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Membership Meetings

Tuesday, May 5th • 7:30 PM
“Grand Schemes and Broken Dreams:
Stunning Visual Remnants from Southern California’s Past”
Presented by: Robert Larson
(see write up on Page 2)

Tuesday, June 2nd • 7:30 PM
“The Desert: Its Grace, Its Gravity
and Its Grandeur”
Presented by: David McChesney
(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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East Valley Students Lobby for Tougher Smog Standard

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More than 100 students from Desert Mirage High School trekked to Sacramento to lobby for higher air-quality standards, which they say could lower asthma rates in the heavily polluted eastern Coachella Valley.

The Environmental Protection Agency is working on a plan to toughen federal air-quality standards for ground-level ozone, the main component of smog. The Coachella Valley exceeded the current standard on 40 days in 2014, and studies have found that more than 10 percent of children in the valley suffer from asthma.

Conditions are particularly bad in the eastern part of the valley, where low incomes and widespread lack of health insurance exacerbate air-quality-related health problems. Based on recent data compiled by the California Environmental Protection Agency, census districts based in Coachella and Indio rank among the top third in the state for high levels of ozone pollution.

Ozone is generally produced by cars, trucks and industrial activity. It can aggravate asthma and contribute to other chronic respiratory conditions, including emphysema and bronchitis.

For Sierra Club organizer Marína Barragán, who lives in Oasis and graduated from Desert Mirage two years ago, the fight for tougher smog restrictions is personal. Barragán’s uncle died from asthma-related health issues eight years ago, and her 23-year-old sister, Marizta, suffers from the same condition.

I realized this was not normal, no one should have to do this,” Barragán said. “That is ridiculous. That is inhumane. No one should have to do that.”

The Desert Mirage High School students lobbied in Sacramento for higher air-quality standards, which they believe will help lower asthma rates in the eastern Coachella Valley.

The Environmental Protection Agency held a hearing in Sacramento to solicit public comment on its proposal to toughen federal ozone standards.

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Robert Larson’s talk, illustrated with his own photographs, features the Salton Sea, the Goat Canyon Railroad Trestle and the Bridge to Nowhere, why they are there, what they were intended to become and what they are today. He will show how all three, in different ways, are related to water and Southern California water management.

The Salton Sea was created by accident starting in 1905 when hastily constructed connectors to the All American Canal were over-constructed by high waters in the Colorado River. Over a period of two years, the entire river flow was diverted into the Salton Sink, creating the lake 200 feet below sea level. By the 1950s, a thriving introduced fishery supported a surreal post-apocalyptic look and feel with rotating, rusted, crumbling, half-flooded buildings.”

In 1907, sugar baron John Spreckles broke ground on the San Diego and Arizona Railroad secretly funded by the Southern Pacific. Dubbed the “Impossible Railroad,” it connected San Diego to the east while bypassing Los Angeles. Plagued by washouts and tunnel collapses, it was eventually abandoned, but not before the construction of the Goat Canyon Railroad Trestle, claimed to be the longest curved railroad trestle in the world.

The Bridge to Nowhere is a beautifully arched concrete span over the East Fork of the San Gabriel River. Modeling the Grand Canyon, a highway was under construction to connect Azusa across the San Gabriel Mountains to Wrightwood. The 50-year flood of March 1938 washed out the East Fork Road and forever isolated the bridge, which is now in the Sheep Mountain Wilderness.

Robert Larson is a southern California native with a lifelong interest in the local deserts and their lore. Robert has worked as a free-lance writer and radio talk show host. He loves backpacking to remote locations to explore some of California’s odd hidden gems.

Robert’s work has been published in the Temecula Valley Museum’s The Rabbit Hole: Los Angeles, 1846-1928, Art Bell’s After Dark, and The Excluded Middle. He also contributed an entry to the book California: Your Travel Guide to California’s Local Legends and Best Kept Secrets.

From 2005 to 2012, Mr. Larson hosted a weekly radio program called Out the Rabbit Hole at KUCI Radio at the University of California at Irvine. This involved indepth interviews with various guests – usually book authors – on a variety of topics ranging from the socio-political to the paranormal to the historical to the folkloric to the arts. He Currently is a correspondent for the Heather McCoy Show – also at KUCI – reporting news from the Inland Empire.
CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS
DEADLINE: Items for the July/August 2015 Calendar are due by June 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 Ladd.Seeksin@ladd.g.seeksin@gmail.com

GENERAL INFORMATION, RULES & DISCLAIMER
All Outings Leaders are Chapter Certified Leaders having appropriate Outings Training Courses, First Aid Training, 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.

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. 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 NOTE
Most outings occurring in the San Bernardino, Angeles, Cleveland, or Los Padres National Forests require a Forest Service permit for each vehicle (Adventurer 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 one & register, if the leader has a permit & you don’t have one, get one as your ‘lead vehicle’ & your permit is valid for the group. The leader of the group carries a permit & will show it to each participant, thereby & shall remain valid & fully enforceable.

CARPOOLING POLICY
In the interest 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. Fives 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, foreseeable or unforeseeable, 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 including, but not limited to, weather, fatigues, animals, rating members, & all liabilites from other 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 Outing, & the use of Sierra Club Outing facilities, I, the undersigned, hereby agree to, and do thereby assent, to the following: 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 my own risk & at my own expense & as usual with all outdoor & wilderness activities. This Agreement is made & entered into as of the date indicated & 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, & LIABILITY & TO DEMAND & HOLD HARMLESS the Sierra Club, its officers, members, agents, & their employees, & any person on account of, or in any way resulting from Injuries & Damages, & even if caused by negligence of the Sierra Club or its officers, members, 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 & 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. DESTINATIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKSIN ladd.g.seeksin@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. 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, briannel@adsl.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP
(2ND MON) 7:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard’s Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP
(2ND TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate, we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, kimfloyd@fastmail.fm (760) 249-5385. CHAPTER
(2ND WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING Monthly except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Redgrovestr) Enter on Redgrove side of the building. INFO: SUSAN STUEBER, susanquin.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, 36000 Pauha Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 sierraculbmsg@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, briannel@adsl.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.sierraculbigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40991 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP
(3RD THU) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 40791 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. MEETING

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 the side of the building. INFO: SUSAN STUEBER, susanquin.stueber@gmail.com MOJAVE GROUP

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Thank you very much!

