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## Membership Meetings

**Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> • 7:30 PM**  
"Adventure in Peru"

**Presented by: Tracy Hutchinson**  
(see write up on Page 1)

**Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> • 7:30 PM**  
"Beautiful Bali"

**Presented by: Mike and Jan Millspaugh**  
(see write up on Page 12)

Programs are held at the  
**San Bernardino**  
**County Museum, 2024 Orange**  
**Tree Lane, Redlands**  
(California St. exit off 10 Fwy)

## Happy Birthday, Smokey!

*For 70 years Smokey Bear has played an important role in spreading messages of wildfire prevention and forest conservation.*

**S**mokey Bear was born on August 9, 1944, when the U.S. Forest Service and the Ad Council agreed that a fictional bear named Smokey would be the symbol for their joint effort to promote forest fire prevention.

The Smokey Bear Wildfire Prevention campaign is the longest running public service advertising campaign in U.S. history. Artist Albert Staehle was asked to paint the first poster of Smokey Bear. It depicted a bear pouring a bucket of water on a campfire and saying "Care will prevent 9 out of 10 fires."

Smokey Bear soon became very popular as his image appeared on a variety of forest fire prevention materials. In 1947 his slogan became the familiar

"Only YOU Can Prevent Forest Fires!"

Then in the spring of 1950, in the Capitan Mountains of New Mexico, a young bear cub found himself caught in a burning forest. He took refuge in a tree, and while managing to stay alive was left badly burned. The firefighters who retrieved him were so moved by his bravery, they named him Smokey. News about this real bear named Smokey spread across the Nation, and he was soon given a new home at the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. Despite the campaign's success over the years, wildfire prevention remains one of the most critical issues affecting our country, and Smokey's message is as relevant today – especially with our drought conditions in the Western U.S. – as it was in 1944. Smokey died in 1976 and was returned to Capitan, New Mexico, where he is buried in the State Historical Park.



## Chapter's September Program: Plastic Paradise: The Great Pacific Garbage Patch A Film by Angela Sun

**T**racy Hutchinson will present a slide show of her adventure in Peru earlier this year. The meeting starts at 7:30 PM September 2<sup>nd</sup> at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands.

Tracy's Peru trip took her to Lima, the nation's capital, Cuzco, the ancient seat of the Inca Empire, and Machu Picchu, the mysterious lost city of the Inca.

We heard from Tracy last year when she gave us a program about her walking the Camino de Santiago, the pilgrimage route that starts in France, crosses

the Pyrenees Mountains and ends at Santiago de Compostela in Spain after more than 500 miles.

Tracy's visit to Peru was part of her grand plan to visit all seven of the Wonders of the Modern World, a list that includes Machu Picchu.

While in Lima, she stayed in Miraflores, a pleasant seaside district. She was impressed by Lima's new Magic Water Tour with its many spectacular fountains, colorfully illuminated at night. Though receiving very little rainfall, coastal Peru has five percent of the world's water supply due to the many rivers flowing down from the Andes.

Cuzco, like Lima, has many



## Palm and Pine Fund Appeal

**I**t'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.

Did you know that the chapter receives only \$1 each year from your Sierra Club membership dues for publication of your Chapter Newsletter?

The Fall Fund Appeal is specifically designated to help make up the difference between our actual costs and the dollars received. Your contribution allows continued publication of the Inland Empire's most comprehensive environmental newspaper. The *Palm and Pine* is the main source of information for those participating in our Outings program. In fact, on the average about 30% of the total newspaper is devoted to Outings.

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

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



## Political Update By Jono Hildner, San Gorgonio Chapter Political Chair



### Sierra Club Endorsements for 2014

**S**ierra Club of California has endorsed candidates in six of the races for state-wide offices:



Kamala Harris for  
Attorney General



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Colonial Era churches, palaces and monasteries. Many of the old Cuzco buildings incorporate stones from earlier Inca temples and palaces. At an elevation of 10,000 feet Cuzco is also a great place to acclimate before starting the trek to Machu Picchu.

Tracy's five-day tour from Cuzco to Machu Picchu included visits to several Inca ruins, a mountain bicycle descent from 14,000 feet through the Sacred Valley, flying



over the tree tops via a zip line, and soaking in the Aguas Calientes hot springs. Machu Picchu itself is truly a wonder of the world. While exploring the site, Tracy caught a child before he slipped off the edge of a sheer cliff.

Tracy is a life skills coach, tech "guru" and social media strategist residing in Riverside. She has authored the book *Revealing the Hero Within*.



"You know, dad...a campfire is nature's TV, but with only one channel."

# Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

## SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2014

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

### CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

**DEADLINE:** Items for the November/December 2014 Calendar are due by October 1, 2014.

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

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

**MEETINGS** & other events: Send electronically to Ladd Seekins at <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com>

### GENERAL INFORMATION/RULES/DISCLAIMERS

All Outings Leaders are Chapter Certified Leaders having appropriate Outings Training Courses, First Aid Courses, and 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**. 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 and water for emergency use only 9) Extra clothing including rainwear 10) Sun protection including sunscreen/sunglasses/hat. Carpooling is encouraged, but solely the responsibility of individual participants. The Sierra Club and its leaders may facilitate carpooling, however they will not assign. Drivers should have adequate insurance coverage and their vehicle should have no safety defects. For Sierra Club facilitated carpooling, drivers agree to not consume any alcoholic beverages. It is customary for riders to share expenses with the driver. Five cents per mile per person might be a reasonable suggested amount. The above information applies to Sierra Club Outings only. Non-Sierra Club activities may be listed in a separate location as a courtesy. Please be sure to read the disclaimer that accompanies these activities.

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

**CARPPOOLING POLICY** - In the interests of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements and 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.

**LIABILITY WAIVER** - In order to participate on one of the Sierra Club's outings, you will need to sign a liability waiver. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver prior to the outing, please see <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/> or call 415-977-5630. You will also find the entire waiver printed in the Outings Section of the *Palm and Pine*.

### RECURRING MONTHLY MEETINGS

(LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

**(1ST MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on Feb 3, Apr 7, May 5, Oct 6, Nov 3. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**(1ST TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING**  
PROGRAM: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com>. (909) 800-3911 CHAPTER

**(1ST WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ED WALLACE, (909) 584-9407, www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. BIG BEAR GROUP

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

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

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

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

**(2ND THU) 6:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except July and August. The public is welcome. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 <sierraclubsmg@gmail.com> SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**(3RD TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly program meetings (except July and August). The public is welcome and refreshments will be served. See Los Serranos webpage for detailed program information. www.sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/losserranos. PLACE: Educational Building, First Presbyterian Church, 869 N. Euclid Ave, Upland CA. INFO: Brian Elliott (chairperson), email: brianelli@aol.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**(3RD THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ED WALLACE, (909) 584-9407, www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org BIG BEAR GROUP

**(4TH TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**  
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RICK ESTES (951) 314-3328 <scsangor@gmail.com>. CHAPTER

### WEEKLY RECURRING 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. SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER

**MON 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING HIKE HIKE**  
Please join me for a 3 to 6 mile conditioning walk (usually 3 miles) beside the Mojave River in Apple Valley. We leave promptly at 7 PM. MEET: In the Jess Ranch Marketplace parking lot closest to the Mojave River Bed, between the Jess Ranch Cinemark and Bed, Bath & Beyond Store, address: 18815 Bear Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308. Light post location is 158. Come enjoy the evening air, river breeze, sunsets, stars & moon on this Mojave River walk. BRING: Flashlight & water. WEAR: layered clothing and good hiking shoes. For questionable weather please call Leader: Melody Nichols (760) 961-0731. MOJAVE GROUP

**WED 7:00 PM MOVAVE GROUP CONDITIONING WALK WALK**  
Please join us for a 3 mile conditioning walk beside the Mojave River in Apple Valley. We leave promptly at 7 PM. MEET: In the Jess Ranch Marketplace parking lot closest to the Mojave River Bed, between the Jess Ranch Cinemark and Bed, Bath & Beyond Store, address: 18815 Bear Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308. Light post location is 158. Walks are paced for participants. Come enjoy the evening air, river breeze, sunsets, stars & moon on this 3 mile Mojave River walk. BRING: Flashlight & water. WEAR: layered clothing and good hiking shoes. Leaders: Bill Spreng bspreng@gte.net (760) 951-4520 or Jenny Wilder (760) 220-0730 jensoasis@aol.com. MOJAVE GROUP

**FRI 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING HIKE HIKE**  
Please join me for a 3 to 6 mile conditioning walk (usually 3 miles) beside the Mojave River in Apple Valley. We leave promptly at 7 PM. MEET: In the Jess Ranch Marketplace parking lot closest to the Mojave River Bed, between the Jess Ranch Cinemark and Bed, Bath & Beyond Store, Address: 18815 Bear Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308. Light post location is 158. Come enjoy the evening air, river breeze, sunsets, stars & moon on this Mojave River walk. BRING: Flashlight & water. WEAR: layered clothing and good hiking shoes. For questionable weather please call Leader: Melody Nichols (760) 961-0731 MOJAVE GROUP

