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San Gorgonio Chapter Executive Committee NEEDS YOU!

T he Nominating Committee for this year’s Executive Committee election is looking for candidates to fill five available positions. If you would like to be considered for nomination, or know someone that you would want to present for nomination, please contact Dave Barrie at 909 337-0313 or barriemail@mail.com.

Been a Sierra Club member for a long time? Your experience will be very helpful! New to the Club and looking for a way to help? We can use a new perspective!

You provide the energy and commitment. We provide guidance and training. Everything that we do is accomplished through the efforts of volunteers and this is a chance for you to help contribute to the ongoing success of our Chapter.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Two Great Chapter Programs Set for This Summer

July 6, Phil Hamilton and Randall Putz, Big Bear Valley Trails

Phil Hamilton, Chairman of the Big Bear Valley Trails Foundation (BBVTF), will speak on Big Bear Valley trails. With Mr. Hamilton will be Randall Putz, BBVTF Board member. Both live in the Big Bear Valley and are avid bike riders.

Topics covered will include the feasibility of a multiuse trail connecting Big Bear Valley and the Lake Arrowhead area, the Rim Trail around the valley for hikers, runners and bikers, and the restoration of the Seven Oaks Trail that BBVTF is undertaking in conjunction with the Forest Service. BBVTF’s other accomplishments and plans will also be covered as well as the organization’s history and evolution and its success in bringing all non-motorized recreation advocates to the table.

BBVTF’s web address is www.bigbeartrails.com.

Phil Hamilton is a 45-year resident of Big Bear Valley but is originally from Montana. He graduated from the University of Montana with his BA and holds a MA from the University of Washington. He retired in 1999 after working for 37 years in the education field, with 27 of those years were in Bear Valley Unified where he served as a teacher, counselor and site level administrator. The final seven years of his professional career were spent working for San Bernardino and Riverside County Offices of Education.

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San Gorgonio Chapter Executive Committee Election Rules

1. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed on, or before, July 27, 2010.
2. Nominees for the election must be San Gorgonio Chapter members who give their consent to be nominated.
3. Requests for nomination must be received by August 13th and a final list of nominees will be available from the Chapter office on August 24th.
4. If the Nominating Committee chooses not to place a willing candidate on the ballot as a nominated candidate, the candidate will be notified and may seek placement on the ballot as a petition candidate. To obtain Petition Candidate information, contact the Chapter office at 951 684-6203 or sangorgonio@charterinternet.com.
5. The name of any Chapter member may be proposed by written petition (with candidate approval) containing the signatures of at least 15 Chapter members.
6. An Election Committee shall be appointed on, or before, September 28, 2010.
7. All San Gorgonio Chapter members as of September 1, 2010, shall be sent ballots.
8. Ballots will be mailed (as part of the Palm and Pine) by October 22nd.
9. Final receipt date for ballots shall be November 22nd at 12 noon.
10. Ballots will be verified, opened, and counted at 6:30 pm on November 23rd at the Chapter Office.
11. The two-year term of office for the newly elected Excom members will commence on January 1, 2011, and will run through December 31, 2012.
Volunteers who enjoy fundraising activities and working with people, call the chapter at 951-684-6203 or contact Rick Estes at rickestes92595@gmail.com for our 2010 activities.

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Not everyone can make a large gift to protect the environment during their lifetime, but you can preserve the environment for generations to come by remembering the Sierra Club in your will.

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Phil has been the chairman of the Big Bear Valley Foundation since its inception in early 2006. He is committed to working with local agencies, county government as well as state and federal agencies to insure that Big Bear Valley provides its visitors with an enjoyable, educational and safe experience.

Randall Putz was born and raised in Santa Barbara, California, has a degree in Journalism from the University of Oregon, two teenage children, and an entrepreneurial background in printing and technology consulting. Randall currently spends his working time in Big Bear on his destination marketing and lodging businesses, and his volunteer time serving on several local boards and as an elected Trustee for the Bear Valley Unified School District. Randy is an avid runner and cyclist and especially enjoys trail running and mountain biking in the surrounding National Forest.

August 3, Mark Reynolds, Citizen’s Climate Lobby

Our speaker on August 3rd will be Mark Reynolds, Executive Director of Citizens Climate Lobby (CCL). His topic is Building the Political Will for a Sustainable Climate. Mr. Reynolds says, “Politicians do not create political will, they respond to it.”

CCL seeks to empower individuals to exercise their personal and political power. CCL is a national organization based in Coronado, California. It has local groups in many states including eight in California, one of them in Riverside.

CCL operates in teams because people like to do things together and are more effective together. Team members are called “Partners.” Teams practice speaking together, visit their members of Congress and write letters to their Members of Congress together. When team Partners write letters to the editor and submit them as a team, one or more is likely to get published. The best teams provide support to each other, have fun together, and support each other in going through comfort zones to emerge as community leaders.

