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## Membership Meetings

**Tuesday, July 6**

### Big Bear Valley Trails

Speakers: Phil Hamilton and Randall Putz  
(see write up Page 1)

**Tuesday, August 3**

### Building the Political Will for a Sustainable Climate

Speaker: Mark Reynolds (see write up Page 1)

**Programs begin at 7:30 p.m.  
at the San Bernardino  
County Museum in Redlands  
(California St. exit off 10 Fwy)**

## San Gorgonio Chapter Executive Committee NEEDS YOU!

The Nominating Committee for this year's Executive Committee election is looking for candidates to fill five available positions. If you would like to be considered for nomination, or know someone that you would want to present for nomination, please contact Dave Barrie at 909 337-0313 or [barriemail@mac.com](mailto:barriemail@mac.com).

Been a Sierra Club member for a long time? Your experience will be very helpful!

New to the Club and looking for a way to help? We can use a new perspective!

You provide the energy and commitment – We provide guidance and training. Everything that we do is accomplished through the efforts of volunteers and this is a chance for you to help contribute to the ongoing success of our Chapter.

We look forward to hearing from you.



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## Two Great Chapter Programs Set for This Summer

### July 6, Phil Hamilton and Randall Putz, Big Bear Valley Trails

Phil Hamilton, Chairman of the Big Bear Valley Trails Foundation (BBVTF), will speak on Big Bear Valley trails. With Mr. Hamilton will be Randall Putz, BBVTF Board member. Both live in the Big Bear Valley and are avid bike riders.

Topics covered will include the feasibility of a multiuse trail connecting Big Bear Valley and the Lake Arrowhead area, the Rim Trail around the valley for hikers, runners and bikers, and the restoration of the Seven Oaks Trail that BBVTF is undertaking in conjunction with the Forest Service. BBVTF's other accomplishments and plans will also be covered as well as the organization's history and evolution and its success in bringing all non-motorized recreation advocates to the table. BBVTF's web address is [www.bigbeartrails.com](http://www.bigbeartrails.com).

Phil Hamilton is a 45-year resident of Big Bear Valley but is originally from Montana. He graduated from the University of Montana with his BA and holds a MA from the University of Washington. He retired in 1999 after working for 37 years in the education



field, with 27 of those years were in Bear Valley Unified where he served as a teacher, counselor and site level administrator. The final seven years of his professional career were spent working for San Bernardino and Riverside County Offices of Education.

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## San Gorgonio Chapter Executive Committee Election Rules

1. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed on, or before, July 27, 2010.
2. Nominees for the election must be San Gorgonio Chapter members who give their consent to be nominated.
3. Requests for nomination must be received by August 13<sup>th</sup> and a final list of nominees will be available from the Chapter office on August 24<sup>th</sup>.
4. If the Nominating Committee chooses not to place a willing candidate on the ballot as a nominated candidate, the candidate will be notified and may seek placement on the ballot as a petition candidate. To obtain Petition Candidate information, contact the Chapter office at 951 684-6203 or [sangorgonio@charterinternet.com](mailto:sangorgonio@charterinternet.com).
5. The name of any Chapter member may be proposed by written petition (with candidate approval) containing the signatures of at least 15 Chapter members. Petitions with valid signatures are to be sent to Sierra Club, 4079 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside, CA 92501-3204 and must be received by 6 pm on September 10<sup>th</sup>.
6. An Election Committee shall be appointed on, or before, September 28, 2010.
7. All San Gorgonio Chapter members as of September 1, 2010, shall be sent ballots.
8. Ballots will be mailed (as part of the *Palm and Pine*) by October 22<sup>nd</sup>.
9. Final receipt date for ballots shall be November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12 noon.
10. Ballots will be verified, opened, and counted at 6:30 pm on November 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Chapter Office.
11. The two-year term of office for the newly elected Excom members will commence on January 1, 2011, and will run through December 31, 2012.



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Phil has been the chairman of the Big Bear Valley Trails Foundation since its inception in early 2006. He is committed to working with local agencies, county government as well as state and federal

Climate Lobby (CCL). His topic is *Building the Political Will for a Sustainable Climate*. Mr. Reynolds says, "Politicians do not create political will, they respond to it."



agencies to insure that Big Bear Valley provides its visitors with an enjoyable, educational and safe experience.

Randall Putz was born and raised in Santa Barbara, California, has a degree Journalism from the University of Oregon, two teenage children, and an entrepreneurial background in printing and technology consulting. Randall currently spends his working time in Big Bear on his destination marketing and lodging businesses, and his volunteer time serving on several local boards and as an elected Trustee for the Bear Valley Unified School District. Randy is an avid runner and cyclist and especially enjoys trail running and mountain biking in the surrounding National Forest.

**August 3, Mark Reynolds, Citizen's Climate Lobby**

Our speaker on August 3<sup>rd</sup> will be Mark Reynolds, Executive Director of Citizens

CCL seeks to empower individuals to exercise their personal and political power. CCL is a national organization based in Coronado, California. It has local groups in many states including eight in California, one of them in Riverside.

CCL operates in teams because people like to do things together and are more effective together. Team members are called "Partners." Teams practice speaking together, visit their members of Congress and write letters to their Members of Congress together. When team Partners write letters to the editor and submit them as a team, one or more is likely to get published. The best teams provide support to each other, have fun together, and support each other in going through comfort zones to emerge as community leaders.

For more information on Citizens Climate Lobby, see [www.citizensclimatelobby.org](http://www.citizensclimatelobby.org).



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## Group News

### Big Bear Group

#### DROUGHT TOLERANT & BEAUTIFUL

The Big Bear Group's 8<sup>th</sup> annual Xeriscape Garden Tour is set for this July up in Big Bear Lake. This free tour provides homeowners the opportunity to visit local gardens that exemplify the best in water conservation and highlighting nature's best. In 2009 attendance topped over 430 people and we expect a similar crowd this year. Back again in 2010 will be a FireWise home, showcasing how to be both drought-tolerant and fire safe at the same time. Attendees will also have the chance to vote for their favorite home on the tour with the People's Choice award, won last year by the Moran garden.

This year's tour will be held on **Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>**. You can start the tour any time between 9:00 am and noon at Emingers Mountain Nursery on Big Bear Blvd. in Big Bear Lake, across from Denny's. Participants will have until 4:00 pm to complete the self-guided tour of eight homes. Tour booklet, map to the location and directional signs help attendees drive from one location to the next. Sierra Club volunteers are on hand at each home.