### AUGUST 11 – AUGUST 17

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

**AUG 13 (WED) 6:30 AM CUCAMONGA PEAK HIKE**  
This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Cucamonga Peak (elevation 8859 ft), 12.8 miles round trip with 3850 ft. elevation gain. The trail follows the creek for the first 1 1/2 miles under a canopy of oak, spruce, fir, and pine. Scenic view in all directions from the top of Cucamonga Peak. Rain cancels. Adventure Pass required at trailhead. BRING: sturdy boots, 3 liters water, lunch, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: John St. Clair, 909-983-8501, <john@stclairs.us> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**\*\*AUG 16 (SAT) 7:30 AM GRINNELL MOUNTAIN PEAK HIKE**  
Grinnell Mountain is located within the San Gorgonio Wilderness at an elevation of (10,284'). Our hike will begin at Aspen Grove trailhead (7,410') and we will hike 2.0 miles to the Fish Creek trail junction before our accent begins. Upon reaching Fish Creek Saddle (9,805') we will hike cross-country to Grinnell Mountain Peak, a total accent of 2,874 feet and a total distance of 6.3 miles. We will return to same route making our entire hike 12.6 miles. RATED: Strenuous, BRING: ten-essentials, lunch, 3 liters of water, sun-protection, and rain protection. MEET: We can meet either at the Vons Shopping Center in Big Bear Lake or at the Aspen Grove Trailhead. An Adventure Pass is required for parking at the trailhead. CALL: Register early as the U.S. Forest service limits our group size to a maximum of 12 individuals. To register, please contact David Melton, Hiking Leader at (760) 408-2456. BIG BEAR GROUP

### AUGUST 18 – AUGUST 31

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

**AUG 21 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ED WALLACE, (909) 584-9407, www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org BIG BEAR GROUP

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**AUG 21-24 (THU-SUN) FROG LAKE HOOVER WILDERNESS BACKPACK**  
In celebration of this year's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Wilderness Act, join us for one of the easiest backpacks in the Hoover Wilderness in the High Sierra. Beautiful Frog Lake sits at an elevation of 10,300' surrounded by other pristine lakes. We'll meet early Thursday afternoon at the Virginia Lakes trailhead, south of Bridgeport (approximately 300 miles one-way from Victorville). From there we'll pack approximately 1-1/2 miles and 600 ft. gain to our destination. There will be dayhikes, fishing, lots of relaxation, a potluck "trashbag salad," and other fun activities. Although the hike is easy, you must be well conditioned. Beginner backpackers in good shape are welcome as long as you have all the necessary gear. Well behaved dogs in good condition are also welcome. Contact leader for more information: Lygeia Gerard, (760) 868-2179, Goody2shz@yahoo.com. Co-leader: Bob Mourino. MOJAVE GROUP

**\*\*AUG 23-29 ANSEL ADAMS WILDERNESS ADVENTURE BACKPACK**  
We will explore the Lillian Lake Loop within the Ansel Adams Wilderness. This Wilderness is located within the Sierra Nation Forest, northwest of Mammoth Lakes. Starting at the Clover Meadow Ranger Station, we will hike the Fernandez Trail to Vandenburg Lake and camp before continuing our journey to Lady Lake, Chittenden Lake, Gale Lake, Lillian Lake, Ruth Lake, Rainbow Lake, and Flat Lake. While we could complete the entire trip in three days, the country is just too scenic and several of its lakes too beautiful rush through this wilderness! You will be surrounded by some of the most beautiful scenery the High Sierra has to offer. If trout fishing is your second passion, then bring your fly rod and give it a try! BRING: ten-essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, insect repellent, tent, bear canister, sleeping bag, food, water purification, cooking system, and rain gear. An Adventure Pass will be required to park at the trailhead. CALL: Space is limited to 8-participants, call for reservations, Ed Caliendo, Hiking Leader at (442) 242-4103 or dogs111@msn.com or Co-Leader, Terrence McCorkle at (760) 252-2194. BIG BEAR GROUP

**AUG 26 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**  
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RICK ESTES (951) 314-3328 <scsangor@gmail.com>. CHAPTER

### SEPTEMBER 1 – SEPTEMBER 7

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

**SEP 2 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING**  
PROGRAM: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com>. (909) 800-3911 CHAPTER

**SEP 3 (WED) 5:00 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE**  
Moderate 3.5-mile loop hike on the Hidden Springs trail and arroyo. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills and then returns through the arroyo. We start promptly at 5:00. BRING: water and sturdy shoes. MEET: Hidden Springs Elementary School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr. Moreno Valley, 92557. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: Theresa Carson (951) 660-7246 or tlcars01@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**SEP 3 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ED WALLACE, (909) 584-9407, www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. BIG BEAR GROUP

**SEP 4 (THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, call Brian Elliott (chairperson), email: brianelli@aol.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**SEP 6 (SAT) 8:00 AM OAK GLEN HIKE**  
The lovely hike to a small Oak Glen in Arrastre Canyon is about 5-6 miles round trip. The hike includes visiting unique plant assemblages, a small stand of oaks, impressive clusters of huge boulders, a water cave and lovely views of the Victor Valley. We will be hiking through the public lands where the North Peak Wind Farm is being proposed by E.ON. Wear sturdy hiking boots, layered clothing, sunscreen and hat. Bring at least 2-3 quarts of water, lunch/snacks and a hiking stick. Don't forget the camera and binoculars! High clearance vehicle is recommended. Meet at the Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road at 8:00am. For more information and to sign up, contact Carol Stubblefield yorkshirerose1@juno.com 760 964 0039 or Jenny Wilder at JensOasis@aol.com 760 220 0730 MOJAVE GROUP

**SEP 6 (SAT) 8:00 AM WELLMAN DIVIDE (PALM SPRINGS TRAM) HIKE**  
Escape the heat on a delightful semi-loop 6.9 mile hike in San Jacinto State Park. The hike starts from the Tram's 8400' Mountain Station and climbs to Wellman Divide (9700') where spectacular views of the Desert Divide and the country to the south toward San Diego await. The hike feels more substantial than the numbers would indicate due to the altitude and occasional steep step-ups in rocky sections. Note: the state park can be cool even when the valleys are hot. RATED: Moderate TRAM FEE: \$23.95 per person, \$21.95 for age 62 and up. MEET: At the Tram Station lobby at the end of Tram Way Road, drive west uphill from the visitor's center on Highway 111 (N. Palm Canyon Dr.) at the northwest end of Palm Springs. At the time of this write-up, parking was free. BRING: Ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, light lunch, 2-liters of water RESERVATIONS: Contact Dave Melton, Hike Leader at (760) 408-2456 or dmelton61@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

**\*\* SEP 7 (SUN) 8:00 AM WATERLINE TRAIL HIKE**  
This is a 7 to 8 mile loop hike that takes us along a beautiful section of the south fork of the Santa River. A portion of the hike will follow the flume that supplies water to Jenks Lake with wonderful views of the Santa Anna River Canyon. RATED: Moderate. This hike is in portions of the San Gorgonio Wilderness. Space will be limited because of permit restrictions. The trail in part is unmaintained with some difficult stream and downed tree crossings being part of the adventure. MEET: We will meet at the Vons parking lot at 42170 Big Bear Blvd. Big Bear Lake, CA at 8:00 AM. BRING: ten essentials, 2 liters of water and lunch For trailhead information and RESERVATIONS: call Ed Wallace 909 584 9407 or email at ednjeanne@charter.net BIG BEAR GROUP

### SEPTEMBER 8 – SEPTEMBER 14

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings  
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**SEP 8 (MON) 7:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

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

**SEP 10 (WED) 5:00 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE**  
Moderate 3.5-mile loop hike on the Hidden Springs trail and arroyo. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills and then returns through the arroyo. We start promptly at 5:00. BRING: water and sturdy shoes. MEET: Hidden Springs Elementary School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr. Moreno Valley, 92557. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: Theresa Carson (951) 660-7246 or tlcars01@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**SEP 10 (WED) 9:00 AM SAN DIMAS CANYON HIKE**  
Here's an easy stroll terminating at the San Dimas Dam that was built in 1921 to mitigate area flooding. Elevation gain is a mere 400' for this 2.5 mile R/T jaunt. River sights and sounds are to our left as we approach the dam. BRING: water, sturdy boots and layered clothing. Please call to confirm by 5:00 PM September 9. LEADER: JEFF WARHOL (909) 985-7686 or email jmwandjw@hotmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**SEP 10 (WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: CAROL WILEY, (760) 245-8734, <desertlily1@verizon.net> MOJAVE GROUP

**SEP 11 (THU) 6:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except July and August. The public is welcome. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 <sierraclubsmg@gmail.com> SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**SEP 13 (SAT) 7:30 AM BOX SPRINGS PARK HIKE**  
Moderate 5-mile hike to the towers on the Spring Trail, trail has some steep areas. BRING: water and sturdy shoes and parking fee, \$5 per car. MEET: 9660 Box Springs Mountain Road, Moreno Valley, 92557. From 60fwy in Moreno Valley, exit on Pigeon Pass. Drive north on Pigeon Pass about 4 miles, turns into Box Springs Mountain Rd. and soon turns to dirt. In 1.2 miles you reach the parking area on the right. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADERS: Eileen O'Brien (951) 616-9739 and Theresa Carson (951) 660-7246 or tlcars01@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**SEP 13 (SAT) 7:00 AM FOREST ROUTE 5s11 MOUNTAIN CENTER HIKE**  
Enjoy an early morning hike to Tahquitz Peak Lookout Tower. Meet at the "Fort" in Idyllwild between Jo Ans and the coffee shop at 7:00 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 5S11. Wilderness Pass not needed here. But if you park at the trailhead up the Forest Rd. an Adventure Pass is needed. I will obtain Wilderness Trail pass 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 13 (SAT) 8:00 AM GOLD MOUNTAIN 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, 1,325 ft. elevation gain. RATED: moderate/ strenuous MEET: At the Big Bear Convention Center 42900 Big Bear Blvd NW Corner of Big Bear Blvd. and Division, Big Bear Lake at 7:30 a.m. or at the trailhead at 8:00 a.m. We will carpool to trailhead. BRING: Layered clothing, the ten essentials, and a minimum of two-liters of water, lunch, and sun protection. RESERVATIONS: Hiking Leader, Ed Caliendo, (442) 242-4103 or dogs111@msn.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

