Happy Birthday, Smokey!

For 70 years Smokey Bear has played an important role in spreading messages of wildfire prevention and forest conservation.

Smokey Bear was born on August 9, 1944, when the U.S. Forest Service and the Ad Council agreed that a fictional bear named Smokey would be the symbol for their joint effort to promote forest fire prevention. The Smokey Bear Wildfire Prevention campaign is the longest running public service advertising campaign in U.S. history. Artist Albert Staehle was asked to paint the first poster of Smokey Bear. It depicted a bear pouring a bucket of water on a campfire and saying “Care will prevent 9 out of 10 fires.”

Smokey Bear soon became very popular as his image appeared on a variety of forest fire prevention materials. In 1947 his slogan became the familiar “Only YOU Can Prevent Forest Fires!” Then in the spring of 1950, in the Capitan Mountains of New Mexico, a young bear cub found himself caught in a burning forest. He took refuge in a tree, and while managing to stay alive was left badly burned. The firefighters who retrieved him were so moved by his bravery, they named him Smokey. News about this real bear named Smokey spread across the nation, and he was soon given a new home at the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. Despite the campaign’s success over the years, wildfire prevention remains one of the most critical issues affecting our country, and Smokey’s message is as relevant today – especially with our drought conditions in the Western U.S. – as it was in 1944. Smokey died in 1976 and was returned to Capitan, New Mexico, where he is buried in the State Historical Park.

Chapter’s September Program: Plastic Paradise:
The Great Pacific Garbage Patch
A Film by Angela Sun

Tracy Hutchinson will present a slide show of her adventure in Peru earlier this year. The meeting starts at 7:30 PM September 2nd at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands (California St. exit off 10 Fwy).

I t’s time to consider your contribution to the San Gorgonio Chapter’s Fall Fund Appeal. A return envelope has been inserted in this issue of the Palm and Pine for your check.

Did you know that the chapter receives only $1 each year from your Sierra Club membership dues for publication of your Chapter Newsletter? The Fall Fund Appeal is specifically designated to help make up the difference between our actual costs and the dollars received. Your contribution allows continued publication of the Inland Empire’s most comprehensive environmental newspaper. The Palm and Pine is the main source of information for those participating in our Outings program. In fact, on the average about 30% of the total newspaper is devoted to Outings.

If your insert is missing, please make your check payable to the Sierra Club and mail it to Rick Estes, 4079 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside CA 92501.

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Sierra Club Endorsements for 2014

Sierra Club of California has endorsed candidates in 6 of the races for state-wide offices:

Kamala Harris for Attorney General

Sierra Club Political Chair

Endorsements for 2014
Sacred Valley, flying descent from 14,000 feet by mountain bicycle to several Inca ruins, included visits to Inca temples and palaces from earlier Inca times. Tracy’s five-day tour from Cuzco to Machu Picchu included visits to many of the old Inca temples and palaces at an elevation of over 10,000 feet. Cuzco is also a great place to acclimate before starting the trek. Machu Picchu is truly a wonder of the world. Exploring the site, Tracy caught a child before he slipped off the edge of a sheer cliff. Tracy is a life skills coach, tech “guru” and social media strategist residing in Riverside. She has authored the book *Revealing the Hero Within.*
**CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS**

**DEADLINE:** Items for the November/December 2014 Calendar are due by October 1, 2014.

**FORMAT** items similar to those below. Send items electronically if possible.

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

**MEETINGS & other events:** Send electronically to Ladd Seekins at cladd.g.seekins@gmail.com.

**GENERAL INFORMATION/RULES/DISCLAIMERS**

All outings and meetings are Chapter Conferences and have appropriate Training Courses, First Aid Courses, and experience for the leaders. They lead. Many Outings can be attended by the group only. Non-Sierra Club members may join outings for carpooling arrangements and assumes no liability for it. Carpool Leader's rules. Participants should CALL THE LEADER AHEAD TO SIGN-UP. Many Outings specify items to be carried by EACH participant. Do not attend Outings without the specified items unless you have first discussed it with the leader. Commonly the TEN ESSENTIALS are required. They are: 1) Map 2) Compass 3) Flashlight 4) Knife 5) Waterproof/proofwatch matches in waterproof case 6) First aid kit 8) Extra food and water for emergency use only 9) Extra clothing including rainwear 10) Sun protection including sunscreen/sunlaxes/glasses. Carpooling is encouraged, but solely the responsibility of individual participants. The Sierra Club and its leaders may facilitate carpooling, however they will not assign. Drivers should have adequate insurance coverage and their vehicle should have no safety defects. For Sierra Club facilitated carpooling, drivers agree to not consume any alcoholic beverages. It is customary for riders to share expenses with the driver. Five cents per mile per person might be a reasonable suggested amount. The above information applies to Sierra Club Outings only. Non-Sierra Club activities may be listed in a separate location as a courtesy. Please be sure to read the disclaimer that accompanies these activities.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO LEADER**

- **Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings.**
- **Also refer to Weekly recourring Outings and Activities**

**RECURRING MONTHLY MEETINGS**

**LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES**

**1ST MON (6:00 PM)**
- **SB MOUNTAINS GROUP**
  - **MEETING:** Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on Fri, Apr 3, Apr 5, Oct, Nov 6, Nov 3. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.