For more information on Citizens Climate Lobby, see www.citizensclimatelobby.org.

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**Drought Tolerant & Beautiful**

The Big Bear Group’s 8th annual Xeriscape Garden Tour is set this July up in Big Bear Lake. This free tour provides homeowners the opportunity to visit local gardens that exemplify the best in water conservation and highlighting nature’s best. In 2009 attendance topped over 430 people and we expect a similar crowd this year. Back again in 2010 will be the FireWise home, showcasing how to be both drought-tolerant and fire safe at the same time. Attendees will also have the chance to vote for their favorite home on the tour with the People’s Choice award, won last year by the Moran garden.

This year’s tour will be held on **Saturday, July 24th**. You can start the tour any time between 9:00 am and noon at Emingers Mountain Nursery on Big Bear Blvd. in Big Bear Lake, across from Denny’s. Participants will have until 4:00 pm to complete the self-guided tour of eight homes. Tour booklet, map to the location and directional signs help attendees drive from one location to the next. Sierra Club volunteers are on hand at each home. The purpose of the tour is to educate homeowners and increase awareness of the use of native and drought tolerant plant materials in mountain gardens in a fun and informal setting. For more information on the tour contact Christie Walker at 909-866-5006.

**Regular Monthly Meetings**

Regular monthly meetings for July and August will be on the rare and wonderful pebble plain in July and a members-only cruise on the Big Bear Queen in August.

**Group Newsletter Has Gone Virtual**

The Big Bear Group’s quarterly newsletter has gone virtual. It is available as a .pdf on the group’s Web site at: www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. We also send out meeting notices and the newsletter via e-mail. If you would like to be included in the e-mail alerts, send your e-mail address to: Christie.mountaineer@verizon.net. We NEVER sell your address or use it for anything other than Big Bear Group club news and meeting alerts.

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**Mojave Group**

by Jenny Wilder, Mojave Group Chair

As the weather warms up, and after a couple of busy months, the Mojave Group slows down. We have no meetings in July and August. Many people go on vacations. However, Terrance McCorkle has a couple of hikes planned to help you enjoy the local mountains and explore the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail (PCT). Both hikes are near Wrightwood; check the calendar section for details. I will be doing some hiking mostly during the week and early in the morning, but my schedule is uncertain, so if you wish to join me, please email me at JensOasis@aol.com. I will include you on my mid week hike email list. Despite the heat, I will also attempt to continue the graffiti mudding project along the PCT in Deep Creek Canyon. This is usually scheduled for the first or second Tuesday/Weds of the month and will begin in the early morning. Email me for details.

**Wilderness:**

There are several desert Wilderness Areas nearby, but many are small and could be enlarged, and other areas deserve the protection that a Wilderness designation can give them. Many of us have been busy writing letters of support for Senator Feinstein’s Desert Bill, which will give strong and permanent protection for many desert areas in your back yard. We hope that you are also following this important legislation. It includes designation of the Deep Creek and Holcomb Creek as a Wild and Scenic River area which is 34 miles of important protection. A good description of the bill can be found on the California Wilderness Coalition website, along with sample letters for Senator Feinstein: http://www.calwild.org/news/bills-in-congress.html. You may also be interested in checking the Wilderness section of the Sierra club: http://www.sierracub.org/ea/wilderness/. It is really cool to visit the wilderness areas already designated, and those that are proposed. Check the calendar section for any upcoming trips.

**Science Fair:** Each year, the Mojave Group participates in the Apple Valley School District Science Fair, by offering two community awards. This year the awards went to Peyton, a third grade student with a project entitled “Cricketts and Temperature,” and to Wardah, a high school student with an environmental project entitled “Bioremediation of petroleum hydrocarbon contaminated soils.” We believe it is in our best interest to support the efforts of our future scientists!

The Juniper Flats Area again offered fabulous displays of wildflowers for those who visited! This area is just south of Apple Valley and offers varied terrain, varied vegetation with numerous springs that support wildlife, great views and boulder fields. All of this makes it a lovely place to hike. In April we had our annual Wildflower Hike and you can see some of the photos at my yahoo flickr site: http://www.flickr.com/photos/25273386@N08/sets/72157623878002992/

In May we did a Tour of the Springs, and visited four of the numerous springs in the Juniper Flats Area http://www.flickr.com/photos/25273386@N08/sets/72157624079682848/. All of these springs have been significantly impacted by human activities in the past 100 or so years. Mining and homestead debris litter the sites, and some of the water has been diverted. The springs, seeps and streams are now being impacted by cattle grazing, off road activity and target shooting. The area is managed by the Bureau of Land Management and we encourage them to recognize these impacts which may prove to be irreversible. We need all the help we can get to help protect this area. The Friends of Juniper Flats are putting together some summer activities that may include star gazing, drum circle and short evening/morning hikes.

