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Membership Meetings

Tuesday, September 6 "A New Vision for the San Gabriel Mountains"

Speaker: Juana Torres
Staff Member, National Sierra Club
(see write up Page 1)

Tuesday, October 4 "What Should An Environmentalist Do About Population?"

Speaker: Ladd Seekins,
Sierra Club California Population Chair
(see write up Page 2)

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

Rooftop Solar – The Time is Now!

New Sierra Club Partnership may make it easy and affordable.
by Ralph Salisbury

Welcome to the Sierra Club Solar Homes Campaign. A new pilot project is now available in the San Gorgonio Chapter to help members reduce their electric bill and fight climate change by reducing our dependency on fossil fuels that currently provide most of our electricity. Details can be reviewed below or you may visit the chapter website for a quick link.

The San Gorgonio Chapter has been promoting and fighting for distributed generation (DG) as the most promising technology to free ourselves from fossil fuels. In fact decentralized solar photovoltaic is on its way to becoming probably more cost effective than those large desert solar projects that are in the news every day. Distributed energy is using available energy sources where they are needed. In Southern California, the sun shines on your roof essentially every day. Why produce it remotely, disturb valuable habitat, build new transmission lines and lose a hefty percentage of energy during its transmission when you have almost all you need right on your roof?

There's a reason school districts and big stores like IKEA are investing millions of dollars on rooftop solar – It's Cost Effective! They know their investment will save them millions. But homeowners often look at the whole process as complicated and not cost effective at the level of individual family homes.

The truth is, up to a couple years ago this was often the case. But those costs have come down rapidly. In the past it may have taken more than 20 years before installing solar would begin to yield a return on investment, but today that timeframe starts closer to 10 years for some. When is the last time you checked to see if you would save?

That's why the Sierra Club has partnered with SunRun, the nation's leading home solar power installation, financing and leasing company to help you bring down your electrical costs, add value to your property and clean up our environment. SunRun offers "one stop" solar service for homeowners that don't want to pay the upfront costs of solar and would rather achieve the benefits of solar but leave the installation, maintenance and service to someone else. All you do is pay one monthly bill. Additionally this partnership helps the Sierra Club as SunRun gives the Club \$1000 for each installation.

The process is simple. Go to <http://sierraclub.org/solar/sangorgonio> and submit the basic information (1 minute). SunRun will call you and give you a pretty precise quote based on your information and the data they obtain from the satellite image of your home (5-7 minutes). If you like what you hear, SunRun will arrange for a solar installer to discuss the process in more detail with you. Please use the internet site above, but for those without computer access, you may call 1-855-4-SUNRUN and tell them the Sierra Club sent you.



A home solar installation may not be right for everyone right now.
Be diligent in your decision.
Specifically ask SunRun for both lease and cos to purchase bids.
Seek bids from other vendors for comparison purposes.

Chapter Conservation Chair Kim Floyd's solar panels on his home.



Fall Fund Appeal

It's time to consider your contribution to the San Gorgonio Chapter's Fall Fund Appeal.

A return envelope has been inserted in this issue of the *Palm and Pine* for your check.

The *Palm and Pine* is our only communication to inform our members as well as the public of the successful campaigns and volunteer efforts. It also provides a complete listing, of course, of all chapter meetings and all of our outings.

Did you know that the total dollars the National Sierra Club returns to the San Gorgonio Chapter each year from member memberships now totals only about 60% of the costs just for publishing the *Palm and Pine*? We need more than that just to run the chapter!

The **Fall Palm and Pine Fund Appeal** is specifically designated to help make up the difference between our actual costs and the dollars received. Ideally we would collect our actual costs for production. Please locate the remittance envelop in this issue and **send a check today.**

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 Ralph Salisbury, 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.



Awesome Chapter Programs Scheduled for Sept & Oct!

Join the Sierra Club's Juana Torres on Tuesday, Sept 6th to learn more about how you can help protect the San Gabriel Mountains for generations to come! She will speak on "A New Vision for the San Gabriel Mountains."

The San Gabriel Mountains soar above our homes from Santa Clarita to San Bernardino, providing us with clean air and water, incredible natural beauty, and a respite from the hustle and bustle of our daily lives.

As more of the land around the San Gabriels is developed, and services to visitors decline, it's more important than ever that we protect these local treasures. That's why the Sierra Club is working to make the San Gabriel Mountains a National Recreation Area, which would protect them from overdevelopment and increase services to visitors.

Juana Torres Bio

Juana Torres has worked with the Sierra Club for six years on it's efforts to protect the San Gabriel Mountains. She graduated

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from California Lutheran University with a double degree in Environmental Science and Political Science and then went on to get her graduate degree in Public Policy and Administration. As a result she has a strong commitment to help bring about good policies that will protect the environment.

As a long time volunteer with the Los Angeles Catholic Archdiocese, Juana has also been able to incorporate faith outreach into her work and has developed many faith community stewards for the San Gabriel Mountains.

In her spare time, Juana loves hiking, spending time with her youth group and exploring the diverse restaurants and cuisines of Los Angeles.



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Ladd Seekins is the Population Committee Chair for the San Gorgonio Chapter. At our October 4th chapter meeting he'll address the environmental consequences of the huge increase in population on planet earth.

The world's population is slated to hit 7 billion people this year, probably in October. On a planet where 215 million women lack access to contraceptives — and water scarcity, climate change, and biodiversity loss are affecting people's communities and livelihoods — it's time to take action on the interconnected issues of population, reproductive health, sustainability and the environment.

Even among activists, population is an often-overlooked environmental issue. Come and learn about the Sierra Club's work on population and the environment. Find out what you can do to help this vital work.

Ladd Seekins is a 34-year member of the San Gorgonio Chapter. He is currently Population Chair, Program Chair and Treasurer. He is a past Chapter Chair and a winner of the Clark and Marjorie Jones Service Award and the Alice Krueper Award. At the state level he is Population Chair and Conservation Committee delegate. He is past state Treasurer and Personnel Chair and winner of the Founder's Award.

Group News

Big Bear Group

by Christie Walker

Our 9th Annual Xeriscape Garden tour was a huge success drawing over 580 people to Big Bear to view seven homes and two nurseries. Attendees voted for their favorite home and the winner of the People's Choice Award was Garden #1 belonging to Karl and Debra Klouzer of Lake Williams. The Jim Otterstrom Earth Home Garden Award went to Garden #4 belonging to Wayne and Susan Harvey, of Moonridge. Congratulations to all the homeowners for creating colorful, beautiful, drought-tolerant landscapes, which were an inspiration to all.



People loved the home in Lake Williams that combined rock and dirt mounds with a huge, colorful variety of drought-tolerant and native plants.



Gardens selected for the tour received a beautiful Xeriscape Garden plaque.



Native plant expert, Orchid Black, was ready to answer questions at the Hunter's Nursery stop on the tour.



The riverbed at the Firewise home recycles reclaimed water.



Attendees could linger in each garden, asking questions of the homeowner as they toured.



Homeowners John Gross and Sherri DuChateau at Garden #8.



Los Serranos Group

by Mary Ann Ruiz

Everyone is welcome to attend the Los Serranos Group meeting Tuesday, Sept 20th, to be held at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden. We will enjoy an evening after-hours here at the Garden, the largest botanic garden dedicated to native California plants. Sierra Club members and friends and guests can come in after 5:00 pm and enjoy the garden, then come to our meeting at 7:00 pm in the East Classroom, patio area where we will learn about and taste organic and sustainably produced wines, beers and juices. We will also hold our regular business meeting, and get an update on the San Gabriel Mountains Forever Campaign detailed on Page 11 in this edition of the *Palm and Pine*.

The focus of many of our groups' leaders has been this campaign to preserve and best manage the San Gabriel Mountains. Group members Janice and Brian Elliott have applied for a Sierra Club Mini-grant for their project, the Upland Wild Animal Rescue and Refuge. Below is the link to their page in the Sierra Club Activist Network, information on the project, and link to the website. "<http://sites.google.com/site/uplandwildanimalrandr/home>, <http://connect.sierraclub.org/JaniceAndBrian>

Upland Wild Animal Rescue and Refuge is a non-profit organization that is involved with opossum orphan care. We want to also give presentations that teach appreciation and peaceful co-existence with local wildlife and are in the process to applying for a wildlife exhibitor's license with California Fish & Game. Once obtained, we will offer these presentations to groups in the Upland area.



In the long term I wish to open a nature center in the Upland area. My ideal nature center would have enough room for some hiking trails (like the Colonias reservoir area), a demonstration garden showing native and drought tolerant plants that are wildlife beneficial, low water users, and beautiful, and a visitor's center with displays featuring information regarding our local wildlife. My award-winning garden is evidence of my interest and expertise in drought tolerant/native plant

landscaping. Last year it won a Western Municipal Water District's local award for drought tolerant landscape designs.

As a teacher, I have some time (mostly in the summer) to fundraise, write grants, and organize volunteers for this project. I will need lots of help.

Group News

Moreno Valley Group

by Ann Turner McKibben, Secretary

The Moreno Valley Group newsletter will be coming out this fall and it will include the ballot for the Group Executive Committee Election. Please take time to read our newsletter and also make time to mail in your ballot by the deadline. The Group is looking for someone who would be willing to be our treasurer. This person would need to spend an average of less than one hour per month (in your own home) helping our Moreno Valley Group and would not need to be on the excom. Contact us at: movalleygroup@yahoo.com or (951) 924-8150 or (951) 242-4752.

