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Membership Meetings

Tuesday, Sept 1st • 7:30 PM

“Our Trip to Costa Rica & Ecuador”

Presented by Mike & Jan Millsbaugh:

(see write up on Page 2)

Tuesday, October 6th • 7:30 PM

**“The New San Gabriel Mountains
National Monument and
the Inland Empire”**

Presented by: Daniel Rossman

(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)**

“This Land is Our Land”

By Jono Hildner, San Gorgonio Chapter Political Chair

On Sunday, August 16th, the Chapter honored Assembly member Eduardo Garcia with its 2015 Political Leadership Award at the “This Land is Our Land” event at Chino Hills State Park. The award was presented by Representative Norma Torres on our behalf. This is the first year that the San Gorgonio Chapter has officially been part of the annual Political Action Committee fundraiser put on by the Angeles Chapter to benefit the political activities of all the chapters in the state. The San Diego Chapter was also included and I’m hopeful we can have a much more robust turnout by our members for the event when it is held next year. It’s a great opportunity to talk and mingle with the political leadership of southern California.

It’s an off year for elections, but many municipalities and special districts hold elections in even numbered years. These elections are important to those of us in

the Sierra Club, as the people who win these elections often move up to run for higher political office and become much more important in influencing policy on those issues we find critical to our environmental goals. Because there are so many cities and special districts in our Chapter area, the Political Committee has determined that we don’t have the volunteer resources at the Chapter level to engage in an endorsement process in those races unless a Group steps up to take the initiative. This year, we hope to be involved with only three, but we are hopeful that there will be more interest in them next year. For the 2015 fall elections, we are looking at the San Bernardino City Council, Palm Springs City Council and Mayor and the Desert Water Agency Board.

Finally, there are three pieces of legislation which the Sierra Club California Legislative Committee has put at the top of their list to get passed into law before this Legislature adjourns for the year: SB 350, SB 788 and AB 243. SB 350 is often referred to as “50-50-50 by 2030.” The bill sets ambitious,

but achievable goals to lead the nation in fighting climate change. The first “50” is a 50% renewable portfolio standard. Requires energy companies to purchase 50% of their energy from renewable sources, meaning cleaner air, jobs and climate benefits. The second “50” is a 50% reduction in the use of petroleum. The benefits are obvious. And the third “50” is a 50% increase in energy efficiency in buildings.

SB 788 would close the loophole in existing law to prevent oil companies from drilling off the Santa Barbara coast. AB 243 would require farmers, who are growing legal medical marijuana, to follow the same rules and regulations that are required of all other agricultural growers in the state and require them to repair the environmental damage that they have already created, such as stream diversions and riparian damage.

If you can call or write your legislator on these issues right away, we have a good chance of getting them passed this year. SB 350 and 788 have passed the Senate and are now in the Assembly and AB 243 has passed the Assembly and is now awaiting action in the Senate.

Let’s turn the Inland Empire Green!!

Warehouse Plans Impact Critical Wildlife Corridor in Calimesa

By Nancy Carroll, Chair; Bonnie Stewart, Communication Manager, No Way Gateway; and Sierra Club’s George Hague

The warehouse bubble is the greatest threat to Southern California wildlife since the housing boom of the fifties and sixties. George Hague, Moreno Valley Sierra Club Group Conservation Chair explains it this way, “Wildlife corridors protect ecosystem health

foot warehouse and the truck traffic count will be approximately 1,000 trucks every 24 hours.

The proposed Gateway/San Gorgonio warehouse in Cherry Valley would effectively eliminate that wildlife corridor. One picture in this article shows the actual culvert that provides wildlife access to and from San Bernadino Mountains and San Timoteo Canyon. This pinch point (the narrow connection necessary for wildlife migratory path access) would be broken and then there are no “do overs.” The result is isolated islands of wildlife

which deteriorate with inbreeding, compromised nesting/birthing locations, disruptions of key relationships among species, decreased diversity and increased intrusions into residential neighborhoods. Absence of this wildlife corridor spells doom for the fragile ecosystem balance.

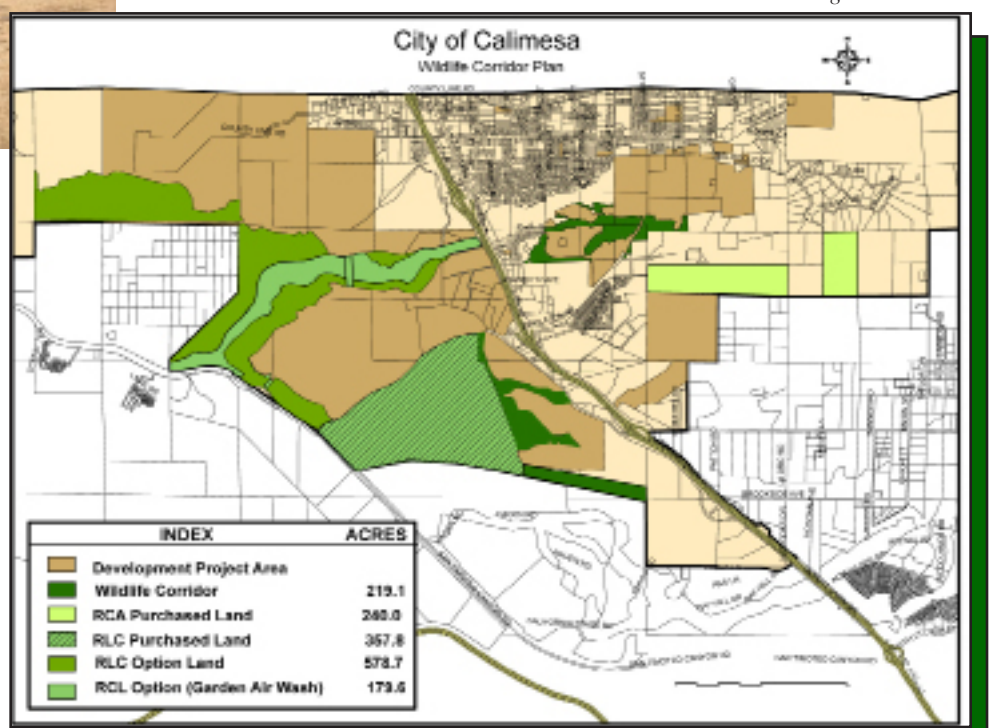
The City of Calimesa preened with pride over their leadership in protecting small swaths of land in collaboration with the Center for Biological Diversity and the San Bernardino Audubon Society by setting out these wildlife corridors. This success is now threatened.

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by allowing animals and plants to migrate between habitat areas. Too many decision making bodies are allowing urbanization to create islands of habitat that eventually leads to the death of the fauna that are isolated. These important linkages also facilitate gene flow and the inevitable need for climate disruption adaptation.”

There is no area immune from the slash of industrial warehouses and the hard fought battle for a wildlife corridor that connects San Timoteo Canyon to the San Bernadino Mountains through Cherry Valley and Calimesa is no exception. It is to be an approximately 2 million square



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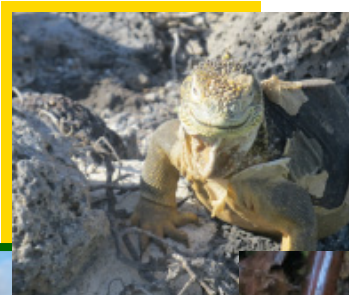
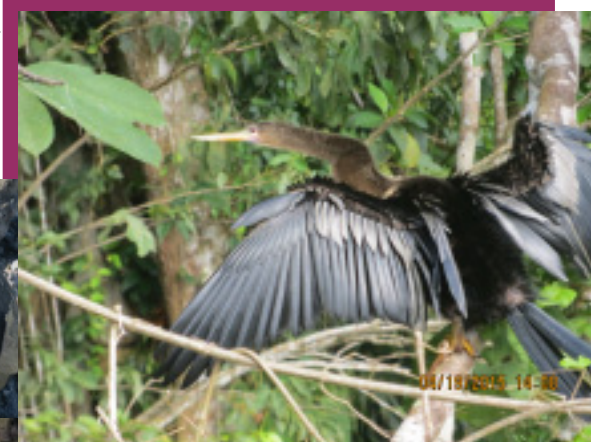
The proposed roundabouts that allow access to the warehouse from Interstate 10 would cut off this corridor by eliminating the pictured culvert and the warehouse itself would block a large part of the corridor.

The Environmental Impact Report will appear for public view soon and then the public will have 45 days to comment on this project before the Riverside County Supervisors vote to approve or disapprove the rezoning of the land.

What can you do to stop this encroachment of the wildlife corridor? Send your email address to warehouseupdate@gmail.com. You will get information regarding events in which you could participate and any new information concerning the warehouse project. Please put "Sierra" in the subject line of your email so we know you are a Sierra Club member.

An Upclose Look at Costa Rica and Ecuador at Chapter Meeting on Tuesday, September 1st

Enjoy an evening with Mike and Jan Millspaugh as they present their recent trip to Costa Rica and Ecuador. In Costa Rica, they visited Tortuguero, Arenal, and Monte Verde, which included rivers, rain forests, and an abundance of wildlife and plants. In Ecuador, they visited Quito and the Galapagos Islands, which included exotic animals in pristine environments and incredible views. The meeting is Tuesday, September 1st, at 7:30 PM at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. The meeting is free and open to the public.



Their photos are worth coming to see!

We hope you can make this meeting!

Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2015

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

CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE: Items for the November/December 2015 Calendar are due by October 1, 2015.

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 [both](mailto:ralphsalisbury@att.net) Ralph Salisbury at <ralphsalisbury@att.net> and Ladd Seekins <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com>

GENERAL INFORMATION, RULES & DISCLAIMERS

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

WHAT TO BRING

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

ADVENTURE PASS SPECIAL NOTICE

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

CARPOOLING POLICY

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

LIABILITY WAIVER

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

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

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

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

I have read any rules & conditions applicable to the Outing made available to me; I will pay any costs & fees for the Outing; & I acknowledge my participation is at the discretion of the leader.

The Outing begins & ends at the location where the Outing officially commences with leader & participants in attendance, as designated by the Sierra Club ("Trailhead"). The Outing does not include carpooling, transportation, or transit to & from the Trailhead, & I am personally responsible for all risks associated with this travel. This does not apply to transportation provided by the Sierra Club after the commencement & before the end of the Outing.

