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Membership Meetings

Tuesday, November 2 "The Heat is On: Desert Tortoises and Survival"

Speaker: Sid Silliman (see write up Page 10)

Tuesday, December 7

"Australia 2010: Observing Birds, Wildlife, and Natural Areas of the Granite Belt, the West Tropics, the Red Centre and the Sydney Area."

Speakers: Brian & Janice Elliott (see write up Page 10)

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

Sierra Club California Endorses the Following Candidates

Protect America's Environment For our Families . . . For our Future

J E R R Y
BROWN IS
THE ENVIRONMENTAL CHOICE
FOR GOVERNOR

Statewide:

The choices that Californians make in this November's election will have critical impacts on our ability to develop a clean energy economy, live free of toxic harm, and preserve our precious parks. No vote will be more important to our future than the choice of our next Governor, and the clear choice for anyone who cares about our environment is Jerry Brown.

SIERRA CLUB CALIFORNIA HAS ENDORSED GAVIN NEWSOM FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR Sierra Club California has endorsed Gavin Newsom for Lieutenant Governor. The Lieutenant Governor serves on several State commissions that make important environmental decisions, including the State Lands Commission, the Ocean Protection Council, and the Boards of Regents of the University of California and California State University systems. SIERRA CLUB CALIFORNIA HAS ENDORSED KAMALA HARRIS FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

Attorney General is the second most important statewide office in its impact on our environment, exceeded only by the Governor. California has been fortunate over the last 12 years to have two very green and effective AGs in Bill Lockyer and Jerry Brown. Kamala Harris is by far the best choice to continue in that tradition as enforcer of the laws that protect our air, water and natural resources.

SIERRA CLUB CALIFORNIA HAS ENDORSED DAVE JONES FOR INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

The Office of Insurance Commissioner can affect protection for the environment through education, regulation and incentives. In his campaign, Jones advocates for incorporating environmental risks and costs in insurance markets so insurance can be used as a vehicle to help change behavior toward more environmentally sound practices. SIERRA CLUB CALIFORNIA HAS ENDORSED DEBRA BOWEN FOR SECRETARY OF STATE

The Secretary of State does not have jurisdiction directly over environ-

mental issues, but Sierra Club has long supported election reform and transparency in government, because achieving our environmental goals often depends on having open and clean politics and governance. We endorse Debra Bowen for re-election because as Secretary of State she has worked for openness, accountability and integrity in our political system. ((Bowen has significantly improved public access to lobbying and contribution information, which is critical when holding leaders accountable on the environment and tracing the influence of polluters on elected officials. Bowen has also restored integrity and confidence in the way elections are conducted in California. The first step she took was a top-to-bottom public review of all voting devices - and those that were not secure were banished. SIERRA CLUB CALIFORNIA HAS ENDORSED BILL LOCKYER FOR A SECOND TERM AS STATE **TREASURER**

As State Treasurer, Lockyer is working to fight global warming and stimulate California's green economy. During his first term, he has restored and reinvigorated the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority within the Treasurer's Office that provides financing for alternative energy. He also directed the state to invest \$300 million in World Bank green bonds to finance projects to fight global warming – the first purchase by a U.S. investor. During last year's debate over the \$11.1 billon water bond, he argued against the use of general obligation bonds to fund water projects, agreeing with Sierra Club's position, and said, "The case for user-funding for most system improvements compelling, both as a matter of equity and fiscal prudence." Also, his office has partnered with the Air Resources Board to provide truckers loan guarantees to help them get financing they need to comply with diesel emissions rules.

SIERRA CLUB CALIFORNIA HAS ENDORSED JOHN CHIANG FOR A SECOND TERM AS STATE CONTROLLER

Sierra Club California has endorsed John Chiang for a second term as State Controller. Chiang was first elected as State Controller in 2006, after serving two terms on the State Board of Equalization. The Controller serves on the State Lands

Commission and the Ocean Protection Council, giving the office an important role in protecting California's coast.

Legislature:

ASSEMBLY Wesley Chesbro - AD 1 Richard Pan – AD 5 Michael Allen - AD 7 Mariko Yamada - AD 8 Roger Dickinson - AD 9 Tom Ammiano - AD 13 Nancy Skinner - AD 14 Joan Buchanan - AD 15 Sandré Swanson - AD 16 Mary Hayashi - AD 18 Jerry Hill - AD 19 Paul Fong - AD 22 Jim Beall - AD 24 Bill Monning - AD 27 Hilda Zacarias - AD 33 Das Williams - AD 35 Bob Blumenfield - AD 40 Julia Brownley - AD 41 Mike Feuer - AD 42 Mike Gatto - AD 43 Anthony Portantino - AD 44 John Perez - AD 46 Holly J. Mitchell - AD 47 Mike Eng - AD 49 Ricardo Lara - AD 50 Betsy Butler - AD 53 Bonnie Lowenthal - AD 54 Warren Furutani - AD 55 Roger Hernandez - AD 57 Carl Wood - AD 65 Melissa Fox - AD 70 Judy Jones - AD 73 Crystal Crawford - AD 74 Toni Atkins - AD 76 **SENATE** Noreen Evans - SD 2 Leland Yee - SD 8 Ellen Corbett - SD 10 Kevin De Leon - SD 22 To see Sierra Club's endorsements for U.S. Senate and House, go to http:// www.sierraclub.org/politics/ endorsements/

NOVEMBER BALLOT INITIATIVES Sierra Club California Opposes Proposition 23: Proposed Big Oil Initiative

Big Texas oil companies are trying to buy their way out of cleaning up their California refineries and fuels. Companies like Valero and Tesoro **Endorsements** . . . Continued from Page 1

recently announced that they plan on fully funding a November ballot initiative that would halt clean energy efforts and pollution control standards aimed at cleaning up our air and atmosphere for our kids and future generations.



IT'S BACK – THE POLLUTER PROTECTION ACT, AKA PROP 26 (By Bill Magavern, Director, Sierra Club California

Some bad ideas refuse to die. Ten years ago, California's voters killed off The Polluter Protection Act, Prop 37. Big Oil and Big Tobacco have spent the decade since then looking for an opportunity to bring this Big Ugly Initiative back, and they've decided that this is the year to raid your wallet.

The core question raised by Prop 26 is: who pays? Who pays to clean up air pollution, oil spills and toxic waste? Who pays for the health consequences of tobacco and alcohol addiction, of lead poisoning and diesel exhaust? Exxon, Phillip Morris and the other special interests behind Prop 26 want you, the taxpayers, to pay. They want to get off the hook for mitigating the damage they do.

Vote YES On Prop 25 to Ease Budget Gridlock and Curb Anti-Environmental Schemes

Sierra Club supports Proposition 25, which would allow state budgets to be passed by a simple majority of each house of the Legislature. The antidemocratic two-thirds requirement for passing budgets has created opportunities for anti-environmental mischief. One of the most egregious examples came in 2007, when 14 Senate Republicans held the budget hostage to their demand for non-fiscal legislation weakening the California Environmental Quality Act's application to global warming.

In addition, the budget gridlock that is in part caused by the two-thirds requirement has damaged our air, water and resources. The empowerment of a minority of legislators has resulted in slashing funding for public transit, raiding recycling and clean-air funds, and starving important agencies like the Coastal Commission.

Prop 25 would move us closer to fiscal sanity and remove one avenue for anti-environmental legislative schemes.

