September 5th’s Chapter Program . . .
“Conservation: A Watershed Issue”
Presented by Thomas Atchley

Redlands historian Tom Atchley will speak at the September chapter meeting on the topic of the forest preservation movement in America, with emphasis on Southern California forests. The story starts when President Benjamin Harrison set aside the San Gabriel Timberland Reserve in 1892, the first in California. The reserve became the Angeles National Forest 16 years later. Who were the individuals and organizations that led to this act of protection? Tom will discuss how the Department of the Interior managed the reserves and what criticism the department received. His talk will answer many questions:

What prompted the Interior Department to take more aggressive steps to protect the forest reserves? How did Abbott Kinney, Theodore Lukens, John Muir and Gifford Pinchot direct the conservation movement? What impact did President Theodore Roosevelt have on conservation in Southern California? Tom’s presentation will reveal a web of individuals and organizations, including the Sierra Club, that educated the public on the impact that forests had on water supply.

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

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Calendar of Outings, Meetings, Events

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A film by Tom Atchley

What was the impact of forests on the public on the conservation movement? What threatened the forests of Southern California?

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CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS
Deadline: Items for the November/December Calendar are due by October 1, 2017.
Format: Items must be submitted electronically if possible. Include: Outings: Send write-ups, articles or group Section Chair.
MEETINGS: Send electronically to Ladd Seekins at ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com

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

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

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

LIABILITY WAIVER – To participate on one of the Sierra Club’s outings, you will need to sign a liability waiver. If you are a member of the San Gorgonio Chapter, you are expected to sign the waiver prior to the outing, please visit the San Gorgonio Chapter website at sangorgonio.sierraclub.org and click on Disclaimers under the Outings tab.

RECURRING MONTHLY MEETINGS (LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

(1ST MON) 6:00 PM MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on the first Monday of selected months:
MOUNTAINS GROUP

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

(1ST THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM ODD-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, contact BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianeli@aol.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

(2ND MON) 7:00 PM MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING
Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard’s Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on the first Monday of selected months:
MOUNTAINS GROUP

(2ND TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER, (909) 585-1062, jrcicket47@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

(2ND WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER, (909) 585-1062, jrcicket47@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

(2ND WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Franciscoa, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: SUSAN STEBBER, susanstebber@gmail.com
MOJAVE GROUP

(2ND THU) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except July & August. The public is welcome to attend meetings open at 6:00 PM, meeting starts at 6:30. PLACE: Morongo Valley Community Center parking lot, 30600 Puesta Road, Temecula. INFO: PAT NELSON (951) 767-2324 sierracalifbg@gmail.com
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

(3RD TUE) LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING
Monthly except July & August. PLACE: The Los Serranos Group is changing its meeting location. Please see the September 19 and October 17 meeting notices for the leader and time. MEET: The meeting starts at 6:00 PM. Please bring a picnic dinner in September. The October and other future meetings start at 7:00 PM. INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianeli@aol.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

(3RD THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except January, February and December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site <sierracalif.org/big-bear/PLACE. BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING EXCOM.

ELLEN KESLER, (909) 585-1062, jrcicket47@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

(4TH TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379
CHAPTER

WEEKLY RECURRING FITNESS ACTIVITIES
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings

MON 6:00 PM RIVERSIDE MT. RUBIDOUX ONE HOUR FITNESS WALK
CHAPTER

AUG 21 – AUGUST 27 Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings
Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings and Activities

AUG 22 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379.
CHAPTER

AUG 25 (FRI) 9:00 AM KELLER/MIT PEAK, COYOTE ROCK AREA HIKE
Come join us for a 4-5 mile moderate conditioning hike to explore this region of the San Gorgonio Wilderness. MEET: Robert Hootman Senior/Community Center parking lot, 2929 Running Springs School Rd., Running Springs, CA 92372. WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING snacks and water. CALL to check on weather conditions. LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS, 909-939-5790 (no text), karlakellem@gmail.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

AUG 26 (SAT) 8:00 AM BLUE RIDGE HIKE
This is a moderate 4-mile hike with a 600 foot elevation gain. BRING: water, snacks, sun protection and WEAR sturdy footwear. MEET: 8:00 AM at the Victor Valley Museum, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley. LEADER: NORMAN BOSOM, (760) 912-3725, coachnorn@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