If I decide to leave early & not to complete the Outing as planned, I assume all risks inherent in my decision to leave & waive all liability against the Sierra Club arising from that decision. Likewise, if the leader has concluded the Outing, & I decide to go forward without the leader, I assume all risks inherent in my decision to go forward & waive all liability against the Sierra Club arising from that decision.

This Agreement is intended to be as broad & inclusive as is permitted by law. If any provision or any part of any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or legally unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby & shall remain valid & fully enforceable.

To the fullest extent allowed by law, I agree to WAIVE, DISCHARGE CLAIMS, & RELEASE FROM LIABILITY, & to INDEMNIFY & HOLD HARMLESS the Sierra Club, its officers, directors, employees, agents, & leaders from any & all liability on account of, or in any way resulting from Injuries & Damages, even if caused by negligence of the Sierra Club its officers, directors, employees, agents, & leaders, in any way connected with this Outing. I understand & intend that this assumption of risk & release is binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators & assigns, & includes any minors accompanying me on the Outing.

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

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

RECURRING MONTHLY MEETINGS

(LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

(1ST MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on Feb 2, Apr 6, May 4, Oct 5, Nov 2.
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 CALIENDO, dogs111@msn.com, (760) 442-4103 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, contact BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.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: SUSAN STUEBER, susanquintin.stueber@gmail.com MOJAVE GROUP

(2ND THU) 6:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except July & 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 except July & August. Programs on nature, conservation & travel topics. The public is welcome & refreshments are served. See Los Serranos webpage for detailed program information: sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/groups/los_serranos PLACE: First Presbyterian Church, 869 N. Euclid Ave, Upland CA (educational building, entrance in rear). INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, 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 CALIENDO, dogs111@msn.com, (760) 442-4103 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: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379 CHAPTER

WEEKLY RECURRING OUTINGS & FITNESS ACTIVITIES

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings

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

MON 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING 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 & 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 & good hiking shoes. For questionable weather please call LEADER: MELODY NICHOLS (760) 961-0731. MOJAVE GROUP

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WED 5:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP CONDITIONING WALK
Please join us for a 5 mile conditioning walk on Euclid Ave. in Upland. MEET: 14th Street and Euclid Ave. in Upland. LEADER: JOE WHYTE, 909-949-0899 or whytejoe@msn.com. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

WED 7:00 PM MOJAVE 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 & 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 & good hiking shoes. LEADERS: BILL SPRENG bspreng@gte.net (760) 951-4520 & JENNY WILDER (760) 220-0730 jensoasis@aol.com. MOJAVE GROUP

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AUGUST 17 – AUGUST 23

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

AUG 20 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ED CALIENDO, dogs111@msn.com, (760) 442-4103 BIG BEAR GROUP

AUG 22 (SAT) 7:00 AM LIMBER PINE BENCH CAMP/SAN BERNARDINO PEAK HIKE

This 12 (or maybe 16-mile) “out and back” hike begins at the San Bernardino Peak trailhead in Angelus Oaks and quickly climbs into the San Gorgonio Wilderness past Manzanita Springs junction, and Columbine Springs to Limber Pine Bench Camp. We may decide to just enjoy the spectacular views from Limber Pine after climbing 3,240 ft. and return to the trailhead or we may decide to take on another 1,424 ft. elevation gain and visit Colonel Washington’s Monument (from which all surveying of Southern California commenced) and bag San Bernardino Peak. RATED: Strenuous due to elevation gain and length. Elevation gain is 4,664 ft. to the top of San Bernardino Peak. MEET: The Oaks Restaurant at 37676 State Highway 38 in Angelus Oaks. We’ll carpool over to the trailhead, which is nearby but has limited parking. BRING: Layered clothing, ten essentials, 3-4 liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat and good hiking shoes. Hiking poles are very handy on this steep trail. RESERVATIONS: The hike is limited to 12 participants including the hike leader since I will be obtaining a Day Hike Permit from the Mill Creek Ranger Station. Please contact Roberta Darrow, hiking leader, at (909) 362-2531 (before 9:00 p.m.) or email: kitchenchic@mac.com by Thursday, Aug. 20.

BIG BEAR GROUP

AUGUST 24 – AUGUST 30

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

AUG 24 (MON) TO AUG 29 JOHN MUIR TRAIL BACKPACK
This backpack trip (Shadow Creek to Agnew Meadows) will take us into the Ansel Adams Wilderness from Agnew Meadows (8320’) to Shadow Lake (8737’) to Ediza Lake (9270’), considered the most beautiful lake in the Ansel Adams Wilderness, to Garnet Lake (9680’) and continuing to Thousand Island Lake (9833’) while viewing Banner Peak before returning to Agnew Meadows via the Pacific Crest Trail. This is a 20.1 mile loop hike. RATING: This trip is considered Moderate in difficulty. BRING: The ten-essentials, backpacking and camping gear. MEET: Meetings place it yet to be determined. RESERVATIONS: Contact Ed Caliendo, Hike Leader at dogs111@msn.com or call 442-242-4103 or Co-Hike Leader Charlotte Watts (909)866-7423 or momsampsite@gmail.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

AUG 25 (TUE) 7:00 PMSAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379 CHAPTER

AUG 29 (SAT) 8:00 AM PALM SPRINGS TRAM – PALM SPRINGS TRAM HIKE

Hike in the cool weather at the top of the Tram in San Jacinto State Park The hike starts from the Tram’s 8400’ Mountain Station and climbs to Wellman Saddle (9700’) which itself has nice views, and from there to the Peak at 10,800 feet, which has spectacular views all around. A short rock scramble is required to get to the top of the peak. We retrace our steps to return. This is a challenging hike for experienced hikers only. RATED: Strenuous due to altitude and climb. 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, which heads west uphill from the visitor’s center on Highway 111 (N. Palm Canyon Dr) at the northwest end of Palm Springs. A parking fee may be charged, but it’s not certain. BRING: Ten essentials, at least one layer, sun protection, lunch, 3-liters of water RESERVATIONS: Contact Dave Melton, Hike Leader at (760) 408-2456 or dmelton61@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

AUGUST 31 – SEPTEMBER 6

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SEP 1 (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 2 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ED CALIENDO, dogs111@msn.com, (442) 242-4103
BIG BEAR GROUP

SEP 3 (THU) 5:00 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE
Moderate 4-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 the wooded arroyo. We start promptly at 5:00 p.m. Bring flashlight, water and sturdy shoes. MEET: Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: Christina (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

SEP 3 (THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, contact BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

SEP 5 (SAT) 8:00 AM WATERFALL TO BOULDERS HIKE
Come and enjoy a short hike to Arrastre Waterfall in the Juniper Flats Area just south of Apple Valley. There may not be much surface water, but the vegetation is lush and cools the air. This is a real desert riparian area which attracts birds (including nesting Great Horned Owls) and all kinds of wildlife and humans for centuries. From the falls we will hike up the ‘shute’ to some boulders and then return via a narrow trail to Arrastre Creek and continue following the creek downstream to the top of the waterfall. From here it is a bit of a boulder hop to the base of the waterfall. We are hoping that this will be one of the trails designated for hiking in the current WEMO process. RATED: Moderate 4-6 mile hike on unmaintained trails. MEET: 8:00 am Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308. From there we will caravan about 12 miles to the trailhead (some on dirt road). BRING: 3 liters of water, snacks, hiking poles and wear layered clothing, comfortable hiking shoes and hat. Don’t forget your camera and binoculars! For more details contact LEADER: Jenny Wilder at JensOasis@aol.com or 760 220 0730 or CO-LEADER: Carol Stubblefield at yorkshirerose1@juno.com or 760 964 0039. MOJAVE GROUP

SEP 5 (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. RATING: moderate/ strenuous. Bring a camera to take panorama views of Big Bear Lake. MEET: At the Vons Shopping Center, Big Bear Lake at 8:00 a.m. or at the trailhead at 8:30 a.m. We will carpool to the trailhead. BRING: the ten essentials, a minimum of two-liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and good hiking shoes. RESERVATIONS: Contact Hike Leader, Ed Caliendo, (442) 242-4103 or dogs111@msn.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

****SEP 6 (SUN) 8:00 AM PINE KNOT TRAIL HIKE**
Beginners welcome! This is a hike starting in Aspen Glenn picnic ground on Mill Creek Rd. This trail takes the hiker through a forest of Jeffries pine, white fir with some black oak. It eventually ends at Grand View Point where we can have look at the burned acreage of the June Jenks Lake fire. Otherwise the view of the San Gorgonio wilderness is glorious. RATING: Moderate. It is a seven mile in and out hike with 900 feet elevation gain. MEET: Aspen Glenn picnic ground. BRING: two liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hat, trekking poles and a good pair of hiking boots. Bring layered clothing as it is often very cool in the morning up here. RESERVATIONS: Contact Peter Michelsen at petermichelsenor@gmail.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

SEPTEMBER 7 – SEPTEMBER 13

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SEP 8 (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 9 (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: SUSAN STUEBER, susanquintin.stueber@gmail.com, (760) 900-5330 MOJAVE GROUP

SEP 9 (WED) 9:00 AM POTATO MOUNTAIN HIKE
This moderate 5 miler R/T “peeler” at 1,200’ of elevation gain makes it a fun way to trek though Evey Canyon to reach the summit. BRING: water, sturdy boots, hiking sticks and layered clothing. Please call hike LEADER: JEFF WARHOL (909) 985-7686 or email jmwandjjw@hotmail.com to confirm by SEP 8, 5:00 PM
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

SEP 9 (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, approx. 900 ft elevation gain. We start promptly at 5:00 p.m.. BRING: water, flashlight

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and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Pigeon Pass, turn left at the light on Hidden Springs Drive. Driveway into Box Springs Park is on the left off Hidden Springs Drive. Drive up the gravel road and park near the picnic tables. Parking fee \$5. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: Christina Torres (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

SEP 10 (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 12 (SAT) 8:00 AM LOWER DEEP CREEK HIKE
This easy outing through beautiful Lower Deep Creek with its diverse wildlife is a 3-mile round trip sure to bring joy to those who attend. There is a strong possibility that participants will have to cross the river so be prepared to get your feet wet. BRING: Plenty of water, snacks and strong footwear. As with every outing, a camera is recommended. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 at 8 AM or the trail head by the PCT on Highway 173 where it dead ends. LEADER: Norman Bossom. 760-912-3725, coachnorm@yahoo.com for further details. Prior registration is not necessary. MOJAVE GROUP

