

## SIERRA CLUB

#### SAN GORGONIO

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#### **Membership Meetings**

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Enjoy Keller Ski Hut; Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter Mtg;

Tuesday, Sept 5<sup>th</sup> • 7:30 PM "Conservation: A Watershed Issue" A film by Tom Atchley (see write up on Page 1)

Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> • 7:30 PM "Trekking High and Low in Nepal's Eastern Himalaya"

Presented by Brian Elliott (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)

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## September 5<sup>th</sup>'s Chapter Program . . . "Conservation: A Watershed Issue"

Presented by Thomas Atchley

Redlands historian Tom Atchley will speak at the September chapter meeting on the topic of the

forest preservation movement in America, with emphasis on Southern California forests. The story starts when President Benjamin Harrison set aside the San Gabriel Timberland Reserve in 1892, the first in California. The reserve became the Angeles National Forest 16 years later. Who were the individuals and organizations that led to this act of protection?

Tom will discuss how the Department of the Interior managed the reserves and what criticism the department received. His talk will answer many questions:

What prompted the Interior Department to take more aggressive steps to protect the forest reserves? How did Abbott

> Kinney, Theodore Lukens, John Muir and Gifford Pinchot direct the conservation movement? What impact did President Theodore Roosevelt have on conservation in Southern California?

Tom's presentation will reveal a web of individuals and organizations, including the Sierra Club, that educated the public on the impact that forests had on water supply.

What threatened the forests of Southern California and how were these threats resolved? What problems did the early Forest Service face?

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from San Gorgonio Chapter!







Then we look back on 2017, this will be remembered as the year folks became involved! Among many other measures of increased activism and advocacy, membership right here in San Gorgonio chapter has increased by over 1000 new members! From the end of October 2016, that is a 19% increase! Many of these new members and supporters are anxious to become involved as volunteers - to find their space and use their talents. Our long-term members are also looking to move from support to activism and advocacy.

Are you one of these folks looking to expand your efforts, to learn more about Sierra Club, and to

find a way to use your knowledge and talents to help? Here is that opportunity – the Sierra Club California Summit! This weekend event is held in San Luis Obispo, in conjunction with meetings of the California-Nevada Regional Conservation Committee (CNRCC). Come to this meeting to connect with other activists; learn more about Sierra Club California (our Voice in the Capitol) and to broaden your advocacy skills all while having a fun weekend in a beautiful spot! (For more about Rancho El Chorro, visit their website http://www.ranchoelchorro.org/conference.

## Find the agenda for this event on our Sierra Club CA website here:

#### http://www.sierraclub.org/california

Arrive Friday 10/27 afternoon or evening, (pizza and salad dinner will be available), or early Saturday morning. Saturday meeting includes workshops, guest speakers and an evening



Sierra Club California

2017 Summit & CNRCC

In San Luis Obispo

Save the Date: Oct. 27 - 29th

campfire and social time. Meals are included through Sunday breakfast. All of this happens at Rancho El Chorro Educational school, a camp in the hills above Morro Bay. Bunk cabins are available as accommodations, along with space for tents if you prefer to camp. Fee has not been decided yet; for a ballpark figure, last year the entire weekend was \$70. Don't let the fee or travel costs stop you – assistance is available on an as-needed basis

Check out the flyer here and the one on page 12 for more info; check the agenda on the website.

## You can register now at this link: http://www.sierraclub.org/california/cnrcc

Send your questions to our Chapter Chair at chair@sangorgonio.sierraclub.org

We hope to see many new faces this year!

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## Chat With The Chair . . . by Mary Ann Ruiz

ince my last column, we have seen drama, incompetence, intrigue, and historic "firsts" in Washington. The daily headlines astound, depress, and leave us determined to fight the unprecedented assault on the environment, human rights, and climate progress. As the continuing drama unfolds at our National capitol, we can't lose sight of what happens right here in California at our State Capitol. That is where Sierra Club California shines for us.

Most states have one Chapter for the entire state, keeping an eye on State legislatures and policy agencies. Here in California, we have 13 chapters! It would be impossible for each chapter to separately address legislation at the Capitol. Just over 30 years ago, Sierra Club California was established to ensure that the Club would speak with one strong voice on statewide environmental policy issues before the Legislature and statewide agencies such as the Public Utilities Commission.

Chair - Jeff Morgan

Based in Sacra-



mento within walking distance of the Capitol, Sierra Club California staff advocates and organizers defend and advance environmental policies that fight climate disrupting pollution, protect air and water quality, advance clean energy, support parks, and preserve natural resources, wildlife and wildlife habitat. The staff also works to keep

members around the state informed about legislative and regulatory activities affecting the environment. Staff is guided by volunteer committees including an Executive Committee, Legislative Committee and California Nevada Regional Conservation Committee.

To learn more, visit Sierra Club California at http://www.sierraclub. org/california. Learn how you can get involved and chip in where you can to help financially. Better yet, join us at the Sierra Club CA Summit Oct 27-29 in San Luis Obispo! For more info on the Summit, be sure to check it out on the front and back pages of this newsletter.

## Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

#### **SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2017**

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

#### CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

**DEADLINE:** Items for the November/December 2017 Calendar are due by October 1, 2017. **FORMAT** items like those below. Send items electronically if possible.

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

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

GENERAL INFORMATION/RULES/DISCLAIMERS - All Outings Leaders are Chapter Certified Leaders having appropriate Outings Training Courses, First Aid Courses, and experience for the Outings they lead. Leaders may exclude individuals from participation if they believe they may not be qualified. Non-Sierra Club members may join outings unless otherwise stated in the write-up. All participants agree to abide by the Leader's rules. Participants should CALL THE **LEADER AHEAD TO SIGN-UP.** Many Outings specify items to be carried by **EACH** participant. Do not attend Outings without the specified items unless you have first discussed it with the leader. Often the TEN ESSENTIALS are required. They are: 1) Map 2) Compass 3) Flashlight 4) Knife 5) Windproof/waterproof matches in waterproof case 6) Fire starter 7) First aid kit 8) Extra food and water for emergency use only 9) Extra clothing including rainwear 10) Sun protection including sunscreen/sunglasses/hat. Carpooling is encouraged, but solely the responsibility of individual participants. The Sierra Club and its leaders may facilitate carpooling, however they will not assign. Drivers should have adequate insurance coverage and their vehicle should have no safety defects. Club facilitated carpooling, drivers agree to not consume any alcoholic beverages. It is customary for riders to share expenses with the driver. The above information applies to Sierra Club Outings and Activities only. Non-Sierra Club activities may be listed in a separate location as a courtesy. Please be sure to read the disclaimer that accompanies these activities.

\*\*ADVENTURE PASS SPECIAL NOTICE – Outings occurring in the San Bernardino, Angeles, Cleveland, or Los Padres National Forests may require a Forest Service "Adventure Pass" for each vehicle. The Forest Service designates where the passes are required. Generally, areas that have developed parking and may include toilet facilities, interpretive signs and trash cans require passes and unimproved areas do not require passes. Outings that require passes usually will be preceded by \*\* in the listings that follow and/or the leader may indicate the need for Adventure Passes. While leaders try to provide accurate information, ultimately it is the vehicle's driver that assumes responsibility to adhere to all rules, regulations, and laws - not the Sierra Club. The permits cost \$30 per year or \$5 per day; however, they may not be obtainable the day of your outing. As a passenger, you are expected to share some of the cost of the daily passes along with a mileage contribution along with the others in the vehicle. Golden Eagle Passports and Golden Age Passports may be used in lieu or the Adventure Pass.

**CARPOOLING POLICY** - In the interests of facilitating some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club assumes no liability for carpooling arrangements. Carpooling, ride sharing, or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel.

**LIABILITY WAIVER** - To participate on one of the Sierra Club's outings, you will need to sign a liability waiver. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver prior to the outing, please visit the San Gorgonio Chapter website at sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org and click on Disclaimers under the Outings tab.

## RECURRING MONTHLY MEETINGS (LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

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

Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on the first Monday of selected months: Feb. 6, Apr. 3, May 1, Oct. 2, Nov. 6. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.

