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Membership Meetings

Tuesday, March 5
"Local Birds"

Speaker: Steve Kaye
(see write up on Page 9)

Tuesday, April 2
"Walking the Camino de Santiago"

Speaker: Tracy Hutchinson
(see write up Page 12)

Programs begin at 7:30 p.m.
at the San Bernardino
County Museum, 2024 Orange
Tree Lane, Redlands
(California St. exit off 10 Fwy)

Sierra Club Launches New Campaign: Obama Clean Energy and Climate Legacy

By
Roland Hansson, Conservation/Education Chair

From today (January 14, 2013) until Earth Day (April 22, 2013) the Sierra Club is mobilizing for 100 Days of Action demanding action to boost clean energy and slow the costly and destructive effects of climate disruption nationwide.

The Sierra Club outlined five key actions that the Obama administration must take to curb the country's carbon emissions and address climate disruption. The actions include:

- Hold fossil fuel corporations accountable for their pollution
- Reject proposals to import dirty fuels and stop the rush of fossil fuel exports
- Double down on clean energy
- Protect communities from future climate disasters and readying a robust and just response
- Protect America's lands, air, water and wildlife from fossil fuel development.

During this campaign, the Sierra Club and our allies will host events across the country calling on the President to be a leader in the climate fight. From local town halls, to national rallies, these events will showcase the broad support from Americans for addressing the climate crisis.

As part of this effort, the Sierra

Club's My Generation Campaign and the U.S. Green Building Council-I.E. Chapter presented a community forum on Energy Efficiency in the city of Redlands on January 28th. The forum was the first in a series in 2013 as a part of the USGBC and Sierra Club's Green Home Series, and as part of the larger Sustainable and Healthy Built Environment Initiative



Allen Hernandez, Clean Energy Organizer for the Sierra Club in the Inland Empire, MCd the event.

of the USGBC. Sixty-five community members attended the forum, leaving standing room only.

See <https://www.facebook.com/MyGenerationSC> for more information.

What can you do?

Visit <http://sierraclub.org/climatelegacy> and click "Take action now" to send a message to the President. Submit a letter to your local newspaper about the campaign.

Spread the word!



Sign Up Now For Leadership Training Set For June 1-2

By Ralph Salisbury, San Gorgonio Chapter's Outings Chair

If you have enjoyed the Chapter's Outings program as a participant, consider now becoming a Chapter Outings Leader. The many rewards include the satisfaction of introducing fellow members to your favorite places as well as the convenience of tailoring outings to your schedule. June 1-2 (Saturday and Sunday) is the next opportunity for you to receive the training at the Sierra Club owned Keller Hut near Running Springs.

The course involves an overnight stay at the spacious mountain cabin and includes classes in Outings Administration, Map and Compass, the Physiology and Psychology of Leadership, and

Environmental Considerations. Sunday will include a field exercise where you put into practice your newly acquired skills.

Applicants need to be at least eighteen years of age and current members of the Chapter. There will be a \$34 fee for the Sierra Club Outing Leader's Handbook, the Chapter Leader's Folder, all materials, continental breakfast Saturday and Sunday mornings, coffee, tea, hot chocolate,



and use of the facility. Saturday night dinner is a great break from a long day however there is one more session after dinner. Participants will be asked

to contribute one food item. For an application form, please e-mail or send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Ralph Salisbury, LTC Chair, 2995 Floral Ave, Riverside, CA 92507. Additional questions should be addressed to ralphsalisbury@att.net

Vital March Fund Appeal Underway

By
Ralph Salisbury

Every year in March the Sierra Club allows the chapter its only opportunity all year long to send a chapter-wide direct mail request for donations. Chapter members should receive this letter soon. The letter outlines the many priorities and accomplishments of the San Gorgonio Chapter.

Now, more than ever, your contribution is vital! Sierra Club cutbacks now have reduced the San Gorgonio return from your annual Sierra Club membership to only about our cost of producing just the *Palm and Pine*. All other expenses and costs to challenge harmful projects must be raised locally. Your contribution will decide whether we can accomplish this year's goals.

There is so much work to be done; it takes time and effort; it's expensive and we can't do it without your help. Please send your gift as soon as you receive your Fund Appeal letter. Our vigilant San Gorgonio Chapter members are now, by far, our greatest source of income. Thank you so much for your past support.

In case your letter doesn't arrive, remember to make your check out to: The Sierra Club. Send to: San Gorgonio Chapter, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside, CA 92501.





2013
Chapter Awards Nominations

By
Carol Wiley

It is time to start the process for this year's awards. We need San Gorgonio activists to make nominations for award recipients for this year. There are four awards: one for outstanding conservation efforts over a number of years; a service award for outstanding contributions to chapter activities over a number of years; a service award for long time service to a non-Sierra Club entity in the name of the Sierra Club; and an outings awards for long time commitment to the outings programs by organizing and leading outings.

Your recommendations for people deserving of this recognition will be greatly appreciated. Anyone can make such a recommendation to any one on the awards committee (Joan Taylor, Gail Seekins, Ed Wallace, George Hague, Dean Shimek, Dave Barrie, Bekke Estes or Carol Wiley). If you have any questions regarding these awards please contact Carol Wiley at desertily1@verizon.net or (760) 245-8734.

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Political Update

by Jono Hildner, Political Chair

The good news is that Governor Brown has given California its first balanced budget in years. The bad news is that he wants to make changes to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) that has served us so well for 40 years. This attack on CEQA will be the prime focus of our political efforts for most of this year. A full discussion of CEQA would require far more space in the Palm & Pine than is available for this column, but look for it in the next issue.

This year a coalition of CEQA supporters, working with some environmental champions in the legislature, is preparing to take a proactive, rather than the usual late session reactive approach. The organizations represented in the coalition include environmental groups, labor unions, tribes, environmental

justice groups, civic organizations, and public health advocacy groups. Sierra Club California is actively represented. If you want more information or wish to track the work of the coalition, check the recently launched website (CEQAWorks.org), Facebook presence (look for CEQAWorks) and twitter feed (@CEQAWorks).

For now, all members should be aware that we are asking them to contact their Senator and Assembly Member and ask them to hold off on signing on to or endorsing, any bill that proposes to make changes in CEQA until at least June. Contact your legislator and stay tuned.

On the election front, we are privileged to have both the special Senate elections in our Chapter. Senate District 32 is centered in southwestern San Bernardino County and includes the cities of Bloomington, Fontana,

Montclair, Muscoy, Ontario, and Rialto, and parts of Colton and San Bernardino. The race in Senate District 32 to replace Gloria Negrete McLeod, who was elected to Congress mid-term, has attracted six candidates that will likely, be reduced to two in the March 12 primary. We are in the process of making an endorsement and with any luck, we will not only announce that endorsement soon, but we'll be calling for volunteers to work on the campaign and make sure that our environmental champion is the next Senator to represent Senate District 32.

We also will participate in the race in Senate District 40 to replace Juan Vargas who also got elected to Congress. This district is being held with the "old" borders and therefore, includes the southern part of Riverside County in the Coachella Valley. Chapter communities in this district are: Blythe, Cathedral City,

Coachella, East Blythe, Indio, Thousand Palms and Mecca. This race has four candidates competing in the March 12 election. The majority of the district is in the San Diego Chapter and therefore, they have the lead in the endorsement process. We've made inquiries of them, but they have no endorsement process in place, so we are likely to work with them to make an endorsement after the primary. Then we'll look to getting our volunteers' voices on the phones and shoe leather on the ground to get another vote for the environment in the Senate. If you live in either SD32 or SD40, expect a call asking you to give a couple hours helping our endorsed candidates go to Sacramento.

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Group News

Big Bear Group

By Ed Wallace, Group Chair

Organization Changes

With the New Year behind us the Big Bear Group has elected a new Excom to serve in 2013. Ed Wallace will be the Group Chair and Claudia Eads will serve as the Vice Chair. Linda Quiroz will be group Treasurer. Glenda Akins will serve as Secretary and Terry Gold will serve as Membership Chair. Excom members at large are Don Eads, Chris Cook, and Joy and Marv Cira.

Monthly Meeting Subjects

Over the next year the Big Bear Group will concentrate its monthly meeting programs on topics that have appeal to local interests. On March 21st, Ed Wallace will present a program on his favorite hikes, backpacks and images of the Sierra. For those of you who have never ventured into this majestic part of California, this meeting is one you don't want to miss. Our April 18th meeting, Bill Downs – former owner of Big Bear's Wild Wings store dedicated to birding (gear, feeders, books, etc.) – will speak on birds local to Big Bear Valley and share with us some of his beautiful photos. If you're interested in our local birds this is for you. If you have attempted gardening in Big Bear you are well aware of the challenges it presents. The meeting on May 16th will help you get off on the right foot. Among the topics to be covered will be composting, growing tomatoes in a cool climate and native plants. On June 20, 2013, Dr. John Varsik, Assistant Research Professor at the Big Bear Solar Observatory, will present information about solar flares, sharing how they arise and the problems they can cause, including photos taken at the Observatory.

2013 Big Bear Group Summer Outings Recognition Programs

Each calendar year the Big Bear Group awards special recognition badges for accomplishing special hiking achievements. A spring and summer schedule for 2013 is described below:

- Hike Section C of the Pacific Crest Trail: Hike the historic Section C (between San Bernardino, Interstate 10 to Interstate 15 near Cajon Pass) Pacific Crest Trail during the summer of 2012 and/or 2013 and receive a special achievement patch and recognition in the Palms to Pines bi-monthly newspaper.
- Background: The Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) designated for hikers to travel from the Mexico border to the Canadian border covers a total of 2,638 scenic miles. Section C of the PCT travels through the San Gorgonio wilderness and the Big Bear area for a total of 132.9 miles.
- Challenge Description: The hiking challenge is separated into nine (9) segments, culminating in a three day (3.0) backpacking trip. The hiking segments can be accomplished over the years 2011, 2012 and 2013. In other words, a hiker may choose to complete all segments over a three-year period.

Enthusiastic hikers may contact Hiking Leader, Ed Caliendo, at (909) 878-3813 or (760) 328-1090 or contact co-leader Ed Wallace at (909) 584-9407 for additional information. The hiking schedule will be confirmed by-monthly and published in the Sierra Club's *Palm and Pine* publication and on the Sierra Club's website (<http://sangorgonio.sierraclub.org>). The 2013 tentative hiking schedule is provided below:

– Hike# 1: May 4, 2013 –Silverwood Lake Area entrance road to Interstate 15 near Cajon Pass – This is a 13.5 mile PCT through-hike. The Hiking Leader is Jim Seifert, (760) 694-5370.

– Hike# 2: May 18, 2013 –Silverwood Lake Area entrance road to Mojave River Forks Reservoir Dam – This is a 15.0 PCT through-hike. The Hiking Leader is Ed Caliendo, (909) 878-3813.

– Hike# 3: May 25, 2013 –Deep Creek Bridge (near Lake Arrowhead) to Mojave River Forks Reservoir Dam – This is a 16.3 mile PCT through-hike. The Hiking Leader is Ed Caliendo, (909) 878-3813.