SEP 12 (SAT) 8:00 AM BLACK MOUNTAIN TRAIL HIKE
We hiked this trail in the winter and faced the freezing snow and wind. We said, "Let's return in the Spring and see this trail in bloom! So, here is your chance. This trail climbs quickly and steadily to give the hiker a superb workout and views of the desert valleys, Banning Pass, and the San Geronio Mountains to the north. This is a 7.0 mile hike with a 2,600' elevation gain. RATING: Strenuous MEET: We will meet at the trail head. Take I-10 to Banning and take Hwy 243 south towards Idyllwild. The first trailhead on your way up the mountain is the Black Mountain Trail. Precede off Hwy 243 about 200 feet and park in the designated area. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 2 liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. RESERVATIONS: Call Apprentice Hike Leader, Darlene Taylor (951) 385-5706 or dtaylorncrew@verizon.net .or contact Ed Caliendo, Hike Leader dogs111@msn.com or 442-242-4103. BIG BEAR GROUP

****SEP 12 (SAT) 8:00 AM 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. RATING: Strenuous MEET: Hikers are to meet at Cougar Crest Trail Head located a half-mile west of the Big Bear Discovery Center. An Adventure Pass is required for parking. BRING: 2.0 liters of water, snack/lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and good hiking shoes. RESERVATIONS: Contact Hike Leader, Judy Atkinson, at (909) 289-1932 or djatk57@gmail.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

SEP 13 (SUN) 7:30 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. RATING: Strenuous MEET: at the Vons Shopping Center at 7:30 a.m. and we will car pool to the trail head. BRING: ten-essentials, plus 3 liters of water, snack/lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and trekking poles. RESERVATIONS: Call Hike Leader, Charlotte Watts at (909) 866-7423 or Co-Hike Leader, Ed Caliendo, at (442) 242-4103 or dogs111@msn.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

SEP 13 (SUN) 8:30 AM OAK GLEN PRESERVE HIKE
Easy to moderate 4 mile loop along trees, creek, and open areas with views of the mountains. Bring water, sturdy shoes, sunscreen. We plan to picnic after the hike. Also, this is apple season so you have an opportunity to visit the apple farm/orchards after so bring \$ if you want. MEET: take the Oak Glen exit off the 10 Fwy in Yucaipa north until you reach Los Rios Rancho Apple Ranch. Park near the main entrance of the Montane Botanic Garden. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: Christina Torres (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

SEPTEMBER 14 – SEPTEMBER 20

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SEP 14 (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 15 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING
NOTE SPECIAL MEETING LOCATION! Chino Basin Water Conservation District, 4594 San Bernardino St, Montclair CA 91763. Join us for an exciting visual and audio presentation by David Jesse McChesney – "The Desert = Its Grace, Its Grandeur and Its Gravity." Check the website for more info, David is a renowned wildlife and nature photographer, with a special interest in our local deserts. Don't miss this one! The public is welcome so bring your friends and neighbors. Refreshments will be served. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ (909) 815-9379 <RUIZMARYANN@GMAIL.COM> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

SEP 15 (TUE) 7:30 AM SUNSET PEAK HIKE
This will be a moderate 7 mile round trip hike on a fire road up to the top of Sunset Peak (elevation 5796 feet) with a 1300 feet gain. Great panoramic views in all directions from the peak! Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, water, snacks, sunscreen, hat, & layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventure Pass is required for parking at the trailhead. CONTACT Kathy Viola to confirm and for directions to trailhead OR carpooling from Upland. This is a provisional hike for leader-in-training, Kathy Viola, supervised by John St Clair. Contact Kathy Viola at 909-346-9653 or kviola826@gmail.com. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

SEP 17 (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 CALIENDO, dogs111@msn.com, (760) 442-4103. BIG BEAR GROUP

SEP 17 (THU) 5:00 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE
Moderate 4-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 the wooded arroyo. We start promptly at 5:00 p.m. Bring flashlight, water and sturdy shoes. MEET: Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: Christina (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

****SEP 18 (FRI) 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), 12.5 miles round trip with 3900 ft. elevation gain. The trail follows the creek for the first 1 1/2 miles under a canopy of oak, alder, cedar, 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, john@stclairs.us or 909-983-8501. LOS SERRANOS

SEP 19 (SAT) 8:00 AM OZZIES TRAIL HIKE
This moderate outing has a gradual 1000' elevation gain at the beginning. It takes us to a part of the lovely Juniper Flats area with wonderful views across the Mojave Desert to the north. BRING: Water, snacks, a camera and wear strong shoes. Meet: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 at 8aAM. LEADER: Norman Bossom, 760-912-3725, coachnorm@yahoo.com for further details. Prior registration is not required. MOJAVE GROUP

****SEP 19 (SAT) 9:00 AM S B MTS, GRAY'S PEAK HIKE**
A moderate enjoyable trail to the summit of Gray's Peak at 7,952 ft. Elevation gain: 1,200 ft., 6 miles round trip. Good views of Big Bear Lake and surrounding mountains. BRING lunch, 2 quarts of water, jacket, sun block. MEET at the signed Gray's Peak trailhead parking lot on the left side of Hwy 38 before you reach Fawnskin. Leader: HEATHER SARGEANT, 909-336-2836. Adventure Pass required. MOUNTAINS GROUP

SEP 19 (SAT) 7:30 AM SEC B: PCT FULLER RIDGE TO DEER SPRINGS TRAIL HIKE
We restart our Section B and D PCT hikes this fall with this hike. We have three Section B segments to complete. This is the middle segment. Starting on Fuller Ridge below the summit of Mt. San Jacinto, the PCT winds around the south face of San Jacinto Mountain 7.8 miles to Strawberry Junction, where we'll leave the PCT to take the Deer Springs Trail 4.1 miles down to Idyllwild. Total distance is 11.9 miles, with 2200 ft. of climb and 3300 ft. of descent. This is a through-hike and will require transporting hikers, possibly with a key exchange, and high-clearance vehicles are needed for the 8 dirt miles to Fuller Ridge. RATING: Strenuous MEET: We will meet at the U.S. Forest Service Idyllwild Ranger Station, 54270 Pine Crest Road, Idyllwild, CA 92549 in the parking lot at 7:30 AM. BRING: Ten essentials, layered clothing, and 4 liters of water, lunch, snacks, sun protection, sunglasses, camera, and trekking poles. This side of San Jacinto tends to have gnats, so a bug net for the face may be a good idea. RESERVATIONS: Call Hike Leader, Dave Melton, at (760) 408-2456 or dmelton61@yahoo.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

****SEP 20 (SUN) 8:00 AM 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. RATING: Strenuous MEET: Hikers are to meet at Cougar Crest Trail Head located a half-mile west of the Big Bear Discovery Center. An Adventure Pass is required for parking. BRING: 2.0 liters of water, snack/lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and good hiking shoes. RESERVATIONS: Contact Hike Leader, Charlotte Watts, at (909) 866-7423 or momscampsite@gmail.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

SEP 20 (SUN) 8:00 AM PCT TO EYE OF GOD HIKE
Beginners welcome! We will hike through dense groves of pinyon pines dotted with the occasional Joshua tree. Halfway through we will emerge from the tree canopy opening up to the high desert. We will stop at the legendary «Eye of God» held sacred by the local Serrano tribe. It is a very large white and rose colored quartz outcropping. RATING: easy to moderate with 300 feet elevation gain. MEET: Vons parking lot at 8:00 a.m. We will car pool to the trailhead at the crest of 18 on the way to Victorville. BRING: the ten essentials, plus two-liters of water, snack/lunch, sunglasses, sunblock, hat, and good pair of hiking boots, trekking poles and layered clothing. RESERVATIONS: Contact Peter Michelsen at petermichelsenor@gmail.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

SEPTEMBER 21 – SEPTEMBER 27

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SEP 22 (TUE) 7:00 PMSAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The San Geronio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379. CHAPTER

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Palm and Pine

Big Bear Group

By Ed Caliendo, Group Chair

Jenks Lake FIRE and San Gorgonio Wilderness

For approximately 100 years the San Gorgonio Wilderness had not experienced a major forest fire until June 17, 2015. The Jenks Lake fire began near Hwy 38, Heart Bar area. A total of 31,359 acres were consumed with 30 percent of the burned area either moderately or severely burned, equal to about 9,000 acres of forest land.

To ensure a successful rehabilitation, the U.S. Forest Service has indefinitely closed the burn area including a section of the Pacific Crest Trail, access to San Gorgonio Peak from the north and west, several Forest service roads, and campgrounds and trails including Aspen Grove, Grinnell Ridge, Fish Creek Saddle, Big Tree, Fish Creek, Mission Springs, Coon Creek Cabin, South Fork Meadows and Jackstraw Springs. Access to San Gorgonio Mountain is available only from the southwest of Forest Trail 1E08 and a portion of Forest Trail 1W07.

Forsee Creek, San Bernardino Peak, Momyer and Vivian Creek trailheads are open and offer great hiking opportunities.



Big Bear Group Adopts a Trail

The Big Bear Group adopts the Baldwin Lake Ecological Reserve Interpretive Trail. The Reserve is a unique area that is well known for supporting extremely high concentrations of rare plant species – among the highest in North America. This Reserve supports the rare “Pebble Plain Plants” found only in the Big Bear area. Self-guided tour can be accomplished with an Interpretive Trail map available at the site. This Reserve is located on the north side of Baldwin Lake on Hwy 18. Free parking is available.

It is our goal to maintain this trail so that many individuals can enjoy the outdoors and learn of the unique plant and tree life in the Big Bear area.

Peaks of Big Bear Hiking Season Kicks-Off

Grays Peak trail hike with a 1,200' elevation gain held the season opener on June 27th and had 36 participants. Those individuals who complete all five-peaks overlooking Big Bear will receive a commemorative patch at the annual Patch Party in May 2016.

We will repeat the hiking of all five Big Bear Peaks throughout the summer. A very strong Peaks hiking schedule for September and October will allow everyone the opportunity to climb all five peaks of Big Bear before winter. Come join the fun! Look inside this issue of the *Palm and Pine* for a complete listing of the September and October Peaks hiking scheduled for Grays Peak, Delamar Peak, Bertha Peak, Gold Mountain Peak, and Sugarloaf Peak.



Big Bear Group Joins Big Bear Valley Ecotourism

The new organization of Big Bear, Valley Ecotourism, will be helping to bring outdoor adventurers to the Big Bear Valley. Ecotourism will promote travel to natural areas that also conserves the environment and improves the well-being of local people. Ecotourism will have a positive impact on both natural areas and the local community. The goal is to provide positive experiences for both visitors and hosts.