The purpose of the tour is to educate homeowners and increase awareness of the use of native and drought tolerant plant materials in



### Mojave Group

by Jenny Wilder, Mojave Group Chair

As the weather warms up, and after a couple of busy months, the Mojave Group slows down. We have no meetings in July and August. Many people go on vacations. However, Terrance McCorkle has a couple of hikes planned to help you enjoy the local mountains and explore the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail (PCT). Both hikes are near Wrightwood; check the calendar section for details. I will be doing some hiking mostly during the week and early in the morning, but my schedule is uncertain, so if you wish to join me, please email me at "JensOasis@aol.com. I will include you on my mid week hike email list. Despite the heat, I will also attempt to continue the graffiti mudding project along the PCT in Deep Creek Canyon. This is usually scheduled for the first or second Tuesday/Weds of the month and will begin in the early morning. Email me for details.

#### Wilderness:

There are several desert Wilderness Areas nearby, but many are small and could be enlarged, and other areas deserve the protection that a Wilderness designation can give them. Many of us have been busy writing letters of



support for Senator Feinstein's Desert Bill, which will give strong and permanent protection for many desert areas in your back yard. We hope that you are also following this important legislation. It includes designation of the Deep Creek and Holcomb Creek as a Wild and Scenic River area which is 34 miles of important protection. A good description of the bill can be found on the California Wilderness Coalition website, along with sample letters for Senator Feinstein: <http://www.calwild.org/news/bills-in-congress.html>. You may also be interested in checking the Wilderness section of the Sierra club: <http://www.sierraclub.org/ca/wilderness/>. It is really cool to visit the wilderness areas already designated, and those that are proposed. Check the calendar section for any upcoming trips.

**Science Fair:** Each year, the Mojave Group participates in the Apple Valley School District Science Fair, by offering two community awards. This year the awards went to

Peyton, a third grade student with a project entitled "Crickets and Temperature," and to Wardah, a high school student with an environmental project entitled "Bioremediation of petroleum hydrocarbon contaminated soils." We believe it is in our best interest to support the efforts of our future scientists!

**The Juniper Flats Area** again offered fabulous displays of wildflowers for those who visited! This area is just south of Apple Valley and offers varied terrain, varied vegetation with numerous springs that support wildlife, great views and boulder fields. All of this makes it a lovely place to hike. In April we had our annual Wildflower Hike and you can see some of the photos at my yahoo flickr site: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/25273386@N08/sets/72157623878002992/>

In May we did a Tour of the Springs, and visited four of the numerous springs in the Juniper Flats Area <http://www.flickr.com/photos/25273386@N08/sets/72157624079668248/>. All of these springs have been significantly impacted by human activities in the past 100 or so years. Mining and homestead debris litter the sites, and some of the water has been diverted. The springs, seeps and streams are now being impacted by cattle grazing, off road activity and target shooting. The area is managed by the Bureau of Land Management and we encourage them to recognize these impacts which may prove to be irreversible. We need all the help we can get to help



protect this area. The Friends of Juniper Flats are putting together some summer activities that may include star gazing, drum circle and short evening/morning hikes.

Enjoy all the photos on my Flickr site (JensOasis) and to join us in our efforts please contact Jenny Wilder at [JensOasis@aol.com](mailto:JensOasis@aol.com).

**Mojave Mud Slingers (MMS):** The graffiti that has accumulated on beautiful rocks over numerous years along the PCT in the Deep Creek Canyon is getting a new type of treatment. I have been experimenting with a mudding concept for several years on the

## Group News

### Moreno Valley Group

by Ann Turner McKibben, Secretary

As reported before, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors approved the 11,350 unit Villages of Lakeview (VOL) Specific Plan 342 at their March 23, 2010, board meeting. On April



Marvin Road, the boundary between the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and the 11,350 unit Village of Lakeview Project.

Photo by Ann McKibben

22, the San Francisco environmental law firm of Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger filed a complaint challenging the project on behalf of the Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley and the Sierra Club. On the

same day, the Center for Biological Diversity filed a complaint representing themselves and the San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society. The city of Riverside also filed a lawsuit opposing the Village of Lakeview. The project, which is projected to be the core of the 'new city' of Lakeview with a population of over 100,000 people, will destroy the San Jacinto Wildlife Area (SJWA). The placement of high density dwelling units on the southern boundary of the SJWA will have devastating impacts to the wildlife area and destroy prime agricultural lands.

The 19,000 acre San Jacinto Wildlife Area is a state Department of Fish and Game facility; its lands are partial

mitigation for the State Water Project; it is a Stephens' Kangaroo Rat reserve for the Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency (RCHCA); it is a cornerstone reserve in the Riverside County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP), the reserve system which, in theory, is supposed to protect and preserve the county's endangered animals and plants. Light pollution, air pollution, at least 15,000 daily commuters impacting our roadways, damage to wildlife area lands which would harm rare and endangered plant and animal species, building next to the flood plain of the San Jacinto River, collapsible soils, loss of prime agricultural lands, availability of water, feral animals, illegal entry by residents, and the economic viability of the



Plant Walk, San Jacinto Wildlife Area, April 2010.

Photo by Ann McKibben

project are some of the other concerns regarding this project. And the project will have devastating impacts on the existing rural communities of Lakeview and Nuevo and their quality of life. (Written by Sue Nash & Ann McKibben)

If you would like to make a donation to help fight the Villages of Lakeview project, make your check payable to the Sierra Club. Your donation will be used only for the expenses related to fighting this project. No

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### Mountains Group

by Dave Barrie

On the weekend of April 9-11 Bill Engs led nine of us camping at Anza Borrego Desert State Park, Culp Valley primitive campground, and here is how one of those campers (Frank Ellis) describes the experience:

*The desert was in bloom, extravagantly so! Some of us could name some of the wildlife — plant, animal, insect — but the overwhelming abundance finally leaves one speechless! Some may wonder how can the dry "lifeless" desert out-bloom our gardens and parks we nurture so possessively? The beavertail cactus—yes, its form resembles a flat beavertail doing pincushion duty — this cactus awes us as it randomly explodes gorgeous magenta blossoms right up out of its cactus edges. Beavers don't do that! How does it decide which edges to burst forth from? The barrel cactus hoards gallons of water — an airtight rain barrel — and in this magical season it transforms its skull cap of pins into a flaming wig of yellow blossoms. One of my questions was answered: a rather busy platoon of attractive small flies was examining each yellow flower, doing the necessary pollinating, but one must be intensely aware to observe the somewhat hidden insect life.*

*The desert is not mosquito-slapping country! Along one hike — Slow! Beetles Crossing! — several beetles were colliding with our progress along the trail. One was flying, one crawling, beetles with flaming red heads and under wing stripe back to the tail, a blister beetle, an unforgettable bug!*

*The desert ground is just alive with an infinity of pinhead-sized blossoms which must be studied under magnifying glass for you to be confronted with their breathtaking beauty. Then whole fields and acres were covered with yellow carpets, and the Ocotillo cactus—tree? bush? upside down giant's broom? — punctuates the scene with its orange/red blossoms. Ocotillo carefully and regularly spaces itself from its companions so everyone gets enough water.*