– Hike# 4: June 8, 2013 – Little Bear Springs Trail Camp to Deep Creek Bridge/Lake Arrowhead – This is a 14.2 mile PCT through-hike. The Hiking Leader is Roberta Darrow, (909) 362-2531.

– Hike# 5: June 29, 2013 – Van Dusen Canyon Road to Little Bear Springs Trail Camp, northwest of Fawnskin, CA – This is an 11.0 mile PCT through-hike. The Hiking Leader is Dick Banks, (909) 866-9232.

– Hike# 6: July 27, 2013 – Van Dusen Canyon Road, near Big Bear City to Hwy 18 Cushenbury Pass near Baldwin Lake – This is an 8.9 mile PCT through-hike. The Hiking Leader is Dick Banks, (909) 866-9232.

– Hike# 7: Sept 7, 2013– Onyx Summit to Hwy 18 Baldwin Lake Cushenbury Pass. This is a 13.6 mile PCT through-hike. The Hiking Leader is Jim Seifert, (760) 694-5370.

– Hike# 8: Sept 21, 2013 – Onyx Summit to Mission Spring Trail Camp – This is a 12.5 mile PCT through-hike. The Hiking Leader is Roberta Darrow, (909) 362-2531.

– Hike# 9: Oct 25, 2013 to Oct 27, 2013 – This is the final leg of our PCT Section C journey, a three day backpacking adventure from Mission Creek Trail Camp to Interstate 10 near Whitewater River Canyon Preserve. This last leg of the journey is a 30.0 mile PCT through-hike. This completes the 132.9 mile PCT Challenge. The Hiking Leader is Ed Caliendo, (909) 878-3813 or contact Roberta Darrow, Co-Leader at (909) 362-2531.

2013 Five Peaks of Big Bear Awards Program

Annually, the Sierra Club Group of Big Bear 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.

In 2013, Jim Seifert and Dick Banks, Sierra Club Hiking Leaders will be hiking all five peaks of Big Bear as scheduled below:

Five Peaks of Big Bear Schedule

– June 22 (Sat) - Gold Mountain (8.0 miles, with 1,640' elevation gain), Hiking Leader, Jim Seifert (760) 694-5370

– July 13 (Sat) - Grey's Peak (8.0 miles, with 1,400' elevation gain), Hiking Leader, Dick Banks (909) 866-9232

– August 10 (Sat) - Bertha Peak (7.5 miles, with 1,400' elevation gain), Hiking Leader, Dick Banks (909) 866-9232

– August 17 (Sat) - Delamar Mountain (6.0 miles, with 650' elevation gain), Hiking Leader, Jim Seifert (760) 694-5370

– September 28 (Sat) - Sugarloaf Mountain (10 miles, with 2,500' elevation gain), Hiking Leader, Jim Seifert (760) 694-5370

Each of these hikes will be scheduled at least one other time during the year and will be shown in the *Palm and Pine* schedule.



Mojave Group

By Jenny Wilder, Group Chair

Explore!

Enjoy!

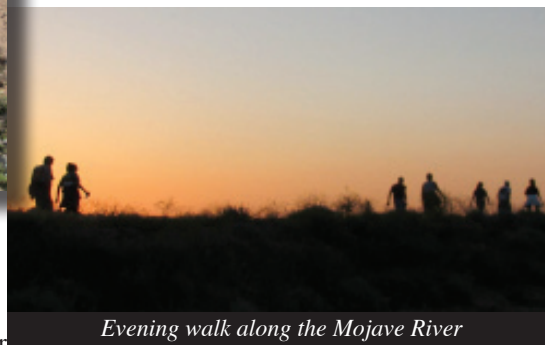
Protect!

The Mojave Group has a varied list of outings for you to enjoy in the early spring! Just visit the Outings Page and pick one or more. Terrance is back with some good offerings, Lygeia continues her back country hikes around Phelan, Carol is going to visit the National Parks and Jenny continues to offer hikes in the nearby Juniper Flats Area. Some of these hikes/outings may fill up fast so be sure to read the descriptions and get your "reservation" in soon! Melody is continuing with three weekly walks, so if you want to keep in shape join her in the evenings Monday, Wednesday and Friday! If you don't see your favorite hike, contact our Outings Chair: Melody at labelady@msn.com. For more experienced hikers, the Chapter Outings Leadership Training is being held this year on June 1st and June 2nd. Contact Melody for information to sign up!

Every month on the second Wednesday, we have an interesting program for our monthly general membership meeting. These are typically an environmental movie and we server refreshments and sometimes we have a door prize! We will be showing a short video on Mono Lake, a short video on the impacts of Off Road Recreation and another on the wolves in the aftermath of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. Meetings are held at 7:00 pm at the Sterling Inn, on the corner of Ridgecrest Road and Francesca



Deep Creek Canyon in the Spring



Evening walk along the Mojave River

in Victorville. If you have a suggestion for an environmental program, please contact Carol Wiley at desertlily1@verizon.net. We hold our Executive Committee (ExCom) meeting at 6pm before the general meeting on the second Wednesday of the month at Sterling Inn. All members are welcome to attend the ExCom meeting and to bring up issues that concern them.

The Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail is under a great deal of pressure to remain a National Treasure. In our area we are continually dealing with graffiti, mountain biking and motorcycle use. Some folks have actually begun a movement to open the PCT up legally to mountain bikes – and a facebook page has sprung up to help save it ("SAVE THE PCT"). You can help protect this great hiking trail, just by hiking it and reporting any problems.

Our Section "C" is over 300 miles from Hwy 10 near Whitewater to Hwy 15 near the Cajun Pass. For trail work dates and information contact the Pacific Crest Trail Association coordinator for Section C: John Hachey (909) 605-3219 or e-mail @ goaliejhachey@msn.com. The Mojave Group will continue to help with graffiti abatement in the Deep Creek Canyon this year. If you would like to help please contact Jenny at JensOasis@aol.com or call 760 220 0730.

By the time you read this we will be two months into 2013, and our local politicians and/or newspaper should have received at least a few of your letters. Did you make that commitment to write at least one letter this year, and have you followed through with it? Some people write several letters a month! By doing so, we can expand the appreciation of nature and elect those who sincerely care about the environment. We all benefit from and appreciate those members who are doing their part for the environment in which we live. Thank you!

Group News

Moreno Valley Group

By Ann Turner McKibben, Secretary

Spring is almost here and there are plenty of opportunities to get out and hike with the Moreno Valley Group. Outings Chair Theresa Carson has a hike scheduled for March 5, 4:30 p.m., Hidden Springs; meet at Hidden Springs Elementary School, Moreno Valley. Information can be found on our web page: <http://www.sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/moreno-valley/index.html> and Facebook page: www.facebook.com/MorenoValleySierraClub You do not have to sign up to view our page. Please contact Theresa at tlcarson01@gmail.com or (951) 660-7246 for more information on this walk and other group hikes schedule for March and April.

The Moreno Valley Group Executive Committee held a meeting on January 23. A number of items were discussed that ranged from the fall excom election to local conservation issues. George Hague and Theresa Carson were elected to the excom in our fall election. The 2013 group executive committee is: Chair, Mike Millspaugh; Vice-Chair, Dan Clark; Conservation Chair, George Hague; Membership & Outings Chair, Theresa Carson; Treasurer, Manya Jiannino; Secretary, Ann McKibben.

The Moreno Valley Group plans to have an information table at the Earth Night in the Garden event on April 22. We attended last year, shared information about the Sierra Club and enjoyed visiting with all of those who stopped by our table. We are looking for volunteers to help set up and host our table. If you can spend an hour or more helping out, please contact us at: movalleygroup@yahoo.com or call Manya Jiannino at (951) 243-3775.

The draft environmental impact report (DEIR) for the World Logistics Center (WLC) was released on February 4th. Comments on the document are due on or before April 8th. Please e-mail planning official John Terrell (JohnT@moval.org) and request the CD-ROM of the DEIR for the WLC and also request to be notified of all meetings as well as future documents. The draft document can be found on the city's web page: <http://www.moval.org/misc/wcl-deir.html> This is the time to let the city know what needs to be studied, not what

you hate about the project. The proposed project is estimated to have 24,000 daily diesel truck trips. You could ask questions about the WLC's impacts on State Route 60 and about the toxic diesel pollution we will breathe, especially the warehouse workers. The WLC will share a two-mile border with the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and you could ask them to more fully analyze the impacts to each threatened/endangered species as well as other resources at the wildlife area. Submit comments to: John Terrell, Planning Official, Community & Economic Development Dept., Planning Division, City of Moreno Valley, 14177 Frederick Street, P.O. Box 88055, Moreno Valley, CA 92552 or JohnT@moval.org

The Moreno Valley Group is working to raise money to support hiring planning professionals to make comments on the World Logistics Center (WLC) environmental documents. If you have not already sent us a check, please take time to donate what you can to help our Moreno Valley Group submit comments on the WLC's massive environmental documents. If we could afford some professional comments to supplement those of our volunteers, it would make a huge difference in the final project. If we decide to litigate, these comments could make the difference between losing and winning. Thank you to those who have already donated! Please send your much appreciated donations to: Sierra Club, Moreno Valley Group, P.O. Box 1325, Moreno Valley, CA 92556-1325.

On January 10, 2013, the Moreno Valley City Council voted to spend \$50,000 to hire a consultant to help determine the "highest and best use" of lands parallel and adjacent to Highway 60 in eastern Moreno Valley. The project is called "SR-60 East Overlay Area." The Skecher USA facility is already in place and the city has already approved the WestRidge Commerce Center. Several other projects have been proposed

(ProLogis and the World Logistics Center). The city's current general plan lays out land uses for the Overlay Area but the city thinks they can best determine future land uses by working on the overlay project. Also, city planning staff recommended that the city refrain from approving any projects within the project area to allow completion of

Picnic Area, Box Springs Regional Park

Photo by Ann McKibben



View from Box Springs Regional Park

Photo by Ann McKibben

the project. The lands within the overlay project area are rural and many are used for agriculture. If the city already has a general plan in place, why do they need to spend money to determine other uses for the land if a plan is in place?

The Riverside County General Plan Update (GPU) continues to be a work in progress. The county's goal is to have the draft EIR out for public review by the end of June 2013. The GPU will impact all of us who live in Riverside County as the plan will lay out land use designations for years to come, address sprawl, global climate change, noise and open space issues. Land use designations will significantly impact the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and also

open up valuable agricultural lands for development.

The Moreno Valley Recreational Trails Board has schedule a "Hike to San Timoteo Canyon" (Moderate) on Saturday, March 23, 2013. Meet at 7:30 a.m., Moreno Valley Equestrian Center, 11150 Redlands Blvd, Moreno Valley (parking area next to the mobile office located adjacent to Redlands Blvd.). It is a 5.6 mile hike round trip. Please call (951) 413-3702 to verify all information.

On April 13, 2013, the city of Moreno Valley will have a "Free Mulch Give Away" from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., City Yard, 15670 Perris Blvd. for residents only. More information: (951) 413-3109.