Outings Chair Theresa Carson has some fun hikes planned for September and October. The Hidden Springs Hike is on Wednesday, September 7, 5:30 p.m. Meet at Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Drive, MV. On September 18 is a Hike to the "M." Contact Theresa at (951) 660-7246 or tcarson22@msn.com for more information. All of the group outings are listed in the *Palm and Pine* Outings Section and on our group web page: <http://sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/moreno-valley/index.html>

In May the Moreno Valley Planning Commission denied the zoning change for the Westridge Commerce Center (a 1 million square foot warehouse) which would border Highway 60 west of Redlands Boulevard. The applicant was scheduled to appeal the denial at the August 23 council meeting. As mentioned before, there are concerns about: increased traffic, air quality issues, lack of a tenant, and complaints from adjacent homeowners.

At their July 26 meeting the Moreno Valley City Council voted to delay considering the proposed revisions to the city's outdoor lighting standards. Instead the item was continued to a March 2012 study session because of council's concerns the federal lighting standards for incandescent light bulbs may be modified in 2012. The proposed revisions to the city's outdoor lighting standards would improve the existing standards to help meet 'Dark Sky' standards, that is outdoor lighting fixtures would focus light to the ground (instead of dispersing light into the sky); it would preserve the night sky, save energy and save taxpayers money. The consideration of adopting the dark sky revisions was part of the settlement agreement in the Sierra Club lawsuit against the Highland Fairview Corporate Park/Skechers project.

The Moreno Valley Group has been following

the Motte Lakeview Ranch Specific Plan 366. The proposed project would put 2,000 homes on approximately 639 acres on the southern boundary of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area north of the Ramona Expressway. The project site is



View of Lake Perris State Recreation Area

Photo by George Hague

located adjacent to the San Jacinto River flood plain; there are many serious geotechnical issues ranging from large ground cracks, soil compaction to close proximity to the Casa Loma Fault (part of the San Jacinto Fault Zone, one of the most active in Southern California). The project could affect the wildlife values of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. The plan is still being reviewed by the county planning department. The draft environmental impact report may be out this fall sometime. Contact Matt Straite, Riverside County Planning Department, (951) 955-8631 or mstraite@rctlma.org for more information.

The draft environmental impact report (DEIR) for the Riverside County General Plan Update (GPU) may be released by the end of Fall or the beginning of Winter (perhaps during the holidays). You will have 45 days to make your concerns known about the DEIR. Please e-mail the Chairman of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, Bob Buster (district1@rcbos.org), now and strongly request that the GPU's DEIR

comment period should be 75-90 days to give the public a chance to read and comment on this massive document. At this point in time there is no scheduled date for General Plan Advisory Committee to meet. George Hague and alternate

Ann McKibben have represented the environmental community on the committee which is dominated by those connected to development interests. The GPU will impact all of us within Riverside County as it will lay out land use designations for years to come and it will also address sprawl, global climate change, noise and open space issues. Land use designations will significantly impact the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and open up valuable agricultural lands for development. County planner for the general plan update is Frank Coyle, Riverside County Planning Department, fcoble@rctlma.org or (951) 955-2706. Please contact him now and let him know that you want a copy of the DEIR and to be notified of all future documents as well as meetings related to the GPU.

The Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley and the Sierra Club filed a lawsuit in April 2010 to challenge the approval of the Villages of Lakeview (Specific Plan 342) development on the southern boundary of the San Jacinto Wildlife

Area. According to George Hague, group conservation chair, the court hearing (which is open to the public) on the lawsuit is scheduled for September 19, 8:30 a.m., Department 10, Riverside County Superior Court in Riverside. To verify information contact George at: movalleygroup@yahoo.com

To visit the San Jacinto Wildlife Area (located north of the Ramona Expressway in Lakeview) take Davis Road (there is a traffic signal at the corner) 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/> Please do not drive on Davis Road if it has rained or the road is muddy. Please contact Sue Nash at (909) 228-6710 or snash22@earthlink.net for information about nature walks at the SJWA.

Bird Walks at Lake Perris: Second Saturday of the Month, 8:00 a.m., Bernasconi Parking Lot; and Fourth Sunday of the Month, 9:00 a.m., Parking Lot 12, west end. The moderately easy walks are free with day use fee or camping fee and last 1-2 hours. For information call (951) 940-5657 or (951) 940-5600. For the LPSRA Bird List call (951) 940-5657. Volunteer at the LPSRA: Working outdoors, maintaining native plant garden and weed removal at the museum as well as the nature center. Call Ellen Absher (951) 940-5657. For information on Lake Perris State Recreation Area, please check their web site at: <http://www.water.ca.gov/lakeperris/> for their hours of operation, events, and nature walks. Information on Limited Use Golden Bear passes can be found at http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=23800 Those who are age 62 and older are eligible for this \$10.00 annual pass which allows access to all state parks. See the link for application and more information.

The city of Moreno Valley Recreational Trails Board will sponsor a Hike to Lake Perris (7.2 mi round trip, moderate) on Saturday, September 24. Meet at 7:30 a.m., parking lot of Ridgecrest Elementary School, 28500 John F. Kennedy Drive, MV. Hike to Box Springs M Trail (4.8 miles round trip, difficult) on Saturday October 22. Meet at Canyon Springs High School, 23100 Cougar Canyon Drive, MV. Please call (951) 413-3702 to verify all information.

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



Mountains Group

by Dave Barrie and Bill Engs

On June 4th, the day of the Forest Festival, Don Fischer led two family hikes for an hour each on the Exploration Trail in the Children's Forest. During the hike he pointed out different types of pine trees, what the black oak looks like, white fir, incense cedar and the various types of wild flowers that were in bloom. He also discussed what medicinal purposes the Native Americans used from the plants and trees in their native habitat. There were a total of 26 people on the two hikes.

And while Don was leading those hikes, Sherry Noone, Sue Walker, Heather Sargeant, Jo Ann Fischer, Carolyn Foulon and Dave Barrie were greeting folks at the Mountains Group booth on the outfield grass of Brulte Field next to the Children's Forest Visitor Center.

On the following weekend Dave Ficke led an Ecology Walk starting from Keller Ski Hut. Along the way, using anecdotes, examples, lessons, and a bit of interpretive dance, Dave enhanced our knowledge of mountain weather, mountain climate and the concept of biomes. At one of our stops we saw an unusual snow plant uncharacteristically rising from the middle of a sandy dry creek bed. Dave was savvy enough to realize that the sand had simply washed over the underlying moist loam that is the normal soil environment for snow plants. It was a good lesson for us to not make easy assumptions about what we see and to pay attention to the details and context of our experiences.

Later in June, Bill Engs led a Here and Now hike to Mount Sorenson near the Heaps Peak Arboretum.

The goal of Here and Now hikes of course is to focus (and talk) only about what can be seen, touched, heard or experienced on the hike itself. So it was no surprise we were able to identify over 20 species of plants in bloom. We saw striking blossoms of purple Wild Iris and Grape Soda Lupine, blue Larkspur

and pale Baby Blue Eyes. There were also exemplary examples of both the tall and spindly Splendid Gilia with its delicately dark pink petals as well as the delightfully diminutive Whisker Brush with its small and surprising light pink flowers. A Black Chinned Sparrow sang for us and Swallowtail and other butterflies kept us company as well. Sadly, we didn't see any deer or bear prints this year. Two participants were unable to stay in the present; they felt the urge to chitchat irresistible. Fortunately, they mostly kept out of the group's range of hearing. We think that they still might be up on Mount Sorenson catching up on old times!

After waiting for more than a year while questions and comments on the Draft EIR for the Church of the Woods project in Rimforest were addressed, we were presented with a Final EIR and a very short time for review and

comment. The Mountains Group, as well as several other environmental organizations, has asked for an extended review and comment schedule that is commensurate with the size and scope of the Final EIR. The Draft EIR was sadly lacking in detail and accuracy and the Final EIR does little to resolve those inadequacies.



Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2011

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

CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE: Items for the September/October 2011 Calendar are due by August 1, 2011.

FORMAT items similar to those below. Send items electronically if possible.

OUTINGS: Send outings write-ups to your group or section Outings Chair.

MEETINGS & other events: Send electronically to Ralph Salisbury at <ralphsalisbury@att.net >.

GENERAL INFORMATION, RULES & DISCLAIMERS

All Outings Leaders are Chapter Certified Leaders having appropriate Outings Training Courses, First Aid Courses, & experience for the Outings they lead. LEADERS may exclude individuals from participation if they believe they may not be qualified. Non-Sierra Club members may join outings unless otherwise stated in the write-up. All participants agree to abide by the Leader's rules. Participants should **CALL THE LEADER AHEAD TO SIGN-UP.**

WHAT TO BRING

Many Outings specify items to be carried by EACH participant. Do not attend Outings without the specified items unless you have first discussed it with the leader. Often the **TEN ESSENTIALS** are required. They are: 1) map, 2) compass, 3), flashlight, 4) knife, 5) windproof/waterproof matches in waterproof case, 6) fire starter, 7) first aid kit, 8) extra food & water for emergency use only, 9) extra clothing including rainwear, & 10) sun protection including sunscreen/sunglasses/hat.