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Our thanks to you, the donors to the San Gorgonio Chapter’s March fund appeal. Your generous support makes our conservation victories possible. If you received your donation by April 1, we list you here!

If you did not donate yet but would like to, please mail your check to:
Sierra Club San Gorgonio Chapter, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside, CA 92501.

Make your check payable to “Sierra Club, San Gorgonio Chapter.”

Thanks again!

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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 SPRENGL bsprengl@gsn.net (760) 951- 4526 & JENNY WILDER (760) 220-0730 jenwadio@aol.com. MOJA VE GROUP

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APRIL 27 – MAY 3 Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings
(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)

APR 28 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, (909) 815- 9379 nzmurrayann@gmail.com CHAPTER

APR 29 (WED) 5:00 PM TWO TREES TRAIL HIKE Moderate 3.5 mile U shape Two Trees Trail from Riverside with 1,000 ft. elevation gain. BRING: water, flashlights, sturdy shoes, hiking poles preferred. MEET: Assembly Indian Dam Trailhead in Riverside exit Blaine St. & drive east about 2 miles to Belvedere, then 2nd right onto Two Trees Rd. Sign & parking area for Box Springs Mountain Park located where the road turns to dirt. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: EILEEN O BRIEN, (951) 616-9739. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAY 1-3 (FRI-SUN) MANZANAR & LONE PINE LAKE TRIP Join us at our beatiful campsite in the high desert near Lone Pine. On Saturday, we’ll hike a moderate 6 miles roundtrip with 1600’ gain, from Whitney Portal to Beautiful Lone Pine Lake, followed by Happy Hour, a potluck feast & campfire. On Sunday, we’ll caravan to Manzanar, the WWII Japanese internment camp in the desert north of Lone Pine, to visit the museum with its moving tribute to the internees held there during the war. Group size strictly limited. RESERVATIONS: Send $8 per person (check payable to Lygeia Gerard), a letter-sized self-addressed stamped envelope, phone number, email address, & rideshare preferences to LEADER: LYGEIA GERARD, P.O. Box 721039, Pinon Hills, CA 92372, (760) 868-2179. Goody2shiz@yahoo.com. MOJA VE GROUP

MAY 2 (SAT) 7:30 AM PCT SEC D-3: SLEEP CREEK-INSPIRATION POINT HIKE This is the third segment of the Pacific Crest Trail Section D. The entire Section D is 110.2 miles. This stretch begins at Sleep Creek Truck road & heads southwest 13.1 miles to Inspiration Point with an elevation gain of 2789’2. This is a shuttle hike so please arrive on time to enable us to get started hiking as early as we can. 4WD vehicles are welcome. RATING: Strenuous. MEET: We’ll meet at the junction of Swarthout Canyon Road & Lone Pine Canyon Road at 3:30 a.m. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 3 liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, & hat. Be aware of the day’s forecast as it may be quite hot by midday. RESERVATIONS: Send $8 per person (check payable to Lygeia Gerard), a letter-sized self-addressed stamped envelope, phone number, email address, & rideshare preferences to LEADER: LYGEIA GERARD, P.O. Box 721039, Pinon Hills, CA 92372, (760) 868-2179. Goody2shiz@yahoo.com. MOJA VE GROUP

MAY 2 (SAT) 7:30 AM MITSUBISHI CEMENT PLANT, LUCERN 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. 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 rock surfaces. BRING water, a snack or lunch & a camera. LEADER, SUSAN STUBER, susanquinin@stuber@gmail.com, 760-900-5330. MOJA VE GROUP

MAY 2 (SAT) 9:00 AM WARNER SPRINGS TO EAGLE ROCK HIKE Join me on this easy 5.5 mile (total out & back) hike to Eagle Rock. There is about 450’ of elevation gain. This is a beautiful little section of the PCT that begins by following a stream through oak shaded woodland. The trail then opens into expansive open field where we will find the spectacular rock formation known as Eagle Rock. We picked this hike to coincide with Warner Springs celebration of PCT through hikers (those hiking the entire PCT from Mexico-Canada). MEET: Warner Springs Community Center, 30950 Highway 79, Warner Springs CA, 92086, across from the fire station. The hike should take about three hours. After the hike you a welcome to join the Warner Springs Celebration at the Community Center & mingle with the through hikers. BRING at least two quarts of water, snacks, & a lunch. DRESS in layers, WEAR comfortable hiking shoes & do not forget the sunscreen. A hat is also a good idea. Steady rain cancels. RESERVATIONS & INFO: contact LEADER BOB AUDIBERT, bob.takeahike1@gmail.com, (951) 616-9739. BIG BEAR GROUP

MAY 2-3 (SAT-SUN) SATELITE TRIP Join us at Keller Hut for group meals, hikes, bird & nature walk, & conversation. BRING food for the weekend including a dish (salad, desert or main dish) for a potluck dinner on Saturday. We furnish hot beverages & table service. We will provide breakfast on Sunday. INFO: call OVERSEER, HEATHER SARGEANT, 909-336-2836. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

