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Membership Meetings

Tuesday, March 1st • 7:30 PM
"Kilimanjaro Assent, the Masai and African Wildlife"
 Presented by Jim Vanderaa
(see write up on Page 1)

Tuesday, April 5th • 7:30 PM
"Pacific Trail Firsts"
 Presented by Teddi Boston
(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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Sierra Club Solar Homes Program . . . Another Rooftop Solar Installation

By Ralph Salisbury

California certainly has led the way in the use of renewable sources for electricity generation. And the Sierra Club has made it easy for you to participate through its Solar Homes Program, now in its fourth year.

In the November/December 2013 *Palm and Pine* (full article can be read by visiting the San Gorgonio Chapter website), Chapter Vice Chair, Mike Millsbaugh showed how he lowered his monthly electric bill from over \$200 a month to an average of \$35 a month by purchasing rooftop solar through the Sierra Club Solar Homes Program.

In this issue, the alternative option of leasing rooftop solar will



Homes Program. Mary Ann has lived in her Chino home for 27 years and always had extremely high Edison bills. "My house was not designed well for cooling – high ceiling, attached garage and the entire southern exposure with no shade trees." Her pool only added to her electric bill.

Mary Ann kept her thermostat at 78 degrees, switched out to all double pane windows, re-roofed with reflective roofing and ran appliances at night. "No matter what I tried I still would have \$500-\$600 bills in the summer.

In 2014 she called Sungevity, the Sierra Club's solar partner, knowing soon she would be retiring on a fixed income. "I needed to get this under control and wanted to be part of being part of the solution to decrease greenhouse gases. I could not afford to lay out the investment in buying panels so I opted for the lease program."

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Photos courtesy of Mary Ann Ruiz

be highlighted by looking at the success Chapter Chair Mary Ann Ruiz has had leasing her system through the Solar



Sierra Club Joins Unprecedented Coalition to Save Lives, Prevent Teen Smoking

Environmental organization joins a broad campaign to protect Californians from major public health consequences of smoking

SACRAMENTO, CA — Sierra Club, the nation's largest and most influential grassroots environmental organization, is the latest organization to join the Save Lives California campaign to help pass the California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Act of 2016. This important voter initiative will save lives and prevent teen smoking by increasing California's tobacco tax by \$2 a pack.

"The Sierra Club is proud to join the Save Lives campaign's unprecedented coalition targeting tobacco. As an environmental organization, we look forward to partnering with health advocates to help smokers quit and protect teens from tobacco, a pollutant with major public health consequences," said Kathryn Phillips, director of Sierra Club California. "Our active participation in the Save Lives campaign is squarely within the Sierra Club's mission to prevent premature deaths and the health consequences of smoking."

Sierra Club joins the California Medical Association, the American Heart Association, the American Lung Association, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, the California Dental Association, philanthropist Tom Steyer, and many others to support the Save Lives California campaign and pass the California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Act of 2016.

Smoking is the number one cause of preventable death in our state, killing 40,000 Californians annually. Studies show that for every 10 percent increase in the cost of a pack of cigarettes, youth smoking drops by up to 6.5 percent.



Paid for by Save Lives California, a coalition of Doctors, Dentists, Health Plans, Labor, Hospitals, and Non-profit Health Advocate Organizations. Major funding by California State Council of Service Employees Issues Committee and California Hospitals Committee on Issues, (CHCI) Sponsored by California Association of Hospitals and Health Systems (CAHHS).



March 1st Chapter Program Features Kilimanjaro Assent, the Masai and African Wildlife

In January 2016, Jim Vanderaa traveled to Tanzania with the primary goal of climbing 19,341 foot Mt Kilimanjaro via the Lemosho route. The top to bottom trek took 8 days, with the final 4000 foot ascent beginning at midnight so as to reach the summit in time to see sunrise from the roof of Africa.



Following the trek, Jim went on a 5 day safari in Tarangire, Serengeti, and Ngorongoro National Parks. There was also an opportunity to visit a Masai village in northern Tanzania and an elementary school in Moshi.

Jim was born in Montreal, Canada. He immigrated to the United States in 1986, eventually moving to southern California in 1989, where he started a construction

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National Club Election Coming This Spring

The annual election for the Club's Board of Directors is now underway. Those eligible to vote in the national Sierra Club election will receive in the mail (or by Internet if you chose the electronic delivery option) your national Sierra Club ballot. This will include information on the candidates and where you can find additional information on the Club's website.

The Sierra Club is a democratically structured organization at all levels. The Club requires the regular flow of views on policy and priorities from its grassroots membership in order to function well. Yearly participation in elections at all Club levels is a major membership obligation. Your Board of Directors is required to stand for election by the membership. This Board sets Club policy and budgets at the national level and works closely with the Executive Director and staff to operate the Club. Voting for candidates who express your views on how the Club should grow and change is both a

privilege and responsibility of membership.

Members frequently state that they don't know the candidates and find it difficult to vote without learning more. You can learn more by asking questions of your group and chapter leadership and other experienced members you know. Visit the Club's election website: <http://www.sierraclub.org/board/election>

This site provides links to additional information about candidates, and their views on a variety of issues facing the Club and the environment.

You should use your own judgment by taking several minutes to read the ballot statement of each candidate. Then make your choice and cast your vote. Even if you receive your election materials in the mail, please go to the user-friendly Internet voting site to save time and postage. If necessary, you will find the ballot is quite straightforward and easy to mark and mail.

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Sungevity contracted with a local electrical contractor to see the work through. "I could not be home to watch, so I had to trust that things would go well. The work was done efficiently with minimal disruption and no issues at all." Her heart sank though when she was told her electric service box would need to be replaced to meet code. I thought "Oh boy, here it comes. but Sungevity even replaced my old circuit box for no additional cost."

By now Mary Ann has had an entire year to evaluate her solar lease decision. "In 2014 before installing the rooftop solar, I paid Edison \$3,352.85." In 2015 after a full year of producing her own electricity, "I paid Sungevity \$1,602. My Edison bill was cut in half, my energy use was all clean energy and SCE owes me \$18 from net metering."

Rooftop solar is not for everyone; however, many mistakenly believe they will receive no savings through a cash installation or a lease, yet find with today's remarkable decrease in the cost of solar panels and the highly competitive

marketplace that they can indeed save money and help the environment at the same time. There's one way to find out – get a no obligation solar quote from Sungevity (see boxed information below).

GO SOLAR AND SAVE

Find out if you will benefit from a Sierra Club Solar Homes Program rooftop solar installation either by purchasing or leasing through the Sierra Club's solar partner Sungevity.

Visit our website and see what solar could do for you:

<http://sangorgonio.sierraclub.org>

Or request a quote at 844-815-5614

Each Sierra Club Solar Homes installation provides the Sierra Club with a \$750 contribution as well as another \$750 cash gift card to the customer. As always you are encouraged to do adequate comparison shopping for your solar solution.

Chapter 2016 Excom Election Update

By Dave Barrie

At the January 26 Chapter Executive Committee (Excom) meeting Kim Floyd (as Chair), Dave Barrie, and Sue Walker were appointed to be both the Nominating Committee and Election Committee for the 2016 Excom election.

At the same meeting the following Election Schedule was approved:

January 26: Deadline to appoint Nominating and Election Committees and set Election Schedule.

June 3: Deadline for Nominating Committee Chair to submit Chapter Election article to *Palm and Pine*.

September 2: Last date to accept nominations and Deadline for Nominating Committee to present list of candidates to the Excom.

September 16: Deadline for Petition Candidates to present petitions.

October 1: Deadline for Election Committee to provide final ballot, with petition candidates, (if any) to *Palm and Pine*.

October 21: *Palm and Pine* mailed. (Approx.)

November 21: Deadline to receive ballots.

November 22: 6:30 p.m. (at the Chapter office) Election Committee shall verify, open and count the ballots.

November 22: 7:00 p.m. Election Committee shall inform the candidates, the Excom, and any other interested parties of the results.

January 2017 – Annual Planning Meeting. Election Committee shall inform winning candidates of this required meeting.

The above information meets the requirements of our bylaws and standing rules but the next step is optional and up to you!

Check future issues of the *Palm and Pine* to learn how you might be able to help.

Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

MARCH-APRIL 2016

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

CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE: Items for the May/June 2016 Calendar are due by April 1, 2016 (no joke).

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**

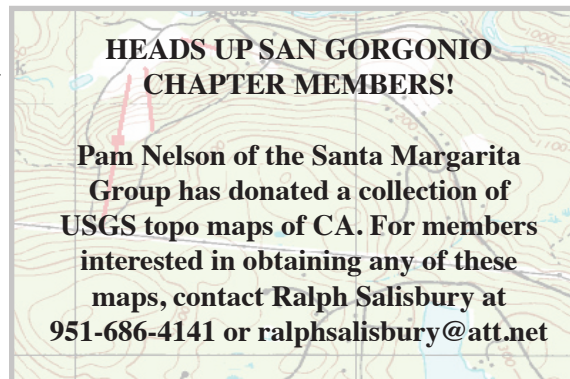
are required. They are: 1) map, 2) compass, 3), flashlight, 4) knife, 5) windproof/waterproof matches in waterproof case, 6) fire starter, 7) first aid kit, 8) extra food & water for emergency use only, 9) extra clothing including rainwear, & 10) sun protection including sunscreen/sunglasses/hat.

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 or 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.