AUG 27 (SUN) 8:00 AM SUGARLOAF HIKE
This is a peaks of Big Bear hike. Those achieving all five peaks will get a commemorative patch. This is what we have all been preparing ourselves for. With an elevation gain of 2,500 feet, this hike is by far the most demanding. We spend the first two miles of this 10 mile in-and-out hike in a lush and dense green forest of firs and pines, which eventually gives way to higher elevation trees like the cedar and juniper. RATED: Strenuous. BRING: The ten essentials including snack/lunch, 3 liters of water, light layered clothing, good hiking boots, trekking poles, sunglasses, sun block, and your camera. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER PETER MICHelsen, petermichelsen@gmail.com, 760-333-3103.
BIG BEAR GROUP

AUGUST 28 – SEPTEMBER 3 Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings
(Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings and Activities)

AUG 29 (TUE) 9:30 AM COUGAR CREST HIKE
HIKE This is the ridge that separates Big Bear Lake from Holcomb Valley to the North. It offers great views of the lake and the San Gorgonio Wilderness. 600’ elevation gain with an out and back distance of 5 miles. BRING: water, sturdy boots, layered clothing, good hiking boots, trekking poles, sunglasses, sun block, and your camera. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER JEFF WARHOL, 909-985-7686, jiwandjjw@hotmail.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

SEP 2 (SAT) 8:00 AM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
This is a moderate 5-mile hike with an elevation gain of 1000’ to the campground. The views from the campground are wonderful. BRING: Water, a snack and strong footwear are a must. MEET at the Victor Valley Museum, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley by 8:00 AM for a car pool. We will stop at the Wrightwood Community Center by 9:00 AM as another meeting place. Please call if you intend to be at the Community Center. LEADER: NORMAN BOSOM. 760-912-3725, coachnorn@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

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SEPTEMBER 4 – SEPTEMBER 10
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings (Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings and Activities).

SEP 4 & 8 (MON-FRI) JOEAN MUIR TRAIL
This trip takes us to the Ansel Adams Wilderness from Agnew Meadows (8300') to Lake Ediza (9290') and back. Lake Ediza is considered the most beautiful lake in the Ansel Adams Wilderness. This trip will enable us to visit Shadow Lake and view Banner Peak. RATED: Considered strenuous due to the rugged terrain. BRING: The ten-essentials, backpacking and camping gear, bear canister mandatory. MEET: Meeting place is yet to be determined. MEETING: Contact LEADER ED CALIENDO, dogs11@msn.com, 442-242-4103 or PETER MICHELS, (760) 333-3103, petermichelsen@gmail.com

SEP 5 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
MEETING: Program: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit 1-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com, (909) 800-3911.

SEP 6 (WED) 4:45 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS TRAIL MEET
HIKE: Moderate 4-mile loop on the Hidden Springs trail and arroyo. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills. BRING: water, brindy water shoes. Rain cancels. MEET: next to Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. Park along Greenridge Dr. next to the small park. INFO and LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7505 or cmt.teck@gmail.com CO-LEADER IN TRAINING: BEATRIZ VINDIOLA.

SEP 7 (THU) 7:00 PM MEET: next to Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. Park along Greenridge Dr. next to the small park. INFO and LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7505 or cmt.teck@gmail.com CO-LEADER IN TRAINING: BEATRIZ VINDIOLA.

SEP 9 (SAT) 8:00 AM TABLE MOUNTAIN, WRIGHTWOOD HIKE
This is a moderate 5 mile hike with a gentle 600’ elevation gain. At the top of the Mountain are spectacular views across the Mojave Desert. BRING: Water, a snack and strong footwear are required. Meet at the Victor Valley Museum, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley by 8am. We will stop at the Wrightwood Community Center by 9am to meet with other hikers. Please call if you intend to be at the Community Center. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSMAN. 760-912-3725, coach.norm@yahoo.com

SEP 9 (SAT) 8:00AM SB MTs, COYOTE ROCK HIKE
Come Join us for a 3.4 mile round trip moderate hike with a 500’ elevation gain. We will approach Coyote Rock from the backside, and returning on the trail. MEET Robert Hootman Senior Community Center parking lot (2909 Running Springs School Road Running Springs, CA 92382) WEAR: hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING: snacks and water. LEADER KARLA KELLEMS 909-939-5790 (no text) karlakellems@gmail.com. Please CALL to check on weather conditions.

