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## Membership Meetings

### Tuesday, September 7 "Volunteering in Patagonia National Park"

Speaker: Dr. James Pinter-Luke  
(see write up Page 1)

### Tuesday, October 5 "Sacred Mountains of Sacajawea Backpack Trip"

Speaker: Mary Ann Ruiz (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)

## Annual Fall Fund Appeal

It's time to consider your contribution to the San Geronio Chapter's Fall Fund Appeal. A return envelope has been inserted in this issue of the *Palm and Pine* for your check.

Did you know that the chapter receives only \$1 each year from your Sierra Club membership dues for publication of your Chapter Newsletter? The Fall Fund Appeal is specifically designated to help make up the difference between our actual costs and the dollars received. Your contribution allows continued publication of the Inland Empire's most comprehensive environmental newspaper. The *Palm and Pine* is the main source of information for those participating in our Outings program. In fact, on the average about 30% of the total newspaper is devoted to Outings.

If your insert is missing, please make your check payable to the Sierra Club and mail it to Rick Estes, 4079 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside CA 92501.

Gifts to the Sierra Club support our effective, citizen-based advocacy and lobbying programs and therefore are not tax deductible.



## Treating Water

Even beautiful water should be treated. On many short hikes, you'll be able to bring all the water you need with you. But for longer hikes, you need a way to treat the water you find in creeks, rivers, and lakes. That's because bacteria and viruses found in untreated water can lead to some pretty uncomfortable illnesses. There are a couple of reliable ways to treat water. Having a backup with you is always a good idea.

The simplest way to treat water is to boil it. Boiling it for one minute will do the job, but add two more minutes if you are above 6,000 feet. This requires that you carry a stove and pot with you, and is more time consuming than other methods. (If you are making pasta for dinner you don't need to filter your water before cooking. Just make sure to boil it long enough.)

Chemical treatments, like iodine

## Mark Your Calendars For These Two Chapter Programs!

On September 7<sup>th</sup> Dr. James Pinter-Luke will present an outstanding program 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.

Starting with the 2004 purchase of Estancia Valle Chacabuco, (173,000 acres) the creation of a new national park in the Patagonia region is and will continue to be the major focus of Conservacion Patagonica for the next eight years. In addition to donations, volunteers were needed . . . and Jim responded.



The future Patagonia National Park's region features an impressive variety of landscapes, including steppe, grasslands, wetlands, southern beech forests, high peaks, lakes, lagoons and one of Chile's most emblematic rivers, the Baker River.

Valle Chacabuco still has its entire original species of flora and fauna, including the nearly extinct huemul deer. The expansion of habitat for the huemul and the increase in its population numbers is a major goal of Conservacion Patagonica.

Last November Jim, a climber and mathematician at Claremont McKenna College, gave us a program on his climbing expedition to Little Switzerland, Alaska. So come, hear about his experiences and see his pictures of Patagonia National Park.

Then . . .  
On October 5, our featured speaker, Mary Ann Ruiz, will present a great program on her *Sacred Mountains of Sacajawea Backpack Trip!*

The southern Wind River Range—Winds for short—in Wyoming

affords a wilderness experience that is truly memorable. Forming an unbroken line of beautiful wildlands for a hundred miles, the Winds crest marks the Continental Divide. There are 45 peaks over 13,000 feet, and more than 1,300 lakes are sprinkled across the highest mountains in Wyoming — all fed by the clearest streams you've ever seen.

In this range, seven of the 10 largest glaciers in the lower 48 have left their mark. The landscape is covered with rugged, serrated granite peaks, ridges and walls, alpine cirques, and magical hanging valleys. A critical part of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, the Winds help support the biodiversity required to maintain its healthy natural system of both flora and fauna.

Sierra Club National Outing leader Roger Grissette led a seven-day backpack through the Wind River Range Indian Reservation in August 2010. Los Serranos Group Chair Mary Ann Ruiz was part of this group that backpacked through seldom seen areas on Shoshone and Arapahoe tribal lands. Mary Ann will share photos and experiences from this unique trip.





**Volunteers who enjoy fundraising activities and working with people, call the chapter at 951-684-6203 or contact Rick Estes at rickestes92595@gmail.com for our 2010 activities.**

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and chlorine, are also effective. They're light in your pack and don't take a lot of time (you can treat the bottle of water and throw it in your pack while it does its magic). Make sure to follow the instructions.

Water filters have become increasingly popular. They treat your water without changing its taste, but are heavier than the chemical alternative. Different models offer protection against different contaminants, so make sure to find the one that works best for you.

UV light purifiers are high-tech devices that use light to kill the organisms in contaminated water. They have similar advantages to filters, but are much lighter. They also require a battery, so it's a good idea to have a back-up in case your batteries die.

– Source: Sierra Club.com

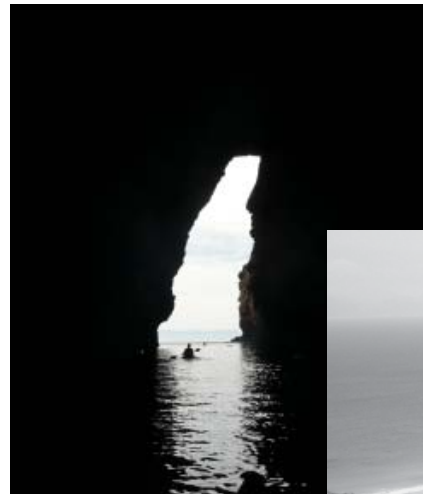


## Island Hopping in Channel Islands National Park

September 9-11; October 17-19  
by Joan Jones Holtz

Explore the wild, windswept islands of Channel Island National Park. Enjoy the frolicking seals and sea lions. Train your binoculars on unusual sea and land birds. Hike the trails to find blankets of wildflowers and plants found in no other place on earth. Kayak or snorkel the pristine waters — or just relax at sea. These live-aboard, eco tours depart from Santa Barbara aboard the 68-foot twin diesel *Turth*. Fee (\$785 for July trips; \$590 for September and October) includes an assigned bunk, all meals, snacks, beverages, plus the services of a ranger/naturalist who will travel with us to lead hikes, call attention to items of interest and present evening programs.

To make a reservation mail a \$100 check, payable to Sierra Club to leader: Joan Jones Holtz, 11826 The Wye St., El Monte, CA 91732. Contact leader for more information (626-443-0706; jholtzhn@aol.com)



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There are many gift options available. We can even help you plan a gift for your local Chapter.

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## Group News

### Big Bear Group

by Christie Walker

#### Xeriscape Tour a Success!

Our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Xeriscape Garden Tour of drought-tolerant gardens in Big Bear Valley saw 554 people show up at the starting location with an estimated 75 percent of those being first time attendees. Partnering with the USAA Insurance Company for the FireWise home brought in an additional 100 plus people to that location alone. Home number eight on the tour, belonging to Rae Miller, won the People's Choice Award. †Thanks to all the Sierra Club members who volunteered at the start location and were greeters at the homes.

#### Two Great Meetings on the Calendar

For members and their guests only, we will be taking a lake excursion on the Big Bear Queen on Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. This event is open to the first 40 people to arrive. We will be departing from Big Bear Lake Marina, which is located at the end of Paine Road

in Big Bear Lake at 6:30 pm sharp, so please arrive at 6:15. Bring a pot luck item to share and something to drink. Also, don't forget a tip for the boat captain. (Suggestion: \$5 per couple.) Bring a light jacket as it can be cool on the water at night.