Sierra Club California Supports Proposition 21: California State Parks Initiative

Sacramento — Sierra Club California endorsed Proposition 21, the State Parks and Wildlife Conservation Trust Fund Act of 2010, a statewide initiative slated for the November 2010 ballot, that would provide a stable, reliable and adequate source of funding to protect state parks and conserve wildlife. "With our state parks facing an insurmountable funding crisis and irreparable damage, it is essential we provide our parks with a sustainable and reliable funding stream," said Jim Metropulos, Senior Advocate of Sierra Club California. "For years California's 278 state parks have been an integral public asset that residents and visitors alike enjoyed, and it is imperative we maintain these priceless assets for our children and future generations."

Proposition 21 would ensure a dedicated and reliable funding stream for state parks through an \$18 annual State Park Access Pass surcharge and, in return, would provide vehicles subject to the surcharge free, yearround admission to state parks. Sierra Club California now joins a strong coalition including - California State Parks Foundation, The Trust for Public Land, Save the Redwoods League, Defenders of Wildlife, Surfrider Foundation, California State Park Rangers Association, Audubon California, California State Lifeguard Association and Ocean Conservancy. For more information on Proposition visit 21, please

www.yesforstateparks.com.

Sierra Club California Opposes Proposition 18: The Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012

Update: The California Legislature has voted to postpone Proposition 18 until 2012

This bond would obligate the state to pay back more than \$800 million in bond debt every year for the next 30 years. These payments would further stress our general fund, providing \$800 million less for schools, parks, social services, police protection and fire services. It seems unwise to add these huge annual payments to a budget with a projected shortfall of \$21 billion by 2011.

Defeat of PG&E Power Grab a Victory for Clean Energy and Democracy Sacramento, CA – Election returns show Proposition 16 losing, despite PG&E's spending some \$46 million to pass it, outspending the opposition by more than 500 to 1.



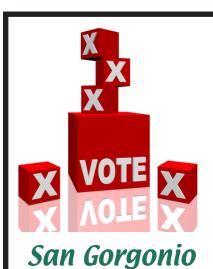
Preserve The Future

ot everyone can make a large gift to protect the environment during their lifetime, but you can preserve the environment for generations to come by remembering the Sierra Club in your will.

There are many gift options available. We can even help you plan a gift for your local Chapter. For more information and confidential assistance, contact:

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Chapter BallotPlease indicate your vote on this

ballot, cut out and mail so it is received by November 22, 2010.

Mail To: Sierra Club

P.O. Box 708, Blue Jay, CA 92317

Remember to print your name and address and **sign your name** on the outside of the envelope so ballot can be verified. If two ballots from a joint membership are enclosed, be sure to print name and address and sign for each ballot.

SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER BALLOT Please vote for 3 or fewer Ralph Salisbury Steve Farrell Rick Estes SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER BALLOT Please vote for 3 or fewer Ralph Salisbury Steve Farrell

☐ Rick Estes

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Group News

Big Bear Group

by Christie Walker

OOKING STORE TOUR A HIT – The Big Bear Group had a full house for the

Copper Q Tour—a local high-end cooking store—and cooking demonstration where we learned to make our own granola bars. On the tour of the facility we learned about all the eco-friendly products and materials that went into the construction, maintenance, and daily operation of the cooking store. We were also treated to an up-close-and-personal cooking demonstration on how to make homemade granola bars. Yummy. Reviews for this event were excellent. For those that missed it, you can stop by the Copper Q on Pine Knot Ave., in the Village in Big Bear Lake and pick up a granola bar while checking out the recycled glass counter tops, bamboo flooring

and hard-wired compact fluorescent lighting.

S H O R E L I N E C L E A N - U P SUCCESS – The 11th annual Big Bear Lake Shoreline Clean-up saw 178 volunteers pick-up 289 pounds of trash from the shores of Big Bear Lake. Sierra Club volunteers,

Robbie Bos, Robin Bradford, Jon Bresnahan, Tom Delk, Shirley Geisking, Lisa Patterson, Bill Quiroz, Linda Quiroz, Christie Walker and Gina Weiss served as Site Captains for the clean-up. They co-coordinated the clean-up efforts of middle and high school students from Covina, Rialto, Ontario and the Big Bear Valley. During the 11 years of Shoreline Clean-up, over 2100 volunteers have cleared over 17,000 pounds of trash from the shores of Big Bear Lake. The birds, mammals, and fish that call Big Bear Lake their home, thank all who have participated, for truly making a difference.



 $ENERGY\ SYMPOSIUM-Want\ to\ find\ out\ about\ putting\ solar\ on\ your\ house\ in\ Big$

Bear or would wind be a better alternative? What can you expect from Bear Valley Electric when you want a grid-tied system? At our second annual Energy Symposium, we are bringing together local experts to talk about what can be done here in Big Bear Valley. We will also have a couple of homeowners on hand to tell about their experience installing solar panels and wind turbines. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers as well. Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 19th, at 6:30 at the Discovery Center. Come on out and find out how to reduce your energy bills!

ENVIRONMENTAL FILM FESTIVAL – Our November meeting at The Discovery Center, on Tuesday the 16th, will start at 6:00 pm, a half hour earlier than usual, to accommodate our two feature films.

"A Sense of Wonder" is a documentary style film that depicts Rachel Carson in the final year of her life, using many of Carson's own words from two interviews. This one hour, one-woman show can't help but move you. Our second film, "Who Killed the Electric Car" is a two-hour documentary feature that explores the creation, limited commercialization and subsequent destruction of the electric car in the U.S. Bring a comfortable chair, pillows, munchies for a powerful night at the movies. Popcorn will be available.

Remember...6:00 pm not 6:30. The Rachel Carson film will be played first. There will be a brief intermission between the two films.

NO GENERAL MEETING IN DECEMBER – There will be no general meeting in December. Enjoy the winter and the holiday festivities. A peaceful Winter Solstice to all and to all a good night!

Mojave Group

The Mojave Group Election results are in. The following people will be serving another year on the ExCom: Carol Wiley, Kim Floyd, Bryan Baker, and Melody Nichols.

We are all very grateful for the work that you do which benefits the entire membership and community across the Mojave Desert from Wrightwood to Needles. There is always room for others to attend the ExCom meetings and learn more about the "nuts and bolts" of the group. ExCom Meetings are held the Thursday before the General Meeting and because the



Hiker on Pacifc Crest Trail in the new Pleasant View Ridge Wilderness.

location varies from time to time you are encouraged to contact the ExCom for details prior to the date.

We look forward to another exciting year of exploring, enjoying and protecting the Mojave Desert and nearby mountains.

Wilderness by Jenny Wilder

In June 2008 Laurel Williams of the California Wilderness Coalition led a hike to explore the proposed Pleasant View Ridge Wilderness. Several members of the Mojave Group left the Devils Punchbowl with Laurel and climbed a few miles along the Burkhart trail towards the ridge. While Laurel made it to the top of the ridge, some of us were short of water and overcome with the heat and turned back before the summit. This hike struck me as one of the more beautiful hikes I have been on and one to which I should return. We all wrote our support letters for the Wilderness designation.

This summer I have had the great fortune of hiking several times in the San Gabriel Mountains, once again exploring some sections of the Pacific Crest Trail with members of the Mojave Group. I thank those of you who have made these summer hikes possible and especially for the beautiful visit to Mount Williamson. The last time I did that hike was with the Wrightwood Hikers and it had turned into a traumatic day when one of the hikers, Iona, fell on some ice and broke her arm. She was a brilliant hiker and extremely

brave. While nursing her painful injury, she hiked all the long way down from very near the summit to Hwy 2. Thanks to some other swift hikers who called for help, Iona experienced a free helicopter ride to the hospital (ironically she had previously talked about wanting to experience a helicopter ride!). After a long recuperation, I heard that Iona recovered, but moved out of the area.