The Lake Perris State Recreation Area bald eagle count is set for March 9th. No entrance fee—mention that you are taking part in the bald eagle count. Meet at the Regional Indian Museum at 8:00 a.m. Please verify all information by calling (951) 940-5657. For other visits please check the LPSRA web page (http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=651) for entrance fee information and hours of operation.

Information on the Limited Use Golden Bear passes (a \$20 annual pass for those age 62 and older) which is good for all but three state parks and other passes can be found at: http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=23887 This annual pass may be purchased anytime during the year but expires on December 31st.

The Moreno Valley Group is looking for volunteers to help us accomplish our group priority goals (<http://sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/moreno-valley/index.html>) and increase outreach and membership. If you are interested in helping us and work to share information about our group, please e-mail us at: movalleygroup@yahoo.com or call Ann McKibben at (951) 924-8150 or George Hague at (951) 924-0816.



Santa Margarita Group

By Jim Mitchell, Chair

When the Santa Margarita Group was first formed five years ago, there were some in the Chapter that thought it was only going to be a one issue group: STOP LIBERTY QUARRY. That was certainly the big issue of the moment. But shortly after the Santa Margarita Group was officially formed, many of our members enthusiastically took on the many other challenges and activities the Sierra Club is so well known for, like hiking, trail development, environmentally informative general meetings, educational outreach to young people, organized trips to significant local sites, and campaigning for conservation issues. And now with the immediate threat of Liberty Quarry over, I am happy to report we are even more active than ever. So please, read on...

TRAIL GRANT, OUTDOOR FAMILY PROGRAM & MORE by Pam Nelson

Our Trails grant with the National Park Service is moving along well. The City participation has been enthusiastic. This "stem" trail will run adjacent or near Murrieta creek south of Temecula through Murrieta and Wildomar with head-waters in Lake Elsinore. The actual completion of the Trail will be after the Flood Control project has been completed and the cities put in their sections of the trail.

Our Outdoor Family program had a great time at Escondido's Elfin Forest Reserve. The ranger took us on a beautiful loop that crossed the creek and returned to the enchanting visitor center. Midway on this loop was an option to hike up to the top of the ridge where the views

of the Olivenhein Reservoir and the surrounding mountains are fabulous. Our next adventure will be to explore some of the Murrieta City trails. Kite flying will be the outing for April at Lake Skinner.

Our general meeting programs have been educational and interesting. In January we heard about a National Geographic community partnering program taking place at the Gavilan Plateau, a local plateau that sits to the northeast of Lake Elsinore. Mitch Apodaca and residents spoke of their efforts to preserve their plateau using new technology that will create interactive kiosks to educate the public on the ecological and cultural importance of this area.

Our February 14th speaker was Mirando Ko who is from the Climate Change leadership program established by Al

Gore. And for March 14, Seth Shteir from Joshua Tree and the National Park Service Association will tell us about our local deserts.

And save the date for a repeat of one of our most popular Sierra Sunday Fundraisers. On April 7th at 3:00 pm we will return to the Shadow Mountain Winery for tasting, learning, appetizers and fun. Email me for reservations ("Pam Nelson" <pamela05n@yahoo.com>).

SIERRA CLUB AND U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE WORKING WITH TEMECULA HOMEOWNERS by Teri Biancardi

The Santa Margarita Group's two-year partnership with the U.S. Fish

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Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

MARCH/APRIL 2013

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

CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE: Items for the May/June 2013 Calendar are due by April 1, 2013.

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

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

CARPPOOLING POLICY

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

LIABILITY WAIVER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RECURRING MONTHLY MEETINGS (LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

(1ST MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on Feb 4, Apr 1, May 6, Oct 7, Nov 4. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

(1ST TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
PROGRAM: See front-page notice. NOTE: The March 2013 meeting is March 5. 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. INFO: ED WALLACE (909) 584-9407. 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, call MARY ANN RUIZ (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.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: CAROL WILEY, (760) 245-8734, <desertlily1@verizon.net> MOJAVE GROUP

(3RD TUE) 6:00 PM SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONS COMMITTEE MEETING
Monthly conservation meeting. The public is welcome. LOCATION: Call or email for location & directions. CONTACT: SHAULI ROSEN-RAGER, (951) 767-2203, <gardens@netzon.net> SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

(3RD TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except August, The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: Educational Building, Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid Ave. at 11th. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.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. CONTACT: ED WALLACE (909) 584-9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

(3RD THU) 7:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting. The public is welcome. PLACE: Rancho California Water District Headquarters, 42135 Winchester Rd., Temecula 92589. INFO: JIM MITCHELL (951) 506-9607 <sierraclubsmg@gmail.com> SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

(4TH TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RALPH SALISBURY (951) 686-4141 <ralphsalisbury@att.net>. 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 hike around Jess Ranch. MEET at the Victor Valley Museum in Apple Valley on Apple Valley Road at 7 PM. BRING flashlight & water. WEAR layered clothing and good hiking shoes. For questionable weather please call LEADER: MELODY NICHOLS (760) 963-4430. MOJAVE GROUP

WED 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING WALK
MEET: Victor Valley Museum every Wednesday except second Wednesday of each month. Walks are paced for participants. Enjoy the evening air, river breeze, sunsets, starts & moon on a 3-mile walk around Jess Ranch & along the Mojave River. 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
Please join me for a 3-6 mile conditioning walk around Jess Ranch. MEET at the Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road in Apple Valley. BRING flashlight, water, jacket & comfortable walking shoes. Wear layered clothing. For questionable weather please call LEADER: MELODY NICHOLS (760) 963-4430 <Labelady@msn.com> MOJAVE GROUP

FEBRUARY 25 – MARCH 3

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

FEB 26 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RALPH SALISBURY (951) 686-4141 <ralphsalisbury@att.net>. CHAPTER

MAR 2 (SAT) 7:30 AM PCT SEC B: TULE CYN TRUCK RD TO HWY 74 HIKE
This is a continuation of the Section B, Pacific Crest Trail Winter Recognition Program. Those hikers completing all nine segments of Section B will receive a special Recognition Award. This Segment No. 4 of the PCT is a total of 15.7 miles. We'll hike from Tule Canyon north towards Table Mountain (4,910'), then descends to Alkali Wash (4540') before reaching Hwy 74. RATED: Moderate. MEET: At the PCT junction on Hwy 74 located approximately 1.0 miles east of Hwy 74/Hwy 371 junction. A road sign identifies the PCT crossing. A dirt parking area is located on the north side of Hwy 74. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, lunch, 3 liters of water. RESERVATIONS contact LEADER ED CALIENDO, (760) 328-1090, dogs111@msn.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

****MAR 2 (SAT) 8:30 AM STODDARD PEAK HIKE**
This is a moderate hike up Barrett Canyon to the top of Stoddard Peak (elevation 4624 ft), 6 miles round trip with 1100 ft. elevation 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. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventure Pass is required for parking at the trailhead. MEET: Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for the meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, john@stelairs.us, 909-983-8501. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 2 (SAT) 9:00 AM SIMPSON PARK HIKE
Explore Simpson Park in Hemet. See beautiful vistas of the snow topped San Bernardino and San Jacinto Mountains; Diamond Valley Lake and the San Jacinto Valley. We will take a moderate hike of 5 miles in Simpson Park on winding trails through Chaparral and granite formations. End with a picnic lunch (bring your favorite snacks)."Rain Cancels" BRING plenty of water, wear comfortable hiking shoes, dress in layers and don't forget the sunscreen. DIRECTIONS: from the intersection of Stetson Ave. and Dartmouth St. (Hemet H.S.) go south on Dartmouth St to Crest Dr. then turn left (East) on Crest. Turn right on Vista Del Valle and follow to Simpson Park. MEET at the covered picnic area. RESERVATIONS & INFO: LEADER GARY MARSALONE, (858) 663-1201, hikesie@gmail.com SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

MAR 2-3 (SAT-SUN) DEATH VALLEY TOUR HIKES/CARCAMP
MEET Saturday morning at 8:00 A.M. in Shoshone (a small historic town about 50 miles north of Baker on Hwy 127). Meeting place will be at the arbor area between the store and the Post Office on west side of highway. From there we will start our tour of beautiful scenic views with stops and hikes at Badwater, Natural Bridge (2 mile rd trip hike), Golden Canyon (2 miles rd. trip hike) and Artists Drive. Camping Sat. night will be at Texas Springs near Furnace Creek. Campsites are \$14.00 per site (1/2 price with Golden Age Pass) and we can do 2 cars per site. Sunday we drive to Zabriskie Point and then stop a visitors center before heading on to Salt Creek, home of the rare Salt Creek Pupfish. Then on to the Mesquite Flats Sand Dunes for a hike. For those wanting to stay another night we can camp either at Stove Pipe Wells or a primitive camp at Emigrant Pass with Monday morning hike up Moasic Canyon. For those arriving on Friday, approx. 10 miles before you get to Shoshone you will see a turn off to Tecopa, but continue straight on 127 and in about 3 more miles you will see a second turn off to Tecopa on the right, but again continue straight on 127 and watch immediately for a dirt road on the left- Furnace Creek Rd. Go down Furnace Creek, campsites on the right and stay right as there is turnout to left. I usually get the second

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site which is about a mile down. For the afternoon we can go the China Ranch for a hike to the falls. Temperatures can range from 55 to 80 degrees, so be prepared for various weather conditions. You should bring food and water for the entire trip and fill up with gas before you enter the park (best is Baker). There are gas stations and stores at Furnace Creek and Stovepipe Wells and Texas Springs has water and restrooms. There is a \$20.00 per car entrance fee for the park (free with Golden Age Pass). RESERVATIONS: LEADER CAROL WILEY, 760-245-8734, desertlily1@verizon.net or. MOJAVE GROUP

MARCH 4 – MARCH 10

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

MAR 5 (TUE) 4:30 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE
Moderate 3.5-mile loop hike on the Hidden Springs trail and arroyo. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills and then returns through the arroyo. BRING: jacket, flashlight, water, and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Pigeon Pass to left at the light on Hidden Springs Drive. Follow Hidden Springs Drive to Hidden Springs School on the left. Park in the school parking lot. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246, tlcars01@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAR 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

MAR 6 (WED) 9:00 AM SAN DIMAS CANYON HIKE
Here's an easy stroll terminating at the San Dimas Dam built in 1921 to mitigate area flooding. Elevation gain is a mere 400' for this 2.5 mile R/T jaunt. River sounds are to our left as we approach the Dam. BRING: water, sturdy boots and layered clothing. MEET: Please call/e-mail prior to scheduled date for details. Rain cancels. LEADER: JEFF WARHOL (909) 985-7686 <jmwandjw@hotmail.com> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 6 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. INFO: ED WALLACE (909) 584-9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 7 (THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, call MARY ANN RUIZ (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 9 (SAT) 8:00 AM MURRAY HILL (PEAK) HIKE
It is difficult to call Murray Hill anything but a "peak" yet officially it is a hill on all the maps. After climbing a 2,100 elevation gain 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. This is an approximate 9.0 mile round-trip loop hike. RATED: Strenuous MEET: At the Vons Shopping Center on South Palm Canyon Drive, in Palm Springs on Hwy 111. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, lunch, 3 liters of water RESERVATIONS contact LEADER ED CALIENDO, (760) 328-1090, dogs111@msn.com BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 9 (SAT) 8:30 AM PHELAN BACK COUNTRY HIKE
Join us for another easy-paced hike to explore the beautiful backcountry south of Phelan. MEET at 8:30 a.m. at Desert Community Bank in Phelan (4895 Phelan Rd). Hike for 2-1/2 to 3 hours. BRING/WEAR hiking boots, layered clothing, daypack, water, snacks. Friendly dogs welcome. LEADER: LYGEIA GERARD (760) 868-2179. MOJAVE GROUP