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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 jensoasis@aol.com. MOJAVE GROUP

FRI 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING HIKE HIKE
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FEBRUARY 22 – FEBRUARY 28**Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings
(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)**

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

FEB 24 (WED) 4:30 PM OLIVE MTN HIKE
Enjoy the view from Olive Mountain with a moderate to difficult 4-mile round trip hike. Elevation gain of about 1,000 ft. We start promptly at 4:30 p.m. BRING: water, flashlight and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60fwy in Moreno Valley exit Perris, go north 1 mile, turn right on Kalmia, go ½ mile and turn left on Kitching. Park at the end of the road on Kitching. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: Christina Torres (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

FEB 26 (FRI) 9:00 AM THE CLAREMONT TRIANGLE HIKE
That's what I call East on the Thompson Creek Trail, North on the Pomello Trail and South on the Sycamore Canyon Trail, to return to the Thompson Creek Trail. Help celebrate my 3rd year as a Sierra Club Hike Leader by joining me on this moderate. 5 miler with a 800' elevation gain. BRING: water, sturdy boots, layered clothing and hiking poles. MEET: Please call to confirm by February 25, 5:00 PM, LEADER: JEFF WARHOL (909) 985-7686 or e-mail jmwandjw@hotmail.com. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

FEB 27 (SAT) 8:00 AM ARRASTRE FALLS HIKE
A 4 mile mile round trip through the lovely Arrastre Canyon. There is an uphill section of half a mile so I class this hike as moderate. BRING: Water, snacks, a camera and sturdy shoes. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley. INFO: Norman Bossom. 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com. MOJAVE GROUP

FEB 27 (SAT) 8:30 AM MURRAY HILL (PEAK) HIKE
This is an approximate 9.2 mile round-trip loop hike and a perennial favorite! Prominent from many directions, the pyramid-shaped Murray Hill offers panoramic views across the southern Santa Rosa Mountains. It is difficult to call Murray Hill anything but a "peak" yet officially it is a hill on all the maps and well worth the trek. After climbing to an elevation of 2,100' you will think it more like a PEAK! The views are magnificent, showing the region around Palm Springs, Cathedral City, and Palm Canyon while offering you the nearby San Jacinto Mountains to the west and if we are lucky, the desert will be in bloom! RATED: Strenuous in difficulty, RAIN OR BAD WEATHER CANCELS HIKE. MEET: Behind the Vons Shopping Center, 4733 E. Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs on Hwy 111. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, hiking boots, trekking poles, sun protection, energy snacks, lunch, and 2-liters of water RESERVATIONS: Contact Mike Nardoza, Hike Leader at mikenardoza@cox.net or (760) 685-5321, or you can also contact Ed Caliendo, Hike Leader at dogs111@msn.com at (760) 328-1090. BIG BEAR GROUP

FEB 28 (SUN) 8:30 AM BIG BEAR PCT HIKE
This hike begins at Onyx Summit Trail Head, 8,400 ft elevation, heading south, where we will come upon a movie set animals' compound. Just might be lucky enough and see a number of animals including lions, tigers and bears not currently "performing on stage". RATING: moderate with an 800' elevation gain. It is a seven mile out and back hike. BRING: 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, trekking poles, good hiking boots. MEET: Vons parking lot, 42170 Big Bear Blvd. Big Bear Lake where we will carpool to the trail head. Those coming up 38 through Redlands may meet us at the trail head at 9 AM RESERVATIONS: Contact Charlotte Watts at 909-866-7423 or momscampsite@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

FEBRUARY 29 – MARCH 6**Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings
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MAR 1 (TUE) 8:00 AM FRANKISH PEAK HIKE
This will be a strenuous 9 mile through hike on a steep use trail up to the top of Frankish Peak (elevation 4198 ft), with 2200 ft. elevation gain in 2.2 miles. We will hike down the north slope into a hidden valley, hike up to the Stoddard Peak saddle, and down Barrett Canyon to Mt. Baldy Road. Great panoramic views in all directions from the peak. Rain cancels. BRING: Sturdy boots, water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Contact John St. Clair to confirm and for directions to trailhead. LEADER: John St. Clair at 909-983-8501 or john@stclairs.us. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 1 (TUE) 8:00 AM BONITA VISTA FIRST DAY HIKE
The Bonita Vista First Day of the month hikes offer individuals and families an opportunity to rejuvenate and connect with the outdoors. The purpose of these hikes is to familiarize hikers with an area that is easily accessed by paved roads and has a variety of possibilities for different hikes from the same trailhead. As the name implies there are beautiful views to be had. RATING: Moderate, with an uphill at the beginning and downhill on the return. This hike is approximately 4 miles long. BRING: Water, a snack/lunch, and wear sturdy shoes/boots. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, Apple Valley Rd., Apple Valley at 8:00 AM. LEADER: Susan Stueber 760-900-5330, susanquintin.stueber@gmail.com, CO-LEADER: Jenny Wilder jensoasis@aol.com, 760-220-0730. MOJAVE GROUP

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MAR 1 (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

MAR 2-6 (WED-SUN) ANZA BORREGO STATE PARK SPRING CAR CAMP/HIKES
Visit this amazing California desert state park east of San Diego when temperatures are cooler and wild flowers may be blooming. Our space in a developed group campground is reserved from 2pm Wed. to noon on Sunday. Arrive anytime on Wednesday and explore the park on your own. An optional half-day off-road adventure with a commercial outfitter (\$135) on Thur. or Fri. Day hikes may require walking over rocky trails and some areas of rock scrambling off trail. Deposit required by February 1st to confirm participation. Limited to 18 people. For more information contact leader: Rich Juricich, rich.sierraclub@pacbell.net, 916-492-2181 CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

MAR 2 (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

MAR 3 (THU) 9:00 AM CHANTRY FLAT HIKE
This will be a moderately strenuous 10 mile loop hike from Chantry Flat, through Sturtevant Falls, Spruce Grove & Hoegees Campgrounds, returning via Upper Winter Creek Trail. This is a very scenic trail following creeks, mostly forested, with an elevation gain of 1800 feet. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, water, lunch & snacks, sunscreen, hat, and layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventure Pass is required for parking at trailhead. MEET: Kathy Viola to confirm and for directions to trailhead OR carpooling from Upland. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA, kviola826@gmail.com, 909-346-9653.
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 3 (THU) 4:30 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE
Moderate 4-mile loop hike on the Hidden Springs trail where wild burros are usually seen. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills. We start promptly at 4:30 p.m. Bring water and sturdy shoes, flashlight. MEET: Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES, cmt.teck@gmail.com, (951) 318-7503.
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAR 3 (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

MAR 4-5 (FRI-SAT) 9:00 AM EAST MOJAVE CAR CAMP/HIKE
This two day car camping and hiking trip will explore the geology and ecology of a few of the special highlights of the East Mojave Preserve. We will hike along a lava flow and up to the summit of a cinder cone, explore a lava tube, hike in the Granite Mtns and to the top of the Kelso Dunes. We will dry camp in the open desert. Rain MAY cancel. Email trip leader for more detailed trip information including recommended camping supplies. MEET: 9:00 AM Friday, March 4. RESERVATIONS and INFO: Contact leader for additional trip information, to confirm your participation and for directions to the Friday morning meeting place. Carpooling is suggested. LEADER: BRIAN ELLIOTT, 909-241-8036, b1elliott@gmail.com or brianelli@aol.com.
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 5 (SAT) NINTH ANNUAL WALK ON BLUE MOUNTAIN HIKE
Join the Friends of Blue Mountain, Sierra Club and The Foundation of Grand Terrace for the ninth annual hike/walk up beautiful Blue Mountain. This is the only day each year when the trail is open to the public. Friendly pets are allowed but must remain on a leash. There will be commemorative T-shirts available as well as information booths from service agencies and other environmental organizations. There will be a devotion at the top at 9:30 AM. See Page 12 for photos and further info; CONTACT: RALPH SALISBURY, ralphsalisbury@att.net.
CHAPTER

MAR 5 (SAT) 8:30 AM PCT SEC B/SEG 2 HIKE
This hike starts our series of four Section B hikes on the Saturdays of March. It takes you from Indian Flats campground Road to Chihuahua valley road. Hikers completing all eight Section B segments in 2013-2016 will receive a recognition patch at the annual awards party. This second segment takes us from Indian Flats Road (4,450 ft.) northward to Chihuahua Valley Rd (5,051 ft.) in 9.3 miles. We expect to break into two hiking groups and exchange car keys midway through the hike to save shuttle time on the dirt portion of Chihuahua Valley Rd. RATED: Moderate MEET: At the junction of Hwy 79 and Chihuahua Valley Road, northwest of Warner Springs. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, lunch, and 2.5-liters of water RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER DAVE MELTON, (760) 408-2456, dmelton61@yahoo.com or CO-LEADER ED CALIENDO, dogs111@msn.com, (442) 242-4103.
BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 5-6 (SAT-SUN) EXPLORE AFTON CANYON CARCAMP/HIKE
Afton Canyon Natural Area is 37 miles N/E of Barstow off the I-15. This is an area where the Mojave River runs above ground and the Mojave Road goes through the canyon. Afton Canyon is known for the outstanding scenery and riparian habitat. We will camp at the campground and hike into the canyon on both days to see the interesting sites. Hikes are rated moderate. For those who wish to get there early, camping will be available on Friday night also. Leader: Carol Wiley desertlily1@verizon.net or 760-245-8734.
MOJAVE GROUP

MARCH 7 – MARCH 13

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MAR 8 (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

MAR 9 (WED) 7:30 AM SUNSET PEAK HIKE
This will be a moderate 7 mile round trip hike on a fire road up to the top of Sunset Peak (elevation 5796 feet) with a 1300 foot gain. Great panoramic views in all directions from the peak! Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, water, snacks, sunscreen, hat, & layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventure Pass is required for parking at the trailhead. CONTACT Kathy Viola to confirm and for directions to trailhead or carpooling from Upland. LEADER KATHY VIOLA, 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com.
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 9 (WED) 4:30 PM OLIVE MTN HIKE
Enjoy the view from Olive Mountain with a moderate to difficult 4-mile round trip hike. Elevation gain of about 1,000 ft. We start promptly at 4:30 p.m. BRING: water, flashlight, sturdy shoes, and snack. DIRECTIONS: From 60fwy in Moreno Valley exit Perris, go north 1 mile, turn right on Kalmia, go ½ mile and turn left on Kitching. Park at the end of the road on Kitching. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES, (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAR 9 (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

MAR 10 (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

MAR 10-12 (THU-SAT) DEATH VALLEY WILDERNESS RESTORATION SERVICE
Come help restore wilderness values in this remote and beautiful desert park. It may be a spectacular wildflower year, and we will have time to stop and admire the flowers. Project has not yet been determined, but may be working on the Cottonwood Canyon trail. Possibility that it will change before March. Leader: Kate Allen, kj.allen96@gmail.com, 661-944-4056.
CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

