to lend him serious support to keep this race from being even close. **Eduardo Garcia** in AD52 had a comfortable win with 57% of the vote. Previously endorsed Sabrina Cervantes lost 47% to 53% in AD60 and will face Bill Essayli in November. **Jose Medina** ran unopposed in AD61.

As of the publishing deadline for this edition of the *Palm & Pine*, **Penny Newman** was in a virtual tie for second place in the race for Riverside Supervisor District 2. If she makes it onto the November ballot, our help will be essential if we want to win this seat for one of our outstanding, life-long environmental leaders in the Inland Empire. Manny Perez won District 4 outright and in District 5, **Altie Holcom** finished out of the running with a VERY disappointing 11% of the vote.

Two seats were up for election for the San Bernardino Board of Supervisors and it looks like incumbents Janice Rutherford and Curt Hagman have been re-elected in Districts 2 and 4, respectively.

The only city elections where we made an endorsement was for Mayor in San Bernardino, where **Danny Tillman** finished out of the running with a very disappointing 14%.

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Quality Act (CEQA) challenge before Judge Waters. Her ruling found the City's Environmental Impact Report (EIR) deficient as to energy impacts, biological impacts, agricultural impacts, noise impacts and cumulative impacts. The judgment is pending and it is not known yet if any party will appeal. Our appeal related to the initiatives remains pending in the State Court of Appeals.

**Villages of Lakeview (VOL):** A coalition of environmental groups represented by Center for Biological Diversity has challenged the Riverside County Board of Supervisor's approval of this 8,725-unit development on the south edge of the San Jacinto Wildlife area. A separate lawsuit was filed by Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley and a local residents group, Keep Nuevo Rural. The next scheduled action before the court is a status hearing on September 6, 2018.

**Donations Needed:** Your donations are essential to our litigation against the Villages of Lakeview and the World Logistics Center as well as other projects in our area. Make checks payable to "Sierra Club" with a notation for WLC and/or VOL or other. Please send to: Sierra Club—Moreno Valley Group, P.O. Box 1325, Moreno Valley, CA 92556-1325. Thank you to all who have taken time to donate!

**Riverside County General Plan Update (GPA 960):** Our concerns include greenhouse gases, agricultural lands, the San Jacinto Wildlife Area's at-risk species and the sprawl-promoting nature of the plan. Portions of the suit related to greenhouse gases and the Housing Element suit have been settled based on County commitments to strengthen their Climate Action Plan. Despite the very excellent arguments by our attorneys at the court hearing, Judge Waters ruled in the County's favor.

**Mid County Parkway (MCP):** The six-lane MCP between the cities of San Jacinto and Perris would facilitate projects like the Villages of Lakeview. Settlement talks continue as we wait for our federal court appeal to be heard.

**State Route 60 Truck Lanes (Badlands):** Our California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) challenge to Caltrans' proposed mitigated negative declaration (MND) is pending in Riverside County Superior Court and settlement talks continue.

**Banning to Cabazon Bypass Road:** Riverside County proposes a parallel route south of I-10 between Banning and Cabazon. The proposed improvements may significantly impact important biological resources and may induce growth along the alignment. The comment period for the Draft EIR has closed and we now await release of the Final EIR.

**San Gorgonio Crossings:** This warehouse project at the gateway to rural Cherry Valley was approved by the Board of Supervisors in October 2017. Lawsuits have been filed by Sierra Club and local Cherry Valley citizens groups. The next scheduled activity is a June 21<sup>st</sup> status hearing.

**Lake Perris State Recreation Area:** The 2018 Limited Use Golden Bear Pass (\$20.00) is good for the entire year for most state parks for those 62 years or older. It can be purchased at Lake Perris and is good for everyone in your car. Other special passes are also available. For information on hours, visitors fees, and passes, please check: [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=65](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=65)

**WE NEED TO WORK A LOT HARDER TO MAKE SAN GORGONIO EVEN GREENER!**



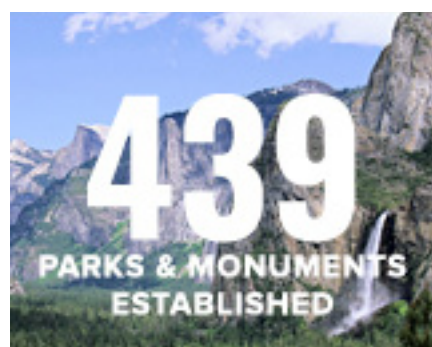
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**JUL 10 (TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