ADVENTURE PASS SPECIAL NOTICE

Most outings occurring in the San Bernardino, Angeles, Cleveland, or Los Padres National Forests require a Forest Service permit for each vehicle (Adventure Pass). These Outings will be preceded by ** in the listings that follow. Be sure to contact the leader regarding permits. The permits cost \$30 per year or \$5 per day; however they may not be obtainable the day of your Outing. If you arrive at the meeting place without making arrangements with the leader & 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 GROUPEXCOM MEETING
Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on Feb. 7, Apr. 4, May 2, Oct. 3, Nov. 7. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

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

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

(1ST THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, call MARY ANN RUIZ (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

(2ND MON) 7:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING
Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

(2ND TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, <kimffloyd@fastmail.fm> (760) 249-5385. CHAPTER

(2ND WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: CAROL WILEY, (760) 245-8734, <desertlily1@verizon.net> MOJAVE GROUP

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

(3RD TUE) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP

(3RD TUE) LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except August, The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: Educational Building, Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid Ave. at 11th. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

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

(4TH TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. (No December meeting.) PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RALPH SALISBURY (951) 686-4141 <ralphsalisbury@att.net>. CHAPTER

WEEKLY RECURRING OUTINGS & FITNESS ACTIVITIES

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings

MON 6:00 PM RIVERSIDE MT. RUBIDOUX ONE HOUR FITNESS WALK
MEET: Ninth Street entrance to Mt. Rubidoux. INFO: JUDY SMITH, (951) 369-5117. CHAPTER

MON 7:00 PM 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 & 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 22 - AUGUST 31

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

AUG 23-24 (TUE-WED) PERSEID METEOR SHOWER ON THE PLAYA CARCAMP
Full moon in the Black Rock Desert about 100 miles north of Reno, Nevada. We'll be camping with a group of people mid-Playa and watching the meteor shower. Porta-Potti provided. Potluck dinner or barbecue Saturday night, side trips to local hot springs. Expect your vehicle to get dusty! Dogs limited, on leash, expect to pick-up after your dog! Leader DAVID BOOK, 775-843-6443. GREAT BASIN GROUP-TOIYABE CHAPTER/CNRCC DESERT COMM

****AUG 27-28 (SAT) 8:15 AM JOHNS MEADOWS BACKPACK**
This is an introduction to backpacking and the requirements of overnight camping in the San Gorgonio Wilderness. This is a single over-night eight-mile R/T adventure. We will backpack from IN82 off of Jenks Lake Road to Johns Meadows and camp near Forsee Creek. RATING: moderate/strenuous MEET: At the Big Bear Lake Vons Shopping Center or at the trailhead. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, and over-night camping equipment, bear vault, water purification pump or drops, trekking poles, sun protection, 2 quarts of water, food, sunglasses, hat and good hiking shoes. CALL: Advance registration is required, limit of twelve individuals, Leader, Ed Caliendo, (909) 878-3813 or dogs111@msn. BIG BEAR GROUP

AUG 30 (TUE) 9:00 AM PCT FROM 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. We will meet at Von's parking lot 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. Call Dick Banks for more information at 909-866-9232. BIG BEAR GROUP

SEPTEMBER 1 - SEPTEMBER 4

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SEP 1 (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 3 (SAT) 11:30 AM DELAMAR MT. PEAK VIA PACIFIC CREST TRAIL HIKE**
This is a "Peaks" of Big Bear hike. Those achieving all five peaks will be given a commemorative patch. This is a 5.5 miles, 650+ elevation gain, RATING: moderate/strenuous MEET: Hikers are to meet at 11:30 a.m. at the Big Bear Discovery Center. We will car pool to Polique Canyon Road and park near the PCT/Polique Canyon Road crossing. BRING: adequate water, snack, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, layered clothing, and good hiking shoes. National Forest Adventure Pass is required for parking at the trailhead. CALL: To register contact Ed Caliendo, Hiking Leader at (909) 878-3813 or dogs111@msn.com BIG BEAR GROUP

SEP 3-5 (SAT-MON) TAMARISK BASH IN HAPPY CANYON SERVICE TRIP & HIKE
Help restore a desert riparian area in Death Valley National Park by removing invasive tamarisk from Happy Canyon in the Panamint Mts. The year-round stream will let us soak and cool if the temperature gets too warm. On Saturday, we will work with Marty Dickes, our coordinator from the BLM. On Sunday, there will be a hike to nearby Manley Peak. Monday is an optional tour through Striped Butte Valley and Warm Springs Canyon to the east. Enjoy carcamping, a potluck dinner Saturday, and campfire stories. Contact leader CRAIG DEUTSCHE, craig.deutsche@gmail.com, 310-477-6670.
CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 5 - SEPTEMBER 11

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings
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****SEP 3 (SAT) 11:30 AM DELAMAR MT. PEAK VIA PACIFIC CREST TRAIL HIKE**
This is a "Peaks" of Big Bear hike. Those achieving all five peaks will be given a commemorative patch. This is a 5.5 miles, 650+ elevation gain, RATING: moderate/strenuous MEET: Hikers are to meet at 11:30 a.m. at the Big Bear Discovery Center. We will car pool to Polique Canyon Road and park near the PCT/Polique Canyon Road crossing. BRING: adequate water, snack, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, layered clothing, and good hiking shoes. National Forest Adventure Pass is required for parking at the trailhead. CALL: To register contact Ed Caliendo, Hiking Leader at (909) 878-3813 or dogs111@msn.com BIG BEAR GROUP

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

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

SEP 7 (WED) 5:30 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE
Approximately 3.5 mile moderately fast paced hike on the Hidden Springs trail and arroyo. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills and then returns through the arroyo of the housing tract. BRING: water and sturdy shoes MEET: from 60fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Pigeon Pass to left at the light on Hidden Springs Drive. Follow Hidden Springs Drive to Hidden Springs School on the left. Park in the school parking lot or on the street. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or tcarson22@msn.com.
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

SEP 9 (FRI) 8:00 AM MT. BURNHAM HIKE
Trail hike to Mt. Burnham (8997 Ft), 8 miles r/t with an elevation gain of 2200 ft. The trailhead (7903 ft) is off HWY 2 and 5 miles west of Wrightwood. MEET: McDonalds HWY 15 and HWY 138, 8 AM. INFO/LEADER: Call to confirm. JOE WHYTE, 909-949-0899 LOS SERRANOS GROUP

***SEP 10 (SAT) 6:30 AM SOUTH RIDGE TRAIL HIKE**
Enjoy an early morning hike to Tahquitz Peak Lookout Tower. Meet at the "Fort" in Idyllwild between Jo Anns and the coffee shop at 6:30 AM so we can carpool to the starting point. We will hike from the beginning of the Forest Road to the trail-head on a 9 mile out and back hike to Tahquitz Peak Lookout Tower. The hike is moderately difficult with about 2500 ft of elevation gain. This trail in the summer is shaded by pines, oak and in the early morning the mountain ridge. The views along the trail and from the Tower provide fabulous vistas from the Garner Valley all the way to the ocean in the West. Directions: From the "Fort" in Idyllwild drive south on highway 243, turn left at Saunders Meadow Rd (Mile High Cafe) and left again on Pine. Park on the side of the road at the junction of Forest Rd 5S21. Wilderness Pass not needed here. But if you park at the trailhead up the Forest Rd. A wilderness pass is needed. I will obtain Wilderness trail passes for those that register for the hike in advance. There is no fee for this pass. BRING: 5 liters water; snacks; ten essentials, and layered clothing. RAIN CANCELS. To register for the hike or if you have questions about the hike contact me Gary Marsalone at (858) 663-1201 or hikesie@gmail.com SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

SEP 10 (SAT) 8:30 AM CASTLE ROCK TO GUN SIGHT HIKE
This hike is a 8.0 mile round-trip- hike with spectacular views of Big Bear Lake from the top of Castle Rock, hiking further you will reach Buff Lake, and then see the oldest living (450 years old) Champion Lodgepole Pine, and lastly onward to "Gun sight" on the Siberia Creek Trail and return. RATING: Moderate/Strenuous MEET: Big Bear Civic Center east side parking lot located on the south side of Big Bear Lake. BRING: ten essentials, sun protection, a minimum of two quarts of water, lunch, sunglasses, hat, and good hiking shoes. CALL: Ed Caliendo, Hiking Leader at (909) 878-3813 or dogs111@msn.com BIG BEAR GROUP

SEP 10 (SAT) 7:00 PM MOONLIGHT HIKE HIKE
Come join me and others for a evening hike in the mountains of Wrightwood. Will be close to a full moon. This approx 5 mile hike is rated easy and is on a quiet paved road. Meet on Spruce Street next to the elementary school in Wrightwood (which is 2 block west of the main street in Wrightwood). Bring water, snacks, flashlight, and wear layered clothing and good hiking shoes. Leader: Melody Nichols (760) 961-0731 Labelady@msn.com; Co Leader Bill Spreng (760) 951-4520 bspreng@verizon.net MOJAVE GROUP

SEP 11 (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 12.) Hikes are moderately paced. Between 4 and 5 miles rt, 400 to 1200 ft elev.. Hike locations will vary. MEET: North parking lot of U.S. Bank, Claremont, at NE corner of Indian Hill & Foothill Blvds. BRING: Jacket, flashlight, water, and wear sturdy shoes/boots. RAIN CANCELS. INFO: Leaders PATTY and DAVID THORNE (909) 981-5813 LOS SERRANOS GROUP

SEPTEMBER 12 - SEPTEMBER 18

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SEP 12 (MON) 7:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING
Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard's Episcopal

Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

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

SEP 13 (TUE) 7:00 AM WILDHORSE CREEK TO SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN HIKE
Let's hike a seldom travelled route along Wildhorse Creek and then connect to the more popularly used trail up to Sugarloaf Mountain (elevation 9,952). This is a strenuous 17 mile roundtrip hike with an approximate 3,500 foot elevation gain. MEET: Contact leader for meeting place and carpooling. Adventure Pass required for trailhead parking. WEAR: Broke- in hiking shoes/boots, layered clothing, sun hat and sunglasses. BRING: 4+ litres of water, hiking poles (if you use them), sunscreen, insect repellent, snack, lunch and the 10 essentials. INFO/LEADER/RESERVATIONS: SONDRAMORISON, <skbrian@earthlink.net>, 909-335-9794. CHAPTER

SEP 14 (WED) 9:00 AM PCT FROM 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. We will 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. Call Dick Banks for more information at 909-866-9232
BIG BEAR GROUP

SEP 14 (WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except for July and 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 15 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP

SEP 15 (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 16-18 (FRI) 7:30 AM SECOND ANNUAL SAN GORGONIO MT BACKPACK**
This is the second annual San Gorgonio Mountain backpacking trip leaving from South Fork trailhead at 7:30 a.m. The first day, we backpack to Dry Lake campgrounds and set up camp. On Saturday, we hike to the top of San Gorgonio Peak (11,500') and return to base camp. On Sunday, we break camp and return home, a total distance of 25.0 miles with a 5,000 foot elevation gain. RATING: Strenuous MEET: At South Fork trailhead, San Gorgonio Wilderness. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, over-night camping equipment, bear vault, water purification pump or drops, trekking poles, sun protection, 2 quarts of water, food, sunglasses, hat and good hiking shoes. CALL: Advance reservations required. Ed Caliendo, Hiking Leader at (909) 878-3813 dogs111@msn.com. or Co-Leader, Vicki Hobbs (909) 771-9899. BIG BEAR GROUP

SEP 16-18 (FRI-SUN) NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY -BLACK ROCK WORK/PLAY
Join other Black Rock enthusiasts on this work-and-play weekend in the Black Rock. We'll probably meet up Friday evening and head on up. On Saturday, we will work on a variety of projects. In the past these have included building buck and pole fences around sensitive sites, closing illegal road trespasses, removal of barbed wire fences, and removal of invasive weeds. We'll have something for various skills and interests. Learn about the area and probably visit local hot springs. Some food provided. Sign up after 9/1. Leashed dogs OK. Leader: DAVID BOOK (775-843-6443). Moderately easy.
GREAT BASIN GROUP-TOIYABE CHAPTER/ CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

****SEP 17 (SAT) 9 AM DEEP CREEK, FISHERMAN'S PUBLIC CAMPGROUND HIKE**
Moderate six-mile hike with about a 500-ft elevation loss and gain. This trip drops from rolling high country north of Green Valley into the upper reaches of Deep Creek. Beautiful views of Lake Arrowhead and a rich forest of Jeffrey and Coulter pines, along with several varieties of Oak. BRING: two quarts of water, lunch, snacks, hiking boots, hat and sunscreen. Info and LEADER: DON FISCHER, 909-939-0332 <Xcountrydon@charter.net> Adventure Pass required. MOUNTAINS GROUP

SEP 17 (SAT) 7:00 PM MT BADEN POWELL MOONLIGHT HIKE HIKE
Come join me on a bright moon light hike to the summit of Mt. Baden Powell. 8 miles round trip, rated moderate/strenuous with an elevation gain of 2800'. Bring plenty of water, snacks/lunch, flashlight and wear layered clothing and good hiking shoes. Meet at the trail head at Vincent Gap by 7 PM. For more info contact leader Bill Spreng (760)951-4520 or bspreng@verizon.net MOJAVE GROUP

SEP 18 (SUN) 5:30 PM HIKE TO THE "M" HIKE
Four-mile round trip hike to the "M" on Box Springs. Difficult trail with some very steep areas. BRING: water and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Pigeon Pass, turn left at the light on Hidden Springs Drive and left into driveway into Box Springs Park. Drive up the gravel road and park near the picnic tables. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or tcarson22@msn.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

SEPTEMBER 19 - SEPTEMBER 25

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SEP 20 (TUE) 6:00 PM SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONS COMMITTEE MEETING
Monthly conservation meeting. The public is welcome. LOCATION: Call or email for location & directions. CONTACT: SHAULI ROSEN-RAGER, (951) 767-2203, <gardens@netzon.net>
SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

SEP 20 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING
Join us at RSABG again for our Sept meeting, "Sustainable Products Tasting" – taste wines, beers, produce and cheeses produced sustainably or locally. Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden will open at 5 to our members and guests. The program will begin at 7 pm in the east classroom/patio area. The public is welcome info: Mary Ann Ruiz, ruizmaryann@gmail.com or 909-815-9379. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

SEP 21 (WED) 5:30 PM TWO TREES HIKE HIKE
3 mile hike up Two Trees Trail in Riverside with a 1,200 ft elevation gain. BRING: water and sturdy shoes. MEET: From Riverside 60fwy eastbound, take Blaine St. exit and follow Blaine St. all the way to the end. Park in dirt lot at the end of Blaine. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or tcarson22@msn.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

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****SEP 24 (SAT) 8:15 AM BERTHA PEAK HIKE**
 This is a "Peaks" of Big Bear hike. Those achieving all five peaks overlooking the Big Bear Valley will be given a commemorative patch. The hike is 8.0 miles, 1,640 ft. elevation gain. **RATING:** moderate/strenuous **MEET:** At the Cougar Crest Trail head, approximately 100 yards east of the Big Bear Discovery Center located on the north side of Big Bear Lake on Hwy 38 at 8:30 a.m. We will car pool to trailhead. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. **BRING:** the ten essentials, a minimum of two-quarts of water, snack/lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and good hiking shoes. **CALL:** Leader, Ed Caliendo, (909) 878-3813 or 111dogs@msn.com **BIG BEAR GROUP**

SEP 24 (SAT) 7:00 AM TIMBER MOUNTAIN HIKE
 This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Timber Mt. (elevation 8,303), 9 miles round trip with 3404 ft. elevation gain. The trail follows the creek for the first 1 1/2 miles under a canopy of oak, alder, spruce, fir, and pine. Scenic view from the top of Timber Mt. Rain cancels. **BRING:** sturdy boots, 2+ liters water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. **INFO/LEADERS/RESERVATIONS:** John St. Clair, <john@stclairs.us>, 909-983-8501 or co-leader Dean Shimek <dtsierra@msn.com>. **LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

SEP 24-25 (SAT-SUN) CARRIZO PLAIN NATIONAL MONUMENT WORK PARTY
 Here is another chance to knock down barbed wire fences and clear the Carrizo of these relics of the past. Pronghorn antelope need wide-open spaces for survival, and we have been successfully clearing the land – slowly, fence by fence. We will again work with Alice Kock, pronghorn specialist from CA Dept of Fish and Game. Work all day Saturday, happy hour, potluck dinner, and campfire Sat. Night. Sunday we may work, or take the day to enjoy the Monument. Participants need to bring heavy work gloves and everything needed for the weekend; there are no stores or gas stations on the Carrizo. For more information, contact the leaders: CAL AND LETTY FRENCH, lettyfrench@gmail.com, 805-239-7338. **CNRCC DESERT COM/SANTA LUCIA CHAPTER**

SEP 24 (SAT) 7:00 PM CHARLIE'S TRAIL -EVENING HIKE HIKE
 Come join me and others for an evening hike along Charlie's trail in the forest of Wrightwood. This is an easy 5-6 mile hike on a pretty much level and well maintained trail, slight elevation gain to get to the trail from Vincent Gap. We will meet at the Vincent Gap parking lot at 7PM. Bring flashlight/head lamp, plenty of water, food/snacks. Wear layered clothing and good hiking shoes. For more info contact Leader: Melody Nichols (760) 961-0731 or Labelady@msn.com Co Leader: Bill Spreng (760)951-4520 bspreng@verizon.net **MOJAVE GROUP**

SEPTEMBER 26 - SEPTEMBER 30

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SEP 27 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
 Chapter governance meeting. (No December meeting.) **PLACE:** The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. **INFO:** RALPH SALISBURY (951) 686-4141 <ralphsalisbury@att.net>. **CHAPTER**

****SEP 28 (WED) 8:00 AM DEEP CREEK HOT SPRINGS HIKE**
 Join us for a moderate to difficult, 6 mile hike with an 800 to 1000 ft. elevation gain. We will spend a couple of hours at this clothing optional hot springs, relaxing, soaking and eating lunch before hiking back to the trail head. Bring a minimum of two-quarts of water, snack/lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and good hiking shoes along with a towel and your choice of bathing attire and possible water shoes. We will meet at 9:00 A.M. in the parking lot across Hwy 173 from the Camp Rock Ranger Station in Lake Arrowhead. The parking lot is on the left side, just north of the intersection of Hwy 173 and Grass Valley Rd. For those carpooling from Big Bear, we will meet at the east parking lot of the Performing Arts Center in Big Bear Lake at 8:00 A. M. Call Dick Banks for more information at 909 866 9232. **BIG BEAR GROUP**

SEP 28 (WED) 5:30 PM OLIVE MOUNTAIN HIKE
 Enjoy the view from Olive Mountain with a 3 mile round trip moderately fast paced hike with an elevation gain about 1,000 ft. **BRING:** water and sturdy shoes. **MEET:** from 60 fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Perris to right on Kalmia, left on Kitching. Park at the end of the road on Kitching. Rain cancels. **INFO and LEADER:** THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or tcarson22@msn.com. **MORENO VALLEY GROUP**

SEP 30-OCT 2 (FRI-SUN) HOT SPRINGS/COOL NIGHTS @ NEVADA'S BLACK ROCK
 We'll be camping at a hot spring in the Black Rock and visiting other hot springs in the area. We'll be right on the route of the Emigrant Trail so we'll learn about the Black Rock, hot springs, and the Emigrant trail. The days and nights are starting to cool off and there are fewer visitors so this is a great time to visit the Black Rock! Leader is very familiar with the area. Sign up after 9/15. Leashed dogs OK. Leader: DAVID BOOK (775-843-6443). Easy. **GREAT BASIN GROUP-TOIYABE CH/CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE**

OCTOBER 1 -OCTOBER 9

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****OCT 1 (SAT) 9:00 AM DELAMAR Mt PEAK VIA PACIFIC CREST TRAIL HIKE**
 This is a "Peaks" of Big Bear hike. Those achieving all five peaks will be given a commemorative patch. This is a 5.5 miles, 650+ elevation gain. **RATING:** moderate/strenuous **MEET:** Hikers are to meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Big Bear Discovery Center. We will car pool to Poligue Canyon Road and park near the PCT/Poligue Canyon Road crossing. **BRING:** adequate water, snack, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, layered clothing, and good hiking shoes. National Forest Adventure Pass is required for parking at the trailhead. **CALL:** To register contact Ed Caliendo, Hiking Leader at (909) 878-3813 or 111dogs@msn.com **BIG BEAR GROUP**