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MAY 5 (TUE) 9:00 AM MIDDLE MARSHALL CANYON HIKE
Here’s an easy Cinco de Mayo hike that’s only 3 miles R/T. It’s centered in a beautiful riparian setting as you weave your way about stream & golf course. Elevation gain is moderate.
MEET: Wildhorse Creek Trailhead on Hwy 38. The trail marker will be on your left if you come up from the Redlands area, on the right if coming from Big Bear. It’s near the Heart Bar Campground. Bring: ten essentials, 2 liters of water, layered clothing, hat, sunscreen, & lunch.
RESERVATIONS: contact LEADER JUDY ATKINSON, (951) 318-7503, cmte.teck@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAY 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.a.seekins@gmail.com. (909) 800-3911
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**MAY 6 (WED) 7:30 AM BIGHORN PEAK HIKE**
This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Bighorn Peak (elevation 8,441 ft.). 11 miles round trip with c. 3400 ft. elevation gain. The trail follows the creek for the first mile under a canopy of oak, maple, alder, cedar, & pine. Scenic view from the top of Bighorn Peak. Rain cancels. Bring: sturdy boots, 3+ liters water, lunch, & sunscreen. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. MEET: Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling & meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, 909-983-8501, john@uctlairs.us. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAY 6 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ED CALIENDO, dgos1119@msn.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

MAY 7 (THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, contact BRIAN ELLIOTT, briannell@aol.com LOS SERRANO GROUP

**MAY 8 (FRI) 7:30 AM THREE Ts TRAIL HIKE**
This will be a very strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the Ice House Saddle, then hiking on the Three Ts Trail, doing all three peaks along the way. We will hike to the top. We start promptly at 8:30 a.m. BRING: water, flashlight, & sturdy shoes. MEET: Hwy 60 Freeway in Moreno Valley, exit south on Moreno Beach Drive. Follow for 3.4 miles, then turn left on Via del Lago. Park in the dirt area on right after road is closed & do not enter Lake Perris Park. Rain cancels.
INFO & LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES, cmte.teck@gmail.com, (951) 318-7503
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAY 8 (FRI) 8:30 AM PCT ROUTE 18 TO EYE OF GOD HIKE
Get ready for summer on this relatively flat 6-mile round trip hike along a portion of the Pacific Crest Trail with views of Long Valley & the Big Horn Wilderness beyond. Our destination will be the Eye of God, a quartz dome named by the Serrano Indians. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. MEET: Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling & meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, 909-983-8501, john@uctlairs.us. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAY 9 (SAT) 7:30 AM PCT SEC D-4: INSPIRATION POINT-VINCENT GAP HIKE
This is the fourth segment of the Pacific Crest Trail Section D. The entire length of section D is 110.2 miles & this short segment is about 4.8 miles. From Inspiration Point (7388’), the trail heads west, passes a couple of campgrounds, contours & gradually ascends (7480’), & finally descends to crosses Angeles Crest Highway, ending at the parking lot at Vincent Gap (6585’) where our cars are parked. There are some nice views along the short but scenic segment so bring a camera. RATING: Easy to moderate. MEET: Inspiration Point on Angeles Crest Highway at 7:30 a.m. BRING: Ten essentials, layered clothing, 2 liters of water, snacks, sunscreen, sunglasses, & hat. RESERVATIONS: Email LEADER LI FOSTER, li@planetroad.com, or contact CO-LEADER ED CALIENDO, dgos1119@msn.com, (442) 242-4103. BIG BEAR GROUP

MAY 9 (SAT) 8:00 AM RIDGE ABOVE SUMMIT VALLEY HIKE
This is an easy 4-mile hike with spectacular views over Los Flores Ranch & the West Fork of the Mojave River. You will see a large amount of animal signs. WEAR strong shoes, BRING water, camera & a snack. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308, at 8:00 a.m. MEET: NORMAN BOSOM, coachnorm@yahoo.com, 760-912-3725. MOJAVE GROUP

MAY 9 (SAT) 8:00 AM OLIVE MOUNTAIN Hike
Enjoy the view from Olive Mountain on a moderate to difficult 3-mile round trip hike. Elevation gain of 1,000 ft. We start promptly at 8:00 a.m. BRING: water, & a snack & hiking poles if you use them. Don’t forget sunscreen & wear sturdy shoes. MEET: Hwy 60 Freeway in Moreno Valley, exit Perris Rd 1 mile, turn right on Kalmia, go ½ mile & turn left on Kitching. Park at the end of the road on Kitching. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES, cmte.teck@gmail.com, (951) 318-7503.
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAY 9 (SAT) 8:30 AM ROUND MOUNTAIN SUMMIT HIKE
Enjoy fantastic 100” views when we summit Round Mountain, 5,272 elevation in the Juniper Flats Area. This peak is one of the Hundred Peaks of San Bernardino. RATED: moderate to strenuous with some cross country trail. 4.5 miles round trip & approx 900’ scramble up to the summit. Yet the reward is worth it. MEET: 8:30 am Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley. Drive up Coyote Truck Trail (dirt road) about 10 miles from the museum & hike from The Viatcan trailhead. Bring: water, hiking poles, snacks, layered clothing, comfortable hiking shoes & enthusiasm.
LEADER: CAROL STUBBLEFIELD yorkshirerose16@juno.com & JENNY WILDER JensOasis@atlad.com 760-220-0730. MOJAVE GROUP