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 11 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUPEXCOM MEETING**

The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com IG BEAR GROUP

**JUL 14 (SAT) 9:00 AM CHARLIE'S TRAIL HIKE**

This is an easy 6-mile hike along a north facing trail giving panoramic views of the Mojave Desert. Apart from an initial elevation gain the trail is flat. Bring water, hat and a snack. Wear strong footwear. Meet at the Museum, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 by 8AM. For those close to the trailhead we will meet at the Wrightwood Community Center parking area by 9 AM. LEADER: Norman Bossom 760-912-3725 coachnorm@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

**JUL 16 – JUL 22**

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

**\*\*JUL 19 (THU) 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, sunscreen. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: John St. Clair, 909-983-8501, john@stclairs.us LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**JUL 19 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING**

Monthly meeting except January, February and December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site <sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear>. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUL 21 (SAT) 8:00 AM SUICIDE ROCK HIKE**

Join us on a 7 mile out and back hike to Suicide Rock. The hike is moderately difficult with about 1900 ft of elevation gain. This trail is shaded by pines and oak and the view from the rock is breathtaking. Directions: From the Ranger Station in Idyllwild drive 1 mile north on highway 243. Park on the north side of the road across from The County Park Nature Center. As always bring plenty of water, a lunch, comfortable hiking shoes, dress in layers and don't forget the sunscreen. This hike will be limited to the first twelve (12) that preregister. RAIN CANCELS. Gary Marsalone email: hikesie@gmail.com

SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**JUL 21 (SAT) 8:30 AM ASPEN GROVE HIKE**

Join us for an approximately 4-mile round trip hike to the Aspen Grove to check out the area from the Lake Fire three years ago. This will be an educational hike as we will be accompanied by a couple, one who is a research ecologist, the other an environmental lawyer, and they hope to be able to bring a biologist friend with them. They are really informative when it comes to protecting the forests and the burn area and have been involved in scientific studies of the area. This hike will be limited to 12 hikers. RATED: Easy. MEET: Aspen Grove Trailhead, directions to the trailhead will be provided when you sign up for hike. BRING: 1 liter of water, snack, sun protection, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. RESERVATIONS: contact hike leader Judy Atkinson (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com

BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUL 21 (SAT) 9:00 AM BLUE RIDGE CAMPGROUND HIKE**

This is a moderate 5-mile hike; the first half is uphill, the elevation being 1000'. The good news is that the return journey is downhill! The views across the San Gabriel Mountains are wonderful. Bring, water, a hat and a snack. Wear strong footwear. Meet at the Museum, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 by 8am. For those close to the trailhead we will meet at the Wrightwood Community Center parking area by 9 AM. LEADER: Norman Bossom 760-912-3725, coachnorm@yahoo.com

MOJAVE GROUP

**JUL 23 – JUL 29**

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

**JUL 24 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**

Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379. CHAPTER

**JUL 27 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS MILL PEAK LOOP HIKE**

Come Join us for a 3-4 mile round trip moderate hike with a 800' elevation gain to Mill Peak, one of the Sierra Club's 100 Peaks. Well behaved dog friendly trail. MEET Lower parking area of the Exploration Trail on Keller Peak Rd (1N96). WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING snacks and water. LEADER: Karla Kellems 909-939-5790 (no text) karlakellems@gmail.com. Inclement weather will cancel. MOUNTAINS GROUP

**JUL 27-29 (FRI-SUN) 1:00 PM SB MTS SHADY COVE CAR CAMP**

Join us for our annual summer Mountain's Group Car Camp. A variety of hikes and activities will be offered throughout the weekend, including a Saturday potluck dinner. COST: Sierra Club members Free. Non-members \$10 individual or \$15 couple/family. Cost includes Sierra Club Membership. For details and to RSVP contact the LEADER Karla Kellems 760-405-4311 (text OK) karlakellems@gmail.com