MAR 10 (SUN) 8:30 AM JOSHUA TREE ADVENTURE HIKE
One last cool weather hike in the Park, destination to be determined. We will hike from 8 to 10 miles with no more than 1000 ft of gain. Possible hikes are Willow Hole, Fan Canyon Overlook, or Pinto Basin to Crown Prince Overlook. Spring flowers will be in the early stages, weather should be perfect. WEAR hiking boots, layers, BRING sunscreen, hat, 3 liters of water, lunch and snacks. MEET: Contact leader for meeting place. 8:30 is in Ontario area, or 10:00 am at the entrance off Hwy 62 from town of Joshua Tree. LEADER: MARY ANN RUIZ 909-815-9379, ruizmaryann@gmail.com. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 10 (SUN) 1:00 PM SAN JUAN LOOP TRAIL, SANTA ANA MTS HIKE
Join us on a one of a new series of "after-lunch" easy hikes. This hike is ideal for those new to outdoor activities and looking for something short and easy. The loop is a 2.2-mile hike through a beautiful canyon with shady oaks and giant boulders. Start time is 1:00 pm. MEET: parking lot across from the Ortega Oaks Candy Store on Highway 74, "the Ortega Highway." A wilderness pass is required and is available at most sporting goods stores. (First one is \$30 and the second is only \$5.) Rain cancels. BRING the ten essentials including water, sunscreen, hats, and snacks. Sturdy shoes recommended. DIRECTIONS & INFO: LEADER JOHN MEYNCKE, john.meyncke@gmail.com. SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

MARCH 11 – MARCH 17

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

MAR 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

MAR 12 (TUE) 5:00 PM SYCAMORE CANYON EASY HIKE
Approximate 2-hour easy hike in Sycamore Canyon. This will be a leisurely paced hike/walk. BRING: water and sturdy shoes. MEET: Sycamore Canyon parking lot on the south side of Central Ave. between Canyon Crest Drive and the 215/60 Freeway, Riverside. Rain cancels. LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246, tlcars01@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAR 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

MAR 13 (WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING
Program will be "Radio Active Wolves (25 Years After Chernobyl)." 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: CAROL WILEY, (760) 245-8734, <desertlily1@verizon.net> MOJAVE GROUP

MAR 14 (THU) 9:00 AM S B MTS, GREEN VALLEY LAKE SNOWSHOE
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. MEET: main parking area in Green Valley Lake at 9 AM. WEAR: layered clothing, BRING: No need to bring lunch just a snack and water. Please 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 15-17 (FRI-SUN) MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE HIKES/CARCAMP
MEET Friday, 1:00 pm at Sunrise Rock primitive campground, which is north of Baker and 11 miles east on Cima Road (on the left just past the Teutonia Peak trailhead). Our site will be at the back of the campground. Friday we can hike to Teutonia Peak (about 4 miles rd. trip). Saturday we will go to the Hole in the Wall Visitors Center and then take a 6 mile hike on the Barber Peak Loop Trail. We will camp again at Sunrise rock and share a pot luck dinner on Saturday night. Sunday, we will head to the Kelso Dunes and enjoy hiking the dunes. For those wanting to stay another night we will camp at a primitive camp at Granite Pass and visited Amboy Crater. Weather can be cold this time of year, so prepare for various temperatures. Please fill up with gas a Baker and BRING food and water for the entire trip, as there are no services within the preserve. RESERVATIONS & INFO: LEADER CAROL WILEY, desertlily1@verizon.net, 760-245-8734. MOJAVE GROUP

****MAR 16 (SAT) 7:30 AM PCT SECTION B: HWY 74 TO FOBES TRAILHEAD HIKE**
A continuation of the Section B, Pacific Crest Trail Winter Recognition Program. Hikers completing all nine segments of Section B will receive a special Recognition Award. This Segment No.5 of the PCT is a total of 15.7 miles. We will hike north from Hwy 74 into the San Bernardino National Forest thru Penrod Canyon and then towards Lion Peak, Pyramid Peak and Little Desert Peak before reaching Fobes Saddle. We then descend to the Fobes trailhead. RATED: Moderate. MEET: At Fobes Trailhead located off of Hwy 74 on Fobes Ranch Road 5.7 miles west of Hwy 371 and Hwy 74 junction. Turn north onto Fobes Ranch Road and drive 3.9 miles to the trailhead. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, lunch, 3 liters of water. CALL: For RESERVATIONS contact LEADER ED CALIENDO, (760) 328-1090, dogs111@msn.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 16 (SAT) 8:30 AM DEEP CREEK, JUNIPER FLATS HIKE
Join us on a lovely moderate 6 mile round trip hike to Deep Creek from the Juniper Flats Area, just south of Apple Valley. We descend approximately 1,350 feet to the Creek, a wild trout stream. Enjoy the lovely views and a gorgeous location for a picnic beside the gurgling creek, which is proposed as a Wild and Scenic River in Senator Feinstein's California Desert Protection Act. WEAR layered clothing, hat, and BRING lunch, plenty of water (3-4 quarts) and sunscreen. Don't forget to bring binoculars and camera! MEET: Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road at 8:30 a.m. INFO: LEADER JENNY WILDER, JensOasis@aol.com, 760-220-0730 MOJAVE GROUP

****MAR 16 (SAT) 10:00 AM NATIVE PLANT GARDEN, LYTLE CR FAMILY OUTING**
Bring the family and learn about the adaptations of the plants living in our local area. This unique walk through the Native Plant Garden at the Lytle Creek Ranger Station brings together four of the major plant communities of southern California. The child-centered guided walk will take 1 to 1 1/2 hours, depending on the group. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. You may want to consider extending your day with a picnic in the local area. BRING water and wear a hat, closed shoes, layered clothing, and sunscreen. Sorry, but pets are not invited. Due to the instructional nature of the outing, the group size will be limited. An Adventure Pass is required for vehicles parked on National Forest Land. RESERVATIONS & INFO: LEADER BONNIE TRUSLER (909) 880-1334, <btrusler@verizon.net> CHAPTER

MAR 16 (SAT) 10:30 AM SUNSET PEAK HIKE
Hike a high peak near old Mt. Baldy above the city of Claremont. 7-mile round trip, 1,300' elevation gain on fire road. Moderate pace, suitable for conditioned beginners. On a clear March day expect fine views from the summit. BRING water and snacks. You must have footwear with soles that grip well because we might be walking on snow. Contact leader for status and details. LEADER: BILL JOYCE, (909) 596-6280, bill@rollingtherock.com. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 16-17 (SAT-SUN) GHOST TOWN EXTRAVAGANZA CARCAMP
Spend St. Patrick's Day weekend in this beautiful desert landscape near Death Valley visiting the ghosts and leprechauns of California's colorful past. Camp at the historic ghost town of O'Ballarat (flush toilets). On Sat, do a challenging hike to ghost town Lookout City with historian Hal O'Fowler who will regale us with tales of this wild west town. Afterwards, a special St. Patty's Day Happy Hour and potluck, followed by a midnight visit to Ballarat's graveyard where we'll hope we don't get pinched by a fairy. On Sun, a quick visit to the infamous O'Riley townsite before heading home. Group size strictly limited. RESERVATIONS: Send \$8 per person (Lygeia Gerard), 2 large SASE, H&W phones, email, rideshare info to LEADER LYGEIA GERARD, P.O. Box 721039, Pinon Hills, CA 92372; 760-868-2179. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

MARCH 18 – MARCH 24

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MAR 19 (TUE) 8:00 AM SILVER PEAK VIA 3N36 HIKE
This 9-mile strenuous hike will use Forest Service road 3N36 to get us to our final destination 6767' Silver Peak, with its spectacular views of the high desert and Bighorn Mountains. BRING at least two quarts of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. Meet: Von's parking lot in Big Bear Lake at 8:00 AM. Please call to confirm. LEADER: ED WALLACE, 909 584 9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 19 (TUE) 5:00 PM OLIVE MTN. HIKE
Enjoy the view from Olive Mountain with a moderate to difficult 3-mile round trip hike. Elevation gain of about 1,000 ft. BRING: water, flashlight, and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Perris to right on Kalmia, left on Kitching. Park at the end of the road on Kitching. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246, tlcars01@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAR 19 (TUE) 6:00 PM SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONS COM MEETING
Monthly conservation meeting. The public is welcome. LOCATION: Call or email for location & directions. CONTACT: SHAULI ROSEN-RAGER, (951) 767-2203, <gardens@netzon.net> SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

MAR 19 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except August, The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: Educational Building, Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid Ave. at 11th. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 20 (WED) 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 or an extra pair of socks are recommended. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Contact leader prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, <john@stclair.us>, 909-983-8501. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 20-24 (WED-SUN) DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK HIKES/CARCAMP
Visit Death Valley National Park when temperatures are cooler and wild flowers may be blooming. We will explore areas both outside and inside the park with hikes to visit waterfalls and stunning desert canyons. We will also tour Scotty's Castle. Hiking may be over rough ground and rocks. High clearance vehicles are recommended, but there will be carpooling options. Camping is in a developed private campground which includes flush toilets, showers, camp fire rings and picnic tables. Cost is \$60 per person and includes 4 nights of camping and tour of Scotty's Castle. \$25 deposit required. Group size limited to 19 people. RESERVATIONS: LEADER RICH JURICICH, raj082806@pacbell.net, 916-492-2181. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

MAR 21 (THU) 5:00 PM TERRI PEAK HIKE
Difficult 4-mile round trip hike to Terri Peak, overlooking Lake Perris. Trail starts on a path behind homes and has some steep sections as it follows an old road to the top. BRING: water, flashlight, and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60fwy in Moreno Valley, exit south on Moreno Beach road. Follow Moreno Beach road for 3.4 miles, then turn left on Via Del Lago. Park on the right side of the road past the housing tract, do not enter Lake Perris Park. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: THERESA CARSON, (951) 660-7246, tlcars01@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAR 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. CONTACT: ED WALLACE (909) 584-9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 21 (THU) 7:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting. The public is welcome. PLACE: Rancho California Water District Headquarters, 42135 Winchester Rd., Temecula 92589. INFO: JIM MITCHELL (951) 506-9607 <sierraclubsmg@gmail.com> SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