On July 19th, the first Ecotourism Festival was held at the Discovery Center in Big Bear Lake. The Big Bear Group had a welcoming booth promoting membership within the Sierra Club.

Solicitation of New Board Members

It is that time of the year when the Big Bear Group solicits individuals who may wish to join the Big Bear Group and become an active board member. If you have experience in Accounting, Fund Raising, Environmental activities, Hiking Leadership, or Administration Support, please apply. All interested applicants are to submit their intentions

to Ed Caliendo, Group Chairperson, to email address: dogs111@msn.com. If you wish to ask questions, please call me at 442.242.4103.

In order to qualify, you must be a member of the Sierra Club and must be assigned to the Big Bear Group. Both of these requirements can quickly be accomplished if you do not already qualify. You must apply before September 30, 2015.

The open board position is for the years 2016 – 2017. If elected, you will serve for two consecutive years. Your position and responsibilities as an active board member will be determined at our first meeting in January 2016.

Join one of the most community active groups with College Scholarship Fund Raising for local high school students, active environmental activities, strong hiking program, monthly public meetings held at the Discovery Center with guest presenters, and a growing base of membership. Please consider joining the Team!



Los Serranos Group

By Brian Elliot, Group Chair

Los Serranos Group September Special Meeting

In September, Los Serranos Group welcomes presenter David Jesse McChesney. David will be sharing his unique visual and audio presentation, “The Desert – Its Grace, Its Gravity and Its Grandeur.” This meeting will take place at a new location – the Chino Valley Water Conservation District facility at 4594 San Bernardino St, Montclair, 91763. We are very excited to meet at this new location with easy accessibility,

parking, and a great meeting room. You won't want to miss David's presentation in this new location for our meeting. Meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 7:00 pm. The public is welcome and refreshments will be served – bring you friends and neighbors!

David Jesse McChesney, photographer, author and musician has photographed 55 of America's national parks over the past 39 years. He has served as the advanced photo instructor for the Desert Institute at Joshua Tree National Park. He is author of *The Mojave Desert: Miles of Wonder and Muir Roots: At One with the Wild*. His imagery is showcased at national parklands and wildlife refuges, world birding centers, travel centers, museums and a growing number of nature outlets around the country. He has been published around the globe and is the recipient of over fifty awards for his photographic work. David captures the life and color of the Mojave Desert and uses his imagery to help celebrate and preserve the beauty and wildlife found there. He travels the country offering visual presentations, tours and lectures related to the desert, nature, wildlife and birdlife photography.

In 2012, McChesney travelled to Washington D.C. to speak to members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee of behalf of the California Desert Protection Act. In 2014, one of David's images was chosen to represent Joshua Tree National Park in the National Park Gallery in the Interior Department building in Washington D.C.

At his home in Joshua Tree, David has developed a remarkable wildlife sanctuary, rich in flavor of the species' which visit the Joshua Tree National Park. His property was certified as a Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation and many of the desert species found on this site were, quite literally, photographed out of his windows at home. David's home has been visited by an Osprey and Lewis's woodpecker, which are rare migratory

species in the Joshua Tree Highlands. A harmonica-player extraordinaire, “Hurricane David” began belting the blues 40+ years ago and was influenced by performers such as Sonny Boy Williamson, Paul Butterfield and Junior Wells. He is a National Harmonica Champion, a title he won at the National Harmonica Festival held in Yellow Pine, Idaho. His harp and vocal stylings have evolved over the years and after winning more than 200 talent competitions earlier in his career. David has been entertaining for the past 35+ years. His original-style, blues-oriented rock 'n' roll has been presented in over 2,500 performances since 1976.

“Hurricane” David has recently completed a music studio “Outmywindows” and enjoys the Joshua Tree atmosphere for both writing and recording.

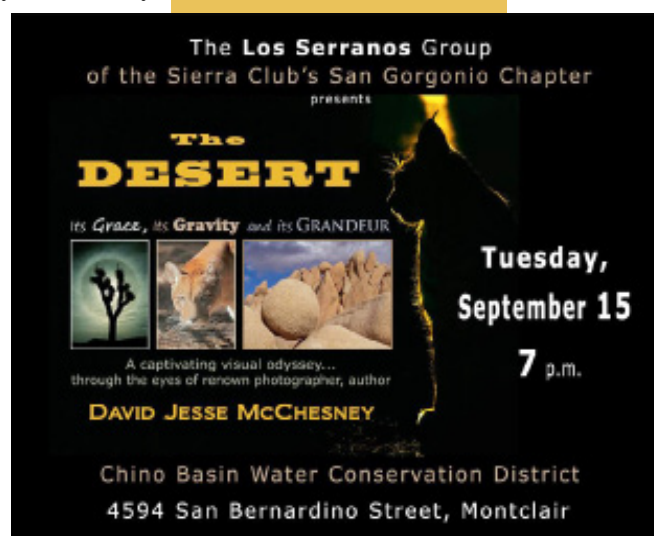
In October, we will hear from our own Chair, Brian Elliott. Brian's presentation is titled “Caribou, Birds, and Bears: Canoeing the Utukok and Kokolik Rivers of the western north slope of Alaska.”

Member Brian Elliott, along with three friends, canoed two rivers that flow north on Alaska's north slope above the Arctic circle. Brian and his friends canoed for 10 days in 2014 on the Kokolik River. He returned this past summer to canoe 9 days on the Utukok River, just east of the Kokolik River. He and his friends were then air shuttled back to the Kokolik where they canoed for 15 days, this time all the way to the Kokolik's River's mouth at the small Inuit village of Pt. Lay, a subsistence village of 190 people at the Chukchi Sea's coast. The rivers flow through some of the most remote wilderness in North America and

are renowned for viewing of the western Arctic caribou herd migration. Brian and his friend saw thousands of caribou along with much other wildlife. Each river is primarily located within the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska, an area of national interest by the Sierra Club and other environmental groups who are trying to preserve its great wilderness and wildlife. Brian will share his photos of his trip and advocate for the region's protection.

October meeting date is Tues. 10/20 at 7:00 pm. Location will be announced on the website and via email as we are finalizing details.

We hope to see you at these upcoming events!



Mojave Group

By Susan Stueber, Group Chair

This year the Mojave Group has two positions open on the executive committee: Carol Wiley's who has served as Vice Chair and Bill Spreng's who has served as a member at large. This year's nominating committee consists of Sheila Garrison, Norman Bossom and Susan Stueber. If you or someone you know wants to be nominated please contact Susan Stueber at (760) 900-5330 or susanquintin.stueber@gmail.com. Nominations need to be received by Sept. 20th in order for ballots to be entered and mailed in the Nov/Dec *Palm and Pine*. Ballots must be mailed or turned in by Nov. 23 and the new members will be announced at our December 9th Christmas/Potluck meeting.

Other news from the Mojave Group: Our SPROG candidate Amanda Sansoucie reported that the training... "was absolutely amazing. It was definitely more than just a leadership and campaigning training. The space they created offered so much comfort to everyone who was there, even without cell phone service ;). I felt like the amount of information we were given was the amount that would normally take years of experience to gain. The whole thing was so insightful and heart-warming at the same time. It was beyond encouraging, to meet so many young and passionate people dedicated to making a change in the world."

National Drive Electric Week 2015

By Jenny Wilder



National Drive Electric Week, September 12-20, 2015, is a nationwide celebration to heighten awareness of today's widespread availability of plug-in vehicles and

Mountains Group

By Dave Barrie, Group Chair

They arrived in small cars, regular sized cars, vans, SUVs, pick-up trucks, motor homes and even on foot.

They came from nearby mountain communities and from down the hill. And one even came from Ireland (by way of Massachusetts). The youngest was 3 years old (in a few weeks), and the oldest was 83 (in a few days) and the rest were somewhere in between.

They slept in small tents, big tents, the van, a trailer, the motor home and even an SUV.

They came on Friday (quite a few of them), Saturday (most of the rest) and Sunday morning (the last two to join us).

And the occasion? The annual Mountains Group Car Camp at the Shady Cove campground at the top of the Children's Forest in Running Springs.

We usually have our get-together on the first weekend of August but Leader Heather Sargeant was scheduled to be headed for Canada by then so we moved it to an earlier date (July 24, 25, 26) because it wouldn't have been the same without Heather!

Eleven happy campers spent the night on Friday (it is usually 3 or 4) and most participated in hikes on Saturday morning before returning to camp to prepare for the Saturday evening potluck dinner.

The early fire season meant no barbecuing, so dinner was cooked on camp stoves and we all envisioned Steve Farrell's white gas/you-pump-it Coleman stove sitting in the fire pit as a replacement for the campfire we were not going to be able to have.

Dinner was great with lots of choices for all – vegan, vegetarian, gluten free, sugar free, sugar filled, meat protein in many forms, water, tea, coffee, and a few mildly alcoholic libations.

Two E-Z Up canopies provided shade for us this year where last year they were needed for the rain that started in the late afternoon and continued through the night. It's nice to have a little variety.

Sunday morning Bill Eng's took his

traditional spot at Heather's stove cooking pancakes for all that spent the night or came to join us for the morning hike. We weren't counting but we are pretty sure that Bill set a new record for pancakes cooked for a Mountains Group event. Thanks Bill!

And speaking of Bill... he has been our Treasurer and Outings Chair for more than a decade and is looking for his current term on



Photo by Mary Barrie

the Mountains Group Executive Committee (Excom) to be his last elected office with the Group. (For now...)

So, we are looking for someone in the Mountains Group that would be interested in replacing Bill as our Treasurer. There is some training that would be necessary, especially year-end reports to Chapter/National, and we would like to have a new Treasurer in place prior to those reports being processed this December so that some hands-on training can be done.

If you are interested you can contact me (Dave Barrie) at barriemail@mac.com.

And while we are on the subject of replacing an Excom member, I would like to commend Sherry Noone for her more than ten years of service as Secretary for our Excom (ending this December) and thank Debby McAllister for volunteering to take Sherry's place. Yay to both of you!

Replacement and Succession planning is important (and difficult to achieve) so, if you think that you might like to fill a role on the Mountains Group Executive Committee someday, please contact me and we can talk about how you can help. (Dave Barrie, barriemail@mac.com)

highlight the benefits of all-electric and plug-in hybrid-electric cars, trucks, motorcycles, and more. They are fun to drive, are less expensive and more convenient to fuel than gasoline vehicles, are better for the environment, promoting local jobs, and reduce our dependence on foreign oil. Make that dream of a fueling station in your garage come true!