**1ST TUE (7:30 PM)**
- **SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER**
  - **PROGRAM:** See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS cladd.g.seekins@gmail.com (909) 800-3911.

**1ST WED (6:30 PM)**
- **BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM**
  - **MEETING:** The meeting area rotates. CONTACT: ED WALLACE, (909) 584-2308, wallaceb123@gmail.com.

**1ST THU (7:30 PM)**
- **LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM**
  - **MEETING:** Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: for meeting time & place, call MARY ANN RUZI (909) 853-9379, cazmaryannau@gmail.com.

**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.

**2ND TUES (7:00 PM)**
- **SANTA MARGARITA GROUP**
  - **MEETING:** Monthly meeting except July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francisco, Victorville, CA. INFO: ONE BLOCK north of Bear Valley Rd. on Rdgerside. Enter on Rdgerside side of the building. INFO: CAROL WILLEY, (760) 245-8734, dseylert1@verizon.net.

**2ND THU (6:00 PM)**
- **SANTA MARGARITA GROUP**
  - **MEETING:** Monthly meeting except July and August. The public is welcome. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pusa Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (756) 767-2324 scsierrabchb@gmail.com.

**3RD TUE (7:00 PM)**
- **LOS SERRANOS GROUP**
  - **MEETING:** Monthly program meetings (except July and August). The public is welcome and refreshments will be served. See Los Serranos website for detailed program information. www.sangorgonio.sieraclub.org/meetings. PLACE: EDUCATIONAL First Building, First Presbyterian Church, 869 N. Euclid Ave, Upland CA. INFO: BRUNI LIEBB (chairperson), email: briulliebt@aol.com.

**3RD THU (6:30 PM)**
- **BIG BEAR GROUP**
  - **MEETING:** Monthly meeting except December. INFO: for current program information, please visit the group web site www.sieraclubbigbear.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ED WALLACE, (909) 584-9407, www. sierraclubbigbear.org.

**4TH TUE (7:00 PM)**
- **SAN GORGONIO CHAPHER EXCOM**
  - **MEETING:** Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Group office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RICK ESTES (951) 314-3328 scsangor@gmail.com.

**WEEKLY RECURRING FITNESS ACTIVITIES**

Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings

**MON 6:00 PM**
- **RIVERSIDE MT. RUIDOUX ONE HOUR FITNESS WALK**
  - **MEET:** Ninth Street entrance to Mr. Ribulbins. INFO: Judy Smith 951-369-5117.
  - **SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER**

**MON 7:00 PM**
- **MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING HIKE**
  - **HIKE:** Please join me for a 3 to 6 mile conditioning hike (usually 3 miles) beside the Mojave River in Apple Valley. We leave promptly at 7 PM. MEET: In the Jess Ranch Marketplace parking lot closest to the Mojave River Bed, between the Jess Ranch Cinematic and Bed, Bath & Beyond Store, address: 18815 Bear Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308. Light post location is 158. Walks are paced for participants. Come enjoy the evening air, river breeze, sunsets, stars & moon on this Mojave River walk. BRING: Flashlight & water. WEAR: layered clothing and good hiking shoes. For questionable weather please call Leader: Melody Nichols (760) 961-0731.
  - **MOJAVE GROUP**

**WED 7:00 PM**
- **MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING WALK**
  - **WALK:** Please join us for a 3 mile conditioning walk beside the Mojave River in Apple Valley. We leave promptly at 7 PM. MEET: In the Jess Ranch Marketplace parking lot closest to the Mojave River Bed, between the Jess Ranch Cinematic and Bed, Bath & Beyond Store, address: 18815 Bear Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308. Light post location is 158. Walks are paced for participants. Come enjoy the evening air, river breeze, sunsets, stars & moon on this 3 mile Mojave River walk. BRING: Flashlight & water. WEAR: layered clothing and good hiking shoes. Leaders: Bill Breppen bgfr365@gmail.com (951) 452-4070 and Eddy Wallace (760) 228-0730 scsierrabchb@gmail.com.

**FRI 7:00 PM**
- **MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING HIKE**
  - **HIKE:** Please join me for a 6 to 8 mile conditioning hike (usually 3 miles) beside the Mojave River in Apple Valley. We leave promptly at 7 PM. MEET: In the Jess Ranch Marketplace parking lot closest to the Mojave River Bed, between the Jess Ranch Cinematic and Bed, Bath & Beyond Store, Address: 18815 Bear Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308. Light post location is 158. Come enjoy the evening air, river breeze, sunsets, stars & moon on this Mojave River walk. BRING: Flashlight & water. WEAR: layered clothing and good hiking shoes. For questionable weather please call Leader: Melody Nichols (760) 961-0731.