MOUNTAINS GROUP

**JUL 28 (SAT) 6:00 PM ARRASTRE CANYON FULL MOON HIKE**

Come and enjoy the sights and sounds of the Desert night on the full moon hike in the lovely Arrastre Canyon area in Juniper Flats. This is an easy 3-mile hike. Bring water, a snack, strong shoes, appropriate clothing and a flashlight. Meet at the Museum, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley CA 92308 by 6:00 PM. The trailhead some eight miles from the Museum and a car pool will be arranged. LEADER: Carol Stubblefield 760-964-0039 carolwhitbylass@gmail.com

MOJAVE GROUP

**JUL 30 – AUG 5**

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

**JUL 30 (MON) 6:00 AM WEST BALDY + MT. BALDY HIKE**

This will be a VERY strenuous hike to the top of Mt. Baldy (elevation 10,069), 14 miles total trip with 5,900 ft. elevation gain. We will hike the Old Baldy trail starting in Baldy Village going up Bear Canyon. We will summit West Baldy before going to the top of Mt. Baldy. We will come down the Devil's Backbone trail. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, 3+ liters water, lunch, sunscreen. Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: John St. Clair, 909-983-8501, john@stclairs.us

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**\*\*AUG 3 (FRI) 8:00 AM GRAYS PEAK HIKE**

This is a Peaks of Big Bear hike. Those reaching all five peaks overlooking the Big Bear Valley will be given a patch commemorating the effort. Hike is moderate/difficult, 7 miles, 1120 ft. elevation gain. The trailhead is located on the west side of Hwy. 38, 6/10 of a mile west of Fawnskin, across from the Grout Bay picnic area. Adventure Pass required. Join us at 8:00am at the trailhead for fantastic views of Big Bear Valley and beyond. Bring 2-3 quarts of water, snacks, hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, layered clothing and good hiking boots. For information call hike leader Ed Wallace (909) 584-9407 or rushewallace@yahoo.com

BIG BEAR GROUP

**\*\*AUG 4 (SAT) 8:00 AM GRANDVIEW POINT BIG BEAR HIKE**

Join me on a 6.5-mile hike from the Aspen Glen picnic area, along the Pine Knot Trail to Grandview Point. There is a spectacular view of the San Bernardino and San Gorgonio Wilderness areas from Grandview Point. We will have our snack/lunch break there before returning on the trail back to our vehicles. RATED: Moderate. MEET: At the Aspen Glen picnic area, 40105 Mill Creek Rd, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315. An Adventure Pass is required to park. BRING: 10 essentials, 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. RESERVATIONS: Contact hike leader Judy Atkinson (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com

BIG BEAR GROUP

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**AUG 4 (SAT) 8:00 AM VINCENT GULTCH HIKE**  
This is a moderate 4-mile hike through the beautiful and historic Vincent Gap in Wrightwood. The inward journey is downhill, the return uphill, with an elevation gain of 600'. Bring water, a snack, a hat and strong footwear. Meet at the Museum, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 by 8:00 AM. For those close to the trailhead we will meet at the Wrightwood Community Center by 9:00 AM. LEADER: Norman Bossom 760-912-3725 coachnorm@yahoo.com  
MOJAVE GROUP

### AUG 6 – AUG 12

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

**AUG 7 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING**  
Monthly 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 8-12 (WED-SUN) TWIN RIVERS LOOP, ARC DOME CENTRAL NEV BACKPACK

This central Nevada Backpack has been described as one of "deep, rugged canyons, high bald peaks, elk and wet feet." The trip begins on the North Twin River, near Carver, about an hour's drive northeast of Tonopah, at an elevation around 6300 ft. After arriving at the trail head we will hike in 2 or 3 miles to our first camp. The next day we will hike around another 5 miles and camp. On day 3 we do a day hike (bring a day-pack) to the top of 11773 ft. Arc Dome, 12 miles r/t with 4100 ft. elevation gain. Day 4 sees the start down South Twin, with a camp after several miles. The last day is the hike out. 16 miles, 3000 ft. elevation gain with backpacks. Limit 12. David Hardy 702-875-4826 hardyhikers@embarqmail.com email preferred. S NEVADA GROUP/CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