### SEPTEMBER 15 – SEPTEMBER 21

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**SEP 16 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly program meetings (except July and August). The public is welcome and refreshments will be served. See Los Serranos webpage for detailed program information. www.sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/losserranos PLACE: Educational Building, First Presbyterian Church, 869 N. Euclid Ave, Upland CA. INFO: Brian Elliott (chairperson), email: brianelli@aol.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**SEP 17 (WED) 5:00 PM OLIVE MTN HIKE**  
Moderate to difficult 3-mile round trip hike to the top of Olive Mountain with an elevation gain of about 1,000 ft. We start promptly at 5:00. BRING: water, flashlight and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60fwy in Moreno Valley exit Perris, go north 1 mile, turn right on Kalmia, go 1/2 mile and turn left on Kitching. Park at the end of the road on Kitching. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: Christina Torres (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

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

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**SEP 20 (SAT) 6:30 AM TELEGRAPH PEAK HIKE**  
This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Telegraph Peak (elevation 8,985 ft), 13 miles round trip with 3900 ft. elevation gain. The trail follows the creek for the first mile under a canopy of oak, maple, alder, cedar, and pine. Scenic view from the top of Telegraph Peak. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, 3+ liters water, lunch, sunscreen. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: John St. Clair, 909-983-8501, <john@stclairs.us> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**SEP 20 (SAT) 7:00 AM FISH CREEK TO BIG TREE HIKE**  
This is a great conditioning hike through the beautiful San Gorgonio Wilderness. This is a full day of rigorous hiking. The hike begins at Fish Creek T/H (8,080') and climbs to Fish Creek Saddle (9,805') followed dropping to Mineshaft Flat (9,280') and then continuing 1.0 miles to Big Tree (8,480'). This is a 14.6 R/T hike. RATED: Strenuous MEET: We will meet at the junction of Hwy 38 and Heart Bar exit. We shall meet at this junction at 6:30 a.m. From this location, we will carpool to the trailhead. BRING: Ten-essentials, a minimum of 3 liters of water, lunch, and sun protection. RESERVATIONS: Call early as San Gorgonio Wilderness Permits needs to be obtained. This hike is limited to 12 participants. Call Hiking Leader, Ed Caliendo (442) 242-4103 or email at dogs111@msn.com BIG BEAR GROUP

**SEP 21 (SUN) 8:00 AM SANTA ANA RIVER TRAIL HIKE**  
This is a nice, mostly shaded loop hike with 800' of elevation gain through the trees from Glass Rd. to the Santa Ana River Headwaters. We will break for lunch/snack by the creek then return to our cars along the service road which actually is closer to the River. RATED: This hike is approximately 10 miles round trip and is rated Moderate in difficulty. MEET: At the top of Glass Rd. and Hwy 38. BRING: Ten-essentials, 3 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hat, trekking poles, bug net or repellent may be needed. RESERVATIONS: with hike leader Judy Atkinson by calling or texting me at (909) 289-1932 or email djatk57@gmail.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

### SEPTEMBER 22 – SEPTEMBER 28

Please read “**LIABILITY WAIVER**” preceding these listings  
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**SEP 23 (TUE) 8:00 AM CHAPMAN/ICE HOUSE CANYON TRAIL LOOP HIKE**  
This is a timely hike for Autumnal Equinox of 8 miles with a 2100 elevation gain. This will be a moderate slow paced hike and perhaps we will see some fall colors as we look forward to cooler weather. Bring layered clothing at least a quart of water. Meet at the Ice House Canyon trailhead. Joe Whyte 909-949-0899 whytejoe@msn.com. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**SEP 23 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**  
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RICK ESTES (951) 314-3328 <scsangor@gmail.com>. CHAPTER

**SEP 24 (WED) 5:00 PM HIKE TO THE “M” HIKE**  
Difficult 4 mile round trip hike to the “M” on Box Springs. Trail has some very steep areas. We start promptly at 5:00. BRING: water, flashlight and sturdy shoes. Hiking poles are handy for this hike. MEET: from 60fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Pigeon Pass to left at the light on Hidden Springs Drive. First left at the Box Springs Mountain Park sign. Park at the first parking area before the gravel road. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADERS: Eileen O'Brien (951) 616-9739 and Theresa Carson (951) 660-7246 or tlcarrson01@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**SEP 27 (SAT) 7:00 AM SECTION B/PCT DEVILS SLIDE TO FULLER RIDGE HIKE**  
This is a continuation of our goal to complete Section B of the Pacific Crest Trail in 2014. This segment will consist of a 14.5 mile hike. This hike can start at either Fuller Ridge or at the Devils Slide T/H. Hiking from Devils Slide 3E05 TH at the end of Fern Valley Road, hike 2.5 miles up Trail 3E05 to Saddle Junction (8,100') and the PCT. Turn left and go north 1.8 miles to the Wellmans Cienega trail (9,030'), then 2.3 miles to Marion Ridge Trail 3E17 (8,070') . Continue 2.1 miles to a crossing of the North Fork San Jacinto River (8,830') In another 1.9 miles you reach Fuller Ridge (8,725'), which you follow 3.9 miles to the Fuller Ridge TH (7,750'). RATED: Moderate in difficulty. MEET: At 7:00 A.M at the U.S. Forest Ranger Station, 54270 Pine Crest Road, Idyllwild, CA.92549. From there we will caravan to the trailhead where the hike will begin BRING: at minimum of 3 liters of water, layered clothing, energy snacks, lunch, and sun protection. RESERVATIONS: To register please call L.J. Foster, Hiking Leader at (951) 845-9440 or eljayeff@verizon.net . BIG BEAR GROUP

**SEP 28 (SUN) 2:00 PM SAN JUAN LOOP TRAIL 2014 HIKE**  
This hike is ideal for those new to outdoor activities and looking for something short and easy. Families welcome. The loop is a 2.2-mile hike through a beautiful canyon with shady oaks and giant boulders. Start time is 2:00pm. Meet at the parking lot across from the Ortega Candy Store on Highway 74 “the Ortega Highway.” A wilderness pass is required and is available at most sporting goods stores. (First one is \$30 and the second is only \$5.) Bring the ten essentials including water, sunscreen, hats, and snacks. Sturdy shoes recommended. Contact: Margaret Meyncke, m.meyncke@gmail.com, 951.551.6231 SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

### SEPTEMBER 29 – OCTOBER 5

Please read “**LIABILITY WAIVER**” preceding these listings  
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**SEP 30 (TUE) 8:00 AM SNOW VALLEY/LAKEVIEW POINT LOOP HIKE**  
This is a 7 mile hike through mixed oak and pine forests. Depending on the weather we may get the first of fall colors as the black oaks start to change. The trail reveals views of Snow Valley, Keller Peak, Big Bear Lake and the ridge from San Bernardino Peak east. RATED: moderate in difficulty. After the hike, if the group wants we can meet for lunch at a local restaurant. MEET: We will meet at the Vons parking lot at 42170 Big Bear Blvd. Big Bear Lake, CA at 8:00 AM. BRING: ten essentials, 2 liters of water and a snack. RESERVATIONS: For trailhead information call Ed Wallace 909 584 9407 or email at ednjeanne@charter.net. BIG BEAR GROUP

**OCT 1 (WED) 5:00 PM SYCAMORE CANYON FROM ALESSANDRO SIDE HIKE**  
Moderate 3 to 4 mile hike in Sycamore Canyon. BRING: water, flashlight, and sturdy shoes. MEET: 7001 Barton St. Riverside, 92508, off Alessandro. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: Theresa Carson (951) 660-7246 or tlcarrson01@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**OCT 1 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ED WALLACE, (909) 584-9407, www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. BIG BEAR GROUP

**\*\*OCT 3 (FRI) 8:00 AM GRAY'S 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. RATED: Moderate. This hike is 7.0 miles, 1,400 ft. elevation gain. We should start to get some fall colors out of the oaks that line the lower section of the trail. MEET: at the Vons parking lot at 42170 Big Bear Blvd. Big Bear Lake, CA at 8:00 AM or the Grays Peak Trail at 8:15 AM. BRING: ten essentials, 2 liters of water and a snack. RESERVATIONS: Call Ed Wallace 909 584 9407 or email at ednjeanne@charter.net Lunch at a nearby restaurant is possible if the group desires. BIG BEAR GROUP

**OCT 4 (SAT) 8:30 AM ASPEN GROVE TO FISH CREEK MEADOWS HIKE**  
Those interested seeing the Aspen trees changing to autumn colors and then hiking along the moving waters of Fish Creek towards Fish Creek Meadows should participate in this hike. The hike will be approximately 8.2 miles round-trip in duration. RATED: Moderate in difficulty. The elevation gain is approximately 910 feet. MEET: Hikers are to meet at the Heart Bar exit on Hwy 38. We will car pool to the trailhead. BRING: the ten-essentials, layered clothing, 2-liters of water, lunch, sun protection, and trekking poles. REGISTER: Limited space available, to reserve your position please call Roberta Darrow, Hiking Leader at (909) 362-2531. BIG BEAR GROUP

### OCTOBER 6 – OCTOBER 12

Please read “**LIABILITY WAIVER**” preceding these listings  
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**OCT 6 (MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on Feb 3, Apr 7, May 5, Oct 6, Nov 3. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**OCT 7 (TUE) 6:00 PM S B MTS MOUNTAIN MOONLIGHT MEANDER**  
Join us for our 4th annual moonlit stroll (and night-time picnic) in the forest. An easy route, we'll not be worried about our speed; just a leisurely and safe adventure in the “dark” after saying goodbye to the sun. Afterwards, we'll share a small informal potluck if we all make it back together. (Rain, fog or fire will cancel.) BRING: weather appropriate clothes and a flashlight (preferably a night-vision red if you have it). RESERVATIONS: contact Leader Steven Farrell for important details and to verify where we'll meet: 661-449-2867 or <mr\_sqf@yahoo.com>. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**OCT 7 (TUE) 9:00 AM SYCAMORE CANYON HIKE**  
A moderate to strenuous effort will be exerted on this trail in the City of Claremont. It loops into a 3 mile R/T event with a 600' elevation gain. A good hike for this time of the year. BRING: water, sturdy boots, hiking sticks and layered clothing. Please call to confirm by 5:00 PM October 6. LEADER: JEFF WARHOL (909) 985-7686 or email jmwandjjw@hotmail.com. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**OCT 7 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING**  
PROGRAM: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com>. (909) 800-3911 CHAPTER