MAY 9 (SAT) 9:00 AM SB MTS, LITTLE BEAR CREEK HERE & NOW HIKE
While on this moderate hike, we will focus on what is around us at the moment: sights & sounds of the forest, & our reactions to them. While on the trail, by talking about only what we see, hear & experience we can better appreciate what is out there!
We will hike the North Shore Trail to Little Bear Creek. Distance: 5 miles RT. Elevation loss & gain: 600 feet. WEAR: hat & boots; BRING: layered clothing, water, snacks & lunch. MEET: Call: LEADER, BILL EINGS, 909-338-1910, billings@yahoo.com. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAY 10 (SUN) 8:30 AM 3 MILE MOVEMBER Hike
This is a moderate hike in beautiful Griffith Park & through the Pacific Crest Trail with views of Long Valley & the Big Horn Wilderness beyond. It is a great introduction to hiking & the trees that grow in the San Bernardino Forest. The trail was constructed by volunteers in 1986, & features 20 numbered posts to experience an introduction to hiking & the plants that grow in the San Bernardino Forest. The trail parallels the Keller Peak Rd (but out of sight of the road) for a total of about 12.5 miles & 5,000 ft. elevation climb. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, 3+ liters water, lunch, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308, at 8:00 AM. LEADER, NORMAN BOSOM, coachnorm@yahoo.com, 760-912-3725. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAY 11 (MON) 7:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING
MONTHLY program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard’s Episcopal Church, 27088 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAY 12 (TUE) 8:00 AM EXPLORATION TRAIL HIKE
The Exploration Trail was completed in August 2005 as part of the 100th anniversary of the US Forest Service. The trail parallels the Keller Peak Rd (but out of sight of traffic), a distance of 4.5 miles one-way with a gain of 1,300 ft. This is a beautiful forested trail. MEET: Call or email leader if interested. LEADER: JOE WHYTE, 909-449-0899, whytejoe@msn.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAY 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 kimfloyd98@fastmail.fm (760) 249-5385.
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**MAY 13 (WED) 8:30 AM WOODLAND TRAIL HIKE**
Come & for an introduction to hiking. This is for the young, families, & seniors wishing to experience an introduction to hiking & the trees that grow in the San Bernardino Forest. The trail was constructed by volunteers in 1986, & features 20 numbered posts around the loop. A brochure at the trailhead provides historical, botanical, & geological information keyed to the loop. RATING: Easy to moderate. 4.5 miles, or approx a 300’ elevation change. MEET: Trailhead parking lot just west the road junction of Hwy 38 & Stanfield Cutoff on the north shore of Big Bear Lake. BRING: One liter of water, snack, sunscreen, sunglasses, & hat. RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER ED CALIENDO, (951) 242-4103, dgos1119@msn.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

MAY 13 (WED) 5:30 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE
Moderate 3-mile loop on the Hidden Springs trail & arroyo. Trail has some ups & downs but normally follows the base of the hills. We start promptly at 5:30 p.m. BRING: flashlight, water, & sturdy shoes. MEET: Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Rd...
MONTHLY MEETINGS

The monthly meeting subjects for the remainder of the year are being developed by the executive committee and will be available on the Big Bear Group website which also contains information on our outing activities and conservation efforts. As the executive committee sets the programs for next year you can be a help if you will let us know what monthly meeting subjects would interest you. Give us your ideas! Send an e-mail to Glenda Akim at gleandoonthewater@gmail.com.

ELECTION RESULTS

Glenda Akins, Ed Wallace and Claudia Eads have been reelected to the Executive Committee along with new elected members Don Jordan and George Watson Jones. Positions are as follows: Glenda Akins will serve as Group Chair, Ed Caliendo will serve as Vice Chair, Marv Cirra will serve as Treasurer, Ellen Kesler will serve as Secretary and Ed Wallace will serve as Conservation Chair. Please give them your support in the year to come.

CONSERVATION - Ed Wallace

In 2015 the Big Bear Group will continue to participate in the development of the trail along the Rathburn Creek corridor and the Pebble Plain Wildlands Park between Moonridge and Sugarloaf. These projects when completed will conserve pristine pristine plains and rehabilitate the riparian habitat along the creek. In additions the Wild land Park will serve as an outdoor science center for the students of the Big Bear School system as well as a potential research opportunity area for university students. In addition both projects will expand the outdoor recreation activities available in the Big Bear Valley.

There is more good news regarding the preservation efforts of a multitude of organizations in the Big Bear Valley. The wet lands along route 18 where the old outdoor movie theater and real estate office were located is being purchased by the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust with fund from both the federal and state Departments of Fish and Wildlife. This purchase will protect for all times the wetland habitat contained on this property and the endangered and rare plant species that call this property home. The old real estate building will be turned into an outdoor nature center for the students in the Big Bear Valley school system.

PATCH PARTY - Ed Caliendo

On May 30, 2015, the Big Bear Group will hold its annual Awards Party at the Aspen Glen Picnic Park in Big Bear Lake. For the past 7 years, we have given special recognition to individual hikers who have accomplished special feats over the last twelve months. These special accomplishments have been done under the direct supervision of Big Bear Group Hike Leaders. This year we will recognize those individuals that have:

- Hiked the Five Peaks of Big Bear, with over 8,000’ elevation gain
- Hiked Section B of the Pacific Crest Trail, 101.4 miles
- Hiked Section D of the Pacific Crest Trail, 110.2 miles

SAVE THE DATE: 13th Annual Xeriscape Garden Tour

On May 30th all Sierra Club hikers and their families are invited to participate. The day begins with three different hikes to choose based upon the individuals skills, plus a special “Nature Walk” for non hikers.

At noon, everyone is treated to a barbeque, salads, watermelon, and drinks. Hikers and families are encouraged to bring their favorite dish or dessert to share with all. After lunch, recognition awards “Patches” are given out to the individuals.

It is all a great amount of fun and fellowship with hikers and their immediate families.

Big Bear Lake, Calif. – Mother Nature is having hot flashes!!! It’s hot, it’s cold, it’s hot, it’s cold. What’s a gardener to do? After a long, cold, dry winter, spring seemed right around the corner. Birds were coming back and trees were budding out, when BAM… a series of snow storms threw us back into winter mode. But spring IS on the horizon, and thoughts turn to our gardens and yards.