Enjoy all the photos on my Flickr site (JensOasis) and to join us in our efforts please contact Jenny Wilder at JensOasis@AOL.com.

**Mojave Mud Slingers (MMS):** The graffiti that has accumulated on beautiful rocks over numerous years along the PCT in the Deep Creek Canyon is getting a new type of treatment. I have been experimenting with a mudding concept for several years on the
As reported before, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors approved the 11,350 unit Villages of Lakeview (VOL) Specific Plan 342 at their March 23, 2010, board meeting. On April 22, the San Francisco environmental law firm of Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger filed a complaint challenging the project on behalf of the Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley and the Sierra Club. On the same day, the Center for Biological Diversity filed a complaint representing themselves and the San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society. The city of Riverside also filed a lawsuit opposing the Village of Lakeview. The project, which is projected to be the core of the “new city” of Lakeview with a population of over 100,000 people, will destroy the San Jacinto Wildlife Area (SJWA). The placement of high density dwelling units on the southern boundary of the SJWA will have devastating impacts to the wildlife area and destroy prime agricultural lands. The 19,000 acre San Jacinto Wildlife Area is a state Department of Fish and Game facility; its lands are partial mitigation for the State Water Project; it is a Stephens’ Kangaroo Rat reserve for the Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency (RCHCA); it is a cornerstone reserve in the Riverside County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP), the reserve system which, in theory, is supposed to protect and preserve the county’s endangered animals and plants. Light pollution, air pollution, at least 15,000 daily commuters impacting our roadways, damage to wildlife area lands which would harm rare and endangered plant and animal species, building next to the flood plain of the San Jacinto River, collapsible soils, loss of prime agricultural lands, availability of water, feral animals, illegal entry by residents, and the economic viability of the project are some of the other concerns regarding this project. And the project will have devastating impacts on the existing rural communities of Lakeview and Nuevo and their quality of life. (Written by Sue Nash & Ann McKibben)

If you would like to make a donation to help fight the Villages of Lakeview project, make your check payable to the Sierra Club. Your donation will be used only for the expenses related to fighting this project. No continued on Page 9 > > >

 Moreno Valley Group
by Ann Turner McKibben, Secretary

Mountains Group
by Dave Barrie

On the weekend of April 9-11 Bill Engs led nine of us camping at Anza Borrego Desert State Park, Culp Valley primitive campground, and here is how one of those campers (Frank Ellis) describes the experience:

The desert was in bloom, extravagantly so! Some of us could name some of the wildlife — plant, animal, insect — but the overwhelming abundance finally leaves one speechless! Some may wonder how can the dry “lifeless” desert out-bloom our gardens and parks we nurture so possessively? The beavertail cactus — yes, its form resembles a flat beavertail doing pincushion duty — beavertail cactus — yes, its form resembles a flat beavertail doing pincushion duty — Ocotillo cactus — tree? bush? upside down cactus covered with yellow carpets, and the beauty. Then whole fields and acres were you to be confronted with their breathtaking orange/red blossoms. Ocotillo carefully must be studied under magnifying glass for bug!

The desert ground is just alive with an infinity of pinehead-sized blossoms which must be studied under magnifying glass for to be confronted with their breathtaking beauty. Then whole fields and acres were covered with yellow carpets, and the Ocotillo cactus — tree? bush? upside down giant’s bunion? — punctuates the scene with its orange/red blossoms. Ocotillo carefully and regularly spaces itself from its companions so everyone gets enough water. After Saturday’s hike down the mountain, we enjoyed informative displays at the Visitor Center. We had left a van down there for transport back up the mountain. Halfway back up we saw a roadside group of people pointing excitedly up slope, suggesting an inquiring stop. It took careful searching, but we finally spotted big horn sheep blending in with the mountains, so well camouflaged by their coloring. Careful counting finally revealed two large male sentinels guarding from rock tops while mothers and two young ones cavorted nearby. A display at the Visitor Center had told how the young sheep must practice to get their secure footing in this rocky environment. There, way up the slope in front of us, one young one had found its way to a perch right on the top point of a pyramidal rock. Good practice!

Although it was too windy for campfires, the warmth of our mutual remembering, fellowship, and a good supper fulfilled our needs. This church project on 38 acres will remove a vast quantity of trees, will cover a natural stream (put it in a pipeline), will have buildings, paving, and a natural stream (put it in a pipeline), will have buildings, paving, and ball fields covering more than 60% of 1.6 million square feet of property and will add somewhere between 8 and 11 traffic signals. To mention a few of the highlights. I am sure there will be more to report on in this future.

As I reported in the last issue, the Royal Rangers Adventure Camp project is now in the hands of our lawyers. My typing skills, never the best, are sorely tested by the handicap of permanently crossed fingers.