MOUNTAINS GROUP

#### (1ST TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING

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 THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING

#### (2ND MON) 7:00 PM 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.

MOUNTAINS GROUP

#### (2ND TUE) 7:00 PMCHAPTER 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) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING

The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER, (909) 585-1062, jcricket47@ yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

#### (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) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING

Monthly meeting except July & August. The public is welcome. Doors open at 6:00 PM, meeting starts at 6:30. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 sierraclubsmg@gmail.com

SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

#### (3RD TUE) LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING

Monthly except July & August. PLACE: The Los Serranos Group is changing its meeting location, Please see the September 19 and October 17 meeting notices for the locations. TIME: The September meeting starts at 6:00 PM. Please bring a picnic dinner in September. The October and other future meetings start at 7:00 PM. INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

#### (3RD THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING

Monthly meeting except January, February and December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site <sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear>. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ELLEN KESLER, (909) 585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

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

Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379 CHAPTER

## WEEKLY RECURRING FITNESS ACTIVITIES Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings

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

CHAPTER

#### **AUGUST 21 – AUGUST 27**

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

#### AUG 22 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING

Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379. CHAPTER

#### AUG 25 (FRI) 9:00 AM KELLER/MILL PEAK, COYOTE ROCK AREA HIKE

Come join us for a 4-5-mile moderate conditioning hike to explore this region of the San Bernardino National Forest. MEET: Robert Hootman Senior/Community Center parking lot, 2929 Running Springs School Rd., Running Springs, CA 92382. WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING snacks and water. CALL to check on weather conditions. LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS, 909-939-5790 (no text), karlakellems@gmail.com

SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

#### AUG 26 (SAT) 8:00 AM BLUE RIDGE HIKI

This is a moderate 4-mile hike with a 600 foot elevation gain. BRING: water, snacks, sun protection and WEAR sturdy footwear. MEET: 8:00 AM at the Victor Valley Museum, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, (760) 912-3725, coachnorm@yahoo.com

MOJAVE GROUP

#### AUG 27 (SUN) 8:00 AM SUGARLOAF HIKE

This is a peaks of Big Bear hike. Those achieving all five peaks will get a commemorative patch. This is what we have all been preparing ourselves for. With an elevation gain of 2,500 feet, this hike is by far the most demanding. We spend the first two miles of this 10 mile in-and-out hike in a lush and dense green forest of firs and pines, which eventually gives way to higher elevation trees like the cedar and juniper. RATED: Strenuous. BRING: The ten essentials including snack/lunch, 3 liters of water, light layered clothing, good hiking boots, trekking poles, sunglasses, sun block, and your camera. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER PETER MICHELSEN, petermichelsenor@gmail.com, 760-333-3103.

#### **AUGUST 28 – SEPTEMBER 3**

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

#### AUG 29 (TUE) 9:30 AM COUGAR CREST HIKE

This is the ridge that separates Big Bear Lake from Holcomb Valley to the North. It offers great views of the lake and the San Gorgonio Wilderness. 600' elevation gain with an out and back distance of 5 miles. BRING: water, sturdy boots, layered clothing, and hiking sticks. MEET: Please call or email to confirm by 5 PM August 27. LEADER: JEFF WARHOL, 909-985-7686, jmwandjjw@hotmail.com

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

#### SEP 2 (SAT) 8:00 AM BLUE RIDGE CAMPGROUND HIKI

This is a moderate 5-mile hike with an elevation gain of 1000' to the campground. The views from the campground are wonderful. BRING: Water, a snack and strong footwear are a must. MEET at the Victor Valley Museum, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley by 8:00 AM for a car pool. We will stop at the Wrightwood Community Center by 9:00 AM as another meeting place. Please call if you intend to be at the Community Center. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM. 760-912-3725, coach norm@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

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#### **SEPTEMBER 4 – SEPTEMBER 10**

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

#### SEP 4-8 (MON-FRI) JOHN MUIR TRAIL BACKPACK

This trip will take us in to the Ansel Adams Wilderness from Agnew Meadows (8320') to Lake Ediza (9270') and back. Lake Ediza is considered the most beautiful lake in the Ansel Adams Wilderness. This route will enable us to visit Shadow Lake and view Banner Peak. RATED: Considered strenuous due to the rugged climb. BRING: The ten-essentials, backpacking and camping gear, bear canister mandatory. MEET: Meeting place is yet to be determined RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER ED CALIENDO, dogs111@msn.com, 442-242-4103 or PETER MICHELSEN, (760) 333-3103, petermichelsenor@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

#### SEP 5 (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 6 (WED) 4:45 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS

Moderate 4-mile loop on the Hidden Springs trail and arroyo. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills. BRING water, wear sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. MEET: next to Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. Park along Greenridge Dr. next to the small park. INFO and LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com CO-LEADER IN TRAINING: BEATRIZ VINDIOLA.

MORENO VALLEY GROUP

#### \*\*SEP 7 (THU) 8:00 AM SKI HUT AT BALDY BOWL

Join us on this short but steep hike halfway up to Mt. Baldy from Manker Flat parking area. We will hike up 2.5 miles, gaining 2050 ft. elevation and then return the same route, making this a round trip of 5 miles (though it will seem longer)! Rain cancels. Adventure Pass required at trailhead. BRING: 10 essentials CONTACT: Kathy Viola to confirm and for directions to trailhead OR carpooling from Upland. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA 909-346-9653 or kviola826@gmail.com

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

#### SEP 7 (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 8 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS, COYOTE ROCK HIKE

Come Join us for a 3-4 mile round trip moderate hike with a 500' elevation gain. We will approach Coyote Rock from the backside, and returning on the trail. MEET Robert Hootman Senior/Community Center parking lot (2929 Running Springs School Road Running Springs, CA 92382) WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING snacks and water. LEADER KARLA KELLEMS 909-939-5790 (no text) karlakellems@gmail.com. Please CALL to check on weather conditions.

SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

#### SEP 9 (SAT) 8:00 AM TABLE MOUNTAIN, WRIGHTWOOD HIKE

This is a moderate 5 mile hike with a gentle 600' elevation gain. At the top of the Mountain are spectacular views across the Mojave Desert. BRING: Water, a snack and strong footwear are required. Meet at the Victor Valley Museum, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley by 8am. We will stop at the Wrightwood Community Center by 9am to meet with other hikers. Please call if you intend to be at the Community Center. LEADER. NORMAN BOSSOM. 760-912-3725, coach norm@yahoo.com

MOJAVE GROUP

#### SEP9 (SAT) 8:00 AM PCT SEC A BARREL SPRINGS TO WARNER SPRINGS HIKE

This is our first hike this season on the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT). PCT-SEC A is the starting section of the PCT (PCT Hike 8, Map A-9, Cleveland NF). Those hikers completing all segments of Sec. A will receive a special recognition patch. This hike is a through-hike of approximately 9 miles. RATED: Moderate, due to distance. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, 3 liters of water, lunch, sunglasses, hat, trekking poles and good hiking boots. MEET: at the school across from the Warner Springs Fire Station, 31049 Hwy 79, Warner Springs, CA. We will gather into as few vehicles as possible and caravan from there to the Barrel Springs trailhead to begin our hike. RESERVATIONS: Contact Hike LEADER, SHARON NARDOZZA at (760) 208-3654 or snardozza@cox.net or DARLENE Taylor (951) 385-5706 or dtaylorncrew@verizon.net

#### \*\*SEP 10 (SUN) 8:00 AM KELLER PEAK - RUNNING SPRINGS AREA HIKE

This is a 6 - 6.5 mile shuttle hike at the Exploration Trail. We will park at the top of the Exploration Trail and walk the road to the Keller Peak Fire Lookout; there are phenomenal views from that road. If the Fire Lookout is open, we can take a look around inside. After our visit to the Fire Lookout, we will take the road back to the Exploration Trail, and continue hiking down the road to where we will have left some cars. We will climb approximately 500 ft., and descend 1300 ft. through some impressive rock formations, pines, firs and chaparral. RATED: Moderate. BRING: 10 essentials, 2 liters of water, sun protection, snack/lunch, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. MEET: at the Exploration Trail trailhead which is off Hwy 18 and the Keller Peak Rd. Take Keller Peak Rd approximately 1/10th of a mile (0.1 mi) and the trailhead will be on the right. Adventure Pass required to park at the top. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER JUDY ATKINSON (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com

BIG BEAR GROUP

#### **SEPTEMBER 11 – SEPTEMBER 17**

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

SEP 11 (MON) 7:00 PM 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.

MOUNTAINS GROUP

#### SEP 12 (TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

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

#### SEP 13 (WED) 4:30 PM TWO TREES TRAIL HIKE

Moderate to difficult 3-mile hike up Two Trees Trail from Riverside with 1,000-foot elevation gain. BRING: water, flashlight, and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 215/60fwy in Riverside exit Blaine St/3<sup>rd</sup> St. and drive east 2 miles. Turn left on Belvedere and right on Two Trees to trailhead parking. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com CO-LEADER IN TRAINING: BEATRIZ VINDIOLA.

MORENO VALLEY GROUP

#### SEP 13 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING

The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER, (909) 585-1062, jcricket47@ yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

#### SEP 13 (WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING

Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: SUSAN STUEBER, susanquintin.stueber@gmail.com

MOJAVE GROUP

#### SEP 14 (THU) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING

Monthly meeting except July & August. The public is welcome. Doors open at 6:00 PM, meeting starts at 6:30. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 sierraclubsmg@gmail.com

SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

#### SEP 15 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS EXPLORATION TRAIL HIKE

Come Join us for a 4.5 mile Thru hike down the exploration trail. We will meet at the bottom and car shuttle to the top. After the hike, drive to the fire lookout tower for some spectacular views. MEET Lower parking area for the Exploration Trail on Keller Peak Rd (1N96). WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING snacks and water. LEADER KARLA KELLEMS 909-939-5790 (no text) karlakellems@gmail.com. Please CALL to check on weather conditions.

SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

#### \*\*SEP 16 (SAT) 9:00 AM SB MTS GRAYS PEAK HIKE

A moderate 7-mile round trip hike with a 1200ft elevation gain. Grays Peak is one of Sierra Clubs 100 peaks. There are interesting rock formations along the way and lots of scenic views. MEET Gray's Peak trailhead parking area on Hwy 38, north shore of Big Bear Lake. Adventure Pass required. BRING hiking boots, jacket, lunch and 2 bottles of water. LEADER: HEATHER SARGEANT 909-336-2836 (no text) CALL for meeting place and details.

SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

#### \*\*SEP 16 (SAT) 8:00 AM DELAMAR MOUNTAIN HIKE

This is a Peaks of Big Bear hike. Those achieving all five peaks will be awarded a commemorative patch. This is a six mile in-and-out loop hike with 900-foot elevation gain. RATED: Moderate with a quarter mile strenuous stretch. BRING: The ten essentials including light layered clothing, snack/lunch, a good pair of hiking boots, two liters of water, hat, sun block, and sunglasses. Trekking poles are recommended. MEET: 8:00 AM at the Cougar Crest trailhead on North Shore Dr. We will carpool to the trailhead on Polique Canyon Rd. RESERVATIONS; Contact LEADER PETER MICHELSEN at petermichelsenor@ gmail.com or call 760-333-3103. Don't forget your Adventure Pass for parking.

#### SEP 16 (SAT) 8:00 AM PCT TO DOBLE MINE, BIG BEAR HIKE

This is a moderate 6-mile hike through an historic, wooded area with views in every direction. BRING: Water, a snack and strong footwear are always recommended. MEET at the Victor Valley Museum, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley by 8am. LEADER. NORMAN BOSSOM. 760-912-3725 coach norm@yahoo.com

MOJAVE GROUP

## SEP 17 (SUN) 9:00 AM OAK GLEN PRESERVE/WILDLANDS CONSERVANCY HIKE

Easy to moderate 4-mile loop along trees, creek, and open areas with views of the mountains. BRING water, sturdy shoes, sunscreen, snack. This is apple season so you might want hang out and purchase some after. 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. Please RSVP by 7 pm on Sept. 16th INFO and LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com

MORENO VALLEY GROUP

#### SEPTEMBER 18 – SEPTEMBER 24

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

#### SEP 19 (TUE) 6:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP PICNIC & MEETING

TIME: September meeting starts at 6:00 p.m. All other meetings will start at 7:00 p.m. Join us for the third annual September meeting at Chino Basin Water Conservation District. Arrive at 6:00 pm and bring a picnic dinner to enjoy at the demonstration gardens and picnic area. At 7:00 pm, we will have a short meeting then head out for a tour of the Gardens and the water conservation areas. Public is welcome, no charge! Don't miss the

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chance to experience this great community resource in the evening. For questions or more info, check our website: http://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/groups/los\_serranos. PLACE: Chino Basin Water Conservation District, 4594 San Bernardino St, Montclair, CA 91763. This location is for September only. Please see the October 17 meeting notice for that location. INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

#### SEP 20 (WED) 8:00 AM LOWER MARSHALL CANYON HIKE

Please join us for this easy 3-mile R/T hike centered in a beautiful riparian setting as you weave your way about stream and golf course. Elevation gain is a mere 300' and the shade, courtesy of stately oaks is a real bonus. BRING: water, sturdy boots, hiking sticks and layered clothing. Rain cancels. Please call LEADER: JEFF WARHOL 909-985-7686 or email jmwandjjw@hotmail.com to confirm by 5:00 PM Sept 19.

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

#### SEP 21 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP

MEETING

Monthly meeting except January, February and December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site <sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear>. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER, (909) 585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com

BIG BEAR GROUP

#### SEP 22 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS MILL PEAK

HIKE

Come Join us for a 3-4-mile round trip moderate conditioning hike with a 800' elevation gain to Mill Peak, one of the Sierra Club's 100 Peaks. We'll hike up the Coyote Rock Trail, and loop around to Mill Peak, and back to the Coyote Rock Trail. MEET Robert Hootman Senior/Community Center parking lot (2929 Running Springs School Road Running Springs, CA 92382) WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING snacks and water. LEADER KARLA KELLEMS 909-939-5790 (no text) <karlakellems@gmail.com>. Please CALL to check on weather conditions. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

#### SEP 23 (SAT) 8:00 AM PCT SEC C, ONYX SUMMIT- HWY 18 HIKE

This shuttle/through hike is replete with a variety of sights, views, and flora and fauna. At the starting elevation of 8,200 feet on Onyx Summit, the autumn air will likely be quite cool and crisp. Don't miss the massive gnarly trunks of the windswept junipers. From the summit, we will then descend several hundred feet into a forest of the usual Jeffrey and ponderosa pines. At mile 5 we will take a break at Deer Springs Campground in a meadow of ferns, grasses, and wildflowers. From there we will make our ascent and eventually come into the mountain desert. RATING: Strenuous due to 13 mile length. Cumulative elevation gains total about 700 feet, with cumulative descent totaling about 1400 feet. MEET: We will meet at 8:00 AM at Cushenberry Pass on Rte18. We will carpool to the Onyx Summit trailhead and meet others there at 8:30. BRING: The ten essentials including layered clothing, lunch and snacks, sturdy hiking boots, sunblock, sunglasses, hat, three liters of water and trekking poles.RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER PETER MICHELSEN at petermichelsenor@gmail.com or call 760-333-3103.

BIG BEAR GROUP

#### \*\*SEP 24 (SUN) 8:00 AM SPLINTERS CABIN TO DEEP CREEK HIKE

Join me on an out-and-back hike with 6 miles total distance and 600 ft. elevation gain as we hike from Splinter's Cabin to Deep Creek. We will take our snack/lunch break at Deep Creek, and then take the same trail back to our vehicles. At the start of the hike, we will first cross a creek and then find the Pacific Crest Trail that takes us along the Deep Creek Canyon. We may be a little early for color in the trees, but it's still a lovely hike along the creek. RATED: easy/moderate. BRING: 10 essentials, 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots and camera. MEET: At the Post Office in Cedar Glen; we will carpool to the trailhead. An Adventure Pass is required to park at trailhead. RESERVATIONS: contact hike LEADER JUDY ATKINSON (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com

BIG BEAR GROUP

#### **SEPTEMBER 25 – OCTOBER 1**

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

#### SEP 26 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING

Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379. CHAPTER

#### SEP 27 (WED) 4:30 PM SYCAMORE CANYON WILDERNESS PARK HIKE

Approximately 2-hour easy to moderate hike. Trail has some ups and downs. BRING: water, flashlight, sturdy shoes, snack. 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. CO-LEADER: BEATRIZ VINDIOLA.

MORENO VALLEY GROUP

#### SEP 29 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS LITTLE GREEN VALLEY HIKE

Come Join us for a 4-5 moderate 500' elevation gain thru hike to Little Green Valley. The hike will start in Green Valley Lake. The finish will be at the trail head across the street from Snow Valley's Parking area. This will require a car shuttle. MEET at the USFS trail head across the street from the Snow Valley parking area. WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING snacks and water. LEADER KARLA KELLEMS 909-939-5790 (no text) karlakellems@gmail.com. Please CALL to check on weather conditions.

SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

#### SEP 29-OCT 1 (FRI-SUN) N. NEVADA, BLACK ROCK DESERT WORK PARTY

National Public Lands Day. Join various N. Nevada outdoor groups for an as yet undetermined volunteer project in the Black Rock Desert about 100 miles north of Reno. Current plans are for a project at Soldier Meadows Hot Spring. Most food provided but you'll have to work for it! There's usually a work day and a play day so we won't work

all weekend! Call LEADER DAVID BOOK 775/843-6443 for more info as we get closer to the event! CNRCC WILDERNESS COMMITTEE

#### SEP 30 (SAT) 8:00 AM HIGHWAY 173 PCT HIKE

This easy 6-mile hike along the PCT starting near Lower Deep Creek has views across the lovely Summit Valley. There is only minor elevation gain. BRING Water, a snack and strong footwear is a requirement. MEET at the Victor Valley Museum, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley by 8am. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM. 760-912-3725. coachnorn@yahoo.com

MOJAVE GROUP

#### SEP 30 (SAT) 8:30 AM JOHN'S MEADOW HIKE

This is a moderate 7-mile roundtrip, 800' elevation gain hike in the San Gorgonio Wilderness. We will hike through pines, firs and oaks. We will cross streams and creeks before we get to Johns Meadow, where we will have our snack/lunch break before returning on the same trail to our vehicles. RATED: Moderate BRING: 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots, trekking poles, hat MEET: Forsee Creek trailhead off Jenks Lake Rd. West near Hwy 38. Coming from Redlands area, you come up Hwy. 38 to Jenks Lake Rd. West. About 3/10th (0.3 mi) of a mile up the road you will see the Forsee Creek trailhead sign on the right. Take that up to the parking area about another 3/10th of a mile. It is a dirt road, but all cars should make it. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER CHARLOTTE WATTS, momscampsite@gmail.com or call 909-866-7423.