**AUGUST 11 – AUGUST 17**

Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings

(Also refer to Weekly recourrring Outings and Activities)

**AUG 13 (WED) 6:30 AM**
- **CUCAMONGA PEAK**
  - **HIKE:** This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Cucamonga Peak (elevation 8595 ft), 12 miles round trip with 3850 ft. elevation gain. The trail follows the creek for the first 1 1/2 miles under a canopy of oak, spruce, fir, and pine. Scenic view in all directions from the top of Cucamonga Peak. Rain cancels. Adventure Pass required at trailhead. BRING: sturdy shoes, 3 liters water, lunch, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: John St.Clair, (909) 983-8501, cliohn@clair.us.
  - **LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

**AUG 16 (SAT) 7:30 AM**
- **GRINNELL MOUNTAIN PEAK**
  - **HIKE:** Our hike will begin at Aspen Grove trailhead (7,410') and we will hike 2.0 miles to the Fish on this Mojave River walk. BRING: Flashlight & water. WEAR: layered clothing and good hiking shoes. Leaders: Bill Breppen bgfr365@gmail.com (951) 452-4070 and Eddy Wallace (760) 228-0730 scsierrabchb@gmail.com.
  - **LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

**AUG 21 (THU) 7:00 PM**
- **BIG BEAR GROUP**
  - **MEETING:** Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the group web site www.sieraclubbigbear.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ED WALLACE, (909) 584-9407, www. sierraclubbigbear.org.

**AUGUST 28 – AUGUST 31**

Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings

(Also refer to Weekly recourrring Outings and Activities)
SEP 2 (TUE) 7:00 PM   SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
**SEP 2 (TUE) 7:00 PM   SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING
**SEP 3 (WED) 6:30 PM   BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
**SEP 3 (WED) 6:30 PM   MOJA VE GROUP MEETING
**SEP 3 (WED) 6:30 PM   LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING
**SEP 4 (THU) 6:00 PM   OAK GLEN HIKE
**SEP 5 (FRI) 6:00 PM WELLMAN DIVIDE (PAM SPRINGS TRAM) HIKE
**SEP 6 (SAT) 5:00 PM BAR ferm 4000 MEETING
**SEP 6 (SAT) 6:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
**SEP 7 (SUN) 6:30 PM   SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING
**SEP 8 (MON) 7:00 PM   SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING
**SEP 9 (TUE) 7:00 PM   CHAPTeR CONSERVATION COMMISSIO Na MEETING
**SEP 10 (WED) 5:00 PM   HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE
**SEP 10 (WED) 9:00 AM   SAN DIMAS CANYON HIKE
**SEP 10 (WED) 7:00 PM   MOJA VE GROUP MEETING
**SEP 11 (THU) 6:00 PM   SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
**SEP 13 (SAT) 7:30 AM   BOX SPRINGS PARK HIKE
**SEP 13 (SAT) 7:30 AM   GOLD MOUNTAIN HIKE
**SEP 13 (SAT) 7:30 AM   FOREST ROUTE 541 MOUNTAIN CENTER HIKE
**SEP 13 (SAT) 8:00 AM   BOX SPRINGS PARK HIKE
**SEP 13 (SAT) 8:00 AM   BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
**SEP 13 (SAT) 8:00 AM   GOLD MOUNTAIN HIKE
**SEP 13 (SAT) 8:00 AM   FOREST ROUTE 541 MOUNTAIN CENTER HIKE
**SEP 13 (SAT) 8:00 AM   GOLD MOUNTAIN HIKE
**SEP 15 – SEPTEMBER 21 Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings (Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings and Activities)
This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Telegraph Peak. Bring layered clothing and at least a quart of water. Meet at the Ice House Canyon parking lot prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: John St. Clair, 909-983-8501, johndeclair@siavers.com

**SEP 29 (SAT) 7:00 AM** FISH CREEK TO BIG TREE HIKE
This is a great crowd hikes through the beautiful San Gorgonio Wilderness. This is a full day of rigorous hiking. The hike begins at Fish Creek T/H (8,080') and climbs to Fish Creek Saddle (9,805') followed dropping into Minneola Flat (9,280') and then continuing 1.0 miles to Big Tree. This hike is an 11.6 R/T hike. RATED: Strenuous. We will meet at the junction of Hwy 38 and Heart Bar exit. We shall meet at this junction at 6:30 am. From this location, we will carpool to the trailhead. BRING: ten-essentials, a minimum of 3 litres of water, lunch, and sun protection. RESERVATIONS: Call early to San Gorgonio Wilderness Permits needs to be obtained. This hike is limited to 12 participants. Call hiking leader, Ed Caliendo (442) 242-4103 or email at dogs110@msn.com

**SEP 21 (Sun) 8:00 AM** SANTA ANA RIVER TRAIL HIKE
This is a nice, mostly shaded loop hike with 800' of elevation gain from the trees from Glascid to the Santa Ana River Headwaters. We will break for lunch then the hike back to our cars along the service road which actually is closer to the River. RATED: This hike is approximately 10 miles round trip and is rated Moderate in difficulty. MEET: AT the top of Glascid Rd. and Hwy 38. BRING: Ten-essentials, 3 litres of water, lunch, sun protection, and trekking poles. RESERVATIONS: Contact David Melton, Hiking Leader at (909) 584-9407 or dcmelton@charter.net

**SEP 23 (TUE) 8:00 AM** CHAPMAN/ICE HOUSE CANYON TRAIL HIKE
This is a timely hike for Autumnal Equinox of 8 miles with a 2100 elevation gain. This will be a moderate slow paced hike and perhaps we will see some fall colors as we look forward to cooler weather. Bring layered clothing at least a quart of water. Meet at the Ice House Canyon trailhead. Joe Whete 909-949-0989 whyteje@msn.com.