**OCT 8 (WED) 5:30 PM TERRI PEAK FULL MOON HIKE**  
Difficult 5-mile round trip hike to Terri Peak with 1,000-foot elevation gain. Trail starts on a path behind homes and has some very steep sections as it follows an old road to the top. Hiking poles are helpful on this trail. BRING: water, flashlight, and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60fwy in Moreno Valley, exit south on Moreno Beach road. Follow Moreno Beach road for 3.4 miles, then turn left on Via Del Lago. Park on the right side of the road past the housing tract, do not enter Lake Perris Park. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADERS: Theresa Carson (951) 660-7246 or tlcarrson01@gmail.com and Eileen O'Brien (951) 616-9739 or ms.eileenmarie@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**OCT 8 (WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: CAROL WILEY, (760) 245-8734, <desertlily1@verizon.net> MOJAVE GROUP

**OCT 9 (THU) 6:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except July and August. The public is welcome. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 <sierraclubsmg@gmail.com> SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**OCT 10 (FRI) 8:00 AM SAND/BOW CANYON LOOP HIKE**  
This 6 mile partial cross country hike traverses below the southern ridge line of the Big Bear Valley. Some interesting rock formations and colorful fall oaks will make this walk in the woods and enjoyable outing. RATED: Moderate. MEET: at the Vons parking lot at 42170 Big Bear Blvd.in Big Bear Lake to car pool to the trailhead which has limited parking. BRING: ten essentials, 2 liters of water and a snack. RESEVATIONS: Please call Ed Wallace, Hiking Leader at (909) 584-9407 or email at ednjeanne@charter.net Lunch at a nearby restaurant is possible if the group desires. BIG BEAR GROUP

**OCT 11 (SAT) 7:00 AM SECTION B: FULLER RIDGE TO I-10 FWY HIKE**  
This is the final segment of Section B of the Pacific Crest Trail for 2014. This is principle a downhill hike. From Fuller Ridge T/H (8,725') the PCT zigs and zags down the northwest slop of the San Jacinto Mountain to Snow Creek (1,725'). This represents 7,000' elevation decline and 17.2 miles. Another 2.4 miles across the desert floor and you cross under I-10 Freeway and complete Section B of the Pacific Crest Trail. RATED: Strenuous in difficulty. MEET: Fuller Ridge Trail Head, take Hwy 243 north from Idyllwild, go 8.1 miles to Black Mountain Road 4S01. Turn right on this dirt road and go 12.7 miles to a major gate. Continue 3.1 miles to the Black Mountain Lookout cutoff, and another 1.1 miles to the Black Mountain Group CG. Stay on the same road; you intersect the PCT in another 1.1 miles. The Fuller Ridge TH is 0.2 mile further along FR4S01. BRING: 3.0 liters of water, additional water is available at Snow Creek, food for two meals, layered clothing, head lamp, and trekking poles. RESERVATIONS: Contact David Melton, Hike Leader (760) 408-2456 or dmelton61@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

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## Group News

### Big Bear Group

By Ed Wallace, Group Chair

#### MONTHLY MEETING SUBJECTS

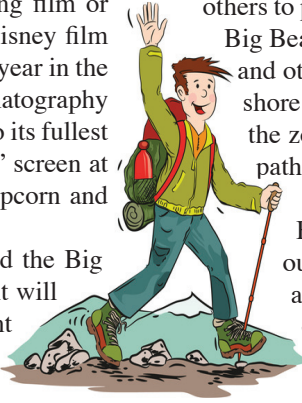
All our General Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at the Discovery Center at starting at 6:30 pm.

September 18<sup>th</sup> (Thursday at 6:30 p.m.) For many years now the Big Bear Group has dedicated its meeting in September to showcase an important and interesting film or films on environmental subjects. This year's choice is the full length Walt Disney film (78 min): DisneyNature: "Bears" This movie is a documentary that follows a year in the life of a bear family against a majestic Alaskan backdrop. Astonishing cinematography captures the action and suspense of this endearing family learning to live life to its fullest in one of the planets last great wildernesses. See this film on a large 15' x 15' screen at the Discovery Centers auditorium. Film starts promptly at 6:40 p.m. free popcorn and refreshments for everyone.

October 16<sup>th</sup> (Thursday at 6:30 p.m.) Long before the white man occupied the Big Bear Valley it was home to the Serrano Indians. This evenings must see event will give you insight into their history and way of life. The Serrano Indians present "People of the Pines" The Big Bear early days. Paakuma Tawinat, Serrano Indian representative, discusses the ancestral lands, subsistence lifeway's and culture of the People of the Pines who were the early inhabitants of our valley, prior to the California gold rush. This PowerPoint presentation will be shown of the large 15' x 15' Discovery Center Theater screen.

#### CONSERVATION

I've been conservation chair of the Big Bear Group for eleven years. At times I have been totally discouraged by the political climate and lack of any sort of environmental



awareness by most of our elected officials and citizens. However, things are changing in Big Bear that make me optimistic for its future. I sit on the board of a number of organizations that are slowly turn things around. The Big Bear Group has been heavily involved with the Big Bear Valley Education Trust, the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust, the USFS, the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District, and others to protect and restore the Sawmill and Villa Grove Pebble Plains. The City of Big Bear Lake is working with the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District and other organizations to develop a trail similar to the peddle path on the north shore that will run from the lake to Sand Canyon near the present location of the zoo. This project which runs along Rathbun Creek will not only result in a path that will expand the family friendly outdoor recreation opportunities in the valley but will also help restore the habitat along the creek. The Big Bear Valley Education Trust is working with the school district to develop outdoor education curriculums that will utilize the Rathbun Creek project and the pebble plain restoration as real life educational opportunities for our students. The Big Bear Valley Trails Foundation along with the USFS was the driving force behind the planning and development Skyline Trail and the closure of unauthorized downhill trails that were causing extreme erosion problems. Recently the Friends of the Big Bear Valley (formally the Friends of Fawnskin) has been sponsoring a forum that has brought together civic organizations, the City of Big Bear Lake, the County, the Chamber of Commerce, the Resort Association and others to explore ways of expanding environmental tourism in the Big Bear Valley. There is much left to do but I must admit over the last decade things have improved for the better.

### Mojave Group

By Jenny Wilder, Group Chair

Explore Enjoy Protect

#### Land stewardship can be easy...

Mojave Group members find themselves far and wide and doing extraordinary things to help protect the planet. Some do little things at home and others travel far and wide to help fight pollution, protect wilderness and wild creatures and much, much more. Most of you have heard of the plight of the Wolves at Yellowstone National Park and the attack on the Endangered Species Act. But did you know that one of our local members traveled there recently to speak for the wolves? Read the article "Speak for Wolves: Yellowstone 2014 a Big Success" – to your right – where Catherine Feher-Elston describes that event.

**"The price of survival, democracy and freedom is vigilance" Catherine Feher-Elston.**

Vigilance is paramount in your neighborhood. It takes a little to a lot of effort. It means that you read and become more aware of what is being proposed and that you participate in the "process." This can mean a simple letter to the editor, a one page or multiple page comment for a proposed land use plan. We thank the many Mojave Group members who continue to do their part in this process at the level that their expertise/comfort and with their available time.

Land Stewardship could also be as easy as hiking the designated trail and doing so as often as possible. By just hiking the trail we help preserve it and maintain it. We become familiar with it and we become vigilant to the subtle changes – perhaps the increase in litter or graffiti, the increase of unauthorized use by bicycle or motorcycle or a proposal that will negatively impact the enjoyment of that trail. We become aware of who to contact with the issues. We begin to work together to find a solution. Our members do just that with many sections of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail as it runs through our backyard. We help protect the nearby "Open Spaces" and National Parks from inappropriate proposals such as industrial solar and wind energy plans that will destroy the fundamental nature of those lands FOREVER!

Never before has your voice been needed for so much in the Mojave Desert. Don't give up! Be vigilant and speak out as often as you can. Join the magnificent voice of others which is the only way we will stop the proposals that now threaten to destroy what we find precious about the Mojave Desert. Join us at our monthly meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Weds of the month to learn more. We have door prizes. In the coming months we will be giving away two wonderful books written by Catherine Feher-Elston: "Wolfsong: A Natural and Fabulous History of Wolves" and "Ravensong: A Natural and Fabulous History of Ravens and Crows."

Call for Nominations for the Executive Committee of the Mojave Group (ExCom). We are looking for dedicated members who want to take on the exciting and challenging role of serving on the ExCom.

All members are invited to make a nomination of any member (including yourself) to be a candidate in the upcoming election for the ExCom. The term of office for the positions is two years, beginning in Jan 2015. ExCom members organize and run the business of the Group. Presently we meet at 6:00 pm just before the General Meeting at the Sterling Inn on Ridgecrest Rd in Victorville (this can change). All members are welcome to attend ExCom meetings. Email Jenny Wilder at JensOasis@aol.com with your nomination or call 760 220 0730 or contact one of the other current ExCom members: Carol Wiley, Kim Floyd, Bryan Baker, Melody Nichols, or Bill Spreng.

#### Speak for Wolves: Yellowstone 2014 a Big Success

By Catherine Feher-Elston w/pix

GARDINER, MT—Over 350 people convened at the north entrance to Yellowstone National Park to stand for wolves and the federal Endangered Species Act from June 27-June 29, 2014. The event, *Speak for Wolves: Yellowstone 2014* was successful, according to organizer Brett Haverstick of the Idaho-based, Friends of the Clearwater.