SEP 9 (SAT) 9:00 AM MEET: at the school across from the Warner Springs Fire Station, 31049 Hwy 79, Warner Springs, CA. We will gather into as few vehicles as possible and caravan from there to the Barrel Springs trailhead to begin our hike. RESERVATIONS: Contact Hike LEADER, SHARON NARDIZZI at (760) 208-3654 or snardizzzi@cox.net or DARLENE Taylor (951) 385-5706 or duyilorncrew@verizon.com

SEP 10 (SUN) 8:00 AM KELLER PEAK - RUNNING SPRINGS AREA HIKE
This is a 6 - 6.5 mile shuttle hike at the Exploration Trail. We will park at the top of the Exploration Trail and walk to the road for KELLER Peak - Fire Lookout. Please check your lists carefully. We will stop at the Fire Lookout, we will take the road back to the Exploration Trail, and continue hiking down the road to where we will have left some cars. We will climb approximately 500 ft., and descend 1300 ft. through some impressive rock formations, pines, firs and chaparral. RATED: Moderate. BRING: 10 essentials, 2 liters of water, sun protection, snack/lunch, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. MEET: at the Exploration Trail trailhead which is off Hwy 18 and the Keller Peak Rd. Take Keller Peak Rd approximately 1/10th of a mile (0.1 mi) and the trailhead will be on the right. Adventure Pass required to park at the top. RESERVATIONS: Contact Hike LEADER JUDY ATKINSON (909) 950-9732, judy5723@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER 11 – SEPTEMBER 17
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SEP 11 (MON) 7:00 PM MOUNTAIN GROUP MEETING

SEP 12 (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.

SEP 13 (WED) 4:30 PM TWO TREES TRAIL HIKE
Moderate to difficult 3-mile hike up Two Trees Trail from Riverside with 1000-foot elevation gain. BRING: water, flashlight, and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 215/60fwy in Riverside exit Blaine St. Right 2 miles. Turn left at Two Trees to trailhead parking. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com CO-LEADER IN TRAINING: BEATRIZ VINDIOLA.

SEP 13 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
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SEP 13 (WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING
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SEP 14 (THU) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Meeting monthly except July & August. The public is welcome. Doors open at 6:00 PM, meeting starts at 6:30. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Posa Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 sierraclubsmg@gmail.com

SEP 15 (FR) 9:00 AM SB MTS EXPLORATION TRAIL HIKE
Come Join us for a 4.5 mile Thru hike down the exploration trail. We will meet at the bottom and car shuttle to the top. After the hike, drive to the fire lookout tower for some spectacular views. MEET Lower parking area for the Exploration Trail on Keller Peak Rd (1900'). WEAR: hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING: snacks and water. LEADER KARLA KELLEMS 909-939-5790 (no text) karlakellems@gmail.com. Please CALL to check on weather conditions.

SEP 16 (SAT) 8:00 AM DELAMAR MOUNTAIN HIKE
This is a 5 mile round trip hike with a 1200 ft elevation gain. Grays Peak is one of Sierra Clubs 100 peaks. There are interesting rock formations along the way and lots of scenic views. MEET Grays Peak trailhead parking area on Hwy 38, north shore of Big Bear Lake. Adventure Pass required. BRING: hiking boots, jacket, lunch and 2 bottles of water. LEADER: HEATHER SARGEONT 909-336-2836 (no text) CALL for meeting place and details.

SEP 16 (SAT) 8:00 AM PCT TO DOBLE MINE, BIG BEAR HIKE
This is a moderate 6-mile hike through an historic, wooded area with views in every direction. BRING: Water, a snack and strong footwear are always recommended. MEET at the Victor Valley Museum, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley by 8am. LEADER, NORMAN BOSSMAN. 760-912-3725 coach.norm@yahoo.com

SEP 17 (SUN) 9:00 AM OAK GLEN PRESERVE/WILDLANDS CONSERVANCY HIKE
Easy: to moderate 4-mile loop along trees, creek, and open areas with views of the mountains. BRING: Water, sturdy shoes, sunscree, snack. This is apple season so you might want hang out and purchase some after MEET. take the Oak Glen exit of the 10 Fwy in Yucaipa north until you reach Los Rincon Ranch Apple Ranch. Park near the entrance of the Los Rincon Ranch Botanic Garden. Rain cancels. Please RSVP by 7 pm on Sept. 16th INFO and LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER 18 – SEPTEMBER 24
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings (Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings and Activities).