This year's hike, while it was not so dramatic, did bring back the memories and the beauty of the area. I was surprised and overjoyed to see the new sign proudly proclaiming the new Pleasant View Ridge Wilderness Area along the PCT trail head to Mount Williamson. I have limited time to spend on Wilderness efforts, but truly appreciate the commitment and



Hikers enjoy the Burkhart Trail near Devil's Punchbowl.

significance of those beautiful people who continue to work on gaining Wilderness designation for so much of our wonderful mountain and desert areas that deserve the protection. This particular addition to Wilderness has certainly caught my attention, and I hope that some of you will have the opportunity to explore, enjoy and also become part of the action to protect the desert and mountains that surround us. It is an uplifting experience to say the least. For more photos of the hike to Mount Williamson, visit JensOasis

on the Yahoo Flickr web site: http://www.flickr.com/photos/25273386@N08/sets/72157624984044668/

On March 30, 2009, President Obama signed into law the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, protecting over 700,000 acres of California's federal lands as wilderness in the eastern Sierra Nevada, Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Parks and Riverside County. It is the largest wilderness protection measure to be signed into law in 15 years and Pleasant View Ridge was included in this protection!

Pleasant View Ridge features 8,200-foot Mount Williamson, the headwaters of Little Rock Creek and offers commanding views of the California desert to the north and east and the Tehachapi Mountains to the northwest. The wilderness is an ecological transition zone between the forests and oak woodlands of the San Gabriel Mountains and the desert at the

Group News

Moreno Valley Group

by Ann Turner McKibben, Secretary

A swe mentioned previously, the Moreno Valley Group will hold its executive committee election this fall. Please look for our Group Executive Committee Ballot which will included in our fall newsletter. Please take time to vote!

The Moreno Valley Group is selling 2011 Sierra Club calendars (wall and engagement). Please call Theresa Carson at (951) 242-4752 if you would like to buy one and support our group.

The Moreno Valley Group has four outings planned for November and December. On November 3 there will be a Hidden Springs Walk/Hike at 6:00 p.m. Meet at Hidden Springs Elementary School, 9801 Hidden Springs Drive. You can find our other outings in the Calendar of Outings in the Palm & Pine or the chapter web page at: http://sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/outings/index.html You can also contact Group Outings Chair Theresa Carson at: (951) 660-7246 or tcarson22@msn.com for more information.

The Moreno Valley Group held an executive committee meeting on September 12. We discussed many conservations issues including the large number of warehouses/distribution facilities coming to Moreno Valley; location of the city's new high school; widening of Ironwood Avenue. Other issues covered included the Villages of Lakeview development, Motte Lakeview

Ranch Specific Plan & San Jacinto River Levee Project.

November 2 is Election Day and residents of the city of Moreno Valley will be electing city councilmembers and school board members. Please take time to learn about the candidates, issues and remember to VOTE!

The Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley and the Sierra Club filed a lawsuit in April to challenge the approval of the Villages of Lakeview (Specific Plan 342) mega-development on the southern boundary of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. The 11,250 unit project will have devastating impacts on the wildlife area and the communities of Lakeview and Nuevo. The project is the centerpiece of Riverside County's plan for a new 'city' in the middle of this rural valley. The county has had to make massive budget cuts because its economy is dependent on housing starts. Instead of broadening its financial base it continues to approve housing developments. As county services are cut and our local water districts implore us to conserve water, Riverside County continues to march to the developer's drum.

Please take time to support this lawsuit and make a donation. You can make your check payable to the Sierra Club. Your donation will be used only for the expenses related to fighting this project. No 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. We sincerely thank you for your help.

Riverside County started its General Plan Update in 2008 and George Hague attended the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) representing the environmental community. There have been no more General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) meetings since October 2009 and no new meetings have been scheduled at this point in time. Apparently, the county is not doing a Climate Action Plan (CAP) as part of the general plan update process, but instead they plan on doing some interim measures related to Air Quality/Green House Gases and will hopefully adopt a CAP within a couple of years. There is concern that the county did not require the 11,250 unit Villages of Lakeview Specific Plan 342 (VOL) to be part of the General Plan Update, but instead decided to approve the VOL project before the general plan update was completed. There are many ways the General Plan Update's environmental impact report (EIR) could have an impact on the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and all of Riverside County. Complicating the issue, the county Planning Department has a new director; departments are being merged as a costs savings effort; and the county has laid off two-thirds of its planning staff. County planner for the general plan update is Mitra Mehta-Cooper, (951) 955-8514.

The San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society will be holding a San Jacinto Valley field trip on November 14 starting at 7:00 a.m. It is possible to see over 100 species on this trip—wintering birds of prey, waterfowl and shorebirds. It is a wonderful way to learn about the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and the northern San Jacinto Valley. Please check the SBVAS web page at: www.sbvas.org for more information. The Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley have nature walks scheduled from October through May. Please check their web site at www.northfriends.org for information on their walks. In the meantime, if you plan to visit the wildlife area this fall, please remember that waterfowl hunting takes place on all Wednesday and Saturdays, October 23, 2010, through February 5, 2011. There is pheasant hunting on Sunday, November 14 and Sunday, December 19. Hunting is allowed at all state-run wildlife areas and hunting fees help support the acquisition of wildlife habitat throughout the state of California. Please call the wildlife area office during normal business hours at (951) 928-0580 to find out when

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Mountains Group

by Dave Barrie and Bill Engs

n early August the Group gathered at ■ Shady Cove Group Campground for its annual Friday-afternoon-through-Sundayafternoon summer car camp. Early arrivals set up camp on Friday, displaying interesting, individual preferences in choosing where to pitch their tents. On Saturday Bill Engs offered a hike half way down the Children's Forest Exploration Trail. Later that afternoon Mary Barrie conducted a digital photography workshop prior to a Group ExCom meeting. More people arrived for our potluck dinner and remained until after dark to gather around a campfire. On Sunday morning, those who stayed overnight feasted on Bill's pancakes and then Mary led a photo opportunity walk along the Children's Forest (Phoenix) Trail nearby.

And a month later, on September 11th, the Mountains Group presented the Children's Forest Association with a check for \$3,500.00 (see photo) to support programs that get kids into the outdoors and provide environmental education. Part of our donation will be used for trail maintenance (done by the kids) on the Exploration Trail that we like to hike. (Designed and built by kids.)

Throughout the summer there are kids who volunteer to work at the Children's

Forest Visitor Center (just above Running Springs near the Keller Peak turnoff) and some of those kids joined us at a small ceremony at the Visitor Center where we presented our donation. After a few short opening remarks the kids took control of



the microphone and each of them told us how long they had been volunteering with Children's Forest and what they liked best. It was heartening to hear that they liked learning about nature (and sharing their knowledge with visitors to the Center) and that it is "better than

staying home and playing video games."
The Mountains Group has been supporting these efforts since 2005 and hope, that as

long as they can offer programs that get the kids interested in nature, we can continue to find some funding to assist those efforts.

And on the subject of funding... as it has been in the past, funding for our support of Children's Forest activities, for an annual scholarship at Rim of the World High School, and for addressing environmental issues through the legal system comes predominately from the efforts of Mountains Group volunteers who work at the Mountain Thrift Shoppe in Blue Jay. Led by Heather Sargeant they provide the means for our Group to "Explore, Enjoy,

appeal, we are in the midst of a suit on the Royal Rangers Adventure Camp project (in the middle of the CEQA mandated negotiations) and are just getting started on addressing the problems associated with an extremely large church project in Rimforest.