And, just so we have something to do while we wait for things to develop on that project, we received the draft EIR for another big project… nearly three thousand pages to look at and not much time. We, as well as individuals and other groups, asked for a sixty day extension to allow for proper review. We got an additional fifteen. Really not enough, but every little bit helps.

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— Bill Engs and Frank Ellis provided Outings information for this report.
In order to participate on one of the Sierra Club's outings, you will need to sign the following LIABILITY WAIVER.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- I have read any rules & conditions applicable to the Outing made available to me; I will pay any costs & fees for the Outing; & I acknowledge my participation is at the discretion of the leader.
- The Outing begins & ends at the location where the Outing officially commences with leader & participants in attendance, as designated by the Sierra Club (“Trailhead”).

The Outing does not include carpooling, transportation, or transit to & from the Trailhead, & I am personally responsible for all risks associated with this travel. This does not apply to transportation provided by the Sierra Club after the commencement & before the end of the Outing.

- If I decide to leave early & not to complete the Outing as planned, I assume all risks inherent in my decision to leave & waive all liability against the Sierra Club arising from that decision. Likewise, if the leader has concluded the Outing, & I decide to go forward without the leader, I assume all risks inherent in my decision to go forward & waive all liability against the Sierra Club arising from that decision.
- This Agreement is intended to be as broad & inclusive as is permitted by law. If any provision or any part of any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or legally unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby & shall remain valid & fully enforceable.

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

I have read this document in its entirety & I freely & voluntarily assume all risks of such Injuries & Damages & notwithstanding such risks, I agree to participate in the Outing. Note: If the participant is a minor, the minor’s guardian must sign on the minor’s behalf.

**RECURRING MONTHLY MEETINGS**

(LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

(1ST MON) 6:00 PM  SB MOUNTAINS GROUP/EXCOM MEETING
Alpine Conference Room 27236, Blue Jay Mall on Feb 1, Apr 5, Jun 7, Oct 4, Nov 1, 2010. Also at Shady Cove Campground on Aug 7, 3 PM & at Keller Hut Dec 4, 3 PM. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP
(1ST TUE) 6:30 PM  BIG BEAR GROUP/EXCOM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. INFO: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP
(1ST TUE) 7:30 PM  SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
PROGRAM: See front-page notice. Afterwards, SAN GORGONIO SIERRA SINGS will adjourn for food & drink. COST: $1 donation requested. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS (909) 800-3911 <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com>. CHAPTER
(1ST THU)  LOS SERRANOS GROUP/EXCOM MEETING
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, call MARY ANN RUIZ (909) 815-9379, <cruizmaryann@gmail.com> LOS SERRANOS GROUP
(2ND MON) 7:00 PM  SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING
Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP
(2ND TUE) 7:00 PM  CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Meeting monthly or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, <kimffloyd@fastmail.fm> (760) 249-5385.
CHAPTER
(2ND WED) 7:00 PM  MOJAVE GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francasca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: CAROL WILEY, (760) 245-8734, <desertlily1@verizon.net> MOJA VE GROUP
(3RD TUE) 6:00 PM  SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONS COMMITEE MEETING
Monthly conservation meeting. The public is welcome. LOCATION: Call or email for location & directions. CONTACT: SHAULI ROSEN-RAGER, (951) 767-2203, <gardens@netzon.net> SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
(3RD TUE) 6:30 PM  BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site www.sierrabcubigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP

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Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings

**JULY 10 – JULY 17**

**JUL 10 (SAT) 4:00 PM SUNSET PEAK EVENING HIKE  **

Hike Join us for an evening walk up Sunset Peak to catch the sunset. With a fine view of the San Gabriel range, we will hear about places to hike and how you can help with the San Gabriel Mountains Forever Campaign. BRING a dinner to eat at the top and bring a flashlight. WEAR hiking boots and a jacket. MEET: Contact leader for meeting place. LEADER: MARY ANN RUIZ 909-815-9379 <cruzmaryan@gmail.com>

L.S. SERRANOS GROUP

**JUL 11-17 (SAT-SUN) MIDDLE FORK AMERICAN RIVER CANYON SCRAMBLE  **

Gorge scramble level 3 in a beautiful part of the river not affected by the 2001 Starr Fire. Many great pools for swimming. First day is a long one, overnight at Three Cedars campsite. Water will be cold due to releases from French Meadow Reservoir; BRING a spring wetsuit, overnight gear in pack for flotation. LEADER: PAUL PLATHE, 209-476-1498. For more info, see the description at: Trip #10, <http://www.motherlode.sierraclub.org/deltaSierra/SPRING/SPRING10.htm>

MOTHERLODE CHAPTER GORGE SCRAMBLING SECTION

**JUL 12 – JULY 18**

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

MEETING Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard’s Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 373-0113. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