**SEP 23 (TUE) 7:00 PM** SAN GORGONIO CHORUS EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Ave., Riverside, INFO. BICK ESTES (951) 314-3282 sacango@charter.com

**SEP 24 (Wed) 5:00 PM** HIKE TO THE "M"
Difficult 4 mile round trip hike to the "M" on Box Springs. Trail has some very steep areas. We start promptly at 5:00 PM. Bring: water, flashlights and sturdy shoes. Hiking poles are handy for this hike. MEET: from 608y in Moreno Valley go north on Pigeon Pass to left at the light on Hidden Springs Drive. First left at the Box Springs Mountain Park sign. Park at the first parking area before the gravel road. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADERS: Eileen O’Brien (951) 661-9736 and Theresa Carson (951) 660-7246 or tcarsontl@gmail.com

**SEP 27 (SAT) 7:00 AM** SECTION B, PCT, DEVILS Slide TO FULLER RIDGE HIKE
This is a continuation of our goal to complete Section B of the Pacific Crest Trail in 2014. This segment will consist of a 14.5 mile hike. This hike can start at either Fuller Ridge or at the Devils Slide T/H. Hiking from Devils Slide 3005 T/H at the end of Ferry Rd. Highway, 2.5 miles up Trail 3005 to Saddle Junction (8,100') and the PCT. Turn left and go north 1.8 miles to the Wildman Cienega trail (9,307') then 2.5 miles to Marion Ridge Trailhead 7317 (8,070'). Continue 2.1 miles to the PCT. Then descend 1.4 miles to 8,689' where another 3.8 miles you reach Fuller Ridge (.875'), where you then explore 3.9 miles to the Fuller Ridge T/H (7,795'). RATED: Moderate in difficulty. MEET: At 7:00 AM at the U.S. Forest Ranger Station, 54270 Pine Crest Road. Full insurance coverage is required to the backpackers. Trailhead will be on the same road; begin BRING: at minimum of 3 litres of water, layered clothing, energy snacks, lunch, and sun protection. RESERVATIONS: To register please call J.L. Foster, Hiking Leader at (951) 845-9440 or email at jlfoster@charter.net

**SEP 28 (Sun) 2:00 PM** SAN JUAN TRAIL HIKE
This hike is ideal for those new to outdoor activities and looking for something short and easy. Families welcome. The loop is a 2.2-mile hike through a beautiful canyon with shady oaks and giant boulders. Start time is 2:00pm. Meet at the parking lot across from the Ortega Candy Store on Highway 74 “the Ortega Highway”. A wilderness pass is required and is available at most sporting goods stores. “First is one (first) and is only fifty five.” Bring the ten essentials including water, sunscreen, hats, and snacks. Sturdy shoes recommended. Contact Margaret Meyncke, m.meyncke@gmail.com, 951.553-6231

**SEPTEMBER 29 – OCTOBER 5** Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings (Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outions and Activities)

**OCT 3 (TUE) 6:00 PM** SNOW VALLEY/LAKEVIEW POINT LOOP HIKE
This is a 7 mile hike through mixed oak and pine forests. Depending on the weather we may get the first fall of color as the black oak starts to change. The trail reveals views of Snow Valley, Kelleram. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. Contact John St. Clair difficulty. After the hike, if the group wants we can meet for lunch at a local restaurant. MEET: We will meet at the Vons parking lot at 4210 Big Bear Blvd. Big Bear Lake, CA at 8:00 AM. BRING: ten-essentials, 2 litres of water and a snack. RESERVATIONS: For trailhead information call Ed Wallace 909 584-9407 or email at edjeanne@charter.net

**OCT 1 (Wed) 5:00 PM** SACRAMON E CANYON FROM ALLENSANDRO SI DE HIKE
Moderate 3 to 4 mile hike in Sycamore Canyon. BRING: water, flashlights, and sturdy shoes. MEET: 7001 Bartnie St. Riverside, 92508, off Alessandro. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: The Cars (951) 724-0828 or edjeanne@charter.net

**OCT 1 (Wed) 6:30 PM** BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ED WALLACE, (909) 581-9407, edjeanne@charter.net

**OCT 3 (Fri) 8:00 AM** GRAY’S PEAK HIKE
This is a “Peaks” of Big Bear hike. Those achieving all five peaks over looking the Big Bear Valley will be given a commemorative patch. RATED: Moderate. This hike is 7.0 miles, 1,400 ft. of elevation gain. We will take some time to get to a more comfortable elevation of the trail. MEET: At the Vons parking lot at 4210 Big Bear Blvd. Big Bear Lake, CA at 8:00 AM or the Gray’s Peak T/H at 8:15 AM. BRING: ten-essentials, 2 litres of water and a snack.