MAR 11 (FRI) 9:00 AM S B MTS GREEN VALLEY LAKE SNOWSHOE OR HIKE
We will snowshoe or hike depending on the weather. Green Valley Lake has some of the best snow in our local mountains, so come and join me for a day of fun. No prior snowshoe experience is necessary--it is not difficult to learn--just another form of hiking. You need to provide your own equipment. WEAR layered clothing, BRING: No need to bring lunch just a snack and water. MEET: in Green Valley Lake across from the post office (33271 Green Valley Lake Rd, Green Valley Lake, at 9 AM. CALL to check on weather conditions. If no snow, we will hike. LEADER: SANDY ELLIS, 909-867-7115, fsellis67@gmail.com
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAR 12 (SAT) 8:00 AM PCT SEC B, CHIHUAHUA VALLEY HIKE
This PCT B Segment 3 hike is a total of 10.3 miles starting on Chihuahua Valley Road to Tule Canyon Truck Trail. Those hikers completing all nine segments of Section B will receive a special Recognition Award. We will cross-over from San Diego County to Riverside County. The PCT continues north along the east slope of Bucksnort Mountain to the East shoulder of Combs Peak (5595'). RATED: Moderate in difficulty BRING: ten-essential, 3-liters of water, lunch and trail snacks, and sun-protection. DIRECTIONS: From the junction of Hwy 74/371 drive south on Hwy 371, 4.3 miles to Kirby Road. We will meet at Kirby Road junction. From there we will caravan to the trailhead. This is a key exchange hike. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER DAVE MELTON, (760) 408-2456, dmelton61@yahoo.com or CO-LEADER SHARON NARDOZZA, snardozza@cox.net (760) 208-3654.
BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 12 (SAT) 8:30 AM HIDDEN FALLS HIKE
Enjoy a lovely hike in Arrastre Canyon in the Juniper Flats area south of Apple Valley. This hike takes us from historic Coxey Truck Trail (built in 1860s for the miners and cattle ranchers) into Arrastre Canyon via a surprising desert riparian area called Elderberry Spring. From there we climb a short hill and descend to Arrastre Creek and follow it up stream to a jumble of rocks which hide a hidden waterfall. We will return on the same trail, but take narrow loop trail to enjoy some additional views. We hope that this trail will become a designated hiking trail in the current West Mojave process. RATED: moderate 4-6 mile hike on unmaintained trails and some cross country. BRING: At least 3 liters of water, snacks, hiking poles and wear layered clothing, good hiking boots/shoes and hat. Don't forget your camera and binoculars! MEET: At the BLM kiosk trailhead on Coxey Truck Trail (high clearance vehicle recommended). LEADER: JENNY WILDER, JensOasis@aol.com, 760 220 0730.
MOJAVE GROUP

MAR 12 (SAT) 9:00 AM SANTA ROSA PLATEAU LOOP HIKE
Moderate to difficult (by length) 8-9 mile hike. We'll hike to the Vernal Pools (hopefully with water in March) and to the historic adobes and should see wildflowers along the way. BRING: water, snack/lunch, hiking poles if you want, and sturdy shoes. COST: \$4.00 entrance fee per person. MEET: Contact leader by 8:00 p.m. March 11 for meeting place and possible carpooling. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES, (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com.
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAR 12-18 (SAT- FRI) 8:15 AM PCT SECTION A BACKPACK
Here is a chance to hike the last sixty-miles of the Pacific Crest Trail last portion of Section A from Mt. Laguna to Warner Springs. This will complete Section A of the PCT, a 110 mile distance that started from the Mexican Border in March 2015. RATED: Moderate in difficulty. BRING: ten-essential, 2-liters of water, food, and necessary backpacking equipment to sustain a six day backpacking trip. MEET: At 8:15 a.m. Warner Springs southern County Fire Station, CDF Fire Station located at 31049 Highway 79, 92086 on Hwy 79. RESERVATIONS: Advanced confirmation required. LEADER: ED CALIENDO, (442) 242-4103, dogs111@msn.com.
BIG BEAR GROUP

MARCH 14 – MARCH 20

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MAR 14 (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

MAR 15 (TUE) 9:00 AM POTATO MOUNTAIN HIKE
Let's "peel" up together and visit the potato. This moderate, 4 mile R/T jaunt has a 1,200' elevation gain. It starts off in shady Evey Canyon and after reaching the saddle, we have exposures offering great vistas of the cities of Upland and Claremont below. BRING: water, sturdy boots, hiking sticks and layered clothing. Rain cancels. MEET: Please call by 5 PM March 14 for details and to confirm. LEADER: JEFF WARHOL, 909-985-7686, email jmwandjjw@hotmail.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

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Palm and Pine

Big Bear Group

By Ed Caliendo, Group Chair

Election of Board Members for 2016

We thank our members for their voting of our 2016 Executive Board. The results are in and the following individuals will serve for 2016:

Ed Caliendo, Chair	Ed Caliendo, Outings Chair
Ellen Kesler, Vice Chair	Terrence McCorkle, Member at Large
Marvin Cira, Treasurer	George Watson-Jones, Member at Large
Sherry Noone, Secretary	Don Jordan, Member at Large
	Ed Wallace, Conservation Chair

Top Ten for 2015

During 2015 your board was active in serving the Big Bear Community and the overall goals of the Sierra Club. Here are the Top Ten Things Accomplished!

1. Issued a \$1000 College Scholarship payment to worthy Big Bear High School 2015 graduate.
2. We organized three Fundraisers with local Big Bear merchant's in support of our College Scholarship Fund.
3. Our hike leaders lead 140 hikes, and three backpacking trips.
4. We recruited and trained six new Hike Leaders.
5. We adopted a Big Bear Trail/Preserve and maintain that area for visitors
6. Participated in the Rathbun corridor trail planning
7. Helped preserve the Sawmill Pebble Plain working with Big Bear Valley Education Trust, San Bernardino Mountain Land Trust, the City of Big Bear Lake, Inland Empire Resource Conservation District, and the U.S. Forest Service.
8. Presented the 13th Annual Xeriscape garden tour in support conservation of water and raise funds for our charitable undertakings.
9. Set up a new website for rollout in early 2016.
10. Developed job descriptions for the ExCom officers to help define the group's missions and responsibilities.

Water Sport Outings begins in May 2016 includes Canoes, Kayaks, and Paddle Board Activities

The 2016 Water Outings Program gets underway on Thursday, May 19th, 6:30 p.m. at the Big Bear Lake Discovery Center. Be sure to attend and learn more about the future summer month's activities. Learn about:

- Safety Training for use of Canoes, Kayaks, and Paddle boards – Friday mornings once a month during the summer
- Weekend morning paddle events
- Monthly outings
- July Paddle Fest Events with 5k, 10k, and 20k races and prizes
- Evening Moonlight water events

Single and double kayaks, plus paddle boards are available for rental from GET Boards, 40905 Big Bear Blvd, Big Bear Lake 92315, (909) 878-3155. Group discounts are available.

Five Peaks of Big Bear Award Program

For the 8th consecutive year, the Big Bear Group promotes health and fitness by issuing a "patch" in recognition of those individuals hiking all five peaks of Big Bear. In order to receive the award, you must accompany a Sierra Club Hiking Leader on a scheduled day-hike to each of the five peaks of Big Bear. At the end of the year, you will be invited to a "Patch Party" to receive your award.

Two experienced and trained Hike Leaders, Charlotte Watts and Peter Michelsen (pictured below), will provide the coordination and guidance to lead all interested hikers to the top of:

- Apr 3 (Sun) Gold Mountain (8.0 miles R/T, with 1,640' elev gain) - Peter Michelsen
- Apr 17 (Sun) Bertha Peak (7.5 miles R/T, with 1,400' elev gain) - Peter Michelsen
- Jun 5 (Sun) Gold Mtn (8.0 miles R/T, with 1,640' elev gain) - Peter Michelsen
- Jun 25 (Sat) Gray's Peak (8.0 miles R/T, with 1,400' elev gain) - Charlotte Watts
- Jul 9 (Sun) Bertha Peak (7.5 miles R/T, with 1,400' elev gain) - Peter Michelsen
- Jul 30 (Sat) Delamar Mtn (5.5 miles R/T, with 1,150' elev gain) - Charlotte Watts
- Aug 14 (Sun) Gray's Peak (8.0 miles R/T, with 1,400' elev gain) - Peter Michelsen
- Aug 21 (Sun) Delamar Mtn (5.5 miles R/T, with 1,150' elev gain) - Peter Michelsen
- Sep 11 (Sun) Bertha Peak (7.5 miles R/T, with 1,400' elev gain) - Charlotte Watts
- Sep 17 (Sat) Sugarloaf Mtn (10.0 miles R/T, with 2,500' elev gain) - Peter Michelsen
- Sep 25 (Sun) Gold Mtn (8.0 miles R/T, with 1,640' elev gain) - Charlotte Watts
- Oct 2 (Sun) Sugarloaf Mtn (10.0 miles R/T, with 2,500' elev gain) - Charlotte Watts



Pacific Crest Trail Special Recognition Awards for Section B, C, and D

In 2016, our primary focus will be the completion of Section C of the Pacific Crest Trail. Section C 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 of 9 day hikes and one 30-mile backpacking trip.

If you are interested in completing Section C of the Pacific Crest Trail our first hike begins on April 9th. Please look in the hiking section of this *Palm and Pine* to review the upcoming Section C hikes or go to our website at www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org.

In addition, we will schedule makeup segments of Section B and Section D of the Pacific Crest Trail. Those individuals who may have missed prior scheduled segments can selectively complete the missing segments.



Backpack Training and Excursions to the John Muir and Ansel Adams Wilderness

Over the weekend of June 11th and 12th, we will conduct our wilderness backpack training. This consists of two full days of wilderness training in the great outdoors. By completing the training, you become eligible to participate in our backpack excursion into the Ansel Adams Wilderness and John Muir Wilderness in the middle of July this year. This is a five day adventure you will not forget!

Ed Caliendo, Group Chair

Big Bear Group's Annual "Patch Party"

On May 1, 2016, the Big Bear Group will hold its annual Awards Party at the Aspen Glen Picnic Park in Big Bear Lake. For the past 8 years, we have given special recognition to individual hikers who have accomplished special feats over the last twelve months.

These special accomplishments have been done under the direct supervision of Big Bear Group Hike Leaders. This year we will award achievement "Patches" to:

- 22 overachievers who have hiked the Five Peaks of Big Bear, with over 8,000' elevation gain
- 4 hikers who completed Section B of the Pacific Crest Trail, 101.4 miles, and
- 3 hikers who completed Section D of the Pacific Crest Trail, 110.2 miles

On May 1, all Sierra Club hikers and their families are invited to participate. The day begins with three different hikes to choose based upon the individuals skills, plus a special "Nature Walk" for non hikers.

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

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

In Brief... A Special Trip to Eagle Rock

Twenty-four hikers took a short 6.0 hike in mid-January to "see it for themselves" the infamous natural rock formation located three-miles south of Warner Springs, CA, located a few hundred feet off of the Pacific Crest Trail. Seeing is believing!



Visit Big Bear Group's new Website!

If you have not visited our new website, please take a LOOK at www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org
It is full of information and photos.



Mojave Group

By Susan Stueber, Group Chair



Area being developed.

Tapestry

Despite overwhelming opposition from local residents and a flawed environmental impact report, the Hesperia City Council voted unanimously to approve the massive Tapestry project. This development plans over 16,000 houses accommodating around 50,000 new residents in the rural Summit Valley area. Locals have long treasured both the semi-rural lifestyle of Hesperia and

the open nature of Summit Valley, adjacent to the San Bernardino National Forest. There are many negatives and very few if any positives concerning this project that affects the entire High Desert, not just Hesperia. Water is a big issue, dust, traffic congestion, destruction of wildlife habitat and the elimination of the feeling of wide-open spaces. Legal challenges are expected, and local residents are working on political action to stop or lessen Tapestry's impacts.