SEP 19 (TUE) 6:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP PICNIC & MEETING
MEETING: September meeting at 6:00 p.m. All other meetings will start at 7:00 p.m. Join us for the third annual September meeting at Chino Basin Water Conservation District. Arrive at 6:00 pm and bring a picnic dinner to enjoy at the demonstration gardens and picnic area. At 7:00 pm, we will have a short meeting then head out for a tour of the Gardens and the water conservation areas. Public is welcome, no charge! Don’t miss the...
SEP 26 (TuE) 7:00 PM  SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING

you’ll have to work for it! There’s usually a work day and a play day so we won’t work
Current plans are for a project at Soldier Meadows Hot Spring. Most food provided but
National Public Lands Day. Join various N. Nevada outdoor groups for an as yet
INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianneli@aol.com  LOS SERRANOS GROUP

SEP 27 (WED) 6:30 PM  MEETING MEETING

SEP 21 (THU) 6:30 PM  Meeting Meeting

SEP 29 (FRI) 9:00 AM  SB MTS MILL PEAK HIKE HIKE

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

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

SEP 23 (SAT) 8:00 AM  SPLITTERS CABIN TO DEEP CREEK HIKE HIKE

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

SEP 27 (WED) 4:30 PM  YUCCA VALLEY HIKING HIKE

SEP 23 SUN (8:00 AM) SPLITTERS CABIN TO DEEP CREEK HIKE HIKE

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

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

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

SEP 21 (THU) 6:30 PM  MEETING MEETING

SEP 20 (WED) 7:00 AM  BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING MEETING

SEP 21 (THU) 8:30 AM  BIGHORN CANYON HIKE HIKE

SEP 30 (SAT) 9:00 AM  DEVIL’S SLIDE TO TAHOE TITZ Peak HIKE HIKE

SEP 22 (FRI) 10:00 AM  SERRA DE LAS ROQUES HIKE HIKE

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First Forest Rangers

Tom Atchley retired in 2011 after teaching history and journalism for 38 years at Cope Jr. High School and Redlands High School. He was Teacher of the Year in 2005. After 42 years, he continues to teach San Bernardino Valley and Redlands history for the A. K. Smiley Library.

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

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

Big Bear Group By Ellen Kesler, Group Chair

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

The entire event was truly successful. July found our booth again at the “Outdoor Adventures” Day at the Discovery Center which echoed the EcoFest.

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

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

Our new meeting location beginning October 17.

Moving on to our new location – October will be our first meeting at the Goldy S. Lewis Community Center at Central Park in Rancho Cucamonga. Our October meeting will be in the Alta Loma room. Enter the Community Center on the west side of the building, and signs will direct you to our meeting space. There is ample covered parking, easy first floor access and plenty of room for our group to grow! Location is 11200 Base Line Road, Rancho Cucamonga, CA. Our meetings are always free and open to the public, with refreshments provided. Donations to help with costs are welcome and appreciated!

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

Los Serranos Group Announces Big Changes!

If you have been coming to Los Serranos meetings in the past, be sure to read this! If you are new, Welcome to our new meeting space! After many years of meeting in an Upland church education room, we are moving to a new, bigger, more accessible space! Los Serranos group stretches from Chino Hills to Fontana and Rialto east, south into Corona and north to the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains. With a new meeting location centrally located in Rancho Cucamonga we hope to serve residents in all these cities and beyond!

But first, we have our third annual September picnic in the Demonstration Gardens at Chino Basin Water Conservation District. Bring your picnic dinner at 6:00 pm and enjoy time with friends and neighbors in the water-wise gardens. We will then have a short business meeting, and a tour of the facility. Conservation and recharge of the groundwater in Chino Basin is the primary focus of this agency. The agency provides education and resources free to the public, including workshops, landscape design assistance, and an online garden planner. Location is 4594 San Bernardino St., Montclair. The meeting is open to the public and free. Bring your own picnic dinner and drinks (no alcohol).

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

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

Los Serranos Group

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

Date: October 25, 2017, Conference Room, City Hall, Temecula, California

Purpose of Transportation Workshop: Bring together significant parties to begin discussion of the development of a commuter electric train connecting Riverside and San Diego through the Temecula Valley corridor. The workshop is coordinated by Transportation-Now (Riverside Transit Agency).

