A Real “Jewell” of a Group!

Congratulations to Allen Hernandez, who just accepted the position of Organizing Manager for Southern California. Allen joined the Sierra Club in 2011 as an associate organizer for the My Generation/Beyond Coal campaign.

Group News

Chapter's Nov Program: Travels In Japan and Russia

A group of about ten of our young Club activists from the East Coachella Valley were invited to attend the signing ceremony for the new Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan that designates the areas of public lands in the desert that are appropriated for commercial wind and solar energy development and those that are not. After the ceremony, the young folks had a wonderfully productive meeting with Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, where they talked primarily about the problems with the disappearing Salton Sea and the attendant issues of loss of bird habitat and the deteriorating air quality that is adversely affecting so many of the mostly poor folks who live in the areas around the lake.

All of the young Club activists are part of Mina Barragan’s awesome team. Mina works for Allen Hernandez and is jointly funded by the My Generation Campaign and the San Gorgonio Chapter. Mina’s team consists of five young Club activists and over thirty-five other members in the East Coachella Valley. All of their work focuses on advocating for the poor and underserved communities that are most affected by the disappearing Salton Sea.

In September and October of 2015, the Seekins spent three weeks in Japan and nearly three more in Eastern Siberia and the Russian Far East. Their presentation will highlight the eleven cities they visited — five Japanese and six Russian.

During their independent travel in Japan, the Seekins visited Tokyo, Mount Fuji, Kyoto, Nara and Kanazawa. Highlights in Japan were the Tokyo National Museum; the 1,200-year-old bronze Buddha statue in Nara, the world’s largest; and the historic samurai houses and geisha districts of Kanazawa. On the last weekend of Kanazawa, they celebrated 25 years of Rotary in Ulan Ude, visiting churches, Buddhist temples and an Old Believers village.

Their hosts organized cultural performances and tours of the local museums, churches and other sights. In Irkutsk, they celebrated 25 years of Rotary in Russia with the local Rotarians, visited the Taltsy open air museum and cruised on Lake Baikal. After the exchange, they spent a few days on their own in Ulan Ude, visiting churches, Buddhist temples and an Old Believers village.

The Seekins have travelled extensively and have presented slide shows at many past chapter meetings. Their most recent shows have been of their visits to national historic sites in the Eastern US and their travels in South Africa. Gail is a retired public health nurse who does extensive volunteer work for the Girl Scouts and her church. Ladd is a local business owner and volunteers for the Sierra Club and Rotary.

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Chapter’s Nov Program: Travels In Japan and Russia

On long-time chapter members Ladd and Gail Seekins will present a slideshow of their travels in Japan and Russia at the November meeting of the San Gorgonio Chapter. In September and October of the last weekend of Kanazawa.
The Stars are the Stars at Chapter’s December Program!

Professor, astronomer, photographer and dark sky advocate Tyler Nordgren is the speaker at the December 6th chapter meeting. He has titled his talk “Go for the Sun, Stay for the Stars.” As well as discussing next year’s total solar eclipse, he will show his stunning photography of the night sky over some of the most beautiful landscapes of America’s national parks.

On August 21, 2017, for the first time in almost a hundred years, a total solar eclipse will sweep across the U.S. “While this ‘once in a lifetime’ event will happen during the middle of the day and dark skies will not be necessary, those who travel to one of America’s scenic wilderness areas will get a second treat on the nights around the eclipse when they see the summer Milky Way arch overhead from the darkest skies in America. From starry skies to next year’s total solar eclipse, the national parks offer the premier location to see the beauty of the natural world on Earth and above it. Come for the Sun, but stay for the stars,” Dr. Nordgren said.

He is a Full Professor of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Redlands. While earning his PhD in astronomy at Cornell University, Dr. Nordgren has used modern observatories around the world as part of his research. In 2004 and 2012, NASA’s rovers Spirit, Opportunity and Curiosity landed on Mars carrying sundials, or “MarSDials” on board which Dr. Nordgren helped design with a team of seven other scientists and artists.

Since 2005, Dr. Nordgren has worked with the U.S. National Park Service to promote astronomy education in U.S. national parks where the public still has a chance to see a natural nocturnal landscape that includes an unobstructed view of the Universe beyond our own atmosphere.

Dr. Nordgren has helped document this vanishing landscape with award-winning night sky photography that has been on display in galleries from New York City to Flagstaff, in theaters from New York to Los Angeles, and is on display in a number of national parks.

In 2010 his book Stars Above, Earth Below: A Guide to Astronomy in the National Parks spread the message of the importance of protecting the night sky. This interdisciplinary look at the intersection of the night sky, geology, art, history, exploration and environmental conservation and America’s national parks was funded by The Planetary Society, the non-profit space advocacy organization founded by the late Carl Sagan.

In 2011 Dr. Nordgren was elected to the Board of Directors of the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) the premier organization dedicated to protecting and preserving dark starry skies around the world. Dr. Nordgren now regularly tours the national parks giving talks to visitors and rangers alike educating both on the beauty of the night sky and how our national parks open a window to the Universe beyond.
The Forest Service designates where the passes are available for use, such as those listed below. Send items electronically if possible.

OUTINGS: Send outings write-ups to your group or as directed by the Sierra Club.

MEETINGS & other events: Send electronically to Lead Secretaries at chaild.seekins@gmail.com, gregroo.2013@gmail.com,

**ADVENTURE PASS SPECIAL NOTICE**

Outings occurring in the San Bernardino, Angeles, or Cleveland 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 parks and may include facilities, interpretive signs and trash cans require passes and unimproved areas do not require passes. These Outings 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 day per vehicle, but may be reduced to $20 per day per vehicle, and some one-day permits are available.

In consideration for my acceptance as a participant on this Outing, & the services & amenities to be provided, I agree to participate in the Outing.

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

I understand that during participation in this Sierra Club Outing, I may be exposed to a variety of hazards & risks, foreseen or unforeseen, which are inherent in each Outing & cannot be eliminated or controlled by the Sierra Club. I understand & acknowledge that:

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

2. The Sierra Club cannot & will not assume responsibility for the safety or actions of other persons, animals, trip members, trip leaders & assistants or third parties, either as a result of negligence or because of other reasons. I understand that risks of such Injuries & Damages are involved in adventure travel such as the Sierra Club & I acknowledge 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 be no recourse for medical facilities or expertise necessary to deal with the Injuries & Damages to which I may be exposed.

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

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

**CARPOOLING POLICY**

It is customary for riders to share expenses with the driver. Five cents per mile per person for short trips is suggested while three cents per mile per person over 100 miles is usually reasonable.

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In the interests of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have information or assurances as to the reliability of its carpool participants for any particular outing. It is recommended that participants in a carpool aggregate expenses & assure each other responsibility for the vehicle's driver. It is customary for riders to share expenses with the driver. Five cents per mile per person for short trips is suggested while three cents per mile per person over 100 miles is usually reasonable.