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MAR 22 (FRI) 8:00 AM LAKE GREGORY HEAR AND NOW HIKE
While on this leisurely stroll around the lake, our commitment will be to focus on what is around us at the moment, to learn, to share and concentrate on the sights and sounds, history and lore, birds, animals and plants of this special lake environment, Distance: 2-1/2 mile loop. BRING: good shoes and your curiosity. MEET: contact leader for details. LEADER: STEVE FARRELL 661-449-2867, <mr_sqf@yahoo.com>. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAR 23 (SAT) 8:00 AM JOSHUA TREE HIKE
Come join other hikers for an easy/moderate 7-8 mile hike in Joshua Tree to Queen Mtn. and Ryan Mtn. BRING sturdy boots, 2-3 quarts of water and snacks/lunch. MEET: Contact leader for info and meeting place. LEADER: TERRENCE MCCORKLE, 60-252-2194, 760-412-1683, oldhikerdude@verizon.net. MOJAVE GROUP

MAR 23 (SAT) 8:00 AM WEST FORK TRAIL - ANDREAS CANYON HIKE
NEW: This hike takes place on the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation and a personal entry fee is required as follows: \$9/person except Students, Military and Seniors 62+ are \$7. This is a 10.0 mile through-hike and will require the shuttling of hikers. You will climb through a wonderland of rocks and mountain vegetation. The trail is steep and strenuous with a 2,500' elevation gain. The trail takes us to a rushing stream and through desert vegetation. At this time of the year the slopes should be ablaze with desert flowers. RATING: Strenuous. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 3 liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. MEET: 1400 South Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs. Call for detail meeting instructions and directions. RESERVATIONS: LEADER ED CALIENDO (760) 328-1090, dogs111@msn.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

****MAR 24 (SUN) 8 AM RAMONA TRAIL TO THOMAS MTN HIKE**
This is moderate 13.5 mile (RT), 2500' gain ft elevation gain hike (out-n-back) in the San Jacinto Mountains. This is a great trail, and is evenly graded. There is a wonderful transition from desert flora to pine forest on this hike, and since the hike is all north side, it is relatively shady the whole way. The area around Thomas Mountain is wonderful; there are fantastic views of San Jacinto, San Gorgonio, Toro Peak and more. WEAR hiking boots or sturdy shoes, BRING 2 liters of water, snacks and lunch, and layered clothing. Rain cancels. Adventure passes are required. MEET: Contact leader for meeting place to carpool. Trailhead sign is about 3.5 miles south of Lake Hemet on Highway 74. LEADER: JOHN KUNTZ, 951-347-2454, jkuntz920@gmail.com. CHAPTER

MARCH 25 – MARCH 31

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MAR 26 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RALPH SALISBURY (951) 686-4141 <ralphsalisbury@att.net>. CHAPTER

MAR 29-31 (FRI-SUN) WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY SERVICE
Join our annual Sierra Club service trip with the Needles BLM Field Office to help wilderness. This season's task will be to document the wilderness characteristics of an area adjacent to wilderness that has not been recently studied – exact location still to be determined. We enjoyed similar work last spring just west of the Old Woman Mountains. Car camping with optional central commissary, usual exorbitant fee. RESERVATIONS & INFO: Contact LEADER VICKY HOOVER, vicky.hoover @sierraclub.org, 415-977-5527. LOCAL CONTACT: Carol Wiley, earthingwiley2000@yahoo.com, 760-245-8734 CNRCC WILDERNESS COMMITTEE

MAR 30 (SAT) 8:30 AM SAWTOOTH MOUNTAIN TRAIL HIKE
The Sawtooth Mountain Trail is now within the Pioneertown Mountains Preserve managed by The Wildlands Conservancy. The Conservancy is providing a tour guide, Tom Cain, who is very familiar with the old Rim of the World horse trail. This is a unique opportunity that has not been previously available to the public. The woodlands contains Pinion pine, Joshua trees, goldenbush, Mojave yucca. A generous offering of other plant species are to be seen along with big horn sheep, mule deer, rabbits, coyote, and other animals. This is a 10.5 mile hike taking 5.5 hours to complete. RATING: Moderate, with an elevation gain of 900'. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, three-liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. MEET: Take I-10 to Hwy 62 turn north towards Joshua Tree National Park. After 19 miles, in the town of Yucca Valley, turn left at Pioneertown Road. After 5-6 miles at the Pipes Canyon Road intersection (marked by a Pioneertown Mountains Preserve sign), drive west for 0.6 miles veer right at the next sign for Pioneertown Mountains Preserve, continue driving 0.4 miles to the entrance gate and parking area. RESERVATIONS: LEADER ED CALIENDO, (760-328-1090, dogs111@msn.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

APRIL 1 – APRIL 7

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APR 1 (MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on Feb 4, Apr 1, May 6, Oct 7, Nov 4. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

APR 2 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
PROGRAM: See front-page notice. NOTE: The January, 2013, meeting is January 8 because of the New Year's Day holiday. 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 2-4 (TUE-THU) 10:00 OWL CANYON/RAINBOW BASIN CAR CAMP
Our base camp will be Own Canyon Campground, in the high desert, north of Barstow. We'll hike up Owl Canyon on Wednesday. On Thursday we'll explore the Rainbow Basin Natural Area. INFO & LEADER: BILL ENGS, <engsb@juno.com>, 909-338-1910. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

APR 3 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. INFO: ED WALLACE (909) 584-9407 BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 6 (SAT) 8:30 AM PHELAN BACK COUNTRY HIKE
Join us for another easy-paced hike to explore the beautiful backcountry south of Phelan. Hike for 2-1/2 to 3 hours. BRING/WEAR hiking boots, layered clothing, daypack, water, snacks. Friendly dogs welcome. MEET at 8:30 a.m. at Desert Community Bank in Phelan (4895 Phelan Rd). LEADER: LYGEIA GERARD, (760) 868-2179. MOJAVE GROUP

****APR 6-7 (SAT-SUN) 7:00 AM JO POND TRAIL, ANDREAS CANYON BACKPACK**
Attention experienced backpackers, here is a chance to see the spring desert flowers as we backpack over the desert divide crossing the Pacific Crest Trail at 6,000' and descend into the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation. The trip starts at the Cedar Spring trailhead in Garner Valley (5,430') and climbs to the Pacific Crest Trail junction (6,000'). From the PCT/Desert Divide, we will hike down-hill on the Jo Pond trail into the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation leading to Indian Canyons and the Andreas Canyon exit (500'). RATING: Moderate, 18 mile trip. MEET: 1400 South Palm Canyon Drive Palm Springs. Call leader for detail meeting instructions and directions. BRING: Ten-essentials, backpacking equipment, tent, water purification, sleeping bag, bear canister, trail foods, layered clothing, 2-liters of water, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. Entry fee is required as follows: \$9/person except Students, Military and Seniors 62+ are \$7. RESERVATIONS: LEADER ED CALIENDO (760) 328-1090, email at dogs111@msn.com, or CO-LEADER ROBERTA DARROW (909) 362-2531. BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 7 (SUN) 8:00 AM CRAM PEAK & MORTON PEAK LOOKOUT HIKE
This 12-mile round trip hike using a portion of the Santa Anna River Trail has a 2800 ft elevation gain. Great views of the Santa Anna River drainage. BRING water layered clothing and hiking boots. MEET: Von's parking lot in Big Bear Lake at 8:00 AM and Mill Creek Ranger Station at 9:00. Please call to confirm. LEADER: ED WALLACE 909 584 9407 BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 7 (SUN) 8:30 AM WHITEWATER PRESERVE HIKE
Come hike through some of the area proposed for the Sand to Snow National Monument along part of the Pacific Crest Trail. Round trip about 9 miles, 1500 ft of gain. There are a couple of water crossings which can be interesting. WEAR hiking boots to navigate the rocky wash, BRING: water, snacks and lunch. Most of the hike is in the sun so bring sunscreen and wear a hat! MEET: Contact leader for meeting place, we will meet in Ontario area at 8:30 or at the preserve at 9:30. LEADER: MARY ANN RUIZ, 909-815-9379, ruizmaryann@gmail.com. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

APRIL 8 – APRIL 14

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APR 8 (MON) 7:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING
Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

APR 9 (TUE) 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. BRING: water, flashlight, and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Pigeon Pass to 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. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246, tlcars01@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

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

APR 10 (WED) 9:00 AM LOWER MARSHALL CANYON HIKE
Join us for this easy 4 mile R/T outing. Just 300' elevation gain in this beautiful riparian setting as you weave your way about stream and golf course vistas. BRING: water, hiking sticks, sturdy boots and layered clothing. MEET: Call/e-mail prior to scheduled date for details. Rain cancels. LEADER: JEFF WARHOL, (909) 985-7686, <jmwandjw@hotmail.com> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

APR 10 (WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING
Program will be a DVD on Mono Lake. 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: CAROL WILEY, (760) 245-8734, <desertlily1@verizon.net> MOJAVE GROUP

APR 11 (THU) 5:00 PM SYCAMORE CANYON EASY HIKE
Approximate 2-hour easy hike in Sycamore Canyon, Riverside. This will be a leisurely paced hike/walk. BRING: water and sturdy shoes. MEET: Sycamore Canyon parking lot on the south side of Central Ave. between Canyon Crest Drive and the 215/60 Freeway, Riverside. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246, tlcars01@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

APR 12 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB 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, snack. MEET: Green Valley Lake across from the post office at 9:00 A.M. CALL for weather conditions and to confirm you are coming. LEADER: SANDY ELLIS, 909-867-7115, <sellis67@gmail.com>. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

****APR 13 (SAT) 8:30 AM CACTUS SPRING TRAIL HIKE**
This trail brings us into close contact with the Santa Rosa Wilderness and provides some scenic vistas of Martinez Mountain and chaparral covered slopes of the vast watershed known as Horsethief Creek. This is a 9.0 mile round-trip hike taking 5 hours to complete. RATING: Moderate, with an elevation gain of 1,200'. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, adequate water, lunch/snack, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat and gloves. MEET: At the trailhead, located southeast of Idyllwild. From Palm Desert, take Hwy 74 south almost 16 miles until you pass Sugarloaf Café, where you take the first paved road to the left. A sign on Hwy 74 indicates the Cactus Spring Trailhead. Go 0.25 mile, then turn left into a large parking area. We will meet there. From Hemet, the trailhead is 8.0 miles east of the junction of Hwy 371 and Hwy 74. RESERVATIONS: LEADER ED CALIENDO (760) 328-1090 or dogs111@msn.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 13-14 (SAT-SUN) JUNIPER FLATS AREA HIKES/CARCAMP
The Juniper Flats Sub-region is a transition area managed by the BLM and sits between the Victor Valley and the San Bernardino National Forest. It is a beautiful area of mountains, riparian areas, boulder fields and is bordered Deep Creek, a proposed Wild & Scenic River. Camping will be on the lovely Rock Springs Ranch, a privately owned part of Juniper Flats. For those wanting to arrive on Friday, there will be a 3 mile round trip hike to the boulder gardens and evening camping at the ranch. Saturday will be a driving and hiking tour of the Juniper Flats area (4-WD or high clearance vehicle recommended) including springs, waterfall, Cottonwood Springs ACEC and an oak glen area. Saturday evening will be a campfire with campfire type dinner provided by the Friends of Juniper Flats. Sunday will be a 6 mile round trip hike to Deep Creek. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER CAROL WILEY, desertlily1@verizon.net or 760- 245-8734. INFO: CO-LEADER JENNY WILDER at: JensOasis@aol.com or 760-220-0730. MOJAVE GROUP