*After Saturday's hike down the mountain, we enjoyed informative displays at the Visitor Center. We had left a van down there for transport back up the mountain. Halfway back up we saw a roadside group of people pointing excitedly up slope, suggesting an inquiring stop. It took careful searching, but we finally spotted big horn sheep blending in with the mountains, so well camouflaged by their coloring. Careful*

*counting finally revealed two large male sentinels guarding from rock tops while mothers and two young ones cavorted nearby. A display at the Visitor Center had told how the young sheep must practice to get their secure footing in this rocky environment. There, way up the slope in front of us, one young one had found its way to a perch right on the top point of a pyramidal rock. Good practice!*

*Although it was too windy for campfires, the warmth of our mutual remembering, fellowship, and a good supper fulfilled our Saturday evening. Sunday saw us staying on top to hike. Most of the group then had to depart back to the ... they call it the "real world?" Always the question hangs out there: which is the "real world?" Sandy and I were able to camp one more night down at the Borrego Springs campground with hot showers! Hot showers in the blooming desert under diamond dazzling night skies: that sounds more like the "real world" to me!*

Sounds like Frank enjoyed the weekend! May 8 and 9 found the Mountains Group at Keller Hut for our annual Spring Retreat. We enjoyed hikes in the area, a potluck dinner on Saturday and, for those that spent

the night, a pancake breakfast on Sunday.

As I reported in the last issue, the Royal Rangers Adventure Camp project is now in the hands of our lawyers. My typing skills, never the best, are sorely tested by the handicap of permanently crossed fingers.

And, just so we have something to do while we wait for things to develop on that project, we received the draft EIR for another big project... nearly three thousand pages to look at and not much time. We, as well as individuals and other groups, asked for a sixty day extension to allow for proper review. We got an additional fifteen. Really not enough, but every little bit helps.

This church project on 38 acres will remove a vast quantity of trees, will cover a natural stream (put it in a pipeline), will move hundreds of thousand of cubic feet of earth (flatten the hills and fill in the valleys), will have buildings, paving, and ball fields covering more than 60% of 1.6 million square feet of property and will add somewhere between 8 and 11 traffic signals. To mention a few of the highlights.

I am sure there will be more to report on this in the future.

— Bill Engs and Frank Ellis provided Outings information for this report.

# Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

JULY / AUGUST 2010

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

## CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

**DEADLINE:** Items for the September/October 2010 Calendar are due by August 1, 2010.

**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 Ralph Salisbury at <ralphsalisbury@att.net>.

## 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). These Outings will be preceded by \*\* in the listings that follow. Be sure to contact the leader regarding permits. The permits cost \$30 per year or \$5 per day; however they may not be obtainable the day of your Outing. If you arrive at the meeting place without making arrangements with the leader and 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.

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

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

## RECURRING MONTHLY MEETINGS

(LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

**(1ST MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Alpine Conference Room 27236, Blue Jay Mall on Feb 1, Apr 5, Jun 7, Oct 4, Nov 1, 2010. Also at Shady Cove Campground on Aug 7, 3 PM & at Keller Hut Dec 4, 3 PM. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**(1ST TUE) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
The meeting place rotates. INFO: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP

**(1ST TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING**  
PROGRAM: See front-page notice. Afterwards, SAN GORGONIO SIERRA SINGLES will adjourn for food & drink. COST: \$1 donation requested. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS (909) 800-3911 <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com>. CHAPTER

**(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) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site [www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org](http://www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org). PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP

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**(3RD TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except August. Note that the June meeting will be a no host picnic starting at 5:00 PM at the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden in Claremont. The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: Educational Building, Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid Ave. at 11th. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> (909) 815-9379.  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**(4TH 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: RICK ESTES (951) 314-3328 <rickestes\_92595@yahoo.com>.  
CHAPTER

**(4TH 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

## WEEKLY REOCCURRING 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 APPLE VALLEY CONDITIONING HIKE HIKE**  
Please join me for a 3-6 mile *fast paced* conditioning walk along the Mojave River. MEET at the Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road in Apple Valley. BRING flashlight, jacket & comfortable walking shoes. Rainy/Foul weather cancels, so please call before hike. LEADER: MELODY NICHOLS (760) 963-4430 <Labelady@msn.com>  
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

## JUNE 28 – JULY 4

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

**JUN 29 (TUE) 9:00 AM BERTHA PEAK VIA COUGAR CREST TRAIL HIKE**  
This is a moderate to difficult 6- to 7-mile round-trip hike with a 1400-foot elevation gain. BRING at least 2-quarts of water, appropriate clothing, snacks and sturdy hiking boots. MEET at the Cougar Crest Trailhead (1/2 mile west of the Discovery center) on highway 38 at 9:00 AM. RESERVATIONS & INFO: Call LEADER DICK BANKS (909) 866-9232.  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**\*\*JUL 1 (THU) 7:00 AM ANDERSON PEAK VIA FORSEE CREEK TRAIL HIKE**  
This 15 mile roundtrip hike with 4000 ft of elevation gain will reward the hiker with spectacular views of the San Gorgonio Wilderness from a perch high above Forest Falls. BRING two quarts of water, lunch, snacks, sturdy boots, appropriate clothing and sun protection for this long climb. Water is available at springs along the trail but some form of water treatment is necessary. Space is limited. MEET at the Von's parking lot at 7:00 AM. RESERVATIONS: Call in advance to register. LEADER: ED WALLACE 909 584 9407  
BIG BEAR GROUP

## JULY 5 – JULY 11

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

**JUL 6 (TUE) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
The meeting place rotates. INFO: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUL 6 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING**  
PROGRAM: See front-page notice. Afterwards, SAN GORGONIO SIERRA SINGLES will adjourn for food & drink. COST: \$1 donation requested. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS (909) 800-3911 <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com>.  
CHAPTER

**JUL 8 (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

**JUL 10 (SAT) 4:00 PM SUNSET PEAK EVENING HIKE HIKE**  
Join us for an evening walk up Sunset Peak to catch the sunset. With a fine view of the San Gabriel range, we will hear about places to hike and how you can help with the San Gabriel

Mountains Forever Campaign. BRING a dinner to eat at the top and bring a flashlight, WEAR hiking boots and a jacket. MEET: Contact leader for meeting place. LEADER: MARY ANN RUIZ 909-815-9379 <ruizmaryann@gmail.com>  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**JUL 10-11 (SAT-SUN) MIDDLE FORK AMERICAN RIVER CANYON SCRAMBLE**  
Gorge scramble level 3 in a beautiful part of the river not affected by the 2001 Starr Fire. Many great pools for swimming. First day is a long one, overnight at Three Cedars campsite. Water will be cold due to releases from French Meadow Reservoir; BRING a spring wetsuit, overnight gear in pack for flotation. LEADER: PAUL PLATHE, 209-476-1498. For more info, see the description at: Trip #10, <<http://www.motherlode.sierraclub.org/deltaSierra/GSPAGES/gspage10.htm>>.  
MOTHERLODE CHAPTER GORGE SCRAMBLING SECTION