For our September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, we will be taking a tour and watching a cooking demonstration at the Copper Q at 6:30 pm. The Copper Q is a new cooking store located in the Village at 645 Pine Knott Ave. Owner Linda Ricchiuti will give us a tour and show us all the earth-friendly, sustainable products she incorporated into the building of her store including bamboo flooring, recycled glass counter tops, hard-wired compact fluorescent lighting and more. After the tour, we will gather around the demonstration kitchen for a cooking lesson by a local chef. And yes, we will be sampling the results of the demonstration. Call Christie at 866-5006 if you have any questions on either of these meetings.

### Los Serranos Group

by Mary Ann Ruiz

The Los Serranos Group kicks off their fall meeting schedule with two very exciting meetings. First, in September, we updated our fall pot-luck to an evening at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden. What better way to spend a late summer evening than at the Garden! Once again RSABG is graciously inviting the Sierra Club to meet at the Garden, for our 7:00 pm meeting. We will learn about organic and sustainably produced wines, with an organized tasting of a number of varietals, including some non-alcoholic wines. Crackers, cheese and other snacks will be served to make this a wonderful way to end the summer. Catch up with old friends, make new friends, and talk of your summer adventures!

Then, in October, join us for an amazing photographic journey to Australia - "Australia 2010: Observing Birds, Wildlife, and Natural Areas of the Granite Belt, the Wet Tropics, the Red Centre and the Sydney area."



Brian 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. Information: [ruizmaryann@gmail.com](mailto:ruizmaryann@gmail.com) 909-815-9379 Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid and 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm The

public is welcome, refreshments will be served

### Mojave Group

#### America's Great Outdoors Listening Session

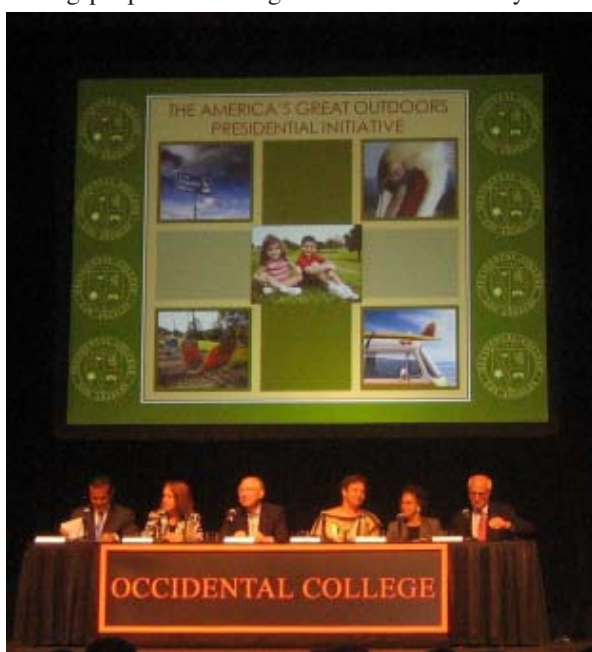
By Carol Wiley

Recently there have been listening sessions around the country on President Obama's America's Great Outdoors Initiative, giving the public the opportunity to share their ideas on conservation and connecting people with the great outdoors. On July 8 two

people from the Mojave Group, Jenny Wilder and Carol Wiley, joined many other conservationists, including our friends from the California Wilderness Coalition, to attend a listening session at Occidental College. A big thanks to CWC for providing a bus that took 75 desert activists to this event, which brought out 800 people to express their concerns and ideas to the top administration officials. After a welcome by the President of Occidental College and Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa,

the panel which included Ken Salazar, Secretary of the Interior; Lisa Jackson, EPA Administrator; Nancy Sutley, Chair, White House Council on Environmental Quality and others, were introduced and spoke to the attendees.

Monica Argandona, director of California Wilderness Coalition, addressed the panel on the concerns over the desert. Most of us gave our opinions when we broke up into smaller groups which were organized so that all could be heard. In additions to our concerns, there were very good discussions on ideas and projects to get people into our great outdoors.



Listening session at Occidental College

Cast your vote, Submit Your Ideas & Join the Conversation about America's Great Outdoors on line at: <http://www.doi.gov/americasgreatoutdoors/>. Thank you to all who have already done so. You may like to revisit the site because new ideas are being posted daily.

#### Could this happen to you?

By Jenny Wilder

Armed with your lifetime earnings and savings you purchase that special place to relax in your retirement. You do your research and move in. Soon the crazy noises begin. It could be the people who move next door to you with off road vehicles. They move the dirt creating jumps and stir up clouds of dust at all hours of the day. You are no longer able to enjoy and outdoor BBQ with your friends or enjoy the view of the mountains without disturbance. The noise permeates your living room.

It could be "progress"; the expanding of a road into a parkway, expressway or freeway. Traffic zooming by at all hours and you are no longer able to enjoy the birds singing. (Check on the freeway to nowhere – the High Desert Corridor at [http://www.sbcounty.gov/dpw/transportation/high\\_desert\\_corridor.asp](http://www.sbcounty.gov/dpw/transportation/high_desert_corridor.asp)). Or suddenly those junipers next door are torn up, mowed down and huge dirt movers begin to make level lots for hundreds of houses. Roads go in, some construction begins, some people move in, and then the developer leaves. Nothing is finished, the tumbleweeds take over and the proud homeowners turn into irresponsible tenants or the beautiful desert becomes a new ghost town. (You can probably name one of these projects). This is not the quality of life you expected.

Or it could be an aerobatic practice box set near your home. Small airplanes come over and seem to be dive bombing your peaceful desert home. The noise starts without warning and is deafening, frightening and goes on for hours. Yes, you knew you lived by the airport, but this is not like the distant drone of the usual flight pattern; this is insane. Check the new Apple Valley Airport General Plan (<http://www.co.san-bernardino.ca.us/airports/airports/apv/default.aspx/>). Does the High Desert Corridor project to link I-15 with Hwy 18 have anything to do with the AppleValley Airport expansion?

All of these activities must first have approval from local authorities, so what happened? How can the neighbor next door or the pilot from a distant town get approval to disturb

## Group News

### Moreno Valley Group

by Ann Turner McKibben, Secretary

The Moreno Valley Group will hold its executive committee election this fall. If there are issues that you are concerned about and you would like to run for the executive committee, please contact Theresa Carson at (951) 242-4752 by the end of September. We are planning to include the excom election ballot in the fall issue of the group newsletter.

The notice of preparation of a draft environmental impact report for the San Jacinto River Levee Stage 4 Project has been reissued. Comments were due in mid-August. Originally, the draft environmental impact report was going to be released this summer. The original NOP was released in 2007, but the lead agencies for the project has changed. The city of San Jacinto is now the only lead agency. Also the alignment has changed and length of the levee has been extended. The \$25 to \$30 million project proposes to fill 1,900 acres of flood plain along the San Jacinto River so it can be developed by the city of San Jacinto. It also purports to protect roads and dairy lands from flooding. There are concerns that the project will eliminate San Bernardino kangaroo rat, burrowing owl and least Bell's vireo habitat. There are also concerns about the downstream effects on the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and south to Canyon Lake and Lake Elsinore. For more information on the project, call Tim Hults,

City Manager, city of San Jacinto at (951) 487-7330.

The I-215 South Corridor Economic Development Summit will be held on October 14, 2010, at the Pechanga Resort & Casino. Stakeholders (elected officials, cities, chambers of commerce, business entities, school districts & educational institutions) will meet to discuss ways to help the economic recovery along the south I-215 corridor. Apparently, the public is invited. Tickets are \$100.00. Information can be found at: <http://www.i215now.com/>. Sometimes scholarships are available to pay for the tickets if an early request is made.