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

Additional information about the workshop is provided by:
http://sierraconservation.blogspot.com/2017/02/transportation-workshop-rapid-mass.html

Wildlife Protection in Temecula

Mountain lions in our Southern California region are facing ultimate extinction caused from further deaths on the freeway, genetic isolation and shrinkage of their habitat. Santa Margarita Group has identified four essential steps for to protect the natural balance of wildlife in our region:

1. Identifying the Essential Passages between the Two Mountain Ranges:
   This picture shows the region for the confluence of the Temecula Creek, Murrieta Creek and Santa Margarita River. The lower part of the picture shows the Interstate 15 Temecula Creek Bridge. This location is an essential region for migration of wildlife within the Cleveland National Forest between the Trabuco District and Palomar District. This picture (below) shows the passage under the bridge of the Interstate 15 Temecula Creek. The bridges can be easily and relatively cheaply converted to an off-limits wildlife passage.
   The condition of the space below the bridge is shown in this picture. The pictures vividly show examples of debris strewn near and under the Interstate 15 Temecula Creek Bridge.

2. Removing the Trash from the Passage Area:
   Santa Margarita group along with some members of the community joined together in June 2017 and, after several hours of work, partially removed trash from the western area of the bridge.

3. Outreach Program to the Community for Site Control:
   On July 16, 2017, Pam Nelson organized a public visit to this area through outreach efforts. The group decided on a follow up meeting planned for August 1st at Laurie Webster’s home.

4. Community and Government Agency Participation:
   Pam Nelson organized the “wildlife crossing group” including the staff from Riverside County (several departments), California and U.S. Wildlife, Caltrans, Temecula City, and wildlife-focused non-profits. The wildlife crossing group met on July 20th and brainstorming session resulted in setting up dates for future cleanups, restoration plans, funding discussions, and an increased interest in making the Temecula Creek underpass a viable wildlife crossing for I-15.

The Fourth of July Celebration - Organized by Margaret Meyncke.

The Santa Margarita Group marched in celebration of the Temecula 4th of July Parade.

The Executive Committee of Sierra Santa Margarita Group: Planning

Our executive committee met for the annual planning session on June 25th at Pam Nelson’s house. We discussed the agenda for upcoming year, including the speaker list, fundraisers, outings, social events, etc. The group decided to revert to the previous status.
E ven though hiking in our beloved Juniper Flats area is out of the question in the months of July, August and into September because it is too hot, our illustrious hike leader and Outings Chair, Norman Bosson, has carried on. We had a lovely 4.5 mile hike to "Lunch Log" last Saturday in the San Gabriels. There are still some wildflowers to be seen up there. We have had hikes going on every Saturday in the San Gabriel Mountains or the San Bernardino Mountains. One of our other hike leaders, Quintin Lake, scheduled several Saturday hikes up in Wrightwood that had to be changed due to the closing of highway 2 just west of the Grassy Hallow Visitors Center. Upon inspection, there appears to be a small sink hole that is above a culvert going under the road. It doesn't appear that the road will be open anytime soon.

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

Cadiz Water Project – Bill AB 1000 was introduced in February of 2017. The bill would require CDFW and the State Lands Commission to review pumping from aquifers within the central Mojave. It's essentially a Cadiz-killer bill.) If this bill would expire in December. Nominations for placement on the executive committee of the Mojave Group are due on Oct 1st. Managers of the Barstow BLM office to discuss the establishment and designation of hiking trails in Juniper Flats. A stack of petitions with at least 592 signatures along with some maps, and a copy of the PowerPoint presentation that was put together were handed to Katrina. After going through the PowerPoint, it was determined that Katrina needed some further information on where the hiking trails and trailheads were located. The Friends of Juniper Flats agreed to identify which mapped linear disturbances match existing trails and to identify which trails are unmapped. They also agreed to provide the BLM a Google Earth map of trails.

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

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

Jonathan Evans and CBD also helped us defeat in court the 11,500-unit Village of Lakelands (VOL) on the southern border of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area, which is a core reserve for Riverside County’s Multiple Species Plan and designated an Important Birding Area (IBA) by the National Audubon Society. CBD is also working with us to challenge the revised version of the VOL. Jonathan is currently helping reduce what is called “greenwashing” by helping us challenge the SR-60 truck driving lanes. While the environmental community is in favor of making the lanes safer, this plan would encourage/allow more and more warehouses and logistic centers to be built and provide additional lanes for their toxic diesel trucks to drive through our communities to further degrade our non-attainment air quality. Several years ago Jonathan Evans was instrumental in beating back the pump storage project called LEAPS, which is a massive proposed hydropower project in Lake Elsinore. Itstrain was built and could degrade the Santa Ana Mountains. During the past month the LEAPS project has reared it ugly head, and CBD is looking into it, but we also need a local Sierra Club member to help. Alice Krueper was a wonderful person who did much to protect the wilderness of San Gorgonio. I will always remember her for heading up the “over-the-hill” gang, which put in over 5,000 hours on Wednesdays and Saturdays doing trail maintenance. Receiving an award named for her is an honor that Jonathan Evans definitely deserves.