## JULY 12 – JULY 18

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

**JUL 12 (MON) 7:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.  
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**JUL 13 (TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, <kimffloyd@fastmail.fm> (760) 249-5385.  
CHAPTER

**\*\*JUL 14 (WED) 6:00 AM SAN GORGONIO PEAK HIKE**  
We will hike to the peak on this 25-mile, 5000 ft of elevation gain via Dry Lake and return via Dollar Lake. BRING four quarts of water, lunch, snacks, sturdy boots, appropriate clothing and sun protection and a flash light for this long climb. meet at the Von's parking lot at 6:00 AM. Space is limited. RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER ED WALLACE 909 584 9407  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUL 17 (SAT) 8:00 AM ACORN TRAIL – PACIFIC CREST TRAIL HIKE**  
Come join other hikers for an easy/moderate 8- to 9-mile hike from Hwy2 just west of Wrightwood (Acorn Trail) to **Pacific Crest Trail** at Guffy Campground to Hwy2 at inspiration Point. BRING 3qtrs of water, sturdy boots and lunch/snacks. MEET at McDonalds Rest. off Interstate 15 at Hwy138 exit in Cajon Pass at 8:00am. INFO: call LEADER TERRENCE MCCORKLE 760-252-2194, cell 760-412-1683, <oldhikerdude@verizon.net>  
MOJAVE GROUP

**\*\*JUL 18 (SUN) 9:00 AM TAHQUITZ PEAK VIA SADDLE JUNCTION HIKE**  
Enjoy a summer's day in the mountains. Our 8.5-mile (round trip) 2400' elevation gain strenuous hike will begin at Humber Park in Idyllwild (Adventure Pass required). We will first travel 2.5 miles up the Devil's Slide to Saddle junction, then south on the Pacific Crest Trail for 1.4 miles to the South Ridge Trail junction. From there it is 0.4 miles to the summit. Located at the summit is the Tahquitz Peak Fire lookout staffed by volunteers. They are able to point out the points of interest and share their knowledge about the area. BRING plenty of water, a lunch and snacks, WEAR comfortable hiking shoes, and dress in layers. Rain cancels. INFO & RESERVATIONS: contact LEADER BOB AUDIBERT 951-302-1059 <bob.takeahike1@gmail.com> Also please check for updates at our Santa Margarita Group web site <<http://sierraclubsmg.org/>>  
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

## JULY 19 – JULY 25

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

**\*\*JUL 20 (TUE) 9:00 AM CASTLE ROCK AND GUNSIGHT HIKE**  
This is a mostly moderate 8- to 9-mile hike. The first leg to Castle Rock is a more difficult climb on a good æ-mile trail with a 1,000-foot elevation gain. We will also visit Bluff Lake and the Champion Lodgepole Pine on the way to our turnaround point at Gunsight. BRING two quarts of water, snacks, sturdy boots, appropriate clothing and sun protection. MEET at 9am in the east parking lot of the Performing Arts Center in Big Bear Lake and carpool to the Castle Rock trailhead. National Forest Adventure Passes will be required for drivers. INFO & RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER Dick Banks 909-866-9232.  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUL 20 (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

**JUL 20 (TUE) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site [www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org](http://www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org). PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUL 20 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except August. Note that the June meeting will be a no host picnic starting at 5:00 PM at the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden in Claremont. The public is welcome.

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Refreshments will be served. PLACE: Educational Building, Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid Ave. at 11th. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> (909) 815-9379.

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**JUL 24-26 (SAT-MON) GUZZLER CLEANUP MT GRAFTON WILDERNESS SERVICE**

Join us as we carry out the pieces of an old, unneeded guzzler from this wilderness area about an hour's drive south of Ely, Nevada just off U.S. 93. The pieces of the guzzler will have been cut to a manageable size. BRING a frame backpack to strap guzzler pieces to to make the toting downhill easier. We will work with John R. Miller from the Ely BLM. Participants should be in good shape for working at altitude. Central commissary (optional) \$15. High clearance recommended. LEADER: VICKY HOOVER 415-977-5527, <vicky.hoover@sierraclub.org>

CNRCC WILDERNESS COMMITTEE

**JUL 25 (SUN) 6:00 PM MOONLIGHT HIKE HIKE**

Come for a 2- to 3-hour evening hike in the foothills to enjoy the full moon. (Actual full moon is July 25.) Hikes are moderately paced. Hike locations will vary. Between 4 and 5 miles round trip, 400 to 1200 ft elev. BRING: Jacket, flashlight, water, and wear sturdy shoes/boots. MEET: North parking lot of U.S. Bank, Claremont, at NE corner of Indian Hill & Foothill Blvds. Rain cancels. INFO: LEADERS PATTY & DAVID THORNE 909-981-5813.

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**JULY 26 – AUGUST 1**

*Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings  
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**JUL 26-30 (MON-FRI) AGNEW MEADOWS HIGH SIERRA BACKPACK BACKPACK**

After spending the first night at the Agnew Meadow trailhead, this 20-mile 1,800 ft. elevation gain, three night backpack into the John Muir Wilderness will give us views of the Ritter Range dominated by Banner peak and spectacular views of the Minarets. We will spend the first night in the vicinity of Thousand Island Lake and the second and third night near Garnet Lake. From our Garnet Lake campsite we will day hike to Iceberg Lake near the base of the Minarets. Space is limited. INFO & RESERVATIONS: Call LEADERS ED WALLACE 909 584 9407 or BILLIE WOLFF 909 338 2534

BIG BEAR GROUP

**\*\*JUL 27 (TUE) 9:00 AM GRANDVIEW POINT LOOP HIKE**

We will access Grandview Point via a moderate, 7-mile loop route that includes Pine Knot Trail, 2N10, Dick's Trail, and 2N08. There should be a wide array of wildflowers along the way, including Lemon and Corn Lillies. BRING water, snacks, sturdy boots and clothing appropriate to the weather. MEET in the east parking lot of the Big Bear Lake Performing Arts Center at 9:00 AM. Drivers will need adventure passes. INFO: Call LEADER DICK BANKS 909-866-9232.

BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUL 27 (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: RICK ESTES (951) 314-3328 <rickestes\_92595@yahoo.com>

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**JUL 29 (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

**AUG 1 (SUN) 9:00 AM PALOMAR MOUNTAIN HIKE**

Hike the Palomar Mountain Observatory Trail. This is an easy/moderate 4.4-mile hike (round trip) beginning at the Palomar Observatory parking lot. We will hike down to the Observatory Campground and back. This will take us through a Douglas fir forest as well as lush ferny meadows. This trail has a 900-foot elevation gain and loss. BRING plenty of water and dress in layers. Following the hike, for those who are interested, we will be having lunch in the picnic area next to the parking lot with wonderful old live oak and cedar trees. The Observatory is just a short walk (1/4 mile) from the parking lot. Rain cancels. INFO & RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER BOB AUDIBERT 951-302-1059 <bob.takeahike1@gmail.com>. Also please check for updates at our Santa Margarita Group web site <http://sierraclubsmg.org/>

SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**AUGUST 2 – AUGUST 8**

*Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings  
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**AUG 3 (TUE) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING**

The meeting place rotates. INFO: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP

**AUG 3 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING**

PROGRAM: See front-page notice. Afterwards, SAN GORGONIO SIERRA SINGLES will adjourn for food & drink. COST: \$1 donation requested. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS (909) 800-3911 <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com>

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**AUG 6-8 (FRI-SUN) 2:00 PM SB MTS, ANNUAL CHILDRENS' FOREST CAR CAMP**

We'll camp at Shady Cove group campground. TIME: arrive any time after 2:00 PM on Friday. Join us for a potluck dinner at 6 PM on Saturday. BRING: drinks, a dish to share, fire wood and folding chair to sit around the fire. Camp overnight. Saturday and Sunday: day hikes, guided photography walks and other optional activities. RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER BILLIE WOLFF, 909-338-2534.

SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**AUG 7 (SAT) 3:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**

Shady Cove Campground. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**AUGUST 9 – AUGUST 15**

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

**\*\*AUG 10 (TUE) 9:00AM SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN HIKE**

This is a moderate to difficult 12-mile hike with a 2400-foot elevation gain. BRING three to four quarts of water, lunch, sturdy boots, appropriate clothing and sun protection. MEET in Vons' parking lot at 9:00am and carpool to the trailhead from there. National Forest Adventure Passes will be required for drivers. INFO & RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER DICK BANKS 909-866-9232.

BIG BEAR GROUP

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

Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, <kimffloyd@fastmail.fm> (760) 249-5385.

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**AUGUST 16 – AUGUST 22**

*Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings  
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**AUG 17 (TUE) 6:00 PM SAN JACINTO VLY (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

**AUG 17 (TUE) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING**

Monthly meeting. 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: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP

**AUG 21 (SAT) 8:00 AM PCT, INSPIRATION POINT TO VINCENT GAP HIKE**

Come join others hikers for an easy 8-9 mile hike along the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) from Inspiration Point to Vincent Gap and back to Inspiration Point. BRING 3qtrs of water, sturdy boots and lunch/snacks. MEET McDonalds Restaurant. off Interstate 15 at Hwy 138 in Cajon Pass at 8:00am. INFO: Call LEADER TERRENCE MCCORKLE 760-252-2194, 760-412-1683, <oldhikerdude@verizon.net>

MOJAVE GROUP

**AUG 21-22 (SAT-SUN) WHITE MTNS BRISTLECONE PINES HIKE & CAMP**

Come with us to the beautiful White Mtns to camp, hike and just relax. On Saturday, we'll hike the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest on a moderate 5 mi round trip interpretive trail, followed by a picnic lunch and a short optional hike to a nearby old mining cabin. Back at camp, we'll enjoy happy hour, a potluck feast and a campfire. Sunday, pack up and head home. Group size strictly limited. RESERVATIONS: Send \$8 per person, 2 large SASE, H&W phones, email, rideshare info to LEADER: LYGEIA GERARD, P.O. Box 294726, Phelan CA 92329, (760) 868-2179.

CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

**AUG 22 (SUN) 6:00 PM MOONLIGHT HIKE HIKE**

Come for a 2 to 3 hour evening hike in the foothills to enjoy the "full" moon. (Actual full moon is August 24.) Hikes are moderately paced. Hike locations will vary. Between 4 and 5 miles round trip, 400 to 1200 ft elevation gain. BRING: Jacket, flashlight, water, and wear sturdy shoes/boots. MEET: North parking lot of U.S. Bank, Claremont, at NE corner of Indian Hill & Foothill Blvds. Rain cancels. INFO: LEADERS PATTY & DAVID THORNE 909-981-5813.

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**AUGUST 23 – AUGUST 29**

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

**\*\*AUG 24 (TUE) 9:00AM GRAY'S PEAK HIKE**

This is a moderate 7-mile hike with an 1100-foot elevation gain. BRING two quarts of water, snacks, sturdy boots, appropriate clothing and sun protection. MEET at the trailhead parking lot at 9:00am. It is located 6/10 of a mile southwest of Fawnskin on the right side of highway 38 (across the highway from the Grout Bay picnic area). A National Forest Adventure Pass is required for parking. INFO & RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER DICK BANKS 909-866-9232.

BIG BEAR GROUP

**AUG 24 (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: RICK ESTES (951) 314-3328 <rickestes\_92595@yahoo.com>

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**AUG 26 (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

**AUG 28-29 (SAT-SUN) MIDDLE FORK FEATHER RIVER CANYON SCRAMBLE**  
Gorge scramble level 3 in Devil Canyon. This spectacular canyon receives big flows that scour the granite walls to a light gray finish. Cook your dinner on an open fire. Experienced gorge scramblers only. This strenuous outing requires excellent swimming skills. 1800 feet of elevation gain on hike out. BRING a good quality air mattress and overnight gear packed for floatation. INFO: <<http://www.motherlode.sierraclub.org/deltaSierra/GSPAGES/gspage0.htm>>. LEADER: PAUL PLATHE; 209-476-1498.

MOTHERLODE CHAPTER GORGE SCRAMBLING SECTION

## AUGUST 30 – SEPTEMBER 5

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

**SEP 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

**SEP 4-5 (SAT-SUN) SURPRISE CANYON TAMARISK BASH SERVICE**  
This is a traditional end-of-summer outing as we help remove invasive tamarisk from Surprise Canyon north of Ridgecrest, CA. It is warm weather, but the year-round stream will let us soak and cool as the spirit moves us. We will work Saturday with Marty Dickes, our coordinator from the BLM. Sunday is reserved for a hike to cooler elevations above the desert. Enjoy carcamping, a potluck dinner Saturday, and campfire stories. LEADER: CRAIG DEUTSCHE, <craig.deutsche@gmail.com> 310-477-6670.

CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

## FUTURE SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES

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

**SEP 19 (SUN) 6:00 PM MOONLIGHT HIKE HIKE**  
Come for a 2- to 3-hour evening hike in the foothills to enjoy the "full" moon. (Actual full moon is September 23.) Hikes are moderately paced. Hike locations will vary. Between 4- and 5-mile round trip, 400 to 1,200 ft elevation gain. BRING: Jacket, flashlight, water, and wear sturdy shoes/boots. MEET: North parking lot of U.S. Bank, Claremont, at NE corner of Indian Hill & Foothill Blvds. Rain cancels. INFO: LEADERS PATTY & DAVID THORNE 909-981-5813.