The 11,250 unit Villages of Lakeview project (Specific Plan 342), with its 15,000 daily commuters added to our already clogged roadways, was approved by the Riverside Board of Supervisors in March 2010. The project, which is projected to be the core of the 'new city' of Lakeview with a population of over 100,000 people, will have devastating impacts on the San Jacinto Wildlife Area (SJWA), destroy prime agricultural lands, and have severe impacts on the rural communities of Lakeview and Nuevo. 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. The California Department of Conservation defines Prime Agricultural Lands by both Land Use and Soil Criteria. The loss of such lands means an economic loss for both the county and the state.

The Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley and the Sierra Club filed a lawsuit in April to challenge the approval of this mega-development. 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. Thank you for your help.

The Highland Fairview Corporate Park project continues to be a news item in Moreno Valley. The developer, Iddo Benzevi, has asked the Moreno Valley Unified School District to return the \$500,000 he gave to the district in 2008 to find another location for a new middle and

high school. The school district had already spent \$850,000 developing and approving the necessary environmental documents. It would have made it much more difficult to get his Skechers warehouse approved if new schools were a couple of hundred feet away. He therefore donated \$500,000 to the district to help them find a new site. His letter of three months ago asked to be given credit for that money towards his normal building fees. In July the Moreno Valley City Council approved a building permit for the HFCP even though they have not approved the developer's parcel map. City planning staff and attorney recommended that it not be approved. Eleven lots will be merged to form the project site. Attorneys representing the Moreno Valley Citizens for Lawful Government have filed a complaint challenging the approval of the building permit. In July unemployed electricians and construction workers complained at a city council meeting that the construction company hired to build the project is from outside the county and that no Moreno Valley workers had been hired for the project.

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://sangorgonio>.

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### Mountains Group

by Dave Barrie and Bill Engs

Bill Engs led the annual Santa Ana River Bottom spring bird walk on 8 May. We logged 28 species including Cedar Waxwings and a Phainopepla. We had looks at both Bullock's and Hooded Orioles, and at Evans Lake, we watched a female Mallard Duck leading a string of 10 tiny chicks up the face of the dam, over the road and into the water. Five of us went to breakfast after.

That afternoon members arrived at Keller Peak Ski Hut for the annual Mountains Group spring gathering. We socialized and enjoyed a potluck dinner. We managed without heat in the living room—the wood stove, we were told, was awaiting repair and the microwave oven was out of order. In the morning it got down to 25 degrees F outside. Bill Engs cooked pancakes for the nine people who stayed overnight. Heather Sargeant led a loop hike to Lakeview Point and over to the Little Green Valley trail. We found the diminutive Shooting Stars in bloom: nothing else on the entire route was blooming yet. We crossed snow patches along the trail and we could see the north facing slopes covered with snow. (I briefly mentioned this in the last issue but Bill provided additional details worth sharing.)

On 16 May, Bill led a Here and Now

hike on the Little Bear Creek section of the North Shore Trail. The concept is that participants agree to talk only about what we are seeing or hearing as opposed to the usual chitchat about other things. With our attention focused, we identified wild-flowers and birds along the way.

On 23 May, the annual Lake Gregory spring bird walk that Bill was to lead



*Above: Heather Sargeant on the Mt. Sorenson trail w/Lake Arrowhead in the background.*

*Left: A doe seen from Mt. Sorenson trail . . . watching us watching her.*

—Photos by Mary Barrie

was snowed out!

Bill led another Here and Now hike on 20 June to Sorenson Mountain north of the

Heap's Peak Arboretum. The group was frustrated at the beginning of the trail as it

section, we connected with the well maintained upper section of trail. Just below the summit we spotted bear tracks on the trail. The fire had burned vegetation on the summit; but now, except for bleached trunks of Black Oaks, we found few signs of it. For the descent, we took a different trail and had no impediments. Along the way, we spotted a single, tall Giant Sequoia. How did it get there? Also, on a ridge to the south, there was a single doe. We seldom see deer at any time. By the time we got back to the Arboretum parking area we had listed 24 species of plants in bloom, including brilliant purple Wild Iris.

The Mountains Group continues to be challenged by development pressures here in the San Bernardino Mountains. While residential development issues have subsided considerably we are in the middle of two huge church development projects that are both environmentally problematic and

was blocked by dead trees and brush; results of the Old Fire in 2003. After making a detour around the obstructed

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# Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

## SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2010

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

### CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE: Items for the November/December 2010 Calendar are due by October 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 <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 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.

### CARPPOOLING POLICY

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

### LIABILITY WAIVER

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

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

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

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

- I have read any rules & conditions applicable to the Outing made available to me; I will pay any costs & fees for the Outing; & I acknowledge my participation is at the discretion of the leader.
- The Outing begins & ends at the location where the Outing officially commences with leader & participants in attendance, as designated by the Sierra Club ("Trailhead"). The Outing does not include carpooling, transportation, or transit to & from the Trailhead, & I am personally responsible for all risks associated with this travel. This does not apply to transportation provided by the Sierra Club after the commencement & before the end of the Outing.
- If I decide to leave early & not to complete the Outing as planned, I assume all risks inherent in my decision to leave & waive all liability against the Sierra Club arising from that decision. Likewise, if the leader has concluded the Outing, & I decide to go forward without the leader, I assume all risks inherent in my decision to go forward & waive all liability against the Sierra Club arising from that decision.
- This Agreement is intended to be as broad & inclusive as is permitted by law. If any provision or any part of any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or legally unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby & shall remain valid & fully enforceable.
- To the fullest extent allowed by law, I agree to **WAIVE, DISCHARGE CLAIMS, & RELEASE FROM LIABILITY, & to INDEMNIFY & HOLD HARMLESS** the Sierra Club, its officers, directors, employees, agents, & leaders from **any & all liability** on account of, or in any way resulting from Injuries &

Damages, even if caused by **negligence** of the Sierra Club its officers, directors, employees, agents, & leaders, in any way connected with this Outing. I understand & intend that this assumption of risk & release is binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators & assigns, & includes any minors accompanying me on the Outing.

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

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

## RECURRING MONTHLY MEETINGS

(LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

**(1ST MON) 6:00 PM** **SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM** **MEETING**  
Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on Feb 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, <kimfloyd@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

**(3RD TUE) 7:00 PM** **LOS SERRANOS GROUP** **MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except August. Note that the September meeting will be an Organic Wine Tasting at the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden in Claremont. The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: (Except September) 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

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**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. Please bring flashlight, jacket and comfortable walking shoes. 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

## AUGUST 30 – SEPTEMBER 5

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings

(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)

**SEP 2 (THU) 8:30 AM** **WILDHORSE SPRINGS TO SUGARLOAF MT** **HIKE**  
Strenuous, 8 miles, 2,000 ft. elevation gain. Great views of San Gorgonio and the Santa Ana River drainage. This is a Peaks of Big Bear hike. Those reaching all five peaks overlooking the Big Bear Valley will be given a patch commemorating the effort. BRING water, snacks, layered clothing, and hiking boots. MEET at the Von's parking lot in Big Bear Lake. LEADER & INFO: ED WALLACE, (909) 584- 9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

**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 Dicks, 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

## SEPTEMBER 6 - 12

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings

(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)

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

**SEP 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 <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com>. CHAPTER