BIG BEAR GROUP

#### \*\*SEP 30 (SAT) 9:00 AM DEVIL'S SLIDE TO TAHQUITZ PEAK HIKE

Join me on a hike of about 9.5 miles from Humber Park in Idyllwild to Tahquitz Peak. The hike is moderately difficult with 2400' of elevation gain/loss. MEET: At the devils slide trailhead in Humber Park. We begin by hiking up Devil's Slide 2.5 miles to Saddle Junction. Then we'll head south on the PCT 1.4 miles to the South Ridge Trail junction and a 0.4 mile hike to the peak. The fire lookout tower at the peak offers spectacular views in all directions and a great place to have lunch. On the return trip we will take an alternative series of trails that will bring us close to areas closed to the Mountain Fire three years ago. We will be able to check out both the fire damage and the new growth. BRING: Dress in layers, wear sturdy hiking shoes, bring a lunch and snacks, at least 2 liters of water, a hat and don't forget the sunscreen. I will pick up a trail pass for everyone that registers. Hikers will need to pick up an Adventure Pass for their vehicle which are available at sporting goods stores. To REGISTER contact LEADER BOB AUDIBERT at bob.takeahike1@gmail.com or (951)302-1059. Rain Cancels.

SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

#### **OCTOBER 2- OCTOBER 8**

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

#### OCT 2 (MON) 6:00 PM MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING

Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on the first Monday of selected months: Feb. 6, Apr. 3, May 1, Oct. 2, Nov. 6. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.

MOUNTAINS GROUP

#### OCT 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

#### OCT 4 (WED) 8:00 AM $\;\;$ WHITEWATER PRESERVE TO STONE HOUSE $\;$ HIKE

Join us as we hike 6 miles from Whitewater Preserve to Mission Creek Stone House and back, making this a 12-mile RT with 800 feet gain. We will follow the PCT along the river, past Red Dome, then head east on Mission Creek Trail to enjoy lunch in comfort at the Stone House. Rain cancels. BRING: water, lunch/snacks, sturdy boots, hat, sun screen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Contact leader for carpool arrangements from Upland. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

#### OCT 4 (WED) 9:00 AM HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE

Moderate 4-mile loop on the Hidden Springs trail and arroyo. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills. BRING water, wear sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. MEET: next to Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. Park along Greenridge Dr. next to the small park. INFO and LEADER EILEEN O'BRIEN (951) 616-9739.

MORENO VALLEY GROUP

#### \*\*OCT 6 (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. 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. MEET: Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, john@stclairs.us, 909-983-8501.

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

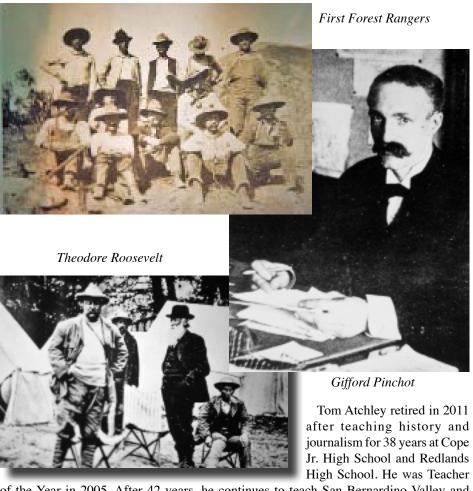
## OCT 6 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS KELLER / MILL PEAK, COYOTE ROCK AREA HIKE

Come Join us for a 4-5-mile moderate conditioning hike, to explore this region of the San Bernardino National Forest. MEET Robert Hootman Senior/Community Center parking lot (2929 Running Springs School Road Running Springs, CA 92382) WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING snacks and water. LEADER KARLA KELLEMS 909-939-5790 (no text) karlakellems@gmail.com. Please CALL to check on weather conditions.

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of the Year in 2005. After 42 years, he continues to teach San Bernardino Valley and Redlands history for the A. K. Smiley Library.

Nearly 50 years ago he started working summers in San Bernardino National Forest. He started working on trail and road crews. Later, he was an interpretive naturalist at the Barton Flats Visitor Center. He did most of the weekly summer programs at the San Gorgonio Amphitheater. As a manager and a concessionaire, he was responsible for seven National Forest campgrounds for several decades.

Tom has written extensively about Redlands and Southern California forest history, including five chapters for John Robinson's History of the San Bernardino Mountains. Speaking of his research into the early years of forest preservation in Southern California, Tom said, "I'd like to offer the Sierra Club here my discoveries. I think they would be interested."



#### AT SUMMER'S END

ooking back at this summer's activities have found us busy in this valley. We set up a booth in June for the EcoFest, held in the Village, and Ed Wallace took visitors on hikes after they signed-up there. Then in July, our Xeriscape committee really outdid themselves by adding new elements – booths from other community organizations and one from us, set up near the Community Gardens. Included there was a "plant exchange" where Cindy and Mike Bode also gave away wildflower and drought-resistant seedlings. The entire event was truly successful.

July found our booth again at the "Outdoor Adventures" Day at the Discovery Center which echoed the EcoFest.



One of the highlights of our General Meetings this summer has been the photography presentation by Suzanne Klump of her and Sherry Noone's (our ExCom secretary) trip to South Africa. There were very few empty chairs! Visit our website to see the remaining programs and dates; www.sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear

Our ExCom is looking for new faces to join our board. We are eager to welcome new ideas and enthusiastic support of our activities in the Bear Valley. Our meetings are once a month in the evening with flexible dates (to accommodate everyone's schedules). If you'd be interested in helping us promote the Sierra Club mission up here, please call me at 909.585.1062. I'm looking forward to hearing from you!

### Los Serranos Group

#### Submitted by Mary Ann Ruiz, Chapter Chair & Group Member

#### Los Serranos Group Announces Big Changes!

If you are new, Welcome to our new meeting space! After many years of meeting in an Upland church education room, we are moving to a new bigger, more accessible space! Los Serranos group stretches from Chino Hills in the west to Fontana and Rialto east, south into Corona and north to the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains. With a new meeting location centrally located in Rancho Cucamonga

we hope to serve residents in all these cities and beyond!

But first, we have our third annual September picnic in the Demonstration Gardens at Chino Basin Water Conservation District. Bring your picnic dinner at 6:00 pm and enjoy time with friends



and neighbors in the water-wise gardens. We will then have a short business meeting, and a tour of the facility. Conservation and recharge of the groundwater in Chino Basin is the primary focus of this agency. The agency provides education and resources free to the public, including workshops, landscape design assistance, and an online garden planner. Location is 4594 San Bernardino St., Montclair. The meeting is open to the public and free. Bring your own picnic dinner and drinks (no alcohol).

Moving on to our new location – October will be our first meeting at the Goldy S. Lewis Community Center at Central Park in Rancho Cucamonga. Our October meeting will be in the Alta Loma room. Enter the Community Center on the west side of the building, and signs will direct you to our meeting space. There is ample covered parking, easy first floor access and plenty of room for our group to grow! Location is 11200 Base Line



Our new meeting location beginning October 17.

Road, Rancho Cucamonga, CA. Our meetings are always free and open to the public, with refreshments provided. Donations to help with costs are welcome and appreciated!



October Speaker Jeff Burkhart on sabbatical in Honduras, doing a herpetological inventory of Cusuco National Park.

October's meeting features Jeff Burkhart, recently retired as Fletcher Jones Professor of Biology at the University of La Verne. He is an ecologist who has been conducting research on the herpetofauna (reptiles and amphibians) of the San Gabriel Mountains over the past five years. His current project is focused in surveying the status of reptile and amphibian populations in the San Dimas Experimental Forest north of La Verne, San Dimas and Glendora. During this period 11 students have completed their senior theses in biology in helping to establish current species diversity and population changes over the past 50 years. Jeff will summarize work from this ongoing study and talk about additional work completed on the herptiles of the San Gabriels.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming meetings. We extend our thanks and appreciation to the First Presbyterian Church of Upland for allowing us to use their education room for these many years past.



## Santa Margarita Group

By Michael H. Momeni, PhD - Environmental Nuclear Scientist

Progress Report: Workshop - A Regional Commuter Train, East Ontario to San Diego via Temecula Valley

Date: October 25, 2017, Conference Room, City Hall, Temecula, California Purpose of Transportation Workshop: Bring together significant parties to begin discussion of the development of a commuter electric train connecting Riverside and San Diego through the Temecula Valley corridor. The workshop is coordinated by Transportation-Now (Riverside Transit Agency).

The following speakers will address:

- 1. Geotechnical Consideration for the Development John Rogers, P.E., F.ASCE Los Angeles Section President;
- 2. Regional Geopolitical Considerations for the Development James J. Cunningham, Senior Partner of the Law Offices of James Cunningham, a member of the Metropolitan Transit Systems (MTS) Board, San Diego Association of Governments Board (alternate);
- 3. The Next Generation Rail Study and the County-Wide Long Range Transportation Plan Robert Yates, Multi-Modal Service, Director of Riverside County, Transportation Commission:
- 4. Methods for Funding and Payment for the Development Stephen G. Fox, Southern California Association of Governments, Project Manager. Additional information about the workshop is provided by:

http://sierraconservation.blogspot.com/2017/02/transportation-workshop-rapid-mass.html

#### **Wildlife Protection in Temecula**

Mountain lions in our Southern California region are facing ultimate extinction caused by a shrinking gene pool, poaching, disease and the removal of cats deemed dangerous to domestic animals and a potential public safety threat. This indictment has been exacerbated



of the picture shows the Interstate 15 Temecula Creek Bridge. This location is an essential region for migration of wildlife

within the Cleveland National Forest between the Trabuco

This picture (below) shows the passage under the bridge of

by the fragmentation of their territories as a consequence of expanded highway construction and ever increasing urban sprawl.