The annual Xeriscape Garden tour, put on by the Sierra Club Big Bear Group, is the perfect opportunity to get ideas, discover plants that can survive the wild ups and downs of Mother Nature while looking great at the same time. So mark your calendars for the 13th Annual Xeriscape Garden Tour to take place on Saturday, July 18th. Participants can begin the FREE self-guided tour anytime between 9 am and noon starting at Eminger’s Mountain Nursery, located at 41223 Big Bear Blvd. in Big Bear Lake, across the street from the Denny’s Restaurant. Once registered, participants will have until 4:30 pm to complete the driving tour of the homes in Big Bear Valley.

This year’s tour will include the DWP’s Xeriscape Demonstration Garden on Fox Farm Road, in front of the Community Garden with native plant expert Orchid Black on hand to answer questions about the myriad of solutions available to the homeowner who wants to create a beautiful, colorful, drought tolerant landscape. In addition to the Demonstration Garden, there will be 7 homeowner gardens, landscaped by professionals and homeowners. So no matter your budget, you’ll find solutions for creating low-maintenance, drought tolerant gardens here in Big Bear.

A tour booklet, which includes the locations of the 8 stops, a map and helpful information on gardening in the mountains, will be handed out at the starting location. Experts will be on hand at each of the homes on the tour to explain the ins and outs of creating a beautiful landscape and conserving water at the same time.

For additional information on the Sierra Club’s Xeriscape Garden Tour contact Christie Walker at 909-547-2237. To see pictures of previous tours, go online to: http://bigbeargardentour.weebly.com.

Mojave Group

By Susan Stueber, Group Chair

The Mojave Group is blessed with 9 certified hike leaders. One of our favorite places to hike is in the Juniper Flats area. These hikes in this area are very popular and we have been able to gain some new interest in our group up here in the High Desert through these hikes. There are several actions by the San Bernardino National Forest and the BLM that will have a significant effect on Juniper Flats.

WEMO and Rattlesnake Mountain OHV Trails

After studying and making our comments concerning the DRECP our attention is now focused first on Rattlesnake Mountain OHV Trails. The San Bernardino National Forest will be accepting comments, until April 10th, on their plans to:

1. “Add segments of user-created trails, decommissioned roads, and new trails to the San Bernardino NF transportation system to improve OHV opportunities, proactively manage
I t has been a while (too long?) since the last time that there was some public acknowledgement of the efforts and accomplishments of the most active of the Mountains Group volunteers. Here we go . . .

Fundraising is a lot of work and Heather Sargeant does a lot of work doing just that for us. Heather is in charge of the Mountains Group efforts at our local Thrift Shoppe in Blue Jay. Non-profit organizations can earn income by working at the shop and Heather keeps our “crew” there organized and active. And look how many hard hours are being logged by our crew—Martha Camacho, Jeff Wind, Sandy Ellis, Marta Hethmon, Linda Denison, Nancy Taylor, Margaret Spiess, Crystal Risley, Karla Barton, and Sylvi Brown. Through the efforts of Heather and her band of volunteers, the Mountains Group is able to offer a $2000 scholarship at Rim of the World High School every year; is able to donate $3500 towards Children’s Forest programs and activities (giving kids out-of-doors annually); and can provide funding for environmental studies and litigation when required. Additionally, because of their efforts, we have the funds to maintain memberships in the Fire Lookout Host program, the Pacific Crest Trail Association, the Rim of the World Intertuctive Association, the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust, the Save Our Forest Association, and the Center for Biological Diversity.

And this past year we were able to provide a $5000 Grant to the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust for restoration work at Mt. San Antonio Ridge. A housing development project gone wrong!, and a new opportunity cost of our efforts. This title does not begin to describe their efforts. We are truly appreciative of the commitment of time and energy of our Thrift Shoppe volunteers.

Steve Farrell is our Vice Chair, our Conservation Chair, our Program Chair, our expert in all things environmental, and our voice when issues need to be addressed. His contributions to our efforts are huge! Thanks Steve!

Bill Engs is our Treasurer and our Outings Chair. Our finances are organized, our Outings schedule is organized and if you need some environmental reading, Bill can organize that for you too. Thanks Bill!

Sherry Noone is our Secretary and for the last ten years has kept us up to the minute with the minutes. Thanks Sherry!

Bob Sherman is our Publicity Chair and our “wetlands” expert. We appreciate Bob coming back to help out on the Excom after some time away. Thanks Bob!

Chris Del Ross-Risher is in her second year on the Excom and has brought a wealth of environmental planning expertise to the Group. Chris has worked tirelessly as our lead person on the less-than-serene Serenity Rehab project, Thanks Chris!

Sherry Bailey volunteered to become our Membership Chair last year and is now the newest member of our Excom as well. And the first two “sign-ups” she got were for Life Memberships! Thanks Sherry!

Marta Hethmon is our webmaster and we love our website. Thanks Marta!

Sue (Tsunami) Walker is our Energy Chair (boundless energy) our NomCom Chair every other year, and our main contact with the County on the Church of the Woods project. Thanks Sue.

Trudie and Carl Blank provide the snacks for our monthly meetings and are a great “Hospitality” team! Thanks Trudie and Carl!

If someone tells you to take a hike you can call one of our Outings leaders (Bill Engs, Heather Sargeant, Don Fischer, Sandy Ellis, Steve Farrell, Karla Barton) for help. Thanks Bill, Heather, Don, Sandy, Steve, and Karla!

I’ve probably left someone out. If I did, I’m sorry. (And I’ll make it up to you somehow.)

Last, but not least, thanks to everyone that supports the Mountains Group through your membership in the Sierra Club, your attendance at our meetings, your feet on the ground on our outings and your kind thoughts as we work to Explore, Enjoy, and Protect the Natural and Human Environment of the San Bernardino Mountains. Thanks to all of you!