Mountains" in many different ways. We

luck) the three largest environmental battles

that we have in process are "laddered" in a

way that makes them somewhat

We are awaiting final word on legal fees

manageable in terms of time and money.

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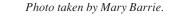
won in court and again upon appeal/counter

Through careful planning (or maybe

cannot thank them enough!

Steve Farrell continues to provide energy and environmental expertise in abundance and Sue Walker is leading letter-writing efforts to keep the issues fresh in the minds of the community.

If any of you reading this and would like to help (either Steve, Sue, or in some other way), please contact me (Dave Barrie) at



and Protect the Natural and Human Environment of the San Bernardino barriemail@mac.com.

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Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2010

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

CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE: Items for the January/February 2011 Calendar are due by December 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 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). 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 & 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.
- 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)

SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING (1ST MON) 6:00 PM

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

LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM

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

SB MOUNTAINS GROUP (2ND MON) 7:00 PM

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.

(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**

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

(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 <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> (909) 815-9379. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM (4TH TUE) 7:00 PM 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

Monthly meeting. The November & December meetings will be on the third Thursday of the month. 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 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

APPLE VALLEY CONDITIONING HIKE MON 7:00 PM 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

MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING WED 7:00 PM 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

 dspreng@gte.net> (760) (951) 4520 & JENNY WILDER (760) 220-0730 < jensoasis@aol.com>, MOJAVE GROUP

OCTOBER 25 - 31

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

SB MTS: SPLINTERS TO DEVIL'S HOLE HIKE

You will hike a scenic section of the Pacific Crest Trail along the Deep Creek Canyon. Distance: 6 miles RT with 600 foot elevation loss & gain. BRING: 10 essentials, 2 qts. water, & snack. WEAR: hiking boots. MEET: call for time & place. Adventure Pass required. LEADER: BILLIE WOLFF, SB MOUNTAINS GROUP (909) 338-2534.

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OCT 26 (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

OCT 28 (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

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 & a special holiday potluck feast, followed by a midnight visit to the ghosts & goblins in Ballarat's graveyard. On Sun, a quick visit to the infamous Riley

Later we'll return to camp for happy hour & a special holiday potluck feast, followed by a midnight visit to the ghosts & 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

NOVEMBER 1 - 7

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

NOV 1 (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.

NOV 2 (TUE) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING The meeting place rotates. INFO: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP

NOV 2 (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 seekins@gmail.com. CHAPTER

NOV 3 (WED) 6:00 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE

Approximate 3 mile walk through the hidden springs arroyo and/or along the trail, depending on group. BRING: water, flashlight, 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 < carson22@msn.com> MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**NOV 4 (THU) 8:30 AM 2NO1 PCT TO CUSHENBERRY PASS HIKE

The trail starts at Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) & 2N01 trail intersection & meanders north on the PCT until reaching Cushenberry Pass. This is a 10-mile hike with a 1,000 elevation change & considered moderate/strenuous. This will be a through-hike. BRING adequate water, snack/lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, layered clothing, & good hiking shoes. MEET at Vons parking lot at 8:30 A.M. An Adventure Pass is required for parking at the either 2N01 trail head or at Cushenberry Pass. Pleaae register in advance with the leader. INFO & LEADER: ED CALIENDO (909) 878-3813.

BIG BEAR GROUP

NOV 4 (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

NOV 5-7 (FRI-SUN) TOPOCK GORGE CANOE TRIP CANOE

We will meet on Friday afternoon & camp Friday evening at the Moabi Regional Park in Needles. Launch of canoes will be Saturday morning at 7am for a beautiful paddle through the Topock Gorge, taking out at Castle Rock in the afternoon (You will bring your lunch with you). Camp again Saturday night back at Moabi & share a potluck dinner. Sunday there will be a hike in the area before heading home. COST: Camping is \$12.00 per vehicle & the canoe will be \$46.00 per person plus tax. DEPOSIT: A \$15.00 deposit MUST be paid by October 16th. RESERVATIONS, INFO & LEADER: CAROL WILEY <desertlily1@verizon.net> or additional information contact: INFO & CO-LEADER: ROSE GARIBAY <highdesertrosie@gmail.com>. MOJAVE GROUP

NOV 6 (SAT) 9:00 AM SANTA ROSA ECOLOGICAL RESERVE HIKE

I am changing this hike slightly to try to accommodate hikers with different goals. Our November hike is intended for those that are looking for a bit more challenging outing. I would rate this hike as borderline strenuous. It will be a 8 mile hike beginning at the visitor center. We will hike the eastern & southern boundaries of the reserve to the Adobes, then back to the visitor center over various trails forming a large loop. Rain cancels. BRING plenty of water, a snack, wear comfortable shoes & don't forget the sunscreen. It is also a good idea to dress in layers. COST: There is a \$2 day use fee. INFO & LEADER: BOB AUDIBERT (951) 302-1059 bob.takeahike1@gmail.com SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

NOV 7 (SUN) 8:00 AM PUSHWALLA PASS HIKE

Hike in a little-used part of Joshua Tree National Park up Pushwalla Pass. Moderate hike, about 6 miles & 1000 ft of elevation gain. Hiking up a sandy wash makes this a little more strenuous. This canyon is home to hundreds of quail, along with some old mine shafts & interesting rock formations. Starting at the end of Geology Tour Road. 4WD is recommended so we will car pool. If not enough 4WD vehicles we will pick an alternate trailhead. BRING: Sturdy shoes or boots, layered clothing, lunch & 2 liters water minimum. Rain cancels. MEET: Contact leader for meeting place. LEADER: MARY ANN RUIZ (909) 815-9379 <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

NOVEMBER 8 - 14

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

NOV 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.

NOV 9 (TUE) 7:00 AM JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK HIKE

We will utilize a portion of the Boy Scout Trail on this 17-mile moderate to strenuous hike which will take us through the Wonderland of Rocks to Willow Hole. MEET at the Von's parking lot in Big Bear Lake at 7:00 AM. Snow could cancel. Please call leader to confirm. LEADER: ED WALLACE (909) 584 9407.

BIG BEAR GROUP

NOV 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, <kimffloyd@fastmail.fm> (760) 249-5385. CHAPTER

NOV 10 (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

NOV 13 (SAT) 9:00 AM JUNIPER FLATS AREA - ARRASTRE CANYON HIKE

Join us for a lovely fall hike in the Arrastre Canyon area of Juniper Flats just south of Apple Valley. This beautiful canyon is host to several riparian areas which may still have some fall colors. We will hike from near the USFS boundary down to Arrastre Waterfall & shuttle a car for the drivers to get back. High clearance vehicle is recommended to get to the trailhead. Hike is about 6 miles & considered moderate, including some off trail hiking. WEAR: Weather in the foothills is subject to frequent changes so wear layered clothing, good hiking boots/shoes, hat. BRING water, lunch. A hiking stick is recommended. Don't forget your camera & binoculars! INFO & LEADER: JENNY WILDER < JensOasis@aol.com > (760) 220 0730.