In the past several years, the Sierra Santa Margarita Group has identified the need to protect the area's mountain lion population

- 3. Outreach Program to the Community for Site Control On July 16, 2017, Pam Nelson organized a public visit to this area through outreach to our community. The Santa Margarita Group has been concerned that intrusive land use would allow uncontrolled public access to this sensitive region, eliminating wildlife migration. Understanding the significance of this important habitat is crucial to the protection of the region.
- 4. Community and Government Agency Participation Pam Nelson organized the "wildlife crossing group" including the staff from Riverside County (several departments), California and U.S. Wildlife, Caltrans, Temecula City, and wildlife-focused non-profits. The wildlife crossing group met on July 20th. The tour and brainstorming session resulted in setting up dates for future cleanups, restoration plans, funding discussions, and an increased interest in making the Temecula Creek underpass a viable wildlife crossing for I-15.

The Fourth of July Celebration - Organized by Margaret Meyncke.

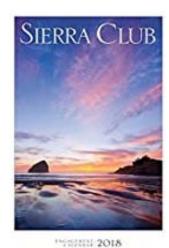
The Santa Margarita Group marched in celebration of the *Temecula* 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.

#### The Executive Committee of Sierra Santa Margarita **Group: Planning**

Our executive committee met for the annual planning session on June 25th at Pam Nelson's house. We discussed the agenda for upcoming

> year, including the speaker list, fundraisers, outings, social events, etc. The group decided on a follow up meeting planned for August 1st at Laurie Webster's home.

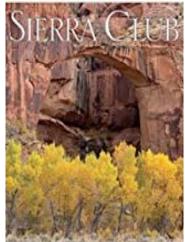




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2. Removing the Trash from the Passage Area.

the Interstate 15 Temecula Creek. The bridges can be

easily and relatively cheaply converted to an off-limits

> Santa Margarita group along with some members of the community joined together in June 2017 and, after

several hours of work, partially removed trash from the western area of the bridge.



We will return in September when cooler weather conditions set in to finish the project. But, unfortunately without a full public access control to the area, the site once more will revert to the previous status.

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### **Mojave Group**

By Susan Steuber, Group Chair

Ven though hiking in our beloved Juniper Flats area is out of the question in the months of July, August and into September because it is too hot, our illustrious hike leader and Outings Chair, Norman Bossom, has carried on.

We had a lovely 4.5-mile hike to "Lunch Log" last Saturday in the San Gabriels. There are still some wildflowers to be seen up there. We have had hikes going on every Saturday in the San Gabriel Mountains or the San Bernardino Mountains. One of our other hike leaders, Quintin Lake, scheduled several Saturday hikes up in Wrightwood that had to be changed due to the closing of highway 2 just west of the Grassy Hallow Visitors Center, Upon inspection, there



Lavender Mallow and Fire Cracker Penstomen

appears to be a small sink hole that is above a culvert going under the road. It doesn't appear that the road will be open anytime

Besides hiking there has been a lot of things happening Conservation wise. The lawsuits with the Tapestry project in Hesperia and the Apple Valley warehouse project are in the final stages of being settled.

Cadiz Water Project – Bill AB 1000 was introduced in February of 2017. The bill would require CDFW and the State Lands Commission to review pumping from aquifers within the central Mojave. (It's essentially a Cadiz-killer bill.) If this project were to go forward it would be of

great harm to the environment of the central Mojave as it would withdraw more water than nature would be able to replenish.

Juniper Flats - Members of the Friends of Juniper Flats steering committee met with Katrina Symons Field Officer



Norman's Hike

Manager of the Barstow BLM office to discuss the establishment and designation of hiking trails in Juniper Flats. A stack of petitions with at least 592 signatures along with some maps, and a copy of the PowerPoint presentation that was put together were handed to Katrina. After going through the PowerPoint, it was determined that Katrina needed some further information on where the hiking trails and trailheads were located.

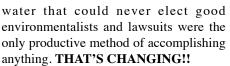
The Friends of Juniper Flats agreed to identify which mapped linear disturbances match existing trails and to identify which trails are unmapped. They also agreed to provide the BLM a Google Earth map of trails.

On another note, there are two positions on the Mojave Group Executive Committee that will be up for election in November. Carol Wiley's and Bill Spreng's two-year placement on the executive committee will expire in December. Nominations are now open for anyone interested in running for these positions. Please direct your nominations to Norman Bossom (coachnorm@yahoo.com) or Quintin Lake (qlake15@gmail.com).

## San Gorgonio Chapter Beginning to Gain Political Clout!

By Jono Hildner, San Gorgonio Chapter's Political Chair

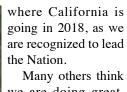
hanks to the activist members all over our Chapter, we have been electing more and more environmentally conscious office holders at the State and local level here in our two counties. We used to be written off by the environmental community as a conservative back-



We now have four members of Congress who vote for the environment on a consistent basis. Ten years ago, we had none. We are still struggling in the State Senate, but we now have four members of the Assembly on whom we can count, two more who are with us often and we are looking to pick up two more next year. "We've come a long way, baby!"

All of this progress has not gone unnoticed. The work of our young activists, our Young Environmental Champions and our organizers are being acknowledged around the state and even at the national level. Last year when I ran into Mike Brune while working on a campaign event in the Angeles Chapter, I mentioned that we could use some more resources for our campaign activities and he said, "Heck, I thought your young activists could do anything! I see pictures and hear about them all the time."

Our successes have led to our Excom Chair, Mary Ann Ruiz and yours truly, being elected to the Excom of Sierra Club California. It helped me get appointed to the national Sierra Club Political Team and just a month ago, led to having the national Sierra Club political staff include us in a major all-day strategy session on



Many others think we are doing great. I think we can do a lot more. We need many more members to be involved in our political effort. We have minimal staff resources to help with politics and we are a volunteer, member

driven, organization.

Not enough of you are stepping up! Campaigns are fun, social activities and for those who have participated, you know. We'd love to see small groups of members in every Assembly District who could communicate with one-another and look at local races as well as Assembly races.

We are also looking at the possibility of putting some serious effort into raising funds for the newly reconstituted Sierra Club Political Action Committee that we could use to contribute to the campaigns of our endorsed candidates or Independent Expenditure committees to help them. Keep an eye out for opportunities to make financial contributions, even if you can't show up in person to help out!

If you aren't subscribed to any Sierra Club lists, I'd suggest that you go to www.sierraclub.org/lists and look at all the groups that you can join. Everyone should sign up for CALIF-ACTIVISTS. If you don't, you'll be missing out on all the good stuff that you think only the "insiders" know.CALIF-POLITICAL-COMM may be of interest as well. And, if you just want to get more involved with local campaigns, send a message to Jono@Hildner.com and I'll hook you in.

LET'S KEEP TURNING THE INLAND EMPIRE GREEN!!

## Jonathan Evans Receives Alice Krueper Award (2016)

By George Hague, Moreno Valley Group

ost years our San Gorgonio Chapter recognizes someone from a non-Sierra Club entity for long-time service by giving them the Alice Krueper award. Jonathan Evans is a senior attorney with the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) and has been working with members of our chapter and other local environmental organizations for almost ten years. One of the first times I worked with Jonathan was when we were looking for ways to challenge the Mid-County Parkway (MCP). It would have been a 32-mile six-lane freeway from the City of San Jacinto to the City of Corona. Its western 16 miles from the City of Perris to the City of Corona would have gone through five Habitat Conservation Plans (HCP). Jonathan and CBD biologist Ileene Anderson, working with our attorneys, presented substantial comments which caused the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) to withdraw the western section of the MCP and focus on the 16-mile portion from the City of San Jacinto to the City of Perris — where it will displace over 500 people from their homes and businesses. The MCP would also induce significant growth adjacent to the San Jaointo Wildlife Area (SJWA). To understand and appreciate the impacts of the MCP on the City of

Perris neighborhoods and the SJWA Jonathan walked through both. CBD, representing us and other environmental groups, filed suit against this version of the MCP and, while we lost in court, the CBD has recently filed an appeal on behalf of all groups.



This photo was taken in the Historic Riverside Superior Court building following him representing us and other environmental groups. He now lives in northern California and comes to Riverside County to represent us. Since we wanted to present the 2016 award in person instead of mailing it, we waited for him to come to us. Left to right you have three Sierra Club members Tom Paulek, Sue Nash, Jonathan, and Kathy Dale who presented him with the award.

Jonathan Evans and CBD also helped us defeat in court the 11,500-unit Village of Lakeview (VOL) on the southern border of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area, which is a core reserve for Riverside County's Multiple Species Plan and designated an Important Birding Area (IBA) by the National Audubon Society. CBD is also working with us to challenge the revised version of the VOL. Jonathan is currently helping reduce what is called «induced traffic» by helping us challenge the SR-60 truck climbing lanes. While the environmental community is in favor of making the lanes safer, this plan would encourage/ allow more and more warehouses/logistic centers to be built and provide additional lanes for their toxic diesel trucks to drive through our communities to further degrade our non-attainment air quality. Several years ago Jonathan Evans was instrumental in beating back the pump storage project called LEAPS, which is a massive proposed hydropower project in Lake Elsinore. Its transmission lines would also degrade the Santa Ana Mountains. During the past month the LEAPS project has reared it ugly head, and CBD is looking into it, but we also need a local Sierra Club member to help.