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**SEP 24-26 (FRI-SUN) CARRIZO PLAIN NATIONAL MONUMENT SERVICE & HIKES**  
This is an opportunity to visit and to assist an outstanding and relatively unknown national monument. There will be an optional scenic hike high in the Caliente Mountains on Friday. Others may join us for National Public Lands Day on Saturday when we will participate with other volunteers restoring one of the historic homesteads in the center of the Plain. On Sunday, we will tour a number of the historic, prehistoric, and geologic sites in the Monument. LEADER: CRAIG DEUTSCHE, <craig.deutsche@gmail.com> 310-477-6670.

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**OCT 23-25 (SAT-MON) BLUE LAKE, NEVADA BACKPACK**  
The Blue Lakes Wilderness Study Area is tucked away in the remote northwest corner of Nevada in the Pine Forest Range. We'll backpack to Blue Lake on Saturday, do a day hike on Sunday, and return to the cars on Monday, perhaps making a partial loop. I have not been there yet, so right now, it's a mystery to all of us, but I do plan to scout it. The backpack will be 5-8 miles with 2000-3000 feet of elevation gain, depending on the state of the roads. Participants are responsible for their own meals. LEADER: JOHN WILKINSON, <johnfw1@mac.com> 408-876-8295.

CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

**OCT 30-31 (SAT-SUN) DESERT GHOST TOWN EXTRAVAGANZA ADVENTURE**  
That could be more appropriate this Halloween weekend than to visit the ghosts of California's colorful past? Come with us to this spooky desert landscape near Death Valley. Camp at the historic ghost town of Ballarat (flush toilets & hot showers). On Sat, do a challenging hike to ghost town Lookout City with expert Hal Fowler who will regale us with eerie tales of this Wild West town. Later we'll return to camp for happy hour and a special holiday potluck feast, followed by a midnight visit to the ghosts and goblins in Ballarat's graveyard. On Sun, a quick visit to the infamous Riley town site before heading home. Group size strictly limited. RESERVATIONS: Send \$8 per person (Sierra Club), 2 large SASE, H&W phones, email, rideshare info to LEADER: LYGEIA GERARD, P.O. Box 294726, Phelan, CA 92329, (760) 868-2179.

CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

## NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES

The following activities, meeting & events are neither sponsored nor administered by the Sierra Club. The Sierra Club has no information about the planning of these activities & makes no representations or warranties about the quality, safety, supervision or management of such activities. They are published only as a reader service because they may be of interest to the readers of this publication.

## 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  
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**(1ST SUN) 3:30 PM RIVERSIDE CONTRA DANCE DANCE**  
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT RIVERSIDE CONTRA DANCE  
(Note that there are no dances in July, August or September. The next dance is October 3.)  
Join us in for an afternoon of contra dance to live music. Dance Instruction at 3:30. Dance from 4:00 to 7:00. Refreshment will be served at the break. Potluck at 7:00, so bring a dish to share. COST: \$9 general admission, \$7.00 students with ID. PLACE: Please call to verify the location. At this writing, the dance is still being held at All Saints Episcopal Church, which may be closed for renovation at any time. We don't know from month to month when the church hall remodeling will start. All Saints Episcopal Church, 3847 Terracina Dr., Riverside. DIRECTIONS: The church is on the corner of Terracina & Magnolia between 14th St. & Central Ave. From the 91 freeway, exit on 14th St., go north to Magnolia & turn left. The church will be on your right. Alternatively, exit at Central Ave., go north to Magnolia & turn right. The church will be on your left. ALTERNATE DANCE VENUE: While the church is being remodeled, we will meet at the Ballet Arts Studio in downtown Riverside. CALLER/BAND COORDINATOR: PATTY MCCOLLOM (714) 267-4567 or <mccollom@sbcglobal.net> Riverside Contra Dance Website: <<http://www.caldancecoop.org/riversidedance/index.html>> INFO: SANDY GOSSELIN <SGOSSELIN@riversideca.gov>

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lower path off Highway 173. This experiment has been successful. Some of the mud has now been sticking for three years! And when it does wash off, it leaves the graffiti barely recognizable. This system works best if the rock has not yet been totally covered with paint or even layers of paint. However, even those panels will eventually benefit with the mudding. Many times, if the paint is relatively fresh, it can be almost all removed by scraping with a hard rock. This sounds like a lot of work, but actually it is very simple, and when the area is then covered with "stick to your boot" mud, it is protected from future paint. After some experience, the system is very quick and easy to apply. No extraordinary tools or talent is necessary, making it something you can do while hiking. Don't just get annoyed with the graffiti on your favorite rock "scrape it, and mud it"! The best way to find out how well this works, take a hike from Highway 173 along the Pacific Crest Trail south towards Deep Creek Hot Springs. You can see some photos on my



facebook page. We will be continuing this project all year. Email me for details about the next date: JensOasis@aol.com.

**Wind and Solar Energy projects on Public Land:**

The Mojave Group area includes numerous proposed projects on public land. We encourage you to find out more about these projects, attend meetings and help us

to share the information with your neighbors. Although the Sierra Club and numerous other organizations are making comments regarding the proposed projects, sometimes it is the immediate neighbor who will make the difference. Many thanks especially to some very capable and dedicated volunteers in our San Gorgonio Chapter and the California/Nevada Desert Committee; the projects that will impact our public lands and neighborhoods are not going unnoticed. You can go on line to read the Desert Report and find out about their meetings at: <http://www.desertreport.org>. Much of the information and timelines for the projects are now on the Bureau of Land Management Barstow Field Office website: <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/barstow.html>

**Mojave Group Nominating committee:** Laverne has once again volunteered to head the Nominating Committee. We are still looking for two others to help her with this important function. The Nominating Committee is responsible for presenting the slate of candidates for the Executive Committee (ExCom). Voting is done in September via the "Mojave News and Views" (our final issue). The newly elected Excom members take effect in January and serve for 2 years. Please consider serving on the Nominating Committee for this brief period and/or serving on the Executive Committee. Contact Laverne via email [ljbooth2@hotmail.com](mailto:ljbooth2@hotmail.com) or Jenny [JensOasis@aol.com](mailto:JensOasis@aol.com) or call 760 220 0730.

Last but not least, one of the best ways to protect an area that you enjoy is to visit it often. A path such as the Pacific Crest Trail benefits from the numerous visitors it receives hiking along its length enjoying the fresh air, flowers and shade from the trees. My hope is that you can go often to your favorite places, and each year find out more about other fantastic places in our beautiful Mojave Desert.

**Explore! Enjoy! Protect!**

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amount is too small. Mail your check to the Sierra Club; P.O. Box 1325; Moreno Valley, CA 92556-1325. **If you wish to have your donation remain anonymous, please indicate that and we will respect your wishes.** Thank you for your help.

