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Sierra Club Members Go Solar

BY RALPH SALIBURY

SAN FRANCISCO – The Sierra Club, the nation’s largest environmental organization is working hard with its Solar Partner Sungevity, one of the country’s leading residential solar providers, to help families go solar easily and affordably.

The new partnership will help consumers save money on electricity bills, reduce pollution and support the Sierra Club’s overall mission to explore, enjoy and protect the planet.

Through the partnership, each time someone goes solar with Sungevity and the Sierra Club, that person will receive a $750 cash gift card and Sungevity will contribute $750 to the Sierra Club. The partnership is available to any new residential solar customers who visit www.sierrclub.org/gosolar or in the San Gorgonio Chapter just go to your website home page at http://sangorgonio.sierraclub.org and click on the “i-Quote” icon.

The program has been very successful. So far over 70 solar sales have been signed. We highly advise everyone to get a free i-quote and see if solar is right for you. Most of the Chapter Executive Committee has rooftop solar or is in the process of installing solar.

With many Americans still struggling in today’s tough economy, it has become harder for consumers to prioritize efforts like reducing pollution and supporting their favorite non-profits, while simultaneously saving money. Through the Solar Homes partnership, Sierra Club and Sungevity allow Sierra Club supporters to accomplish all three by adding residential solar panels to their homes.

Going solar can help consumers save money on their electricity bills. For example, Sungevity found that on average, customers can save up to 15% on electricity costs from day one when they go solar. Under the Solar Homes partnership, Sierra Club and Sungevity allow Sierra Club supporters to accomplish all three by adding residential solar panels to their homes.

GET A FREE SOLAR EVALUATION WITH SIERRA CLUB

By Jono Hildner, San Gorgonio Chapter’s Political Chair.

W hen looking at campaign calendars for the months of June, July and August I’m reminded of the image of ducks on a river. They seem so serene on the surface and there doesn’t seem to be much going on. Under water, it’s a whole different story. They are paddling like crazy. So it is with campaigns. Most voters have been barely aware of campaigns during the summer months with the exception of the race for President. That’s about to change.

Come Labor Day, all campaigns for both offices and ballot measures will swing into full gear and the airways will seem to carry nothing but political ads. The US Postal Service will see a huge jump in revenue. I would like to say that the San Gorgonio Chapter will mobilize an army of volunteers working on behalf of our endorsed candidates and raising money to get them elected. Alas, we have no such army.

However, I’ve set a goal to have such an army by this time in 2014. We need to show candidates in the Inland Empire that the Sierra Club is not only a threat in court, but a major force in electoral politics. An example of why we need to get the right people into office is the recent decision of the San Bernardino Supervisors to agree to have the Santa Margarita Water District (in Orange County) be the Lead Agency in approving the EIR for the Cadiz, Inc. heist of water from the Mojave Desert.

By the time you get the next edition of the Palm and Pine, many of you will have already voted. Therefore, it will be important that we get a list of our endorsed candidates on the website at http://sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/. It’s unlikely that we will have the time to endorse many more candidates, it’s still possible that we will have some in local races over the next two months. Keep an eye on the website before you vote.

So far, we’ve endorsed these candidates:

Mark Takano in his race against John Tavaglione for Congressional District 41.
Dr. Raul Ruiz in his race against Mary Bono Mack for Congressional District 36.
Norma Torres in her race against Kenny Cole for Assembly District 52.
Bob Buster in his race against Kevin Jeffries for Supervisor in Riverside County District 1.
Sierra Club of California has taken a position on the following Propositions:

- Proposition 32. Prohibits Political Contributions by Payroll Deduction.
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I suspect that we've determined that better environmental candidate really didn't stand a chance and in many others we simply didn't have a good environmental candidate in the race. While I can't comment on candidates in races where we've made an endorsement, I can tell you that you need to look carefully at each race. While both candidates may be awful on our issues some are more awful than others. We even have one candidate who refers to the Sierra Club as “enviro-terrorists.”
EXPLORE, ENJOY, PROTECT!

In September after a couple of months “off” we resume our General Meetings. We will kick off with a Fall Food Fest, some fun conversation and a short environmental documentary. This is a potluck, so bring your favorite dish to share, your own plate, fork, knife, spoon and cup etc. Our Oct/Nov meetings are on the Thursday before the General Meeting (Sept 6 at 7pm) and interested members are welcome. Contact Jenny for details (Jens oasis@aol.com).

Thanks to Melody and a group of regulars, the popular weekly evening conditioning walks continued through the summer months and we anticipate some lively conversation and brisk exercise in the fall too. On each hike, we celebrate the great outdoors and regain our connection with nature. We invite you to join in. Check the Outings Calendar for the walk details and upcoming hikes.