Juniper Flats

Not much has happened recently as far as the Restoration Grant for the area. There hasn't been any restoration work done as of yet. The BLM has hired some new people and we are hoping that work and training will start happening soon! The grant started Nov. 1 of 2014 and ends Nov. 1, 2017. We are looking forward to a great wildflower season. As can be seen by our hike schedule there are a lot of hikes in Juniper Flats in April, the most popular one being the "Wildflower Hike."



Quintin Lake standing in the middle of a field of Cream Cups and Gold Fields.

Moreno Valley Group

By Ann McKibben, Secretary

Group outings leader Christina Torres has put together some fun Moreno Valley Group hikes for March and April. On March 3rd there is a Hidden Springs Hike at 4:30 pm. Meet at Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. Rain Cancels. A complete list of our group hikes can be found at http://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/groups/moreno_valley

A bald eagle count will take place at 8:00 am on Saturday, March 12th at the Lake Perris State Recreation Area (LPSRA). Anyone can take part in the count. Participants will meet at Perris Regional Indian Museum for orientation which is located within the LPSRA. You do not have to pay the entrance fee if you are taking part in the count. The count lasts about an hour with the wrap-up taking place at the museum. You are then free to spend the rest of the day at LPSRA at no cost. Please call (951) 940-5600 to verify all information. <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/sbnf/news-events/?cid=FSEPRD488513>

Check out our group Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/MorenoValleySierraClub> for upcoming outings, links to newspaper articles & other interesting items. Our web page is: http://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/groups/moreno_valley

The Western Municipal Water District will hold the Earth Night in the Garden event in April 2016 from 3:00 to 7:00 pm; 450 E. Alessandro Blvd., Riverside. <http://www.wmwd.com/>

The developer of the World Logistics Center (WLC) has done everything possible to bypass the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). His money paid to circulate three initiatives which would have allowed Moreno Valley residents to vote on the project. Instead of allowing the city residents to vote, the city council voted to approve the controversial project. Local residents started a referendum after Thanksgiving to allow city residents to vote on the project. The developer brought in more than a hundred paid people to harass and intimidate the signature gathers. The large amount of money paid to these same people to collect rescission signatures has made it almost impossible for the referendum to be successful. A final count is due no later than February 11th. The Sierra Club had the required settlement conference with the developer and the city on January 25th but little was accomplished. It is hard to conceive a project of this magnitude as being compatible with the ecology and public health of the Inland Empire. Sierra Club will continue to vigorously litigate the CEQA case.

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 helped in the past and continue to support our work.

Villages of Lakeview (VOL): According to the Riverside County Planning Department there is no release date for the revised, recirculated environmental impact



Hiking Terri Peak

Photo by Christina Torres



Two above photos of Zanja Peak Hike, January 2016
Photo by Christina Torres

report for the proposed VOL housing project (8,900 units) on the southern boundary of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. Contact Riverside County Planner Matt Straite at MSTRAITE@rctlma.org or (951) 955-8631 for more information and to be put on their mailing list.

Lawsuit is filed, Riverside County General Plan and Climate Action Plan: On January 6, 2016, three conservation groups (Center for Biological Diversity, Sierra Club and San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society) sued Riverside County over its general plan amendment and climate action plan (CAP). The groups have spent years following the general plan update and CAP process, submitting lengthy and detailed comment letters. The general plan amendment and CAP were approved by the Riverside County board of supervisors on December 8, 2015. According to the lawsuit, the plan does not adequately address greenhouse gases, would increase sprawl, and would increase the loss of significant agricultural lands. Also, it would increase development on the boundary of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and affect at-risk species of plants and animals.

Lawsuit filed, Mid County Parkway, Riverside County: On January 22, 2016, four conservation groups filed a second lawsuit on the \$1.7 billion Mid County Parkway. The six-lane 16-mile freeway between the cities of San Jacinto and Perris would cut through low income neighborhoods in the city of Perris, threaten wildlife preserves and increase air pollution and greenhouse gas pollution. The environmental documents admit the project would have these issues. The conservation groups want

the project to use cleaner, cheaper upgrades to the Ramona Expressway to improve traffic safety. The lawsuit was filed against the Federal Highway Administration in U.S. federal court in Riverside by the Center for Biological Diversity, Sierra Club, San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society, and Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley.

For hours and visitors fees for Lake Perris State Recreation Area (LPSRA) please see: <https://www.facebook.com/Lakeperris> & http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=651 Notice that Bernasconi Beach access will be closed due to the repair of the dam. Those over 62

years can purchase an annual pass for \$20.00 at LPSRA; it is valid until Dec. 31.

Moreno Valley Recreational Trails Board hike, Saturday, March 26, 2016: Hike to San Timoteo Canyon (Moderate), 7:30 am; meet in the parking area next to the mobile office, Moreno Valley Equestrian Center, 11150 Redlands Blvd, MV. Verify all information at (951) 413-3703. List of hikes: http://www.moreno-valley.ca.us/resident_services/park_rec/trails.shtml

Mountains Group

By Dave Barrie, Group Chair

And where were we at this time last year?

We were watching. Watching Church of the Woods, watching Serenity Rehab, watching SkyPark/Santa's Village and watching San Bernardino County's General Plan update.

And today? Still watching all of them. A little progress here, a little setback there, but really not a lot of significant movement yet.

Oh yeah, we're watching the Rimforest Storm Drain project now too.

Doing most of the vigilant watching is our newly reformed Conservation Committee with co-chairs Bob Sherman and Steve Farrell.

On the election scene, the Mountains Group 2015 Excom Election Committee Chair Sue Walker wrapped up the ballot counting at Keller Hut on December 5th and reported that incumbents Dave Barrie and Chris Del Ross-Risher were re-elected for additional two-year

terms. Joining them is first-time Excom member Debby McAllister. Debby will be taking over Bill Eng's Treasurer post. Leaving the Excom was Sherry Noone, the Mountains Group Secretary for almost 11 years. Thank you Sherry for all of your "minutes" with us! For a change of pace Sherry was recently elected to the Big Bear Excom and will be the Group's Secretary.

And with Sherry gone the Mountains Group could really use a new Secretary. If you are interested, contact me at barriemail@mac.com

That was the end of the 2015 election process, and now here is the start of the 2016 election process for the Mountains Group:

On February 2, 2016, the Excom appointed Dave Barrie (as Chair) Sue Walker, and Chris Del Ross-Risher to serve as both the Nominating Committee and Election Committee for this year's Excom election.

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- At that same time we approved the following Election Schedule for 2016:
- February 2:** Deadline to appoint Nominating and Election Committees and set Election Schedule.
- June 3:** Deadline for Nominating Committee Chair to submit Group Election Rules to *Palm and Pine*.
- September 3:** Last date to accept nominations.
- September 3:** Deadline for Nominating Committee to present list of candidates to the Excom.
- September 17:** Deadline for Petition Candidates to present petitions.
- October 1:** Deadline for Election Committee to provide final ballot with petition candidates (if any) to *Palm and Pine*.
- October 21:** *Palm and Pine* mailed. (approx.)
- November 25:** Deadline to receive ballots.
- December 3:** Between 3:30 and 5:00 pm at Keller Hut the Election Committee shall verify, open and count the ballots.
- December 5:** 7:00 pm Election Committee shall inform the Excom of the results.

It is not too early for you to be thinking about serving on the Mountains Group Executive Committee. If that sounds like something you might want to pursue, you can contact Dave Barrie (at barriemail@mac.com) to get your name into the hat.

Not sure if you are a Mountains Group member? If your ZIP is 92317, 92321, 92322, 92325, 92326, 92341, 92352, 92378, 92382, 92385 or 92391, you are. (There are a few special cases where folks outside those ZIPs have asked to be members of our Group but they already know who they are.)

Want to check your membership or want to find out more about the responsibilities of an Excom member? Contact Dave Barrie (me) at barriemail@mac.com.

Remember, everything accomplished by the Mountains Group is done by volunteers and you can help make a difference.

Maybe you would like to volunteer to help raise funds for the Mountains Group by doing a three-hour shift at the Thrift Shoppe in Blue Jay. Contact Heather Sargeant at heathercsoo@aol.com to find out how to do that.



Political Update

By Jono Hildner, San Geronio Chapter Political Chair

The update for this edition will be brief, but very important!

As you all should be aware, last year, the legislature passed and the Governor signed Senate Bill 350, one of the most aggressive legislative initiatives to address climate change in the nation.

This legislation requires that large energy companies get 50% of their power from renewable sources by the year 2030. It also requires a 50% increase in energy efficiency in buildings by 2030. The original bill, passed by the Senate, included a third 50% by 2030 provision. It would have required a reduction in the use of petroleum for transportation.

Unfortunately, a group of Assembly members calling themselves the "Moderate Democratic Caucus" blocked the third part of the bill and it passed without that provision. In fact, the "Moderate Democratic Caucus" takes huge contributions from the Western States Petroleum Association and other affiliated groups and could be called the "Democratic Petroleum Caucus."

The Sierra Club has chosen to fight this fraud and we have endorsed Eloise Gomez Reyes, a Democrat, to challenge an incumbent member of this Petroleum Caucus, Cheryl Brown. Organized labor has also determined that Asm. Brown is a Democrat in name only (DINO) and will be working actively to unseat Brown in favor of Reyes.

This is shaping up to be the hottest race in California this year and is drawing a lot of attention from around the state and even nationally. We will need the help of



all our members and supporters to make a clear statement that we cannot have representatives in districts where their constituents are abnormally highly affected by terrible air quality, voting with the very polluters who are making the population sick! EXPECT TO GET AN EMAIL OR A CALL TO HELP IN THIS EFFORT!!

The update in the May-June *Palm and Pine* is expected to include a whole bunch of political endorsements from across the Chapter. It will be important that you work and vote for these endorsed candidates if you live in their district!

LET'S KEEP TURNING THE SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER GREEN!