When the city of Moreno Valley approved the Highland Fairview Corporate Center in eastern Moreno Valley in 2009 they also eliminated an overpass which would have followed Sinclair Street and connected the north and south sides of the city. The overpass would have been built without freeway on and off ramps; it was part of the city's Master Plan of Multi-use Trails; and it would have provided a safe link between the north and south portions of the city to Lake Perris State Recreation Area and the planned regional/city trails. Because this portion of the multi-use trail was eliminated, the city (in the conditions of approval for the project) required the developer to build a multi-use trail in front of their project. It would connect Theodore Street and Redlands Boulevard and provide a connection to other multi-use trails and freeway overpasses.

At the May 11, 2010, Moreno Valley City Council meeting, the developer requested a change to the conditions of approval for the project. They did not want to build the trail in front of their project and they wanted the city to buy, build and maintain the segment of the trail even though every other developer in the city is required to develop trails that follow the city's trails master plan. The solution the city council came up with was to



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allow the developer to build the trail during the third and final phases of their project and require a permanent dedication of land. Unfortunately, it is not clear if the trail will ever be built. Several council members would like to change the city's general plan and eliminate that particular segment of the city's Master Plan of Multi-use Trails. Over the years the city has had many volunteers who have worked long and hard to develop the Multi-Use Trails master plan. Losing this link puts the trails system at risk.



San Jacinto Wildlife Area  
Photo by George Hague

The Moreno Valley Group will restart group outings this fall. For more details check the chapter Calendar of Outings and the group web site at: <http://sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/outings/index.html> or <http://>



Bluebird Box Walk, San Jacinto Wildlife Area.

Photo by Ann McKibben

[sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/moreno-valley/index.html](http://sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/moreno-valley/index.html). You can also contact Group Outings Chair Theresa Carson at: (951) 660-7246 or [tcarsen22@msn.com](mailto:tcarsen22@msn.com) and Dan Clark at (951) 924-2454 for more information.

Lake Perris State Recreation Area is now open seven days a week, 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Please check their web site at: [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=651](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=651) for their hours of operation, events, and nature walks.

The city of Moreno Valley Recreational Trails Board will sponsor a Hike to Hidden Springs on Saturday, July 24. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at Hidden Springs Elementary School, 9801 Hidden Springs Drive. Please call (951) 413-3702 to verify information.

The Moreno Valley Group has many issues to follow, and we are looking for more volunteers. Any amount of time you could contribute would be appreciated. For more information about our group and volunteering with the Moreno Valley Group, contact Ann McKibben at (951) 924-8150, Theresa Carson, (951) 242-4752 or George Hague at (951) 924-0816 or e-mail us at: [movalleygroup@yahoo.com](mailto:movalleygroup@yahoo.com).

# Santa Margarita Group

by Jim Mitchell, Group Chair

I am happy to report the Santa Margarita Group continues to grow and add new areas of local involvement. Energy and water resource conservation continues to be high priorities. Our Energy Committee under the leadership of Teri Wagner is working with both the cities of Murrieta and Temecula on their separate programs aimed at conserving electrical energy usage. In addition, members of the Santa Margarita Group have also expanded efforts to work with our local school age youngsters to help them get more involved in local environmental issues.

Our various programs, along with hikes and other outing activities will continue through the summer. However, we will not be holding our General meetings during the months of July and August.

If you have questions or project ideas, email me at ([sierraclubsmg@gmail.com](mailto:sierraclubsmg@gmail.com)). Also check out our webpage at [www.sierraclubsmg.org](http://www.sierraclubsmg.org).

Here are just a few of our activities:

## Pam Nelson, Conservation Committee Chair

It's been a busy few months with issues and conferences coming in one after another:

- Two troubling developments that we have been watching have been put on hold. The Hoover Ranch project in Wildomar is now required to do an environmental review. Also the Vail Lake project, adjacent to Temecula, was recommended for denial by the Planning Commissioners on May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- I am making contact with an Earth Club at a Temecula High School to see if a youth section of our group might work activities with them.
- I attended the regional SC Conservation Committee meeting in San Luis Obispo and learned about the national level push for projects to fit the Resilient Habitats theme. The Sierra Nevada and the California coast are considered the priority ecosystems by the Club. After meeting with the Coast group, we decided mapping the Coastal ecosystem should be the first step and including our watershed in this ecosystem would be likely.
- I helped organize the regional SC Wilderness/Forest Committee meeting in Oak Grove (outside of Temecula). The Great Old Broads (and Bros) for Wilderness joined us and completed a service day in the Dripping Springs campground. Participation of agencies such as BLM and CNF made the Saturday meeting very useful and interesting. Hikes into the proposed Beauty Mountain Wilderness took place on Sunday.

Please contact me if you have questions about any of these events or if you have a particular environmental concern. You can reach me at ([pamela05n@peoplepc.com](mailto:pamela05n@peoplepc.com)).

## Lynn Davis, Program & Fundraising Committee Chair

Keith Watson, extraordinary hiker and photographer, brought the "awe" factor to our Santa Margarita Group members at our May General Meeting with his stunning video of the Pacific Northwest. With a fast-paced, musical background, the visual feast included spectacular views of Mt. Hood, Mt. St. Helens and the Columbia River Gorge. The video followed a Sierra Club group on a five-day backpack on the Timberline Trail, ablaze with wildflowers and glittering with glaciers and waterfalls.

At our June General Meeting, Dr. Wallace Tucker, PhD, shared the story of the Fallbrook Land Conservancy with us. Formed in 1988, the FLC is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of the rural lifestyle and natural beauty of the North San Diego County area. The Conservancy manages 1,840 acres including Margarita Peak, Los Jilgueros, Heller's Bend and six additional preserves. Dr. Tucker is an astrophysicist known for his work on the Hubbell Telescope.

Our fundraiser, SIERRA SUNDAY, is back in July with a very special trip to Shadow Mountain Vineyards & Winery. Located on Sunshine Summit overlooking the beautiful Hot Springs

Mtns. and historic Valle de San Jose (Warner Springs), Shadow Mountain is a 3rd generation family estate specializing in premium wines from estate-grown grapes. At an elevation of 3,500 ft, the winery enjoys Pacific breezes which moderate the July heat and provide a prized location for quality vines. Join us in July for delicious food prepared by the

owners, Alex & Pam McGeary, while we savor, socialize and sip their award-winning wines. Date, directions and ticket information are posted to the SMG website: [www.sierraclubsmg.org](http://www.sierraclubsmg.org).

If you have questions, please contact me at ([lynncdavis@hughes.net](mailto:lynncdavis@hughes.net)).

## Laurie Webster, Activities Committee Chair

We have two great events planned for July and August. The first one is a group tour of the Heritage Square Museum, which is comprised of eight historical structures, and is located east of downtown Los Angeles off the 110. This tour will be held sometime in mid- to late-July on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, the exact day has not been set yet. I strongly encourage people to visit their website to get a feel for this great museum (<http://www.heritagesquare.org>).