Mojave Group’s Top Ten Reasons to get out and walk/hike with us
1) It will release endorphins which will make you feel better, improve our mood, and minimize pain.
2) It will get you away from the computer, TV and other harmful electronic gadgets.
3) You will be obeying your doctor’s orders to get exercise and fresh air.
4) You can meet new friends and reunite with old ones.
5) You can eat and still lose weight.
6) It will help you to connect with the natural environment.
7) You can explore the natural wonders of the High Desert & surrounding mountains.
8) You will be setting a good example for your children and grandchildren.
9) No one will sell you anything.
10) You will have fun.

We also invite you to help maintain current hiking opportunities and protect some places where there should be designated hiking trails. We encourage you to let the Bureau of Land Management know that hiking trails as well as motorized routes are needed throughout the Mojave Desert and especially near large populations such as the Victor Valley. Here we are surrounded by superb opportunities in the Juniper Flats Area, Fairview Mountain, Bell Mountain, Granite Mountain and many more (but there is a total lack of designated hiking trails). Please submit public comments by email to cawemopa@blm.gov or send them to Bureau of Land Management, California Desert District, Attn: WEMO Plan Activity Amendment, 22835 Calle Juan de Los Angeles, Moreno Valley, CA 92553. From the BLM web page: http://www.blm.gov/ca/ea/en/fo/d7_west_mojave_wes.html

Mojave Group members enjoy hikes on the Pacific Crest Trail near Big Bear and Wrightwood, near Lake Silverwood, and in the Deep Creek Canyon. There are many trailheads to this national treasure within an hour’s drive of the Victor Valley. “Our” section is in need of constant upkeep and repair, much of which occurs naturally by the regular use of equestrians and hikers. Although the US Forest Service is ultimately responsible, scheduled trail maintenance occurs largely because of volunteer efforts by the Pacific Crest Trail Association. See the Calendar section “non-Sierra Club” events for details about upcoming PCTA trail work days.

This year, while doing graffiti cleanup in the Deep Creek Canyon (photo at left) I talked to about 15 “through” hikers on their way from Mexico to Canada. Many of them say that “the Deep Creek Canyon is the most scenic section so far” (about 300 miles into the trek). Deep Creek has been proposed as a “wild and scenic river” however, the graffiti on the canyon walls has been getting increasingly menacing over the past few decades. The beautiful rocks are then usually painted over which creates a new canvas for the graffiti and often the paint is not well matched to the color of the rocks. People do not come from all over the world to look at graffiti in one of the most scenic river canyons in Southern California. In the last few years, I have been experimenting with a simple and natural method of scraping or pecking the graffiti with a rock and then covering the spot with a clay-based mud. This proven method provides a graffiti deterrent and eventually the rock resumes its former beauty. The through hikers and others I meet on this section of the trail express their gratitude. I also saw many of the through hikers hauling out not just their heavy packs but also bags of trash that they had found left by locals. If you are also interested in this section of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail, please contact me at JensOasis@Aol.com or call 760 220 0730. This is an ongoing problem that will not go away unless people take action. That action may be simply to continue to hike the section and report problems; help with the graffiti mudding and/or consistently haul out a bag of trash. Suspicion or illegal activity that does not require emergency response should be reported as soon as possible to local rangers (909 383 3651) or local law-enforcement (760 245 4211) and now you can report incidents on line at http://www.fs.fed.us/detail/chs/pco/index?cid=si2dhb561615.

See you soon at the meeting or on a hike! Continued on Page 4 > > >
They Mountain Group held its annual three-day campout at Shade Cove Campground at the top of the Children's Forest, near Keller Peak, above Running Springs. The group was gathered at the campsite early Friday afternoon (Aug. 3) and the fun began. A few of us joined Heather that afternoon and enjoyed watching campers-nearby-simons-build up above us and bring temperatures down to "long pants" levels. At least one of us (me) felt compelled to make sure that there was still enough for an actual back-pat! 16, double 16! From a large American family of 12 and has made this so much fun, and thank you to everyone that made a special effort to attend to the Mountain Group’s regulars that participate and make this so much fun, and thank you to everyone that made a special effort to attend to celebrate Bill’s birthday.

And finally, a verbal pat-on-the-back to “regulars” that have nearly doubled, the world population since the last Census, 6.4 billion to nearly 7 billion—Paul R. Ehrlich, Professor of Population and author of The Population Bomb.
CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE: Items for the November/December 2012 Calendar are due by October 1, 2012.

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

OUTINGS: Send out the Sierra Club Outings E-newsletter at no cost to your group or sub-group.
MEETINGS & other events: Send electronically to Ladd Seder <ladd.g.seder@gmail.com>

GENERAL INFORMATION, RULES & DISCLAIMERS

All Outings Leaders are Chapter Certified Leaders having appropriate Outings Training Courses. First Aid Courses, & experience for the Outings they lead. LEADERS may exclude individuals from participation if they believe they may not be qualified. Non-Sierra Club members may join outings unless otherwise stated in the write-up. All participants agree to abide by the leader’s rules. Participants should CALL THE LEADER AHEAD TO SIGN-UP.