Jonathan Evans Receives Alice Krueper Award (2016) By George Hague, Moreno Valley Group

M ost years our San Gorgonio Chapter has co-sponsored a non-Sierra Club entity for long-time service by giving them the Alice Krueper award. Jonathan Evans is a senior attorney with the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) and has been working giving them the Alice Krueper award. Jonathan Evans is a senior attorney with the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) and has been working giving them the Alice Krueper award. Jonathan Evans is a senior attorney with the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) and has been working.
OCT 7 (SAT) 8:00 AM PCT: CAIN MONUMENT TO I-15 HIKE
Come hike the PCT in Cajon Pass and learn about the John Brown Toll Road. This will be a shuttle hike from the roadhead to the top of the PCT to I-15. Rating: This is an easy 3- and a-half mile downhill hike. MEET: Hikers need to meet at the McDonald's near the 138 off of the 15 freeway at 8:30 AM. From there we will carpool to the top and then hike down. BRING: 2 liters plus of water, sun protection, and snacks/lunch. WEAR: layered clothing and comfortable hiking shoes/hiking boots. LEADER: Contact HIKE LEADER: QUINTIN LAKE Phone: (951) 315-7691 or Email: quaklee15@gmail.com MOJAVE GROUP

OCT 7 (SAT-SUN) OPEN WEEK, KELLER SKI HUT RETREAT/WORK PARTY (See page 12 for more info.) Spend some time at the Sierra Club’s local Keller Ski Hut located off Highway 330, 5 miles past Running Springs. Typically only on weekends, this is your chance to spend mid-week days too at the hut. There is a full kitchen, bathroom, running water and comfortable sleeping pads. Hiking trips are nearby and Big Bear is 12 miles away. The next 2 open work party weekend dates are Saturday, October 7 and Sunday, October 8. Everyone is welcome– you don’t have to work! If you are interested in becoming a Keller Hut Host, the annual Trailling will be held on Saturday, October 7 followed by a potluck. To RSVP call MARTY KLUCK at 562-667-4740. For questions contact MARTY OREO CECILIA FIDORA at ceciliasidors@gmail.com KELLER SKI HUT COMMITTEE

OCT 9 (MON) 7:00 PM MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING Meeting on the first Monday of each month in August to December. PLACE: St. Richard’s Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. MOUNTAINS GROUP

OCT 10 (TUE) 7:00PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Monthly meeting or call-in meeting. For information, please visit the Group web site <sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear>. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO and LEADER: DARLENE TAYLOR (951) 385-5706 or drtaylors407@verizon.net or SHARON NARDOLLA at (760) 208-3654 or snardozza@cox.net BIG BEAR GROUP

OCT 10 (TUE) 8:00 AM MT. BADEN-POWELL HIKE Difficult 5-mile round trip hike up Terri Peak, overlooking Lake Perris with 1000 ft. elevation gain. We start promptly at 4:30 p.m. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, 3.0 liters of water, lunch, sunglasses, hat, trekking poles and good hiking boots. MEET: at the trailhead. BRING: water, snacks, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. MEET: At the Mill Creek Ranger Station in Mentone and carpool to trailhead. If you are coming from Big Bear, we will meet at the large pullout right before the turn to Forest Falls. RESERVATIONS: Contact hike leader JUDY ATKINSON (909) 289-1932, judy7523@gmail.com MOJAVE GROUP

OCT 11 (WED) 7:00 PM MOJA VE GROUP MEETING Meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER, (909) 585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

OCT 11 (WED) 9:00 AM POTATO MOUNTAIN HIKE This will be a great time to visit the mountain. It’s a moderate rated 5-mile R/T jaunt with a 1,200’ elevation gain. It starts off in shady Evey Canyon and after reaching the saddle, we have exposures offering great vistas of the cities of Upland and Claremont below. BRING: water, sturdy boots, hiking sticks and layered clothing. Rain cancels. Please call LEADER: JEFF WARHOL (909) 985-7688 or email jwarhol5@gmail.com to confirm by 5:00 PM OCT 10. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