Plug In America (<http://www.pluginamerica.org/>), Sierra Club (<http://content.sierraclub.org/evguide/>) and Electric Auto Association (<http://www.electricauto.org/>) serve as the national team providing support to the fun events throughout the country.

Fast Charging competition is heating up and making it even more attractive to drive an



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EV (Electric Vehicle). Now you can charge 100-mile range or more in less than an hour and the networks are growing.

The "local" Electric Vehicle Association of Southern California (EVAOSC – <http://evaosc.org/>) is hosting an event again this year. Drive Electric Day will be on Saturday, September 12, 2015, between 12 noon to 4:00 pm at the South Coast Air Quality Management District, 21865 Copley Dr. Diamond Bar, CA 91765. In addition to the main event, the EVAOSC meets at 10:00 am on the 3rd Saturday of each month at the SCAQMD in Diamond Bar. For their monthly meetings, they usually have a speaker, tour, public demonstration event, or a video. It's a good place to meet EV drivers, get questions answered, and to find out if it is time for you to make that switch to electric driving.

Moreno Valley Group

By Ann McKibben, Secretary

All outings for the Moreno Valley Group start up on Thursday, September 3, 5:00 p.m. with a Hidden Springs Hike. It is a moderate 4-mile loop on the Hidden Springs trail and arroyo. Meet at Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. Rain cancels. For more information call Christina Torres at (951) 318-7503 or e-mail her at cmt.teck@gmail.com. More group outings can be found in this issue of the *Palm & Pine*.

After holding several public hearings the city of Moreno Valley Planning Commission approved the World Logistics Center (WLC) at their June 30 meeting. Moving forward the city scheduled a public hearing for the City Council in July, but that meeting had to be postponed and was rescheduled for Monday, August 17, 2015. The city council could vote to approve the project later that same week. State and county agencies (California Air Resources Board, South Coast Air Quality Management District, Riverside County Transportation Agency, Riverside County Transportation Commission), and the city of Riverside submitted comment letters detailing deficiencies in the environmental documents as did the Sierra Club and many environmental organizations, unions and individuals. Deadlines for the *Palm and Pine* make it impossible to have up-to-date information in our group news. To view the environmental documents, comment letters and response to comments, please view this link: <http://www.moval.org/misc/wlc-deir.shtml>

Please check our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/MorenoValleySierraClub> where we post links to newspaper articles, documents and other news regarding the approval process for this project.

The WLC is probably the most controversial project proposed for Moreno Valley and the Inland

metropolitan area.

The 40.6 million square foot project (the size of 700 full-sized football fields) will have severe impacts— increase in freeway traffic, truck traffic (approximately 69,000 vehicle trips per day), air quality (asthma, respiratory diseases). 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.

If you are reading this prior to the council vote, please e-mail councilmembers with your thoughts on the WLC and if it is after the vote, please thank those who voted against the project. Jessie L. Molina, jessem@moval.org; Jeffrey Giba, jeffg@moval.org; George Price, georgep@moval.org; Yxstian Gutierrez, yxstiang@moval.org, LaDonna Jempson, ladonnaj@moval.org. You can also contact planner Mark Gross at: markg@moval.org & (951) 413-3215 for more information.

Donations are still needed to help us as we work to provide strong comments on

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San Jacinto Wildlife Area . . . by George Hague

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SEP 22 (TUE) 8:00 AM VINCENT GAP & ISLIP SADDLE TO EAGLES ROOST HIKE

This should be a perfect Autumn hike in the mountains above Wrightwood. The first section is from Vincent Gap (6585) to Inspiration Pt (7386) a total of 4.6 miles with a gain of 800 feet. The second section is from Islip Saddle to Eagles Roost (6650) a total of 3.8 miles and 1574 feet gain. Along the way as an option we will summit Mt Williamson (8244) which will add 1.5 miles and 300 ft gain. Contact Joe Whyte at 909-949-0899 or whytejoe@msn.com for carpooling and meeting place info. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

SEP 23 (WED) 5:00 PM OLIVE MTN HIKE

Enjoy the view from Olive Mountain with a moderate to difficult 3-mile round trip hike. 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 ½ 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 26 (SAT) 7:30 AM PCT, SECD CLOUDBURST TO LITTLE ROCK CREEK HIKE

This 8.8-mile hike combines the 8th and 9th segments of the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT), Section D. Hikers completing all thirteen segments will be eligible to receive a recognition patch commemorating their accomplishment in the completing the 110.2 mile D section at the annual Patch Party next May. The first 4.7 miles of the scenic trail descend from Highway 2 at Cloudburst Summit (7018') to Three Points (5885'). From Three Points, the PCT continues its gradual descent 3.3 miles to Sulphur Springs (5200'), and finishes after another 0.8 mile to Little Rock Creek Road (5N04). This is a shuttle hike and 4WD vehicles and those with high clearance will be helpful in transporting hikers from the end of the hike back to Cloudburst Summit. RATED: Moderate, but the 1800' descent may be stressful on knees. BRING: The ten essentials, sun protection (hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, hiking gloves), 2 or more liters of water (depending on forecast temperatures), trail snacks, and lunch. FORECAST: September at these elevations may be quite warm to downright hot; you should check the forecast immediately prior to the hike in order to wear appropriate hiking attire. MEET: Cloudburst Summit is 4.6 miles west of Eagles Roost on Highway 2. RESERVATIONS: Email Hike Leader, L.J. Foster at eljayeff@verizon.net or call and leave a message at 951-845-9440. BIG BEAR GROUP

SEP 26 (SAT) 8:00 AM BIG PINES TO VINCENT GAP VIA BLUE RIDGE TRAIL HIKE

Climb the scenic Blue Ridge Trail from Big Pines east of Wrightwood, then hike along the PCT west to Vincent Gap. This high country hike features cool temps and a long, general decent after the initial climb of about 1,200' with distance of 9 miles. MEET 9:15 AM at Vincent Gap parking area on Hwy 2. We'll arrange a car shuttle from there to Big Pines. BRING 2-3 quarts of water, lunch, snacks, hiking boots, and layered clothing. The PASADENA GROUP is co-sponsoring this hike. LEADER: BILL JOYCE (909) 596-6280 bill@rollingtherock.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

****SEP 26 (SAT) 8:30 AM DEVIL'S SLIDE TRAIL TO DEER SPRINGS TRAIL HIKE**

Join us on a 11 mile hike from Humber Park in Idyllwild to the Deer Springs Trail Head. This is a strenuous hike. There is 2400' of elevation gain. From Humber Park we will travel the 2.5 miles up Devils Slide Trail to Saddle Junction. From there we will take the PCT 4.1 miles gradually climbing through the open forest crossing the ridge at about 9000 feet around the rim to Strawberry Junction. From Strawberry Junction we follow Deer Springs Trail down 4.1 miles descending about 300 feet to the trail head. Please bring 3 liters of water, lunch and snacks. Be sure to bring sunscreen, a hat, sturdy and comfortable hiking shoes and dress in layers. Because there is a limit on the number of hikers allowed on Devils Slide I will get the permit in advance. So if you are interested please register as soon as possible. Directions: From the Ranger Station in Idyllwild drive 1 mile north on highway 243. Park on the north side of the road across from The County Park Nature Center. This is where the hike will end. Half the cars will remain parked here to shuttle hikers back to Humber Park at the end of the hike. The remaining cars will shuttle hikers to Humber Park to begin the hike. This hike will be limited to the first twelve (12) that preregister. RAIN CANCELS. Note that an Adventure Pass is REQUIRED to be displayed when parking at Humber Park. 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 26-27 (SAT-SUN) CARRIZO PLAINS SERVICE/HIKING

This is an opportunity to visit and to assist an outstanding and relatively unknown national monument. Saturday is National Public Lands Day, and we will join other volunteers on several maintenance projects. We will be car-camping, with a pot-luck and campfire on Saturday night. Sunday we will tour a number of the historic, prehistoric, and geologic sites in the Monument with details to be determined by consensus of the group. Leader Craig Deutsche, craig.deutsche@gmail.com, 310-477-6670. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

SEP 27 (SUN) 6:15 PM SYCAMORE CANYON PARK FULL MOON HIKE

Approximately 2-hour leisurely paced hike. Full moon rising at 7:50 p.m. Trail has some ups and downs – rated easy to moderate. BRING: flashlight, water, and sturdy shoes. MEET: Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park in Riverside on the south side of Central Ave. between Canyon Crest Drive and the 215/60 Fwy. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: Christina Torres (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

SEPTEMBER 28 – OCTOBER 4

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

****SEP 29 (TUE) 9:00 AM CHANTRY FLAT HIKE**

This will be a moderately strenuous 10 mile loop hike from Chantry Flat, through Sturtevant Falls, Spruce Grove & Hoeges Campgrounds, returning via Upper Winter Creek Trail. This is a very scenic trail following creeks, mostly forested, with an elevation gain of 1800 feet. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, water, lunch & snacks, sunscreen, hat, and layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventure Pass is required for parking at trailhead. CONTACT Kathy Viola to confirm and for directions to trailhead OR carpooling from Upland. Provisional hike for leader-in-training, Kathy Viola, supervised by Joe Whyte. CONTACT Kathy Viola at 909-346-9653 or kviola826@gmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

OCT 3 (SAT) 8:00 AM MOUNT BADEN POWELL HIKE

Mount Baden Powell, Wrightwood. This climb is a challenging 8 mile round trip with a 2000' elevation gain, up some 40 switch backs along the PCT. At the top is a 9000' plus altitude and is not for the inexperienced. The reward is great views across the Mojave Desert to the north and the San Gabriel Mountains in all other directions. BRING: Plenty of water, snacks, strong shoes and a camera. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 at 8 AM or at the Elementary School, Spruce Street, Wrightwood at 9 AM. LEADER: Norman Bossom for further details, 760-912-3725, coachnorm@yahoo.com. Prior registration is not required. MOJAVE GROUP

****OCT 3 (SAT) 8:00 AM DELAMAR MOUNTAIN HIKE**

This is a peak of Big Bear hike. Those achieving all five peaks will be given a commemorative patch. This is a longer version of the usual Delamar hike as it starts at the Cougar Crest trailhead. It leads the hiker through a forest of Jeffries pine, cedar, juniper and black and live oak and ironwood. RATING: Moderate too strenuous in difficulty due to length, 12 miles, and elevation gain of 1,600 feet. It is also a combination of in and out and loop hike. Bring your trekking poles as there are several stretches of slippery sandy ground soil. MEET: Cougar Crest trail head, a quarter of a mile west of the Discovery center. You will need your adventure pass for parking at the trailhead. BRING: The ten essentials including 3 liters of water, snack, lunch, sunglasses, sunblock, hat, layered clothing, a good pair of hiking boots and trekking poles. RESERVATIONS: Contact Peter Michelsen at petermichelsenor@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