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

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To the fullest extent allowed by law, I agree to release & discharge the Sierra Club, its officers, directors, employees, agents, & leaders from any & all liability, damage, cost or claim arising from any & all the above. I, my heirs, personal representatives & assigns, & includes any minors accompanying me on the Outing.

LIABILITY WAIVER

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

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**CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS**

Due by end of Feb for March-April entry. Due by end of May for June-July entry.

**RECURRING MONTHLY MEETINGS**

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

Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on Feb 1, Apr 4, May 2, Oct 3, Nov 7. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.

MOUNTAINS GROUP

(1ST TUE) 7:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA CHAPTER MEETING

PROGRAM: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernadino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit 1-110 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com. (909) 800-3911

MOUNTAINS GROUP

(1ST WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING

The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ED CALIENDO, (442) 242-4103, 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, brianelli@aol.com. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

(2ND MON) 7:00 PM MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING

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

(3RD TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING

PLACE: Barstow Country Club, 2800 Lake Street, Barstow. INFO: LADD SEEKINS, ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

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

PLACE: San Bernadino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit 1-110 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com. (909) 800-3911

BIG BEAR GROUP

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

PLACE: San Bernadino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit 1-110 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com. (909) 800-3911

SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**RECURRING WEEKLY OUTINGS & FITNESS ACTIVITIES**

Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings

MON 6:00 PM RIVERSIDE MT. RUDBOUD OLIVE ONE HOUR WALK

MOUNT: Ninth Street entrance to Mr. Rudboud. INFO: JUDY SMITH, (951) 369-5117.

CHAPTER

MON 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING HIKE

PLACE: Please join me for a 3-mile conditioning walk beside the Mojave River in Apple Valley. We leave promptly at 7 PM. MEET: In the Jess Ranch Marketplace parking lot closest to the Mojave River bed, between the Jess Ranch Cinemark & Bed, Bath & Beyond Store, address: 18185 Bear Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308. Light post location is 158. Come enjoy the evening air, river breeze, sunsets, s'mores & a game on this Mojave River walk. BRING: Flashlight & water wear, layered clothing & good hiking shoes. For questions please call LEADER: MELODY NICHOLS (760) 961-0731.

MOJAVE GROUP

NOVEMBER 1 – NOVEMBER 6

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

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

PROGRAM: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernadino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit 1-110 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com. (909) 800-3911

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This moderate rated hike goes through a convoluted 4.5-mile round-trip trail with a 750’ elevation gain at the summit. There’s plenty of foliage and views on this one, thanks to the city of La Verne for making this a Regional Park for all to enjoy. BRING: water, sturdy shoes, hiking sticks, and rain gear or to make reservations email me at hikesie@gmail.com or call at (858-663-1201. Rain Cancels. MEET: for place, please call LEADER: JEFF WARHOL 909-985-7689 or e-mail jwnawjd8@hotmail.com to confirm by 5 p.m. Nov. 9. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**NOV (2) 7:00 AM TELEGRAPH PEAK HIKE** This 2.5-mile hike will take you into La Cañada Flintridge and over to the beautiful Telegraph Peak (elevation 8,985 ft.), 11.5 miles through hike down to ski lift parking lot with 3900 ft. elevation gain. Scenic view from the top of Telegraph Peak. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy, 3-season tent, sleeping bag, cooking gear, filter bottle, rain gear for the trailhead. Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: John St. Clair, 909-983-8801, <johnstclair@acausal.com> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

NOV 2 (9:00 AM) HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE Moderate 4-mile loop hike on the Hidden Springs trail and arroyo. Trail has some ups and downs but basically level along the hillside. Start promptly at 9:00 a.m. BRING: water, shoes, snacks. Rain cancels. MEET: next to Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. Park along Greenridge Dr. next to the park. INFO and LEADER Eileen O’Brien (951) 663-2329, eosang@verizon.net MORENO VALLEY GROUP

NOV 2 (9:00 AM) HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ED CALIENDO, (442) 242-4105, dogs111@msn.com

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

NOV 5 (SAT) 8:00 AM ROUND MOUNTAIN HIKE This 6-mile hike is made a little strenuous by the round of Round Mountain. The remainder of the hike is easy. The views from the top of the Mountain are spectacular. Bring water, snacks, a camera and strong footgear. Layered clothing is recommended. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 13825 Apple Valley Road, CA 92308 at 8:00 a.m LEADER: Norman Bos 760-912-3725 or coachnorm@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

NOV 5 (SAT) 8:30 AM PCT: VAN DUSEN WEST HIKE This hike will start at the Van Dosen/PCT crossing. We will hike west along the PCT for approximately 4 miles, have our snack and return to our vehicles. This part of the PCT is an exceptionally peaceful and lovely area of the PCT. This will be a moderate, 8-hour hike with little variation in the point trail. MEET: at the Convention Center parking lot before 9:30 am, we will carpool to trailhead. BRING: tents, flint, water, snack, lunch, sun protection, layered clothing, hiking poles, trekking poles, camera RESERVATIONS: contact hike Leader Judy Aukison (909) 288-3923, jaukison@gmail.com

NOV 5 (SAT) 9:00 AM SB MTS, DOGWOOD TRAIL HIKE Easy rambling starting in Dogwood Campground, off Hwy 18, and descending through groves of dogwoods as well as other large trees, and includes views towards Lake Arrowhead. BRING a camera and snack. LEADER: HEATHER SARGEANT, 909-336-2836. CALL for meeting place.

MOUNTAINS GROUP

NOV 6 (SUN) 7:30 AM MECCA HILLS CANYON HIKE Spend the first day of Pacific Standard Time in the desert. This hike will be a bit different from those I’ve led in the past. We’ll be exploring and enjoying the geology, botany, and beauty of the area in many canyons in Mecca Hills. There’s no trail and no specific mileage. Hikers who want to move at a slower pace, take a closer look at surroundings, take photographs without being left behind, or who just want a nice walk in the desert should like this hike around 2.4 miles through trails. The point isn’t so much mileage (although we’ll hike 4-6 miles with gradually increasing elevation) as enjoyment of the views. We’ll be hiking up a wash, past mudstone formations and maybe see some hoodoos, looking for slots to squeeze through and caves to explore. If there’s any rain before the hike there might even be a few early wildflowers. RATING: Moderate due to uneven footing, no trail, and shade less exposure. MEET: We’ll meet under the big sign at the TA Travel Stop parking lot along I-10, just west of Indio at 7:30 AM and carpool several miles to the trailhead, and shade less exposure. MEET: We’ll meet under the big sign at the TA Travel Stop parking lot along I-10 just east of Indio at 7:30 AM and carpool several miles to the trailhead, and shade less exposure. MEET: We’ll meet under the big sign at the TA Travel Stop parking lot along I-10 just east of Indio at 7:30 AM and carpool several miles to the trailhead, and shade less exposure. MEET: We’ll meet under the big sign at the TA Travel Stop parking lot along I-10 just east of Indio at 7:30 AM and carpool several miles to the trailhead.