CNRC DESERT COMMITTEE

MAY 20 (SAT) 7:00 AM SANGORONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING

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Dr. Moreno Valley. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES, (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com

MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAY 14 (THU) 6:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

MEETING

Monthly meeting except July & August. The public is welcome. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Paua Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 sierrachubson@gmail.com

SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

MAY 16 (SAT) 7:30 AM PCT, SEC. D, VINCENT GAP TO ISLIP SADDLE HIKE

THIS hike is the 5th segment in a series of Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) hikes that will encompass all of Section D in 2015. Those individuals completing all 11 sections will be eligible to receive a recognition patch signifying the accomplishment & the completion of 110.2 miles. This hike climbs steeply from Vincent Gap (6’585’) 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 & Throop Peak, before descending to Windy Gap (7588’). We continue to descend to Islip Saddle (6670’) to complete the 11.6 mile journey. Most likely we will split the group to have a key-exchange, & thus offer the option of hiking in the other direction, which has a more gradual ascent, followed by a steep descent. RATED: Strenuous. BRING: the ten essentials, sun-protection, 3.0 liters & water, & lunch. MEET: Hwy 2 at Vincent Gap trailhead. RESERVED: Contact LEADER, DAVID MELTON, (760) 408-2456, dmelton61@yahoo.com, or CO-LEADER, ED CALIENDO, dogs111@msn.com, (442) 242-4103.

BIG BEAR GROUP

MAY 16 (SAT) 8:00 AM ZANPAK JAKA HIKE

5-Mile Loop, moderate to difficult hike with 1100’ elevation gain. Good views from the top of the ridgeline through Yucaipa Regional Park. BRING: water, a snack, sunscreen, & wear sturdy shoes. MEET: from Interstate 10 exit north/east on Yucaipa Blvd. Proceed 2.9 miles, then turn left on Oak Glen Dr. In 1.0 mile, turn left into the trailhead parking area opposite Shadow Hills Dr (by the soccer field). Opportunity to meet for lunch after rain. Cancels. INFO & LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES, (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com.

MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAY 16 (SAT) 8:00 AM SB MTS, LAKE GREGORY SPRING BIRD WALK

See new spring arrivals & year ‘round residents as we walk around the lake (2.5 miles). Optional breakfast after. MEET: North Shore Parking Lot, across from Goodwin’s (24089 Lake Gregory Dr., Crestline 92325). COST: $6.00 to participate. NO pets allowed. MEET: Hwy 38, exit Vin. Dr. Proceed to the top & park where the outhouse structure is. An Adventure Pass is required. LEADER: BILL ENGS, 909-338-1910. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAY 18 – MAY 24 Please read “Liability Waiver” preceding these listings (Also refer to Weekly recoucurring Outings & Activities)

MAY 19 (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 (educational building, entrance in rear). INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com.

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAY 20 (WED) 5:30 PM HIKE TO THE “M” HIKE

Difficult 4-mile roundtrip hike to the “M” on Box Spring Mountain. Trail has some very steep areas. We start promptly at 5:30 pm. BRING: water, flash light & sturdy shoes, hike with the group from 6:00 Lou Nerono Valley go north on PCT for 2 miles, then turn left at the hidden Springs Drive. Driveway into Box Springs Park is on the left off hidden Springs Drive. Drive up the gravel road & park near the COST: $5 entrance fee. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: CARA TORRES, (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com.

MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**MAY 21 (THU) 9:00 AM SB MTS, PILOT ROCK HIKE

A moderate hike of 6 miles round trip on Forest Road 2N33 to a large prominent rock at 5915’. MEET: from 606 N Porch Moreno Valley go north on PCT for 3 miles, turn left at the hidden Springs Drive. Driveway into Box Springs Park is on the left off hidden Springs Drive. Drive up the gravel road & park near the COST: $5 entrance fee. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: CARA TORRES, (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com.

MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAY 21 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING

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

**MAY 22 (FRIDAY) 8:30 AM SNOW VALLEY TO GREEN VALLEY LAKE HIKE

This hike will lead us through rare stands of magnificent pines, cedars & oaks. The elevation gain is less than 1000 feet with a distance of 8 miles, which could lengthen depending on the desires of the hikers. RATING: Moderate. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 2 liters of water & suitable hiking boots. MEET: Vons parking lot at 42170 Big Bear Blvd. Big Bear Lake, CA 90800. at 8:00 am on the lunch at the Marina. BRING: a snack, hat, water. MEET: Contact Leader for confirmation & meeting place details. Adventure Pass required. LEADER: STEVE FARRELL, 951 777-9150, mr_sqf@yahoo.com.

SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAY 22-25 (FR–MON) BLACK ROCK DESERT, NEVADA

REZENDEZ

Our Sierra Club group will join this annual event, which is a great first trip to the Black Rock Desert, 100 miles north of Reno. The rendezvous typically includes speakers, guided tours, visits to hot spots, rocket launches, rocket hounding, a Dutch oven cook-off, drawings, & similar events. Family event, bring your RV’s & trailers. Primitive camping but w/ portable toilets! Bring your ham radio as there will be lots of ham activity. Dogs drawings, & similar events. Family event, bring your RV’s & trailers. Primitive camping
The group of students from Desert Mirage High School made the trip, taking buses that left the valley at 3:10 a.m. and were scheduled to return between 5 and 6 a.m. on Tuesday. According to Marta Stoepker, the Sierra Club’s deputy press secretary for the southwestern region of the state, the majority of the Desert Mirage students who went to Sacramento are Latino or Latina, many of them children of migrant farmworkers. She said most of the students were expected to testify at the hearing.

“It’s pretty impressive that they’re willing to spend most of their day on a bus to speak for two minutes before the EPA and then turn around and come home,” Stoepker said.

The trip was organized and funded by the Sierra Club, with help from the school’s “Green Academy” student group and the support of school district officials. The Coachella Valley Unified School District’s board is expected to officially approve the trip.