**OCT 4 (SAT) 8:30 AM** ASPEN GROVE TO FISH CREEK MEADOWS HIKE
Those interested seeing the Aspen trees changing to autumn colors and then hiking along the moving waters of Fish Creek towards Fish Creek Meadows should participate in this hike. The hike will be approximately 8.2 miles round trip in duration. RATED: Moderate in difficulty. The elevation gain is approximately 910 feet. MEET: Hikers are at meet at the Heart Bar exit on Hwy 38. We will car pool to the trailhead. BRING: the ten-essentials, layered clothing, 2-liters of water, lunch, sun protection, and trekking poles. REGISTRATION: Limited space available. To save your position please call Roberta Darrow, hiking leader at (990) 362-2531.

**OCT 5 (SUN) 9:00 AM** SNOW VALLEY/LAKEVIEW POINT LOOP HIKE
This is a great conditioning hike through the beautiful San Gorgonio Wilderness. This is a full day of rigorous hiking. The hike begins at Fish Creek T/H (8,080’) and climbs to Fish Creek Saddle (9,805’) followed dropping into Minneola Flat (9,280’) and then continuing 1.0 miles to Big Tree. This hike is an 11.6 R/T hike. RATED: Strenuous. We will meet at the junction of Hwy 38 and Heart Bar exit. We shall meet at this junction at 6:30 am. From this location, we will carpool to the trailhead. BRING: ten-essentials, a minimum of 3 litres of water, lunch, sun protection, and trekking poles. RESERVATIONS: contact Leader Steven Farrell for important details and to verify where we’ll meet: 661-449-2867 or car_s unforgettable@hotmail.com

**OCT 6 (MON) 6:00 PM** SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING

**OCT 6 (MON) 6:00 PM** BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
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MONTHLY MEETING SUBJECTS
All our General Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at the Discovery Center at starting at 6:30 pm.

September 18th (Thursday at 6:30 p.m.) For many years now the Big Bear Group has dedicated its meeting in September to showcase an important and interesting film or films on environmental subjects. This year’s choice is the full length Walt Disney film (78 min). Disneynature: “Bears” This movie is a documentary that follows a year in the life of a bear family on the majestic Alaskan backdrop. Astonishing cinematography captures the action and suspense of this endearing family learning to live to its fullest in one of the planets last great wildernesses. See this film on a large 15’ x 15’ screen at the Discovery Centers auditorium. Film starts promptly at 6:40 p.m. free popcorn and refreshments for everyone.

October 16th (Thursday at 6:30 p.m.) Long before the white man occupied the Big Bear Valley it was home to the Serrano Indians. This evenings meeting will give you insight into their history and way of life. The Serrano Indians present “People of the Pines” The Big Bear early days. Paakuma Tawinat, Serrano Indian representative, discusses the ancestral lands, subsistence lifeway’s and culture of the People of the Pines who were the early inhabitants of our valley, prior to the white men’s arrival. The Serrano Indian presentation will be shown on the large 15’ x 15” Discovery Center Theater screen.

CONSERVATION
I’ve been conservation chair of the Big Bear Group for eleven years. At times I have been totally discouraged by the political climate and lack of any sort of environmental awareness by most of our elected officials and citizens. However, things are changing in Big Bear that make me optimistic for its future. I sit on the board of a number of organizations that are slowly turn things around. The Big Bear Group has been has been heavily involved with the Big Bear Valley Education Trust, the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust, the USFS, the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District, and others to protect and restore the Sawmill and Villa Grove Pebble Plains. The City of Big Bear Lake is working with the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District and other organizations to develop a trail similar to the peddle path on the north shore that will run from the lake to San7 Canyon near the present location of the zoo. This project which runs along Rabbitt Creek will not only result in a path that will expand the family friendly outdoor recreation opportunities in the valley but will also help restore the habitat along the creek. The Big Bear Valley Education Trust is working with the school district to develop outdoor education curriculums that will utilize the Rabbitt Creek project and the pebble plain restoration as real life educational opportunities for our students. The Big Bear Valley Trails Foundation along with the USFS was the driving force behind the planning and development Skyline Trail and the closure of unauthorized downhill trails that were causing extreme erosion problems. Recently the Friends of the Big Bear Valley (formally the Friends of Fawnskin) has been formed that has brought together civic organizations, the City of Big Bear Lake, the County, the Chamber of Commerce, the Resort Association and others to explore ways of expanding environmental tourism in the Big Bear Valley. There is much to left do but I must admit over the last decade things have improved for the better.

Land stewardship can be easy…

Big Bear Group members find themselves far and wide and doing extraordinary things to help protect the planet. Some do little things at home and others travel far and wide to help fight pollution, protect wilderness and wild creatures and much, much, more. Most of you have heard of the plight of the Wolves at Yellowstone National Park and the attack on the Endangered Species Act. But did you know that one of our local members traveled there recently to speak for the wolves? Read the article “Speak for Wolves: Yellowstone 2014 a Big Success” – to your right – where Catherine Feher-Elston describes that event. “The price of survival, democracy and freedom is vigilance” Catherine Feher-Elston.

Vigilance is paramount in your neighborhood. It takes a little to a lot of effort. It means that you read and become more aware of what is being proposed and that you participate in the “process.” This can mean a simple letter to the editor, a one page or multiple page comment for a proposed land use plan. We thank the many Big Bear Group members who continue to do their part in this process at the level that their expertise/comfort and with their available time.