MOUNTAINS GROUP

NOV 6 (SUN) 10:00 AM TAHOPEAK PEAK FIRE LOOKOUT HIKE Join us for this hike following the iconic historic fire lookout at the top of Tahquitz Peak (elevation 8460 feet elevation. We will start at Hamaker Park and hike up 4.5 miles via Devil’s Staircase Trail, passing 2400 feet, enjoying sweeping vistas all along the way! Enjoy lunch at the summit before returning the same way. This is a 9-mile round-trip hike. BRING: water, lunch/snack, sturdy boots, hat, sun screen, layers clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Contact leader for carpool arrangements from Upland. LEADER: Kathy Vioha 909-346-9563, kvioha26@gmail.com L O S SERRANOS GROUP

NOV 8 (TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPMAN CITY WALKERS MEETING Monthly meeting or any special hiking get-together. 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.

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NOV 8 (TUE) 9:00 AM Hike to Tahquitz Peak fire lookout运用

NOV 8 (TUE) 9:00 AM JOSHUA TREE: WEST SIDE LOOP HIKE Join us on a 6-mile moderately difficult hike with 1000’ of elevation gain in the Black Rock Canyon area of Joshua National Park. We will be using two trails for this hike. The West Side Loop trail (5.1miles) and the Hi-View Nature Trail (1.3 miles). The hike showcases both the geology and plant life of this beautiful high desert portion of Joshua Tree National Park. BRING: 3 liters of water, snacks, a lunch and a good pair of hiking shoes. Dress in layers. Sun screen is a must and a hat is recommended. DIRECTIONS: From the 10 freeway take highway 242. In Yuca Valley turn south on Joshua Lane and drive 5 miles through a residential area to the Black Rock Road Station, turn east at Black Rock Canyon Road, Yuca Valley, CA 92284. LEADER: Gary Marsalson. For information or to make reservations email me at kikie2k@gmail.com or call at (656) 663-1201. Rain Cancellations. SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

NOVEMBER 14 – NOVEMBER 20 Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings (Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)

NOV 14 (MON) 4:30 PM APPLE VALLEY EVENING HIKE Please join me for a short 3-mile evening hike in Apple Valley. We will leave at 4:30 sharp, in hopes of catching a beautiful sunset and views of Apple Valley. Then we will stop for Ice Cream at Baskin Robbins or (if too cold) grab a Hot apple cider and complete the last mile to the cars. Meet at the dirt lot on west end of Sitting Bull School 9445 Sitting Bull Road, Apple Valley, 92305. BRING: 5 for Ice Cream or Cider, wear good sturdy shoes and bring Flashlight and water. Children (if any) are welcome as long as they are comfortable and can walk 3 miles) and friendly dogs are welcome. Foul weather may cancel. Call Leader Melody at 760-893-2775 or email at meltonmike@comcast.net or coachmike@hotmail.com. MEET: at the trailhead 1.2 miles to the west, meet at the dirt lot on the south side of Apple Valley Road. RESERVATIONS: Contact Dave Nichols 760 963-4430 for any questions. MOJAVE GROUP

NOV 14 (MON) 7:00 PM MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard’s Episcopal Church, 20878 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRE, (909) 337-0013. MOUNTAINS GROUP

NOV 15 (TUE) 7:00 PM Hike along the West Side Loop trail, ending at the Black Rock Road Station. Take the bus out of the Valley to the Black Rock Station, continue, hike to the Black Rock Canyon area of Joshua National Park. We will be using two trails for this hike. Mod...
**NOV 18 (FRI) 4:30 PM** APPLE VALLEY HIKE
Please join me for a short 3-mile evening hike in Apple Valley. We will leave at 4:30 sharp, in hopes of catching a beautiful sunset and views of Apple Valley. Then we will stop for a warm beverage at Baskin Robbins (or if too cold) grab a Hot apple cider and complete the last mile to the cars. Meet at the dirt lot on WEST end of Sitting Bull School 19445 Sitting Bull Road, Apple Valley, 92396. BRING: water, sturdy shoes, wear sun protection, and layered clothing appropriate for the weather. RESERVATIONS: Kathleen Hufnagel 623-785-2688 or email: kathleenhuey@gmail.com

**NOV 19 (SAT) 8:00 AM** MOUNTAIN HUNTING MONUMENT HIKE
Hike in Whitewater Preserve along the PCT up to a viewpoint overlooking much of the new South Mountain Conservation Area. From Whitewater Preserve Ranger Station, we will hike north, along the PCT about 5.5 miles to a great viewpoint. Moderate hike, 11 miles, 1500 ft. elevation gain. BRING: Hiking boots, layered clothing, 3 liters of water, snacks and lunch. Exposed rock and sun exposure. CONTACT: Leader: Mary Ann Ruiz, mruzimaymon@gmail.com, or 909-815-9379. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**NOV 19 (SAT) 8:00 AM** SPLIT ROCK IN JUNIPER FLATS HIKE
There are some interesting rock formations and views to enjoy on this hike. This is a moderate 5 1/2 to 6-mile hike that gains and loses 600+ foot elevation twice. Allow at least a 6 hour time commitment from the meeting place. BRING: Water 2 to 3 liters, a snack/lunch, sunscreen, protection, hiking poles, binoculars and camera optional. CONTACT: Leader: Judy Atkinson (909) 289-1932, judy5732@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

**NOV 21 (SAT) 9:00 AM** GOLD MOUNTAIN HIKE
This is a “Peaks” of Big Bear hike. Those achieving all five peaks overlooking the Big Bear Valley will be given a commemorative patch. This will be an 8-mile round-trip hike, with 1235’ elevation gain. RATING: Moderate/Scenic trail. BRING: Water, snacks, layered clothing, sun protection, hiking poles. Kick rock, hat, trekking poles and good hiking boots BRING: Vons Parking Lot, adjacent to the boardwalk by Starbucks, 42170 Big Bear Blvd. and we will carpool to the trailhead on Holcomb Valley Rd. No Adventurer Pass needed CONTACT: Leader: Charlotte Watts at moomoan@hotmail.com or call 909-866-7423. BIG BEAR GROUP

**NOVEMBER 21 – NOVEMBER 27** Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings (Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)

**NOV 22 (TUE) 7:00 PM** SANGRE DE CRUCES CONGRESS EXOTIC MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The Sangre de Cruces Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, mruzimaymon@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379 CHAPTER

**NOV 26 (SAT) 8:00 AM** HIGHWAY 173 HIKE
This 5-mile hike is rated moderate because of the gradual elevation gain for the first half of the journey. There are numerous vantage points to take in the views across Deep Creek Canyon. BRING: Water, snacks, layered clothing, sun protection, hiking poles, trekking poles and good hiking boots. CONTACT: Leader: Judy Atkinson (909) 289-1932, judy5732@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