WHAT TO BRING

Many Outings leaders request that participants bring specific items to be carried by each participant. Do not attend Outings without the specified items unless you have first discussed it with the leader. Often the TEN ESSENTIALS are requested. They are: 1) map, 2) compass, 3) flashlight, 4) knife, 5) windproof/waterproof matches or candle, 6) multi-tool, 7) first aid kit, 8) food & water for emergency use only, 9) extra clothing including rainwear, & 10) sun protection including sunscreen/sunglasses/hat.

ADVENTURE PASS SPECIAL NOTICE

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

CARPOOLING POLICY

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

LIABILITY WAIVER

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

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

I understand that during my participation in this Sierra Club Outing, I may be exposed to a variety of hazards & risks, both known & unknown, which are inherent in each Outing & cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of the Outing. These inherent risks include, but are not limited to, the dangers of serious personal injury, property damage, & death ("Injuries & Damages") from exposure to the hazards of travel & the Sierra Club has not tried to contradict or minimize my understanding of these risks. I know that Injuries & Damages may result from the negligence of others, trip leaders & assistants or third parties, either as a result of negligence or because of other reasons. I understand that risks of such Injuries & Damages are involved in adventure travel such as Sierra Club Outings. I agree that Sierra Club may not be held liable for any injuries or loss caused by any & all Injuries & Damages to myself or anyone else, & assumes no liability for them.

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

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

The Outing begins & ends at the location where the Outing officially commences with leader & participants in attendance, as designated by the Sierra Club ("Trailhead"). The Outing does not include carpooling, transportation, or transit to or from the Trailhead, & I am personally responsible for all risks associated with this travel. This does not apply to transportation provided by the Sierra Club after the commencement & before the end of the Outing.

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

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

I have read this document in its entirety & I freely & voluntarily assume all risks of such Injuries & Damages & notwithstanding such risks, I agree to participate in the Outing. Note: If the participant is a minor, the minor’s guardian must sign on the minor’s behalf.
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SEPTEMBER 17 – SEPTEMBER 23
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SEPTEMBER 10 – SEPTEMBER 16
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SEPTEMBER 8 (SAT) 7:30 AM
PCT – INSPIRATION TO VICENT GAP
HIKE
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SEPTEMBER 6 (THU) 6:00 PM
S ANACONDA VALLEY (HEMET) CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting
Monthly program meeting. The public is welcome. LOCATION: Call or e-mail for location & directions. CONTACT: SHAULI ROSEN-RAGER, (951) 767-2203 <carmen@netzon.net>

MOUNTAINS GROUP

SEPTEMBER 1 – SEPTEMBER 9
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SEPTEMBER 10 (MON) 7:00 PM
SEnable mountains.

MOUNTAIN HIKE
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Come for a 2 to 3 hour evening hike in the foothills to enjoy the “full” moon. (Actual full moon is
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SEPTEMBER 1 – SEPTEMBER 9
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SEP 22 (SAT) 7:30 AM        COTTONWOOD SPRING  Hike
This is a 4.5-mile, 1,100-foot, round trip hike with views of Escondido, lakes, and the Black Window. Time: 6:30 AM to 8:30 AM. Minimum of three liters of water, lunch, sunglasses, hat, and good hiking shoes. Call for reservations: Ed Caliendo, Hiking Leader at (909) 878-3813 or dgos111@msn.com.

SEP 23 (SUN) 8:30 AM        SANTA ROSA PLATEAU Hike
Join us on an easy 4.5-mile hike to the historic Adobe. This is an easy hike in a beautiful area suitable for everyone. You will enjoy this one. We will meet at the Hidden Valley trailhead at 8:30 AM. Minimum of three liters of water, lunch, sunglasses, hat, good hiking shoes, and plenty of water. Call for reservations: Pat and Pat Griffin, (909) 981-5813.

SEP 24 – SEPTEMBER 30 Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings (Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)

SEP 25 (TUE) 7:00 PM  ...SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
MEETING Chapter governance meeting. (No December meeting.) PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 607 Mission Ave., Riverside. INFO: RALPH SALSBERY (951) 660-4141 <ralphsal@aol.net>

SEP 26 (WED) 6:30 AM  TIMBER MOUNTAIN Hike
This will be a strenuous hike up ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Timber Mt. (elevation 8,300), 9 miles round trip with 3,484 feet elevation gain. The trail follows the cleared firebreak up under a canopy of oak, alder, spruce, fir, and pine. BRING: sturdy boots, 2+ liters water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: John St. Clair, john@stclairs.us, (909) 983-8501.