“We want our students actively being involved in environmental issues, issues of policy that are relevant to their lives,” district Superintendent Darryl Adams said. “To us, it’s really an opportunity for them to see how their voice can impact the world around them.

The current federal smog standard is 75 parts per billion, but many scientists and public health organizations, including the American Lung Association — have argued that doing so could slow manufacturing growth and hurt industry — particularly in areas that are already out of compliance with the current standards.

“Communities designated “nonattainment” have a hard time attracting and retaining industry and sustaining economic activity and growth,” Gershman said in her testimony. “Industry located in a nonattainment area face increased operating costs, permitting delays, and restrictions on building or expanding facilities.”

Among those “nonattainment” areas is the South Coast Air Basin, which covers parts of Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino and Orange counties. The basin is one of two regions in “extreme” noncompliance — the highest level of noncompliance — with the current standard.

In 2014, the South Coast Air Basin experienced 95 days with ozone levels above legal limits, according to data provided by the South Coast Air Quality Management District. The Coachella Valley, by comparison, experienced 40 such days last year, down from 50 in 2013 and 54 in 2012. Speaking from Sacramento, Barragán said that east valley residents “shouldn’t have to fight for clean air.”

“None of us should have to be here right now fighting for our right to breathe,” she said. “I already lost my uncle — I shouldn’t have to lose my sister too.”

— Sammy Roth covers energy for The Desert Sun. He can be reached at sammy.roth@desertsun.com, (760) 778-4622 and @SammyRoth.
JUNE 1 – JUNE 7
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings
(Also refer to Weekly resourcings Outings & Activities)

JUN 2 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
PROGRAM: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD PROGRAM: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD

JUN 4 (THU) 9:00 AM SAN ANTONIO FALLS/NICE HOUSE SPLIT HIKE
Looking for a bonus? Here’s your chance to see two wonderful areas in one easy outing. We will meet at Ice House Canyon & hike it to the Cedar Glen trail head & back for a 2 mile R/T distance & a ‘700’ elevation gain. Then, it’s off to the falls for a pleasant 1.5 mile R/T, 200’ elevation gain stroll where you’ll witness the falls dropping 140’ over a three tiered formation. A total of 3.5 miles & 900’ of elevation gain at days end. BRING: water, sturdy boots, layered clothing, & a hiking stick. MEET: Please call or email prior to 5:00 PM June 3 to confirm. LEADER: JEFF WARHOL, (909) 985-7866, jmnwandeljw@hotmail.com.  SBC SANTOS GROUP

JUN 6 (SAT) 8:00 AM WATERLINE TRAIL HIKE
This is a 7 ½ mile loop hike that takes us along a beautiful section of the south fork of the Santa River in the San Gorgonio Wilderness. A portion of the hike will follow the flume that supplies water to Jenkins Lake with wonderful views of the Santa Anna River Canyon. The trail in part is unmaintained with some difficult stream & downed tree crossings being part of the adventure. RATED: moderate. Space will be limited because of permit restrictions. MEET: at the Vons parking lot at 42170 Big Bear Blvd. Big Bear Lake, CA at 8:00 AM. BRING: ten essentials, 2 liters of water, lunch & suitable hiking boots. MEET: at the trailhead information, contact the leader. Adventure pass required. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER, ED WALLACE, 909 584 9407, ednjeanne@charter.net.

JUN 6 (SAT) 8:00 AM BLUE RIDGE TRAIL HIKE
This moderate 4 mile hike through beautiful woodland in Wrightwood is always pleasing. WEAR: sturdy boots, hats. MEET: Arrowhead Ridge Parking area, Grass Valley Road, across from golf course. STOP: lunch, then continue for 6 miles & back. BRING: snacks, water. RATING: easy. BRING: hats. WEAR: sturdy boots, hats. MEET: at the trailhead information, contact the leader. Adventure pass required. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER, ED CALIENDO, (442) 242-4103, dogs111@msn.com.  SBC SANTOS GROUP

JUN 8 (MON) 7:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING
Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard’s Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARREY, (909) 337-0313.  SBC SANTOS GROUP

JUN 9 (SAT) 9:00 AM SB MTS, STRAWBERRY PEEK HERE & NOW HIKE
On this hike, we will focus on what is around us at the moment; sights, smells & sounds of the forest, & our reactions to them. While on the trail, by talking about only what we see, hear & experience, we should be able to better appreciate what is out there. A variety of wildflowers should be in bloom. Distance: about one mile (loop). Elevation gain: 100 feet. This hike is threatened by inadequate management decisions by the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust in 2012. WEAR: hat & boots, BRING: water & snacks. MEET: Contact leader for meeting place & information. LEADER, BILL ENGS, 909-338-1910, billengs@yahoo.com.  SBC SANTOS GROUP

JUN 13-14 (SAT & SUN) 7:00 AM BACKPACKING TRAINING BACKPACK
If you have not camped out in the wilderness or just have not been backpacking in some time, this is the course for you. This is an opportunity to learn the key essentials to beginning backpacking & overnight camping in the wilderness. Learn how to properly load a backpack, lifting techniques, proper use of trekking poles, selection of safe camp & tent locations, setting up your tent, food preparation, cooking of the cook stove, permit processing, Leave no Trace, & extinguishing fires, & extensive map-and-compass training. COST: $25, which includes a compass & maps. If you already have a compass, then course cost is $20. The hike leader will assist each participant in equipment selection if so requested. RESERVATIONS: contact LEADER, ED CALIENDO, dogs111@msn.com, (442) 242-4103.