Land Stewardship could also be as easy as hiking the designated trail and doing so as often as possible. By just hiking the trail we help preserve it and maintain it. We become familiar with it and we become vigilant to the subtle changes – perhaps the increase in letters or graffiti, the increase of unauthorized use by bicycle or motorcycle or a proposal that will negatively impact the enjoyment of that trail. We become aware of who to contact with the issues. We begin to work together to find a solution. Our members do just that with many sections of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail as it runs through our backyard. We help protect the nearby “Open Spaces” and National Parks from inappropriate proposals such as industrial solar and wind energy plans that will destroy the fundamental nature of those lands FOREVER!

Never before has your voice been needed for so much in the Mojave Desert. Don’t give up! Be vigilant and speak out as often as you can. Join the magnificant voice of others which is the only way we will stop the proposals that now threaten to destroy what we find precious about the Mojave Desert. Join us at our monthly meetings on the 2nd Weds of the month to learn more. We have door prizes. In the coming months will we be giving away two wonderful books written by Catherine Feher-Elston: “Wolfsong: A Natural and Fabulous History of Wolves” and “Ravensong: A Natural and Fabulous History of Ravens and Crows.”

Call for Nominations for the Executive Committee of the Mojave Group (ExCom).
We are looking for dedicated members who want to take on the exciting and challenging role of serving on the ExCom. All members are invited to make a nomination of any member (including yourself) to be a candidate in the upcoming election for the ExCom. The term of office for the positions is two years, beginning in Jan 2015. ExCom members organize and run the business of the Group. Presently we meet at 6:00 pm just prior to the General Meeting at the Sterling Inn on Ridgecrest Rd in Victorville (this can change). All members are welcome to attend ExCom meetings. Email Jenny Wilder at Jen@Oasis@aol.com with your nomination or call 760 220 0730 or contact one of the other current ExCom members: Carol Wiley, Kim Floyd, Bryan Baker, Melody Nichols, or Bill Spreng.

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By Catherine Feher-Elston

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The Moreno Valley Group will start its fall schedule of outings with a Hidden Springs Hike on September 27. For information, contact Matt Straite at MSTRAITE@rctlma.org or (951) 796-1194.

The Moreno Valley Group will hold their executive committee election this fall. Anyone who has been a member for more than two years and is interested in running for a position with the group can excommunicate their information to the MV Group Nominating Committee at movalleygroup@yahoo.com.

The proposed World Logistics Center (WLC) is a 41,600,000 square foot warehouse project which would put 41,600,000 square feet of warehouses on 2,710 acres of land south of Highway 60. If built, it would share a two-mile border with the San Jacinto Wildlife Area, home to threatened/endangered species as well as more than 20 species of raptors. The city may have the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) out by late summer or early fall. Please plan on attending planning commission and city council public hearings on the WLC. You can speak, attend and support those who hearings on the WLC. You can speak.

You and others you know can help our local Moreno Valley Group raise funds for our ongoing work at absolutely no cost to yourself. We are now participating in Provident Bank’s Community Partnership Program, funding program aimed at giving money back to the local Moreno Valley community. The program allows those who bank at any of the 14 branches of Provident Bank to “link” their personal and/or business accounts to the Moreno Valley Group account which is held at Provident Bank. This means that at the end of the year, Provident Bank gives us a percentage of all the deposits in all the accounts “linked” to the Proposal. The Moreno Valley Group Treasurer at (951) 796-1194.

You can help support the local Moreno Valley Group by a percentage of all the deposits in all the accounts “linked” to the Moreno Valley Group, Sierra Club. The percentage donated to us does not come from your accounts and “linking” your personal or business accounts to our group account is kept completely confidential by the bank.

If you are interested in participating, just ask to ask a teller to “link” your account—do it is that all accounts are linked to the Moreno Valley Group. The percentage donated to us is 100% confidential by the bank.

If you have any questions about this program or the process, please feel free to call Mary Jiannino, the Moreno Valley Group Treasurer at (951) 796-1194.

Please speak. It is important that all voices be heard in the planning process. Please speak. It is important that all voices be heard in the planning process.

A joint comment letter on the project was submitted by Sierra Club, Earthjustice & Friends of the Mohave and Redlands Blvd. The project was continued to August 26 with the possibility that the project proponent might revise the plan. For more information contact: Jeff Bradshaw, Assoc. Planner, City of Moreno Valley, (951) 413-4224, jeff.reading Valley, (951) 413-4224, jeff.reading Valley, or (951) 796-1194.

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Sierra Club 2015 Engagement Calendar
Week-by-week format, featuring 57 spectacular photographs and “wire-o” binding.

Volunteers Needed—For outreach & membership, Sierra Club calendar sales, fundraising, tabling at community events, organizing group meetings, managing a Twitter account. If you are interested in helping us, email us at movalleygroup@yahoo.com.