**SEP 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, <desertlily1@verizon.net> MOJAVE GROUP

**SEP 11 (SAT) 8:00 AM** **JUNIPER FLATS - BOULDER GARDEN** **HIKE**  
Come and join us for a 3 mile walk along quiet dirt trails (with only a slight elevation gain) to the Boulder Garden in the Juniper Flats Area. This is an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) which was established to protect ancient cultural sites and there is also a lovely riparian zone that is important for wildlife. While some rest at the Boulder Garden others may be interested in exploring the Cottonwood Creek area or amuse themselves birding/wildlife viewing or photography. Learn more about why this area is so special. Trail head is about 5 miles along a county maintained dirt road (Bowen Ranch Road). We will meet at the Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road at 8am. Wear long pants and bring a hiking stick as well as layered clothing, water and snacks. Well-behaved, inquisitive children who love the Great Outdoors are encouraged to come along with their parents/grandparents! Hike is rated easy/moderate. LEADER & INFO: JENNY WILDER at <JensOasis@aol.com> or 760-220-0730. MOJAVE GROUP

**\*\*SEP 11 (SAT) 8:30 AM** **LITTLE BEAR SPRINGS** **HIKE**  
Blaze the Pacific Crest Trail! We will start at the Cougar Crest trailhead and connect to the PCT and travel west to Little Bear Springs, a PCT camping site. It has non-potable well water. This will be a moderately paced hike, but considered moderate/difficult due to the 15-mile total distance and 1,000 feet elevation gain. BRING adequate water, water treatment drops/tablets, snack/lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and good hiking shoes. MEET at 8:30 A.M at Cougar Crest Trail Head located 100 yards west of the Big Bear Discovery Center. An Adventure Pass is required for parking. RSVP, INFO & LEADER: ED CALIENDO (909) 878-3813. BIG BEAR GROUP

**SEP 11 (SAT) 9:00 AM** **SANTA ROSA ECOLOGICAL RESERVE** **HIKE**  
Join us on our monthly, easy to moderate hike of the Santa Rosa Reserve. It will be a 5.5 to 6.0 mile hike. MEET: I am changing the venue slightly for the Sept. and Oct. hikes. Instead of meeting at the hidden Valley trailhead as we have in the past, we will meet at the Visitors Center. There are some great trails on the eastern section of the reserve and I thought this would be a good time to check them out. BRING plenty of water, a snack, wear comfortable shoes and do not forget the sunscreen. COST: There is a \$2 day use fee. Rain Cancels. RSVP, INFO & LEADER: BOB AUDIBERT (951) 302-1059 <bob.takeahike1@gmail.com>. SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**SEP 12 (SUN) 10:15 AM** **GRAYS PEAK** **HIKE**  
Enjoy one of the more popular hikes in the Big Bear area. 7 miles, 1200' gain, leisurely pace. Don't miss out - the trail is closed for the winter, beginning November 1. MEET 10:15 am at the trailhead. CARPOOLING: Call leader if interested. BRING: 2 quarts of water, lunch, snacks, appropriate footwear, and layered clothing. Rain Cancels. MEET: Directions: Take State Hwy 38 along the north shore of Big Bear Lake to the Grays Peak parking area, 2.7 miles NE of Big Bear Dam, or half a mile SW of Fawnskin. PROVISIONAL LEADER: BILL JOYCE <bill@rollingtherock.com>; ASSISTANT LEADER: MARY ANN RUIZ. (909) 596-6280. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

## SEPTEMBER 13 - 19

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings

(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)

**SEP 13 (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

**SEP 14 (TUE) 9:00 AM** **NANA TRAIL, PCT, VAN DUSEN CANYON LOOP** **HIKE**  
Moderate 6-mile loop hike with a 1200-foot elevation gain that includes a short hill scramble through open terrain. BRING water, sturdy boots, snacks and clothing appropriate to the weather. MEET in Von's parking lot at 9:00 AM in Big Bear Lake and carpool to the trailhead. INFO & LEADER: DICK BANKS 909-866-9232. BIG BEAR GROUP

**SEP 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

**\*\*SEP 17-19 (FRI-SUN) 8:30 AM** **SAN GORGONIO MOUNTIAN** **BACKPACK**  
This is a three day backpacking adventure starting at the South Fork trailhead parking lot off of Hwy 38 and Jenks Lake Road. From there we hike the South Fork Trail to Dry Lake Trail and camp overnight at Lodgepole Spring. Saturday, we will day-hike to San Gorgonio Mountain peak (11,499 elevation) and return to Lodgepole Spring. Sunday, we will break camp and return to the South Fork trailhead. This will be a moderate paced hike, but considered difficult due to the 25 mile total distance and 5,000 feet elevation gain. Nature's water should be available at Lodgepole Spring. So hikers are to bring water treatment drops/tablets. MEET at 8:15 A.M at the Von's Shopping Center or at South Fork Trail Head. An Adventure Pass is required for parking at the trail head. BRING adequate water, plus water treatment drops/tablets, overnight provisions, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and good hiking shoes. Register early with the Hiking Leader as wilderness permits must be arranged. \ Ed Caliendo, Hiking Leader at (909) 878-3813 or Vicki Hobbs, Co-Leader (909)585-8495. BIG BEAR GROUP

**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 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

## SEPTEMBER 20 - 26

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings

(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)

**SEP 21 (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

**SEP 21 (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

**SEP 21 (TUE) 7:00 PM** **LOS SERRANOS GROUP** **MEETING**  
Program/Activity: *Organic wine tasting at the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden*. What better way to spend a late summer evening than at the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden! Once again RSABG is graciously inviting the Sierra Club to meet at the Garden for our 7:00 pm meeting. We will learn about organic and sustainably produced wines, with an organized tasting of a number of varietals, including some non-alcoholic wines. Crackers, cheese and other snacks will be served to make this a wonderful way to end the summer. Catch up with old friends, make new friends, and talk of your summer adventures! INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> (909) 815-9379. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**SEP 23 (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

**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. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

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**\*\*SEP 25 (SAT) 5:30 PM HOLCOMB VALLEY FULL MOON WALK HIKE**  
 Back by popular demand. Three- to four-mile round trip, fairly flat walkabout with the moon lighting our way – once it rises. Moonrise is at 7:45 pm. A casual and easy walk in this fabulous valley. BRING good hiking shoes or boots, water, and layered clothing for cool evening temperatures. Bring snacks, drinks, and chairs for the social gathering once we return to our vehicles. Memorize your favorite “full moon” song, as we tend to sing once the moon comes up. MEET at B’s Backyard B-B-Que for dinner and drinks before the hike; 5:30 pm, B’s Backyard B-B-Q, in Big Bear Lake for carpooling. DRIVERS will need a Forest Adventure Pass, as we will drive up Van Dusen Canyon Road to the Holcomb Valley Campground. INFO & LEADER: ROBBIE BOS (909) 866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP

**SEP 25 (SAT) GRAYS PK, LITTLE BEAR PK & DEL MAR MTN HIKE**  
 These are three easy hikes in the Big Bear area near Fawnskin. The total for the three peaks is 8 miles with a gain of 2,000 ft. on trail and cross country. We will carpool from Redlands. MEET: Call leader for meeting time and place: LEADER: JOE WHYTE 909-949-0899. LOS SERRANOUS GROUP

**SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 3**

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

**\*\*SEP 28 (TUE ) 9:00 AM PCT: ONYX SUMMIT TO 2N04 HIKE**  
 Moderate 8-mile hike on the Pacific Crest Trail with 1000-foot elevation gain through mostly shaded woodland. BRING sturdy boots, plenty of water, snacks or lunch and clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET at Von’s parking lot at 9:00 AM in Big Bear Lake and carpool to the trailhead, where Adventure Passes are required. For those coming from the Redlands or desert areas, you can meet us at Onyx Summit at 9:15 AM. INFO & LEADER: DICK BANKS, 909-866-9232. BIG BEAR GROUP

**SEP 28 (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 2 (SAT) 8:00 AM SB MTS, LITTLE BEAR CREEK TRAIL WORK SERVICE**  
 We will repair water bars on the steep section of trail about one mile from start. Tools provided. WEAR: hiking boots. BRING: Water, lunch, snacks, work gloves. Adventure Pass required. MEET: Call leader for time and place. LEADER: BILL ENGS, 909-338-1910. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**OCT 2 (SAT) 9:00 AM SANTA ROSA RESERVE HIKE**  
 Join us on our monthly, easy to moderate hike of the Santa Rosa Reserve. It will be a 5.5 to 6.0 mile hike. I am changing the venue slightly for the Sept. and Oct. hikes. MEET: Instead of meeting at the hidden Valley trailhead as we have in the past, we will meet at the Visitors Center. There are some great trails on the eastern section of the reserve and I thought this would be a good time to check them out. BRING plenty of water, a snack, wear comfortable shoes and do not forget the sunscreen. COST: There is a \$2 day use fee. Rain Cancels. RSVP, INFO & LEADER: BOB AUDIBERT (951) 302-1059 <bob.takeahike1@gmail.com>. SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**OCTOBER 4 - 10**

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

**OCT 4 (MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUPEXCOM 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

**OCT 5 (TUE) 9:00 AM PCT: VAN DUSEN CYN TO POLIQUE CYN HIKE**  
 Moderate 7-mile hike with about a 600-foot elevation gain on the Pacific Crest Trail through mostly shaded forest. BRING sturdy boots, plenty of water, snacks/lunch and clothing appropriate to the weather. MEET at Von’s parking lot in Big Bear Lake at 9:00 AM and carpool to the trailhead. Adventure passes will be required for driver’s carpooling to the trailhead. INFO & LEADER: DICK BANKS, 909-866-9232. BIG BEAR GROUP

**OCT 5 (TUE) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
 The meeting place rotates. INFO: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP

**OCT 5 (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

**OCT 9 (SAT) 8:30 AM SAN ANTONIO CREEK CLEANUP SERVICE**  
 Help clear up the trash left by summer visitors along San Antonio Creek. The cool waters of San Antonio Creek make for a very popular summer picnic destination. Unfortunately many of these visitors leave their picnic trash behind. The Forest Service provides pickers and bags, and we will clean up around the lower fire station area and the Trout Pools area, where creekside access is most popular. BRING water and snacks; wear sturdy shoes, hat, sunscreen. MEET: at 8:30 am at the lower fire station where Mt Baldy road meets Shinn Rd (North Mountain Ave becomes Shinn Rd as you enter San Antonio Canyon) LEADER: MARY ANN RUIZ, 909-815-9379 or <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**OCTOBER 11 - 17**

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 (Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)*

**OCT 11 (MON) 7:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING**  
 Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard’s Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**OCT 12 (TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
 Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, <kimffloyd@fastmail.fm> (760) 249-5385. CHAPTER

**OCT 13 (WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING**  
 Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: CAROL WILEY, (760) 245-8734, <desertily1@verizon.net> MOJAVE GROUP

**OCT 14 (THU) 8:00 AM PCT: SPLINTERS CABIN - HOLCOMB CROSSING HIKE**  
 This is a moderate to difficult 10-mile hike with about 800-feet of elevation gain. We will be hiking through both chaparral and forested areas of the Pacific Crest Trail along Holcomb Creek. Bring plenty of water, lunch, sturdy boots and clothing appropriate to the weather. MEET: For those from the Big Bear area we will meet in the east parking lot of the Big Bear Performing Arts Center at 8:00 AM. We will meet others attending from the Arrowhead area at the Post Office in Cedar Glen at 9:00 AM and carpool to the trailhead from there. INFO & LEADER: DICK BANKS, 909-866-9232. BIG BEAR GROUP

**OCT 16 (SAT) 9:00 AM JUNIPER FLATS AREA: ARRASTRE FALLS HIKE**  
 You are invited to join me on a hike to Arrastre Waterfall. Come and experience the Juniper Flats Area, which is a beautifully diverse landscape of mountains, canyons and washes. The hike is about 3 miles round trip and rated easy/moderate. We will take time to enjoy the area and help to keep it clean by packing out trash left by others. Well-behaved, inquisitive children who love the great outdoors are encouraged to come along with their parents/grandparents! BRING plenty of water, lunch/snacks; wear sturdy hiking boots/shoes, layered clothing, hat and bring a hiking stick. Don’t forget your camera and binoculars! MEET at Victor Valley Museum in Apple Valley at 9 a.m. INFO & LEADER: JENNY WILDER <JensOasis@aol.com> or (760) 220 0730. MOJAVE GROUP

**OCT 16 (SAT) 8:30 AM HILLS & CANYONS OF BARSTOW HIKE**  
 Come join other hikers and help celebrate my 50th lead (co-lead) for the Sierra Club and Mountain Top Hiking Club. The hike will an easy/mod. 7-8 mile hike thru the desert hills and canyons south of Barstow. Great 360-degree views of the Mohave Desert, San Gorgonio Mt. and the San Gabriel Mts. After the hike a celebration and barbeque at my house. I will supply all the meat (also vegetarian. meat substitute), buns and condiments plus all the ice-cold drinks. You bring pot-luck. MEET at the BLM’s parking lot on South Barstow Rd. across from the entrance to Barstow College at 8:30 am. INFO & LEADER: TERRENCE MCCORKLE, 760-252-2194 or 760-412-1683 (cell) and <oldhikerdude@verizon.net> MOJAVE GROUP

**OCT 16 (SAT) 8:30 AM DEEP CREEK HOT SPRINGS HIKE**  
 This a hot experience of natural spring water, 100+ temperature, that flows from the earth into warm water pools and cascades into Deep Creek. This a 6.02 mile hike+ 800 ft. elevation gain. This will be a moderately paced hike, but considered moderate/difficult due to the steep elevation gain. BRING adequate water, snack/lunch, sunglasses, hat, swim suit, sandals, and good hiking shoes. MEET at the Big Bear Performing Arts Center east parking lot in Boulder Bay at 8:30 a.m. We will carpool to Lake Arrowhead and travel north on Hwy 173. RESERVATIONS, INFO & LEADER::ED CALIENDO, (909) 878-3813. BIG BEAR GROUP

**OCTOBER 18 - 24**

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**OCT 19 (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

**OCT 19 (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

**OCT 19 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**  
 Program: *Australia 2010: Observing Birds, Wildlife, and Natural Areas of the Granite Belt, the Wet Tropics, the Red Centre and the Sydney area.* Brian 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. 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

**OCT 21 (THU) 8:30 AM CACTUS FLATS TO SILVER PEAK HIKE**  
 A strenuous 4- to 6-mile hike, some of which will be cross country. Good views of the Mojave Desert. BRING water, layered clothing and hiking boots MEET at the Von’s parking lot in Big Bear Lake at 8:30 AM. Please call to confirm. LEADER: ED WALLACE 909 584 9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