MOJAVE GROUP

NOV 13 (SAT) 8:00 AM COON CREEK JUMPOFF TO HEART BAR CREEK HIKE

Come join other hikers for moderate 9- to 10-mile hike along the PCT from Coon Creek Jumpoff to Heart Bar Creek & back. This is a beautiful wooded area with views of Mission Creek & Morongo Valley to the east. BRING 2-3 qrts of water, sturdy boots & lunch/snacks. MEET at the Von's Supermarket in Big Bear at 8:00am. INFO & LEADER: TERRENCE MCCORKLE < oldhikerdude@verizon.net> (760) 252-2194, (760) 412-1683. MOJAVE GROUP

NOV 14 (SUN) 9:00 AM BONITA FALLS HIKE

This hike will be part of the San Gabriel Mountains Forever East Campaign to add wilderness acreage to Cucamonga Wilderness. We will write postcards to Congressman David Dreier on a break. Cards & mailing will be provided. This will be an easy hike to the 90 foot Bonita (Beautiful) Falls. About 4.5 miles Round Trip, slight elev. gain. MEET: Lytle Creek Ranger Station (from Interstate 15 between the 210 & 215 freeways, exit north on Sierra Avenue which immediately becomes Lytle Creek Road – follow Lytle Creek Road 5.5 miles to the ranger station). We will carpool just around the bend to park across from the green bridge over Lytle Creek. Adventure Pass required. BRING: water & extra snacks; wear sturdy shoes/boots. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: DEAN SHIMEK <dtsierra@msn.com> (909) 899-2795.

NOVEMBER 15 - 21

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

NOV 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

NOV 16 (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

NOV 16 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING

Dr. James Pinter- Luke speaking on *Volunteering in Patagonia National Park*. Earlier this year Jim volunteered to work in the future Patagonia National Park in Chile. The creation of this park is an ongoing project of Conservacion Patagonica, which has already created Monte Leon National Park in Argentina. Kristine and Douglas Tompkins of the Patagonia clothing company founded Conservacion Patagonica in 2000. 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.

NOV 17 (WED) 6:00 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS WALK/HIKE

Approximate 3-mile walk through the hidden springs arroyo and/or along the trail, depending on group. BRING: water, flashlight, 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, <tasyon_com> MORENO VALLEY GROUP

NOV 17-19 (WED-FRI) 12 NOON JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK CAR CAM

Join us at the Indian Cove Group Camp for day hikes. We will hike along the Boy Scout Trail to Fortynine Palm Canyon & to Rattlesnake Canyon. BRING water, fire wood. CLOST: Park entrance fee \$10.00 per car. Car pooling encouraged. Limit on size of group. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: BILL ENGS, (909) 338-1910.

SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**NOV 18 (THU) 9:00 AM CACTUS FLATS TO HORSE THIEF FLAT HIKE

Moderate to strenuous 8-mile hike on old mining roads. Good views of the Bighorn Mountain Wilderness. MEET: Von's parking lot in Big Bear Lake at 9:00 AM & at Cactus Flats at 9:45 AM. Adventure pass required. Snow could cancel. Please call hike leader to confirm. LEADER: ED WALLACE (909) 584 9407.

BIG BEAR GROUP

NOV 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

NOV 20 (SAT) 8:00 AM FALL AT LAKE GREGORY BIRD WALK

See which birds remain for the winter & possible winter arrivals as we walk around the lake. Optional breakfast after. MEET: South Shore parking lot, just east of the water slide. LEADER: BILL ENGS (909) 338-1910.

SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

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**NOV 20 (SAT) 8:00 AM SAN JACINTO PEAK

DEC 4-5 (SAT-SUN) 1:00 PM S B MTS, KELLER HUT

GATHERING

This is a one-day hiking adventure to the top of San Jacinto Mountain peak starting at Devils Slide Trail head & meandering north through Mt. San Jacinto State Park Wilderness. This is the second highest peak at 10,804' in Southern California. The hike is approximately 16 miles R/T & encompasses a 4,224' elevation gain. Participants are to meet at the main U.S. Forest Service headquarter office in Idyllwild, CA at 8:00 a.m. Snow is not expected, but cool weather is to be considered. Experienced hikers only are to participate as this is considered a strenuous hike & will consume most of the daylight hours to complete. Participants are to bring the ten-essentials, wear layered clothing, adequate water, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, & good hiking shoes. Reserve early with the hiking leader as wilderness permits must be arranged. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: ED CALIENDO, (760) 328-1090.

NOV 20-21 (SAT-SUN) CARRIZO PLAIN NATIONAL MONUMENT SERVICE

Pronghorn antelope will not jump fences to escape predators but rather attempt to crawl under. Our service on Saturday will either remove or modify several sections of fence to facilitate this mobility. Sunday will be, at the choice of the group, either a hike in the Caliente Range or else a tour of popular viewing areas in the plains. This is an opportunity to combine car camping, day-hiking, exploring, & service in a relatively unknown wilderness. LEADER: CRAIG DEUTSCHE, <craig.deutsche@gmail.com> (310) 477-6670. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

NOV 21 (SUN) 9:00 AM SANTA MARGARITA RIVER TRAIL HIK

Join us on a 5.2-mile hike (out & back) along the south bank of the Santa Margarita River in Fallbrook & experience one of the last wild rivers in Southern California. There are a few slippery areas in an otherwise pleasant moderately difficult hike. There is only about 400' gain/loss in elevation, so this may be a good hike for those that do not care for a lot of hiking up steep slopes. Scouting the hike I found the lazily flowing river through the oak & willows to be very relaxing. Rain cancels. MEET: At the trailhead. Directions; Take I-15 to Mission Rd. Travel 4.5 miles west toward downtown Fallbrook to Pico Ave. Take a right (west) on Pico which becomes De Luz Road. At the bottom of the hill turn right on Sandia Creek Road. Parking & trailhead is about 1.2 miles on the right. BRING plenty of water, a snack, wear comfortable shoes & don't forget the sunscreen. It is also a good idea to dress in layers. For more information about car pooling or general questions contact the leader. LEADER: BOB AUDIBERT (951) 302-1059

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SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

HIKE

NOV 21 (SUN) 6:00 PM FOOTHILLS BY MOONLIGHT

Come for a 2 to 3 hour evening hike in the foothills to enjoy the "full" moon. (Actual full moon is November 21.) Hikes are moderately paced. Between 4 & 5 miles rt, 400 to 1200 ft elev. Gain. Hike locations will vary. BRING: Jacket, flashlight, water, & 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

NOVEMBER 22 - 28

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

**NOV 23 (TUE) 9:00 AM SANTA ANA RIVER TRAIL LOOP HIKE

This is a moderate 10-mile loop hike with about 1000 feet of elevation gain. We will hike north on the Santa Ana River trail along a ridge to Heart Bar Road & return via the meadow trail. BRING plenty of water, sturdy boots, lunch, & layered clothing appropriate to the weather. MEET: Those from the mountain areas should meet at Vons parking lot for carpool to the trailhead. Those coming from the Redlands or desert areas may want to meet us about 9:30 AM at the trailhead off of highway 38 in the parking lot near the place where the Santa Ana & South Fork Rivers cross the highway. Adventure passes are required here. Please let the leader know if you select this option so we won't wait for you at Vons. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: DICK BANKS, (909) 866-9232.