OCT 3 (SAT) 8:30 AM WILDHORSE CREEK TRAIL HIKE

This trail is 8 miles round trip with a 1400 foot elevation gain up chaparral covered ridges with Jeffrey and Pinyon pine. Along the way, we will view Greyback Ridge and the slopes of Grinnell Mountain with views of the upper Santa Ana river then toward the end of the hike we will descend into the forested canyon of Wildhorse Creek. The creek usually runs all year so we may be able to enjoy lovely spot for lunch. RATING: Moderate. MEET: At the Wildhorse Creek Trail on Hwy 38. The trail marker will be on your left if you are coming up from the Redlands area, on the right if coming from Big Bear. It's near the Heart Bar Campground. Weather Forecast: Average temps in Sept. range from 50 to 75. BRING: Ten essentials, energy snacks and lunch, 2.0-liters of water, sun protection (sunscreen, hat, long-sleeve shirt), and layers for variable temperatures. RESERVATIONS: Email Apprentice Hike Leader Sharon Nardoza, snardoza@cox.net or leave a message at (760) 685-5321, or contact Co-Hike Leader, Ed Caliendo at dogs111@msn.com or call (442) 242-4103. BIG BEAR GROUP

****OCT 4 (SUN) 8:30 AM HANNAH FLATS HIKE**

Sometimes called the «Grout Bay» trail, this trail begins at the Gray's Peak trailhead. We will climb the Gray's Peak trail for about a mile. The Hannah Flats trail branches off to take us through forest, regrowth from the 2007 Butler Fire and rock formations. The trail is fairly level on its way to the Hanna Flats campground. We will hike approximately 4 miles, find a place to have our snack/lunch and then return on the same trail to our vehicles. It should be lovely this time of year with the trees changing color. RATING: Moderate 8 miles with about 600 - 800 ft elevation gain. MEET: Gray's Peak trailhead on Hwy 38, 2.7 miles from Big Bear Dam or 1/2 mile southwest of Fawnskin. You will need an Adventure Pass to park at the trailhead. BRING: 10 essentials, plenty of water, sun protection, trekking poles, snack/lunch. RESERVATIONS: Contact hike leader Judy Atkinson by phone or text at (909) 289-1932 or email djatk57@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

OCTOBER 5 – OCTOBER 11

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

OCT 5 (MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUPEXCOM MEETING

First Monday @ 6:00 PM at Alpine conference Rm 27236, Blue Jay Mall on Feb 2, Apr 6, May 4, Oct 5 and Nov 2. INFO: DAVE BARRIE (909) 337-0313 MOUNTAINS GROUP

OCT 6 (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 7 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING

The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ED CALIENDO, dogs111@msn.com, (442) 242-4103 BIG BEAR GROUP

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OCT 7 (WED) 5:00 PM**TWO TREES TRAIL****HIKE**

Moderate 3.5 mile hike up Two Trees Trail from Riverside with 1,000 ft elevation gain. BRING: water, sturdy shoes, hiking poles if preferred. MEET: 215 Fwy in Riverside exit Blaine St. and drive east about 2 miles to Belvedere, then 2nd right onto Two Trees Rd. Sign and parking area for Box Springs Mountain Park located where the road turns to dirt. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: Christina Torres (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com.
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

OCT 8 (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

OCTOBER 12 – OCTOBER 18

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

OCT 10 (SAT) 7:30 AM SEC B: PCT/FULLER RIDGE TO SNOW CREEK HIKE

This is the northernmost segment of Section B, and the most strenuous because we descend 7,000 ft. in 17 miles from Fuller Ridge to Snow Creek. The path descends continuously and is generally well graded. The views as we descend down the north face of San Jacinto are absolutely spectacular. The hike will take all day and we will finish late, at dark. We will conclude the hike at Snow Creek and forgo the untraveled section through the desert to I-10. We will stash a car with an ice chest and refreshments at the end so we can reenergize before driving home. We will all hike together, downhill, so we will not have a key exchange. We need high-clearance vehicles to drive the 8 miles up a rough dirt road to Fuller Ridge. We have the possibility of a lengthy car shuttle after the hike; however, LJ has volunteered to skip the hike and instead bring a vehicle from Fuller back to the ending point. If we can get a few more friends/partners to convoy with her, we can skip the shuttle in the dark at the end of the hike. RATING: Strenuous MEET: On the north side of I-10 at Haugen-Lehman road. This is the first exit west of the junction of Highway 111 from Palm Springs and I-10 at 7:30 AM. BRING: Ten essentials, layered clothing, bug juice or face net, 3 liters of water, lunch plus snacks, sun protection, sunglasses, camera, and trekking poles. RESERVATIONS: Call Hike Leader, Dave Melton, at (760) 408-2456 or dmelton61@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

OCT 10 (SAT) 8:00 AM ELDERBERRY SPRING TO HIDDEN FALLS HIKE

Enjoy a lovely hike in Arrastre Canyon in the Juniper Flats area south of Apple Valley. This hike takes us from historic Coxey Truck Trail (built in 1860s for the miners and cattle ranchers) into Arrastre Canyon via a surprising desert riparian area called Elderberry Spring. From there we climb a short hill and descend to Arrastre Creek and follow it up stream to a jumble of rocks which hide a hidden waterfall. We will return on the same trail, but take narrow loop trail to enjoy some additional views. We hope that this trail will become a designated hiking trail in the current WEMO process. RATED: moderate 4-6 mile hike on unmaintained trails. MEET: 8:00 am Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308. From there we will caravan about 13 miles (some on dirt road) to the trailhead. BRING: 3 liters of water, snacks, hiking poles and wear layered clothing, comfortable hiking shoes and hat. Don't forget your camera and binoculars! For more details contact leader Jenny Wilder at JensOasis@aol.com or 760 220 0730.
MOJAVE GROUP

OCT 12 (MON) 7:00 PM**SB MOUNTAINS GROUP****MEETING**

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

OCT 13 (TUE) 7:00 PM**CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE****MEETING**

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

OCT 13 (TUE) 8:00 AM**WRIGHT MOUNTAIN****HIKE**

This should be a perfect Autumn hike in the mountains above Wrightwood. We hike on the Arcorn Trail through a well shaded area up to the PCT and then on to Wright Mt. The hike is 7 miles round trip with a gain of about 2100 feet. Bring lunch. Call leader for carpool and meeting place information. Joe Whyte 909-949-0899 or whytejoe@msn.com for carpooling and meeting place info.
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

OCT 14 (WED) 9:00 AM**CLAREMONT TRIANGLE****HIKE**

That's what I call East on the Thompson Creek Trail, North on the Pomello Trail and South on the Sycamore Canyon Trail to return once again, to the Thompson Creek Trail. This is a moderate 5 mile R/T with an elevation gain of only 800'. 3 trails on 1 outing – Wow! Please call LEADER: JEFF WARHOL (909) 985-7686 or e-mail jmwandjjw@hotmail.com to confirm by SEPT 8, 5:00 PM
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

OCT 14 (WED) 5:00 PM**TERRI PEAK****HIKE**

Difficult 4-mile round trip hike to Terri Peak, overlooking Lake Perris with 1,000 ft elevation gain. Trail starts on a path behind homes and has some steep sections as it follows an old dirt road to the top. We start promptly at 5:00 p.m. BRING: water, flashlight, and sturdy shoes. MEET: 60 fwy in Moreno Valley, exit south on Moreno Beach Drive. Follow road for 3.4 miles, then turn left on Via del Lago. Park in the dirt area on right side of road just past the housing tract, do not enter Lake Perris Park. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: Christina Torres (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

OCT 14 (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: SUSAN STUEBER, susanquintin.stueber@gmail.com, (760)900-5330
MOJAVE GROUP

OCT 15 (THU) 6:30 PM**BIG BEAR GROUP****MEETING**

Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ED CALIENDO, dogs111@msn.com, (760) 442-4103
BIG BEAR GROUP

OCT 15 (THU) 9:00 AM**SB MTS, DOGWOOD TRAIL****HIKE**

Easy ramble starting in Dogwood Campground, off Hwy 18, and descending through groves of dogwoods as well as other large trees, and includes views towards Lake Arrowhead. BRING camera and a snack. Leader: HEATHER SARGEANT, 909-336-2836. CALL for meeting place.
MOUNTAINS GROUP

****OCT 16 (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, SANDY ELLIS, 909-867-7115 or <fsellis67@gmail.com> Adventure Pass required.
MOUNTAINS GROUP

****OCT 16 (FRI) 7:30 AM****ONTARIO PEAK****HIKE**

This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Ontario Peak (elevation 8693 ft), 12.8 miles round trip with 3700 ft. elevation gain. The trail follows the creek for the first 1 1/2 miles under a canopy of oak, alder, cedar, and pine. Scenic view from the top of Ontario 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, john@stclairs.us or 909-983-8501
LOS SERRANOS

****OCT 16 (FRI) 8:00 AM****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. RATING: Strenuous MEET: Hikers are to meet at Cougar Crest Trail Head located a half-mile west of the Big Bear Discovery Center. An Adventure Pass is required for parking. BRING: 2.0 liters of water, snack/lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and good hiking shoes. RESERVATIONS: Contact Peter Michelsen at petermichelsenor@gmail.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

OCT 17 (SAT) 7:30 AM**PCT, SECTION D VINCENT GAP TO ISLIP SADDLE****HIKE**

This is the 5th segment in a series of the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) Section D that was aborted in May due to snow cover and weather. Those individuals completing all thirteen segments of Section D will receive a recognition patch signifying the accomplishment and the completion of 110.2 miles. This hike climbs steeply from Vincent Gap (6585') 3.8 miles to the Mt. Baden Powell Spur Trail (9245'). The PCT continues west 5.2 miles along this high ridge past Mt. Burnham and Throop Peak, before descending to Windy Gap (7588'). We continue to descend to Islip Saddle (6670') to end the day's hike and

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complete the 11.6 mile journey. RATED: Strenuous. BRING: the ten-essentials, sun-protection, 3.0 liters of water, and lunch. MEET: Hwy 2 at Vincent Gap trailhead. RESERVATIONS: Contact Apprentice Hike Leader, Darlene Taylor at (951) 243-0198 or dtaylorcrew@verizon.net or Co-Leader Dave Melton (760) 408-2456 or dmelton61@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