****OCT 1 (SAT) 9 AM SB MTS CRAFT'S PEAK HIKE**
 We will hike from Lakeview Point to the summit and return. Great panoramic view of the area from the summit. Elevation gain: 1,000 ft., Distance 3 miles RT. Part of route is off trail. **BRING;** water, lunch layered clothing **WEAR:** hat boots. **CONTACT LEADER** Bill ENGS 909-338-1910 <engsb@juno.com > for information and meeting place. **ADVENTURE PASS** required. **MOUNTAINS GROUP**

OCT 1 (SAT) 8:00 AM STODDARD SADDLE HIKE
 Following the Barrett-Stoddard road past quaint residential cabins, we will access an abandoned fire road through several stream crossings and lazy flats of chaparral and deer grass. Plenty of birds, small wildlife, deer and the occasional trace of bear. This is a moderate hike at an easy pace with an elevation gain of 1000'-1200'. Depending upon the group, we may continue to Stoddard Peak. 6 miles r.t., total time approx. 3.5-4 hours. **BRING:**Sturdy boots, 2+ liters water, insect repellent, sunscreen, snack, camera, sunglasses/hat. Contact leader for meeting place. Marybeth Haydon 909.260.0818 hikingwiththehighking@gmail.com , co-leader- Mary Ann Ruiz ruizmaryann@gmail.com **LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

OCT 2 (SUN)) 8:30 AM SAN ANTONIO CANYON CLEANUP SERVICE
LOS SERRANOS GROUP members have organized several trash cleanups in the canyon, with Ranger Sarah telling us it is making a difference! We are partnering with the San Gabriel Mountains Forever Campaign to pull in a full crew to help with this work. Come and help clean up the trash washed

downstream by the high water this year! Meet at 8:30 am at the lower fire station where Mt Baldy road crosses the bridge heading to Claremont or Upland. Sturdy shoes or hiking boots, sunscreen, hat, gloves, water , snacks. Bags and pickers will be provided. **LEADER:** Mary Ann Ruiz 909-815-9379 ruizmaryann@gmail.com **LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

OCT 3 (TUE) 6:30 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
 Alpine Conference Room 27236, Blue Jay Mall. **INFO:** DAVEBARRIE (909) 337-0313 **SAN BERNARDINO MOUNTAINS GROUP**

OCT 4 (TUE) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
 The meeting place rotates. **INFO:** CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006. **BIG BEAR GROUP**

OCT 4 (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 5 (WED) 5:00 PM HIKE TO THE "M" HIKE
 Four-mile round trip hike to the "M" on Box Springs. Difficult trail with some very steep areas. **BRING:** water, flashlight, and sturdy shoes. **MEET:** from 60 fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Pigeon Pass, turn left at the light on Hidden Springs Drive and left into driveway into Box Springs Park. Drive up the gravel road and park near the picnic tables. Rain cancels. **INFO and LEADER:** THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or tcarson22@msn.com. **MORENO VALLEY GROUP**

****OCT 08 (SAT) 6:30 AM CAHUILLA MOUNTAIN PEAK HIKE**
 Enjoy an early morning hike to Cahuilla Mountain Peak. Meet at the Casino parking lot at 6:30 AM so we can carpool to the starting point. We will hike a 6 mile out and back hike to Cahuilla Mountain Peak. The hike is moderately difficult with about 1200 ft of elevation gain. This trail in the summer is not shaded until near the top where pines & oak provide some shade. The views along the trail and from the peak provide views of Vail Lake, Palomar Mountain, the Santa Anna Mountains in the West. **Directions:** From Temecula take 79 south to Hwy 371. The Casino parking is on the right when you near Anza. The trail is off of Cary Road on your right. Turn right here, you will see Cahuilla Mountain welcoming you just off this road on your left on Hwy 371 just past the Casino. **BRING:** 5 liters water; Snacks; Ten Essentials, and layered clothing. **RAIN CANCELS.** To register for the hike or if you have questions about the hike contact me Gary Marsalone at (858) 663-1201 or hikesie@gmail.com **SANTA MARGARITA GROUP**

****OCT 8-9 (SAT) 8:15 AM JOHNS MEADOWS BACKPACK**
 This is an introduction to backpacking and the requirements of overnight camping in the San Gorgonio Wilderness. This is a single over-night seven-mile R/T adventure. We will backpack from IN82 off of Jenks Lake Road to Johns Meadows and camp near Forsee Creek. **RATING:** easy/moderate **MEET:** At the Big Bear Lake Vons Shopping Center or at the trailhead. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. **BRING:** ten essentials, layered clothing, over-night camping equipment, bear vault, water purification pump or drops, trekking poles, sun protection, 2 quarts of water, food, sunglasses, hat and good hiking shoes. **CALL:** Advance registration is required, limit of twelve individuals, Leader, Ed Caliendo, (909) 878-3813 or dogs111@msn.com **BIG BEAR GROUP**

OCT 9 (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 October 11.) Hikes are moderately paced. Between 4 and 5 miles rt, 400 to 1200 ft elev.. Hike locations will vary. **MEET:** North parking lot of U.S. Bank, Claremont, at NE corner of Indian Hill & Foothill Blvds. **BRING:** Jacket, flashlight, water, and wear sturdy shoes/boots. **RAIN CANCELS.** **INFO:** Leaders PATTY and DAVID THORNE (909) 981-5813 **LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

OCTOBER 10 - OCTOBER 16

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OCT 10 (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 11 (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 12 (WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING
 Monthly meeting except for July and 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**

OCT 12 (WED) 9:00 AM PCT FROM 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. We will 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. Call Dick Banks for more information at 909-866-9232. **BIG BEAR GROUP**

OCT 12 (WED) 5:00 PM SYCAMORE CANYON FULL MOON HIKE
 Approximate 2 hour evening hike in Sycamore Canyon to enjoy the "full" moon. (Actual full moon is October 11). **BRING:** Jacket, flashlight, water, sturdy shoes. **MEET:** in the Sycamore Canyon parking area on the south side of Central Ave. between Canyon Crest Drive and the 215/60 Freeway. Rain cancels. **INFO and LEADER:** THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or tcarson22@msn.com **MORENO VALLEY GROUP**

OCT 15, (SAT) 8:30 AM HOT SPRINGS, LAKE ARROWHEAD HIKE
 This a hot experience of natural spring water, 100+ temperature, that flows from the earth and collects into warm pools water before cascading into Deep Creek. This a 6.02 mile hike+ 1840 ft. elevation gain. **RATING:** moderate/strenuous due to the steep elevation gain. **MEET:** Hikers are to meet at the Big Bear Performing Arts Center east parking lot in Boulder Bay at 8:00 a.m. We will carpool to Lake Arrowhead and travel north on Hwy 173 approximately 18.5 miles to the T/H. **BRING:** adequate water, snack/lunch, sunglasses, hat, swim suit, sandals, and good hiking shoes. **CALL:** to register, contact Ed Caliendo, Hiking Leader at (909) 878-3813 or dogs111@msn.com **BIG BEAR GROUP**

****OCT 15 (SAT) 9 AM SB MTS PACIFIC CREST TRAIL HIKE**
 You will hike a scenic section of the Pacific Crest Trail along the Deep Creek Canyon from Splinter's Cabin to Devil's Hole. Distance: 6 miles RT with 600 foot elevation loss and gain. **BRING:** 10 essentials, 2 quarts water and snack. **WEAR:** hiking boots. **CALL:** LEADER, HEATHER SARGEANT 909-336-2836 for meeting place. **ADVENTURE PASS** required. **MOUNTAINS GROUP**

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OCT 16 (SUN) 4:00 PM **TERRI PEAK** **HIKE**
 3.5 mile round trip hike to Terri Peak with 1,000 ft elevation gain. Difficult trail with some very steep areas. BRING: water and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60fwy in Moreno Valley exit Moreno Beach and head south toward Lake Perris, Moreno Beach becomes Iris, turn left onto Grande Vista, just before Lasselle and park at the end of Grande Vista. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or tcarson22@msn.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

OCTOBER 17 - OCTOBER 23

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OCT 18 (TUE) 6:00 PM **SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONS COM** **MEETING**
 Monthly conservation meeting. The public is welcome. LOCATION: Call or email for location & directions. CONTACT: SHAULI ROSEN-RAGER, (951) 767-2203, <gardens@netzon.net>
 SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

OCT 18 (TUE) 7:00 PM **LOS SERRANOS GROUP** **MEETING**
 Program to be announced. Join us for our monthly meeting in our new meeting room at Upland Presbyterian Church. The public is welcome and refreshments will be served. Meeting place: Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid and 11th info: Mary Ann Ruiz, ruizmaryann@gmail.com or 909-815-9379.
 LOS SERRANOS GROUP

OCT 19 (WED) 5:00 PM **SYCAMORE CANYON** **HIKE**
 Approximate 1.5 hour hike in Sycamore Canyon from the Alessandro side. BRING: Jacket, flashlight, water, sturdy shoes. MEET: park in front of U-Store-It storage on Mt. Baldy Dr. - from the 215 go west on Alessandro, right on San Gorgonio, right on Mt. Baldy Dr. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or tcarson22@msn.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