One of the many events at the San Jacinto Wildlife Area
Photo by George Hague
High clearance vehicle is recommended. Meet at the Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley boulders to explore. We will be hiking through the public lands where the North Peak Wind Farm An easy hike from the Keller Peak Road takes us to the Giant Sequoia grove planted in 1972. **OCT 17 (FRI) 9:30 AM     S B MTS, CHILDEREN’S FOREST, SEQUOIA GROVE             HIKE Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ED WALLACE, (909) 584-9407, www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org **OCT 16 (THU) 6:30 PM            BIG BEAR GROUP  MEETING in Moreno Valley, exit on Pigeon Pass. Drive north on Pigeon Pass about 4 miles, turns into Box **OCT 15 (WED) 4:30 PM         SKYLINE LOOP TRAIL BOX SPRINGS                       HIKE SB MOUNTAINS GROUP **OCT 11 (SAT) 7:00 AM                             MT. BALDY                                                      HIKE SANTA MARGARITA GROUP . . . Continued from Page 5 SEPT-OCT 2014

OCT 14 (TUE) 7:00 PM    CHARTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  MEETING Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate!

OCT 10 (SUN) 8:00 AM    ALICE JONES SNORTER  MEETING LEADER: John Meyncke, 951.259.9148, john.meyncke@gmail.com

OCT 10 (SAT) 9:00 AM    AGUA CALIENTE TRAIL HIKE Join us on a three-mile hike (out and back). This is a section of the PCT (Pacific Crest Trail) that runs through northern San Diego County. It is an easy hike with no elevation gain/loss. We estimate the hike will take two hours to complete. The trail runs north along a creek for about a mile. There is a good variety of wildlife we may see. We will have lunch or a snack, then turn around to return. Families are welcome. We will set an easy pace and stop to identify plants and flowers. Directions: From South 95 in Temecula (Temecula Parkway) head east about 53 miles from the junction of South 99 and Margarita Rd. After passing the glider port, look for a large gravel turnout (parking area) on the right side of the road. That is where we will meet. We plan to look for a Nokia picnic with a large Sierra Club Bridge. Bring plenty of water, a lunch, comfortable hiking shoes, a hat, sunscreen, and dress in layers. For further questions or to make reservations contact: Margaret Meyeck 951.551.6321 or m.meyecke@gmail.com.

SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

OCT 10 (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) 337-0113.

OCT 15 (WED) 4:30 PM  SKYLINE LOOP TRAIL BOX SPRINGS HIKE Moderate 3-mile hike on Skyline Loop 1. BRING: water, flashlight, sturdy shoes, and parking fee, $5 per car. MEET: 9600 Box Springs Mountain Road, Moreno Valley, 92577. From 66/30w in Moreno Valley, exit on Pigeon Pass. Drive north on Pigeon Pass about 4 miles, turns into Box Springs Mountain Rd. and soon turns to dirt. In 1.2 miles you reach the parking area on the right. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADERS: Eileen O’Brien (951) 616-9797 and Theresa Car sonic (951) 660-7246 or efarkon18@gmail.com.

BIG BEAR GROUP

OCT 18 (SAT) 8:30 AM    ELDERBERRY SPRINGS TO HIDDEN FALLS HIKE Join us for a moderate-strenuous 5.6 mile loop hike to important wildlife watering places in the Cucamonga Valley. There are also potentially stunning views from this area. Bring a lunch as well as your binoculars to enjoy. We will be hiking though the public lands where the North Peak Wind Farm is located. The trail is an out and back hike. The first 1.5 miles are hilly and the next 1.5 miles is hilly and has a elevation gain but is not really steep. High vegetation clearance is recommended. Meet at the Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road at 8:30am. Contact Carol Stubbs lillefieldshiresrodeo1@gmail.com 760 964 0390 or Jenny Wilder Jenosis@yahoo.com or 760 220 0730.

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We have endorsed three candidates for Congress who represent different parts of the San Gorgonio Chapter:

- Pete Aguilar in Congressional District 31.
- Raul Ruiz in Congressional District 36.
- Mike Takano in Congressional District 41.

We have endorsed Karalee Hargrove for District 42.

NOTE:
We have not endorsed any candidates for the California State Senate.
For the State Assembly, we have made only one endorsement:

We intend to focus our efforts on only two of these campaigns. Dr. Raul Ruiz in CD, 36 who faces a very tough battle with Assembly Member Brian Nestande, and Karalee Hargrove in AD42 who is facing Chad Mayes, a graduate of Liberty University, who tends to think the Sierra Club represents environmental crazies. The voter registration in this district heavily favors Republicans, so getting out the environmental vote will be critical.
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Yet honeybee populations are in significant decline.

WHAT IS THE SCIENCE BEHIND THE DWINDLING HONEYBEE POPULATIONS? There is a strong body of scientific peer reviewed papers linking the honeybee demise to a widely-used class of pesticide called neonicotinoids ("neonic" for short). This new class of pesticides has been registered for use since the early 1990’s. Commonly used neonicides are imidacloprid, clothianidin, thiamethoxam (and others).

Traditionally, pesticides are applied directly to the crop or plant.

In 2005, Monsanto received patents to “coat” their pesticide propygenically manipulated seeds with neonics, primarily manufactured by Syngenta and Bayer.

Since 2005, seed treatments became the new norm, in order to protect emerging seedlings from pests. These neonic coated seeds are encapsulated with a material which releases the pesticide slowly. This new norm, in order to protect emerging seedlings from pests.