"A few years ago, at a wolf rally in Coeur d'Alene, Catherine Feher and I talked about developing a kind of field campaign for wolves," Haverstick explained. "Well, we have done it. After six months of intensive organizing, hard work, social media and working with sponsors, we succeeded with the inaugural Speak for Wolves event. We will have more in coming years."

Haverstick explained that the event was successful because it brought wolf advocates and wildlife protectors from across the United States to share information and educate each other and the public about the ongoing war on wolves, attempts to destroy the Endangered Species Act and the need for reform of wildlife and public lands management on both federal and state levels.

"Too many Americans are unaware of the ongoing assaults against wolves and wildlife," Haverstick explained. "We are at a severe crossroads. People need to become educated. We need major reforms in federal and state wildlife policy. Speak for Wolves brought advocates together to share information, ideas and strategies. It also boosted our spirits and gave us hope for positive change."

Among presenters at the three day event was Camilla Fox, from California-based Project Coyote. She was part of a panel advocating coexistence with predators and showed a film documenting coexistence success in Marin County. National Geographic photographer Bob Landis presented his film, "She Wolf," about the extraordinary life and courage of Yellowstone's 06, called Rockstar, by her many fans. She overcame dangerous odds to survive and raise her cubs. She was loved and admired by millions and murdered by a Wyoming wolf hater, lurking on the boundaries of Yellowstone National Park.

Blackfeet leader Jimmy St. Goodard spoke about traditional reverence for wolves, bears and buffalo and taught the advocates a sacred prayer for all life. Bill Chamberlain, director of the United States Wolf Sanctuary in Nevada, addressed the importance of wolves and predators. Grizzly Bear advocate Doug Peacock warned the people that the Grizzly Bear is next on the list for removal from federal Endangered Species Act protection. Dr. George Wuerthner, Oregon director of the Western Watersheds Project, discussed the urgent need for wolf protection and demanded an end to the ongoing wolf slaughter in the northern

Rockies and the American Mid-West.

Dr. Catherine Feher-Elston, a Sierra Club member and director of the Ravensong Group, presented historical perspectives on the conquest of the West and the role of predator and buffalo killing in creation of the Great Dustbowl and consequences of bad wildlife and wild lands management.

"It is going to be a long process, educating people and policy makers about these needed changes," Haverstick explained. "But we will continue with annual Speak for Wolves events. We will reach out to the American people, the media, fellow advocates and we will prevail."





# Moreno Valley Group

By Ann Turner McKibben, Secretary

The Moreno Valley Group will start its fall schedule of outings with a Hidden Springs Hike on Wednesday, September 3, at 5:00 p.m. Meet at Hidden Springs Elementary School, 9801 Hidden Springs Drive. Please contact Theresa Carson at (951) 660-7246 or tcarson01@gmail.com for more information. A full list of outings can be found at: [http://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/groups/moreno\\_valley](http://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/groups/moreno_valley)

The Moreno Valley Group will hold their executive committee election this fall. Anyone who has been a member for more than two years and is interested in running for a position with the group excom can submit their information to the MV Group Nominating Committee at [mvalleygroup@yahoo.com](mailto:mvalleygroup@yahoo.com)

The proposed World Logistics Center (WLC) is a 41,600,000 square foot warehouse project which would put 41,600,000 square feet of warehouses on 2,710 acres of land south of Highway 60. If built it would share a two-mile border with the San Jacinto Wildlife Area, home to threatened/endangered species as well as more than 20 species of raptors. The city may have the Final EIR out by late summer or early fall. Please plan on attending planning commission and city council public hearings on the WLC. You can speak or attend and support those who speak. It is important that all voices be heard in the planning process. Please contact planner Mark Gross at: [markg@moval.org](mailto:markg@moval.org) & (951) 413-3215 for more information.

Donations are needed to help us as we work to provide strong comments on the World Logistic Center project. Your very important donations will and have been used to support our ability to hire experts to review the documents. Any amount is appreciated. Please send your donations to: Sierra Club—Moreno Valley Group, P.O. Box 1325, Moreno Valley, CA 92556-1325 with the memo notation "WLC." Thank you to all who have made donations—your strong support makes a difference!

You and others you know can help our local Moreno Valley Group raise funds for our ongoing work at absolutely no cost to yourself. We are now participating in Provident Bank's Community Partnership Program, a funding program aimed at giving money back to the local Moreno Valley community. The program allows those who bank at any of the 14 branches of Provident Bank to "link" their personal and or business accounts to the Moreno Valley Group account which is held at Provident Bank. This means that at the end of the year, Provident Bank gives our group

a percentage of all the deposits in all the accounts "linked" to the Moreno Valley Group, Sierra Club. The percentage donated to us does not come from your accounts and "linking" your personal or business accounts to our group account is kept completely confidential by the bank. If you are interested in participating, just ask a teller to "link" your account—done in about 90 seconds. If you have any questions about this program or the process, please feel free to call Many Jiannino, the Moreno Valley Group Treasurer at (951) 796-1194.

Related to the proposed WLC project, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing the "SR-60 Truck Climbing Lanes Project" through The Badlands east of Moreno Valley. The project would construct truck climbing (eastbound), truck descending lanes (westbound) and make road shoulder improvements. Apparently, the project's only notice was a small ad in the newspaper and no public hearings were to be held. Many asked Caltrans to hold a public hearing and one was scheduled for July 31; comments were due August 11. A joint comment letter on the project was submitted by the Center for Biological Diversity, San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society, Sierra Club, Earthjustice & Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley asking that a full environmental review be done, not a mitigated negative declaration. Contact for the project is: James Shankel, Caltrans, 464 W. Fourth St., 6th Floor Mail Station 827, San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400, email: [Climbinglane@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Climbinglane@dot.ca.gov) You can request a full environmental impact report be done to fully analyze all of the project's impacts. Planning documents can be found at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist8/projects/riverside/sr60truckclimbing/index.htm>. In June the Moreno Valley city council held a public hearing on the proposed ProLogis Eucalyptus Industrial Park, a project which would put six distribution warehouses (2,244,419 square feet) on 122 acres of land south of Highway 60 between Moreno Beach Road and Redlands Blvd. The project was continued to August 26 with the possibility that the project proponent might revise the plan. For more information contact: Jeff Bradshaw, Assoc. Planner, City of Moreno Valley, (951) 413-3224, [jeffreyb@moval.org](mailto:jeffreyb@moval.org) Ask to be put on the contact list to receive information on the project. Riverside County planners are still working on the revised version of the Villages of Lakeview project. The revised environmental documents may be available by late summer. Contact Matt Straite at [MSTRAITE@rctlma.org](mailto:MSTRAITE@rctlma.org) or (951) 955-8631 for more information. There is a Moreno Valley Recreational Trails Board hike, Saturday, September 27, 2014, Hike to Lake Perris (Moderate), 7:30 a.m.; meet in the parking lot in front of Ridgecrest Elementary School, 28500 John F. Kennedy Drive, MV. Verify all information at (951) 413-3703 and [http://www.moreno-valley.ca.us/resident\\_services/park\\_rec/trails.shtml](http://www.moreno-valley.ca.us/resident_services/park_rec/trails.shtml) and to see their listing for an October 25 hike. For information hours and visitors fee for Lake Perris State Recreation Area please see: <https://www.facebook.com/Lakeperris> & [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=651](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=651) Check our group Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/MorenoValleySierraClub> & our web page [http://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/groups/moreno\\_valley](http://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/groups/moreno_valley)

## You Can Help Your Local Moreno Valley Group

by Many Jiannino, Moreno Valley Group Treasurer

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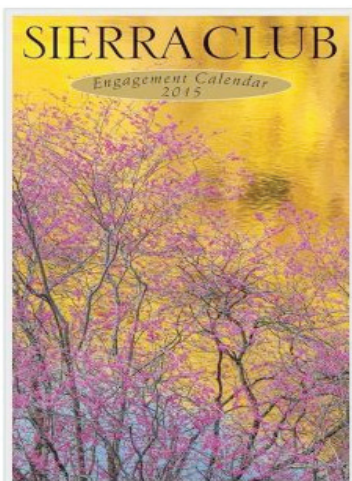
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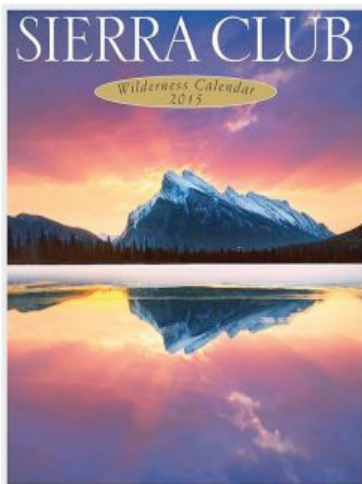


One of the many insects at the San Jacinto Wildlife Area  
Photo by George Hague

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## Santa Margarita Group

By Teri Biancardi

Our great hikes leaders have planned a couple of great outings - on Sept 13<sup>th</sup> we've got a nine miler in Mountain Center, and a five miler on Oct 25<sup>th</sup> on the Fuller Ridge Trail in Idyllwild which is part of the Pacific Crest Trail. We also have two easier hikes scheduled, suitable for families or those new to hiking. First the San Juan Loop Trail on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 2.2 miles and a three miler, also on part of the PCT on the Agua Caliente Trail on Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>. We even have a cycling outing, on Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> on the San Luis Rey River trail.

The Santa Margarita group takes a break from our usual programs in summer, when we plan the schedule for the next year, but we'll start back up in September with a roster of interesting presenters. We're inviting experts to speak to us on subjects ranging from the status of local water supply, to climate friendly gardening, to coastal conditions. It should be a fun and educational series of talks.

Of course, this year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the passage of the Wilderness Act, and SMG will be at the "Walk for the Wild" in Claremont on September 27<sup>th</sup> to commemorate it. This is a major event put together by the California Wilderness Coalition, the Angeles National Forest, the Bureau of Land Management and other important defenders of wildlife and we are glad to be part of it.