APR 13-14 (SAT-SUN) CARRIZO PLAIN SERVICE
This is an opportunity to visit and to assist in the Carrizo Plain National Monument. On Saturday we will assist monument staff in the removal and/or modification of fences to allow pronghorn antelope freer access to the range. Sunday is reserved for sightseeing or hiking as the group decides. The views from the Caliente Mountains are spectacular; spring flowers may be blooming (if rainfall is sufficient); and the monument is known for the number and variety of raptors present. RESERVATIONS & INFO: LEADER: CRAIG DEUTSCHE, craig.deutsche@gmail.com, 310-477-6670. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

**** APR 14 (SUN) 8:00 AM JACOBY CANYON PHOTO MEANDER HIKE**
This 4 mile round trip hike with no particular destination is meant for those who like to wander and take photographs or those that just like to wander. Jacoby canyon with its interesting rock formations, Joshua trees, and seasonal stream is an excellent area to get some great images. Depending on the weather wildflowers might well be in bloom. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, adequate water, lunch/snack, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat and gloves and of course your photo gear. MEET: Vons parking lot in Big Bear Lake at 8:00 AM. RESERVATIONS & INFO: LEADER ED WALLACE (909) 584 9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

****APR 14 (SUN) 8 AM SITTON PEAK VIA BEAR CYN TRAIL HIKE**
Bear Canyon Trail is a pleasant hike into the Santa Ana Mountains and the San Mateo Canyon Wilderness. It is 9.8 miles round trip with an elevation gain of about 1,300 feet or so. Once at the summit, there are awesome views of Santiago and Modjeska (Saddleback), San Gorgonio, and San Jacinto, depending on the weather conditions. WEAR hiking boots or sturdy shoes, BRING 2 liters of water, snacks and lunch, and layered clothing. Rain cancels. Adventure passes are required. MEET: At the trailhead, located on the Ortega Highway 74 adjacent to the “Ortega Oaks Candy Store”. The parking area is across the highway from the store. We will meet there. We will start hiking no later than 8:15 AM. LEADER: JOHN KUNTZ, 951-347-2454, jkuntz920@gmail.com. CHAPTER

APR 14 (SUN) 1:00 PM WARNER SPRINGS – PCT HIKE
Join us for the second hike on a new series of “after-lunch” easy hikes. These hikes are ideal for those new to outdoor activities and looking for something short and easy. This hike is out-and-back on the famous Pacific Crest Trail. It wanders through a beautiful meadow and shady oaks with views of Palomar Mountains and great California scenery. It is approximately three miles. Start time is 1:00pm. A wilderness pass is not required. BRING the ten essentials including water, sunscreen, hats, and snacks. Sturdy shoes recommended. MEET at the parking area on the right past the glider port in Warner Springs. Rain cancels. DIRECTIONS & INFO: LEADER JOHN MEYNECKE, john.meynecke@gmail.com. SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

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APRIL 15 – APRIL 21

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APR 16 (TUE) 5:00 PM BOX SPRINGS PARK HIKE
Moderate 3 to 4-mile hike in Box Springs Park on the towers loop. BRING: water, flashlight, and sturdy shoes. MEET: From 60fwy in Moreno Valley, exit on Pigeon Pass. Drive north on Pigeon Pass about 4 miles, turns into Box Springs Mountain Rd. and soon turns to dirt. In 1.2 miles you reach the parking area on the right. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246, tcarson01@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

APR 16 (TUE) 6:00 PM SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONS COM MEETING
Monthly conservation meeting. The public is welcome. LOCATION: Call or email for location & directions. CONTACT: SHAULI ROSEN-RAGER, (951) 767-2203, <gardens@netzon.net>
SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

APR 16 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except August, The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: Educational Building, Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid Ave. at 11th. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com>
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

****APR 17 (WED) 9:00 AM PINE KNOT TR TO GRANDVIEW PT HIKE**
This is approximately a 6-mile, 3-hour, moderate hike, with about 800' of elevation gain. BRING sturdy boots, water, weather appropriate clothing and snacks. MEET: East parking lot of the Big Bear Lake Performing Arts Center, we will carpool to the trailhead. Drivers will require Adventure Passes. LEADER: DICK BANKS (909) 866-9232.
BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 18 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: ED WALLACE (909) 584-9407.
BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 18 (THU) 7:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting. The public is welcome. PLACE: Rancho California Water District Headquarters, 42135 Winchester Rd., Temecula 92589. INFO: JIM MITCHELL (951) 506-9607 <sierraclubsmg@gmail.com>
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

APR 20 (SAT) 8:00 AM BIGHORN WILDERNESS HIKE
Come join other hikers for an easy/moderate 7-8 mile hike in the Bighorn Wilderness Area east of Big Bear to Tip Top Mtn. and Mineral Mtn. BRING sturdy boots, 3-4 quarts of water and snacks/lunch. MEET: Contact leader for more info and meeting place. LEADER: TERRENCE MCCORKLE, 760-252-2194, 760-412-1683, oldhikerdude@verizon.net.
MOJAVE GROUP

APR 21 (SUN) 8:00 AM GARNER VALLEY SECTION OF PCT HIKE
Explore a 4 mile section of the PCT. Starting at the Bull Canyon Trailhead on Route 74 about a mile east of the junction of the 371 and the 74, east of Garner Valley. We will head south from the trailhead as it skirts the base of Lookout Mountain. The trail meanders through chaparral with mostly gentle climbs and great views of Anza to the west and the mountains to the east. We will do some moderate climbing as the trail passes in and out of a series of washes to our turnaround point Lookout Mountain truck trail. This is 8 miles total out and back, a moderately difficult hike with roughly 500 feet of elevation gain. Rain cancels. BRING a lunch, at least 2 liters of water, a hat, comfortable hiking shoes and dress in layers. Do not forget the sunscreen. MEET: For information or directions please contact leader. RESERVATIONS: LEADER BOB AUDIBERT, bob.takeahike1@gmail.com, (951) 302-1059.
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

****APR 21 (SUN) 10:00 AM NATIVE PLANT GARDEN, LYTLE CR FAMILY OUTING**
Bring the family and celebrate Earth Day by learning how our local Native Americans utilized the plants found in their natural environment. The Native Plant Garden at the Lytle Creek Ranger station is home to a large variety of plants that were once used for food, shelter, medicine, and more. The child centered guided walk will take 1 to 1 1/2 hours, depending on the group. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. You may want to consider extending your day with a picnic in the local area. BRING water and WEAR a hat, closed shoes, layered clothing, and sunscreen. Sorry, but pets are not invited. Due to the instructional nature of the outing, the group size will be limited. An Adventure Pass is required for vehicles parked on National Forest Land. RESERVATIONS & INFO: LEADER BONNIE TRUSLER, (909)880-1334 <btrusler@verizon.net>
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****APR 21 (SUN) 9:00 AM S B MTS, JOHN MUIR'S BD, HEART ROCK SAUNTER**
On John Muir's Birthday, let's honor his exasperated opinion of hiking, "I don't like either the word or the thing. People ought to saunter in the mountains - not hike!" Join us for an easy walk and appreciation of the connectedness of our forest. We will follow the Seeley Creek trail to an overlook of Heart Rock Falls, discovering and appreciating who knows what along the way. Distance: 2 miles RT. BRING: water, a snack, good shoes, and your curiosity. MEET: Contact leader for meeting place & info. LEADER STEVE FARRELL, 661-449-2867, <mr_sqf@yahoo.com>. Adventure Pass required.
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

APRIL 22 – APRIL 28

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APR 23 (TUE) 5:00 PM TWO TREES-BOX SPRINGS HIKE
Moderate 3-mile hike up Two Trees Trail from Riverside with 1,000-foot elevation gain. BRING: water, flashlight, and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 215fwy in Riverside exit Blaine St. and drive east 2 miles to where the road turns to dirt. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246, tcarson01@gmail.com.
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

APR 23 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. (No December meeting.) PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RALPH SALISBURY (951) 686-4141 <ralphsalisbury@att.net>.
CHAPTER

****APR 24 (WED) 9:00 AM CASTLE ROCK AND SIBERIA CREEK TRAILS HIKE**
This is a moderate to difficult, 4-hour, 8-mile hike with about 1200' of elevation gain. On route we will pass Castle Rock, Bluff Lake and the Champion Lodgepole Pine. MEET: The east parking lot of the Performing Arts Center in Big Bear Lake and carpool to the trailhead. Adventure Passes are required at the trailhead. BRING sturdy boots, water, comfortable clothing and lunch. LEADER: DICK BANKS, (909) 866-9232
BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 27 (SAT) 8:00 AM VATICAN TO HIDDEN ARCH HIKE
We will enjoy a leisurely hike in the Juniper Flats area about 5 miles round trip. Hopefully there will some wildflowers and views of the Victor Valley. We will explore some interesting boulder formations. Flowers may include goldfields, nodding bells, desert parsley, bajada lupines, gray ball sage, coreopsis, phacelia (washoe & lace leaf), Wallace's woolly daisy, white forget me nots, Joshua Tree, antelope bush, and desert almond. Best to BRING a hiking stick along with 3-4 quarts of water, snacks/lunch, camera and binoculars. WEAR layers, hat and hiking boots/shoes. MEET: Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road at 8:00 am. INFO & LEADER: JENNY WILDER, JensOasis@aol.com, 760-220-0730.
MOJAVE GROUP

APR 27 (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 30 (TUE) 5:00 PM BOX SPRINGS PARK HIKE
Moderate 3-mile hike in Box Springs Park on the skyline trail. BRING: water, flashlight, and sturdy shoes. MEET: From 60fwy in Moreno Valley, exit on Pigeon Pass. Drive north on Pigeon Pass about 4 miles, turns into Box Springs Mountain Rd. and soon turns to dirt. In 1.2 miles you reach the parking area on the right. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246, tcarson01@gmail.com.
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

APRIL 29 – MAY 5

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

MAY 1 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. INFO: ED WALLACE (909) 584-9407.
BIG BEAR GROUP

MAY 2 (THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, call MARY ANN RUIZ (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com>
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

COMING UP

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

MAY 11-12 (SAT - SUN) SOUTHERN SIERRA CAR CAMP/HIKE
Come join us for a two day car camp and hike to Owens Peak in the Southern Sierra near Lake Isabella in Kern County. MEET: For more info and meeting place and time contact LEADER: TERRENCE MCCORKLE, 760-252-2194, 760-412-1683, oldhikerdude@verizon.net.
MOJAVE GROUP