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

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

**JUL 17 (SAT) 8:00 AM ACORN TRAIL – PACIFIC CREST TRAIL  **

Come join other hikers for an easy/moderate 8- to 9-mile hike from Hwy 2 just west of Wrightwood (Acorn Trail) to Pacific Crest Trail at Gulf Campground in Hwy2 at inspiration Point. BRING 3qtrs of water, sturdy boots and lunch/snacks. MEET at McDonald Rest, off Interstate 15 at Hwy18, exit at Cajon Pass at 8:00am. INFO: call LEADER TERRENCE MCCORKE 760-252-2194, cell 760-412-1683, <dhiksilverdude@verizon.net>

MOJA GROUP

**JUL 18 (SUN) 9:00 AM TAHQUITZ PEAK VIA SADDLE JUNCTION HIKE  **

Enjoy a summer’s day in the mountains. Our 8.5-mile (round trip) 2400’ elevation gain strenuous hike will begin at Humble Park in Idyllwild (Adventure Pass required). We will first travel 2.5 miles up the Devil’s Slide to Saddle junction, then south on the Pacific Crest Trail for 1.4 miles to the South Ridge Trail junction. From there it is 0.4 miles to the summit. Located at the summit is the Tahquitz Peak Fire lookout staffed by volunteers. They are able to point out the points of interest and share their knowledge about the area. BRING plenty of water, a lunch and snacks, WEAR comfortable hiking shoes, and dress in layers. Rain canopy. INFO & RESERVATIONS: contact LEADER BOB AUDIBERT 951-302-1059 <bob.takable@juno.com> Also check for updates at our Santa Margarita Group web site <http://sierrachambsmg.org/> SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**JUL 19 – JULY 25**

**JUL 19 (WED) 6:00 PM CASTLE ROCK AND GUNSHINE HIKE  **

This is a mostly moderate 8- to 9-mile hike. The first leg to Castle Rock is a more difficult climb on a good z-tread trail with a 1,000’ elevation gain. We will also visit Bluff Lake and the Champion Lodgepole Pine on the way to our turnaround point at Gunshine. BRING two qtrs of water, sturdy boots, appropriate clothing and sun protection. MEET at 9am in the east parking lot of the Performing Arts Center in Big Bear Lake and carpool to the Castle Rock trailhead. National Forest Adventure Passes will be required for divers. INFO & RESERVATIONS: LEADER Dick Banks 909-866-9232. BIG BEAR GROUP

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**JUL 20 (TUE) 6:30 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP  **

MEETING Monthly meeting. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site www.sierriacalbigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUL 20 (TUE) 7:00 PM L.S. SERRANOS GROUP  **

MEETING Monthly meeting except August. Note that the June meeting will be a no host picnic starting at 5:00 PM at the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden in Claremont. The public is welcome.

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**AUG 3 (TUE)** 6:30 PM
BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM
Meeting The meeting rotates. INFO: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP

**AUG 3 (TUE)** 7:30 PM
SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER
MEETING PROGRAM: See front-page notice. Afterwards, SAN GORGONIO SIERRA SINGLES will adjourn for food & drink. COST: $1 donation requested. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS (909) 808-3911. <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com>

**AUG 4-5 (FRI-SAT)** 2:00 PM
SB MTS, ANNUAL CHILDRENS’ FOREST CAR CAMP
We’ll camp at Shady Cove group campground. TIME: arrive any time after 2:00 PM on Friday. Join us for a potluck dinner at 6 PM on Saturday. BRING: dishes, a share to fire, wood and folding chair to sit around the fire. Camp overnight. Saturday and Sunday: day hikes, guided photography walks and other optional activities. RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER BILLIE WOLFF, 909-338-2334.

**AUG 7 (SAT)** 3:00 PM
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM
MEETING
Shady Cove Campground. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**AUGUST 9 – AUGUST 15**
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings (also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)

**AUG 10 (TUE)** 7:00 PM
CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: you need our help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, <kimfloyd@fastmail.fm> (760) 249-5385.

**AUGUST 16 – AUGUST 22**
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings (also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)

**AUG 17 (TUE) 6:30 PM
BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP

**AUG 21 (SAT) 8:00 AM
PCT, INSPIRATION POINT TO VINCENT GAP HIKE
Come join others for a hike on the east side of the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) from Inspiration Point to Vincent Gap. BRING: 3 quarts of water, sturdy boots, lunch and snacks. MEET McDonals Restaurant. off Interstate 15 at Hwy 138 in Cajon Pass at 8:00AM. INFO: CALL LEADER TERRENCE MCCORKLE 760-252-2194, 760-412-1683, <coltdk019@verizon.net>.

**MOJAVE GROUP

**AUG 22 (SUN) 6:00 PM
MOONLIGHT HIKE
Come for a 2 to 3 hour evening hike in the foothills to enjoy the full moon. (Actual full moon is August 24.) Hikes are moderately paced. Hike locations will vary. Between 4 and 5 miles round trip, 400 to 1200 ft elevation gain. BRING: Jacket, flashlight, water, and wear sturdy shoes/boots. MEET: North parking lot of U.S. Bank, Claremont, at NE corner of Indian Hill & Foothill Blvds. Rain cancels.
INFO: LEADERS PATTY & DAVID THORNE 909-981-5813.