JUN 15 – JUNE 21
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings
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JUN 16 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting 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, brianell@aol.com.  SBC SANTOS GROUP

JUN 18 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the group website www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ED CALIENDO, dogs111@msn.com.  SBC SANTOS GROUP

JUN 19 (FRI) 7:00 PM 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.), 12.2 miles round trip with 3900 ft. elevation gain. The trail follows the creek for the first mile under a canopy of oak, maple, cedar & pine. Scenic view in all directions from the top of Cucamonga Peak. BRING: sturdy boots, 3 liters water, lunch, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Continued on Page 13 > > >
JUN 20 (SAT) 8:00 AM CHARLIE’S TRAIL HIKE

This is an easy 5-mile hike through a glorious woodland with spectacular views across the Mojave Desert. WEAR strong shoes, BRING water, snacks & a camera. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308, at 8:00 AM or in the parking lot of the Wrightwood Community Center at 9:00 AM. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, coachnorm@yahoo.com, 760-912-3725. MOJAVE GROUP

JUNE 22 – JUNE 28

Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings.

**JUN 27 (SAT) 8:00 AM GREYS PEAK HIKE**

New hikers welcome! Join me for a moderate 6-7 mile round trip hike up to the top of Big Bear Peak, west of the city. WEAR strong shoes, BRING water, snacks & a camera. MEET: Vons parking lot at 42170 Big Bear Blvd. Big Bear Lake, CA at 8:00 AM. RESERVATIONS & INFO: Contact LEADER, ED CALIENDO, ED CALIENDO, 909-584-9407, edniel23@hotmail.com. Big Bear Group

**JUN 29 – JULY 5**

Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings.

**JUL 1 (WED) 6:30 PM**

BIG BEAR SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM

MEETING

The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ED CALIENDO, dogs1119@msn.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUL 2 (THU) 5:30 PM**

BIG BEAR SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM

MEETING

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

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to the west of Tumecula, is estimated to contain about 20 adults, and has long been the focus of conservationists concerned that the triple threats of encroaching development, vehicle strikes, and a shrinking gene pool could lead to an irreversible decline in numbers and eventual extirpation, or local extinction.

In addition to the above challenges, male mountain lions also have to contend with the threats from their own kind. When they reach about two years of age, young males “disperse” in search of their own territory. If they stray into occupied territory, senior male lions may kill or injure them so they wander till they find an area unoccupied by a resident male, sometimes traveling over 100 miles. In Southern California this means they are forced to take their chances crossing numerous roads and freeways in terrain they are not familiar with. They may also turn away from the busiest ones like I-15, and then travel the fringes of the habitat. At the edges, the animals are at greater risk from interactions with people.

Conservationists have long advocated the construction of new or improved wildlife crossings as we continue to encroach on bridges over or passages under I-15. New crossings would help connect the Santa Ana Mountains wildlife populations (especially mountain lions) with wildlife in the Palomar mountains and others further east. Southern California Mountain Lion Project Lead Dr. Winston Vickers says that genetic and GPS collar results from his project have shown that during the 15 years of his study, only one mountain lion was detected that had crossed from the west to the east across I-15, and just one from the west to the north. But that’s not for a lack of trying. Several GPS-collared lions have approached the freeway and turned back multiple times, and one collared animal was recently killed while trying to cross near the Riverside and San Diego County line.

To move the crossings effort forward, Dr Vickers of the Wildlife Health Center at UC Davis, the Nature Conservancy, and National Parks Service submitted an effort at the beginning of this year to rank potential locations for a bridge and/or under-crossings on both I-15 and Hwy 101 near the Santa Monica Mountains. They will release their findings this summer. The Mountain Lion project is also receiving funding from California Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), San Diego County Association of Governments (SANDAG), Western Riverside County Resource Conservation Authority (RWCA), Nature Reserve of Orange County (NROC), and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) to integrate genetic, modeling, and collar data to help define wildlife pathways and corridors in the region. This will assist in prioritizing acquisition of conservation lands in North San Diego County and South West Riverside County to help wildlife stay connected throughout the area as development continues. A report detailing these findings will be released at the end of 2016, and the researchers hope that policy makers will make use of the data to better plan conservation, highway passage construction, and the installation, where appropriate, of wildlife fencing.

However, they are aware that these projects run into the millions of dollars and with many competing demands on limited funds, that is where their efforts can be bolstered by the public, by indicating to representatives that they value wildlife and want corridors.

Vicki Long points out that mountain lions are part of a healthy ecosystem, that keep deer, rabbit, and rodent populations in check. “They are a keystone species, they’re called that because when you take the keystone out of the arch, the whole thing comes tumbling down,” she said.

— Submitted by Teri Biancardi of Santa Margarita Group

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There will be a $2 fee which covers lodging, guide fees and food, including the Sierra Club outing Leader’s Handbook, first aid instruction by the American Heart Association, and some food and beverages. Participants will be asked to contribute one food item for the Saturday night dinner after which we hold one final class.

Early enrollment is highly encouraged as upon receiving your application with payment you will immediately be provided some pre-course materials, and you will be encouraged to study on your own pace. For late enrollees, it is not necessary to complete this study material prior to the class; however it will greatly aid you in understanding the course material. Naturally completion will be necessary before becoming an outings leader.

For an application form or general questions, please contact Ralph Salubsy, LTC Chair at ralphpalubsy@att.net. Alternately you may use mail to Ralph Salubsy, 2995 Floral Ave, Riverside, CA 92507.
Island Hopping in Channel Islands National Park

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- July 19-21 • August 23-25 • September 27-29 •
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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 fiddler crabs 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. Of late, 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; jholtzhln@aol.com

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“Outmywindows” and enjoys the Joshua Tree atmosphere for both writing and recording.

David Jesse McChesney, photographer, author and musician, is featured this month 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. The former was the basis for his last visual presentation at one of our chapter meetings three years ago. 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 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 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. The former was the basis for his last visual presentation at one of our chapter meetings three years ago. 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.

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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.