**NOV 30 (WED) 9:00 AM** HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE
Moderate 4-mile loop hike on the Hidden Springs trail and arroyo. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills. We start promptly at 9:00 a.m. Bring: Water, wear sturdy shoes. Rain canals. MEET: at Holden Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley, Park along Greenridge Dr. next to the park. INFO and LEADER: Eileen O’Brien (951) 616-9739 MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**DEC 1 (THU) 9:00 AM** CHANTRY FLAT HIKE
This will be a moderately strenuous 10-mile loop hike from Chantry Flat, through Sturtevant Falls, Space Grove & Hoegges Campgrounds, returning via Upper Winter Creek Trail. This is a very scenic trail following creeks, mostly forested, with an elevation gain of 1800 feet. Rain canals. BRING: sturdy boots, water, lunch & snacks, sun screen, hat, and layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventurer Pass is required for parking at trailhead. CONTACT Kathy Vida to confirm and for directions to trailhead or carpooling from Upland. LEADER: Kathy Vida 909-346-9653, kvkidd26@gmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**DEC 3 (SAT) 8:30 AM** EUREKA PEAK HIKE
This is a lovely moderate hike and is a good place to stop for a coffee break on your way to Idyllwild. The hike has some interesting rock formations and views to enjoy on this hike. This is a moderate 5 1/2 to 6-mile hike that gains and loses 600+ foot elevation twice. Allow at least a 6 hour time commitment from the meeting place. BRING: 3 liters of water, snacks, a lunch and a good pair of hiking shoes. Sun screen is a must and a hat is recommended. Dress in layers. DIRECTIONS: From the 10 freeway take highway 62. In Yucca Valley turn south on Joshua Lane and drive 5 miles through a residential area to the Black Dog Rock Ranger Station. LEADER: Bob Audibert - For information or to make reservations email me at rbo@idyllwild.net or call (951) 365-3120. Rain Cancellations. SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**DEC 3 (SAT) 8:30 AM** SANTA ANA RIVER TRAIL HIKE
This is a lovely moderate hike and is a good place to stop for a coffee break on your way to Idyllwild. This has some interesting rock formations and views to enjoy on this hike. This is a moderate 5 1/2 to 6-mile hike that gains and loses 600+ foot elevation twice. Allow at least a 6 hour time commitment from the meeting place. BRING: 3 liters of water, snacks, a lunch and a good pair of hiking shoes. Sun screen is a must and a hat is recommended. Dress in layers. DIRECTIONS: From the 10 freeway take highway 62. In Yucca Valley turn south on Joshua Lane and drive 5 miles through a residential area to the Black Dog Rock Ranger Station. LEADER: Bob Audibert - For information or to make reservations email me at rbo@idyllwild.net or call (951) 365-3120. Rain Cancellations. SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**DEC 5 (MON) 6:00 PM** MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOMM MEETING
MEETING PLACE: Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on Feb 1, Apr 4, May 2, Oct 3, Nov 7, 2016 CONTACT: BILL BARRE, (909) 337-0313. MOUNTAINS GROUP

**DEC 6 (TUE) 9:00 AM** POTATO MOUNTAIN HIKE
This moderate 5-mile round-trip journey has 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 cancellations. MEET: Please call LEADER: JEFF WARGHOL, 909-985-7608 or e-mail jswardjog@hotmail.com to confirm by 5 pm Dec. 5 LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**DEC 6 (TUE) 7:30 PM** SAN GORGONIO PROGRAM MEETING
Sight and sound, Trips and Programs. PROGRAMME: See front-page notice. CONTACT: MIGGER, 909-360-9101; ladd.seggies@gmail.com SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**DEC 7 (WED) 9:00 AM** BOX SPRINGS MTN: SKYLINE LOOP HIKE
Moderate 5-mile hike on the skyline trail. Bring water and sturdy shoes. Rain cancellations. MEET: From 60 Freeway exit at Pigeon Pass Road and drive north about 4 miles. Pigeon Pass turns into Box Springs Mountain Road and becomes a dirt road going up. In 1.2 miles you reach parking area. MEET: at 8:00 AM. Leader: SANDY DETAYLOR, Stubblefield. 760-964-0039 or yorkshirerose1@juno.com MOJA VE GROUP

**DEC 7 (WED) 6:30 PM** BIG BEAR EXCOMM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ED CALDIEGO (422) 242-4103, doys113@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

**DEC 8 (THU) 6:00 PM** SANTA MARGARITA GROUP EXCOMM MEETING
Meeting monthly except July & August. The public is welcome. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pala Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 787-2324 sierrascrub@gmail.com SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**DEC 9 (FRI) 8:00 AM** STODDARD PEAK HIKE
This will be a moderate hike up Barrett Canyon to the top of Stoddard Peak (elevation 4674), 6 miles round-trip with 1100’ ft. elevation gain. The hike in Barrett Canyon is easy but the last half mile up Stoddard Peak is a steep scramble. Rain cancellions. BRING: sturdy boots, water, sun screen, layered clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventurer Pass is required for parking at the trailhead. Contact John St. Clair to confirm and for directions to trailhead and carpooling meeting place. LEADER: John St. Clair at 909-983-8501 or john@clairs.us LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**DEC 9 (FRI) 9:00 AM** 5 BDS, GREEN VALLEY LAKE HIKE
Snowshoe or HIKE
We will snowshoe or hike depending on the weather. Green Valley Lake has some of the best snow and Views. WEAR LAYERS, BrING: water, snacks and strong footwear. Layered clothing is recommended. CONTACT: Leader: Bob Audibert - For information or to make reservations email me at rbo@idyllwild.net or call (951) 365-3120. Rain Cancellations. SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**DEC 10 (SAT) 8:00 AM** MOJAVE RIVER BASIN HIKE
This is a new trail along the Mojave River bank hiking towards Deep Creek Dam. It is rated moderate due to the soft sand and loose rocks. The view of the river is breathtaking. BRING: Water, snacks and strong footwear. Layered clothing is recommended. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, CA 92308 by 8 a.m. Leader: Norm Bossom 760-912-9372 or coachnorm@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

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WINNERS of the Local Sierra Club Raffle

The final drawing was held on July 17, 2016, and thirty prizes were awarded to lucky ticket holders. The success of the RAFFLE was entirely the result of generous Big Bear area merchants! Prizes ranged from breathless helicopter scenic rides, to Lake Tours, Action Tours Segway rides, Costa fire wood, and hair salons. A special thanks to Terrance McCorkle (760) 252-2194 for donating five custom made birdhouses comprised of re-claimed lumber.

Thirty winners with 17 ticket holders from the Big Bear Valley. We want to thank all the participants.

