



## SAN DIEGO PEAKS CLUB

*The Club For Adventure Hikers*

As you can see I have a new computer to play with, a Macintosh LC III. It has been a pain to learn how to use it, but they tell me it will get better (so I don't delete an hour's work). I owe a tremendous debt to Linny Sarnecki for allowing me to use her word processor for issues' 1-14.

### HIKER OF THE MONTH

*THE HOTM FOR NOVEMBER* goes to Terri Sutor. Terri has deserved it for many things, but I have been waiting until she finished the HPS the **FOURTH TIME** before giving the HOTeM Pole to her. The "first woman of San Diego hiking" was the 1st woman to do the HPS list 2x, and the 1st to do it 3x. She is responsible for introducing me to the HPS and I have had a truly memorable life ever since. Thank you, Terri, for getting me started.

*THE HOTM FOR DECEMBER* goes to the group that is going to climb Aconcongua, the highest mountain (22,841 feet or 6962 meters) in South America. The group will consist of Richard Carey, Dave Jurasevich, Mark Adrian, Shelley Rogers, Bill Rundell, Bill Hill and Fred Bright. They will leave LAX on Dec 16 and hope to summit on New Year's Day. They, of course, will have the HOTeM Pole with them.

### New Members

Our 8 new members are Gary Suttle, Kathleen Nacey, Rebecca Everett, Dr. Richard Ulery, Barbara Jenkins, Patricia Jump and Bruce and Paula Peterson. In brief, Gary Suttle is the hiker who has done all the California county highpoints; Kathleen, Rebecca and Richard are frequent companions on Jim Sugg's Wednesday Walkabout hikes; Barbara is a good friend; and Pat, Bruce and Paula are DPSers from the LA area. Membership now stands at 75.

### Membership

Single or family membership, same price, \$9 per year. The year is from June to June, so joining now will last you until June, 1994. You will receive a bimonthly



newsletter and can join our hikes and river trips. Send monies to Paul Cavataio-Freiman, 4868 Austin Dr, San Diego 92115-3518. (619)583-0266.

### Bits and Pieces

- **Ron Jones** is "retiring" as editor of the DPS rag, *Desert Sage*. Ron brought new ideas to the *Sage*, many of which I have used. Thank you, Ron. Ron is a past winner of the Hiker of the Month for his fine editorship.
- **Terri Sutor** is going to list finish the HPS for the fourth time on Saturday, November 13. The site will be the peak she was instrumental in getting added to the list, i.e., Ken benchmark. "Ken" is at the end of the desert divide, about a two hour drive from Mission Valley. Call her at 278-3518 if interested.
- **Carol Murdock** had the perfect fall colors when she went on her Escalante Canyon lead for the Sierra Club. She had 4 other adventurers along.
- Last issue I featured a list of the California county highpoints that **Gary Suttle** sent to me. He has sent me a correction to the list, that is, Sonoma County/ Cobb Mountain West Rim 4480+, a volcanic crater.
- **Ken Olson and Terry Flood** bagged their SPS emblems 8-12-93 on Mt Goddard. Ken and Terry both have over 65 SPS peaks now.
- It was a great **canoe trip!** Nine adventurers met at Hoover Dam by Las Vegas and canoed two days down the Colorado River in ideal weather. Next October we will paddle from Needles to Lake Havasu, through the scenic Topock Gorge to end at London Bridge.
- **John Strauch** and I hiked the Secret Canyon trail that follows Pine Valley Creek last Sunday (Oct 24). The trail is 17 posted miles and took us 8:45 hours. The trail is set up for horsemen to use, but the evidence is that none do! The trail continues to get overgrown and is in pitiful shape. It needs the CCC to spend a month cleaning up the brush before you could certify it. I put orange trail tape at a few places so someone who wasn't familiar with the trail could find it. John, by the way, has the goal of rehiking all 192 hikes in Jerry's *Afoot and Afield*. He has done about 35 hikes.
- **Al Holden** is perplexed. The Hi-Sierran "lost" his hike schedule. This means that Sierra Clubbers will not know about the wonderful hikes Al is leading. Yes, he is still going to lead them for any SDPC hikers who are interested!!!!!!!!!!!!!! **Terri Sutor and Terri Astle** also have the same problem. Oops! Relax, I will list their hikes and more.
- I got a nice letter from **Betty Sterrett** regarding the deletion of **Battle Mountain** from the peaks list. This knoll by Lake Hodges is famous as "the hill with the cross". Betty sent me the story on the hill (limited space forces me to summarize). On Dec 6, 1846 a small American regiment of 100 men led by Brigadier General Stephen Kearny with scout Kit Carson rode over the hills into the San Pasqual Valley where they confronted the Californios (AKA Mexicans) in battle. The Californios, under the command of Gen. Andres Pico, brother of the last Mexican governor of California, Pio Pico, were better prepared to fight and dominated the Americans. Two days later, Pico had the Americans trapped on