SEP 26 (WED) 5:00 PM  HIDDEN SPRINGS Hike
Moderate approximate 3-mile loop hike on the Hidden Springs trail and arroyo. Hike on Hidden Springs with some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills and then returns through the arroyo of the housing tract. BRING: jacket, flashlight, water, and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60fwy in Moreno Valley go north 1/2 mile to Hidden Springs Rd. Drive 2 miles to Hidden Springs Park on the right. MEET at the Trail Head on the left side of the road. The trailhead is located past the Visitor’s Center, beyond where the road makes a sharp left turn and changes name to Tenaja. There is a $3 day use fee for the reserve. Minimum of three liters of water, sunglasses, hat, guayabera, and good hiking shoes. Call for reservations: Ed Caliendo, Hiking Leader at (909) 878-3813 or dgos111@msn.com.

OCT 1 (FRI) 6:00 PM  MOJA VE GROUP  Hike
Meet at our usual starting point and go on a hike along the Juniper Flats ACEC (Area of Critical Environmental Concern), just south of Apple Valley. We begin with an uphill climb rewarded by spectacular views of the Victor Valley and San Bernardino Mountains. Large boulder provides shade near the Cucamonga Crest. Bring: jacket, sunhat, water, and some snacks along the way. Don’t forget to bring binoculars and camera! It may be warm so bring plenty of water, wear layouts clothing, hat, and bring snacks/lunch. Meet at the Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road at 7:30 AM. Contact Jennifer Leonardi at (951) 796-2207/370. MOJA GROUP

**SEP 29 (SAT) 8:00 AM  ONYA SUMMIT TO MISSION SPRING Hike
This is hike #8 of the Pacific Crest Trail. Section C Recognition Program. Those hikers completing all ten segments will receive a special recognition patch. This hike is a 12.5 mile downhill to Mission Spring. (Actual full moon is Sept 29.)  Please read the “Liability Waiver” preceding these listings.

SEP 29 (SAT) 9 AM  SB MTS EAGLE RIDGE Hike
ECOLOGY WALK
Eighty acres of the last remaining undeveloped forest within the Lake Arrowhead community. This hike will begin with a discussion of the distance required by the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust in 2011 to protect as forest open space (but not officially open to the public). We will be doing a short and casual hike into a beautiful area at a comfortable and enjoyable pace. BRING: jacket, hat, water, and sturdy shoes. MEET: at the trailhead parking lot at 9:00 AM. ECOLOGY WALK.

SEP 30 (SUN) 6:00 PM  SYCAMORE CANYON FULL MOON Hike
Moderate 2-hour hike in Sycamore Canyon. This will be a leisurely paced hike, although there are some steep sections. Actual full moon is Sept 30th. BRING: jacket, hat, water, and sturdy shoes. MEET: in the Sycamore Canyon parking lot on the south side of Central Ave. between Canyon Cove and the 223.  Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or tcarson01@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

OCT 1 – OCTOBER 7 Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings (Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)

OCT 1 (MON) 6:00 PM  SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOMM MEETING
MEETING Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on Feb. 6, 2007. Call (909) 337-0513. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

OCT 2 (TUE) 6:30 PM  BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOMM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. INFO: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP

OCT 2 (TUE) 7:30 PM  SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
MEETING See from page notice. Afterwards, SAN GORDOONIO SIERRA SINGLES will adjourn for food & drink. COST: $1 donation requested. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit 11-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS (909) 880-3911 <ladd.d.seekins@gmail.com>

OCT 3 (WED) 4:30 PM  RECHE MTN Hike
Participate in a 4.5-mile round trip hike with 1,100 elevation gain. Hiking mostly on an old stony road, lots of burros and views. BRING: jacket, flashlight, water, and sturdy shoes. MEET: From 60fwy in Moreno Valley, exit Heacock and go north about 2.4 miles to turn left onto the road that leads to the Methodist Church. We will park off the road after the church parking lot. If you reach Redbud Vista you went a little too far and missed the left turn. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or tcarson01@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

OCT 6 (SAT) 6:00 AM  PACIFIC CREST TRAIL–CAJON PASS Hike
Join us on a moderate 6-mile RT hike on the Pacific Crest Trail through a chaparral community that borders a historical site and railroad town. View of Lake Hodges 600 foot elevation gain will provide a spectacular view of the Cajon Pass “Earthquake Park” that features a linear sag pond and uplifted sandstone slabs of the San Andreas Fault. BRING a snack and plenty of water. WEAR sturdy shoes and dress in layers. THERESA CARSON, 951-334-1348 <bridgeth@verizon.net> for information and meeting place. RAIN OR STRONG WIND CANCELS. MOUNTAINS GROUP

**OCT 6-7 (SAT-SUN) 8:15 AM  ONYA SUMMIT- DEER SPRINGS BACKPACKING
This is a backpacking trip for beginners to learn the requirements for over-night wilderness camping. From Onyx Summit near Big Bear Lake you will backpack 4.0 miles to Deer Springs Trail Camp where the group will camp over-night. Multiple skills will be demonstrated including the use of a compass, map reading, loading of a backpack, tent setup, lighting a fire, cooking, and other basic skills. Call the hiking leader for details. MEET: Big Bear Lake Vons Shopping Center at 8:15 AM. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, tent, bear canister, sleeping bag, and food. CALL: Space is limited, call for reservations Ed Caliendo, Hiking Leader at (909) 878-3813 or dgos111@msn.com.