William Brandt, Fawnskin
Alysa Brennan, Big Bear Lake
Scott Brennan, Yucca Valley
Nancy Carter, Sugarloaf
Nancy Cheifetz, Sugarloaf
Nancy Elaez, Big Bear City
Jim Fink, Anahiem
Barbara Gregory, West Hollywood
John Harlin, Redlands
Kathy Hough, Fawnskin
Joe Hoover, Twenty-nine Palms
Roma Kiser, South Pasadena
Maria Laverpy, Big Bear Lake
Marianne Lins, Sugarloaf
Diane Lynch, Sugarloaf
Lee Martin, Whittier
Paul Melzer, Redlands
Jim McGrew, Fawnskin
John “Stumbles” Mirfo, Twin Peaks
Greg Nazarian, Glendale
Scott Orr, Big Bear Lake
Paul Penardi, Big Bear Lake
Michael Perry, Big Bear City
Glenna Robideaux, Big Bear City
Nyvette Schwemer, Big Bear City
Sandy Simper, Helendale
Kristen Valentyn, Laguna Niguel
Alan Walter, Barstow
Jeryle Warren, Big Bear Lake
Christine Zink, Big Bear City

A New Feature Added to Big Bears Website

A new column of information has been added to our website, entitled: “NEWS”. Go to: http://www.sierrachel.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear and click on the NEWS tab. You will be able to review the latest in local news and photos…. All about what is happening in Big Bear with the Sierra Club!

Four Summit Mount Whitney

In the last week of August, 2016, four individuals began a 76 mile round-trip backpacking trip from Horseshoe Meadows/Cottonwood Pass (9,950’) with the goal of climbing to the top of Mt. Whitney (14,495’). This is the highest peak in the continental United States of America. Our return trip was an exact return of the John Muir Trail and Pacific Crest Trail that we followed in reaching the top of Mt. Whitney.

Lorrie Ann Monson, the fourth member of our team, reached within one-mile of the top of Mt. Whitney before becoming too light headed and dizzy to continue. For her safety, Lorrie Ann returned to our base camp at Guitar Lake.

The open board position is for the years 2017 – 2018. If elected, the above individual will serve for two consecutive years. The board position and responsibilities as an active board member will be determined at our first meeting in January 2017.

 Candidate Profile:

Ed Wallace has been a Sierra Club member for over 30 years and is currently responsible for overseeing our conservation activities within the Big Bear Valley. Ed is a past-Group Chairman of the Big Bear Group and is on the board of the San Bernardino Land Trust and on the Big Bear Valley Educational Trust.

Also, Ed received two distinguished Sierra Club service awards; the Ralph Salisbury Award and the Joe Momeyer Award. Further, Ed Wallace was selected as Man of the Year by the Big Bear Rotary Club in 2015.

Ed Wallace

VOTE for New Board Members

Each year at this time, we ask members of the Sierra Club Big Bear Group to vote on those incubate and new board members for the coming year. This year, we have only one incubate board member to vote upon.

Please vote for the proposed board member:

Individual ........................................ Vote Yes  Vote No
Ed Wallace Incumbent Board Conservation Chair

A second ballot is provided for those families that have two Sierra Club members in the same household. Each member is to vote separately.

Individual ........................................ Vote Yes  Vote No
Ed Wallace Incumbent Board Conservation Chair

Completed Ballots are to be returned to:
The Sierra Club Big Bear Group, P.O. Box 3048, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

We invite visitors and locals to join us in our stewardship activities in Arrastre Canyon just south of Apple Valley. We encourage you to explore this lovely area of natural beauty, while also helping to keep it beautiful. Stewardship is about adding a deeper level of appreciation for the area and learning more by doing good and feeling good about your visit.
If you like to leave it better than you found it, we hope you will join us in our efforts!

mountain bike or ATV.

or Susan Stueber at sstueber16@gmail.com. We can use your help! In addition to the hikes, there are opportunities to “monitor” from a 4x4 vehicle, horse, motorcycle riders as well as street legal and green sticker OHVs. Come out and find out more. Contact Alyssa Canefol at BLM Barstow. She is Visitor Use, Monitoring and Restoration Fellow in charge of the Restoration Project in Arrastre Canyon. Office: (760) 252-6051 Email: acanefol@blm.gov. Ask to be added to her email list for updates on public outreach activities and volunteer workdays.

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In conjunction with the BLM (Bureau of Land Management) Volunteer work days are held regularly and these provide a hands-on experience for stewardship and an opportunity to enjoy good exercise and great scenery while doing good work. On workdays you might find yourself raking out tracks, hauling logs or rocks to put next to a red closed sign, taking photos, fixing fences, helping to identify animal tracks, birds or plants (and learning more about them), or re-installing route signs.

In addition, if you are looking for a career in the great outdoors or career change, these workdays will look good on your resume!

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Transportation Task Group

Exhaust from gasoline engines has been a major contributor to the air quality of Temecula Valley. We are tasked to examine local transportation problems, seek methods to promote mass-transit systems, and collaborate with other organizations pursuing similar objectives. Multiple studies have identified air pollution as an initiator for asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and lung cancer.

Highway 15/215 in Temecula Valley is the main artery for connecting San Diego to the highways 10, 40 and route 91. In addition, it is the principle route for commuters to Los Angeles. Riverside, Escondido and San Diego. These vehicles all have contributed to the airborne pollution in our valley.

The existing train connecting Perris to Riverside is infrequent and very slow to be useful for commuters. The proposed rapid train linking San Francisco to Los Angeles or San Diego would be many years to come; in addition, it would be infrequent and could not function for commuters. The frequently stated justification for these deficiencies has been few commuter are using the present transit system in town; the commuters complain the system is infrequent, or not in existence, and very slow to be practical.

What are the solutions? Our Task Group will be examining both short-term and long-term practical objectives. We will pursue a greater access to local public transportation within our community. Our agenda includes attending the The Now, organizing outings using mass transit.

Wildlife Corridor

The Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve and the Santa Margarita River are essential to wildlife in the region and should be permanently protected. Highway 15 in Temecula divides the natural routes for wildlife passage between the western section of Cleveland National Forest, Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve, and the eastern section of the Forest.

Two proposed major developments in Temecula, Airtail and Temecula Inn Golf Course, close to Highway 15 would further exasperate the problem. The Airtail development would be located on the western side of Temecula, adjacent to the Old Town (see graphic left). The Temecula Inn Golf Course Development would be located on the present golf course land. We are working and consulting with other local organizations pursuing the same objective of a wildlife corridor.

We have been examining the details for development of both projects. We are recommending elimination of Phase 4 so that the wildlife crossing at Temecula Creek is less impacted.

Meadow Day Teri Biancardi notes: “The next Meadow Day is on Saturday, October 29th. It would be a model for Riverside County’s watershed management.” Among the topics to be presented are:

- Grasslands and greenhouse gasses: California’s new energy policy;
- Meadowview’s milestone stream restoration: a first for Riverside County;
- Working with Nature to Heal the Harm;
- Restoring the meadow: a comprehensive land management plan;
- A team on the ground: Meadowview’s service minded volunteers;
- The state of the meadow: where we are and where we’re going

Election: Tim Sheridan

Maryellen Garcia recommended: “Tim Sheridan of California’s 42 Congressional District supports our Sierra Club goals.” Tim will challenge Kent Calvert, who has had an abysmal anti-environmental record in the House. The Santa Margarita Group enthusiastically encourages voting for Sheridan in November.