Alice Krueper was a wonderful person who did much to protect the wilderness of San Gorgonio. I will always remember her for heading up the "over-the-

hill" gang, which put in over 5,000 hours on Wednesdays and weekends on trail work/maintenance. Receiving an award named for her is an honor that Jonathan Evans definitely

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#### OCT 7 (SAT) 8:30 AM PCT: CAJON SUMMIT TO I-15

HIKE

Come hike the PCT in Cajon Pass and learn about the John Brown Toll Road. This will be a shuttle hike from the road at the top of Cajon Pass down the PCT to the I-15. RATING: This is an easy 3-and-a-half-mile downhill hike. MEET: Hikers need to meet at the McDonald's near the 138 off of the 15 freeway at 8:30 AM. From there we will carpool to the top and then hike down. BRING: 2 liters plus of water, sun protection, and snacks/lunch. WEAR: layered clothing and comfortable hiking shoes/boots. For more information or questions contact HIKE LEADER: QUINTIN LAKE Phone: (951) 315-7691 or Email: qlake15@gmail.com

## OCT 7-15 (SAT – SUN) OPEN WEEK, KELLER SKI HUT RETREAT/WORK PARTY (See page 12 for more info.)

Spend some time at the Sierra Club's local Keller Ski Hut located off Highway 330, 5 miles past Running Springs. Typically only open on weekends, this is your chance to spend mid-week days too at the hut. There is a full kitchen, bathroom, running water and comfortable sleeping pads. Hiking trials are nearby and Big Bear is 12 miles away. The next 2 open work party weekend dates are Saturday, October 7 and Sunday, October 15. Everyone is welcome – you don't have to work! If you are interested in becoming a Keller Hut Host, the annual Trailing will be held on Saturday, October 7 followed by a potluck. To RSVP call MARTY KLUCK at 562-677-4740. For questions contact MARTY OR CECILIA FIDORA at ceciliafidora@gmail.com

KELLER SKI HUT COMMITTEE

#### OCTOBER 9- OCTOBER 15

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

#### OCT 9 (MON) 7:00 PM 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.

MOUNTAINS GROUP

#### \*\*OCT 10 (TUE) 8:00 AM MT. BADEN-POWELL HIKE

This will be a strenuous hike to the summit of Mt. Baden-Powell at 9399 feet elevation, 8 miles round trip with 2814 ft. elevation gain. Spectacular vistas as far as the eye can see every direction!!! Rain cancels. Adventure Pass required at trailhead. BRING: water, lunch/snacks, sturdy boots, hat, sun screen. CONTACT Kathy Viola to confirm and for directions to trailhead OR carpooling from Upland. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA, 909-346-9653 or kviola826@gmail.com.

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

#### OCT 10 (TUE) 7:00PM 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 11 (WED) 9:00 AM POTATO MOUNTAIN HIKE

This will be a great time to visit the mountain. It's a moderate rated 5-mile R/T jaunt with a 1,200' elevation gain. It starts off in shady Evey Canyon and after reaching the saddle, we have exposures offering great vistas of the cities of Upland and Claremont below. BRING: water, sturdy boots, hiking sticks and layered clothing. Rain cancels. Please call LEADER: JEFF WARHOL 909-985-7686 or email jmwandjjw@hotmail.com to confirm by 5:00 PM OCT 10.

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

#### OCT 11 (WED) 9:00 AM TERRI PEAK HIKE

Difficult 5-mile round trip hike up Terri Peak, overlooking Lake Perris with 1000 ft. elevation gain. We start promptly at 9:00 a.m. BRING water, snack and sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. MEET: from 60 Fwy exit at Moreno Beach Drive, go south for 3.4 mi., then turn left on Via del Lago. Park in the dirt area on right side just past the housing tract, do not enter Lake Perris SRA. INFO and LEADER EILEEN O'BRIEN (951) 616-9739.

MORENO VALLEY GROUP

#### OCT 11 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING

The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER, (909) 585-1062, jcricket47@ yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

#### OCT 11 (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

#### OCT 12 (THU) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING

Monthly meeting except July & August. The public is welcome. Doors open at 6:00 PM, meeting starts at 6:30. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 sierraclubsmg@gmail.com

SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

#### OCT 13-15 (FRI-SUN) SB MTS, SAWTOOTH CANYON NEW JACK CITY

CAR CAMI

Let's go camping in Sawtooth Canyon. The name is derived by the many spooky craggy rock formations. There will be guided easy day hikes/walks; rock scrambling and a dinosaur play area for the kids. Explore small bat caves, and night hunt for tarantulas. October fun for the whole family. The semi-developed campsite on BLM land is free. Cell Service is spotty. LEADER KARLA KELLEMS 909-939-5790 (no text) karlakellems@gmail.com. CALL to RSVP and for details.

SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

#### OCT 14 (SAT) 8:00 AM ARASTRE FALLS HIKE

This 5-mile hike is rated moderate due to some elevation gain. Views across the Mojave Desert and the Juniper Flats area are wonderful. BRING water, a snack and strong footwear.

MEET at the Victor Valley Museum, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley by 8am. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM. 760-912-3725. coach norm@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

#### OCT 14 (SAT) 8:00 AM PCT SEC A THIRD GATE TO BARREL SPRINGS HIKE

This is our second hike of the Pacific Crest Trail-SEC A, (PCT Hike 8, Map A-9, Cleveland NF). Those hikers completing all segments of Sec. A will receive a special recognition patch. This is an approximately 10 mile through-hike. RATED: Moderate, due to distance. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, 3.0 liters of water, lunch, sunglasses, hat, trekking poles and good hiking boots. MEET: at the school across from the Warner Springs Fire Station, 31049 Hwy 79, Warner Springs, CA, and from there we will gather into as few vehicles as possible and caravan to the Third Gate trailhead to begin our hike. The condition of the road into the Third Gate TH is not known at this time and high clearance vehicles may be necessary for access. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER, DARLENE TAYLOR (951) 385-5706 or dtaylorncrew@verizon.net or SHARON NARDOZZA at (760) 208-3654 or snardozza@cox.net

BIG BEAR GROUP

#### OCT 15 (SUN) 8:30 AM BEARPAW RESERVE - FOREST FALLS AREA HIKE

We will hike 6-8 miles on a trail in the Bearpaw Reserve. We went there last June, and found that there was much more to discover. I thought it would be pretty in a different way in the fall. The Reserve is not open to the public and only groups up to about 12 are allowed. The Reserve is very much a "wilderness" and wildlife is spotted on a regular basis. RATED: Moderate; there will be some elevation gain, hopefully not more than 1200', possibly less. BRING: 10 essentials, 2 liters of water, sun protection, snack/lunch, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. MEET: At the Mill Creek Ranger Station in Mentone and carpool to trailhead. If you are coming from Big Bear, we will meet at the large pullout right before the turn to Forest Falls. RESERVATIONS: Contact hike LEADER JUDY ATKINSON (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com

BIG BEAR GROUP

#### OCTOBER 16- OCTOBER 22

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

#### OCT 17 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING

Los Serranos Group is moving! Going forward, we will meet at the Goldy B. Lewis Center, Central Park, Rancho Cucamonga. For our October meeting, we will be in the Alta Loma room. Join us a 7:00 pm for an interesting and informative talk on Reptiles of the San Gabriel Mountains and how their traditional spaces are changing. Retired Biology Department Chair Jeff Burkhart will be our speaker. Public is welcome, no charge and be sure to remember our new meeting LOCATION: Central Park, Gold S. Lewis Community Center, 11200 Base Line Road, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91710. For questions or more info check our website: http://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/groups/los\_serranos. INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

#### OCT 18 (WED) 9:00 AM HIKE INTO LAKE PERRIS HIKE

Moderate 6-mile out and back hike along hills into Lake Perris. BRING water, snack and sturdy shoes, hiking poles if you like. Rain cancels. MEET: Ridgecrest Park at 28506 John F. Kennedy Dr, Moreno Valley. Short car shuttle to trailhead. INFO and LEADER EILEEN O'BRIEN (951) 616-9739 MORENO VALLEY GROUP

#### OCT 19 (THU) 4:30 PM OLIVE MTN HIKE

Enjoy the view from Olive Mountain with a moderate to difficult 4-mile round trip hike. Elevation gain of about 1,000 ft. We start promptly at 4:30 p.m. BRING: water, flashlight, sturdy shoes, snack. 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

#### OCT 19 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING

Monthly meeting except January, February and December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site <sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear>. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER, (909) 585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com

BIG BEAR GROUP

#### OCT 20 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTSKELLER PEAK SEQUOIA GROVE HIKE

Come Join us for a 3-mile easy hike, to explore the 1970's penny pine sequoia grove project. After the hike, drive up to the Keller Peak Fire lookout tower for spectacular views. MEET at yellow post site 5 Keller Peak Road (1N96) WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING snacks and water. LEADER SANDY ELLIS, 909-867-7115 (no text), fsellis67@gmail.com Please CALL to check on weather conditions. CO-LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS 909-939-5790 (no text) karlakellems@gmail.com

SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

#### OCT 21 (SAT) 8:00 AM RIDGE ABOVE SUMMIT VALLEY HIKE

This 6-mile hike is rated moderate due to soft sand on the trail. The views of the Valley are excellent. BRING water, a snack and strong footwear. Meet at the Victor Valley Museum, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley by 8am. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM. 760-912-3725. coach norm@yahoo.com

MOJAVE GROUP

#### OCT 21 (SAT) 9:00 AM SB MTS, THE PINNACLES HIKE

A moderate/difficult 6-mile round trip hike with an 1100ft elevation gain. The Pinnacles is one of the Sierra Club's 100 peaks. There are interesting rock formations along the way and lots of scenic views. MEET in Blue Jay at the Blue Jay cinema to carpool. Parking is limited at trailhead. BRING hiking boots, jacket, lunch and 2 bottles of water. LEADER: HEATHER SARGEANT 909-336-2836 (no text) CALL for meeting place and details.

SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

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## **Moreno Valley Group**

#### By Ann McKibben, Secretary

Christina Torres and Eileen O'Brien have scheduled new outings for this fall. The first fall outing is on September 6,4:45 p.m., Hidden Springs Hike. Meet at Hidden Spring School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., MV. For complete information on the hike please go to: http://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/groups/moreno\_valley

The Moreno Valley Group will hold their executive committee election this fall. If you would like to run for our executive committee in our fall election and have



"Hidden Spring Hike, May 17, 2017" Photographer, Christina Torres

been a member for over one year, please contact us at: movalleygroup@yahoo.com so we can give you more information about the nominating committee process.

Ironwood Village Project (IVP): The Moreno Valley Planning Commission and the city's Recreational Trails Board have unanimously rejected the IVP at their meetings. The developer never filed the required appeal of the planning commission denial, but the city appears ready to allow a council vote. The August hearing on the project was postponed with no date given for a future hearing. Local residents group,

Neighbors Helping Neighbors, have organized in opposition to the project. Residents are concerned about the small lot sizes and loss of rural land uses, compromising the city's general plan, increases in traffic, elimination of city public multi-use trail; the city has done a mitigated negative declaration which does not include a complete analysis of the project.

World Logistics Center (WLC): A coalition of environmental groups (San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society, Center for Biological Diversity, Sierra Club and other groups) are being represented by Earthjustice. The appeal hopes to reverse the decision of a Riverside County Superior Court judge who denied the request by the coalition to block two Moreno Valley city initiatives which may allow the city to circumvent state environmental laws in analyzing the environmental impacts of the WLC project. Our California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) challenge to the WLC will be heard in court during the first week in September. Our attorneys are currently working on the case. Villages of Lakeview (VOL): Comments on the draft environmental impact report were submitted last fall. Current information from the county indicates responses to the comments and the final environmental documents will be available in early August. A Riverside County Planning Commission hearing is tentatively

scheduled for September 6. The proposed VOL housing project (11,350 units) is planned on the southern boundary of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. You can contact planner Russell Brady at rbrady@rctlma. org or (951) 955-3025 for more information and to be put on their mailing list.

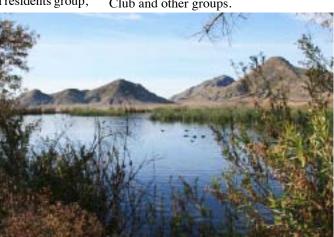
**Donations Needed:** Please take time to make a donation to help us continue our efforts to challenge the latest version of the 11,350 unit Villages of Lakeview project on the southern border of the San Jacinto Wildlife

Area and continue our World Logistics Center litigation. You can make checks out to the "Sierra Club" with the notation WLC/VOL and send your donations to: Sierra Club—Moreno Valley Group, P.O. Box 1325, Moreno Valley, CA 92556-1325. Thank you to all who have already donated.

The Riverside County General Plan Update aka GPA 960: Some of our concerns include GPA 960's impact on greenhouse gases, agricultural lands and the San Jacinto Wildlife Area's

at-risk species as well as promoting sprawl. The Riverside County Housing Element (HE) is now being litigated because it has similar problems as the GPA 960. Settlement talks on a few areas of the lawsuit are still ongoing, but the litigation is also moving forward.

Mid County Parkway (MCP): The sixlane MCP between the cities of San Jacinto and Perris is designed to allow projects like the Villages of Lakeview to be built. While we lost in court, the Center for Biological Diversity has filed an appeal for the Sierra Club and other groups.



"Scenic View, San Jacinto Wildlife Area" Photographer, George Hague

**Eastern Metropolitan Water District** bird walks will start in October. They will post their information on their web page once the schedule is in place: (951) 928-3777 & www.emwd.org

Lake Perris State Recreation Area: The 2017 limited Golden Bear Pass (\$20.00) to most state parks is good from January 1 through December 31 for those 62 years or older and can be purchased at Lake Perris; it is good for everyone in your car. State park passes also include the Disabled Discount Pass and Distinguished Veteran Pass. For information on hours, visitors fees, and passes, please check: http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page id=651

Moreno Valley Recreational Trails Board hike, Saturday, September 23, 2017. Hike to Lake Perris (DIFFICULT); meet at 7:30 a.m. in the parking lot in front of Ridgecrest Elementary School, 28500 John F. Kennedy Drive, Moreno Valley. (Approx. 7.2 miles round trip.) Call (951) 413-3703 to confirm all information.

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#### OCT 21 (SAT) 8:00 AM SUGARLOAF HIKE

Join us on this Peaks of Big Bear hike to see some autumn colors. Last year I described the trailhead as a lush green forest compared to other nearby trails. This spring we saw the level of the lake rise several feet. It could be interesting to see what changes there may be on this trail. We will hike ten miles in-and-out with an elevation gain of 2,500 feet. RATED: Strenuous. MEET: VONS parking lot, 42170 Big Bear Blvd, Big Bear Lake, CA, at 8:00 AM. We will car pool to the trailhead. Those driving up Hwy 38 through Mentone may meet us at the trailhead at 8:30 AM. BRING: The ten essentials including layered clothing, lunch and snack, three liters of water, a good pair of hiking boots, sunblock, sun glasses, and hat. Trekking poles are highly recommended. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER PETER MICHELSEN at petermichelsenor@gmail.com or call 760-333-3103.

BIG BEAR GROUP

#### OCT 22 (SUN) 8:30 AM SAN ANTONIO CREEK CLEANUP HIKE/SERVICE

Volunteer opportunity to keep our mountains pristine! Come out and help clean up trash along lower San Antonio Creek at Shinn Road (where Mountain Ave and Mt. Baldy Road meet). BRING water and snacks, wear boots, hat, sunscreen. Will provide trash pickers, bags and work gloves (bring your own work gloves if you have them). MEET: Contact Mary Ann Ruiz for carpool meeting place. LEADER: MARY ANN RUIZ 909-815-9379 or ruizmaryann@gmail.com

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

#### OCT 22 (SUN) 3:30 PM HIKE TO PUMPKIN ROCK – NORCO HIKE

Easy to Moderate 2-mile RT hike to Pumpkin Rock in Norco for pre-Halloween. Opportunity for local dinner after in Riverside. MEET: From 15 Fwy exit at Sixth St. go east to 111 6<sup>th</sup> St and park at Pikes Peak Park. BRING: Water, sunscreen. Rain Cancels. Please RSVP by 7 p.m. on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> and for any carpool arrangements. INFO and LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com

MORENO VALLEY GROUP

#### **OCTOBER 23- OCTOBER 29**

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

#### OCT 24 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING

Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379. CHAPTER

#### OCT 25 (WED) 9:00 AM SKYLINE LOOP 1 TRAIL - BOX SPRINGS MTN HIKE

Moderate 3-mile hike on the skyline trail. BRING water and sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. MEET: From 60 Fwy exit at Pigeon Pass Road and drive north about 4 miles. Pigeon Pass turns into Box Springs Mountain Rd and becomes a dirt road going up. In 1.2 miles you reach parking area. COST: Parking Fee \$5/car. INFO and LEADER: EILEEN O'BRIEN (951) 616-9739.

MORENO VALLEY GROUP

## OCT 27 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS KELLER/MILL PK, COYOTE ROCK AREA HIKE

Come Join us for a 4-5-mile moderate conditioning hike, to explore this region of the San Bernardino National Forest. MEET Robert Hootman Senior/Community Center parking lot (2929 Running Springs School Road Running Springs, CA 92382) WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING snacks and water. LEADER KARLA KELLEMS 909-939-5790 (no text) karlakellems@gmail.com. Please CALL to check on weather conditions.

SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

## OCT 27-29 (FRI-SUN) DEATH VALLEY WILDERNESS RESTORATION SERVICE

Join us as we continue the clean-up of a grow site in this beautiful National Park. We will hike about 3 miles up a rugged canyon to gather and carry out the trash left behind in an illegal grow site. Participants should bring an old backpack if they have one. Sturdy trash bags will be supplied to protect packs. Details on meeting time and camping location have not been finalized. Potluck Saturday night. LEADER: KATE ALLEN, kj.allen96@gmail.com, 661-944-4056.

CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

#### OCT 28 (SAT) 8:00 AM SPLIT ROCK HIKE

On this loop hike with Split Rock in the middle, we will see many interesting rock formations. There will be some off trail hiking so shorts are not recommended. A high clearance vehicle is needed to get to the trailhead. RATED: Moderate, there is some elevation gain at the beginning of the hike and at the end. This hike is approximately 4 miles long. BRING: water, a snack/lunch, binoculars, camera, and sun protection. WEAR: sturdy shoes/boots and dress in layers. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, (11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley 92308) at 8:00 AM. LEADER: QUINTIN LAKE, (951) 315-7691 or qlake15@gmail.com

MOJAVE GROUP

#### \*\*OCT 28 (SAT) 8:00 AM SOUTH RIDGE TRAIL HIKE

Enjoy an early morning hike to Tahquitz Peak Lookout Tower. MEET: At the "Fort" in Idyllwild between Jo'Ans and the coffee shop at 8:00 AM so we can caravan to the starting point. We will hike from the beginning of the Forest Road to the trail-head on a 9 mile out and back hike to Tahquitz Peak Lookout Tower. The hike is moderately difficult with about 2500 ft of elevation gain. This trail in the on the way up is shaded by pines, oak in the early morning by the mountain ridge. The views along the trail and from the Tower provide fabulous vistas from the Garner Valley all the way to the ocean in the West. DIRECTIONS: From the "Fort" where we will meet in Idyllwild drive south on highway 243, turn left at Saunders Meadow Rd (Mile High Cafe) and left again on Pine (Forest Route 5S11, Mountain Center, CA 92561, 33.735415, -116.696089) Adventure Pass not needed

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#### PCT SECTION A HIKES

#### David Melton, Outings Chairman

Charon Nardozza and Darlene Taylor, our two-sister hike Deader team, are tentatively planning to offer Section A of the PCT this fall/winter as a series of day hikes and possibly one backpack segment.

Section A is the beginning of the PCT and encompasses 104 miles from the Mexican border to Warner Springs. Road access for some portions of it is a challenge. We'll start at the easiest portion with an initial hike on September 9th from Warner Springs with a lunch break at the infamous "Eagle Rock" and then head to Barrel Springs.

Barrel Springs and will end at the Third Gate Trailhead, as long as the trail is easily accessed, then continue Section A hikes, working our way south if able to map the road access. Ultimately, we hope to offer the whole section with a patch, contemplating that while having an adventure!





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if you park on the side of the road at the junction of Forest Rd 5S11. I will obtain Wilderness Trail pass for those that register for the hike in advance. There is no fee for this pass. BRING: 5 liters water; Snacks; Ten Essentials, and layered clothing. RAIN CANCELS. To register for the hike or if you have questions about the hike contact LEADER GARY MARSALONE at hikesie@gmail.com SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

#### \*\*OCT 28 (SAT) 8:30 AM HANNA FLATS HIKE

This is a moderate 8-9 mile round trip with approximately 800 elevation' gain. This hike starts at the Gray's Peak trailhead. We will hike part of the way up the Gray's Peak Trail then turn north and hike toward the Hanna Flats campground. We should see beautiful fall colors. Since the Butler fire of 2007, there has been much new growth from the many pine tree seedlings that were planted. MEET: at the Gray's Peak trailhead on North Shore Drive, 2.7 miles from the dam going towards Fawnskin. You will need an Adventure Pass to park at the trailhead. BRING: 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots, hat and trekking poles. RESERVATIONS: Contact hike LEADER CHARLOTTE **BIG BEAR GROUP** WATTS, momscampsite@gmail.com or call 909-866 7423.

#### OCT 29 (SUN) 3:00 PM **BOX SPRINGS TOWERS** HIKE

Moderate 4-mile round trip hike to the towers via Spring trail. Approx. 400 ft elevation gain. We start promptly at 4:30 p.m. BRING: water, flashlight and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Pigeon Pass about 4 miles where road veers left and turns into Box Springs Mountain Road (mostly dirt road). In 1.2 miles you reach the parking area on the right. COST: Parking fee \$5/car. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com

MORENO VALLEY GROUP

#### OCTOBER 30- NOVEMBER 5

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

#### LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM

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

#### NOV 3 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS GREEN VALLEY LAKE AREA

Join us on a 4-6 mile easy/moderate hike around the Green Valley Lake region of the San Bernardino Mountains. MEET: in Green Valley Lake across from the post office (33271 Green Valley Lake Rd, Green Valley Lake, CA 92341). WEAR layered clothing. BRING snacks and water. LEADER SANDY ELLIS,909-867-7115 (no text), fsellis67@gmail. com Please CALL to check on weather conditions, CO-LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS 909-939-5790 (no text) karlakellems@gmail.com SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

#### NOV 4 (SAT) 9:00AM SB MTS SPLINTERS TO DEVIL'S HOLE PCT

A moderate 7-mile round trip hike with a 600ft elevation gain. Follow the popular Pacific Crest Trail along beautiful Deep Creek. BRING hiking boots, jacket, lunch and 2 bottles of water. WEAR layered clothing. MEET: ) Call for meeting place and details. LEADER: HEATHER SARGEANT 909-336-2836 (no text). SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

#### NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES

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

#### (1ST FRI) 8:30 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. The June and December meetings are potluck dinners and start at 6:30 p.m. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I10 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

(3RD FRI) 8:30 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB See writeup above for details.

#### NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

SEP 1 (FRI) 8:30 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB See writeup above for details.

SEP 15 (FRI) 8:30 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB See writeup above for details.

AUDUBON SOCIETY SEP 20 (WED) 7:30 PM **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.

OCT 6 (FRI) 8:30 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB See writeup above for details.

AUDUBON SOCIETY OCT 18 (WED) 7:30 PM **MEETING** NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY See writeup above for details.

OCT 20 (FRI) 8:30 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB See writeup above for details.

NOV 3 (FRI) 8:30 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT See writeup above for details.





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## October 3rd Chapter Program Takes Us Trekking High and Low in Nepal's Eastern Himalaya!

ierra Club member Brian Elliott will speak at the October 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter meeting on his recent trekking and birding trip to Nepal.

Brian and a friend trekked for 20 days on the Makalu Base Camp Trek route into and out of the Makalu Barun Conservation Area in the Himalava Mountains of eastern Nepal. This area of Nepal is rich in Tibetan Buddhism and Sherpa culture.



The trekking route passed through lowland tropical forests, rhododendron forests higher up, and then finally into the alpine zone at the higher elevations. Elevations on the trek ranged from a low of 2500 ft. to a

high of 20,250 ft. at Sherpani Col.

Following the trek, Brian spent four days birding and wildlife viewing at Chitwan National Park in southern Nepal near the Indian border.



Brian is chair of the chapter's Los Serranos Group, which includes Chino Hills, Chino, Ontario, Montclair, Rancho Cucamonga and Fontana, as well as his home town Upland. He's a geologist and retired high school science teacher. In recent years, he's given chapter programs on

his birding and wildlife tours in Botswana and Costa Rica as well as several of his canoe adventures in Alaska.



#### JOIN ACTIVISTS FROM ACROSS CALIFORNIA

- PANEL DISCUSSION Coping with the Trump Administration
- WORKSHOPS Learn How to Tell Your Story, and Movement Building in your area KEYNOTE SPEAKER - Jim Araby, Executive Director, Western States Council of the
- United Food and Commercial Workers Union
- CALIFORNIA LEADS THE RESISTANCE Kathryn Phillips, Director, Sierra Club CA SOCIAL TIME, EVENING CAMPFIRE, STORYTELLING, MUSIC

Rancho El Chorro Educational School has bunk cabins to share or camping

space. Meals included through Sunday Breakfast. "Complete agenda and more info here: <a href="http://www.sierraclub.org/california">http://www.sierraclub.org/california</a>



AGENDA AND REGISTRATION INFO COMING SOON



### Enjoy Keller Ski Hut October 7 - 15

o you enjoy starry skies and waking up in the cool air of pine-scented mountains? You are invited up to the Sierra Club's local Keller Ski Hut, located off Highway 330 five miles past

Running Springs. Keller was built in 1938 for the new sport of alpine skiing. Staffed by volunteer Hut Hosts, the cabin is open year round and ideal for groups. There is a modern kitchen, bathroom, running water and

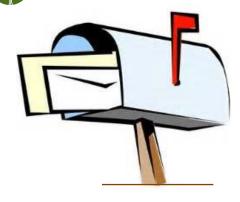
comfortable sleeping pads. Hiking trails are nearby and Big Bear is 12 miles away. The next two open work

party weekend dates are: Sat, October 7 - Sunday October 15, 2017, with the weekdays in between included. Everyone is welcome – you don't have to work!

If you are interested in becoming a Keller Hut Host, the annual Training will be held on Sat, October 7th, followed by a Potluck. To RSVP, please call Marty Kluck at 562. 677-4740.



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