**AUG 8 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**AUG 11 (SAT) 8:00 AM DOBLE MINE HIKE**  
This is a moderate 6-mile hike through the pines near Baldwin Lake (Big Bear) to the mining area of the historic Gold Mountain area. Stunning views are on offer. There is a 600' elevation gain during the outward journey. Bring water, a snack, a hat and strong footwear. Meet at the Museum, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 by 8 a.m. LEADER: Norman Bossom 760-912-3725 coachnorm@yahoo.com  
MOJAVEGROUP

### AUG 11 (SAT) TO AUG 18 (SAT) MONO RECESSES & PIONEER BASIN BACKPACK

Come visit Pioneer Basin and the Mono Recesses, some of the most beautiful areas in the Sierra, on this 30-mile on-trail 6-night round-trip backpack. Pioneer Basin and the Mono Recesses are north-south tending basins or canyons above and below westward-flowing Mono Creek. We will start and finish at the Mosquito Flat trailhead at the end of Rock Creek Road, roughly midway between Bishop and Mammoth. We will have 4-5 camping locations, with 2 nights at Pioneer Basin. We will strictly follow LNT practices and keep an early schedule. RATED: Moderate. But all Sierra backpacks are strenuous, it's just a question of degree. BRING: Equipment list will be distributed. Individual commissary. MEET: TBA. For trip info sheet, contact Dave Melton at dmelton61@yahoo.com 760-408-2456 or David Holtegaard 909-881-1329 d10olie@aol.com Limit 10. BIG BEAR GROUP

### AUG 11-12 (SAT-SUN) PERSEID METEOR SHOWER BLACK ROCK DESERT CARCAMP

Perseid Meteor Shower Campout. Another fun trip to the Black Rock Desert about 100 miles north of Reno. This should be a good weekend for the Meteor shower since it's the dark of the moon and the Black Rock is a really remote area. We'll be camped mid-playa and will probably visit nearby hot springs plus have a potluck Saturday but expect a pretty large group. Bring food and water but we'll have portapotties. No campfires! LNT. Leader is very familiar with the area. Sign up after 8/1 with David, 775/843-6443

GREAT BASIN GROUP/CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

### AUG 11-18 (SAT-SAT) MONO RECESSES AND PIONEER BASIN BACKPACKING

Come visit some of the most beautiful areas in the Sierra, Pioneer Basin and the Mono Recesses, on this 30-mile on-trail 6-night round-trip backpack. Pioneer Basin and the Mono Recesses are north-south tending basins or canyons above and below westward-flowing Mono Creek. We will start and finish at the Mosquito Flat trail-

head at the end of Rock Creek Road, roughly midway between Bishop and Mammoth. We will have 5 camping locations, with 2 nights at Pioneer Basin. We will strictly follow LNT practices and keep an early schedule. RATED: Moderate, but all Sierra backpacks are strenuous, it's just a question of degree. Significant pretrip conditioning required. BRING: Equipment list will be distributed. Individual commissary. MEET: TBA. For trip info sheet, contact Dave Melton at dmelton61@yahoo.com 760-408-2456 or David Holtegaard 909-881-1329 d10olie@aol.com Limit 10. BIG BEAR GROUP

### AUG 13 – AUG 19

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### AUG 14 (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

### AUG 16 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING

Monthly meeting except January, February and December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site <sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear>. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com  
BIG BEAR GROUP

### \*\*AUG 18 (SAT) 8:00 AM BERTHA PEAK HIKE

This is one of our "Peaks of Big Bear" hikes. We hike 7 miles, round trip, and climb 1,400 feet, first taking the Cougar Crest trail through a forest of mixed pines, firs and oaks. We will enjoy views of the lake, mountain ranges and desert. From the top of Cougar Crest, we will briefly take the PCT, then the final trail to Bertha Peak, which is actually an Electronic Relay Station. We will have our snack break there before returning on the same trails. RATED: Moderate with some rocky trail. MEET: Cougar Crest Trailhead 1/4 mile west of the Big Bear Discovery Center; an Adventure Pass is required to park. BRING: 10 essentials, 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. RESERVATIONS: contact hike leader Judy Atkinson (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com  
BIG BEAR GROUP