Reflections on California Naturalist Certification Conference

Margaret Mecnyncke offered feedback: “This conference was fabulous! It is a great opportunity to get training as a naturalist and also connect with citizen science projects throughout the state of California.

How do we connect this fantastic opportunity with the Sierra Club?

- Get the word out through social media and other means of communication. This program is a solid fit with the mission and goals of the Sierra Club.
- Create a chapter-wide campaign of support that will unify us and provide a common cause to create connection.
- Take personal responsibility.

Monthly Speaker

Professional investment advisor Scott Smith’s presentation, September 8, focused on investment in socially responsible companies that would not abuse or pollute the environment.

Schedule of Events

- October 15: Tour of Primal Pastures, a Merrietta humane and sustainable farm, including a picnic for the whole family.
- November 6: Tour of Temecula Olive Oil Ranch. Located in Aguanga;

Hikes

- August 6, Palomar Mountain State Park;
- September 6, Suicide Rock above the town of Idyllwild.

SANTA MARGARITA GROUP ELECTIONS

Below is the ballot for our upcoming elections for members of our Executive Committee. This Committee (ExCom) sets the direction of the group for 2016. The ExCom consists of seven members with four elected one year and three on the following year. Offices and responsibilities are decided once the group meets in January.

If you are a member of the Santa Margarita Group, please cast your vote, which can include writing yourself in. You can also become involved by attending ExCom meetings on your own, with your input and ideas in mind.

Please vote for no more than three and mail to arrive on or before November 30, 2016.

Mail to: Santa Margarita Group Sierra Club
31915 Rancho California Road Ste. 200-133, Temecula, CA 92591
Print your name and address and sign your name on the outside of the envelope along with your signature. In the case of a joint membership, both should print their name and sign. This is required to verify membership.

Santa Margarita Group Ballot

( ) George McMackin
( ) Michael Momeni
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First Ballot

Second Ballot (Joint Membership)

Santa Margarita Group Ballot

( ) George McMackin
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( ) Bob Audibert
( ) Michael McMackin

Please vote for no more than three candidates.

Tahquitz Group’s Excom Election

By Joan Taylor

Candidates’ Biographical Statements

Kathy Kelley has been an active member of the Sierra Club for many years. An avid swimmer even during her busy career as a physician, Kathy “took to the hills” more seriously after her retirement. Kathy moved to the Coachella Valley and proceeded to hike 1,200 miles of the PCT! Kathy currently serves as Vice-Chair of the Group, and has held the position of Chair and Program Chair in the past.

Jeff Morgan has been a resident of the Tahquitz Group area since the 1970s and Sierra Club member for over two decades. Currently Jeff is Chair of the Tahquitz Group and represents the Group on Chapter Excom, the Desert Committee and many other local boards and committees. Jeff is currently working on water, power and proposed residential developments in unsuitable areas regarding the environment and endangered species. He would like to continue this work on behalf of the Group and the Club.

Joan Taylor is currently Tahquitz Group Conservation Chair, Chapter Excom member and a lead activist concerning large-scale renewable energy projects in California deserts as well as the Salton Sea. Having been a land conservationist for decades, Joan is proud to have been part of the Tahquitz Group team that was very instrumental in the designation of the two nearby National Monuments, as well as the Santa Rosa Wilderness and the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Plan. She also lead the Group successfully battling several bad developments in the Coachella Valley, including the erstwhile Shadowrock, Palmwood, Mountain Falls, Palm Hills, and other ill-advised projects in sensitive canyons and hillsides.

To vote, send your completed ballots to PO Box 4666, Palm Springs CA 92263 to arrive by December 24, 2016. Please sign your name on the outside of the envelope. Thank you.

PLEASE VOTE FOR THREE

Kathryn Kelley  ____
Jeff Morgan  ____
Joan Taylor  ____

Ballots should be sent to PO Box 4666, Palm Springs CA 92263 to arrive by December 24, 2016.
F all is here and it’s time to get out for some local group hikes. On November 2, there will be a Hidden Springs Hike at 9 a.m. On November 16 there will be an Olive Mountain Hike at 9:00 a.m. Please check our web page for the details: http://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/groups/moreno_valley

Update World Logistics Center: On August 17 a Riverside County Superior Court judge denied a request by those opposed to the World Logistics Center (WLC) to block the initiative process the city of Moreno Valley used to approve the controversial warehouse project. We are currently looking as to whether we will be able to appeal. The opponents, including the Center for Biological Diversity, Earthjustice, the Sierra Club and other groups have not accepted all of the county’s suggested settlement positions and plan to move forward with most of the litigation.

SR-60 Truck Lanes: In May, Caltrans administration approved the SR-60 Truck Climbing & Descending Lanes project that begins on State Route 60 at the eastern edge of the World Logistics Center (WLC) in Moreno Valley. In June the Center Biological Diversity, Sierra Club, Residents for a Liveable Moreno Valley and Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley sued to stop the project from going forward. The Riverside County GPU, officially known as General Plan Amendment 960 (GPA 960) lawsuit, is moving slowly through settlement talks. The environmental groups have not accepted all of the county’s suggested settlement positions and plan to file suit to block the proposed SR-60 Truck Lanes.

Mid County Parkway: The six-lane Mid County Parkway (MCP) between the cities of San Jacinto and Perris is designed to allow projects like the Villages of Lakeview to be built. The Center for Biological Diversity is leading litigation efforts on the MCP with the help of the Sierra Club as well as several other local groups. According to their brief challenging the Federal Highway Administration’s approval of the project, there is a troubling disregard for low income, minority communities in Perris that will bear the brunt of the project.

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Bylaw change: The current bylaw 3.1 calls for a “first meeting of the year” term start date for newly elected Executive Committee (ExCom) members. If an ExCom member cancels, for any reason (such as weather), the start date moves forward into the new year, sometimes as much as 4 months. To eliminate this problem, an ExCom term start date of one month after midnight on January 1st has been identified as best meeting our needs.

The Executive Committee recommends a “Yes” vote.

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DEC 10 (SUN) 8:00 AM PAINTED CANYON/LADDER CANYON LOOP HIKE
This is a MUST hike! The Painted Canyon and Ladder Canyon Loop are located in the northeast corner of the Coachella Valley within the Mecca Hills. This hike cuts through twisted and exotic Painted Canyon and the ladders of lichen and uses a series of ladders to traverse the canyon. This is a 5.0-mile hike taking 4 to 5 hours to complete the loop. RATING: Easy/moderate. MEET: Take 5-10 to Spot Light 29 Casino, Dillon Road off-ramp and look for TA Travel Center gas station signage. Meet in parking lot under the TA Travel sign. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 2-liters of water, lunch/snack, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hiking poles. Hikers should wear long pants or 2-1/2 pants. RESERVATIONS: Call Hike Leader, Ed Caliendo (442) 242-4103 or dogs111@msn.com.