Mule Hill (thought to be Battle Mountain) when Kit Carson, an Indian and Lt Edward Beale, USN, stole away in the night more than 26 miles 385 feet to the Presidio to get reinforcements from the Navy garrison. A memorial hike use to be lead by a Sierra Club person from Battle to Presidio. Mexican domination of California ended a month later when a treaty signed by Pico and Gen. John Fremont at Cahuenga ended the war. Thus, the events at Battle Mountain played an important role in the advance of California to statehood.

- Wes Shelberg sent me this article from the LA Time, 7 October 93: **Man Trapped by Boulder Amputates Leg.** Denver. A 38 year -old man amputated his own leg and crawled to his car to reach help after he was trapped under a boulder in the mountains.... William Jeracki, a physician's assistant, was walking to a fishing hole when a boulder fell on his leg and trapped it... He dragged himself a half mile and drove for help.
- This reminds me to print an update on the letter **Mark Adrian** received concerning his use of his ham radio on hikes. Investigation indicated that the letter complaining about Mark's use of the radio on Sierra Club hikes was solely the irritation of one person, Larry Tidball, current chair of the SPS. Last month, while visiting the Sierras with Terry Flood, Mark was once again called upon to use his ham for a rescue of a injured hiker.

### WEEKEND WANDERINGS

- Nov 6 Sat. Orienteer, Mt Laguna, Agua Dulce area. MacInnis 453-9174.  
The fun thing about orienteering is that it is civilized. Unlike hikes that sometime start at ungodly hours of the morning, orienteering starts anywhere between 10-noon. It takes between one to three hours, so you are back in town by a reasonable hour.
- Nov 6-8 Desert Divide with Al Holden 273-2494. Hike up Morris Ranch trail to bag HPS peaks (Palm View, Pyramid, Lion, Ken). Camp at Live Oak Springs. Call Al for more info.
- Nov 13 Sat. Ken Benchmark, desert divide. Terri Sutor 278-3518.  
Come join the festivities as Terri finishes the HPS list for the 4th time. Champagne and party.
- Nov 20 Sat. Mystery Hike. Come join Jim Sugg and me as Jim leads me down yet another, albeit unknown, primrose path. Paul 583-0266. Leave Mission Valley at 7:20.
- Nov 21 Sun. Corte Madera, Los Pinos Mountain, dayhike. Carl Johnson 448-8542. A somewhat strenous, early morning, moderately paced hike, about 13 miles that will require some boulder hopping and bush dodging. Corte Madera (4657 feet) and Los Pinos Mountain (4805 feet) are southwest of Pine Valley and offer a fabulous view of San Diego County and Baja California. Sierra Club hike.
- Nov 27-28 Sat.- Sun. Carey's Castle. Joshua Tree. Paul 583-0266. Come join Vicki and me for a slow-paced weekend. Drive out Saturday and hike 3 hrs. to the Castle where we will camp. Return Sunday.