**AUGUST 23 – AUGUST 29**
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings (also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)

**AUG 24 (TUE) 9:00 AM
GRAY’S PEAK HIKE
This is a moderate 7-mile hike with an 1100-foot elevation gain. BRING two quarts of water, snacks, sturdy boots, appropriate clothing and sun protection. MEET at the trailhead parking lot at 9:00am. It is located 610 of a mile southwest of Fawnskin on the right side of highway 38 (across the highway from the Grout Bay picnic area). A National Forest Adventure Pass is required for parking. INFO & RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER DICK BANKS 909-866-9232.

**BIG BEAR GROUP

**CHAPTER**
SEP 24-26 (FRI-SUN) CARRIZO PLAIN NATIONAL MONUMENT SERVICE & HIKES

CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

SEP 19 (SUN) 6:00 PM MOONLIGHT HIKE HIKE

FUTURE SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES

SEP 24-26 (FRI-SUN) CARRIZO PLAIN NATIONAL MONUMENT SERVICE & HIKES

This is an opportunity to visit and to assist an outstanding and relatively unknown national monument. There will be an optional scenic hike high in the Caliente Mountains on Friday. Others may join the National Public Lands Day. Saturday, when we will participate with volunteers restoring one of the historic homesests in the center of the BLM. Sunday is reserved for a hike to cooler elevations above the desert. Enjoy carcamping, a potluck dinner Sunday, and campfire stories. LEADER: CRAIG DEUTSCHE, <craig.deutsche@gmail.com> 310-477-6670.

CNRC DESERT COMMITTEE

OCT 23-25 (SAT-MON) BLUE LAKE, NEVADA BACKPACK

The Blues Laken Wilderness Study Area is tucked away in the remote northwest corner of Nevada in the Pine Forest Range. We'll backpack to Blue Lake on Saturday, do a day hike on Sunday, and return to the cars on Monday, perhaps making a partial loop. I have not been there yet, so right now, it's a mystery to all of us, but I do plan to scout it. The backpack will be 5-8 miles with 2000-3000 feet of elevation gain, depending on the state of the roads. Participants are responsible for their own meals. LEADER: JOHN WILKINSON, <johnwilf1d@mac.com> 804-876-8285.

CNRC DESERT COMMITTEE

OCT 30-31 (SAT-SUN) DESSERT GHOST TOWN EXTRAVAGANZA ADVENTURE

That could be more appropriate this Halloween weekend than to visit the ghost of California's colorful past? Come with us to this spooky desert landscape near Death Valley. Camp at the historic ghost town of Ballarat (flush toilets & hot showers). On Saturday, do a challenging hike to ghost town Lookout City with expert Hal Fowler who will regale us with eerie tales of this Wild West town. Later we'll return to camp for happy hour and a special holiday potluck feast, followed by a midnight visit to the ghosts and goblins in Ballarat's graveyard. On Sun, a quick visit to the infamous Riley town site before heading home. Group size strictly limited. RESERVATIONS: Send $8 per person (Sierra Club), 2 large SASE, H&W phones, email, rideshare info to LEADER: LYGEEA GERARD, P.O. Box 294726, Phoenix, AZ 85032, (760) 868-2179.

CNRC DESERT COMMITTEE

NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES

The following activities, meeting & events are neither sponsored nor administered by the Sierra Club. The Sierra Club has no information about the planning of these activities & makes no representations or warranties about the quality, safety, supervision or management of such activities. They are published only as a reader service because they may be of interest to the readers of this publication.

JUL 2 (FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE

FUTURE SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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

(1ST FRID) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE

NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB

Join us for international folk dancing. This is the same group that used to meet at UCR. Meetings are twice monthly: on the 1st & 3rd Fridays. COST: $2 donation to help pay for the room. PLACE: Highgrove United Methodist Church, 938 W. Center St., Highgrove. DIRECTIONS: Take the Center St. exit from Interstate 215. The church is one half mile east of the freeway on the right. INFO: GAIL SEEKINS (909) 825-4427 <gailseekins@scbglobal.net> or LARRY POWELL 909-864-2309.