We continue to work on the establishment of the 16-mile Murrieta Creek trail, and are busy planning a ribbon cutting event scheduled for National Trails Day on June 6, 2015, when we intend to open our interim trail.

**OUR SANTA MARGARITA GROUP GENERAL MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 2<sup>nd</sup> THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH EXCEPT IN JULY AND AUGUST AT THE TEMECULA VALLEY LIBRARY, 30600 PAUBA ROAD, TEMECULA STARTING AT 6:00 PM.**

For more information, please email us at [sierraclubsmg@gmail.com](mailto:sierraclubsmg@gmail.com) and visit our web site: [www.sierraclubsmg.org](http://www.sierraclubsmg.org) and [www.facebook.com/SierraClubSantaMargaritaGroup](http://www.facebook.com/SierraClubSantaMargaritaGroup) and for Outdoor Families information visit [www.meetup.com/outdoorfamilies](http://www.meetup.com/outdoorfamilies).





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**OCT 11 (SAT) 7:00 AM MT. BALDY HIKE**  
This will be a strenuous hike to the top of Mt. Baldy (elevation 10,064), 11 miles total trip with 3900 ft. elevation gain. We will go up the ski hut/Baldy Bowl trail and come down the Devil's Backbone trail. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, 3+ liters water, lunch, sunscreen. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: John St. Clair, 909-983-8501, <john@stclairs.us>  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**OCT 11 (SAT) 9:00 AM AGUA CALIENTE TRAIL HIKE**  
Join us on a three-mile hike (out and back). This trail is a section of the PCT (Pacific Crest Trail) that runs through northern San Diego County. It is an easy hike with no elevation gain/loss. I estimate the hike will take two hours to complete. The trail runs north along a creek for about 1.5 miles. There are shady cottonwoods and lots of wildflowers. We will stop at the creek crossing; have lunch or a snack, then turn around to return. Families are welcome. We will set an easy pace and stop often to identify plants and flowers. Directions: From 79 South in Temecula (Temecula Parkway) head east about 33 miles from the junction of 79 south and Margarita Rd. After passing the glider port, look for a large gravel turnout (parking area) on the right side of the road. That is where we will meet. Look for a Nissan pickup with a large Sierra Club banner. Bring plenty of water, a lunch, comfortable hiking shoes, a hat, sunscreen, and dress in layers. For further questions or to make reservations contact: Margaret Meyncke 951.551.6231 or m.meyncke@gmail.com.  
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

### OCTOBER 13 – OCTOBER 19

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

**OCT 13 (MON) 7:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.  
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**OCT 14 (TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, <kimffloyd@fastmail.fm> (760) 249-5385.  
CHAPTER

**OCT 15 (WED) 4:30 PM SKYLINE LOOP TRAIL BOX SPRINGS HIKE**  
Moderate 3-mile hike on Skyline Loop 1. BRING: water, flashlight, sturdy shoes, and parking fee, \$5 per car. MEET: 9660 Box Springs Mountain Road, Moreno Valley, 92557. From 60fwy in Moreno Valley, exit on Pigeon Pass. Drive north on Pigeon Pass about 4 miles, turns into Box Springs Mountain Rd. and soon turns to dirt. In 1.2 miles you reach the parking area on the right. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADERS: Eileen O'Brien (951) 616-9739 and Theresa Carson (951) 660-7246 or tcarson01@gmail.com.  
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**OCT 16 (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. INFO: ED WALLACE, (909) 584-9407, www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**\*\*OCT 17 (FRI) 9:30 AM S B MTS, CHILDREN'S FOREST, SEQUOIA GROVE HIKE**  
An easy hike from the Keller Peak Road takes us to the Giant Sequoia grove planted in 1972. Distance: 3 miles RT. After the hike we will visit Keller Peak Fire Lookout. BRING: layered clothing, sun protection, snack, 1 qt. water. RESERVATIONS: contact Leader, Karla Barton, 760-805-0782 or <kbarkus2000@yahoo.com> Adventure Pass required.  
MOUNTAINS GROUP

**OCT 18 (SAT) 8:30 AM ELDERBERRY SPRINGS TO HIDDEN FALLS HIKE**  
Join us for a moderate-strenuous 5-6 mile loop hike to important wildlife watering places in the Arrastre Canyon. There are some outstanding views from this hike as well as some large boulders to explore. We will be hiking though the public lands where the North Peak Wind Farm is being proposed. Wear layered clothing, hat and bring 2 - 3 quarts of water/lunch/snacks. High clearance vehicle is recommended. Meet at the Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road at 8.30am. Contact Carol Stubblefield yorkshirerose1@juno.com 760 964 0039 or Jenny Wilder JensOasis@aol.com or 760 220 0730.  
MOJAVE GROUP

**\*\*OCT 18 (SAT) BERTHA PEAK VIA COUGAR CREST TRAIL 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. This will be a 7.5 mile hike, 1,400 + elevation gain. RATED: Strenuous. MEET: Hikers are to meet at Cougar Crest Trail Head located 200 yards west of the Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Drive, Fawnskin, CA. An Adventure Pass is required for parking. BRING: 2.5 liters of water, snack/lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and trekking poles. RESERVATIONS: Please contact Ed Caliendo, Hiking Leader at (442) 242-4103 or dogs111@msn.com .  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**OCT 19 (SUN) 8:30 AM SAN LOUIS REY RIVER BICYCLE RIDE**  
Difficulty Rating: Easy, flat, dedicated bike path, approximately 16 miles total out and back. New to bicycling? Haven't ridden in awhile? Out of shape? This flat 16-mile out and back scenic Oceanside ride is for you. Except for the Harbor visit opportunity at the half-way point, almost the entire ride is on a dedicated bike path with no cars allowed. This provides a safe, enjoyable experience. Bring your bike and meet at 8:30 at Mance Buchanan Park off of College Blvd and Highway 76 in Oceanside. MUST wear helmet. Bring water and snacks. Allow 3 hours for this outing. Rain cancels. Leader: John Meyncke, 951.259.9148, john.meyncke@gmail.com  
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**OCT 19 (SUN) 8:00 AM JOHN'S MEADOW HIKE**  
This is a favorite hike of this hike leader in the San Gorgonio wilderness. It has trees, which may be showing us some fall color, possible creek crossings and Sugar Pines! We will have our lunch/snack in the meadow area and then return to our cars on the same trail. RATED: This is a 6 mile round trip Easy hike with 600 feet of elevation. MEET: Forsee Creek Trailhead off Jenks Lake Rd West, just off Hwy 38. BRING: Ten-essentials, 1.5 liters of water, lunch/snack, hat, trekking poles and layered clothing as we could start out chilly and warm up. RESERVATIONS: Register with hike leader Judy Atkinson by email or text at (909) 289-1932 or email djatk57@gmail.com  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**OCT 19 (SUN) 8:00 AM OAK GLEN PRESERVE HIKE**  
Easy to moderate 4-mile hike through the preserve. October is apple season so it will be crowded in Oak Glen but hopefully with a start time of 8:00am we will beat the crowds. BRING: water, sturdy

shoes, jacket if needed, suggested donation of \$5 per car, lunch or money to buy lunch at Los Rios Ranch if you want after the hike. MEET: Oak Glen Preserve, 39611 Oak Glen Road, Oak Glen, 92399. It's about a 45-minute drive from Moreno Valley. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADERS: Eileen O'Brien (951) 616-9739 and Theresa Carson (951) 660-7246 or tcarson01@gmail.com.  
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

### OCTOBER 20 – OCTOBER 26

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

**OCT 21 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly program meetings (except July and August). The public is welcome and refreshments will be served. See Los Serranos webpage for detailed program information. www.sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/losserrano PLACE: Educational Building, First Presbyterian Church, 869 N. Euclid Ave, Upland CA. INFO: Brian Elliott (chairperson), email: brianelli@aol.com  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**OCT 22 (WED) 4:30 PM SAN TIMOTEO HIKE**  
Moderate 5.5 mile round trip hike, elevation gain 800ft. BRING: water, flashlight, and sturdy shoes. MEET: Park on Locust near Quincy St., Moreno Valley. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: Christina Torres (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com.  
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**OCT 25 (SAT) 9:00 AM S B MTS COYOTE ROCK AND MILL PEAK HIKE**  
In 2013 the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust acquired 160 acres of forest land adjoining the National Forest near Running Springs. We will travel a new trail system constructed by volunteers. Beginning at Charles Hoffman Elementary School we will hike to the highest point, Coyote Rock. Then we will take a lateral trail to the summit of Mill Peak. We will loop back to the Coyote Rock trail for return to the start. Distance: 4 miles, elevation gain/loss: 800 feet. BRING: layered clothing, sun protection, lunch, 2 qt. water. RESERVATIONS: contact Leader, Karla Barton, 760-805-0782 or <kbarkus2000@yahoo.com>  
MOUNTAINS GROUP