MAY 18 (SAT) 8:00 AM MT. BADEN POWELL HIKE
Come join other hikers for a moderate 8-9 mile hike to Mt. Baden Powell in the beautiful San Gabriel Mtns. near Wrightwood. BRING sturdy boots, 4 quarts of water and lunch/snacks. MEET: Contact LEADER TERRENCE MCCORKLE, 760-252-2194, 760-412-1683, oldhikerdude@verizon.net.
MOJAVE GROUP

MAY 25 (SAT) 7:30 AM JUNIPER FLATS ACEC HIKE
This hike to explore the ACEC is an approximate 6 miles, moderate, round trip hike in Juniper Flats just south of Apple Valley. There are spectacular views of the Victor Valley and San Bernardino Mountains. Native Americans used the area for hunting and gathering and it is now protected as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) for natural and cultural resources. Don't forget to bring binoculars and camera! It may be warm/hot so BRING 3-4 quarts of water, wear layered clothing, hat, snacks/lunch and sunscreen. MEET: Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road at 7:30am. High clearance vehicle is recommended. INFO & LEADER: JENNY WILDER JensOasis@aol.com, 760 220 0730.
MOJAVE GROUP

JUN 8 (SAT) 8:00 AM SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN HIKE
Come join other hikers for a strenuous 10-12 mile hike to Sugarloaf Mtn. in the San Bernardino Mtns. southeast of Big Bear Lake. BRING sturdy boots, 4 quarts of water and snacks/lunch. MEET: Contact leader for meeting place: LEADER TERRENCE MCCORKLE, 760-252-2194, 760-412-1683, oldhikerdude@verizon.net.
MOJAVE GROUP

JUN 15 (SAT) 7:30AM VATICAN TO ROUND MTN SPRING HIKE
This hike is a 6 mile moderate round trip hike in the Juniper Flats area just south of Apple Valley. We follow a footpath beside a wash and over a hill between two springs in the Juniper Flats Area. Hike includes lovely views of the mountains and Juniper Flats ACEC (Area of Critical Environmental Concern). Don't forget to bring binoculars and camera! WEAR sturdy hiking boots, layered clothing, hat and BRING plenty of water (3-4 quarts) as well as lunch/snacks and sunscreen. MEET: Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road at 7:30am. High clearance vehicle is recommended. INFO & LEADER: JENNY WILDER JensOasis@aol.com, 760 220 0730.
MOJAVE GROUP

JUN 21-27 (FRI-THU) COYOTE GULCH, UTAH BACKPACK
This trip heads into some of the best of red rock in Utah, with shear high-walled canyons and cathedral-like camping areas. MEET around noon at the Escalante visitor center where we will obtain our permits. Hike 4-5 miles a day, possible lay-over day. Most of hike is fairly easy, but requires wading back and forth across the creek. This is definitely the summer warm season, but I have generally found it quite pleasant in the canyon this time of year. Limit 12. RESERVATIONS: LEADER DAVID HARDY, 702 875-4826, hardyhikers@embarqmail.com.
CNRC DESERT COMMITTEE

JUL 20-21 (SAT-SUN) 8:15 AM BEGINNER BACKPACKING BACKPACK
This is a backpacking trip for beginners to learn the requirements for over-night wilderness camping. From Onyx Summit near Big Bear Lake, you will backpack 4.0 miles to Dear Springs Trail Camp where the group will camp over-night. Multiple skills will be demonstrated including the use of a compass, loading of a backpack, tent setup, lighting a fire, cooking, and other basic skills. MEET: Onyx Summit at 8:15 a.m. located on Hwy 38. BRING: ten essentials, backpack, tent, sleeping bag, water purification capabilities, layered clothing, sun protection, bear canister, food, and two-liters of water. CALL: For additional information and RESERVATIONS & INFO: Contact LEADER ED CALIENDO, (909) 878-3813, dogs111@msn.com or CO-LEADER JIM SEIFERT, (760) 694-5370.
BIG BEAR GROUP

NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES

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

(1ST FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB
Join us for international folk dancing. This is the same group that used to meet at UCR. Meetings are twice monthly: on the 1st & 3rd Fridays. COST: \$3 donation to help pay for the room. PLACE: Highgrove United Methodist Church, 938 W. Center St., Highgrove. DIRECTIONS: Take the Center St. exit from Interstate 215. The church is one half mile east of the freeway on the right. INFO: GAIL SEEKINS (909) 825-4427 lgseekins@sbcglobal.net or LARRY POWELL (909) 864-2309

(3RD WED) 7:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY PROGRAM: A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize. Note: The June and December general meetings begin at 6:30 pm and are potluck dinners. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit 110 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

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NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

MAR 1 (FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
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Chapter Program on March 5th is For the Birds . . . Literally and Beautifully!

Nature photographer Steve Kaye will present his slide show "Local Birds" at the San Geronio Chapter meeting March 5th. The program promises to be an enjoyable photo tour of the birds in our area. Steve will show his photos of local birds with the stories behind the photos and tips on how to photograph birds.

Steve has been taking photos since 1965. He has conducted seminars on nature photography at the Fullerton Arboretum and the Environmental Nature Center in Newport Beach. His photos are on sale in the Fullerton Arboretum. Find photos and more info at stevekayphoto.com

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



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MAR 15 (FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
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MAR 20 (WED) 7:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING
 NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY
 PROGRAM: A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I10 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

APR 5 (FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
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APR 17 (WED) 7:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING
 NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY
 PROGRAM: A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I10 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

APR 19 (FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
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MAY 3 (FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
 NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB
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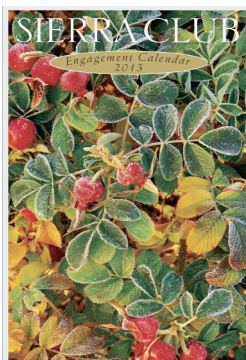
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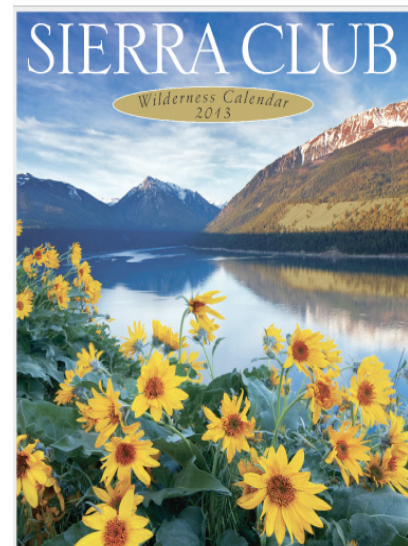
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You Are Invited to the . . . 6th Annual Walk on Blue Mountain on March 10th

By Ralph Salisbury

Coming up Sunday, March 10, is the 6th Annual Blue Mountain Walk sponsored by Friends of Blue Mountain and The Foundation of Grand Terrace. The walk starts at 8:00 a.m. from the trailhead at Palm Avenue and Honey Hill Drive in Grand Terrace.

Just once a year is this Inland treasure open for the public to explore – and it's free! Last year well over 1,000 showed up (don't worry, the mountain can accommodate lots more) but arriving a little before the 8:00 a.m. start time is wise. Hikers must set out before 11:00 a.m. and should return to the trailhead no later than 1:00 p.m. Friendly pets on leashes are welcome too.

Friends of Blue Mountain is a tax-exempt organization dedicated to the long-term protection of Blue Mountain's natural habitats and open spaces. The group's vision is to create a 500-acre wilderness park connecting Blue Mountain with

neighboring Box Springs Mountain Reserve. In the shorter term, FOBM plan on opening an 80-acre park which will still allow year-round access to the 2,428 foot peak.



Lil' Star, our mascot.

We are nearing our goal of establishing a park that will allow access to the peak 365 day/year. Your help is needed though. Come see the potential for this park and if you can drop a donation into our jar if you wish. We need your support!

March is the perfect month for hiking Blue Mountain – not too hot and not too cold. The clear days allow hikers to great unobstructed panoramic views of the

signature peaks in the IE from Mt. Baldy and Cucamonga Peak to our highest peak, Mt. San Gorgonio and across to San Jacinto Peak above Palm Springs. To the south, the twin peaks of Santiago and Modjeska stand out in the Cleveland National Forest.

To access the trailhead, from the 215 Freeway in Grand Terrace exit East on Barton Road and proceed uphill until Barton begins to veer left. Continue straight on

Palm Avenue to the top where it meets Honey Hill Drive. Parking is available along Honey Hill Drive and if needed, overflow parking is available at the Grand Terrace City Hall down Palm before Barton Road.

All hikers should bring water, a hat, sunscreen and

sturdy footwear. And don't forget your camera! Commemorative T-Shirts will be available along with books at the Friends of Blue Mountain's booth so you might want to bring a little cash. Although there is no charge, a Free-Will offering is suggested to help FOBM's land acquisition fund.

For more information please go to the Friends of Blue Mountain website at www.friendsofbluemountain.org or e-mail ralphsalisbury@att.net.



Remembering Ellen R. Baum

by Ralph Salisbury

Ellen was a long-time Sierra Club friend. She was very involved with the Singles Section for years and regularly attended the monthly Chapter Membership Meeting.

Ellen would always help out when asked and is known by many current Sierra Club members. Her departure will be missed by many.

Ellen Rose Baum was born May 3, 1926, in Wuerzburg, Germany and died at home November 14, 2012, in Redlands, California, from Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (Adenocarcinoma) at the young age of 86.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Irving W. Baum in 1997. Ellen was a long time resident of Redlands, having settled here with her husband in 1955.

Ellen earned a Bachelor's degree in Journalism from Queens College in New York, where she also played collegiate basketball. She had worked for a photographic studio under Eisenstadt, *Reader's Digest*, *Gems and Minerals Magazine* and General Dynamics.

She was active in animal rescue, environmental conservation and the protection of our wildlife and the preserves in which they lived. She participated in the Sierra Club, American Ex-Prisoners of War, the Democratic Club and California

State Employees Association. Ellen volunteered as a Fire Lookout Host at Keller Peak, worked the phones during fires, provided road information during snow storms, facilitated for the Pet Over Population Coalition, gave

51 gallons of blood at the blood bank and donated generously to many charities.

She was a patriot who flew her flag daily and often replaced the flags flying over city hall when they became tattered.

She was a fixture in the neighborhood as she walked her dog daily and greeted all as friends. She shared "grandma cookies," delivered fresh baked

bread, house sat for the neighbors and attended Zumba classes at the YMCA.

She is survived by her son Craig D. Baum of Tucson, her three daughters Sandra L. Mayo of Moreno Valley, Valerie G. Baum-Hart of Mentone, and Rob K. Baum of Cape Town, South Africa, and six grandchildren and her dog Keller.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the American Cancer Society (www.cancer.org) or Retrievers and Friends (<http://www.retrievefriends.com>) in memory of Ellen R. Baum.

Service for Ellen Baum was held Wednesday, November 21, 2012, at 10 AM at Riverside National Cemetery.