BIG BEAR GROUP

NOV 23 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING

Chapter governance meeting. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RICK ESTES (951) 314-3328 < rickestes_92595@yahoo.com>. CHAPTER

NOVEMBER 29 – DECEMBER 5

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

DEC 1 (WED) 6:00 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE

Approximate 3-mile walk through the hidden spring arroyo and/or along the trail, depending on group. BRING: water, flashlight, sturdy shoes. MEET: From 60 fwy 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 < tcarson22@msn.com MORENO VALLEY GROUP

DEC 2 (THU) 8:00 AM SANTA ANA RIVER TO MORTON PEAK HIKE

This 12-mile round trip hike has a 2800 ft elevation gain. Great views of the Santa Ana River drainage. BRING water, layered clothing & hiking boots. MEET at the Von's parking lot in Big Bear Lake at 8:00 AM & Mill Creek Ranger Station at 9:00. Snow could cancel. Please call to confirm. LEADER: ED WALLACE, (909) 584-9407,

BIG BEAR GROUP

**DEC 4 (SAT) 9:00 AM DEER SPRINGS TO SUICIDE ROCK HIKE

This is an Idyllwild area hike within the Mt. San Jacinto State Park Wilderness from Deer Springs to Suicide Rock & return. The hike is a total distance of 6.6 miles. The elevation gain is approximately 1,920 feet. MEET at the main U.S. Forest Service headquarters office in Idyllwild at 9:00 a.m. Deep snow will cancel the hike. The hiking leader will contact all participants the night before the hike if the hike is cancelled due to poor weather. This hike is rated "moderate" in difficulty. Participants are to bring the ten-essentials, wear layered clothing, adequate water, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, & good hiking shoes. Participants may choose to eat lunch as a group in Idyllwild following the hike. Reserve early with the Hiking Leader as wilderness permits must be arranged. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: ED CALIENDO, (760) 324-3049.

DEC 4 (SAT) 9:00 AM SANTA ROSA ECOLOGICAL RESERVE HIKE

I am changing this hike slightly to try to accommodate hikers with different goals. Our December hike is geared for those looking for a less strenuous outing. I would rate this hike as easy. It will be a 4.5 to 5 mile hike from the Hidden Valley Trailhead. We will hike to the adobes & back over various trails forming a loop. Rain cancels. BRING: plenty of water, a snack & don't forget the sunscreen. WEAR: comfortable shoes. It is also a good idea to dress in layers. COST: There is a \$2 day use fee. INFO & LEADER: BOB AUDIBERT, (951)302-1059 bob.takeahike1@gmail.com SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

You are invited to join us for our annual holiday celebration at Keller Hut. You may arrive any time after 1 PM on Saturday. We provide turkey & dressing for dinner, plus tea & coffee. BRING a suitable potluck dish to serve six, & cold beverages, plus a "white elephant" gift to exchange. You are welcome to stay overnight, & join us for a communal breakfast, followed by a hike on Sunday AM. RESERVATIONS: Call for information & if you plan to attend. INFO & OVERSEER: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.

SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

DEC 4-5 (SAT-SUN) CARRIZO PLAINS FENCE REMOVAL SERVICE

Our work parties to remove barbed wire fences on the Carrizo Plain NM are opening up the Plain for the benefit of pronghorn antelope & other wildlife. Here is another chance to destroy fences. Potluck dinner & campfire Saturday. BRING fence tools if you have them, heavy leather work gloves, long pants & long-sleeved shirts, & clothing appropriate for the weather. Bring everything you need, including water, as there are no stores on the Carrizo. MEET at 0900 Saturday morning at Goodwin Visitor's Center or join us Friday night at Selby Campground. Resource Specialists; Alice & Bob Koch. RESERVATIONS & LEADERS: CAL & LETTY FRENCH, lettyfrench@gmail.com, (805) 239-7338.

DEC 5 (SUN) 9:00 AM BONITA FALLS HIKE HIKE

This hike will be part of the San Gabriel Mountains Forever East Campaign to add wilderness acreage to Cucamonga Wilderness. We will write postcards to Congressman David Dreier on a break. Cards & mailing will be provided. This will be an easy hike to the 90 foot Bonita (Beautiful) Falls. About 2.5 miles Round Trip, slight elev. gain. MEET: Lytle Creek Ranger Station (from Interstate 15 between the 210 & 215 freeways, exit north on Sierra Avenue which immediately becomes Lytle Creek Road – follow Lytle Creek Road 5.5 miles to the ranger station). We will carpool just around the bend to park across from the green bridge over Lytle Creek. Adventure Pass required. BRING: water & extra snacks; wear sturdy shoes/boots. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: DEAN SHIMEK, <dtsierra@msn.com> (909) 899-2795.

DEC 5 (SUN) 3:00 PM POTATO MOUNTAIN HIKE HIKE

A late afternoon hike that should provide some exceptional views. 4.5 miles, 1100' gain, all on a fire road. MEET: 3:00 PM at Claremont Hills Wilderness Park. From 210 Fwy exit Baseline Rd. go West to Padua Ave., turn right 1.9 mi to Baldy Rd. Park in parking lot. BRING: 1 or 2 quarts of water, snacks, appropriate footwear, & layered clothing. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: BILL JOYCE, (909) 596-6280, bill@rollingtherock.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

DECEMBER 6 – DECEMBER 12

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

DEC 7 (TUE) 9:00 AM CITY CREEK PEAK, HIGHLAND AREA HIKE

This is a moderate 10-mile round trip hike to City Creek Peak from the Ranger Station parking lot on Hwy 330 with about 1200-feet of vertical gain. BRING 2-quarts of water, sturdy boots, weather appropriate clothing & lunch. MEET in the parking lot of the City Creek Ranger Station on Hwy 330 at 9:00 AM. Those coming from the Big Bear Area should meet in the east parking lot of the Performing Arts Center at 8:00 AM for carpool to the trailhead. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: DICK BANKS, (909) 866-9232.

DEC 7 (TUE) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
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The meeting place rotates. INFO: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP

DEC 7 (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 seekins@gmail.com. CHAPTER

DEC 8 (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, description-net- MOJAVE GROUP

**DEC 10 (FRI) ICE HOUSE CANYON TRAIL TO TIMBER MT. HIKE Join us for this easy paced fall hike on a very popular trail. Moderate hike to ice house saddle & one

Join us for this easy paced fall hike on a very popular trail. Moderate hike to ice house saddle & one mile further to Timber Mt. Total gain 3300 feet in about 5 miles one way. INFO & LEADER: JOE WHYTE (909) 949-0899.

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

DEC 11 (SAT) 8:00 AM SANTA ANA RIVER BOTTOM BIRD WALK Pill will guide you to the birds. Percelefort at least restaurant after walk (antional). MEET at Signs

Bill will guide you to the birds. Breakfast at local restaurant after walk (optional). MEET: at Sierra Club Office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. LEADER: BILL ENGS, (909) 338-1910.

SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**DEC 11 (SAT) 9:15 AM ERNIE MAXWELL SCENIC TRAIL HIKE

This is an Idyllwild area hike within the Mt. San Jacinto Wilderness on the Ernie Maxwell Scenic Trail & return. Deep snow will cancel the hike. This hike is rated "moderate" in difficulty. The hike is a total distance of 5.20 miles. The elevation gain is approximately 700 feet. MEET at the main U.S. Forest Service headquarters office in Idyllwild at 9:15 a.m. BRING the ten-essentials, wear layered clothing, adequate water, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, & good hiking shoes. Optional lunch as a group in Idyllwild following the hike. The hiking leader will contact all participants the night before if the hike is cancelled due to poor weather. Reserve early as wilderness permits must be arranged. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: ED CALIENDO, (760) 324-3049. BIG BEAR GROUP

DEC 11 (SAT) 9:00 AM VATICAN TO ROUND MOUNTAIN SPRING HIKE

This moderate 6-mile hike takes us along a footpath beside a wash & over a hill between two springs in the Juniper Flats Area. Hike includes lovely views of the mountains & Juniper Flats Area of Critical Environmental Concern. We will check for water in the springs & the cumulative impacts of cattle. Cattle may be present, but are docile when not harassed (cattle lease is for cows/calves). BRING binoculars & camera! WEAR layered clothing, hat & bring plenty of water/snacks. MEET: Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road at 9am. INFO & LEADER: JENNY WILDER, < JensOasis@aol.com> (760) 220-0730. MOJAVE GROUP

DECEMBER 13 – DECEMBER 19

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DEC 14 (TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

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

DEC 15 (WED) 6:00 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE

Approximate 3-mile walk through the hidden spring arroyo and/or along the trail, depending on group. BRING: water, flashlight, 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 < tcarson22@msn.com MORENO VALLEY GROUP

DEC 16 (THU) 9:00 AM SEQUOIA TRAIL, BLUE QUARTZ MINE HIKE

This is an easy 6-mile hike with less than 500-feet of elevation gain. BRING water, sturdy boots, appropriate clothing & snacks. MEET in the Vons parking lot & carpool to the trailhead from there. Adventure passes are not required. Call to reserve. RESERVATIONS, INFO & LEADER: DICK BANKS, (909) 866-9232.