**OCT 25 (SAT) 7:30 AM FULLER RIDGE TRAIL HIKE**  
Join me on a five mile out and back (10 mile total) hike of the Fuller Ridge Trail north of Idyllwild. The Fuller Ridge Ridge Trail is part of the Pacific Crest Trail. Starting at almost 7600' it follows the high timbered ridge. The trail skips from one side of the ridge to the other affording stunning views of the Coachella Valley and the San Bernardino Mountains to the north and east or the San Jacinto Valley to the southwest. The north face of San Jacinto Peak provides a great backdrop for much of the ridge. Although this trail is normally used to ascend Mt. San Jacinto, it is well worth the effort as a stand alone hike. This is a borderline strenuous hike even with less than 1600' of total elevation gain, there is very little flat ground. The entire hike is at altitudes between 7600' and 9200' which adds to the difficulty. Because of the logistics please figure on this being a whole day event. We will be traveling to the trailhead on a 8 mile dirt road that will require a high clearance vehicle. It will take about 45 minutes each way. Let's meet at the Ranger Station in Idyllwild (54270 Pinecrest Ave. Idyllwild, Ca. 92549) at 7:30 AM. We'll get our trail pass at this time. We will then travel north on route 243 north for 8 miles to the above mentioned dirt road (Black mountain Rd.). For more information and to register please contact Bob Audibert; leader at bob.takeahike1@gmail.com or call at (951)302-1059. This hike is not suitable for beginners or casual hikers. If you are unsure if this is a hike for you please contact me. Bring 3 liters of water, snacks and a lunch. Dress in layers, wear comfortable hiking shoes and don't forget the sunscreen. Rain Cancels.  
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**OCT 25 (SAT) 8:00 AM SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN 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. This will be an 10 mile hike with a 2,500-foot elevation gain. RATED: Strenuous MEET: at the Vons Shopping Center and we will car pool to the trail head. An Adventure Pass is required for parking at the trailhead. BRING: 3 liters of water, snack/lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and trekking poles. RESERVATIONS: Call Ed Caliendo, Hiking Leader at (442) 242-4103 or dogs111@msn.com .  
BIG BEAR GROUP

### OCTOBER 27 – OCTOBER 31

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**OCT 28 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**  
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RICK ESTES (951) 314-3328 <scsangor@gmail.com>.  
CHAPTER

**OCT 29 (WED) 4:30 PM TWO TREES-BOX SPRINGS HIKE**  
Moderate to difficult 3-mile hike with some steep sections, elevation gain of 1200 feet. BRING: water, flashlight, and sturdy shoes. MEET: 430 2 Trees Rd., Riverside, 92507, in the dirt parking area past the Box Springs Park sign. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: Eileen O'Brien (951) 616-9739 and Christina Torres (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com.  
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**OCT 30- NOV 1 (THU-SAT) DEATH VALLEY WILDERNESS RESTORATION**  
Join us in restoring wilderness values in this remote and beautiful National Park. Current plan is to do some repair on one of the park's hiking trails and to clean up debris from a backcountry site. Trip requires four wheel drive to get to the work and camp sites. Camping will be primitive - bring everything you need, including water. Group size limited. Leader: Kate Allen, kj.allen96@gmail.com, 661-944-4056.  
CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

### COMING UP . . .

**NOV 1 (SAT) 8:30 AM JUNIPER FLATS HIKE**  
Hike with us to the Hidden Arch in Juniper Flats. RATING: This hike is approx. 3 miles round trip and is rated easy to moderate. There are interesting rock formations and some nice views. MEET: Hikers are to meet at the Victor Valley Museum, on Apple Valley Rd. south of Bear Valley near Target on the east side at 8:30 AM. BRING: 1 to 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection. WEAR: comfortable hiking shoes/boots. RESERVATIONS & INFO: contact APPRENTICE HIKE LEADER, Susan Stueber phone: (760) 900-5330 or email: susanquintin.stueber@gmail.com or contact Jenny Wilder jensoasis@aol.com or 760-220-0730  
MOJAVE GROUP

**NOV 4 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING**  
PROGRAM: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com>. (909) 800-3911  
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**NOV 5 (WED) 6:30 PM** **BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM** **MEETING**  
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ED WALLACE, (909) 584-9407, www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. BIG BEAR GROUP

**NOV 6 (THU)** **LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM** **MEETING**  
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, call Brian Elliott (chairperson), email: brianelli@aol.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**NOV 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

**NOV 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

**NOV 12 (WED) 7:00 PM** **MOJAVE GROUP** **MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: CAROL WILEY, (760) 245-8734, <desertlily1@verizon.net> MOJAVE GROUP

**NOV 13 (THU) 6:00 PM** **SANTA MARGARITA GROUP** **MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except July and August. The public is welcome. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 <sierraclubsmg@gmail.com> SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

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

**(3RD FRI) 8:00 PM** **INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE** **FOLK DANCE**  
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#### NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

**AUG 20 (WED) 7:30 P** **AUDUBON SOCIETY** **MEETING**  
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**SEP 5 (FRI) 8:00 PM** **INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE** **FOLK DANCE**  
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**SEP 19 (FRI) 8:00 PM** **INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE** **FOLK DANCE**  
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**OCT 3 (FRI) 8:00 PM** **INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE** **FOLK DANCE**  
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**OCT 24 (FRI) 8:00 PM** **INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE** **FOLK DANCE**  
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**NOV 7 (FRI) 8:00 PM** **INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE** **FOLK DANCE**  
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Betty Yee for Controller



Dave Jones for Insurance Commissioner



Alex Padilla for Secretary of State



Tom Torlakson for Superintendent of Public Instruction



John Chiang for Treasurer

We have endorsed three candidates for Congress who represent different parts of the San Geronio Chapter:



Pete Aguilar in Congressional District 31.



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Raul Ruiz in Congressional District 36.



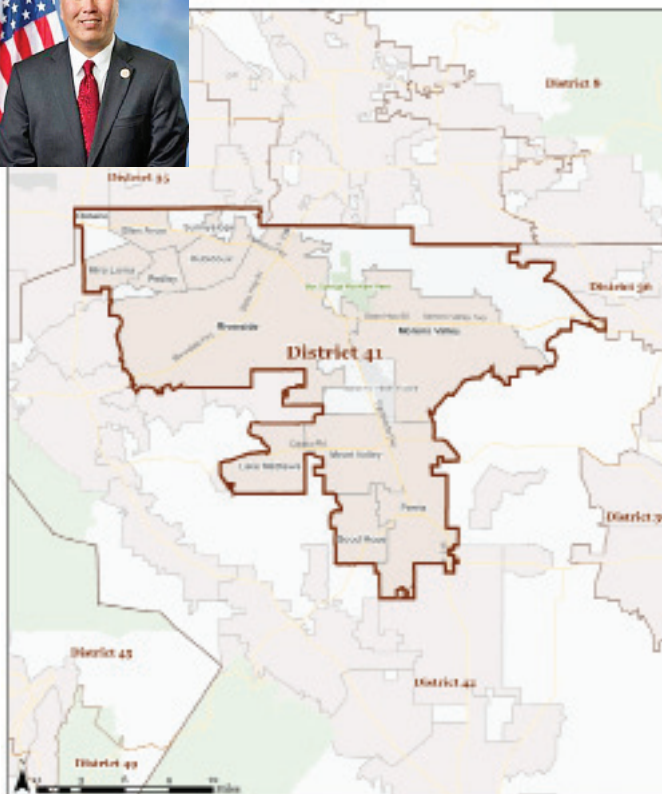
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NOTE: We have not endorsed any candidates for the California State Senate. For the State Assembly, we have made only one endorsement:



Mike Takano in Congressional District 41.



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We have endorsed Karalee Hargrove for District 42.

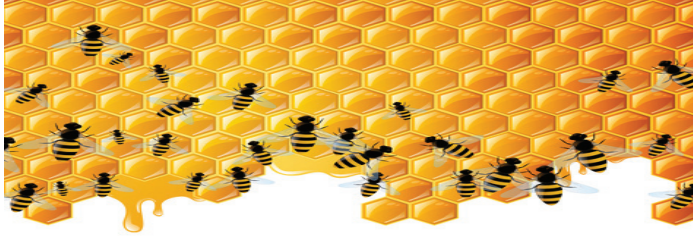


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We intend to focus our efforts on only two of these campaigns. Dr. Raul Ruiz in CD, 36 who faces a very tough battle with Assembly Member Brian Nestande, and Karalee Hargrove in AD42 who is facing Chad Mayes, a graduate of Liberty University, who tends to think the Sierra Club represents environmental crazies. The voter registration in this district heavily favors Republicans, so getting out the environmental vote will be critical.







## Deepening Honeybee Crisis and Our Food Supply

By Sierra Club's Genetic Engineering Action Team (GEAT)  
July 16, 2014

**O**ur Pollinator Protection Campaign is a special project of Sierra Club's GEAT. The evidence points to neonicotinoid seed coatings as an important cause of Colony Collapse Disorder. Most corn, soy and canola are genetically manipulated and now "coated" with neonics.

### WHAT IS THE HOOPLA ABOUT HONEYBEES?

When people think of honeybees, honey comes to mind. Most people are not aware that honeybees are a major pollinator for crops that produce one third of American food, including over 140 fruits, vegetables, seeds and nuts.

Yet honeybee populations are in significant decline.

### WHAT IS THE SCIENCE BEHIND THE DWINDLING HONEYBEE POPULATIONS?

There is a strong body of scientific peer reviewed papers linking the honeybee demise to a widely-used class of neurotoxic pesticides called neonicotinoids ("neonics" for short). This new class of pesticides has been registered for use since the early 1990's. Commonly used neonics are imidacloprid, clothianidin, thiamethoxam (and others).

Traditionally, pesticides are applied directly to the soil or plant.

In 2005, Monsanto received patents to "coat" their propriety genetically manipulated seeds with neonics, primarily manufactured by Syngenta and Bayer.

Since 2005, seed treatments became the new norm, in order to protect emerging seedlings from pests. These neonic coated seeds are encapsulated with a material which releases the pesticide slowly.

[www.i-sis.org.uk/requiemForTheHoneybee.php](http://www.i-sis.org.uk/requiemForTheHoneybee.php)

[www.i-sis.org.uk/SmartStaxCornCorporateWarOnBees.php](http://www.i-sis.org.uk/SmartStaxCornCorporateWarOnBees.php)

[www.i-sis.org.uk/MysteryOfDisappearingHoneybees.php](http://www.i-sis.org.uk/MysteryOfDisappearingHoneybees.php)

Neonics are systemic pesticides that are taken up through roots and leaves and distributed throughout the entire plant, including pollen and nectar. They are even present in the tiny drops of fluid which form on the plant's surface. Neonics are slow to break down. They contaminate surface water, ground water, and soil. The entire food chain becomes contaminated.