### AUG 18 (SAT) 9:00 AM BIG HORN MINE HIKE

This is a 5-mile hike to the historic Big Horn Mine with stunning views of the San Gabriel Mountains. It is rated as moderate and there is minor elevation gain. The mine is situated by Mount Baden Powell in Wrightwood. Bring water, a snack, a hat and strong footwear. Meet at the Museum, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 by 8:00 AM. For those close to the trailhead we will meet at the Wrightwood Community Center by 9 a.m. LEADER: Norman Bossom 760-912-3725 coachnorm@yahoo.com  
MOJAVE GROUP

### AUG 20 – AUG 26

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### AUG 25 (SAT) 6:00 PM ARRASTRE CANYON FULL MOON HIKE

Come and enjoy the sights and sounds of the desert on this full moon hike in the beautiful Arrestre Canyon in the Juniper Flats area. This is an easy 3-mile hike. Bring water, a snack, strong shoes appropriate clothing and a flashlight. Meet at the Museum, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 by 6:00 PM where a car pool will be arranged. The trailhead is 8 miles for the Museum. LEADER: Carol Stubblefield 760-964-0039 carolwhitbylass@gmail.com  
MOJAVE GROUP

### AUG 26 (SUN) 8:30 AM ASPEN GROVE HIKE

Join us on our 2nd hike to check out the Aspen Grove area. It is approximately 4 miles round trip. This is a series of hikes into the Lake Fire area with some local environmentalists and possibly a biologist. We are looking to explore what's changed and what's new from last month. This hike is limited to 12 hikers. RATED: Easy. MEET: Aspen Grove Trailhead, directions to trailhead will be provided when you sign up for the hike. BRING: 1 liter of water, snack, sun protection, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. RESERVATIONS: contact hike leader Judy Atkinson (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com  
BIG BEAR GROUP

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**AUG 27 – SEP 7**

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**AUG 28 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM**

**MEETING**

Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379.

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**AUG 31 – SEP 3 (FRI-MON) SB MTS FISHERMAN'S CAMP BACKPACK**

Pack up your family, and well-behaved dog, for a backpacking adventure to Fisherman's Camp. Be prepared for a 5-mile R/T moderate/difficult hike, 600' of elevation loss on the way there, and 600' elevation gain on the way back. AMMENITIES vault toilets. Filter your own water and pack out your trash. High clearance vehicles recommended. COST Sierra Club members are free. Non-Sierra Club members are \$10 individual or \$15 couple/family. Cost includes Sierra Club Membership. For details and to RSVP contact the LEADER Karla Kellems 760-405-4311 (text OK) karlakellems@gmail.com

MOUNTAINS GROUP

**SEP 6 (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

**SEP 7 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS LITTLE GREEN VALLEY HIKE**

Come Join us for a 3-4 mile moderate 500' elevation gain thru hike to Little Green Valley. Well behaved dogs welcome. The hike will start in Green Valley Lake. The finish will be at the trail head across the street from Snow Valley's Parking area. This will require a car shuttle. MEET At the Little Green Valley USFS trail head across the street from Snow Valley's parking area. WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING snacks and water. LEADER Karla Kellems 909-939-5790 (no text) karlakellems@gmail.com. Inclement weather will cancel.

MOUNTAINS GROUP

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**Island Hopping in Channel Islands National Park in 2018**

**July 15-17; August 19-21; September 23-25; October 21-23**

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For more information contact leaders: Joan Jones Holtz: jholtzhln@aol.com; 626-443-0706 and/or Wayne Vollaire: avollaire1@gmail.com; 909-327-6825.

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**NON-SIERRA CLUB**

**RECURRING WEEKLY & MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

**(EVERY MON) 7:00 AM SANTA ROSA PLATEAU OR NEARBY TRAIL HIKE**

**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT VOLKSWALKING IN SO. CALIFORNIA**

Come walk with Kathy every Monday for a 3-4-mile hike on the beautiful Santa Rosa Plateau or on another interesting trail nearby. No hikes on Christmas and New Year's Day. Noncompetitive hiking for fun, fitness, and fellowship, Volksmarch is a worldwide movement that started in Germany in the 1960s on air force bases. "Volks" means "people" in German. MEET to carpool at 7:00 AM sharp at Barons Market, 32310 Clinton Keith Road, Wildomar 92595. WEAR sunscreen, a hat and BRING plenty of cold water and a snack. INFO: KATHY BUNDY 951-218-3755. See also the meetup.com page: Volkswalking in So. California Open to Everyone! [MEETS July 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30; and Aug 6, 13, 20, and 27]