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MAR 15 (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

MAR 17 (THU) 4:30 PM BOX SPRINGS PARK HIKE
Moderate 4 mile round trip hike to the towers via Spring trail. Approx. 400 ft elevation gain. We start promptly at 4:30 p.m. BRING: water, flashlight and sturdy shoes. DIRECTION: From 60fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Pigeon Pass about 4 miles where road veers left and turns into Box Springs Mountain Road (mostly dirt road). In 1.2 miles you reach the parking area on the right. Parking fee \$5. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES, (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAR 17 (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

MAR 18-21 (FRI-MON) HIKE AND TOUR IN MOJAVE PRESERVE HIKES
Meet at Sunrise Campground on Friday at noon and then visit the historic "rock house" and hike the loop. Camping at Sunrise is primitive. Saturday will be a longer hike from Mid Hills down the canyon towards Hole-in the Wall and hopefully we'll see wildflowers. Camp at Mid Hills Campground. Sunday we can hike to Teutonia Peak and view Cima Dome and camp again at Sunrise Rock for those who would like to stay over another night. Monday we can tour through the Preserve to Amboy Crater, where we can finish the tour with a hike up the crater. All hikes will be moderate to easy. LEADER: CAROL WILEY, desertlily1@verizon.net, (760) 245-8734. MOJAVE GROUP

MAR 19 (SAT) PISGAH LAVA TUBES CAVE EXPLORATION
Pisgah lava tube hike, cave exploring. March 19. Come and experience the underground wonders of the Pisgah crater lava tubes. Approximate 3 mile hike across the lava field with minimal elevation gain, loss. We will explore at least two of the largest tubes. BRING a flashlight, water, lunch, long pants and shirt, baseball hat, gloves and your best beat up hiking boots. No tennis shoes. Plan on getting a little dirty, but we'll have a great time. Limit 15. MEET: Contact leader for meet up time, place and other info. LEADER: BILL SPRENG, 760 951 4520. bspreng@verizon.net
MOJAVE GROUP

MAR 19 (SAT) 7:00 AM PCT SEC B TULE CYN TRUCK RD TO HWY 74 HIKE
This 17 mile PCT Segment No. 4 hike provides beautiful scenic views on the Pacific Crest Trail. Those hikers completing all nine segments of Section B will receive a special Recognition Award. We will hike from Tule Canyon north towards Table Mountain (4,910') and then descend to Alkali Wash (4540') before reaching Hwy 74. We are considering a either a shuttle or key exchange with a second group that will hike from the other direction. RATED: Moderate-Strenuous due to length. BRING: Ten essentials, 3-liters of water, lunch and trail snacks, layered clothing, sun protection, hat and trekking poles. MEET: At the PCT crossing off Hwy 74, located approximately 1.0 miles east of Hwy 74/Hwy 371 Junction. A road sign identifies the PCT crossing. The dirt parking lot, accessible to all vehicles, is located on the north side of Hwy 74. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER SHARON NARDOZZA, (760) 408-2456, snardoza@cox.net or CO-LEADER DARLENE TAYLOR, 951-385-5706, dtaylorncrew@verizon.net
BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 19 (SAT) 8:30 AM BLAIR VALLEY-ANZA BORREGO STATE PARK HIKE
Join us on a two part moderately difficult hike within Blair Valley. We will first drive to the Marshal South Cabin Trail. Marshal South, his wife and 3 children lived atop the remote mountaintop from February 1932 to the mid-'40s in an adobe cabin, much like the Native Americans of that region. Little remains of the dwelling but the view from the site is awesome. This trail is about 1.5 round trip and is the steepest climb of the day, but well worth the effort. From here we will drive to the Pictograph Trail head. After hiking the mile trail to the pictographs we will hike to a dry falls where the canyon falls off, taking in the views to the South. For the remainder of the hike we will bushwhack through Smugglers Canyon taking in the desert scenery. There is a slow elevation change but the area is relatively flat. The total distance for the two hikes combined is about 8 miles with about 900' of elevation gain/loss. For those interested there is another place of interest, the Morteros Trail. This is a self-guided tour of the ruins of a Kumeyaay Indian Village. This will not be part of the hike, however I will show you where it is and you can spend as much or as little time as you like at the site. WEAR: long pants (many sharp cacti), high top hiking boots, (or gators) with tough soles, dress in layers. BRING a gallon of water per person, a hat, snacks, a lunch and of course sunscreen and sun glasses. DIRECTIONS: From Temecula take Ca-79 south (about 40 miles). Turn left onto San Felipe Rd/S2. At junction with CA-78 turn right then left on CR-S2 again. After mile sign 22 the road will turn slightly left then to the right. When it begins to straighten out the entrance is on the left. We will meet near the restrooms. If you see mile marker 23 you went too far. The dirt roads in the park are in fair condition and passable by car but a high clearance vehicle is better. Steady rain cancels. If anybody is interested in ride sharing to the hike please visit our Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/SierraClubSantaMargaritaGroup/> Go to the events page, click on the Blair Valley Hike and use the comment section to request or volunteer ride-share information. LEADER: GARY MARSALONE, hikesie@gmail.com, 858-663-1201.
SANTA MARARITA GROUP

MAR 19 (SAT) 9:00 AM WALNUT CREEK HIKE
Also known as the MDA or Michael D. Antonovich Trail, is a 3 mile R/T hike with a mere 400' elevation gain. These numbers make for an easy jaunt through canyon woods with multiple stream crossings, so hiking poles are strongly advised. BRING: poles, water, sturdy boots and layered clothing. Rain cancels. MEET: Please call or e-mail to confirm by 5 PM March 18. LEADER: JEFF WARHOL 909-985-7686 or jmwandjw@hotmail.com.
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 19 (SAT) 9:00 AM PACIFIC CREST TRAIL, SILVERWOOD LAKE HIKE
A moderate 8 mile hike on the PCT from the Silverwood Park office to Cedar Spring Dam and return, with a 500ft gain. There are beautiful views of the lake from the trail, and possible distant sightings of snow-capped peaks. BRING hiking boots, jacket, lunch and 2 bottles of water. MEET: Call for meeting place details. LEADER: HEATHER SARGEANT 909-336-2836
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAR 20 (SUN) 8:30 AM SKYLINE TRAIL HIKE
Completed very recently by mountain bikers, their friends and supporters, this trail extends several miles from Bear Mountain past the Lodgepole Pine. The trail offers many fine views of the San Geronio Wilderness, and, with a sharp eye you may be able to spot a bit of the Inland Empire. This is a trail carved mainly by and for bikers, so please yield to them. It is a six mile in and out hike. RATING: Easy to moderate. Elevation gain 400 feet. MEET: Vons parking lot, Big Bear Lake, at 8:30 AM and we will car pool to the trailhead. BRING: Layered clothing, the ten essentials including a good pair of waterproof hiking boots, lunch/snack, hat, two liters of water, sunscreen,
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sunglasses, and trekking poles. Crampons could be considered for emergencies. Heavy snow/rain cancels. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER, PETER MICHELSEN, petermichelsen@gmail.com or (760) 333 3103. BIG BEAR GROUP

MARCH 21 – MARCH 27

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

MAR 22 (TUE) 8:00 AM PCT TO EAGLE ROCK HIKE
This is a moderate 8 mile 1-way hike with 700 feet elevation gain which requires a car shuttle. This section of the PCT near Warner Springs, rolls through meadows and ranch lands, with spectacular wildflower blooms in the spring, oak tree lined canyons and creeks, and the highlight boulder formation known as Eagle Rock. You will want your camera for this hike!! Rain cancels. BRING: water, lunch, sturdy boots, hat, sunscreen and layered clothing appropriate for the weather. CONTACT leader by March 20 to reserve a spot due to car shuttle arrangements. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA 909-346-9653 or kviola826@gmail.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 22 (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

MAR 24 (THU) 9:00 AM STURTEVANT FALLS HIKE
The trail from Chantry Flats parking area to Sturtevant Falls is an easy 3.7 mile round trip hike but be aware that the last 0.6 mile return to the parking lot is all uphill and is sometimes referred to as “cardiac hill.” Along the way you pass private cabins built in the early 1900s and pass by a system of concrete check dams that create their own series of waterfalls before reaching 50 foot Sturtevant Falls. There are several stream crossings before arriving at the falls, so trekking poles are recommended. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Contact leader prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, <john@stclairs.us> or 909-983-8501.
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 25 (FRI) 9 AM S B MTS, GREEN VALLEY LAKE RIDGE HIKE
Join us for a ridge hike around Green Valley Lake with beautiful views of the high desert. Distance: about 5 miles. WEAR: hiking boots, hat. BRING: layered clothing, water, and snack. WEAR layered clothing, BRING: No need to bring lunch just a snack and water. MEET: in Green Valley Lake across from the post office (33271 Green Valley Lake Rd, Green Valley Lake. CALL for weather conditions and to confirm you are coming. LEADER: SANDY ELLIS, 909-867-7115, fsellis67@gmail.com
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAR 25-27 (FRI-SUN) CALIFORNIA DESERT WILDERNESS SERVICE
Join Mojave Group and the CA/NV Wilderness Committee for our annual desert wilderness service project with wilderness staff Needles office of BLM. This year’s destination is still top-secret at press time, but Turtle Mountains, Dead Mountains or Clipper Mts are all potential choices for some fun and useful restoration work, wilderness enhancement, and spring desert enjoyment. Central commissary, contact Vicky Hoover 415-977-5527 or vicky.hoover@sierraclub.org. LEADER: Carol Wiley at desertlily1@verizon.net or (760) 245-8734.
MOJAVE GROUP

MAR 26 (SAT) 7:30 AM PCT SEC B SEG 5, HWY 74 TO CEDAR SPRINGS HIKE
This is a 15.7 mile segment. The trailhead starts at Highway 74 and heads north to Penrod Canyon we continue on passing Lion Peak, Pyramid Peak and Little Desert Peak, before meeting Cedar Spring trail at a saddle, from there we’ll descend to the ending trailhead. Starting elevation is 5040 ft. with 1000 ft. gain. We will plan to facilitate a key exchange or shuttle. RATED: Moderate-strenuous due to length. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, lunch and trail snacks and 3.0-liters of water. MEET: PCT crossing of Hwy 74, located approximately 1.0 miles east of Hwy 74/Hwy 371 junction. A road sign identifies the PCT crossing. The dirt parking area is located on the north side of Hwy 74.