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

OCT 20 (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 21-23 (FRI-SUN) 7:30 AM** **PACIFIC CREST TRAIL (PCT)** **BACKPACK**
 This is the final segment of our PCT Section C Recognition Program, a three-day backpacking adventure from Mission Springs Trail Camp to Interstate 10 near Whitewater River Canyon Preserve. This last leg of the journey is a 29.5 mile PCT through-hike. This completes the 132.9 mile PCT Challenge. MEET: At the Big Bear Lake Vons Shopping Center at 7:30 a.m. or at the trailhead at 830 a.m.. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, over-night camping equipment, bear vault, water purification pump and/or drops, trekking poles, sun protection, 2 quarts of water, food, sunglasses, hat and good hiking shoes. CALL: Advance registration is required, limit of twelve individuals, Hiking Leader, Ed Caliendo, (909) 878-3813 or dogs111@msn.com or Co-Leader, Vicki Hobbs, (909) 771-9899
 BIG BEAR GROUP

****OCT 22 (SAT) 9 AM** **SB MTS HANNA FLATS** **HIKE**
 Hike starts at Gray's Peak trailhead near Fawnskin. Moderate 10 mile round trip to Hanna Flats Campground. Elevation gain 250 ft. Part of the trail is in the burn area from the 2007 fire. We will check how the reforestation is progressing. Fall colors should be at their peak. Bring lunch, adequate water and a jacket. CALL LEADER HEATHER SARGEANT 909-336-2836 for information. Adventure Pass required.
 MOUNTAINS GROUP

OCT 22 (SAT) 7:00 AM **BEAR CANYON BALDY VILLAGE** **HIKE**
 The Bear Canyon Trail—also called the Old Mt. Baldy Trail—offers some of the finest scenery and rewarding views in the San Gabriel Mountains high country. This will be a strenuous hike up Bear Canyon to Bear Flat and then up Mt. Baldy's south ridge to 7,755 elevation, 7.5 miles round trip, about 3,400 ft. elevation gain. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, 2+ liters water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. INFO/LEADERS/RESERVATIONS: John St. Clair, <john@stclairs.us>, 909-983-8501 or co-leader Dean Shimek <dtierra@msn.com>.
 LOS SERRANOS GROUP

OCTOBER 24 - OCTOBER 31

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OCT 25 (TUE) 7:00 PM **SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM** **MEETING**
 Chapter governance meeting. (No December meeting.) PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RALPH SALISBURY (951) 686-4141 <ralphsalisbury@att.net>.
 CHAPTER

OCT 26 (WED) 8:00 AM **PCT-SPLINTERS CABIN TO 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. 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. For more information call Dick Banks at 909-866-9232
 BIG BEAR GROUP

OCT 26 (WED) 5:00 PM **HIDDEN SPRINGS** **HIKE**
 Approximately 3 mile moderately fast paced hike on the Hidden Springs trail. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills and then returns along the street. BRING: flashlight, jacket, water and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Pigeon Pass to left at the light on Hidden Springs Drive. Follow Hidden Springs Drive to Hidden Springs School on the left. Park in the school parking lot or on the street. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or tcarson22@msn.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

OCT 28-30 (FRI-SUN) **DEATH VALLEY** **SERVICE TRIP**
 Wilderness restoration in a beautiful and remote National Park. On Friday, help install wilderness boundary signs in Salsberry Pass. On Saturday, hike 2 miles up Cottonwood Canyon for some work on the trail. Primitive camping in Cottonwood Canyon. Need moderate to high clearance vehicle. Work Friday afternoon and Saturday. Sunday we will be treated to a ranger guided hike thru the narrows of Marble Canyon. Leader: KATE ALLEN, kj.allen96@gmail.com, 661-944-4056.
 CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

OCT 29-30 (SAT-SUN) **GHOST TOWN EXTRAVAGANZA** **CAR CAMP**
 Spend Halloween weekend visiting the ghosts of California's colorful past. Visit this eerie desert landscape near Death Valley; camp at the historic ghost town of Ballarat (flush toilets & hot showers). On Sat, a challenging hike to ghost town Lookout City with historian Hal Fowler who will regale us with tales of this wild west town. Return to camp for Happy Hour and potluck feast, followed by a midnight visit to Ballarat's graveyard. On Sun, a quick visit to the infamous Riley townsite. Group size

strictly limited. Send \$8 per person (Sierra Club), 2 SASE, H&W phones, email, rideshare info to LDR: LYGEIA GERARD, P.O. Box 294726, Phelan, CA 92329, 760-868-2179.

CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

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**
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(3RD TUE) 6:30 PM SAVE OUR SKYLINE: BOX SPRINGS THRU THE BADLANDS
OPEN SPACE MEETING **SAVE OUR SKYLINE: BOX SPRINGS THRU THE BADLANDS**
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT **UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB**
 Help us preserve Moreno Valley's northern skyline & secure a natural open-space corridor between the Box Springs Mountains & the Badlands, including the upper basin of Reche Canyon. We meet at the Coffee Grinder, 23580 Sunnymead Blvd., Moreno Valley. INFO: DAN CLARK, (951) 924-2454 <saveourskyline@roadrunner.com>

(3RD WED) 7:30 PM **AUDUBON SOCIETY** **MEETING**
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT **SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY**
 PROGRAM: A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I 10 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

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OCT 8 (SAT) 9:00 AM **MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE WORK PARTY**
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT **MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE CONSERVANCY**
 Join with members of the Mojave National Preserve Conservancy and the National Park Service to remove another section of abandoned, barbed-wire fence from the Mojave National Preserve. We will meet in the Kelso Depot parking lot at 9 a.m. and work through the afternoon. A Sunday morning project is possible with sufficient interest. Bring leather work gloves, water, sun screen, a hat, and lunch. Layers of clothing are best as temperatures can be unpredictable. Tools will be provided. The group campground at Hole-In-The-Wall (with water and vault toilets) is reserved for Friday and Saturday nights. Sturdy tents with strong stakes are advisable in case of high winds. Directions are available at <http://www.nps.gov/moja/index.htm>. Contact Sid Silliman at gssilliman@csupomona.edu regarding safety precautions for the weekend and to RSVP.

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Sierra Student Coalition

Students: Check out
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Santa Margarita Group

by Jim Mitchell, Chair

We took a vacation from General Meetings in July and August. But all other projects, programs and activities continued in full swing as you can see in the following reports from our very active members:

Teri Biancardi, Educational Outreach Committee member

The Youth Education outreach committee has been busy setting up a new program of events and outings designed for kids, due to start this October. The idea is to get young people out into nature, have some fun and sneak in a bit of learning at the same time.

The outings will be scheduled monthly, at some of the best natural sites in southwest Riverside County. Home-schooled students will have the opportunity to learn about our native plants and wildlife from experts in the field. The events will be free or minimal cost. The committee has had a very positive reaction to the idea of the program from the home-schooling community.

Pam Nelson, Conservation Committee Chair

I attended the Riverside County Planning Commission workshop on the Temecula Valley Wine country expansion project on July 20th. I testified that our Santa Margarita Group suggested that the Plan include a watershed protection element. This would include a map delineating the watercourses and methods to alleviated stream erosion and sediment transport in the area. I showed a map of the watershed with the footprint of the Wine Country expansion outline. Currently, I said, creeks and tributaries are being smothered with silt due to improper activities such as grading, clearing and vehicular use. Protection of these watercourses would help the Plan by benefitting the rural appearance, buffering the noise and disruption of neighboring wineries, maintain wildlife corridors and stabilize creek beds and slopes.

Lynn Davis, Program Chair

On September 15 starting at 6:00 pm, we will hold our first General Meeting back from summer vacation and it will be very special. We are going to show the brand new, award winning film "John Muir, In the New World." The film won top honors in the documentary category at the Fallbrook Film Festival this summer and was then shown nationwide on the American Masters series on the Public Broadcast System (PBS). The film beautifully

depicts the life and career of John Muir, the founder of the Sierra Club. This inspiring and beautiful documentary is set against the magnificent landscapes of the American West. We are going to show the film in the amphitheater of the Ronald Reagan Sports Park in Temecula, out of doors and under the stars. Bring a blanket. Popcorn and cold drinks will be provided by us. What a great end of summer kick off to our fall 2011 meeting schedule.

At our October General Meeting (October 20) we are going to focus on the impact of over-population on the environment. The global population clock is ticking and this October the world population is scheduled to reach 7 billion. The impact of over-population on many fronts is evident, but among the most stunning is the loss of biodiversity — a topic which will be explored at our October 20 general meeting. Doors open at 6:30 for socializing and the program begins at 7pm.

Bob Audibert, Group Outings Committee Chair with hike leader, Gary Marsalone

Hiking is an important part of our group. Here is what we have planned so far for September and October:

On September 10 (SAT) starting at 6:30 AM we are planning to hike on the South Ridge Trail. Enjoy an early morning hike to Tahquitz Peak Lookout Tower. Meet at the "Fort" in Idyllwild between Jo Ann's and the coffee shop at 6:30 AM so we can carpool to the starting point. We will hike from the beginning of the Forest Road to the trail-head on a 9 mile out and back hike to Tahquitz Peak Lookout Tower. The hike is moderately difficult with about 2500 ft of elevation gain. This trail in the summer is shaded by pines, oak and in the early morning the mountain ridge. The views along the trail and from the Tower provide fabulous vistas from the Garner Valley all the way to the ocean in the West. Directions: From the "Fort" in Idyllwild drive south on highway 243, turn left at Saunders Meadow Rd (Mile High Cafe) and left again on Pine. Park on the side of the road at the junction of Forest Rd 5S21. Wilderness Pass not needed here. But if you park at the trailhead up the Forest Rd., a wilderness pass is needed. I will obtain trail use passes for those that register for the hike in advance. There is no fee for this pass. BRING: 5 liters water; snacks; Ten Essentials, and layered clothing. RAIN CANCELS. To register for the hike or if you have questions about the hike contact me,



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

On October 8 (SAT) starting at 6:30 AM we are planning to hike on the Cahuilla Mountain Peak. Meet at the Casino parking lot at 6:30 AM so we can carpool to the starting point. We will hike a 6 mile out and back hike to Cahuilla Mountain Peak. The hike is moderately difficult with about 1,200 ft of elevation gain. This trail in the summer is not shaded until near the top where pines & oak provide some shade. The views along the trail and from the peak provide views of Vail Lake, Palomar Mountain, and the Santa Anna Mountains in the West. Directions: From Temecula take 79 south to Hwy 371. The Casino parking is on the right when you near Anza. The trail is off of Cary Road on your right. Turn right here, you will see Cahuilla Mountain welcoming you just off this road on your left on Hwy 371 just past the Casino. BRING: 5 liters water; Snacks; Ten Essentials, and layered clothing. RAIN CANCELS. To register for the hike or if you have questions about the hike contact me, Gary Marsalone, at (858) 663-1201 or hikesie@gmail.com. Also check our Santa Margarita Group web site at (www.sierraclubsmg.org).

led by Bob Audibert to Suicide Rock followed by a well-earned picnic at the Idyllwild Nature Center. After the picnic, we had a wonderful docent, Mr. Scott Fisher, lead us on a leisurely 1-1/2 mile hike through the surrounding pine trees. We were even treated to the special sight of some native Lemon Lilies in bloom, which are relatively uncommon in the area. Scott did a great job telling our group about the history of this unique plant. He also gave us a unique perspective on the geology and history of the Idyllwild area.