OCT 17 (SAT) 8:30 AM MITSUBISHI CEMENT PLANT, LUCERNE VALLEY TOUR

We will have a private tour of the cement plant by David M. Rib, the Environmental Manager for the plant. The tour will take place from 10:00 to 12:00. This will be our second tour this year. David said that he would hopefully show us some different things. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308, at 8:30 AM. WEAR sturdy shoes as there may be some walking on rocky surfaces. BRING water, a snack or lunch & a camera. LEADER: SUSAN STUEBER susanquintin.stueber@gmail.com 760-900-5330 MOJAVE GROUP

****OCT 18 (SUN) 8:00 AM GREY'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. The hike is 8.0 miles, 1,400 ft. elevation gain. RATING: Moderate, MEET: At 8:00 A.M at the Grey's Peak trailhead located on the west side of Hwy 38, 6/10's of a mile west of Fawnskin. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. BRING: 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and good hiking shoes. CALL: To register please call Charlotte Watts (909) 866-7423 or momscampsite@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

OCTOBER 19 – OCTOBER 25

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OCT 20 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING

This month we will be treated to Brian Elliott's presentation "Caribou, Birds, and Bears: Canoeing the Utukok and Kokolik Rivers of the western north slope of Alaska." Member Brian Elliott, along with three friends, canoed two rivers that flow north on Alaska's north slope above the Arctic circle. Brian and his friends canoed for 10 days in 2014 on the Kokolik River. He returned this past summer to canoe 9 days on the Utukok River, just east of the Kokolik River. He and his friends were then air shuttled back to the Kokolik where they canoed for 15 days, this time all the way to the Kokolik's River's mouth at the small Inuit village of Pt. Lay, a subsistence village of 190 people at the Chukchi Sea's coast. The rivers flow through some of the most remote wilderness in North America and are renowned for viewing of the western Arctic caribou herd migration. Brian and his friend saw thousands of caribou along with much other wildlife. Each river is primarily located within the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska, an area of national interest by the Sierra Club and other environmental groups who are trying to preserve its great wilderness and wildlife. Brian will share his photos of his trip and advocate for the region's protection. The public is welcome so bring your friends and neighbors. Refreshments will be served. Check the website or email notifications for meeting place. Or, call group Vice Chair Mary Ann Ruiz at 909-815-9379 to confirm meeting location. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

OCT 22 (THU) 5:00 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE

Moderate 4-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 the wooded arroyo. We start promptly at 5:00 p.m. Bring flashlight, water and sturdy shoes. MEET: Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: Christina (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

OCT 23 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS GREEN VALLEY LAKE RIDGE HIKE

Join us for a ridge hike around Green Valley Lake with beautiful views of the high desert. Distance: about 5 miles. WEAR: hiking boots, hat. BRING: layered clothing, water, snack. MEET: in Green Valley Lake across from the post office (33271 Green Valley Lake Rd, Green Valley Lake, CA 92341) at 9 AM. WEAR layered clothing, BRING: No need to bring lunch just a snack and water. Leader: SANDY ELLIS, 909-867-7115 or <sellis67@gmail.com>. CALL for weather conditions and to confirm you are coming. MOUNTAINS GROUP

OCT 24 (SAT) 7:30 AM SEC B: PCT/STRAWBERRY TO SADDLE JUNCTION HIKE

With this hike we conclude our Section B hikes for 2015. Starting at 6400' ft. in Idyllwild, we climb 1700 ft. on the Devil's Slide trail to join the PCT at Saddle Junction, and then hike 4.2 miles on the PCT to Strawberry Junction, where we descend 4.1 miles back to Idyllwild. Total distance is 10.8 miles, with 2600 ft. of climb and 3400 ft. of descent. Since the shuttle is so short (and paved), we will all hike together. RATING: Strenuous MEET: We will meet at the U.S. Forest Service Idyllwild Ranger Station, 54270 Pine Crest Road, Idyllwild, CA 92549 in the parking lot at 7:30 AM. BRING: Ten essentials, layered clothing, 3 liters of water, lunch, snacks, sun protection, sunglasses, camera, and trekking poles. RESERVATIONS: Call Hike Leader, Dave Melton, at (760) 408-2456 or dmelton61@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

OCT 24 (SAT) 8:00 AM DEEP CREEK CANYON HIKE

This outing takes us into the spectacular Canyon and is a 9 mile round trip with no elevation gain. There will be historical commentary regarding the Hesperia ditch which was constructed in 1886 and supplied water to that area until the 1950's and runs most of the length of the Canyon. BRING: Plenty of water, snacks, strong shoes and a camera. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 at 8 AM. LEADER: Norman Bossom 760-912-3725, coachnorm@yahoo.com for further details. Prior registration in not required. MOJAVE GROUP

OCT 24 (SAT) 9:00 AM SB MTS, SPLINTERS TO DEVIL'S HOLE HIKE

You will hike a scenic section of the Pacific Crest Trail along the Deep Creek Canyon.

Distance: 6 miles RT with 600 foot elevation loss and gain. Enjoy the fall colors. BRING: 10 essentials, 2- quarts of water, and lunch. WEAR: hiking boots. CALL Leader, HEATHER SARGEANT, 909-336-2836 for meeting place. MOUNTAINS GROUP

****OCT 24 (SAT) 9:00 AM BEAR CANYON LOOP TRAIL TO SITTON PEAK HIKE**

Join me on a 10 mile moderate to difficult hike with 2150 feet of elevation gain/loss to Sitton Peak, which stands at 3,273 feet tall and is one of the 7 peaks in the Santa Anna Mountain range. We will begin the hike using the Bear Canyon Loop Trail 3.5 miles to a junction known as four corners. Then take the Sitton Peak Trail 1.7 miles to the Peak. The reason I am listing this hike as borderline difficult is the last .4 miles, which is a steep scramble up a overgrown trail to the peak. Although the peak is only 3,273 feet it has a commanding 360 degree view that includes the ocean on clear days and well worth the scramble. Directions: We will meet at the large parking lot across from the famous Ortega Oaks Candy Store, at 34040 Ortega Hwy, Lake Elsinore, CA. 92530. From Lake Elsinore travel southwest on the Ortega Hwy 3.6 miles past the fire station in El Cariso. Bring a minimum of 3 liters of water, a lunch and snacks, sturdy hiking shoes. dress in layers and do not forget the sunscreen. I also suggest hikers wear long pants because of the scramble to the peak. Rain Cancels. Also cars parked at the trailhead must display a Wilderness Pass available at sporting goods stores. For further information and to register please contact Bob Audibert, the leader at bob.takeahike1@gmail.com or call at (951)302-1059 SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

OCT 25 (SUN) 8:00 AM JOSHUA TREE HIKE

We will meet in Ontario at 8:00 am to carpool to Joshua Tree for our first trip of the season. Easy to moderate hike will be 7-9 miles, some elevation gain but not difficult. We will either do North View, Panorama or Willow Hole, in hopes of nice weather and maybe spotting some bighorn sheep. Wear hiking boots and layered clothing, bring 2 liters min. of water, snacks and lunch. Contact leader for meeting place. LEADER: MARY ANN RUIZ 909-815-9379 or email ruizmaryann@gmail.com to confirm by Oct. 23, 5:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP

OCT 25 (SUN) 9:00 AM ZANJA PEAK HIKE

5-Mile Loop, moderate to difficult hike with 1100' elevation gain. Good views from the top with a portion of trail through Yucaipa Regional Park. BRING: water, a snack, sunscreen, and wear sturdy shoes. MEET: from Interstate 10 exit north/east on Yucaipa Blvd. Proceed 2.9 miles, and then veer left on Oak Glen Rd in 1.0 mile, turn left into the trailhead parking area opposite Shadow Hills Dr. (by the soccer park). Rain Cancels. INFO and LEADER: Christina Torres (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

OCTOBER 26 – NOVEMBER 1

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings
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OCT 27 (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: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379 CHAPTER

OCT 31 (SAT) DEEP CREEK, NORTHERN SECTION HIKE

Deep Creek, northern section. This outing is a 5 mile round trip which explores the Hesperia water ditch and the pipeline which was built in 1886. There is historical commentary regarding this amazing feat of engineering. There is only slight elevation gain but those taking part should be prepared to cross the Mojave River. Bring plenty of water, snacks, strong shoes and a camera. LEADER: Norman Bossom 760-912-3725, coachnorm@yahoo.com for further details. MOJAVE GROUP

OCT 31-NOV 1 (SAT-SUN) GHOST TOWN EXTRAVAGANZA CARCAMP

Celebrate Halloween by visiting the ghosts of California's colorful past in the eerie desert landscape near Death Valley. Camp near the historic ghost town of Ballarat. Saturday, a challenging hike to ghost town Lookout City with historian Hal Fowler who will regale us with tales of this wild west town. We'll return to camp for Happy Hour and a potluck feast, followed by a midnight visit to Ballarat's graveyard. On Sunday, we'll make a quick visit to the infamous Riley townsite. Send \$8 per person (check payable to Lygeia Gerard), home and work phones, email address and rideshare preferences to Leader: Lygeia Gerard, P.O. Box 721039, Pinon Hills, CA 92372, 760-868-2179. MOJAVE GROUP/CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 2 – NOVEMBER 8

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

NOV 2 (MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUPEXCOM MEETING

First Monday @ 6:00 PM at Alpine conference Rm 27236, Blue Jay Mall on Feb 2, Apr 6, May 4, Oct 5 and Nov 2. INFO: DAVE BARRIE (909) 337-0313 MOUNTAINS GROUP

NOV 3 (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

NOV 4 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING

The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ED CALIENDO, dogs111@msn.com, (442) 242-4103 BIG BEAR GROUP

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NOV 5 (THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, contact BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES

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NON-SIERRA CLUB RECURRING WEEKLY & MONTHLY MEETINGS (LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

(1ST FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB

Note: there will be no meeting July 4. Join us for international folk dancing. This is the same group that used to meet at UCR. Meetings are twice monthly: on the 1st & 3rd Fridays. COST: \$3 donation to help pay for the room. PLACE: Highgrove United Methodist Church, 938 W. Center St., Highgrove. DIRECTIONS: Take the Center St. exit from Interstate 215. The church is one half mile east of the freeway on the right. INFO: GAIL SEEKINS (909) 825-4427 lgseekins@sbcglobal.net or LARRY POWELL (909) 864-2309

(3RD WED) 7:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

PROGRAM: A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I10 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

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NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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SEP 12 (SAT) 12:00 NATIONAL DRIVE ELECTRIC WEEK EVENT
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT - DIAMOND BAR
ELECTRIC VEHICLE ASSOCIATION OF S CALIF

Learn more about why so many people are enjoying their electric vehicles! The event highlights the benefits of all-electric and plug-in hybrid-electric cars, trucks, motorcycles, electric bicycles, and scooters. Did you know? Charging opportunities for EVs are everywhere and fast charging is quickly becoming the seller! Charge up to 80% of the battery in less time than it takes to eat lunch or walk the dog. Buses can charge in 10 minutes! The sun shines brightly about 360 days each year in the Mojave Desert, providing many homeowners with enough electricity for both their homes and their electric-powered vehicles. Event LOCATION: South Coast Air Quality Management District, 21865 Copley Dr, Diamond Bar, CA 91765. If you are driving an EV to the event you will be interested in the free charging opportunities at the location which include a solar-cell canopy. Event time is from noon to 4pm. National Drive Electric Week is presented by Plug In America, Sierra Club, and Electric Auto Association and this event is sponsored by the Electric Vehicle Association of Southern California (EVAOSC - <http://evaosc.org/>). There are sure to be lots of electric vehicles to check out and perhaps drive.