(1ST SUN) 3:30 PM RIVERSIDE CONTRA DANCE DANCE

NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE CONTRA DANCE

SEPTEMBER CONTRA DANCE (Note that there are no dances in July, August or September. The next dance is October 3.) Join us in for an afternoon of contra dance to live music. Dance Instruction at 3:30. Dance from 4:00 to 7:00. Refreshment will be served at the break. Potluck at 7:00, so bring a dish to share. COST: $9 general admission, $7.00 students with ID. PLACE: Please call to verify the location. At this writing, the dance is still being held at All Saints Episcopal Church, which may be closed for renovation at any time. We don’t know from month to month when the church hall remodeling will start. All Saints Episcopal Church, 3847 Terracina Dr., Riverside. DIRECTIONS: The church is on the corner of Terracina & Magnolia between 14th St. & Central Ave. From the 91 freeway, exit on 14th St., go north to Magnolia & turn left. The church will be on your right. Alternatively, exit at Central Ave., go north to Magnolia & turn right. The church will be on your left. ALTERNATE DANCE VENUE: While the church is being remodeled, we will meet at the Ballet Arts Studio in downtown Riverside. CALLER/BAND COORDINATOR: PATTY MCCOLLOM (714) 267-4567 or <mccollom@sbcglobal.net> Riverside Contra Dance Website: <http://www.caldancedeco.org/riversidedance/index.html> INFO: SANDY GOSSELIN, <sogesselin@riversidedca.gov>

(3RD TUE) 6:30 PM SAVE OUR SKYLINE: BOX SPRINGS THRU THE BADLANDS OPEN SPACE MEETING NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT

SAVE OUR SKYLINE: BOX SPRINGS THRU THE BADLANDS

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(3RD WED) 7:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING

NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY PROGRAM: A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 24240 Ontario Towne Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit 10 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

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lower path off Highway 173. This experiment has been successful. Some of the mud has now been sticking for three years! And when it does wash off, it leaves the graffiti barely recognizable. This system works best if the rock has not yet been totally covered with paint or even layers of paint. However, even those panels will eventually benefit with the mudding. Many times, if the paint is relatively fresh, it can be almost all removed by scraping with a hard rock. This sounds like a lot of work, but actually it is very simple, and when the area is then covered with “stick to your boot” mud, it is protected from future paint. After some experience, the system is very quick and easy to apply. Now extraordinary tools or talent is necessary, making it something you can do while hiking. Don’t just get angry with the graffiti on your favorite rock “scraps it, and mud it”! The best way to find out how well this works, take a hike from Highway 173 along the Pacific Crest Trail south towards Deep Creek Hot Springs. You can see some photos on my Facebook page. We will be continuing this project all year. Email me for details about the next date: JensOasis@aol.com.

Wind and Solar Energy projects on Public Land: The Mojave Group area includes numerous proposed projects on public land. We encourage you to find out more about these projects, attend meetings and help us educate others about the issues. Here are some links to the websites of the federal agencies that manage these projects:


Mojave Group Nominating committee: Laverne has once again volunteered to head the Nominating Committee. We are still looking for two others to help her with this important function. The Nominating Committee is responsible for presenting the slate of candidates for the Executive Committee (ExCom). Voting is done in September via the “Mojave News and Views” (our final issue). The newly elected Excom members take effect in January and serve for 2 years. Please consider serving on the Nominating Committee.

Last but not least, one of the best ways to protect an area that you enjoy is to visit it often. A path such as the Pacific Crest Trail benefits from the numerous visitors it receives. For the projects are now on the Bureau of Land Management Barstow Field Office website:


The city of Moreno Valley approved the Highland Fairview Corporate Center in 2009. The agreement allows the developer to build the trail during the third and final phases of their project and require a permanent dedication of land. Unfortunately, it is not clear if the trail will ever be built. Several council members would like to change the city’s general plan and eliminate that particular segment of the city’s Master Plan of Multi-use Trails. Over the years the city has had many volunteers who have worked long and hard to develop the Multi-Use Trails master plan. Losing this link puts the trails system at risk.

The Moreno Valley Group has many issues to follow, and we are looking for more volunteers. Any amount of time you could contribute would be appreciated. For more information about our group and volunteering with the Moreno Valley Group, contact Ann McKibben at (951) 924-8150, Theresa Carson, (951) 242-4752 or George Hague at (951) 924-0816 or e-mail us at: movalleygroup@yahoo.com.

Through Earth Share of California you can make a one-time gift, or a payroll deduction donation that helps every day to preserve and protect the environment – locally, regionally, nationally, and globally. Earth Share is not part of your employer’s workplace giving campaign? We’d like to do something about that. Call Ladd Seekins at 909-848-0161 weekdays or 909-825-4427 evenings and weekends. Address e-mail to iwfladd@eee.org.
I am happy to report the Santa Margarita Group continues to grow and add new areas of local involvement. Energy and water resource conservation continues to be high priorities. Our Energy Committee under the leadership of Teri Wagner is working with both the cities of Murrieta and Temecula on their separate programs aimed at conserving electrical energy usage. In addition, members of the Santa Margarita Group have also expanded efforts to work with our local school age youngsters to help them get more involved in local environmental issues.

Our various programs, along with hikes and other outing activities will continue through the summer. However, we will not be holding our General meetings during the months of July and August.