Now, I would like to get your response to 3 outing ideas I am considering:

#1. GUIDED BUS TOUR OF THE LOS ANGELES RIVER.

Sit back and ride in a full-sized, air conditioned tour bus. We will explore the cultural and natural history of the River by visiting locations along the way that demonstrate a variety of different realities and futures for the River. Tours are led by environmental writer Jenny Price who wrote "Thirteen Ways of Seeing Nature in L.A."

#2. CAR CARAVAN TOUR OF THE LOS ANGELES RIVER.

Jenny Price takes groups of adventurous explorers to the lovely and green Glendale Narrows section of the River, as well as the concrete canyon known for its role in movies and on TV.

#3. PRIVATE GUIDED TOURS OF THE LOS ANGELES RIVER.

Available anytime on request.

I would love some feedback as to which one of these you think would be the most interesting for our group. I believe that Jenny Price leads all the tours. From what I've heard and read, she is amazing! Let me hear from you at (laurie_r_w@yahoo.com). Thanks

OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE AT THE RONALD REAGAN SPORTS PARK AMPHITHEATER IN TEMECULA WHERE WE WILL BE SHOWING THE FILM "JOHN MUIR, IN THE NEW WORLD" STARTING AT 6PM.

ALSO CHECK OUT OUR SANTA MARGARITA GROUP WEB SITE AT (www.sierraclubsmg.org).



Docent Scott Fisher describes the plant life and area geology to Idyllwild hikers.
Photo by Laurie Webster

Laurie Webster, Outings Committee, Chair

First, I would like to tell you about a wonderful trip we had to Idyllwild in the San Jacinto Mountains July 10 for a picnic and hike, a perfect place to escape the heat of the valley!

Several Sierra Club SMG members and friends made the beautiful drive for an early morning hike

Chapter Awards Presented at June Meeting at the San Bernardino Museum

by Carol Wiley

This year there were two recipients for the Ralph Salisbury Outings Award. The Ralph Salisbury Outings Award was added as a fourth Chapter Award in 2007 and is given annually to someone who demonstrates a long time commitment to the outings program by organizing, leading and supporting the hikes and outings. This award was named in honor of Ralph Salisbury for his long time commitment to the Sierra Club outings program in which he served as the Outings Chair, both organizing and leading outings and by providing the Leadership Training Classes for many years, training Sierra Club members to be competent outings leaders. In 2008 the award was presented to Bill Eng; in 2009 to Al and Ann Murdy; and in 2010 to Patty Thorne.

Ed Wallace (pictured below with Christie Walker) of the Big Bear Group was presented this honor by Christie Walker, of the Big Bear Group, for his dedicated efforts



in leading hikes and outings for the Sierra Club.

Ed has been very instrumental in developing the hiking program and maintaining it for the Big Bear Group and has also been instrumental

In recruiting new hike leaders for the Big Bear Valley and for creating the Peaks of Big

Bear program. When he's not hiking our local mountains, you will find Ed hiking the Sierra's each summer. He is greatly appreciated by the Big Bear Group.

The other recipient of the Ralph Salisbury Outings Award was Heather Sargeant of the



Mountains Group. Dave Barrie, Chair of the Mountains Group, presented the award to Heather (pictured above) in recognition of her long time contributions as an outings leader. Heather joined the Sierra Club in June 1986, so she has just reached her 25th anniversary with the Sierra Club. In her 25 years with the Mountains Group Heather has been Chair (twice) Vice Chair (twice) Newsletter Editor, Historian (forever), and is our representative on the Board of the Mountain Thrift Shoppe – the primary source of funding that they use for conservation battles, for an annual scholarship at Rim High School, and for programs for kids at the Children's Forest. And she undoubtedly sells more Sierra Club calendars than anyone else in the Chapter – every year! And all the while Heather is planning and leading hikes, helping us explore our local mountains, making it possible for us to enjoy scenery we might not have seen before, and reminding us why we work to protect our environment. She is also involved in overseeing events at Keller Hut (like our Holiday Party and Spring Retreat) and organizing the annual gathering at Shady Cove campground near Keller Peak. And in her spare time she can be found backpacking on the John Muir trail, participating in service trips, trekking in South Africa, or climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro.

In recognition of all that Heather has done for the Sierra Club she was awarded the Marjorie and Clark Jones Service Award in 2005.

Mary Ann Ruiz of the Los Serranos Group is the recipient of the Joe Momeyer Conservation Award, which is given for outstanding contributions to the conservation effort over a number of years. Mary Ann has been very active in many of our conservation issues including serving as Chair of the San Gabriel Mountains Forever Campaign East Group. Besides all the time and energy she has dedicated to conservation issues, she also created the group website, served as chair of the Los Serranos Group, hosts meetings at her home, writes the Los Serranos articles for the *Palm & Pine*, sets up programs for the group, leads many hikes and organizes the San Antonio Creek cleanups. Mary



Jones Service Award by Ralph Salisbury, Chapter Chair. This award is given for outstanding contributions to any and all other chapter activities over a number of years. Kim received the Joe Momeyer

Conservation Award in 2008 for his outstanding conservation contributions; however, Kim continues to contribute significantly in many other ways. He has spent countless hours working with a chapter team on developing a plan to build the chapter and continues to work on that monthly. He has served on the San Gorgonio Chapter Excom for many years. He is currently the San Gorgonio Chapter Conservation Chair, having served continuously in that position for 8 years now and is also the Excom secretary. There is no element of the San Gorgonio Conservation program in which Kim isn't personally involved, including attending hearings, making comments and working with all chapter activists involved on the issue. He has worked on desert issues and works with other conservation groups. He also serves as a Chapter Delegate to the CNRCC.



Ann was not able to be at the chapter membership meeting, so Dean Shimek (pictured above with Carol Wiley) accepted the award for her and presented the plaque to her at the following Los Serranos meeting where she received a big round of applause. Sid Silliman, who was last years recipient of this award was also there to honor this "wilderness warrior."

Kim Floyd (pictured below with Ralph Salisbury) was presented the Marjorie & Clark

The Alice Krueper Service Award is given for longtime service to a non-Sierra Club entity in the name of the Sierra Club and will be awarded at a later date.

A big thanks to Dean Shimek, Dave Barrie, Ralph Salisbury and Christie Walker for their assistance with this article. Also a big thanks to the Awards Committee for their help in making these awards happen.



Gift Planning and Bequests

Sierra Club San Gorgonio Chapter

by Kim Floyd

My wife and I have been Club members for nearly 40 years. My mother was also a long-time member before us. We just always have loved the "idea" of free, healthy, and open habitat and species. We also have long recognized the need to protect habitat and species from overuse and other abuses. We both grew up in rural Michigan and gravitated to a big city and suburban life including 15 years living in downtown Los Angeles.

My experience as a member of the San Gorgonio Chapter Executive Committee over the past eight years has highlighted a significant fact regarding the finances of the Chapter. The Chapter's share of membership dues and our annual fund appeal provide for all administrative costs including rent, *Palm & Pine* printing and mailing, telephone costs, etc. The fund appeal income about equals our "operating" costs.

Virtually all of the Chapter's conservation related costs, generally litigation costs, are paid from funds received by the Chapter as bequests. This Chapter has had the good fortune to have our wonderful members remember the Chapter in their wills. Small, medium and large bequests over the years have provided funds for many activist actions. Our most recent bequests have been from Ernest Kirk and Thelma Brown. With funds from bequests, the Chapter has been able to support activists' efforts to protect our local forests, desert habitat, mountains, and other public lands. We also have been able to help protect local endangered and threatened species such as flying squirrels, golden eagles, desert tortoises, and burrowing owls to name a few. Bequests from our members have allowed our Chapter activists to focus more on conservation issues and less on fund raising.

Back to our personal situation, my mother's estate was modest and she thoughtfully left modest amounts of money for me and each of my three siblings. My wife and I have decided to make a bequest to the Sierra Club San Gorgonio Chapter of an amount equal to my mother's bequest to me. I know that she would be happy to know that we are able to make this gift in her name to help protect Mother Earth. We would like to encourage each Club member to consider a bequest to the Club. Bequest funding is an important tool to help protect our local environment. The process is very simple and can be handled with very little effort by calling or emailing Kim Floyd at the San Gorgonio Chapter 760-680-9479 or kimffloyd@fastmail.fm or contacting Gift Planning Program, Sierra Club, 85 Second Street, 2nd Floor, San Francisco, California, 94105; gift.planning@sierraclub.org; (800) 932-4270.