**(1ST & 3RD FRI) 8:30 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLKDANCE NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB**

International folk dancing: Greek, Israeli, Serbian, Turkish, etc. This is the same group that used to meet at UCR. 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

[MEETS July 6 and 20; and Aug 3 and 17]

**(3RD WED) 7:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT**

**SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY 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.

[MEETS July 18 and Aug 15]

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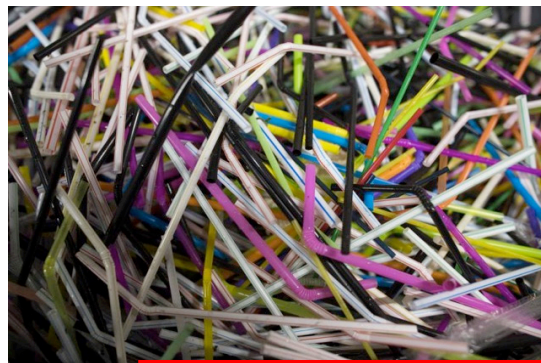
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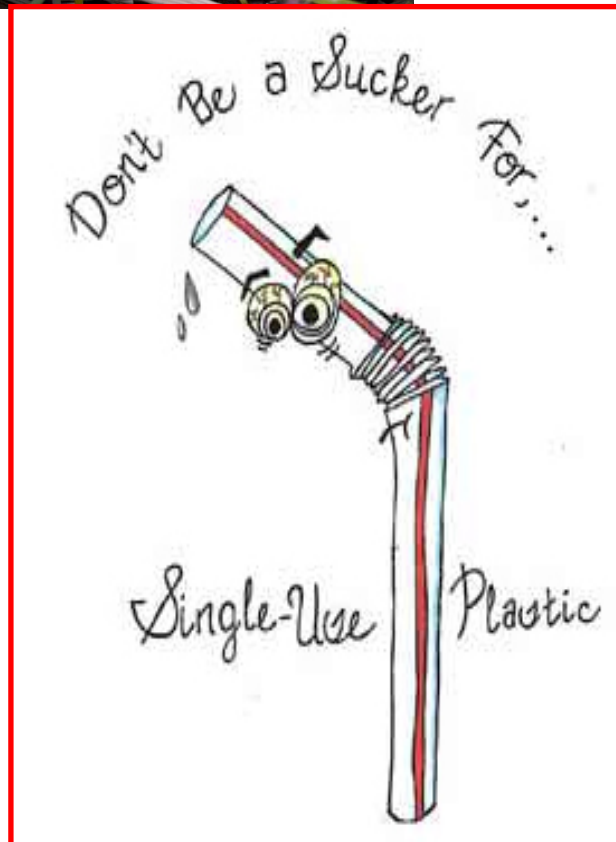
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**Hot Topic – “The Ecological Importance of Mixed Intensity Fires” is the Subject of Chapter Program on August 7<sup>th</sup>**

*Presented by Chad Hanson*



Chad Hanson, our speaker for this chapter meeting, was elected this year to a three-year term on the Sierra Club national Board of Directors, receiving the highest number of votes among the five who were elected. He has a PhD in Ecology from UC Davis and is a research ecologist with the John Muir Project, based in Big Bear City. He previously served two terms on the Sierra Club Board from 1997 to 2003.

Chad’s presentation will focus on three main areas. First, in his words, “The surprising and seemingly counter-intuitive world of forest fires, including the many wildlife species that depend upon ‘snag forest habitat’ created by natural processes like fire, as well as natural postfire forest regeneration.”

Next, he will talk about the key role of forest protection in climate change mitigation. Finally, he will discuss how communities can safely coexist with wildland fires, and why current fire management policies need to change, focusing on protecting communities rather than on backcountry fire suppression and logging projects.

Chad took the accompanying photographs west of Yosemite in the area burned in the Rim Fire. He says, “They show the abundant natural forest regeneration that is occurring even in the large high intensity fire patches.”


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