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partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Temecula's Meadowview neighborhood is bringing exciting prospects for habitat restoration and wildlife protection. In January a team of F&W experts visited the 300 acre HOA-owned site and were thrilled to see a family of the rare burrowing owls in their nest. A group of volunteers and agency people are currently crafting a plan to help Meadowview residents protect them in harmony with the land's already existing recreational uses. In addition, the Meadowview HOA is working on a more ambitious plan to restore the once dry-farmed land to a more native version of itself with a series of pilot plots. These projects are an illustration of how the Sierra Club can be pro-active in local conservation efforts.

TENAJA FALLS HIKE

by Gary Marsalone

On a beautiful Sunday (Jan 27) eight adults and two kids hiked up a steep one-mile trail to the Tenaja Falls, which were running well but easily crossed by going over the running water on the



Fish & Wildlife team meet with Meadowview home owners. Photo by Teri Biancardi

falls bedrock. We then continued on for three more miles to the Morgan Trail cut off. At the junction someone had placed a toy dinosaur on top of the trail sign, which delighted everyone. Our lunch break was in a scenic oak forest and though the weather was overcast, the canyon vistas



Tenaja Falls hikers at an overlook. Photo by Gary Marsalone

along the entire trail were memorable. The cooler weather was perfect for this hike

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Sustaining Redlands: “Preserve the Best – Improve the Rest”

By Kathy Havert, Redlands Sustainability Festival Chairperson

The Redlands Sustainability Network (RSN) presents the Redlands Sustainability Festival in celebration of The City of Redlands' 125th Anniversary

On Saturday, March 9, 2013, the Redlands Sustainability Network (RSN) is hosting the first Redlands Sustainability Festival at the University of Redlands. The Festival is expected to become an annual event. Its purpose is to motivate, educate, and inspire public support for sustainable community ideals and practices, including:

- buying local,
- “green” industry initiatives and green building,
- sustainable energy and water use,
- access to outdoor recreation,
- local farming and food production,
- social health
- health and wellness issues, and
- energy efficient transportation.

A major goal of RSN is to collaborate with other community organizations, groups and businesses to make the City of Redlands a model for sustainability. It is our hope that the booths and exhibits of participating Redlands-area businesses, non-profits, government agencies, resource agencies and other community organizations will take this opportunity to highlight aspects of their operation that demonstrate their commitment



GET INVOLVED!

Event Date:

Saturday, March 9, 2013

Time:

11 AM - 3 PM

Event Address:

University of Redlands
1200 East Colton Ave.
Redlands, CA
East Library Lawn
Extending around Lewis Hall
(Orton Center, in case
of rain)



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through the chaparral and the many groves of stately trees.

A BIRTHDAY HIKE by Margaret Meyncke

It is not unusual for Sierra Club members to go hiking. But John Meyncke chose to hike for his birthday and complete his second provisional leader-training hike at the same time on the Morgan Trail about three miles off the Ortega Highway. We met up with Bob Audibert, our official hiking leader, and began a pleasant downhill pace into the San Mateo Wilderness on a gorgeous day.

The morning was filled with sparkling sunlight and shady groves of native trees; perfect weather for a walk in the Santa Ana Mountains. The trail meanders through different ecological environments presenting new and interesting plants, trees, and flowers. We stopped several times for water breaks and to enjoy the views. “Is that the ocean?”

After passing several hikers coming uphill on the Bear Creek Loop trail, we arrived at the Candy Store. I had called ahead to order “birthday pies” from Shannon, the owner and master baker. There we enjoyed a well deserve treat of pie and coffee. Yum! Happy Birthday John Meyncke!

HERE ARE THE HIKES PLANNED FOR MARCH & APRIL by Bob Audibert, Gary Marsalone and John Meyncke:

On Saturday, March 2nd we'll explore Simpson Park in Hemet starting at 9:00 am. We will see beautiful vistas of the snow topped San Bernardino and San Jacinto Mountains; Diamond Valley Lake and the San Jacinto Valley. We will take a moderate hike of five miles in Simpson Park on winding trails through Chaparral and granite formations. End with a picnic lunch. For reservations and more information contact hike leader: Gary

Marsalone at (858)663-1201 or hikesie@gmail.com.

On Sunday, March 10th we'll take a short hike of the “San Juan Loop Trail” starting at 1:00 pm. Join us on a new series of “after-lunch” easy hikes. This hike is ideal for those new to outdoor activities and looking for something short and easy. The loop is a 2.2-mile hike through a beautiful canyon with shady oaks and giant boulders. Start time is 1:00 pm. For reservations and more information contact hike leader John Meyncke at john.meyncke@gmail.com.

On Sunday, April 14th we'll take another short hike at the “Warner Springs PCT” starting at 1:00 pm.

Join us for the second hike on a new series of “after-lunch” easy hikes. These hikes are ideal for those new to outdoor activities and looking for something short and easy. This hike is out-and-back on the famous Pacific Crest Trail. It wanders through a beautiful meadow and shady oaks with views of Palomar Mountains and great California scenery. It is approximately three miles. Start time is 1:00 pm. For reservations and more information contact hike leader John Meyncke at john.meyncke@gmail.com.

On Sunday April 21st explore the Garner Valley section of the PCT starting at 8:00 am. This is a four-mile section of the PCT. Starting at the Bull Canyon Trailhead on Route 74 about a mile east of the junction of the 371 and the 74, east of Garner Valley. We will head south from the trailhead as it skirts the base of Lookout Mountain. The trail meanders through Chaparral with mostly gentle climbs and great views of Anza to the west and the mountains to the east. We will do some moderate climbing as the trail passes in and out of a series of washes to our turnaround point Lookout Mountain truck trail. This is an eight-mile total out and back, moderately difficult hike with roughly 500 feet of elevation gain. For

reservations and information contact hike leader Bob Audibert at (951) 302-1059 or bob.takeahike1@gmail.com.

For full details about these hikes, go to “Calendar of Outings, Meeting and Other Events” in this *Palm & Pine* edition.

TRIP TO SAN DIEGO TO VISIT THE HISTORICAL REPLICA SHIP “SAN SALVADOR” by Laurie Webster

Recently members and friends of the Sierra Club SMG were treated to a unique behind-the-scenes tour of the San Salvador, a full-sized, fully functional, and historically accurate replica of Juan Cabrillo's flagship. We were guided around the building site by Shipbuilders Don Davis and Bruce Heyman. They provided insight into what the great amount of detail, effort and care that goes into designing, building, and eventually launching this beautiful ship. After our tour of the San Salvador, we drove over to Filippi's Pizza Grotto in Little Italy where we enjoyed an Italian feast for lunch. Our final stop for the day was at the San Diego Maritime Museum where we were treated to docent-led tours of the Star of India, the HMS Surprise, and a Soviet-era, diesel-electric submarine. Overall, it was a great outing and even the weather cooperated!

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW TO ENJOY OUR SMG FACEBOOK PAGE by Margaret Meyncke

Why Facebook? It's fun. It's easy. It's fast.

Ever since I volunteered to create the Facebook page for our local Sierra Club group, I have been discovering a whole new world of communication that is exciting and fun. Like many of you, when I first tried Facebook, I didn't see the attraction. It seemed like a shallow way to chat with distant acquaintances about a lot of stuff that didn't matter. While that remains true for some, now I have the

to sustainable practices, both current and planned, that could contribute in significant ways to realizing a more sustainable Redlands.

Invited speakers, films, poetry and music about sustainability issues will be featured at the Lewis Hall Amphitheater, the Fire Pit and at the nearby Gregory Auditorium. Activities for everyone to learn about water conservation, energy conservation, healthy life styles, native and organic gardening and cooking, green building and industry, local agriculture, and a Kids' Habitat activity area will all be part of this celebration of a “greener,” more prosperous Redlands.

Get involved!

Display your business or organization, sign-up for the poetry reading, become a Friend of the Redlands Sustainability Network, and participate in the activities of the Sustainability Festival.

Website: <http://www.sustainableredlands.com>

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Event Contact Email: sustainredlands@gmail.com

inside perspective and can attest to the exceptional qualities that are available to those who know where to look.

Start by visiting our page at www.facebook.com/SierraClubSantaMargaritaGroup.

Scroll down to the “likes” section to find out which organizations we have connected with and are now receiving information from. Each of these organizations has lots of pictures and information on their pages. Every organization, including ours, only posts the most important and strategic information. We do it in a way that is eye catching with excellent photos or graphics. It is brief, to the point, and provides links to more in-depth sources if you have time for research.

That's all for now. If you start there, you will discover for yourself a whole new world! Isn't that part of our mission to explore, enjoy, and share the good stuff with others? Enjoy!

OUR SANTA MARGARITA GROUP GENERAL MEETINGS ARE ON THE 2nd THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH, EXCEPT JULY AND AUGUST, AT THE RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS, 42135 WINCHESTER ROAD, TEMECULA 92589 STARTING AT 6:30PM.

Questions, please email us at sierraclubsmg@gmail.com and visit our web site:

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Tracy Hutchinson Presents "Walking the Camino de Santiago" at April 2th Chapter Meeting

The speaker at the April 2 San Geronio Chapter meeting will be Tracy Hutchinson, who spent six weeks last fall walking the ancient pilgrimage route Camino de Santiago. The route covers about 500 miles, starting from Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port, France, climbing over the Pyrenees into Spain, and ending at the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, in Galicia, northwestern Spain. Her presentation will feature photographs selected from the 2600 that she took along the walk.

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

Tracy is a life skills coach and technology trainer and consultant living in Riverside. To prepare for the Camino, she made a daily climb of Mt. Rubidoux carrying a full pack. A former Marine, she has described her walking the Camino as the most physically challenging, but also the most extraordinary, experience of her life.

Along the Camino, Tracy met other pilgrims from nearly half of the nations of the Earth. Upon completion of the walk, she received a certificate, in Latin, attesting to that fact. She was required to have her "compostella" stamped at each place she spent a night, verifying that she completed the pilgrimage on her own and carried all her gear. Usually she found a bed in a Refugio, a guest house set up for pilgrims. One night the Refugio was full and she slept on the floor of a church, as pilgrims have done since medieval times.

She is writing a book about her experiences, which she describes, "Some were inspiring, some beyond the extraordinary and even magical, others funny or even frightening." She knows now that she, "will always be a pilgrim, that the Camino is a metaphor for life, with as many way markers as those painted on the fences, trees and walls of Spain. That the Camino, or the Way, begins when we choose a new way, no matter if that's a physical direction, or a new way of being, showing up for ourselves, our work or our family."

Tracy has spent six months living in India, part of the time at a teacher in Varanasi. To help pay the cost of her walking the Camino, she will bring some of her handmade Ayurvedic necklaces to sell at the Chapter meeting.



She describes them as, "filled with a blend of Ayurvedic herbs to create compelling intentions for the mind, body and soul relationship. The Ayurvedic herbs are encased in beautiful fabrics and affixed to different colors and thicknesses of cord, with one or more ornamental beads. I personally selected many of the materials from the marketplace that lies in the shadow of the Kashi Vishwanath Temple in Varanasi, the world's oldest and holiest Hindu city seated on the banks of the Ganges."



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