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**OCT 22 (FRI) 6:00 PM**                      **FOOTHILLS BY MOONLIGHT**                      **HIKE**  
Come for a 2- to 3-hour evening hike in the foothills to enjoy the “full” moon. (Actual full moon is October 22.) Hikes are moderately paced. Between 4 and 5 miles round trip, 400 to 1200 ft elev. Hike locations will vary. 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

**\*\*OCT 23 (SAT) 9:00 AM**                      **S B MTS, GRAY’S PEAK**                      **HIKE**  
A moderate enjoyable trail to the summit of Gray’s Peak at 7,952 ft. Elevation gain: 1,200ft. Good views of Big Bear Lake and surrounding mountains. BRING lunch, 2 quarts of water, jacket, sun protection. MEET at the signed Gray’s Peak trailhead parking lot on the left side of Hwy 38 before you reach Fawnskin. Adventure Pass required. CARPOOL: If you want to carpool from Lake Arrowhead, contact the leader. INFO & LEADER: HEATHER SARGEANT, 909-336-2836.  
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**OCT 23-25 (SAT-MON)**                      **BLUE LAKES WSA, 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 2,000-3,000 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 24 (SUN) 8:30 AM**                      **COUGAR CREST TRAIL TO PCT EAST**                      **HIKE**  
Hike the trail of our pioneers from Cougar Crest Trail head north to the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) junction and then hike east to Doble Trail Camp. This is a through-hike and car pooling will be required as well as an Adventure Pass. This is a 10 mile hike+ 1000 ft. elevation gain. This will be a moderate paced hike, but considered moderate/difficult due to the distance and initial climb up Cougar Crest trail. Hikers are to BRING adequate water, snack/lunch, sunglasses, hat, and good hiking shoes. MEET at the Cougar Crest Trailhead at 8:30 a.m. RESERVATIONS, INFO & LEADER: ED CALIENDO, (909) 878-3813.  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**OCT 24 (SUN) 9:00 AM**                      **ELFIN FOREST RECREATIONAL RESERVE**                      **HIKE**  
Hike the Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve, located in Escondido. This is a moderately difficult hike of about 5.5 miles. Along the trail are some great views of the newly constructed Olivenhain Dam and Reservoir along with dominating views of Escondido and the surrounding hills. At our turnaround point (Lake Hodges overview) a beautiful view of Lake Hodges seems to appear out of nowhere. There are rest areas with toilet facilities and benches available along the trail. BRING water, snacks and a lunch. Wear layered clothing and good hiking shoes. MEET: For those who wish to carpool meet in Temecula at Paloma Del Sol Sports Park at 7:45AM. “Rain cancels” RESERVATIONS: Email me for information and registration and I will email a map and directions from I -15 and Valley Parkway. LEADER: BOB AUDIBERT <Bob.takeahike1@gmail.com> (951) 302-1059.  
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**\*\*OCT 24 (SUN) 3:00 PM**                      **BLUFF LAKE - SIBERIA CREEK**                      **HIKE**  
This is 3- to 4-mile round trip, climbing roughly 200 feet in elevation. It is geared toward a casual and easy walkabout above Boulder Bay. BRING good hiking shoes or boots, water, snacks, and layered clothing for cool evening temperatures. MEET at 3:00 pm, Aspen Glen Picnic Area on Mill Creek Road for carpooling. Drivers will need a Forest Adventure Pass to park here, and at the Bluff Lake area in the forest. Carpool drivers will drive up 2N10 to the Bluff Lake area. INFO & LEADER: ROBBIE BOS (909) 866-5006.  
BIG BEAR GROUP

## OCTOBER 25 - 31

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**\*\*OCT 26 (TUE) 8:30 AM**                      **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 and gain. BRING: 10 essentials, 2 qts. water, and snack. WEAR: hiking boots. MEET: call for time and place. Adventure Pass required. LEADER: BILLIE WOLFF, 909-338-2534.  
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**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 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

**OCTOBER 31 (SUN) JOHN’S CAMP AND THE ARRASTRA....Joshua Tree National Park**  
There’s no shortage of mines in JTNP and no small amount of labor went into them. Here’s a series of mines and mining camps and a look at the remains of a motor operated arrastra. There’s also a lot of interesting granite formations scattered

along the hike. Bring two quarts of water and a lunch. Strenuous. The hike will take approximately five hours. When you call for the meeting time and place we’ll have an idea of what sort of clothing will be appropriate. Call Ann and Al Murdy 760-366-2932 (we don’t return calls) or email al.murdy@gmail.com

## FUTURE SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES

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**NOV 5-7 (FRI-SUN)**                      **TOPOCK GORGE CANOE TRIP**                      **CANOE**  
We will meet on Friday afternoon and 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 and share a potluck dinner. Sunday there will be a hike in the area before heading home. COST: Camping is \$12.00 per vehicle and 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 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 and 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 and 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 and 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

**NOV 21 (SUN) 6:00 PM**                      **FOOTHILLS BY MOONLIGHT**                      **HIKE**  
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 and 5 miles rt, 400 to 1,200 ft elev. Gain. Hike locations will vary. 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

**DEC 19 (SUN) 6:00 PM**                      **FOOTHILLS BY MOONLIGHT**                      **HIKE**  
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 and 5 miles RT, 400 to 1,200 ft elev. GAIN. Hike locations will vary. 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

## NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES

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## NON-SIERRA CLUB RECURRING WEEKLY & MONTHLY MEETINGS

*(LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)*

**(1ST FRI) 8:00 PM**                      **INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE**                      **FOLK DANCE**  
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT                      UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB  
Join us for international folk dancing. This is the same group that used to meet at UCR. Meetings are twice monthly: on the 1st & 3rd Fridays. COST: \$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  
*(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 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>

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the peace and quiet in your home? How can the town or county suddenly re-route the main road next to your house or approve the massive developments that we have seen start only to fail?

The Mojave Group attempts to keep track of this type of development in our area, but we cannot do a great job without YOU! These disturbances happen because nobody says anything, or if they do, they are only one voice. Working together we can accomplish more. Join our team – the Mojave Group ExCom.

**Eye on the County Board of Supervisors – our Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt:**

By Shaun Gonzales & Jenny Wilder

Supervisor Mitzelfelt is taking a much more proactive stand on the renewable energy issue and he is more interested in protecting the County’s ability to develop more of the land than preserve it for future generations. He is a member of the Desert Manager’s Group, which is a consultative body of policymakers, land managers, and biologists that make decisions impacting future land uses of the Mojave. He is on the Desert Advisory Committee set up to help the Bureau of Land Management with desert decisions. He is on the governing board of the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) among many other committees and task forces. The MDAQMD board of directors thinks that we should do away with AB32 because this legislation (which fights Global Warming) will kill jobs, even if those jobs produce CO2 (such as cement). He doesn’t think we should have to pay to stop polluting the air we breathe, or perhaps find clean alternatives. He is also president of the San Bernardino Associated Governments (the County’s transportation commission), and he supports projects that create jobs which need more roads, more trucks, and more cargo airplanes. The County supervisor position is an elected position and the board as a whole determines the fate of the county. Our voice should be loud and clear on the issues we find important to protect the quality of life in San Bernardino County.

Some examples of Questions for Supervisor Mitzelfelt:

**Wilderness & Natural Heritage:**

Does his office have a plan for sensible management of our natural heritage in the Mojave Desert? He has shown that he has lots of ideas for economic uses that are not compatible with preservation, so the burden should be on him to determine how much is enough, and how he will work to balance wilderness preservation with his other goals. What plan does he have for preserving our natural heritage in the Mojave Desert and mitigating for the damage that will be done by industrial development to desert wilderness?