OCT 7 (SUN) 8:30 AM  SAN ANTONIO CANYON CLEANUP SERVICE OUTING
Los Serranos Group members have organized several trash cleanups in the canyons. With my friend Sarah telling us it is making a difference. We are partnering with the San Gabriel Mountains Forest Campaign to pull in a full crew to help with this work. Come and help clean up trash from a summer of picnics and parties by the streams. Meet at 8:30 AM at the lower fire station on Shinon Road where Mt. Baldy Road crosses the bridge heading to Claremont or Upland. Bring sturdy shoes or hiking boots, sunscreen, hat, gloves, water, and snacks. Bags and pickers will be provided. LEADER: Mary Ann Baiz. 909-815-9379 or baizmaryann@gmail.com

OCT 8 (MON) 8:30 AM  ELFIN FOREST RECREATIONAL RESERVE Hike
A hike in the Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve located in Escondido about 5 miles from downtown. Hike through a 120 acres of upland oak savanna and chaparral. BRING: water, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, gloves, and good hiking shoes. Also, bring water, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, gloves, and good hiking shoes. MEET at the trailhead parking lot. RAIN cancels. Details will be given at the meeting.

OCT 9 (TUE) 7:00 PM  CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING Monthly meeting program. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard’s Episcopal House, 2808 Heights Ave., Lake Elsinore. INFO: DEE WYATT, (951) 278-4832. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

OCT 9 (TUE) 7:00 PM  CHAPERS CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. MEET: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, <kimfloyd200@hotmail.com>

OCT 10 (WED) 7:00 PM  MOJA VE GROUP}
**OCT 12 (FR) 8:00 AM** SB MTS CRAFTS PEAK HIKE Join us for a moderate hike 8 miles, 1500 ft elevation gain from Green Valley Lake to Crafts Peak. SHARP 8:00 AM, Extended & cooler conditions, 8,365 ft. This area was burned in the 2007 fire, so many of the trees are still in the process of regrowing. It will be interesting to see how nature continues to restore itself. Views in all directions, from Lake Arrowhead and Mt Baldy to Big Bear Lake and San Gorgonio Mountain. WEAR sturdy boots, BRING sufficient water, lunch, hat and a jacket. CALL LEADER DON FISCHER, 909-939-3523 for carpooling meeting time and place. Adventure Pass required.

MOUNTAINS GROUP

**OCT 13 (SAT) 8:00 AM** JOHN’S MEADOW TO ANGELES OAKS HIKE Come join other hikers for a moderate 11-12 mile hike in the San Gorgonio Wilderness Area from John’s Meadow to Angeles Oaks. This is an outstanding hike thru the beautiful San Gorgonio Wilderness Area with a great place to dine after a perfect hike. BRING 2-3 quarts of water, sturdy boots and lunch/breaks. For more info on time and location contact Terrence McComb at 760-252-3456 or 760-412-1638 and oldhikede@verizon.net

MOJAVE GROUP

**OCT 13 (SAT) 8:15 AM** SUGARFOOT MOUNTAIN HIKE This is a “Peaks” of Big Bear hike. Those achieving all five peaks over looking the Wonderlands exploring the area that in the Castle Range or else a tour of popular viewing areas in the Plains. Leader: CRAIG DEUTSCH, craig.deutsche@sbcglobal.net, 310-477-6670.

CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

**OCT 14 (SUN) 6:30 AM** CUCCAMOPEA PEAK This is a strenuous hike thru the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Cucamonga Peak (elevation 8859 ft), 12 miles round trip with 3950 ft. elevation gain. The trail follows the creek for the first 1 1/2 miles under a canopy of oak, alder, aspen, sycamore, fir, and pine. Scenic vistas from views in alcove. For more info on time and location contact DON FISCHER, 909-939-3523 or tlfcarson01@netscape.net.

SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAIN/NORTHERN CALIFORNIA GROUP

**OCT 15 (TUE)** NOON SERRANOS GROUP MEETING Monthly meeting except August. The public is welcome. Discovery will be having birds in our area. See birds thru the lens of professional photographer, Steve Kaye. Our speaker will share his unique photos and memorable stories. The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served.