OCT 11 (WED) 9:00 AM TERRI PEAK HIKE Difficult 5-mile round trip hike up Terri Peak, overlooking Lake Perris with 1000 ft. elevation gain. We start promptly at 9:00 a.m. BRING: water, snack and sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. MEET: from 60 Fwy exit at Moreno Beach Drive, go south for 3.4 mi., then turn left on Via del Lago. Park in the dirt area on the right side of the road just past the housing tract, do not enter Lake Perris SRA. INFO and LEADER EILEEN O’BRIEN (951) 616-9739. BIG BEAR GROUP

OCT 11 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER, (909) 585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

OCT 11 (WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francescas, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: SUSAN STUBER, susanquitn.stuber@gmail.com MOJAVE GROUP

OCT 12 (THU) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING Monthly meeting except July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francescas, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: SUSAN STUBER, susanquitn.stuber@gmail.com MOJAVE GROUP

OCT 13 (FRIDAY) SB MTS, SAWTOOTH CANYON NEW JACK CITY CAR CAMP Let’s go camping in Sawtooth Canyon. The name is derived by the many speedy craggy rock formations. There will be guided easy day hikes/walks; rock scrambling and a dinosaur fossil display area for the kids. Explore small bat caves, and night hunt for tarantulas. October fun for the whole family. The semi-developed campsite on BLM land is free. Cell Service is spotty. LEADER: JOHN KELLY (951) 693-5790 (no text) karlakellems@gmail.com. CALL to RSVP and for details. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

OCT 14 (SAT) 8:00 AM ARASRA FALLS HIKE This 5-mile hike is rated moderate due to some elevation gain. Views across the Mojave Desert and the Jepson Flats area are wonderful. BRING: water, a snack and strong footwear.

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

OCT 14 (SAT) 8:00 AM PCT: CAIN MONUMENT TO I-15 HIKE This is our second hike of the Pacific Crest Trail-SEC A. (PCT Hike #8, Map A-9, Cleveland NF). Those hikers completing all segments of Sec A will receive a special Sierra Club commemorative patch for their hard work. This hike is approximately a 10 mile round trip hike through-A. Rating: This hike is easy to difficult due to distance. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, 3.0 liters of water, lunch, sunglasses, hat, trekking poles and good hiking boots. MEET: at the school across the street from the Westerly Springs Fire Station. RATING: Moderate; there will be some elevation gain, hopefully not more than 1200’, possibly less. BRING: 10 essentials, 2 liters of water, sun protection, snack/lunch, hiking boots, trekking poles, and camera. MEET: At the Mill Creek Ranger Station in Mentone and carpool to trailhead. If you are coming from Big Bear, we will meet at the large pullout right before the turn to Forest Falls. RESERVATIONS: Contact hike leader JUDY ATKINSON (909) 289-1932, judy7523@gmail.com.

OCT 15 (SUN) 8:30 AM BEARPAW RESERVE - FOREST FALLS AREA HIKE We will hike 6-8 miles on a trail in the Bearpaw Reserve. We went there last June and found that there was much more to discover. I thought it would be pretty in a different way in the fall. The Reserve is not open to the public and only groups up to 10 are allowed. The Reserve is very much a “wilderness” and wildlife is spotted on a regular basis. RATED: Moderate; there will be some elevation gain, hopefully not more than 1200’, possibly less. BRING: 10 essentials, 2 liters of water, sun protection, snack/lunch, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. MEET: At the Mill Creek Ranger Station in Mentone and carpool to trailhead. If you are coming from Big Bear, we will meet at the large pullout right before the turn to Forest Falls. RESERVATIONS: Contact hike leader JUDY ATKINSON (909) 289-1932, judy7523@gmail.com.

OCT 20 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS: MCKELLER PEAK SEQUOIA GROVE HIKE Come Join us for a 3- mile easy hike, to explore the 1970’s penny pine sequoia grove project. After the hike, drive up to the Keller Peak Fire lookout tower for spectacular views. MEET at yellow post site 5 Keller Peak Road (N96) WEARhardt, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING snacks and water. LEADER SANDY ELLIS, 909-867-7115 (no text), fisell667@gmail.com Please CALL to check on weather conditions. CO-LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS 909-859-9730 (no text) karlakellems@gmail.com. CALL and for details. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

OCT 21 (SAT) 8:00 AM RIDGE ABOVE SUMMIT VALLEY HIKE This 6-mile hike is rated moderate due to soft sand on the trail. The view of the valley is excellent. BRING: foot-socks, hiking snack and water bottles. Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley by Sam. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM. 760-912-3725. coach.normy@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

OCT 21 (SAT) 9:00 AM SB MTS, THE PINNACLES HIKE A moderate/difficult 6-mile round trip hike with an 1100ft elevation gain. The Pinnacles is one of the Sierra Club’s 100 peaks. There are interesting rock formations along the way and lots of scenic views. MEET in Blue Jay at the Blue Jay cinema to carpool. Parking is limited at trailhead. BRING hiking boots, jacket, lunch and 2 bottles of water. LEADER: HEATHER SARGEANT 909-336-2836 (no text) CALL for meeting place and details.