RESERVATIONS: Contact ASST. LEADER MIKE NARDOZZA, 760-685-5321, mikenardozza@cox.net, or LEADER DAVE MELTON, dmelton61@yahoo.com, (760) 408-2456
BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 26 (SAT) 8:00 AM ROUND MOUNTAIN HIKE
This 5-mile round trip hike is rated easy. We will go to Round Mountain but not the top. This gentle walk through some of the Juniper Flats area with its scenic views of the San Bernardino Mountains and the Victor Valley is not to be missed. There is every possibility that the area will be covered in wildflowers. BRING water, snacks and a camera. WEAR sturdy shoes, layered clothing and a hat. MEET: Apple Valley Museum, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, 92308 by 8am. INFO: contact leader if further details are required. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, coachnorm@yahoo.com 760-912-3725.
MOJAVE GROUP

MAR 26 (SAT) 8:00 AM WHITEWATER TO COTTONWOOD HIKE
The hike starts at the Whitewater Canyon Preserve, (formerly the Whitewater Trout Farm) and meanders south on the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) approximately 7.6 miles to the Cottonwood Trail Head. This is a through-hike and carpooling will be required. The hiker experiences crossing the Whitewater River and approximately a 1,300’ elevation gain. This hike is rated “moderate/strenuous” in difficulty due to the distance and elevation gain. BRING the ten-essentials, adequate water, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat. WEAR layered clothing, and good hiking shoes. MEET: Whitewater Canyon Preserve parking lot. The trout farm is open to the public. INFO & LEADER ED CALIENDO, dogs111@msn.com, (442) 242-4103.
BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 26 (SAT) 9:00 AM PINE KNOT TRAIL HIKE
Beginners welcome! This is a hike starting in Aspen Glenn picnic ground on Mill Creek Rd. This trail takes the hiker through a forest of Jeffries pine, white fir with some black oak. It eventually ends at Grand View Point, where we can observe the burned acreage of the June Jenks Lake fire. You will also have a glorious view of the San Gorgonio Wilderness. RATING: Moderate, a 7 mile round trip with 900’ elevation gain BRING: 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sunglasses, sun protection, hat, trekking poles and a good pair of hiking boots. WEAR layered clothing as it is often very cool in the morning up here. MEET: Aspen Glenn picnic ground. RESERVATIONS: contact LEADER, CHARLOTTE WATTS, momscampsite@gmail.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 26 (SAT) 9:15 AM STODDARD PEAK HIKE
Come along and enjoy a nice hike and climb to the top of Stoddard Peak, located off San Antonio Cyn near Mt. Baldy. Moderate pace, 6 miles round trip, 1,100’ gain. The hike in Barrett Canyon is easy and goes past some charming cabins. The last half mile up Stoddard Peak is a steep scramble. MEET 9:15 am in the City of Claremont at US Bank, 393 W. Foothill Blvd., 91711 (NE corner of Foothill and Indian Hill Blvd). Park in the back lot, away from the entrance to the bank. BRING 2 litres of water, lunch, snacks, appropriate footwear, and layered clothing. Rain cancels. LEADER: BILL JOYCE (909) 596-6280 bill@rollingtherock.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MARCH 28 – APRIL 3

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

APR 1 (FRI) 8:00 AM BONITA VISTA FIRST DAY HIKE
The Bonita Vista First Day of the month hikes offer individuals and families an opportunity to rejuvenate and connect with the outdoors. The purpose of these hikes is to familiarize hikers with an area that is easily accessed by paved roads and has a variety of possibilities for different hikes from the same trailhead. As the name implies there are beautiful views to be had. There is also a chance that there will be some wildflowers starting to bloom. RATING: Moderate, with an uphill at the beginning and downhill on the return. This hike is approximately 4 miles long. BRING: Water, a snack/lunch, (binoculars and camera optional), and wear sturdy shoes/boots. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, Apple Valley Rd. Apple Valley at 8:00 AM. LEADER: SUSAN STUEBER, susanquintin.stueber@gmail.com 760-900-5330.
MOJAVE GROUP

****APR 1 (FRI) 9:00 AM BONITA FALLS HIKE**
This will be an easy hike to the 90 foot Bonita (“beautiful”) Falls in Lytle Creek Canyon. About 3 miles round trip, slight elevation gain. Adventure Pass required at trailhead. BRING: water and a snack; wear sturdy shoes/boots. Rain cancels. MEET: Contact leader prior to scheduled date for the meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, john@stclairs.us, 909-983-8501.
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

APR 1-3 (FRI-SUN) 11:00 AM ANZA BORREGO SP - CULP VALLEY CAR CAMP
Culp Valley, in the Upper Sonoran plant zone, is our base for this family friendly outing. Choose from a variety of activities including a moderate 7.5 mile hike down the CA Riding & Hiking Trail to Borrego Valley 3000 feet below, or a 5.5 mile moderate/difficult hike 1000’ up Hellhole canyon in a palm oasis to catch a glimpse of the 20’ seasonal Maiden Hair Falls. Visit the Anza-Borrego State Park Visitors Center, which hosts an easy interpretive trail, educational exhibits, & a theater. On shorter, easier hikes we’ll view beautiful vistas, local springs, & Indian rock mortars. Primitive campground (No facilities except for pit toilets). BRING water. Cell service may be spotty. OK for passenger cars, campers, small trailers, and small RV’s. You may arrive anytime. RESERVATIONS: Contact leader for registration and directions, LEADER, KARLA BARTON, 760-805-0782, <kbarkus2000@yahoo.com>. CO-LEADER: HEATHER SARGEANT 909-336-2836.
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

APR 2 (SAT) 8:00 AM WILDFLOWER HIKE IN JUNIPER FLATS AREA HIKE
We are all looking forward to a good wildflower showing this year due to receiving some rain. This will be a leisurely hike so that there will be ample time to take pictures and identify. Bring your camera and wildflower identification books. It may be necessary to caravan to the trailhead as there is limited parking. RATED: Easy/Moderate. This hike is approximately 3-4 miles roundtrip. BRING: Water, a snack/lunch, binoculars, cameras, sun protection (hat/sunscreen). WEAR sturdy shoes/boots. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, Apple Valley Rd. Apple Valley at 8:00 AM. LEADER: SUSAN STUEBER 760-900-5330, susanquintin.stueber@gmail.com
MOJAVE GROUP

APR 2 (SAT) 9:00 AM ROCK TANKS LOOP HIKE
Join me on a 7.5 mile hike in the Anza- Borrego Desert. This hike is moderately strenuous with 1300’ gain/loss. The hike begins with a 1.3 mile hike up an obscure jeep trail into Palo Verde Canyon where we will hike on an American Indian trail for the next 2.1 miles. This is a narrow trail with a lot of loose rock on the side of a steep slope. We will pass a prehistoric wonderstone mine, used to make stone tools. We will leave the trail when we reach Smoke Tree Canyon. Here we will find natural rock tanks, which are depressions worn in the rocks by flash floods. They serve as reservoirs of water for months after major floods. The final leg of the hike (3 miles) we will negotiate down and around boulders and a dry falls as we make our way through the canyon back to the road and then 1.6 mile back to the cars. BRING at least 3 qts of water, a lunch, and sturdy hiking shoes with good traction.

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WEAR: layered clothing and don't forget a hat and sunscreen. I would strongly suggest wearing long pants and a long sleeve shirt. The trail is narrow in places with cactus and ocotillo near enough to brush against. DIRECTIONS: From Borrego springs, follow Highway S-22 (Palm Canyon Drive, Pegleg Road and Borrego Salton Seaway) generally east for about 14 miles to mile 32.9, where Palo Verde Wash crosses Borrego Salton Seaway. Please park off the pavement. . The canyons we will use are subject to flooding. If anybody is interested in ride sharing to the hike please visit our Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/SierraClubSantaMargaritaGroup/>. Go to the events page, click on the Rock Tanks Loop Hike and use the comment section to request or volunteer ride-share information. Rain or threat of showers cancels. RESERVATIONS: Registration required. Contact LEADER BOB AUDIBERT, bob.takeahike1@gmail.com, (951) 302-1059. SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

APR 2 (SAT) 8:00 AM SAMUELSON ROCKS, JOSHUA TREE NP HIKE
John Samuelson was born in Sweden in 1873 and migrated to America settling in Joshua Tree in 1926. He established a homestead near Quail Springs and carved political sayings on the rocks that surrounded his wood and canvas shack. Those carvings are still there today to see and be appreciated. This is a 6.0 mile round-trip mile hike. RATING: easy/moderate. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 2.0 liters of water, lunch, and sun protection. MEET: Park Blvd Joshua Tree National Park Visitor Center, just south of Hwy 62 and Park Blvd intersection, 6554 Park Blvd, Joshua Tree 92252. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER, ED CALIENDO, (442) 242-4103, dogs111@msn.com BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 3 (SUN) 8:30 AM GOLD MOUNTAIN HIKE
This is a Peaks of Big Bear hike. Those achieving all five peaks in one year will be given a commemorative patch. It is an 8.0 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1,300 feet. Conditions may be a bit muddy due to snow melt and run off. If that is the case the abundant quartz deposits could be much more colorful when wet. Heavy snow/rain cancels. RATED: Moderate but could be strenuous due to possible snow, ice and mud. BRING: A good pair of water-proof hiking boots, trekking poles, coat, layered clothing, 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, hat, sun-glasses and sun-screen. Crampons could be considered for emergencies. MEET: Vons parking lot on the boulevard in Big Bear Lake. We will car pool to the trail head. Those coming up on 18 through the Lucerne valley may meet us at the trailhead at 9 AM on Holcomb Valley Rd near the transfer station. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER PETER MICHELSEN, petermichelsenor@gmail.com or call me at 760-333-3103. BIG BEAR GROUP

APRIL 4 – APRIL 10

Please read “**LIABILITY WAIVER**” preceding these listings
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APR 4 (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

APR 5 (TUE) 8:00 AM PCT TO SWARTHOUT CANYON HIKE
This section of the PCT begins near the 15 Fwy. & Hwy 138 and heads west, crossing railroad lines along the way. We will hike 5.5 miles out and then back, making it an 11 mile round trip. Rain cancels. BRING: water, lunch, sturdy boots, hat, sunscreen, & layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Carpool from Upland with previous arrangements. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA 909-346-9653 or kviola826@gmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

APR 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

APR 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

APR 7 (THU) 8:00 AM SANTA ROSA PLATEAU, MURRIETA HIKE
Come enjoy hiking through this Ecological Reserve in all of its glory while grasslands are still green, temperatures mild, and wildflowers bloom prolifically during the spring! We will hike several trails, encompassing Vernal Pool, Adobe Loop, Poppy Hill, and Monument Hill. Be prepared to hike 10 miles in rolling terrain while enjoying vistas & wildflowers! COST: \$4 fee to enter park. Rain cancels. BRING: water, lunch, sturdy boots, hat, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather, & you will want your camera for this hike! MEET: We will carpool from Upland with previous arrangements. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA, 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

APR 7 (THU) 5:00 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE
Moderate 4-mile loop hike on the Hidden Springs trail where wild burros are usually seen. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills. We start promptly at 5:00 p.m. Rain cancels. BRING water and sturdy shoes, flashlight. MEET: Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. INFO and LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com MORENO VALLEY GROUP