A San Gabriel Mountains Study Could Bring Major Changes to Our Local Forests

by Juana Torres
Sierra Club National Staff

Quietly, beneath the radar a congressional study is going forward that offers a once in a generation opportunity to bring in more resources to the San Gabriel Mountains to improve healthy, non-motorized recreation and better protect the forest's natural and cultural resources.

Based on legislation authored by former congresswoman and environmental champion Hilda Solis in 2003, the National Park Service is conducting a "San Gabriel Watershed and Mountains Special Resource Study" whose results will be presented to Congress in early 2012. The study area includes most of the San Gabriel Mountains and watershed cities south from Glendora to Whittier.

The scope of the study is so sweeping that it could provide the impetus for creating a new vision for how the Angeles National Forest is managed by the Forest Service. The special resource study will make recommendations on how to better meet the public's recreational needs, restore natural resources and wildlife habitat, and improve water quality in the San Gabriel River. Moreover, the National Park Service may be able to add new resources to the equation to implement study recommendations in collaboration with the Forest Service.

The special resources study team will release its draft proposals in late August and will be seeking public comment in a series of meetings. As soon as the dates and locations are released we will post them on our website (www.sangabrielmountains.org). So please check back often for updates!

The Angeles National Forest is one of the top three most heavily used recreational forests in the United States and it is located next to the nation's second largest urban population, yet

the Forest Service spends most of its annual budget on firefighting, not enhancing the visitor experience or protecting the resource. The Angeles Forest spends only about one dollar per visitor on law enforcement, educational materials, interpretive services, and visitor center management. According to figures supplied by the San Gabriel Mountains Forever Campaign, the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area spends 15 times more per visitor supporting education and recreation than does the Angeles Nation Forest.

The Forest Service acknowledged its own lack of resources to support recreation in the San Gabriel Mountains in a study it issued a few years back. This lack of resources in high use areas along the San Gabriel River north of Azusa leads to visitor experiences and water quality far from what they could be due to a lack of trash cans, restrooms, visitor education, and rangers. There are no education materials or signs-let alone multilingual ones-to let visitors know about the hiking and wilderness opportunities just a few miles away.

The San Gabriel Mountains special resource study promises to provide Congress with the rationale to improve the relationship between visitors and the historic mountains and rivers in their backyard. Not only could the study findings form the basis for obtaining more recreational resources for the Angeles National Forest, it could also advocate for the expansion of wilderness protection to the remaining 100,000 plus acres of undeveloped back country eligible for designation as wilderness. For more information, an analysis of its recommendations, and information on how you can help out visit the San Gabriel Mountains Forever website listed previously in this article or call Juana Torres at 213-387-6528 x226.



A lack of resources for visitors of the San Gabriel Mountains makes basic things like access trails absent in certain areas along the San Gabriel River. Photo Courtesy: Andrew Harvey



The Green Thing

Author: Anonymous
Submitted by Sherry Noone,
Mountains Group

In the line at the store, the cashier told an older woman that she should bring her own grocery bags because plastic bags weren't good for the environment. The woman apologized to him and explained, "We didn't have the green thing back in my day."

The clerk responded, "That's our problem today. Your generation did not care enough to save our environment." He was right — our generation didn't have the green thing in its day. Back then, we returned milk bottles, soda bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled.

But we didn't have the green thing back in our day. We walked up stairs, because we didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. We walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go two blocks.

But she was right. We didn't have the green thing in our day. Back then, we washed the baby's diapers because we didn't have the throw-away kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy gobbling machine burning up 220 volts — wind and solar power really did dry the clothes. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing.

But that old lady is right; we didn't have the green thing back in our day. Back then, we had one TV, or radio, in the house — not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief (remember them?), not a screen the size of the state of Montana.

In the kitchen, we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us. When we packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, we used a wadded up old newspaper to cushion it, not styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap.

Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity.

But she's right; we didn't have the green thing back then. We drank from a fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water. We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull.

But we didn't have the green thing back then. Back then, people took the streetcar or a bus and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their moms into a 24-hour taxi service. We had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And we didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 2,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest pizza joint!

William "Bill" Baker Voss

July 17, 1915 - June 12, 2011

Sonora resident William Baker Voss died June 12 at Sonora Regional Medical Center. He was 95.

Born in Rockwell City, Iowa to Enoch George Voss and LuLu Moore Porter, the family moved to Oregon when he was 2.

He graduated from Willamette University in Oregon and then attended California Institute of Technology in 1937 for one year of post-graduate work in physics. His first job was at Technicolor as a color technician while attending Caltech. He met his first wife, Dorothy Norse, during this time.

He was a avid mountain climber and skier, climbing a large percentage of the Eastern Sierra. He was very active in the Sierra Club in the 1930-40s and helped build Keller Ski Hut in Snow Valley and Mt. San Antonio Ski Hut on the high slopes of Mt. San Antonio. He also named Mt. Tensor, Mt. Matrix and Mt. Vector, three of the highest peaks of the Coxcomb Mountains in the Mohave Desert.

He leaves behind his wife, Ernestine, of 53 years of marriage, three children, Richard Voss, Nikie Hobba and Virginia Thompson. He has four Grandchildren, Severin Thomas, Heather Keith-Goins, Erik Hopper and Shannon Keith and four Great-Grandchildren, Cade Goins, Link Goins, jRoxanne Thomas and Jacob Thomas. He leaves a nephew, Christopher Voss and a niece Carolyn Voss-Scribner.



Moving Planet: A Day to Move Beyond Fossil Fuels

**September 24, 2011 –
Around the World**

Sierra Club's Michael Brune and Bill McKibben from 350.org will be sharing a stage September 24 to move towards a sustainable future.

Introduction

Moving Planet is a worldwide rally on September 24, 2011 to call for solutions to the climate crisis—a single day to move away from fossil fuels. In cities and towns across the world, people will take to the streets on bicycles, skateboards, foot, and more, coming together as a global community dedicated to moving our planet in a new direction.

Imagine thousands of bicyclists flooding the streets of capitols from Beijing to Washington, DC. Spontaneous dance parties in Sydney and Johannesburg. Boat races down the Amazon and the Nile. Thousands of people in Papua New Guinea moving their homes from the coast further inland to avoid rising seas. In each place, people will be calling for a local solution to move their community away from fossil fuels and towards a sustainable future.

Many of these events and more are already underway! Stay tuned to moving-planet.org and 350.org for more updates over the coming weeks.

Who's organizing this?

Moving Planet will be the cumulative effort of hundreds of organizations and thousands of volunteer organizers across the planet, but spearheading the effort is international climate campaign, 350.org.

350.org is an international climate campaign with a network of over 500,000 supporters and over 1,000 partner organizations around the world. The campaign is named after 350 parts per million, the safe upper limit of carbon dioxide in our atmosphere according to the latest science (current CO2 levels are at 390ppm).

Over the last two years, 350.org has organized some of the largest mobilizations in the planet's history: over 5,200 climate rallies in 182 countries in 2009 and more than 7,200 "work parties" in 188 countries in 2010. The day's have been a big success in the media, making headlines around the world. And they've made a political impact: in 2009, 112 countries adopted the 350 ppm CO2 target and in 2010 the campaign successfully pushed the White House to put solar panels back on the roof as part of the 10/10/10 Global Work Party.

350.org has a small team of staff that is dedicated to making it as easy for partners as possible to join the organizing effort and help make Moving Planet a success.

How can I help?

Making Moving Planet a success will require thousands of organizations, businesses, and individuals to take the day and make it their own. This is an "open-source" movement and we need your help. Here are some of the key ways that you can help:

- **Spread the word:** Spreading the word about Moving Planet to your supporters or customers is a great way to help build up momentum for the big day.
 - **Organize a Sept 24 Event:** Hosting or joining a Moving Planet event on September 24 is a great way to participate in a global movement. The focus of your event is up to you, so use it to promote what you think best fits your context!
 - **Provide advice:** Got tips about organizing big events? Know bicycle coalitions we should connect with? Is your sister a celebrity who wants to join the effort? We're always open to advice at 350.org and take your feedback seriously.
- How can 350.org help me?**
At 350.org, we do our best to provide as many resources as possible to our partners who are interested in participating in Moving Planet.
- **Materials:** 350.org has a talented graphic design team (ok, one guy) who will be developing a host of attractive logos, graphics, and materials to support Moving Planet.
 - **Advice:** Our team has led numerous global campaigns and is well-connected in the world of online and grassroots advocacy. We're no experts, but we may be able to provide some advice on how to spread your message or idea to a larger audience and how Moving Planet can plug in.
 - **Supporters:** We've got a growing network of supporters that we'd love to plug into your event as well as make aware of the work that you're doing to support Moving Planet.
 - **Publicity:** Big, exciting, and beautiful global days of action are a great way to get the attention of the public, media, and decision makers – we want you to be part of that story.
 - **Money?** 350.org operates on a relative shoe-string for a global operation, so we can't fund individual events. This is going to have to be a group effort!

Let's keep in touch!

Moving Planet is more than just a day, it's an exciting way to continue to build a global movement to solve the climate crisis. We look forward to working with you over the coming months to move our planet in a new direction!

Contact Chapter Chair, Ralph Salisbury

<ralphsalisbury.att.net> with your ideas for local events.

Last Call for Executive Committee Volunteers

The Nominating Committee for this year's Executive Committee election continues to look for candidates to fill eight available positions.

This is an opportunity for you to make a difference in your community and to help the Chapter meet the environmental challenges of Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

If you would like to be considered for nomination, or know someone that you would want to present for nomination, please contact Ralph Salisbury at ralphsalisbury@att.net or Dave Barrie at barriemail@mac.com.



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