[www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22228315](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22228315)

Neonics endanger not only pollinators, but also other beneficial species that inhabit these ecosystems, such as butterflies, earthworms and birds. Many are calling this critical situation the next Silent Spring.

[www.nature.com/nature/journal/vaop/ncurrent/full/nature13642.html](http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/vaop/ncurrent/full/nature13642.html)

[www.iucn.org/?uNewsID=16025](http://www.iucn.org/?uNewsID=16025)

[www.theguardian.com/environment/2014/jul/09/neonicotinoids-farmland-birds](http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2014/jul/09/neonicotinoids-farmland-birds)

[www.newscientist.com/article/dn25783-neonicotinoid-pesticides-are-bad-news-for-everything.html#.U6tK5vldVL](http://www.newscientist.com/article/dn25783-neonicotinoid-pesticides-are-bad-news-for-everything.html#.U6tK5vldVL)

### WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SEED COATINGS AND GENETICALLY MANIPULATED SEEDS?

Neonics are used extensively as seed dressings on corn, soy, sunflower, canola,

as well as on horticultural crops. [www.eastbayexpress.com/oakland/whats-poisoning-the-bees/Content?oid=3939487&showFullText=true](http://www.eastbayexpress.com/oakland/whats-poisoning-the-bees/Content?oid=3939487&showFullText=true)

Most conventional corn seeds and virtually all genetically manipulated corn seeds are now treated with a neonic seed treatment. Corn is grown not only for human consumption, but also to feed animals raised in livestock factories and feedlots and to drive our cars.

[www.organic-center.org/reportfiles/Final\\_Paper.pdf](http://www.organic-center.org/reportfiles/Final_Paper.pdf)

### WHAT IS COLONY COLLAPSE DISORDER (CCD)?

The surge in seed treatments coincided closely with the crash in honeybee populations. In 2006, David Hackenberg, former president of the American Beekeeping Federation, and other beekeepers discovered their foraging bees left the colony in search of pollen and nectar but did not come back, which is highly unusual for a social insect to leave a queen and its brood or young behind.

This finding of neurobehavioral disruption is a significant distinction of Colony Collapse Disorder.

Other responses include disruptions in bee mobility, navigation, feeding behavior, foraging activity, memory and learning, and overall hive activity.

[www.plosone.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0091364](http://www.plosone.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0091364)

Neonics also impair the bee's immune system, leaving it much more susceptible to attacks by parasitic fungi and other disease agents.

[www.pnas.org/content/110/46/18466](http://www.pnas.org/content/110/46/18466)

Exposure to neonics has both lethal and sublethal effects on honeybees. Lethal effects occur when bees die within a few hours from exposure to a high dose. Sublethal effects, measured at very low doses in parts per billion or even parts per trillion, result in various harmful symptoms.

[www.purdue.edu/newsroom/research/2012/120111KrupkeBees.html](http://www.purdue.edu/newsroom/research/2012/120111KrupkeBees.html)

### THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) AND REGISTRATION OF NEONICS

The U.S. EPA has allowed the very rapid and ubiquitous expansion of neonic application to most farmland in North America.

EPA registration was based solely on the data submitted by the companies manufacturing their proprietary pesticide (primarily Bayer Crop Science).

In addition, the EPA did not consider sublethal effects on honeybees in the approval process.

(EPA spokesperson Margie Fehrenbach's wrote to Sierra Club (9/10/2008), stating: "With the recent concerns about the unusual honey bee losses in this country, we are now examining more advanced methodologies for assessing behavioral effects, such as mobility, navigation/orientation, feeding patterns, learning performance, and community ecology. In order to appropriately evaluate these types of sublethal effects and to use the information in a regulatory context, standardized methods and protocols need to be developed for assessing these types of behavioral effects."

### DOES THE MULTINATIONAL AGRIBUSINESS SUPPRESS THE SCIENCE?

Numerous independent scientists signed a statement which included: "When those with a vested interest attempt to sow unreasonable doubt around inconvenient results, or when governments exploit political opportunities by picking and choosing from scientific evidence, they jeopardize public confidence in scientific methods and institutions, and also put their own citizenry at risk. Safety testing, science-based regulation, and the scientific process itself, depend crucially on widespread trust in a body of scientists devoted to the public interest and professional integrity. If instead, the starting point of a scientific product assessment is an approval process rigged in favor of the applicant, backed up by systematic suppression of independent scientists working in the public interest, then there can never be an honest, rational or scientific debate."

[www.independentsciencenews.org/health/seralini-and-science-nk603-rat-study-roundup](http://www.independentsciencenews.org/health/seralini-and-science-nk603-rat-study-roundup)

Many believe the crisis of worldwide bee deaths threatening the global food supply has been worsened by an industry-funded misinformation campaign and that public relation companies hired by leading chemical companies (Monsanto, Bayer, and Syngenta) have been distracting policy makers from identifying the causation of honeybee decline.

### EUROPEAN UNION SUSPENSION:

In January 2013, the European Food Safety Authority officially labeled neonics to be an "unacceptable" danger to bees feeding on flowering crops and the regulations contained "major weaknesses." Following that review, the European Commission implemented a continent-wide two year suspension of the three most-used neonics.

### THE SIERRA CLUB GENETIC ENGINEERING ACTION TEAM (GEAT):

Sierra Club's Pollinator Protection Campaign is a special project of the Sierra Club's GEAT. The evidence points to neonic seed coatings as an important cause of Colony Collapse Disorder. Most corn, soy and canola are genetically manipulated and "coated" with neonics. (Sierra Club policy states: "Genetic engineering is a new technology which, unlike traditional breeding methods, allows the transfer of genetic material from one organism into a host organism of an unrelated species, thus bypassing the natural reproductive barriers between species.")

Sierra Club's GEAT wrote the EPA, urging the regulatory agency to suspend all neonic seed treatment product registrations until it can obtain scientific evidence that the effects are not causing harm to America's honeybees.

Sierra Club's GEAT worked with Kevin Hansen, who produced the outstanding documentary "Nicotine Bees." The film included an interview with independent scientist Charles Benbrook, PhD, who explained in layman's terms how neonics are decimating honeybee populations. Sierra Club's GEAT then distributed copies of Nicotine Bees to every member

of Congress, along with a letter from the National Honey Bee Advisory Board, stating: "Nicotine Bees vividly describes a very real threat to the pollinators of our country."

Sierra Club's GEAT sent a press release (11/11/2009) announcing the release of Nicotine Bees. The McClatchy newspaper publisher picked up the story, which made its way to federal regulatory agencies.

Following the Purdue study entitled "Multiple Routes of Pesticide Exposure for Honey Bees Living Near Agricultural Fields," Sierra Club's GEAT sent a press release (1/10/2012) with the header: "New research should nail the coffin lid shut on a toxic bee-killing pesticide." Again, our release was picked up on the McClatchy wire. [www.plosone.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0029268](http://www.plosone.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0029268)

Sierra Club and other groups and beekeepers (3/21/2013) filed a lawsuit in Federal District Court against the EPA for failure to perform adequate toxicity evaluations and allowing registration of the pesticides on insufficient industry studies.

According to Dr. Benbrook, the EPA has never denied an application for a new pesticide, nor banned a currently registered product because of adverse impacts on bees, nor is it likely to without new legislation and a push from the public and Congress. Therefore Sierra Club sent numerous action alerts for members to encourage Congress to support the Saving America's Pollinator Act of 2013 (H.R. 2692).

### TAKE ACTION:

Tell the story. Call Congressional representatives to support the Saving America's Pollinator Act of 2013 (H.R. 2692). Phone calls are more effective than emails.

Encourage garden centers to refrain from selling neonic-treated plants.

Replace grass with edibles and pollinator plants in residential and business areas.

Plant edible gardens.

Install backyard beehives.

Encourage cities to ban neonics.

See the Cleveland Hts, Ohio, ordinance which bans outdoor pesticides on public grounds:

[www.neosierragroup.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/131-1995PSH-As-Amended.pdf](http://www.neosierragroup.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/131-1995PSH-As-Amended.pdf)

### ENDING THOUGHTS

As Dr. Benbrook so eloquently explained in his Rachel Carson Memorial Lecture (12/2008), "Our failure to ask ecologically-grounded questions, coupled with the economic power behind the private sector push toward high-cost systemic, genetic engineering and proprietary pest management technology, has set the stage for a series of train wrecks."

[www.organic-center.org/reportfiles/Final\\_Paper.pdf](http://www.organic-center.org/reportfiles/Final_Paper.pdf)

The EPA claims the agency will review the situation in 2018. Clearly, that's not good enough. The time is now for EPA to quit dodging the illusion of oversight and, instead, cancel these bee-killing pesticides. If we travel too far down our current path, we could create conditions in our food system much like those that brought down the financial system.

For further information, contact Laurel Hopwood, Coordinator, Sierra Club Pollinator Protection Campaign, at <lhopwood@roadrunner.com>



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## Chapter's October Program: "Beautiful Bali"

Mike and Jan Millspaugh describe their visit to Bali earlier this year in a program illustrated with their photographs. The meeting starts at 7:30 PM October 7<sup>th</sup> at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands.

The tropical island of Bali, just east of Java, is part of the nation of Indonesia. Called the "Island of the Gods," Bali's four million inhabitants are 85% Hindu in contrast to the rest of Indonesia, which is predominately Muslim. Balinese culture is unique and deeply spiritual.

With its many cultural, historical and archaeological attractions, Bali is one of the world's top island destinations. Mike and Jan spent some time at the quiet, fashionable and beautiful seaside resort of Seminyak. In the Balinese cultural heart of Ubud, they appreciated this center for art, dance, and music.

They visited Ubud's famed Monkey Forest and saw several museums in town.

The couple were also able to tour the island, seeing the ancient rice terraces, many

therapist with the San Bernardino County Department of Mental Health. They enjoy travel and in recent years have traveled to over 25 cities on five continents.