APR 9 (SAT) 8:00 AM DEEP CREEK CANYON HIKE
Come and enjoy spring in the ‘Grand Canyon’ of the Mojave Desert. This 8 mile round trip is rated as moderate because of the distance. Apart from an initial 200 foot elevation gain over a short distance the terrain is flat. We will go as far as the Rainbow Bridge before returning. Whatever the time of year, this historic area provides spectacular views. BRING: water, snacks, a camera. Wear sturdy shoes, layered clothing and a hat. MEET: Apple Valley Museum, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, by 8 a.m. INFO & LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, 760-912-3725, coachnorm@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

****APR 9 (SAT) 8:00 AM PCT, SILVERWOOD LAKE TO I-15 HIKE**
This is the start of the Pacific Crest Trail, Section C. Those hikers completing all nine segments will receive a special recognition patch. This hike is a 13.6 mile through- hike. RATING: Strenuous due to the distance. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, three-liters of water, lunch, sunglasses, hat and good hiking boots. MEET: McDonald Restaurant, just east of the Cajon Pass, at the junction of I-15 and State Route 138 at 8:00 a.m. From there we will gather into as few vehicles and caravan to the PCT trailhead at Lake Silverwood to begin our hike. An Adventure Pass will be required to park at the trailhead. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER DARLENE TAYLOR, (951) 385-5706, dtaylorcrew@verizon.net, or CO-LEADER ED CALIENDO, 442.242.4103, dogs111@msn.com BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 10 (SUN) 8:00 AM SPLINTER'S CABIN TO DEVILS HOLE – DEEP CREEK HIKE
We will begin our hike at Splitter's Cabin which is not actually a cabin but is an open covered picnic area but was named because it once had a cabin and the owner's wife said it had lots of splinters. About 100 feet from the trailhead we will cross over Little Bear Springs Creek then over 100 feet again to

walk by a walking bridge that is the 300 mile marker for PCT hikers hiking from the Mexican border to Canada. We will hike north about one mile on the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT), past Aztec Falls then keep going on the PCT to the Devils Hole. The entire hike is on the PCT and travels beside Deep Creek, a very beautiful setting. RATED: Moderate with a gradual 600' elevation gain on the return segment of the hike. BRING: Ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, lunch, 2-liters of water. MEET: US Post office parking lot in Cedar Glen at 28982 Hook Creek Rd., Cedar Glen. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER ED CALIENDO, (442) 242-4103, dogs111@msn.com BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 10 (SUN) 9:00 AM MT. RUSSELL, LAKE PERRIS HIKE
6 Mile out and back moderate to difficult hike up a very steep first slope then along a ridge, down and up again. Total elevation gain 1300 ft. Rain cancels. BRING: water, sturdy shoes, sunscreen, snack, hiking poles if you like. DIRECTIONS: 60 Fwy in Moreno Valley, exit south on Moreno Beach Drive to John F. Kennedy Drive, turn left. Park at Ridgecrest Park at 28506 John F. Kennedy Dr. RESERVATIONS by 8:00 p.m. on April 9. INFO and LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com MORENO VALLEY GROUP

APR 10 (SUN) 10 AM WOODLAND TRAIL HIKE
Easy 1.7 miles, with a 300' elevation gain. Introduction to hiking for the young, families and seniors wishing to experience learning about hiking, wildlife, and the trees that grow in the San Bernardino Forest. RATED: Easy. BRING: 1 liter of water and a snack. Wear sunscreen, sun-glasses and hat. MEET: at The Woodland Trailhead parking lot location west of the road junction of Hwy. 38 and Stanfield Cutoff on the North Shore of Big Bear Lake. RESERVATIONS: Contact Leader, Charlotte Watts, momswebsite@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

APRIL 11 – APRIL 17

Please read “**LIABILITY WAIVER**” preceding these listings
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APR 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

APR 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

APR 13 (WED) 9:00 AM UPPER MARSHALL CANYON HIKE
This moderate rated hike goes through a convoluted 4.5 mile trek that winds its way via a 750' elevation gain at the summit. There's plenty of foliage and views on this one. Thanks to the city of La Verne for making this a Regional Park for all to enjoy! BRING: water, sturdy boots, layered clothing and hiking stick. Rain cancels. MEET: Please contact for details and to confirm by April 8, 5:00 PM. LEADER: JEFF WARHOL (909) 985-7686, email jmwandjjw@hotmail.com. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

APR 13 (WED) 5:00 PM TERRI PEAK HIKE
Difficult 4-mile round trip hike to Terri Peak, overlooking Lake Perris with 1,000 ft elevation gain. Trail starts on a path behind homes and has some steep sections as it follows an old dirt road to the top. We start promptly at 5:00 p.m. BRING: water, flashlight, and sturdy shoes. DIRECTIONS: From Highway 60 freeway in Moreno Valley, exit south on Moreno Beach Drive. Follow road for 3.4 miles, then turn left on Via del Lago. Park in the dirt area on right side of road just past the housing tract, do not enter Lake Perris Park. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com MORENO VALLEY GROUP

APR 13 (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

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

APR 16 (SAT) 8:00 AM SANTA ANA RIVER BOTTOM BIRD WALK
Bill will guide you to the birds. Breakfast at local restaurant after walk (optional). MEET: Sierra Club office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave, Riverside. LEADER: BILL ENGS 909-338-1910. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

APR 16 (SAT) 8:00 AM WILDFLOWERS IN JUNIPER FLATS AREA HIKE
We are all looking forward to a good wildflower showing this year due to receiving some rain. This will be a leisurely hike so that there will be ample time to take pictures and identify. Bring your camera and wildflower identification books. RATED: Easy/Moderate. This hike is approximately 3-4 miles roundtrip. BRING: snack/lunch, binoculars, cameras, sun protection (hat/sunscreen), and wear sturdy shoes/boots. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, Apple Valley Rd. Apple Valley at 8:00 AM. It may be necessary to caravan to the trailhead as there is limited parking. LEADER: SUSAN STUEBER, 760-900-5330, susanquintin.stueber@gmail.com MOJAVE GROUP

APR 16 (SAT) 8:30 AM PCT SEC D: CAJON PASS-SWARTHOUT CYN RD HIKE
This is the beginning segment of Section D of the Pacific Crest Trail, a 110.2 total miles. If you have missed this short segment of Section D, here is your opportunity to make up this 5.5 mile segment. This segment starts at Cajon Pass on I-15 and travels west to Swarthout Canyon Road. This is a shuttle-hike with a 560' elevation gain. RATING: Easy. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 1.5 liters of water, trail snacks, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. MEET: McDonald Restaurant just east of the Cajon Pass at the junction of I-15 and State Route 138 at 8:30 a.m. RESERVATIONS: Contact apprentice leader or leader. APPRENTICE LEADER: JANET ROY, netjanetroy1pomonacemetery@verizon.net, (909) 702-4519. LEADER: ED CALIENDO, (442) 242-4103, email: dogs111@msn.com BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 16 (SAT) 9:00 AM MIDDLE MARSHALL CANYON HIKE
Here's an easy hike that's only 3 miles R/T centered in a beautiful riparian setting as you weave your way about stream and golf course. Elevation gain is a mere 300' and the shade, courtesy of the stately oaks is a real bonus. BRING: water, sturdy boots, hiking sticks and layered clothing. Rain cancels. MEET: Please contact leader for details and to confirm by 5:00 PM April 15. LEADER: JEFF WARHOL, 909-985-7686, jmwandjjw@hotmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

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APR 17 (SUN) 8:00 AM SANTA ROSA PLATEAU ECOLOGICAL PRESERVEHIKE
I am counting on El Nino to give us green hills, wild flowers and vernal pools. Meet at 8:00 AM in Ontario area and carpool to the hills above Murrieta, where Santa Rosa Plateau has been preserved as a little taste of old California. Our hike begins at the Vernal Pools Trailhead, takes in the old adobe ranch house, and circles back by one of several possible routes. 7-8 miles, 400 feet up and down. Plan on a full day including travel. COST: \$4.00 per person entrance fee. WEAR hiking shoes, layers, hat. BRING minimum 2 liters of water, snacks and lunch. MEET: Call leader for meeting place. LEADER: MARY ANN RUIZ, 909-815-9379, ruizmaryann@gmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

****APR 17 (SUN) 8:30 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, San Gorgonio Peak and even a little bit of the San Gabriel Mountains in the west. Heavy snow/rain cancels. BRING: The ten essentials including layered clothing, a good pair of hiking boots, trekking poles, two liters of water, snack/lunch, hat, sun-glasses, and sun-screen. MEET: Cougar Crest trail head parking lot at 8:30 AM. An adventure pass is required for parking. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER PETER MICHELSEN, petermichelsen@gmail.com. (760) 333 3103. BIG BEAR GROUP

APRIL 18 – APRIL 24

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APR 19 (TUE) 8:00 AM THE PINNACLES HIKE
The Granite Pinnacles sit atop a hill on the desert slopes NW of Lake Arrowhead. This is a moderate hike of 3.5 miles R/T with a 1000 foot gain. There is an easy third-class scrambling to reach the top. This peak is on the Hundred Peaks Section list. MEET Call leader for details and for carpooling if interested. LEADER: JOE WHYTE, 909-949-0899, whyte@msn.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

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

APR 20 (WED) 8:00 AM MT. WILSON VIA CHANTRY FLATS HIKE
Strong hikers are invited to join us on this strenuous loop hike up to Mt Wilson Peak 5650 ft. We will start at Chantry Flats, climb up 4000 feet elevation gain, enjoy a lunch break at the observatory at the summit, then descend by way of Sturtevant Camp, back to Chantry, making it a KILLER 16 mile loop! Fabulous vistas with forested trails make this a rewarding all day adventure. Rain cancels. BRING: water, lunch, sturdy boots, hat, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Carpool from Upland or meet at trailhead, confirm with leader by April 18. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA, 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

APR 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

APR 22 (FRI) 9:00 AM S B MTS CALVARY FALLS HIKE
We will meet in Green Valley Lake at 9:00 A.M. in the parking area across from the Malt Shop. From there we will hike to the Crab Flats Road to a forest road which will take us to a beautiful lookout and a waterfall. We will return back to the village the same way we came. The distance is 4 to 5 miles RT--easy to moderate. BRING water and a snack. LEADER: SANDY ELLIS, fsellis67@gmail.com. 909-867-7115. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

APR 23 (SAT) 8:00 AM OZZIES TRAIL HIKE
You are invited to join us on a six mile round trip which starts with a 1000' elevation gain over a two mile area. For this reason this outing is rated as moderate. This views above the trail are wonderful and there should be wild flowers in this area. Meet at the Apple Valley Museum, Apple Valley Rd, Apple Valley, 92308 by 8am. BRING water, snacks and a camera. WEAR sturdy shoes, layered clothing and a hat. INFO & LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, 760-912-3725, coachnorm@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