The surge in seed treatments coincided closely with the crash in honeybee populations. In 2006, David Hakenberg, former president of the American Beekeeping Federation, and other beekeepers discovered their foraging bees left the colony in search of pollen and nectar but did not come back, which is highly unusual for a social insect to leave a queen and its brood or young behind.

This finding of neurobehavioral disruption is a significant distinction of Colony Collapse Disorder.

Other responses include intuitions in bee mobility, navigation, feeding behavior, foraging activity, memory and learning, and overall hive activity.

NEONICS IMPACT ON BEES: NEONICS also impair the bee’s immune system, leaving it much more susceptible to attacks by parasitic fungi and other disease agents.

Exposure to neonics has both lethal and sublethal effects on honeybees. Lethal effects occur when bees die within a few hours from exposure to a high dose.

Sublethal effects measured at very low doses in parts per billion or even parts per trillion, result in various harmful symptoms. Exposure to neonics has both lethal and sublethal effects on honeybees.

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Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Registration of Neonicotinoids: The U.S. EPA has allowed the very rapid and ubiquitous expansion of neonic application to most farmland in North America.

EPA registration was based solely on the data submitted by the companies manufacturing their proprietary pesticide (primarily Bayer Crop Science).

In addition, EPA did not consider sublethal effects on honeybees in the approval process.

EPA spokesperson Margie Fehrenbacher’s said Sierra Club’s GEAT (9/10/2008), stating: “With the recent concerns about the unusual honey bee losses in this country, we are now examining more advanced methodologies for assessing behavioral effects, such as mobility, navigation/orientation, feeding patterns, learning performance, and community organization. In particular, there are potential methods for assessing some types of sublethal effects and to use the information in a regulatory context, standardized methods and protocols need to be developed for in vivo measuring these types of behavioral effects.”

DOES THE MULTINATIONAL AGRIBUSINESS EXPRESS THE SCIENCE?

Numerous independent scientists signed a statement which included: “When those with a vested interest in neonics have an unreasonable doubt around inconvenient results, or when governments exploit political opportunities by picking and choosing from a stochastic feedback loop, they jeopardize public confidence in scientific methods and institutions, and also put their own citizenry at risk.”

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TAKE ACTION: Tell the story. Call Congressional representatives to support the Saving America’s Pollinator Act of 2013 (H.R. 2962). Phone calls are more effective than emails. Encourage garden centers to refrain from selling neonic-treated plants.

Replace grass with edibles and pollinator plants in residential and business areas.

Plant edible gardens. Insta-backyard beehives. Encourage cities to ban neonicotinoids.


ENDURING THOUGHTS As Dr. Benbrook so eloquently explained in his Rachel Carson Memorial Lecture (12/2008), “Our failure to ask ecologically-grounded questions, coupled with the economic power behind the private sector push toward high-cost systemic, genetic engineering and proprietary pest management technology, has set the stage for a series of train wrecks.”

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Sierra Club’s GEAT sent a press release (11/11/2009) announcing the release of Nicotine Bees. The McClatchy newspaper publisher picked up the story, which made it into local offices and agencies.

Following the Purdue study entitled “Multiple Routes of Pesticide Exposure for Honey Bees Living Near Agricultural Fields,” Sierra Club’s GEAT sent a press release (1/10/2012) with the header: “New research should nail the coffin lid shut on a toxic bee-killing pesticide.” Again, our release was picked up on the McClatchy wire. www.plosone.org/article/ info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.ami.0091364

Sierra Club and other groups and beekeepers (3/21/2013) filed a lawsuit in Federal District Court against the EPA for failure to perform adequate toxicity evaluations and allowing registration of the pesticides on insufficient scientific evidence.

According to Dr. Benbrook, the EPA has never denied an application for a new pesticide, nor banned a currently registered product because of adverse impacts on bees, nor is it likely to overcome new legislation and a push from the public and Congress. Therefore Sierra Club sent numerous action alerts for members to encourage Congress to support the Saving America’s Pollinator Act of 2013 (H.R. 2962).

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To reserve space, send a $100 check, written to Sierra Club plus the services of a ranger/naturalist.

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Chapter's October Program: “Beautiful Bali”

Mike and Jan Millspaugh describe their visit to Bali earlier this year in a program illustrated with their photographs.

The meeting starts at 7:30 PM October 7th
at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands.

The tropical island of Bali, just east of Java, is part of the nation of Indonesia. Called the “Island of the Gods,” Bali’s four million inhabitants are 85% Hindu in contrast to the rest of Indonesia, which is predominately Muslim. Balinese culture is unique and deeply spiritual. With its many cultural, historical and archaeological attractions, Bali is one of the world’s top island destinations.

Mike and Jan spent some time at the quiet, fashionable and beautiful seaside resort of Seminyak. In the Balinese cultural heart of Ubud, they appreciated this center for art, dance, and music. They visited Ubud’s famed Monkey Forest and saw several museums in town.

The couple were also able to tour the island, seeing the ancient rice terraces, many temples, lakes, and the Agung and Batur volcanos. Mike and Jan live in Riverside. Mike is a retired special education teacher at Moreno Valley High School. Jan, also retired, was a clinical therapist with the San Bernardino County Department of Mental Health. They enjoy travel and in recent years have traveled to over 25 cities on five continents.