The other event, set for August 1, will be at the Mt. Palomar Observatory. This will be



a joint activity with those that want to see the Observatory and those that want to hike around this beautiful area. Bob Audibert, Outings Committee Chair, will be there to lead an easy to moderate hike. You can join Bob or instead check out the very interesting Observatory. Then after all that we are planning to hold a picnic.

For additional information about the hiking part of this event, read Bob's Outing section of this column that follows. If you want more information about the other activities we will be doing at the Observatory, contact me at ([laurie\\_r\\_w@yahoo.com](mailto:laurie_r_w@yahoo.com)). This is going to be great fun!

## Bob Audibert, Outings Committee Chair

Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Tahquitz Peak via Saddle Junction. Enjoy a summer's day in the mountains. Our 8.5 mile (round trip) strenuous hike will begin at Humber Park in Idyllwild (Adventure Pass required). We will first travel 2.5 miles up the Devil's Slide to Saddle junction. We then head south on the Pacific Crest Trail for 1.4 miles to the South Ridge Trail junction. From there it is .4 miles to the summit. Located at the summit is the Tahquitz Peak Fire lookout staffed by volunteers. They are able to point out the points of

interest and share their knowledge about the area. The hike is 8.5 miles with 2400' elevation gain. Bring plenty of water, pack a lunch and snacks, wear comfortable hiking shoes, and dress in layers. For information and to RSVP contact Bob Audibert (951) 302-1059 [bob.takeahike1@gmail.com](mailto:bob.takeahike1@gmail.com). Also please check for updates at our Santa Margarita Group web site at <http://sierraclubsmg.org/> Rain cancels.

Then on Sunday morning August 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. join us on Palomar Mountain! Hike the Observatory Trail. This is an easy-to-moderate 4.4 mile hike (round trip) beginning at the Palomar Observatory parking lot. We will

hike down to the Observatory campground and back. This will take us through a Douglas fir forest as well as lush ferny meadows. This trail has a 900-foot elevation gain and loss. Bring plenty of water and dress in layers. Following the hike, for those who are interested, we will be having lunch in the picnic area next to the parking lot with wonderful old live oak and cedar trees. The Observatory is just a short walk (1/4 mile) from the parking lot. For information and to RSVP contact Bob Audibert (951)302-1059 [bob.takeahike1@gmail.com](mailto:bob.takeahike1@gmail.com).

On all our hikes, don't forget to contact me for reservations by email at ([bob.takeahike@gmail.com](mailto:bob.takeahike@gmail.com)). And check our Santa Margarita Group web site at ([www.sierraclubsmg.org](http://www.sierraclubsmg.org)).



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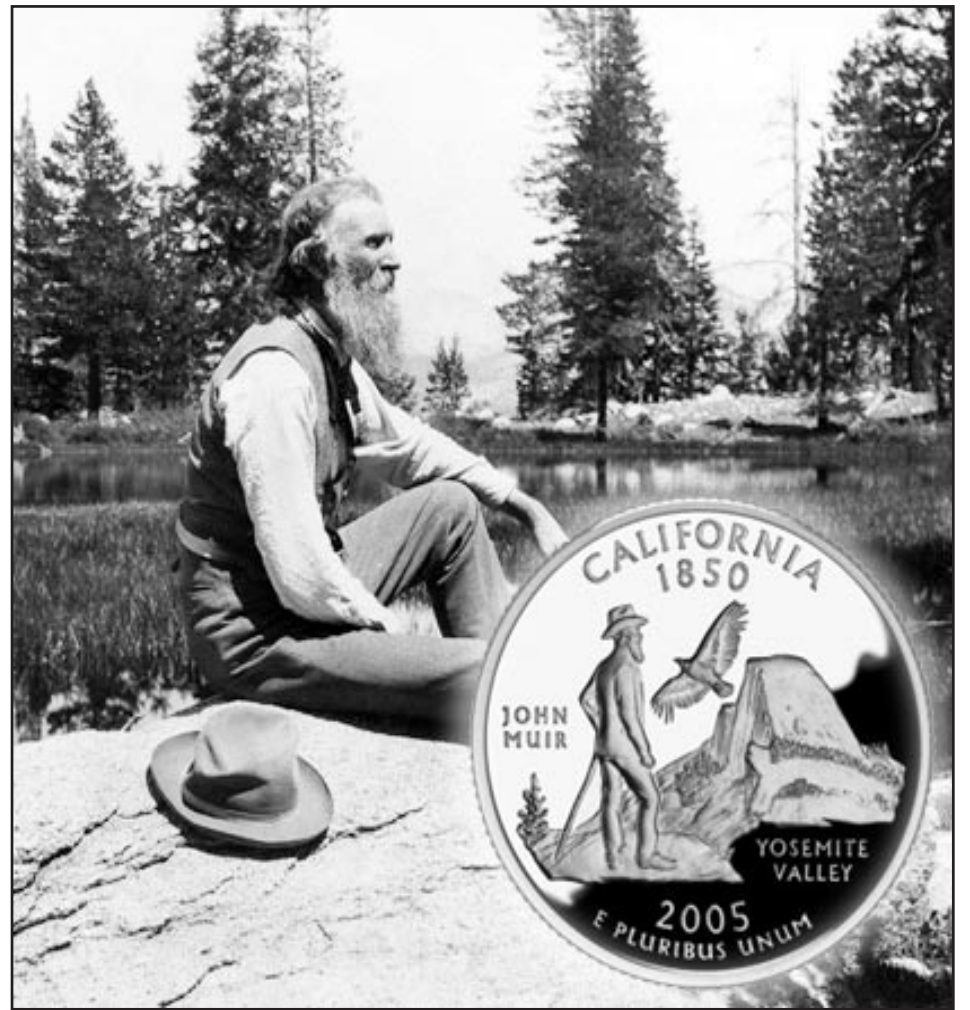
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*"Come to the woods, for here is rest. There is no repose like that of the green deep woods. Here grow the wallflower and the violet. The squirrel will come and sit upon your knee, the logcock will wake you in the morning. Sleep in forgetfulness of all ill. Of all the upness accessible to mortals, there is no upness comparable to the mountains."*

— John Muir (1838-1914) was America's most famous and influential naturalist and conservationist, and founder of the Sierra Club.

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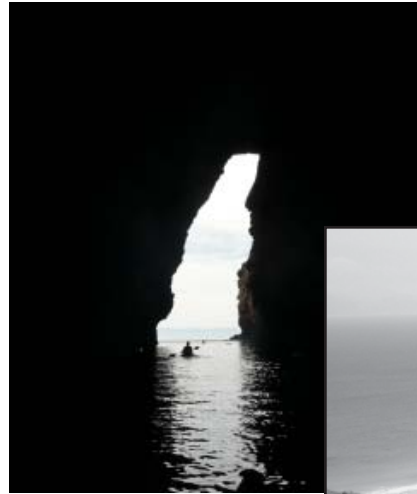
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by Joan Jones Holtz

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