BIG BEAR GROUP

DEC 10 (SAT) 2:00 PM PUDDINGSTONE LAKE HIKE
Hike around big Puddingstone Lake in Bonelli Regional Park, adjacent to Fairplex in Pomona. Explore urbanized sage scrub, parkland, beaches, mountain views, and fall foliage. Easy 6 mile round-trip, 300 - 600’ gain. BRING water, snacks, appropriate footwear, and layered clothing. MEET: Please call LEADER: BILL JOYCE (909) 596-6280 or email bill@rollingtherock.com to confirm by 5:00 PM December 9.

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

December 12 – December 18
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings
(Also refer to Weekly recurring outings & activities)

DEC 13 (TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Meeting will be held at the Water Conservation Center, 11800 Lummis, Redlands.  Take the northbound exit off I-10 at the lamp post at the coachella valley within the mecca hills. This hike cuts through twisted and exotic Painted Canyon and the ladders of lichen and uses a series of ladders to traverse the canyon. This is a 5.0-mile hike taking 4 to 5 hours to complete the loop. RATING: Easy/moderate. MEET: Take 5-10 to Spot Light 29 Casino, Dillon Road off-ramp and look for TA Travel Center gas station signage. Meet in parking lot under the TA Travel sign. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 2-liters of water, lunch/snack, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hiking poles. Hikers should wear long pants or 2-1/2 pants. RESERVATIONS: Call Hike Leader, Ed Caliendo (442) 242-4103 or dogs111@msn.com.

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DEC 14 (WED) 9:00 AM HIKE INTO LAKE PERRIS HIKE
Moderate 7-2 mile hike along hills into Lake Perris. We will start promptly at 9:00 a.m. Bring water, snacks, and sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. MEET: Take Exit 82 off I-10 at Perris, drive East 2 miles then left on Lake Perris Dr. Moreno Valley. INFO: www.morenovalleyleadership.com

Chapter

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Sierra Club 2017 Wilderness Wall Calendar
Spiral bound, month-by-month format, featuring 12 majestic North American landscapes.

Save up to 30% off the list price. Support local conservation efforts.

Sierra Club 2017 Engagement Calendar
Week-by-week format, featuring 57 spectacular photographs and “wire-o” binding.

San Gorgonio Chapter Ballot Statements

NAME: Mary Ann Ruiz
RESIDENCE: Chino, California
CURRENT MEMBER SINCE: 2001
OCCUPATION: Retired from Product Manager, ThyssenKrupp Materials NA
SIERRA CLUB LEADERSHIP POSITIONS: San Gorgonio Chapter Chair (current), Los Serranos Group Chair, Sierra Club CA ExComm Secretary
STATEMENT: San Gorgonio Chapter is on a path to accomplish our many goals. We are working to elect environmentally friendly lawmakers; protect habitat and open space, hold officials accountable to control sprawl and improve air quality. Our chapter is a leader in working on environmental justice issues. As Chapter Chair I hope to continue to contribute time and effort towards supporting our volunteer activists and staff organizers. I hope to be elected to another term on the Executive Committee to continue helping with management and organization of these efforts.

NAME: Jono Hildner
RESIDENCE: 49305 State Highway 74, #86, Palm Desert, CA 92260
CURRENT MEMBER SINCE: 2006
OCCUPATION: Retired Public Administrator
SIERRA CLUB LEADERSHIP POSITIONS: Tahquitz Group Political Chair (2007 – Present), San Gorgonio Chapter Political Chair (2009 – Present), Sierra Club California Excom (2014 – Present), Sierra Club California Vice-Chair (2015 – Present)
STATEMENT: As Political Chair, I have been extremely active in helping to improve the quality of our representation at the state legislature. I have also been very involved in increasing the participation of younger folks in the Chapter and in assisting them in their activism for the environment and environmental justice. This has helped in working with several other members of the Chapter Excom to begin our efforts towards making the Chapter more diverse, equitable and inclusive.

Los Serranos Group
Submitted by Mary Ann Ruiz, Chapter Chair & Group Member

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Please indicate your vote on this ballot, cut out and mail so it is received by 12/15/2016
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DECEMBER 14 (WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP
MEETING
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (Our block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: SUSAN STUEBER, susanquinin@charter.com, (760) 650-8440. MOJAVE GROUP

DECEMBER 17 (SAT) 7-4AM JOSHUA TREE: NORTH VIEW LOOP HIKE
This will be my second slower-paced hike, adjusted for those hikers who would like to take in the sights, have more frequent short breaks, baby their knees, and take their time completing the 7.8-mile hike. We’ll be on sections of two to three different day hike trails that provide varied views and terrain from boulders to washes. The trailhead lies 1.7 miles from the West Entrance Station on the north side of the park. We’ll take the North View Trail for 2.7 miles inside the Wilderness boundary, up and down past some spectacular views, canyon wrens, and giant rock cacti, and pick up the winding Maze Trail for 1.2 miles. We may head back to the cars at this point or continue on to the Window Rock trail for 1.9 miles for a great view of a thunderbird “window”, and rejoin the Maze Trail for the remaining 1.2 miles back to the parking area. Don’t forget your camera. RATED: Moderate, with some short climbs and descending, but no more than a few hundred feet total elevation gain overall. Some parts of the North View Trail have rough footing and there is some steep sand, which can strain knees. All the trails are exposed with very little shade. MEET: 7:30 AM at the Joshua Tree Visitor Center parking lot, 6554 Park Boulevard. Joshua Tree CA 92252. Parking at the trailhead is extremely limited (4 cars, or park along the road) so we’ll take as few as possible. BRING: Ten essentials including layered clothing (ex: windbreaker might be wise), 2-4 liters of water, lunch, snacks, sun protection (hat, sunglasses, long-sleeve shirt, and umbrella if desired), personal first aid kit, and trekking poles. We will practice No Trace hiking by packing out all our fruit peels, trash, & used toilet paper, so be prepared for that as well. WEATHER: December in the high desert can be warm or cold, so please check the forecast prior to the date. RAIN OR SNOW CANCELS. RESERVATIONS: Email LEADER: LJ Foster at eljayeff@verizon.net (best) or leave a message (name, contact number) at (951) 845-9440. BIG BEAR GROUP