PLACE: Educational Building, Fuller Persian Church, Enceladus Ave. at 116 S. Upland. Info: WIN CARRIZO ANN RUIZ, (909) 815-9379, cruzmymaryann@gmail.com

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**OCT 16 (WED) 7:00 AM** JOHNSTON PASTURE HIKE This “Walk in the Pasture” is a pleasant 4 mile RT loop stroll. It has a moderate rating only with a 800 ft. elevation gain. Very enjoyable vistas will greet you along the way of this 180 acre plot that the city of Claremont purchased in 2006, thus saving it from development. Bring sturdy boots and layered clothing. MEET Please call or email LEADER: JEFF WARHOL (909)695-7886 jw0andjw@gmail.com prior to scheduled date for details. Rain cancels. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**OCT 17 (THUR) 7:00 AM** OROPEA PEAK HIKE This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Oropea Peak (elevation 8697 ft), 12 miles round trip with 3800 ft. elevation gain. The trail follows the creek for the first 1 1/2 miles under a canopy of oak, alder, aspen, sycamore, fir, and pine. Scenic views from the top of Oropea Peak. Rain cancels. BRING sturdy boots, 3 liters water, lunch, sunscreen, layered clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: John St. Clair, john@stclair.as, 909-983-8501

**OCT 18 (THU) 6:30 PM** BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING Monthly meeting except December. Info: For current program information, please visit the Group web site: www.bigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin.

**OCT 18 (THU) 7:00 PM** SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING Meeting. The public is welcome. PLACE: Rancho California Water District Headquarters, 42135 Winchester Rd., Tequesta 92899. Info: JIM MITCHELL, (951) 566-9670 jimjt@broadbandbb.com

SANTA MARGARITA RECREATION COMMITTEE

**OCT 20 (SAT) 7:30 AM** PCT/FULLER RIDGE TO SNOW CANYON ROAD HIKE Near to top of San Jacinto Peak, the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) winds down the north face of San Jacinto Mountain arriving at Snow Canyon Road. This is a thru hike through that begins our quest of the Pacific Crest Trail Section A. The PCT follows with an upslopes of 6000 ft. elevation loss. RATING: MEET: We will meet at Snow Creek PCT trailhead and carpool to Fuller Ridge where the hill will begin. Take I-10 to Hwy 111 exit it toward Palm Springs. Take the next right turn identified as Snow Canyon Road. Drive south approximately 1.5 miles to the PCT. We will start the hike at 7:30 AM. BRING: sunscreen, hat, camera, water, lunch, and snacks. MEET: At the visitor center at the West Entrance of Joshua Tree National Park at 10:00 AM. Wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots, layers, sunscreen, hat and good hiking shoes. CALL: for reservations Ed Caliendo, Hiking Leader at (909) 878-3813 or dogs111@msn.com.

BIG BEAR GROUP

**OCT 20 (SAT) 9:00 AM** SB MTS, SPLINTERS TO DEVIL’S HOLLOW HIKE You will hike a scenic section of the Pacific Crest Trail along the Deep Creek Canyon. Distance: Six miles RT with 600 ft elevation loss and gain. BRING: 10 essentials, 2 quarts of water, and snack. WEAR: hiking boots. CALL: LEADER, HEATHER SARGEANT, 909-336-2838 for meeting place. MOUNTAINS GROUP

**OCT 21 (SUN) 6:30 AM** SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAIN/HESMER CONVENTION MEETING Chapter governance meeting. (No December meeting.) PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Snow Canyon Rd., 760-563-2200.

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**OCT 22 – OCTOBER 31** Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings (Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)
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NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES

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NON-SIERRA CLUB MEETING & EVENTS

(LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

SEP 7 (FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB Join us for international folk dancing. This is the same group that used to meet at UCR. Meetings are twice monthly: on the 1st & 3rd Fridays. COST: $2 donation to help pay for the room. PLACE: Highgrove United Methodist Church, 938 W. Center St., Highgrove. DIRECTIONS: Take the Center St. exit from Interstate 215. The church is one half mile east of the freeway on the right. INFO: GAIL SEEKINS (909) 825-4427 <lgseekins@sbcglobal.net> or LARRY POWELL (909) 864-2309

SEP 9 (SAT) 10:00 AM SAN JACINTO WILDLIFE AREA BIRD WALK NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT FRIENDS OF NORTHERN SAN JACINTO VALLEY Join us for bird walks on the 2nd Sunday, February to June. Friends of Northern San Jacinto Valley Bird Walk introduces participants to birds found at the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and learning how to identify birds. BRING binoculars, bird book, sturdy walking shoes, hat, sun screen bug repellent, lunch or snacks, plenty of water and wear appropriate clothing for the weather. Walk is free. MEET: 9:00 a.m. at 17050 Davis Road, Lakeview. Do Not Drive on Davis Road if it is muddy or raining. Call if there have been recent rains. For more information, driving instructions: (909) 228-6710 or (951) 321-9812 or newsletter at <www.northfriends.org>