Does Supervisor Mitzelfelt oppose the efforts of the California Energy Commission and wildlife biologists to require energy companies to set aside land for conservation in exchange for being permitted to use public land for their projects?

Does Supervisor Mitzelfelt support the

expanded use of Mojave Desert wilderness for uses that are not compatible with long-term preservation for enjoyment by future generations? (Such as Off-Highway Vehicle use and industrial scale energy development).

How does his office plan to prevent unchecked urbanization and industrial development from negatively impacting the health of our desert wilderness and the air we breathe?

**Transportation:**

Does Supervisor Mitzelfelt support projects that would increase urban encroachment on our open spaces, such as the “High Desert Corridor” ([http://www.sbcounty.gov/dpw/transportation/high\\_desert\\_corridor.asp](http://www.sbcounty.gov/dpw/transportation/high_desert_corridor.asp) ). If this corridor is for commuter traffic, will a rail-link to the LA metro system in Lancaster be the first consideration? What will be the real and intended impacts of this freight moving project on the Victor Valley? What are the 42,000 jobs that it will create? What will the proposed private investors gain? What is the purpose and impact of the section east of I-15 through Apple Valley to Hwy 18 and why is Victorville helping to fund that section?

Does Supervisor Mitzelfelt support any alternative/supplemental transportation projects (which would reduce air pollution) such as a commuter metro link from the Victor Valley to the Inland Empire system of rail transport? What projects does Supervisor Mitzelfelt support that increase the use of alternative transportation such as bicycling, walking, bus and rail? When will there be a save route to the Victor Valley Community College over the Mojave River and over the railroad track for pedestrians and bicyclists?

**Clean Air, Energy, Jobs:**

On June 2, 2010, SANBAG releases results of San Bernardino County Annual Survey ([http://ci.victorville.ca.us/uploadedFiles/NewsEvents/NewsStories/10\\_Stories/SANBAG%2006-03-10\\_survey.pdf](http://ci.victorville.ca.us/uploadedFiles/NewsEvents/NewsStories/10_Stories/SANBAG%2006-03-10_survey.pdf))

**Environmental Issues — Lifestyle/Lifecycle preferences and behavior:**

Air pollution was the most-often-mentioned environmental issue facing the Inland Empire today, and most are willing to see tougher pollution standards on vehicles even if it costs them more to purchase or lease their next vehicle. Three-quarters of respondents are concerned about global warming, and most think it has already begun to happen. About a third of respondents report using public transportation, ridesharing, walking, or bicycling at least once a month.

Does Supervisor Mitzelfelt support clean, green jobs in our county to replace dirty jobs?

Does Supervisor Mitzelfelt support retrofitting current houses and business with clean solar and wind energy to create local jobs and produce clean energy? What goals does his office have to advance roof top solar?

You probably have some questions of your own. Go on, write to him now! Remind Mr. Mitzelfelt that his position depends on the people’s voting system.

Contact Brad at the County Government



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One Simple Way to Care for it.*

Join us in protecting the future by doing your share today.

How can you choose between the eagle and the buffalo? Between the elephants and the whales?

Between drinking clean water and breathing clean air? Between parks and beaches? How can you choose? Would there be a right choice?

Now there’s a way to help not just one, but all these things. It’s called Earth Share of California – the world’s leading environmental and conservation charities working together.

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e-mails for Mitzelfelt’s office are: [SupervisorMitzelfelt@sbcounty.gov](mailto:SupervisorMitzelfelt@sbcounty.gov) [dsikes@sbcounty.gov](mailto:dsikes@sbcounty.gov) (Dawn Sikes, Constituent Services Manager)

Is anyone you know still buying water in little plastic bottles?

We, the consumers, are being duped and we are providing billions of dollars to private companies for stealing our water. The Nestle Company (under the Arrowhead Springs label) has just been given final approval to siphon millions of gallons of water from the Arkansas River in Chaffee County, Colorado, despite resistance from the Aurora city Government and environmental groups. Some people have been testing bottled water and found that Arrowhead does not always test best, and that sometimes the water has more contaminants than your tap water. The company will transport the “stolen” water



hundreds of miles in trucks to Denver where it will be bottled (oh yes, it does provide jobs) to be sold (–around the world?). Residents are concerned that the removal of this volume of water from the river and surrounding aquifers will have serious impacts for the watershed and nearby wetlands.

The decision to okay Nestlé’s control of the water comes only days after the UN

declared that access to clean drinking water is a basic human right.

But there’s more! An online National Geographic article (<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/stories/spacescience/water-bottle-pollution/>) states that: In order to make all these bottles, manufacturers use 17 million barrels of crude oil. That’s enough oil to keep a million cars going for twelve months. And, unfortunately, most of the bottles don’t get recycled. They are ending up in the landfill, in rivers, lakes and the ocean. Plastic bottles take many hundreds of years to disintegrate. Recycling one plastic bottle can save enough energy to power a 60-watt light bulb for six hours. So please keep picking them up, and spreading the word about bottled water.

I find these little plastic bottles all along the Pacific Crest Trail in the Deep Creek Canyon. What did we do before the convenience of plastic bottles? We put water in canteens that we cleaned after each use and that was before the convenience of the dishwasher!



# Santa Margarita Group

by Jim Mitchell, Group Chair

Our Group Executive Committee decided to take on two projects that are slightly out of the norm for Sierra Club Groups. First, we have just joined the local Temecula Valley Chamber of Commerce in their Non-profit category as an environmental organization. Most of the commercial businesses in the Temecula area belong to the Chamber and we decided it was a good place for the Sierra Club to be represented since many businesses in this area are looking for opportunities to become more “green.”

incorporate the county’s watershed and arroyo management plan in their own city plans.

### Pam Nelson, Conservation Committee Chair

The Forest Service has approved the use of 16 miles of Cleveland National Forest (CNF) for the Sunrise Powerlink transmission line. Several organizations are preparing to sue the Forest Service over this decision. The decision by the Forest Service to approve the Sunrise Powerlink is precedent-setting and could cause many

us at the Santa Rosa Ecological Reserve. It will be an easy 5.5 to 6.0 mile moderate hike.

On October 2 (Sat) at 9:00 am we again visit the Santa Rosa Reserve. Again, it will be an easy to moderate 5.5 to 6.0 mile hike.

Then on October 24 (Sun) at 9:00 am we will hike the Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve, located in Escondido. This is a moderately difficult hike of about 5.5 miles. Along the trail you will experience some great views of the newly constructed Olivenhain Dam and Reservoir as well as Lake Hodges and the surrounding hills.

For information contact me at (951)302-1059 or bob.takeahike1@gmail.com and check out our web site at www.sierraclubsmg.org.

growing, making and marketing his consistently top-rated wines.

Our signature raffle to support SMG’s local programs was made possible by the generous donation of goods and services from the following Temecula merchants:

- BJ’s Brewhouse
- Marie Callender’s
- Pat ‘n’ Oscar’s
- The Oaks of Rainbow Restaurant
- Romano’s Macaroni Grill
- Rosa’s Cantina
- Old Town Spice Merchants
- and
- Stringer’s Gift Baskets.