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By Ann McKibben, Secretary

Christina Torres and Earthjustice have scheduled new outings for the fall. The last fall outing is on September 6, 4:45 p.m., Hidden Springs Hike. Meet at Hidden Springs on Quail Valley Drive. 

The Moreno Valley Group will hold their executive committee election this fall. If you would like to run for our executive committee in our fall election and have been a member for over one year, please contact us at: movalleygroup@yahoo.com so we can give you more information about the nominating committee process. 

Ironwood Village Project (IVP): The Moreno Valley Planning Commission and the city’s Recreational Trails Board have unanimously rejected the IVP at their meeting on September 7. The developer never filed the required appeal of the planning commission denial, but the city appears ready to allow a council vote. The August hearing on the project was postponed with no date given for a future hearing. Local residents group, Neighbors HelpingNeighbors, have organized in opposition to the project. Residents are concerned about the small lot sizes and loss of rural land uses, compromising the city’s general plan, increases in traffic, elimination of city public-use trails, and the city’s ability to circumvent state environmental laws in analyzing the environmental impacts of the WLC project. Our California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) challenge to the WLC will be heard in court during the first week of September. Our attorneys are currently working on the case. 

Lake Perris State Recreation Area: The 2017 limited Golden Bear Pass ($20.00) to most state parks is good from January 1 through December 31 for those 62 years or older and can be purchased at Lake Perris; it is good for everyone in your car. State park passes, please check: http://www.parks.ca.gov/page_1451. Moreno Valley’s Recreational Trails Board hike, Saturday, September 23, 2017. Hike to Lake Perris (DIFFICULT); meet at 7:30 a.m. in the parking lot in front of Idyllwild Elementary School, 28500 John F. Kennedy Drive, Moreno Valley. (Approx. 7.2 miles round trip.) Call (951) 413-7273 to confirm all information. 

Eastern Metropolitan Water District bird walks will start in October. They will post their information on their web page once the schedule is in place: (951) 926-3777 & www.emwd.com 

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PCT SECTION A HIKES
David Mellon, Outings Chairman

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haron Nardozza and Darlene Taylor, our two-sister hike leader team, are tentatively planning to offer Section A of the PCT this fall/winter as a series of day hikes and possibly one backpack segment. Section A is the beginning of the PCT and encompasses 104 miles from the Mexican border to Warner Springs. Road access for some portions of it is a challenge. We'll start at the easiest portion with an initial hike on September 29th from Warner Springs with a lunch break at the infamous "Eagle Rock" and then head to Barrell Springs.

The second hike, on October 14th, begins at Barrell Springs and will end at the Third Gate Trailhead, as long as the trail is easily accessed, then continue Section A hikes, working our way south if able--to map the road access. Ultimately, we hope to offer the whole section with a patch, contemplating that while having an adventure!

NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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

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

SEP 20 (WEDNESDAY) 7:30PM 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, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit 110 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

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

OCT 12 (WEDNESDAY) 7:30PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB
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OCT 20 (FRIDAY) 8:30PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
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NOV 3 (FRIDAY) 8:30PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB
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NON-SIERRA CLUB RECURRING WEEKLY & MONTHLY MEETINGS (LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

NON-SIERRA CLUB
Sierra Club member Brian Elliott will speak at the October 3rd chapter meeting on his recent trekking and birding trip to Nepal. Brian and a friend trekked for 20 days on the Makalu Base Camp Trek route into and out of the Makalu Barun Conservation Area in the Himalaya Mountains of eastern Nepal. This area of Nepal is rich in Tibetan Buddhism and Sherpa culture.

The trekking route passed through lowland tropical forests, rhododendron forests higher up, and then finally into the alpine zone at the higher elevations. Elevations on the trek ranged from a low of 2500 ft. to a high of 20,250 ft. at Sherpani Col.

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

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- Membership Card
- Discounts on events and publications
- Access to online community resources

MEMBERSHIP DUES

$15 – $1,000

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