****APR 23 (SAT) 8:00 AM SILVERWOOD LAKE TO MOJAVE RIVER DAM HIKE**
This is Hike #2 of the Pacific Crest Trail, Section C Recognition Program. Those hikers completing all nine segments will receive a special recognition patch. This hike is a 15.0 mile through-hike. RATING: Strenuous do to the distance. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, three-liters of water, lunch, sunglasses, hat and good hiking boots. An Adventure Pass will be required to park at the trailhead. MEET: Silverwood Lake campgrounds are near the lake entrance. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER DARLENE TAYLOR, dtaylorcrew@verizon.net, (951) 385-5706, or contact CO-LEADER ED CALIENDO, dogs111@msn.com, (441) 242-4103. BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 23 (SAT) 9:00 AM WILDWOOD CANYON STATE PARK HIKE
This 5-6 mile loop has a few steep areas, proceeding along a ridge and through shaded oak trees. BRING: water, a snack, sunscreen, wear sturdy shoes, hiking poles if you want. Opportunity to stop for lunch at local German deli after, bring \$. Rain Cancels. DIRECTIONS: From Interstate 10 exit north on Oak Glen Rd, make almost immediate right onto Calimesa Blvd (east), turn left on Wildwood Canyon Road. Go north 4.3 miles to left turn on Canyon Drive to the parking lot/equestrian staging area near the picnic tables. Entrance is free. RESERVATIONS: Contact the leader by 8 p.m. on Apr. 22. INFO & LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES, (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com MORENO VALLEY GROUP

APRIL 25 – MAY 1

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

APR 27 (WED) 5:00 PM HIKE TO THE “M” HIKE
Difficult 4 mile round trip hike to the “M” on Box Springs. Trail has some very steep areas, approx. 900 ft. elevation gain. We start promptly at 5:00 p.m. Rain cancels. BRING: water, sturdy shoes, snack and hiking poles if you want. DIRECTIONS: From Highway 60 freeway in Moreno Valley go north on Pigeon Pass, turn left at the light on Hidden Springs Drive. Driveway into Box Springs Park is on the left off Hidden Springs Drive. Drive up the gravel road and park near the picnic tables. Parking fee \$5. INFO & LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES, (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com MORENO VALLEY GR & OUP

APR 30 (SAT) 8:00 AM WILDFLOWERS IN JUNIPER FLATS AREA HIKE
Perhaps there will be another good showing of wildflowers in the Juniper Flats Area. Come and see for yourself! Bring your cameras and desert wildflower identification books and enjoy wildflowers, fresh air and views. RATED: moderate 4 -5 mile hike. BRING: 3 liters of water, snacks/lunch, sturdy footwear, sun protection, hat and of course your camera. MEET: at 8:00 AM at the Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308. We will then caravan to the trailhead. LEADER: JENNY WILDER, JensOasis@aol.com, 760 220 0730, CO-LEADER SUSAN STUEBER, 760-900-5330, susanquintin.stueber@gmail.com MOJAVE GROUP

APR 30 (SAT) 8:00 AM PCT SEC D: SWARTHOUT CANYON RD HIKE
This is the second segment of hiking of the Pacific Crest Trail Section D, a total of 110.2 miles. This second segment starts at Swarthout Canyon Road and travels northwest 8.6 miles to Sheep Creek Truck Road. This is a shuttle-hike with a 2,740' elevation gain. RATING: Moderate MEET: Junction of Swarthout Canyon Road and Lone Pine Canyon Road at 8:00 a.m. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 2.0 liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. RESERVATIONS: Contact APPRENTICE LEADER, JANET ROY, janetroy1pomonacemetry@verizon.net, (909) 702-4519, or LEADER ED CALIENDO, (442) 242-4103, email: dogs111@msn.com BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 30 (SAT) 9:00 AM S B MTS, THE PINNACLES HIKE
Join us on a moderate 6 miles RT), 1,000 ft. elevation gain hike located northwest of Lake Arrowhead. This hike includes some rock scrambling to reach the summit, which comprises an imposing stack of large granite boulders. Your efforts will be rewarded with mountain and desert views. BRING: lunch, water, good boots and layered clothing. MEET: Call for meeting place to carpool. LEADER: HEATHER SARGEANT, 909-336-2836. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAY 1 (SUN) 8:00 AM BONITA VISTA FIRST DAY HIKE
The Bonita Vista first day of the month hikes offer individuals and families an opportunity to rejuvenate and connect with the outdoors. The purpose of these hikes is to familiarize hikers with an area that is easily accessed by paved roads and has a variety of possibilities for different hikes from the same trailhead. As the name implies there are beautiful views to be had. RATING: Moderate, with an uphill at the beginning and downhill on the return. This hike is approximately 4 miles long. BRING: Water, a snack/lunch, (binoculars and camera optional), and WEAR sturdy shoes/boots. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, Apple Valley Rd, Apple Valley at 8:00 AM. LEADER: SUSAN STUEBER, 760-900-5330, susanquintin.stueber@gmail.com MOJAVE GROUP

MAY 2 – MAY 8

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MAY 2 (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

MAY 3 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
PROGRAM: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com. (909) 800-3911 CHAPTER

MAY 4 (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

MAY 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



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company that kept him busy for the next twenty-three years. In 1954, he stepped away from the business to pursue new adventures, which included this recent trip to Africa and a trek to Everest Base Camp in 2014. Jim lives in Upland with his wife, Maria, his son, Jakob, and his daughter, Hannah.

Jim is a regular guest speaker on a variety of topics at local high schools and vocational training centers. He coaches youth basketball and baseball. An avid hiker and adventurer, he loves

the Canyonlands and red rock country of southern Utah.

Jim presented the program at the August 2015 San Gorgonio Chapter meeting on his October 2014 trek to the Everest Base Camp and his visit to pre-earthquake Katmandu.



It's not too early ~ Reserve space now!

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All cruises depart from Santa Barbara, California. The cost, \$650, includes an assigned bunk, all meals, snacks and beverages. To reserve space, send a \$100 check, written to Sierra Club, to Joan Jones Holtz, 11826 The Wye St. El Monte, CA 91732



Join the Fun on the Ninth Annual Walk on Blue Mountain

... Goal of establishing a wilderness park becoming a reality!

For the 9th consecutive year the Walk on Blue Mountain will be held Saturday, March 5 at 8:00 am. March is probably the best month for enjoying this wonderful local mountain and this year the rains have brought majestic green hues and early wildflowers are appearing.

The 8:00 am starting time allows plenty of time for taking in the magnificent ever-changing sights as one ascends the mountain and the unobstructed views at the 2,428 foot peak are the best of any local mountain.

becoming a reality. Recently in a February public meeting, Grand Terrace City Manager G. Harold Duffey announced that the park is going to happen! The city has hired MIG to prepare a Design Report for the Blue Mountain Nature Trail with the stated purpose of providing public access to the mountain top. Already the MIG Team has held meetings, collected data, engaged in site reconnaissance and is preparing base maps.



Much work will be required to develop the Master Plan, probably construction costs and present the Final Preliminary Design Report. But once the process is finished, available grants can be applied for to make everyone's efforts a reality. And

“our annual hikers are a big part of this success” stated Denis Kidd as the “800 or more folks showing up really brought home the need and demand for the Blue Mountain Nature Trail.”

To access the trailhead, from the 215 Fwy in Grand Terrace, exit East on Barton Rd and proceed uphill until Barton begins to veer left. Continue straight on Palm Ave to the top where it meets Honey Hill Dr. Parking is available along Honey Hill and if needed overflow parking can be found at the Grand Terrace City Hall down Palm before Barton Rd.

Participants should bring water, a hat, sunscreen and at least a windbreaker for the always windy top. Sturdy footwear is a must! And don't forget your camera. Tax-exempt FOBM really hopes you'll bring a contribution to help defray the significant costs incurred in allow this annual event to happen.

For more information you can contact Ralph Salisbury at ralph.salisbury@sangorgonio.sierraclub.org.



This free event begins at the trailhead at Palm Avenue and Honey Hill Drive in Grand Terrace and is sponsored by Friends of Blue Mountain and the Sierra Club.

Of course there has always been a purpose for this free hiking opportunity and that has been to create a wilderness park on Blue Mountain connecting with Box Springs Mountain Reserve. “Year-round access would be a real treat” says Denis Kidd, founder of Friends of Blue Mountain (FOBM). Normally access is limited as the mountain is currently in the hands of various private owners. And of course a wilderness park would provide long-term protection of Blue Mountain's habitats and open spaces necessary for future generations to enjoy this local gem.

Friends of Blue Mountain's persistence in advocating for this wilderness park is responsible for this

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**She Proved She Could Do It
 Featured at April's Chapter Meeting
 April 5, 2016, 7:30 pm, San Bernardino County Museum**

Teddi Boston was originally scheduled to speak at the January 5 chapter meeting. She needed to cancel then because the rain storm and flooded roads around her home made travel impossible.

Our speaker at the April 5th chapter meeting is Teddi Boston, Volunteer Coordinator for the San Gorgonio Wilderness Association and resident of Landers. In 1976 at the age of 49, Teddi was the first female thru hiker to complete the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT). Furthermore, she completed the PCT north to south, starting at the Canadian border and ending at the Mexican border. She says she did it the reverse to the usual direction because she was told it was impossible.

Last year “just to prove I could do it” Teddi hiked a 325-mile section of the PCT in Southern California. Teddi's presentation will include her photographs from the PCT hikes. The meeting starts at 7:30pm at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands.

An article on the Pacific Crest Trail

Association web site tells her fascinating story, “ in the 1960's, with two daughters in Girl Scouts, Boston ventured on her first backpack into California's San Bernardino Mountains. ‘It rained like crazy,’ she said. ‘Oh god, I fell in love with it.’

“Soon she was taking eight girls on a full John Muir Trail hike. And it was there, in 1972, that Boston met her first PCT thru-hiker. That's all it took. She came home, bought (Eric) Ryback's PCT book and started to plan her own thru-hike. She made a detailed, day-by-day 11-page itinerary with 16 mail drops. She took a built-up load of sick leave and requested six months off.

“On May Day 1976, toting a 65-pound pack, Boston couldn't have been further removed from twirling ribbons around a sunny May Pole. A blizzard in Washington drove her into her tent for two days. Her local paper, the Orange County Register, recorded her routine for the early weeks: ‘Up at 3:30 a.m. daily, she walked on the frozen crust until about 10 a.m., when the sun, melting the snow, forced her to don her snowshoes. Since all trail markers were buried by the snow, she did the first month by compass and map. When she got far enough south to find her first trail marker she was fewer than 10 feet off the trail.’”