We thank all the generous donors very much. Look for information on our next



An enthusiastic group hike the mountain around Palomar Observatory followed by an Observatory tour and picnic. – Photo by J. Mitchell



All smiles at a Sierra Sunday fundraising event at Shadow Mountain Vineyard in Warner Springs. – Photo by J. Mitchell

The second slightly non-traditional Sierra Club project we are planning is to host a candidate forum, along with the League of Women Voters, to fill three vacancies in the Temecula City Council. The forum will be held a couple of weeks before the November General Election and will be designed to give the candidates an opportunity to answer questions from representatives of the local news media, the Sierra Club, the League of Women Voters as well as from members of the audience. It should be a lively and informative event.

Here are some of the other activities are spearheading:

### Teri Wagner, Group Energy Committee Chair

Local trails have become an important activity for our Group. The City of Temecula has asked for the Sierra Club’s support to help add to the existing network of trails through the city. We plan to meet with the City to assess the current status of the local trail system and to determine what part we can play in the trail expansion. Also, we are working with the Riverside County Trails Committee to participate in local trail restoration and maintenance in our area.

Also, the County of Riverside’s updated County General Plan will be released next year and it is scheduled to include a new watershed and arroyo management plan. We are asking local cities in our area to

problems for adjacent residents, the forest habitats and other aspects of the Cleveland National Forest area.

I attended the Great America’s Outdoors Listening session in Los Angeles that was also attended by President Obama. President Obama was there to hear the public’s opinion on how the outdoors can be conserved and protected. The major emphasis of the meeting was how to connect people with nature. If you want to make comments, go to [www.doi.gov/americasgreatoutdoors](http://www.doi.gov/americasgreatoutdoors).

I also attended the CNRCC in LA where I helped present the Grizzly Bear National Monument Resolution that creates protection for our Group’s westerly “backbone,” the Trabuco District of the Cleveland National Forest (Santa Ana Mountains). The Santa Ana Mountain Task Force authored it by editing Rick Halsey’s (CA Chaparral Institute) original proposal. It passed easily.

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).

### Bob Audibert, Group Outings Committee Chair

We have a lot of great hikes planned for September and October. For complete details on these hikes, check out the Calendar of Outings section in this newspaper.

On September 11 (Sat) at 9:00 am, join

### Laurie Webster, Group Activities Committee Chair

In August we tried something different. Concerned about uncomfortably warm outdoor temperatures at lower elevations, we headed for the hills, specifically to nearby Palomar Mountain. There we toured the legendary Palomar Observatory. What made this activity a little different was the fact we combined our event with Bob Audibert of the Outings Committee and his hikers. So while we were touring the Observatory, Bob and his gang were out hiking the local trails. Then we all gathered for a picnic afterwards. Some of the hikers even stayed and took a later Observatory tour. So it was a great event for everyone.

### Lynn Davis, Group Program & Fundraising Committee Chair

Our “SIERRA SUNDAY” fundraising event scored a “home run” on July 25<sup>th</sup> at the Shadow Mountain Vineyard & Winery near Warner Springs! Refreshed by Pacific Coastal Range breezes, SMG members and guests honored our motto of “sipping, savoring & socializing” with generous samplings of award-winning wines, delicious foods and the enchanting sounds of flamenco guitarist Eugene Cordero. Owner/winemaker Alex McGeary entertained and informed an attentive audience with lively facts and anecdotes from his decades of experience in

Sierra Sunday event this fall on our website at [www.sierraclubsmg.org](http://www.sierraclubsmg.org)

Now, let me say something about our next general meeting program. September 23<sup>rd</sup> celebrates our return to SMG’s regular meeting schedule with a highly-anticipated presentation by John Garrett, President of the Temecula Valley Astronomers. “Earth, Orbit and Climate” will draw upon John’s study of primary, scientific literature and will demonstrate the astronomical foundation of climatology. Specifically, the talk will focus on the role of Earth’s orbit in governing climate over millennial timescales. This background complements an understanding of Earth’s “greenhouse effect” and the consequences of rising levels of greenhouse gases.

John’s original presentations include illustrations, animations and photographs—some of which have been published in *Astronomy Magazine*.

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



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

**NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES CALENDAR**

**SEP 3 (FRI) 8:00 PM** **INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE** **FOLK DANCE**  
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**SEP 21 (TUE) 6:30 PM** **OPEN SPACE MEETING**  
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**SEP 25 (SAT) 8:00 AM** **PCT: VAN DUSEN RD - COUGAR CREST TRAIL** **HIKE**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT** **MOUNTAIN TOP HIKING CLUB**  
 Come join other hikers for the Mountain Top Hiking Club's Annual Picnic and hikes. Sierra Club member Terrance McCorkle will lead an easy/mod. 8- to 9-mile hike from Van Dusen Rd. to Cougar Crest Trailhead along the PCT. Great views of the Big Bear valley. BRING 3-4qrts of water, sturdy boots and a snack. MEET at the Cougar Crest Trailhead parking lot at 8:00 am. INFO & LEADER TERRENCE MCCORKLE 760-252-2194 or 760-412-1683 (cell) and <oldhikerdude@verizon.net>

**OCT 1 (FRI) 8:00 PM** **INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE** **FOLK DANCE**  
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**OCT 3 (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. Caller: *Chris Page*. Band: *Whirled Peas* (Bob Altman-keyboard; David James-mandolin, fiddle, guitar; Patty McCollom-banjo, whistle, fiddle). 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 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. 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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**OCT 19 (TUE) 6:30 PM** **OPEN SPACE MEETING**  
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**OCT 20 (WED) 7:30 PM** **AUDUBON SOCIETY** **MEETING**  
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sierraclub.org/moreno-valley/index.html You can also contact Group Outings Chair Theresa Carson at: (951) 660-7246 or tcarson22@msn.com and Dan Clark at (951) 924-2454 for more information.

The fall and winter seasons are a wonderful times to visit the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. Migrating and wintering waterfowl and shore birds fill the wetland areas; wintering birds of prey such as peregrine falcon, ferruginous hawk, and bald eagle visit the northern San Jacinto Valley. The Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley are in the process of organizing their fall walks at the SJWA and will have them posted on their web site at [www.northfriends.org](http://www.northfriends.org) In the meantime, if you plan to visit the wildlife area this fall, please remember that waterfowl (late October to early February) and pheasant hunting (Mondays in November plus a Sunday youth day) takes place at the wildlife area. 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 wetlands and upland game areas will be closed for hunting. Also remember that there may be state furlough days and 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](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 Lake Perris on Saturday, September 25. Meet at 7:30 a.m., Ridgecrest Elementary School, 28500 John F. Kennedy Drive. The hike is seven miles round trip; degree of difficulty is moderate. Please call (951) 413-3702 to verify all 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).

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philosophically questionable. As usual, while in truth it is us against a county government that will not (or can not) follow codes, standards and environmental laws, it looks like we are anti-church heretics. Luckily, we continue to have the involvement of some very savvy, environmentally concerned, dedicated activists that provide expert input (and opposition) as each project moves along. Once again we find ourselves thankful for, and in awe of, the tireless efforts of Steve Farrell, Peter Jorris, and Hugh Bialecki.

Thanks also to Marta Hethmon who has decided to step away from active membership on the Mountains Group Excom. Marta is deserving of our gratitude for years of involvement and effort on the Excom and for the creation and upkeep of our website. She will continue to serve as our Webmaster and will continue to have up-to-the-minute information posted there. And, we are glad to welcome Jo Ann Fischer to the Mountains Group Excom. We look forward to her input and ideas – positive thinking and the avoidance of floccinaucinihilipilification.



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