BIG BEAR GROUP

DEC 16 (THU) 7:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

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

DEC 18 (SAT) 8:15 A.M WHITEWATER TO COTTONWOOD

The hike starts at the Whitewater Trout Farm & meanders south on the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) approximately 7.6 miles to the Cottonwood Trail Head. This is a through-hike & carpooling will be required. This hike is rated "moderate/strenuous" in difficulty due to the distance & elevation gain. We cross the Whitewater River & gain about 1,300'. MEET in the parking lot of the Whitewater Trout Farm. The trout farm is open to the public. BRING the ten-essentials, adequate water, sunscreen, sunglasses, wear layered clothing, hat, & good hiking shoes. INFO & LEADER: ED CALIENDO, (760) 324-3049.

DEC 19 (SUN) 6:00 PM FOOTHILLS BY MOONLIGHT

Come for a 2- to 3-hour evening hike in the foothills to enjoy the "full" moon. (Actual full moon is December 20.) Hikes are moderately paced. Between 4 & 5 miles rt, 400 to 1200 ft elev. gain. Hike locations will vary. BRING: Jacket, flashlight, water, & 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.

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DECEMBER 20 - DECEMBER 26

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DEC 21 (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

DEC 21 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING

Join us for our annual holiday dessert pot-luck. Bring your favorite holiday treat and enjoy an evening of music and friends. We will meet in Hart Hall at Upland Presbyterian Church. Local folk musicians will provide holiday themed music along with traditional and folk songs. Coffee and hot spiced cider are provided – bring your holiday specialty or favorite, and enjoy this evening!. The public is welcome. PLACE: Hart Hall, Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid Ave. at 11th. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> (909) 815-9379. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

DECEMBER 27 – JANUARY 2

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DEC 28 - JAN 2 (TUES-SUN) HOLIDAY SERVICE, CARRIZO PLAIN SERVICE

Celebrate the new year in one of our new national monuments. The Carrizo Plain, west of Bakersfield, is a vast grassland, home to pronghorn antelope, tule elk, kit fox, & a wide variety of birds. A welcome hike Dec. 28, three & a half days of service modifying barbed wire fencing, & a full day for hiking & exploring are planned. Use of accommodations at Goodwin Ranch included. RESERVATIONS: Limited to 14 participants. COST: \$30 covers five dinners. RESERVATIONS, INFO & LEADER: CRAIG DEUTSCHE, craig.deutsche@gmail.com (310) 477-6670, or CO-LEADER: MELINDA GOODWATER, (408) 774-1257, mgoodwater@sbcglobal.net. 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

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: \$2 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

(1ST SUN) 3:30 PM RIVERSIDE CONTRA DANCE DANCE NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT RIVERSIDE CONTRA DANCE

Join us in for an afternoon of contra dance to live music. Dance Instruction at 3:30. Dance from 4:00 to 7:00. Refreshments 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 check the website 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>

(3RD TUE) 6:30 PM SAVE OUR SKYLINE: BOX SPRINGS THRU THE BADLANDS NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT OPEN SPACE MEETING

SAVE OUR SKYLINE: BOX SPRINGS THRU THE BADLANDS

Help us preserve Moreno Valley's northern skyline & secure a natural open-space corridor between the Box Springs Mountains & the Badlands, including the upper basin of Reche Canyon. We meet at the Coffee Grinder, 23580 Sunnymead Blvd., Moreno Valley. INFO: DAN CLARK, (951) 924-2454 <saveourskyline@roadrunner.com>

(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. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I 10 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

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NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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NOV 14 (SUN) 7:00 AM NORTHERN SAN JACINTO VALLEY BIRDING NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

Check <<u>www.sbvas.org</u>> for current information. SBVAS's birding field trip in the northern San Jacinto Valley will cover parts of the valley & the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. On good days 100+ species can be found—wintering birds of prey, waterfowl & shorebirds. Do Not Travel on Davis Road if there have been recent rains or it is wet. COST: Free. BRING: Binoculars, bird book, sturdy shoes, hat, plenty of water, lunch, snacks, non-toxic insect repellent. MEET: San Jacinto Wildlife Area headquarters, 17050 Davis Road, Lakeview. DIRECTIONS: From Interstate 215, take Ramona Expressway east to Davis Road in Lakeview; north on Davis Road 2.3 miles to headquarters. Davis road is closed from Moreno Valley. Only entrance to wildlife area is from the Ramona Expressway. INFO: TONY METCALF, (951) 242-7038 & DAVE GOODWARD, (909) 783-2417.

NOV 16 (TUE) 6:30 PM SAVE OUR SKYLINE: BOX SPRINGS THRU THE BADLANDS NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT OPEN SPACE MEETING

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~~By Bobbi Katz.~~



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foot of the ridge. A beautiful section of the Pacific Crest Trail traverses the area and features rugged rock canyons and cliffs, waterfalls and stands of pines.

For more information on hikes and how you can help the efforts to support Wilderness proposals visit the following web sites: Sierra Club action center:

http://action.sierraclub.org/site/PageServer?pagename=TakeActionAll
San Gorgonio Outings: http://sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/outings/index.html
The Wilderness Society: http://wilderness.org/action-and-issues
California wilderness Coalition: http://www.calwild.org/index.html

San Gabriel Mountains Forever: http://www.sangabrielmountains.org/take_action
Join the Mojave Group in weekly conditioning and exploration hikes: contact Melody
Nichols labelady@msn.com, or Jenny Wilder JensOasis@aol.com.

My sincere thanks to all those who hike the mountains and deserts, and especially to those who also spend time advocating and working for the permanent protection of our public lands. You are doing a wonderful job for all.

Deep Creek: Join members of the Mojave Group and the California Wilderness Coalition on a hike through the Deep Creek Canyon on Sat. Nov 6. Email Laurel Williams at lwilliams@calwild.org for more information and to reserve your spot.

Mojave Group Programs:

You are invited to join us at our monthly meetings at the Sterling Inn off Bear Valley Road on Ridgecrest at the corner of Francesca St. Parking is along the Ridgecrest Rd side of the building. Enter through the door on the Ridgecrest road side of the building and go down the hall to the Regency Room. Meetings begin at 7pm on the 2nd Wed of the month (please note that in Dec we start earlier):

November 10 (Wed) at 7pm: "The American Southwest: Are We Running Dry?" A serious look at water issues in the Southwest.

December 8 (Wed) at 6:30pm: We will have our Annual Holiday Party with a Potluck and Gift Exchange (white elephant or environmental gift). Don't forget your own table service and a favorite dish to share.



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wetlands and upland game areas will be closed for hunting. Please allow adequate time for your call to be returned. The wildlife area is north of the Ramona Expressway in Lakeview. Take Davis Road 2.2 miles north to the area headquarters. The wildlife area is open from dawn to dusk seven days a week. For more information: http://www.dfg.ca.gov/lands/wa/region6/sanjacinto/

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 for their hours of operation, events, and nature walks.