If you have questions or project ideas, email me at (sierrclubsmg@gmail.com). Also check out our webpage at www.sierraclubsmg.org.

Here are just a few of our activities:

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Pamm Nelson, Conservation Committee Chair

It’s been a busy few months with issues and conferences coming in one after another:

- Two troubling developments that we have been watching have been put on hold. The Hoover Ranch project in Wildomar is now required to do an environmental review. Also the Vail Lake project, adjacent to Temecula, was recommended for denial by the Planning Commissioners on May 5th.

- I am making contact with an Earth Club at a Temecula High School to see if a youth section of our group might work activities with them.

- I attended the regional SC Conservation Committee meeting in San Luis Obispo and learned about the national level push for projects to fit the Resilient Habitats theme. The Sierra Nevada and the California coast are considered the priority ecosystems by the Club. After meeting with the Coast group, we decided mapping the Coastal ecosystem should be the first step and including our watershed in this ecosystem would be likely.

- I helped organize the regional SC Wilderness/Forest Committee meeting in Oak Grove (outside of Temecula). The Great Old Broads (and Bros) for Wilderness joined us and completed a service day in the Dripping Springs campground. Participation of agencies such as BLM and CNF made the Saturday meeting very useful and interesting. Hikes into the proposed Beauty Mountain Wilderness took place on Sunday.

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Lynn Davis, Program & Fundraising Committee Chair

Keith Watson, extraordinary hiker and photographer, brought the “awe” factor to our Santa Margarita Group members at our May General Meeting with his stunning video of the Pacific Northwest. With a fast-paced, musical background, the visual feast included Santa Margarita Group members at our May General Meeting with his stunning video of spectacular views of Mt. Hood, Mt. St. Helens and the Columbia River Gorge.

Our fundraiser, SIERRA SUNDAY, is back in July with a very special trip to Shadow Mountain Vineyards & Winery. Located on Sunshine Summit overlooking the beautiful Hot Springs Mtns. and historic Valle de San Jose (Warner Springs), Shadow Mountain is a 3rd generation family estate specializing in premium wines from estate-grown grapes. At an elevation of 3,500 ft, the winery enjoys Pacific breezes which moderate the July heat and provide a prized location for quality vines. Join us in July for delicious food prepared by the owners, Alex & Pam McGeary, while we savor, socialize and sip their award-winning wines. Date, directions and ticket information are posted to the SMG website: www.sierraclubsmg.org.

If you have questions, please contact me at (lynndavis@hughes.net).

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Laurie Webster, Activities Committee Chair

We have two great events planned for July and August. The first one is a group tour of the Heritage Square Museum, which is comprised of eight historical structures, and is located east of downtown Los Angeles off the 110. This tour will be held sometime in mid- to late-July on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, the exact day has not been set yet. I strongly encourage people to visit their website to get a feel for this great museum (http://www.heritagesquare.org).

The other event, set for August 1, will be at the Mt. Palomar Observatory. This will be a joint activity with those that want to see the Observatory and those that want to hike around this beautiful area. Bob Audibert, Outings Committee Chair, will be there to lead an easy to moderate hike. You can join Bob or instead check out the very interesting Observatory. Then after all that we are planning to hold a picnic.

For additional information about the hiking part of this event, read Bob’s Outing section of this column that follows. If you want more information about the other activities we will be doing at the Observatory, contact me at (laurie_r_w@yahoo.com). This is going to be great fun!

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“Come to the woods, for here is rest. There is no repose like that of the green deep woods. Here grow the wallflower and the violet. The squirrel will come and sit upon your knee, the logcock will wake you in the morning. Sleep in forgetfulness of all ill. Of all the unness accessible to mortals, there is no upness comparable to the mountains.”

— John Muir (1838-1914) was America’s most famous and influential naturalist and conservationist, and founder of the Sierra Club.

Source: www.sierraclub.org
Island Hopping in Channel Islands National Park
July 16-19; July 30-August 2; September 9-11; October 17-19
by Joan Jones Holtz

Explore the wild, windswept islands of Channel Island National Park. Enjoy the frolicking seals and sea lions. Train your binoculars on unusual sea and land birds. Hike the trails to find blankets of wildflowers and plants found in no other place on earth. Kayak or snorkel the pristine waters — or just relax at sea. These live-aboard, eco tours depart from Santa Barbara aboard the 68-foot twin diesel Truth. Fee ($785 for July trips; $590 for September and October) includes an assigned bunk, all meals, snacks, beverages, plus the services of a ranger/naturalist who will travel with us to lead hikes, call attention to items of interest and present evening programs.

To make a reservation mail a $100 check, payable to Sierra Club to leader: Joan Jones Holtz, 11826 The Wye St., El Monte, CA 91732. Contact leader for more information (626-443-0706; jholtzhln@aol.com)

Membership

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