SEP 19 (WED) 7:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY PROGRAM: A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit 110 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

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SEP 23 (SAT) PACIFIC CREST TRAIL MAINTENANCE NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT REI See Sat (SAT) Pacific Crest Trail Maintenance “Section C” Horse Thief Canyon. We will be working on a 3 mile stretch of the PCT (Section C: Horse Thief Canyon) doing brushing and tread work. All tools, drinks & lunch will be provided. Wear long pants, long sleeved shirt, bring gloves and hat. For meeting place and time please contact John Hachey (909) 605-3219 or email goiellehachey@msn.com

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OCT 6 (SAT) PACIFIC CREST TRAIL MAINTENANCE NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT REI We will be teeing up with REI for this day project. We will be doing tread & rock work and possible brushing along Section C, Crowder Canyon. Wear long pants, long sleeved shirt, bring gloves and hat. For meeting place and time please contact John Hachey (909) 605-3219 or email goiellehachey@msn.com

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Join Us For a Slide Show  
European Tour at Our October  
Chapter Meeting.

Leah and Gail Seekins will present a slide show of their travels in Southern Bulgaria and Western Turkey. The program starts at 7:30 PM, Tuesday, October 2, at the San Bernardino County Museum in Redlands.

Both Bulgaria and Turkey are rich in history and possess beautiful natural areas. The slideshow will feature the Seekins’ visits to ancient sites, traditional homes, forests and beaches.

In Bulgaria the Seekins visited Plovdiv with its ancient Roman circus excavation on display beneath its main pedestrian shopping street, its Roman theater, which is still used, and its many fine eighteenth and nineteenth century merchant’s houses, which are preserved as galleries and museums. Also visited was Sofia with its many fine old churches and modern museums, and the remote village of Koprivlatchina, nearly unchanged for 200 years.

Of special interest were the mountain monasteries of Bachkovo and Saint Ivan Rilski (Rila), two of the best preserved in Bulgaria. The remote monasteries preserved Bulgarian culture and national spirit during the centuries of rule by the Ottoman Turks. The Seekins also hiked through the mountains from Rila Monastery to the tomb of Saint Ivan Rilski.

In Turkey the Seekins visited Istanbul with its Topkapi Palace, Agia Sofia and Blue Mosque, Bursa, the first capital of the Ottoman Empire, and Denizli with the ruins of two Roman cities and the immense travertine terraces at Pamukkale. The Seekins also visited Izmir, famous for the blue tiles used all over Turkey during Ottoman times and (the city’s Greek name was Nicaea) home to early Christian church meetings where questions of doctrine were settled.

Also on the Seekins’ Turkey itinerary were Bodrum with its underwater archaeology museum in the old Crusaders castle, Izmir with its traditional covered market and the hilltop ruins of Alexander the Great’s fortress, and Ephesus, one of the best preserved Roman cities.

Students: Check out http://www.ssc.org  
Get Involved – Whether you’re brand new to activism or you’ve been organizing for years, the Sierra Student Coalition offers many ways to plug into the youth clean energy movement.

• Stay Connected •
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Questions? E-mail sierra.student@sierraclub.org

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"Most Spoken Phrase on the Trail"

This is the best Snickers I've ever had!
A Sad Farewell

Warren Arnold Hagar, 99, loving father, husband, grandfather, and great grandfather passed away on July 13, 2012, at Park Lane Assisted Living, Monterey, CA.

Mr. Hagar led a full life as manager of J.J. Newberry’s; high school English teacher, Yucaipa, CA; State rehabilitation counselor, Riverside; social worker, Redlands, CA; top salesperson - Encyclopedia of Britannica; member of the Sierra Club and World Affairs Council in L.A. Resided in Carmel, CA for 25 years; active member of the Carmel Foundation, leading men’s group on philosophical discussions.

He enjoyed playing bridge. Mr. Hagar was born in Troy, NY, on June 25, 1913; attended old East Boston High School; junior and senior high school class president; remarkable salesman; paid for college by selling old gold. Graduated with a B.A degree, with honors, Bowdoin College, ME; premaster’s UCLA, M.A, UC Riverside, majoring in Philosophy, and pre-doctorate from UCR. Authored, “Cognitive Awareness and the LPM,” published by Philosophical Library, Inc. Troy, NY, 1977.

Survived by Olga Hagar, wife, Monterey, CA; two daughters, Sharon Lovell, Bridgewater, NJ; Charlene Wilder, Hagerstown, MD/Upperstrasburg, PA; 1 son, Pierre Roubaud, Paris, FR; 4 granddaughters, Katrina Schneider, Phoenix, AZ; Valarie Wilder, San Diego, CA; one grandson, William Feigen, Irvine, CA; 5 great grandchildren, Alyssa and Joshua Schneider, Phoenix, AZ; Jodly and Ashlyn Payne, Grand Junction, CO; Tira Foose, Pasadena, CA; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews in Boston, MA and ME. Predeceased by parents; wife, Genevieve Hagar; brothers, Edward, Justin, Preston, and Ralph Hagar; and sister, Ethel Davis.