DECEMBER 18 (SUN) 8:30 AM SUNSET PEAK HIKE
Hiking for a snowy view of the San Gabriels from top of Sunset Peak, a former fire lookout. IKE is 7.7 miles, 1400 feet gain on a gradually ascending fire road. Bring: Hiking boots, layered clothing, snacks or lunch, and 2-4 liters of water. Contact leader for meeting place: LEADER: Dave Melton, 92284. The meeting point offers easy access on the west side of the park; you do not go through an entrance back to the trail system for a short return to the trailhead. The excellent view from the peak takes the aptly named Panorama Loop; a short but steep walk-up ascent of Warren Peak on an occasionally rough trail combines easy wash walking in pretty Black Rock Canyon; a nice occasionally steep trail through the Maze Trail for the remaining 1.2 miles back to the parking area. MEET: 9:00 AM at the Maze Trail for the remaining 1.2 miles back to the parking area. Don’t forget your camera. RATED: Moderate to occasional steep climbs and descents. MEET: Black Rock Visitor’s Center, 9800 Black Rock Canyon Road, Yuca Valley, CA 92284. The meeting point offers easy access on the west side of the park; you do not go through an entrance station and no fee is required. We should be back to the trailhead by 3:00 pm. BRING: Ten essentials including layered clothing, sun protection, lunch, and 2-5 liters of water RESERVATIONS: Contact Dave Melton, Leader Eileen O’Brien (951) 616-9739. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

DECEMBER 19 – DECEMBER 25
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings (Also refer to Weekly recooring Outings & Activities)

DECEMBER 20 (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: sanorgonios.sierachub.org/grouplos_serranos PL AC E: First Presbyterian Church, 869 N. Euclid Ave, Upland CA (educational building, entrance in rear). INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, breeaniel@aol.com. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

DECEMBER 21 (WED) 9:00 AM TERRI PEAK HIKE
DAY HIKE: Drive south from Terri Peak, overlooking Lake Perris with 1000 ft elevation gain. We start promptly at 9:30 a.m. Bring water, snack and sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. MEET: from 60 Freeway exit at Moreno Beach Drive, go south for 3.4 mi., then turn left on Via Dug Lago. Park in parking lot on right side just past the housing tract, do not enter Lake Perris SRA. RESERV ATIONS: Contact Dave Melton, (951) 845-9440. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

DECEMBER 22 – JANUARY 1
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DECEMBER 31 (SAT) 8:30 AM BLACK ROCK CANYON/WARREN PEAK HIKE
Take a break from the holidays and enjoy a New Year’s Eve hike in Joshua Tree! This loop hike combines easy wash walking to pretty Black Rock Canyon with nice occasional steep trail to the aptly named Panorama Loop; a short but steep walk-up ascent of Warren Peak on an occasionally loose trail; followed by a longer descent on a use trail off the north side of the peak that brings us back to the trail system for a short return to the trailhead. The excellent view from the peak takes in the surrounding valleys, plus San Jacinto and San Gorgonio. Vegetation in the canyon includes Joshua trees, pinyonjuniper, and oak. Total distance is about 7 miles. Starting elevation is 4000 ft., with an 1100 ft. gain to the top of the peak. RATED: Moderate due to occasional steep climbs and descents. MEET: Black Rock Visitor’s Center, 9800 Black Rock Canyon Road, Yuca Valley, CA 92284. The meeting point offers easy access on the west-side of the park, you do not go through an entrance station and no fee is required. We should be back to the trailhead by 3:00 pm. BRING: Ten essentials including layered clothing, sun protection, lunch, and 2-5 liters of water RESERVATIONS: Contact Dave Melton, Leader Eileen O’Brien (951) 616-9739. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

JANUARY 2 – JANUARY 8
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JANUARY 3 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER
MEETING
PROGRAM: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernadino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS, (909) 800-3911, ladd.seekins@gmail.com. SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER

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The Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (YCHC) is a National Historic Landmark built by the Sierra Club in 1903. It is the first permanent Visitor Center in Yosemite Valley and home to the Sierra Club’s oldest educational program. Featuring rough-hewn granite masonry, a steep-pitched wooden gabled roof, exposed hammer beams, and scissor trusses, the building lends itself to lofty thoughts and inspiration.

Many notable Sierra Club pioneers have guided the program and cared for the building including, Edward T. Parsons, Ansel Adams, Joseph N. LeConte (“Little Joe”) and Marion Randall Parsons. Today, the Curator is highly regarded John Muir historian and author, Bonnie J. Gisel, Ph.D. In 2016 Sierra Club Board of Directors voted to stop funding this unique program. Please help us Save the Sierra Club Home in Yosemite National Park!

If we don’t meet our funding goal, the Sierra Club’s presence in Yosemite National Park will be gone forever. We need your help NOW. Save the Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center by giving generously today!

Please Donate Today!
Your tax deductible donation provides us with operating funds for 2017 and gives us time to begin our Endowment campaign for the YCHC.

Donate Online Now!
http://www.sierraclub.org/yosemite-heritage-center
Or, Mail check payable to: The Sierra Club Foundation
2101 Webster St., Suite 1250
Oakland, CA 94612

Please write “Restricted to LeConte Memorial Fund” memo on check. The Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (YCHC) is where the Sierra Club began its journey to become the influential environmental organization it is today. Now more than ever, we must remember our story.

For more info contact:
Michael Bryant - michael.bryant@sierraclub.org (707) 579-1429

Do Your Part to Turn Our Representation GREEN!

The election on November 8 is a great opportunity for all of us to help make a major change in the kind of environmental representation that our area deserves.

We’ve got four endorsed challengers to anti-environmental members of the state Assembly and two challengers to anti-environmental members of county Boards of Supervisors. They need and deserve our support at the polls. With your vote, they can make a real change and send a message to those who would continue to spend tons of money to support policies that continue to foul our air.

We urge you to be sure to VOTE and vote for the candidates and measures endorsed by the SIERRA CLUB:
United States President: Hillary Clinton (D)
United States Senate: Kamala Harris (D)
United States House of Representatives:
Congressional District 51: Pete Aguilar (D)
Congressional District 35: Norma Torres (D)
Congressional District 36: Raul Ruiz (D)
Congressional District 41: Mark Takano (D)

Let’s keep turning our Chapter Green!!

Statewide Ballot Measures:
Proposition 56—California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016 (Tobacco Tax initiative) YES
Proposition 58—California Education for a Global Economy Initiative (English language learner measured place on the ballot by the Legislature) YES
Proposition 59—Advisory measure to support actions to overturn Citizens United YES
Proposition 67—Ban on Single-Use Plastic Bans (referendum) YES

California State Assembly:
Assembly District 40: Abigail Medina (D)
Assembly District 42: Greg Rodriguez (D)
Assembly District 47: Eloise Reyes (D)
Assembly District 56: Eduardo Garcia (D)
Assembly District 60: Sabrina Cervantes (D)

Riverside County Board of Supervisors
District #1: Debbie Walsh

San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors
District #1: Angela Valles

As always, your Chapter Political Committee is looking for a few of you who have an interest in working to help get good environmental champions elected to positions of influence at every level of civic life everywhere in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.