The city of Moreno Valley Recreational Trails Board will sponsor a Hike to Box Springs M on Saturday, November 20. Meet at 7:30 a.m., Canyon Springs High School, 23100 Cougar Canyon Drive. The hike is 6 miles round trip; degree of difficulty is 'difficult.' Please call (951) 413-3702 to verify all information.

Riverside County has several permanent Household Hazardous Waste collection sites. There is one in western Riverside County: Agua Mansa Regional Permanent HHW Collection Facility, 1780 Agua Mansa Road, Riverside; Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please check their web site for more information: http://wwww.rivcommore.information: http://wwww.rivcommore.information_locations or call the Riverside County Waste Management Department at (951) 486-3200 for more 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.

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Mountains Group Outings (by Bill Engs):

NOV 17-19 (WED-FRI) 12 NOON JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK CAR CAMP. Join us at the Indian Cove Group Camp for day hikes. We will hike along the Boy Scout Trail, to Fortynine Palm Canyon and to Rattlesnake Canyon. BRING water, fire wood. Park entrance fee \$10.00 per car. Car pooling encouraged. Limit on size of group. CALL LEADER, BILL ENGS, 909-338-1910 for reservation.

NOV 20 (SAT) 8:00 AM S B MTS, LAKE GREGORY FALL BIRD WALK

MEET: South Shore parking lot, just east of the water slide. See which birds remain for the winter and possible winter arrivals as we walk around the lake. Optional breakfast after. LEADER: BILL ENGS (909-338-1910).

DEC 4 (SAT) 8:00 AM SANTA ANA RIVER BOTTOM BIRD WALK

MEET: Sierra Club Office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. LEADER: BILL ENGS (909-338-1910). Bill will guide you to the birds. Breakfast at local restaurant after walk (optional).

DEC 4-5 (SAT-SUN) 1:00 PM S B MTS, KELLER HUT GATHERING

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San Gorgonio Chapter Programs

Tuesday, November 2 "The Heat is On: Desert Tortoises and Survival"

Speaker: Sid Silliman

id Silliman will introduce *The Heat is On: Desert Tortoises and Survival*, a beautiful new documentary video from the US Geological Survey. After the 30-minute video, Sid will answer questions on the desert tortoise and other desert issues.

Though the desert tortoise has thrived in the southwestern United States for thousands of years, its population has severely declined over the last four decades. The new video explains why the tortoise, an important indicator of desert ecosystem health, is declining and what scientists are doing to save it.

The tortoise is being threatened by habitat loss, off-road vehicle use, utility corridors, predators, wildfire, and disease. Scientists are working to meet the challenge of providing

information to reverse trends effecting the habitat and well-being of the tortoise, and to reduce the threat of extinction.

Sid is Conservation Chair of the Sierra Club Los Serranos Group, a board member of the Mojave National Preserve Conservancy and a member of the Desert Tortoise Council. He has represented the San Gorgonio Chapter



Photo credit: USGS.

in discussions of the proposed Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System, which would displace a population of wild desert tortoise. He is Professor Emeritus of Political Science at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

Tuesday, December 7 "Australia 2010: Observing Birds, Wildlife, and Natural Areas of the Granite Belt, the West Tropics, the Red Centre and the Sydney Area."

Speakers: Bill and Janice Elliott

rian and Janice Elliott will present a program about their recent trip to the land down under, Australia. They took a month long self organized trip this past summer

to four major areas of Australia. Brian and Janice focused on birding and observing wildlife in each area. They will show and discuss their digital images of the regions they visited including images of the birds and wildlife (lots of marsupial species) of the area. Areas visited include the Granite Belt



near Brisbane, the Wet Tropics near Cairns, the Red Centre in the Alice Springs region, and the Sydney area. They enjoyed seeing and identifying more than 150 species of birds and many species of kangaroo and wallaby in the many national parks and natural areas that they visited. Australia is truly a remarkable place to visit.



San Gorgonio Mountain Accomplished

by Ed Caliendo, Hiking Leader

It was a fall, September 17, 2010, chilly morning. The trip planning and anticipation were over. Now it was time to get on the trail and accomplish our goal of climbing San Gorgonio Mountain, the tallest peak (11,500') in Southern California. Led by Ed Caliendo, Sierra Club Hiking Leader and supported by Vicki Hobbs, co-leader, and two hiking enthusiasts Dan Day and Paul Moran, we quickly donned our backpacking equipment and headed up the South Fork trail into the San "G" Wilderness.

Our first leg of the three-day backpacking journey took us 7.2 miles to Dry Lake. We made our camp on the east side of Dry Lake, not too distant from Lodgepole Spring, our primary water supply for the three-day excursion. On Saturday we continued our quest to the top of San "G" by way of Trail Flat camp area and Mine Shaft Saddle. Just north on the trail were the remains of the 1953 military C-47 airplane crash that killed all thirteen aboard.



From the left Paul Moran, Dan Day, and Vicki Hobbs; Ed Caliendo took the photo.

Further up the trail, just two miles away from the top of San "G" we spotted a four-point buck deer and two female doe enjoying the sun in the valley below. We arrived at the top at noon with no wind. The sun was shining brightly and the weather was perfect. We had a short lunch break and took pictures.

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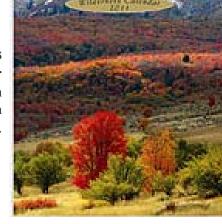


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SOCIETY

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 I 10 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

NOV 19 (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: \$2 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

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DEC 5 (SUN) 3:30 PM RIVERSIDE CONTRA DANCE DANCE NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT RIVERSIDE CONTRA DANCE

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 check the wensite 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. Riverside Contra Dance Website: http://www.caldancecoop.org/riversidedance/index.html CALLER/BAND COORDINATOR: PATTY MCCOLLOM (714) 267-4567 or mccollom@sbcglobal.net INFO: SANDY GOSSELIN <SGOSSELIN@riversideca.gov>

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SAVE OUR SKYLINE: BOX SPRINGS THRU THE BADLANDS

Help us preserve Moreno Valley's northern skyline & secure a natural open-space corridor between the Box Springs Mountains & the Badlands, including the upper basin of Reche Canyon. We meet at the Coffee Grinder, 23580 Sunnymead Blvd., Moreno Valley. INFO: DAN CLARK, (951) 924-2454 <saveourskyline@roadrunner.com>

JAN 2 (SUN) 8:00 AM SAN JACINTO WILDLIFE AREA BEGINNER BIRDING NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY

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Check <<u>www.sbvas.org</u>> for current information. A slow-paced walk to introduce participants to basic birding techniques & identification skills. Do Not Travel on Davis Road if there have been recent rains or it is wet. COST: Free. BRING: Binoculars, bird book, sturdy shoes, hat, plenty of water, lunch, snacks, non-toxic insect repellent. MEET: San Jacinto Wildlife Area headquarters, 17050 Davis Road, Lakeview. DIRECTIONS: From Interstate 215, take Ramona Expressway east to Davis Road in Lakeview; north on Davis Road 2.3 miles to headquarters. Davis road is closed from Moreno Valley. Only entrance to wildlife area is from the Ramona Expressway. INFO: DOUG KARALUN, (909) 425-5355.

FEB 6 (SUN) 9:00 AM SAN JACINTO WILDLIFE AREA NATURE WALK NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT FRIENDS OF THE NORTHERN SAN JACINTO VALLEY

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