Messages of condolences may be sent to c.wilder@myactv.net.
The Desert Institute at Joshua Tree National Park presents its outdoor adult weekend field classes for fall 2012. Come to Joshua Tree National Park and learn about this exciting desert wonderland with expert instructors. Classes are open to all skill levels. Contact our office for catalog, information and registration: 760-367-5535 or www.joshuatree.org

September 21, 22 - 23, 2012

Insects & Other Arthropods of the Morongo Basin

Yucca Valley, CA – Kurt Leuschn, M.S. and Professor at College of the Desert, will explore the lives of the largest group of animals in the world through a study of insect anatomy, survival traits, habitats, and behaviors during this three-day field class.

Date/Time: Friday, September 21, 6:30 pm – 9 pm Saturday, September 22, 8:30 am – 1 pm; 5 pm – 9 pm Sunday, September 23, 8 am – 12 pm

Meet at: Black Rock Visitor Center, 9800 Black Rock Canyon, Yucca Valley, CA

Non-credit Fee: $125 for JTNPA/PINE members $135 for non members

Credit Fee: $200 for JTNPA/PINE members $210 for non members

September 21 - 22, 2012 • Basic Map and Compass

Twentynine Palms, CA – Do you want the confidence to explore the desert and not get lost? Navigation specialist, Theresa Walsh will teach participants how to navigate using a map and compass in this two-day hands-on field class.

Date/Time: Friday, September 21, 6 pm – 9 pm Saturday, September 22, 8 am – 5 pm

Meet at: Oasis Visitor Center, 74485 National Park Dr., Twentynine Palms, CA

Fee: $75 for JTNPA/PINE members $85 for non members

September 30, 2012 • Desert Snakes: Fang, Rattle, and More

Yucca Valley, CA – William Hayes, Ph.D. and Professor of Biology at Loma Linda University will introduce participants to a remarkable variety of venomous and non-venomous snakes that inhabit Southern California’s deserts in this all-day field class.

Date/Time: Sunday, September 30, 9 am – 4 pm

Meet at: Black Rock Visitor Center, 9800 Black Rock Canyon, Yucca Valley, CA

Non-credit Fee: $50 for JTNPA/PINE members $60 for non members

Credit Fee: $75 for JTNPA/PINE members $85 for non members

October 5 – 6, 2012 • GPS Navigational Techniques

Twentynine Palms, CA – Learn how to use your Global Positioning System (GPS) with Dave Pylman in the Joshua Tree National Park. GPS units grow in popularity each year, but GPS technology can be challenging for beginners' use. Don’t miss this interactive class and field program and the knowledge to add GPS technology to your navigation toolbox! Participants need to provide their own GPS units.

Date/Time: Friday, October 5, 6 pm – 9 pm Saturday, October 6, 8 am – 4 pm

Meet at: Black Rock Visitor Center, 9800 Black Rock Canyon, Yucca Valley, CA

Fee: $75 for JTNPA/PINE members $85 for non members

October 6, 2012 • Basic Map and Compass for Families

Joshua Tree, CA – Learning to read a compass and map can be a fun and exciting experience for children. A variety of real-life exercises that involve map-reading and problem-solving skills will help children develop and understand of how the compass and map can be a useful everyday tool.

Date/Time: Saturday, October 6, 9 am – 2 pm

Meet at: Joshua Tree Visitor Center, 6554 Park Blvd, Joshua Tree, CA

Fee: $25 for JTNPA/PINE members $35 for non members

October 6, 2012 • Biological Soil Crusts

Twentynine Palms, CA – The desert floor may just look like dirt and sand but it is full of living organisms vital to Joshua Tree National Park’s ecosystem. Nichole Pietrasiak, Ph.D. candidate, Biological Sciences, will introduce biological soil crusts in this two-day field class.

Date/Time: Saturday, October 6, 9 am – 5 pm

Meet at: Oasis Visitor Center, 74485 National Park Drive, Twentynine Palms, CA

Fee: $50 for JTNPA/PINE members $60 for non members

October 7, 2012 • Advanced GPS Navigation Techniques

Twentynine Palms, CA – Work with software tools to learn how to load maps and waypoints, create a trip route and download it to your GPS. This class will combine outdoor hands-on practice with classroom lecture. Participants need to provide their own GPS units.

Date/Time: Sunday, October 7, 9 am – 5 pm

Meet at: Oasis Visitor Center, 74485 National Park Drive, Twentynine Palms, CA

Fee: $50 for JTNPA/PINE members $60 for non members