SEP 17 (WED) 7:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

PROGRAM: A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I10 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

SEP 18 (FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB

Join us for international folk dancing. This is the same group that used to meet at UCR. Meetings are twice monthly: on the 1st & 3rd Fridays. COST: \$3 donation to help pay for the room. PLACE: Highgrove United Methodist Church, 938 W. Center St., Highgrove. DIRECTIONS: Take the Center St. exit from Interstate 215. The church is one half mile east of the freeway on the right. INFO: GAIL SEEKINS (909) 825-4427 lgseekins@sbcglobal.net or LARRY POWELL (909) 864-2309

SEP 26 (SAT) FRIENDS OF JUNIPER FLATS ANNUAL MEETING
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT FRIENDS OF JUNIPER FLATS

The Friends of Juniper Flats (FOJF) formed in 2003 as a non-profit organization to preserve, protect, and restore the natural and cultural values of the Juniper Flats, Arrastre Canyon, and Grapevine Canyon areas for future generations. This area is just south of Apple Valley and is known as the Juniper Sub Region (AKA the Grapevine Canyon Recreation Lands) and is managed by the Bureau of Land Management. FOJF includes many Sierra Club members, local residents, and others who regularly recreate in the area. There is much to offer including great views; rolling hills with huge boulder fields; deep canyons; numerous seeps and springs as well as 3 year round streams; history (mining and cattle grazing) and "pre-history" (Juniper Flats ACEC) as well as access to the world renowned Deep Creek Hot Springs through the historic Bowen Ranch. For our annual meeting, we will once again be at Rock Springs Ranch which is one of the historic ranches in the area. Friends of Juniper Flats are currently working on getting some trails designated for hiking and equestrian

use (in the WEMO process), interpretive signs and helping the BLM with their restoration grant (we are committed to "monitor" the restoration efforts). If you live nearby, don't miss out! Please contact Jenny Wilder for time and other details (we usually offer a hike and potluck) JensOasis@aol.com or 760 220 0730.

OCT 2 (FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
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OCT 16 (FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB

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OCT 21 (WED) 6:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

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the World Logistic Center project and to help with possible litigation costs. Your very important donations will and have been used to support hiring a traffic engineer expert and as well as an attorney 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 support makes a difference!

Riverside County General Plan Update (GPU): The County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the GPU on Wednesday, August 19 at 9:00 a.m., County of Riverside Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside. Please try to attend and voice your concerns or support those who speak. The following link should give you the Riverside County General Plan Update (GPU) Final EIR with their responses to letters. It also has the errata to the Climate Action Plan and GPU. <http://planning.rctlma.org/ZoningInformation/GeneralPlan/GeneralPlanAmendmentNo960EIRNo521CAPFebruary2015.aspx> As of July 29, 2015, all Planning Commission meetings held within the Board Chambers of the County Administrative Center will be available for live streaming over the internet. Please see the "What's New" section of the Planning Department's web page at <http://planning.rctlma.org/> for the link. Please contact Kristi Lovelady, KLOVELAD@rctlma.org, tel: (951) 955-0781 to request that all notices and documents related to the GPU and CAP be sent to you.

The Villages of Lakeview—Revised: Riverside County is working towards a September public review of the revised, recirculated Environmental Impact Report. The proposed project, with up to 10,000 housing units, is on the southern boundary of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. Contact Riverside County Planner Matt Straite at MSTRATE@rctlma.org or (951) 955-8631 for more information.

SR-60 Truck Climbing Lanes—Revised: Caltrans is updating the original environmental document after public comments were made on the document last summer. The Initial Study with Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment with Finding of No Significant Impact will be recirculated once it is completed. There will be a 30-day comment period once it is released. Information about the release date will be posted on their web site at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist8/projects/riverside/sr60truckclimbing/index.htm>

For information on hours and visitors fees for Lake Perris State Recreation Area please see: <https://www.facebook.com/Lakeperris> & http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=651 Notice that Bernasconi Beach access will be closed due to the repair of the dam.

Moreno Valley Recreational Trails Board: Next hike is on Saturday, September 26, 7:30 a.m. Hike to Lake Perris, (MODERATE, 7.2 mi round trip); meet in the parking lot of Ridgecrest Elementary School, 28500 John F. Kennedy Drive, Moreno Valley. Verify all information at (951) 413-3703 and http://www.moval.org/resident_services/park_rec/trails/hikes-2015.pdf to see the complete list of hikes.

Santa Margarita Group By Teri Biancardi

Summer got off to an exciting start for the Santa Margarita Group with the opening of the Murrieta Creek Regional trail on June 6th. The four cities adjacent to the creek - Temecula, Murrieta, Wildomar and Lake Elsinore - all hosted ribbon-cutting events to mark the official kick-off of the 14 mile-long trail. Dozens of walkers and cyclists turned up at each staging site, with a handful even trekking the entire length.

The trail's theme of connections between cities, people and nature was captured by Wildomar's Assistant City Manager, Dan York, one of the key

architects of the project, who highlighted the significance of the interim trail as a regional link that ultimately will also connect multiple counties. The route also serves as a north/south "spine" from which a number of other trails will branch off.

The trail opening marked the culmination of a three year-long effort initiated by the Santa Margarita Group's (SMGSC) chair Pam Nelson. She applied for and managed the National Parks Service technical grant that created the city-based planning team. Nelson explained, "In this way we

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Island Hopping in Channel Islands National Park

~ 2015 Schedule ~

• September 27-29 • October 25-27 •

Join us for a 3-day, 3-island, live-aboard tour of the enchanting Channel Islands! Hike wild, windswept trails bordered with blazing wildflowers. Kayak rugged coastlines. Marvel at pristine waters teeming with frolicking seals and sea lions. Train your binoculars on unusual sea and land birds--and an occasional whale. Watch for the highly endangered island fox. Look for reminders of the Chumash people who lived on these islands for thousands of years.

Or, just relax at sea. All cruises depart from Santa Barbara, California. The cost, \$615, includes an assigned bunk, all meals, snacks, and beverages plus the services of a ranger/naturalist who will travel with us to help lead hikes, point out items of interest and give evening programs.



To reserve space, send a \$100 check, written to Sierra Club, to leader Joan Jones Holtz, 11826 The Wye St., El Monte, CA 91732. For more information contact leader: 626-443-0706; jholtzhl@aol.com

Riverside County General Plan Update Final EIR Is Available Online

Riverside County made available on their website (<http://planning.rctlma.org/ZoningInformation/GeneralPlan/GeneralPlanAmendmentNo960EIRNo521CAPFebruary2015.aspx>) the link for their General Plan Update (GPU) Final EIR (Final EIR No. 521 for General Plan Amendment No. 960). It will contain responses to our Chapter's letter as well as others. At that same website you will be able to find a link to view all Planning Commission meetings (Aug 19th at 9 a.m. in Riverside and Aug 26th in Palm Desert) because they are now available for live streaming over the internet. You will also find information on the Climate Action Plan at the same site. The Board of Supervisors' vote on the GPU is tentatively scheduled for December, which means you may still write Kristi Lovelady (klovelad@rctlma.org) to express your thoughts and concerns.

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focused on our goal of connecting the cities to form a continuous trail accessible to multiple communities."

The route will eventually be entirely along the creek side, but in its interim phase some sections will be on stretches of street. The cities are actively seeking dedicated funding for road crossings and bridges across the creek and will improve the trail as an ongoing concern.

York says the new route bolsters the four cities' focus on promoting healthy lifestyles. "The trail also offers great after dinner family walks – lace up and stay healthy!"

Another, newer project of the SMG-SC got underway in August, with a four-day workshop for the valley's science teachers. Several months ago the group was approached by a teacher looking for more innovative ways of teaching locally focussed environmental science. Nelson responded by organizing a roster of expert speakers with specialized knowledge of the Santa Margarita watershed and other regional issues and concerns. As part of the workshop, the teachers will also collaborate on curriculum and experimental projects. SMGSC organized funding for food as well as further education credit through Cal State San Marcos. The hope is that the project can be transferred to the



Murrieta Creek Regional Trail Ribbon-cutting, Temecula
Photo by Fabian Biancardi

university to manage and build upon in years to come.

In addition, SMGSC is busy assembling after our summer break from public meetings, a new series of speakers, hikes, outings and other projects. There's much to look forward to.

OUR SANTA MARGARITA GROUP GENERAL MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 2nd 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 and visit our web site: www.sierraclubsmg.org and www.facebook.com/SierraClubSantaMargaritaGroup and for Outdoor Families information visit www.meetup.com/outdoorfamilies.

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"The New San Gabriel Mountains National Monument and the Inland Empire" Featured at our October 6th Chapter Meeting!

The October Membership meeting for San Gorgonio Chapter will be presented by Daniel Rossman.

Topic will be "The New San Gabriel Mountains National Monument and the Inland Empire." Daniel is Senior Regional Associate for The Wilderness Society and has

been involved in the San Gabriel Mountains Forever Campaign since the beginning.

In September Daniel will be traveling to

Washington DC to work with Federal officials on various monument issues, including portions of the Monument in San Bernardino

County. We will look forward to hearing an update from Daniel about plans for the future in this new protected mountain Monument in our backyard.

Please turn to front page of this newsletter for meeting time and location. We look forward to a BIG turnout for this meeting!