- Dec 4-6 Sat.-Mon. Rabbit and Villager!!! Al Holden 273-2494. Hike up to Villager (5000' gain, 7 miles), camp, dayhike to Rabbit (3000 feet gain, 6 miles), camp same spot, hike down to cars. If there's time bag Zosel, Crab, Alice, and--if you dare--Ruth BM!!!!
- Dec 11 Sat. El Cajon Mtn-El Capitan . Carl Johnson 448-8542. 3/4 dayhike, moderate to fast pace, must be in excellent hiking condition. Steep dirt road. Fantastic view of all SD county.
- Dec 11-12 PCT hike. Warner Springs to Scissor's Crossing. Terri Astle 571-0471 and Terri Sutor 278-3518. This is suppose to be a SC PCT section hike, but I think this is one of the hikes that was left out of the Hi-Sierran.
- Dec 18-19 Moan, Windy and Puff. Dos Cabezas, Anza-Borrego. This is a truly wonderful hike. On the way to Moan and Windy you will pass Indian petroglyphs and an old miner's camp. Puff is above the Goat Canyon tressle with the perfect camera angles!!!! Call Paul 583-0266.
- Dec 25 Merry Christmas!!!!
- Jan 1, 1994 Happy New Year!!!!

#### AL'S MONDAY HIKES with Al Holden 273-2494

- Nov 1 Palomar Mtn, Fry Creek, North loop.
- Nov 15 Thimble and Ysidro. This is a **great** hike. Ranchita.
- Nov 22 Rosa Benchmark. Anza-Borrego. A sunrise to sunset hike, about 5000 feet of gain.
- Nov 29 Indianhead. 3/4 dayhike. Anza-borrego. Another tough one!
- Dec 13 Jacumba Mountain via Dos Cabezas and Motrero Palms. This is a beautiful area!

#### WEDNESDAY WILDERNESS WALKABOUT with Jim Sugg 224-7895

Jim arranges and/or leads hikes for Walkabout International every Wednesday. His hikes vary in length and time from 8-16 miles and from 5-8 hours total hiking time. They cover all areas of the county within 1 1/2 hour driving time. Most of the hikes are unique to this group!

- Nov 3 Middle Peak loop. Al leads. Al's favorite hike!
- Nov 10 Corte Madera. Jim's favorite hike!
- Nov 17 Palomar Mountain, Al leads.
- Nov 24 Boulder Oaks to Lake Morena.
- Dec 1 Sheephead Mountain. Mt Laguna area. Al leads.
- Dec 8 Cuyamaca Peak, South approach, Evan Bacas leads.
- Dec 15 Morena Butte. My favorite hike! Al leads.
- Dec 22 Mt Woodson loop. If you are interested maybe Jim can tell you the story about how he got thrown out of the Sierra Club on this hike!
- Dec 29 Sombrero Peak, Evan Bacas or Wes Shelberg will lead.



## SAN DIEGO PEAKS CLUB LIST

Original June, 1987 by Hannah North and Russ Weber  
Revised 3/91, 3/92, and 8/93 by Paul Freiman

### History of the SDPC List

In June 1987, hikers Hannah North and Russ Weber (aka Amentia Allegro and Russ Webo respectively) combined their extensive knowledge of San Diego county's terrain with additional information obtained from maps of Cleveland National Forest. The result was a formidable list of peaks and a commitment to bag them all. Life, however, intervened and they moved away, but not before each had climbed about half the peaks. Taking up the cause I climbed every peak and benchmark (BM) on the original register. Then I eliminated insignificant climbs and areas of trespassing. In total I deleted 35 peaks and added 25 new ones. Preparing this list was such an enjoyable exercise that I still get all a-tingle thinking about climbing them again.

Overall the list is challenging, not because the hikes are especially hard (no rock-climbing or class 3 skills required), but because you will need good map reading skills. The 14 peaks preceded by an asterisk (\*) are the distinguished Emblem Peaks, winning this designation for the particularly sublime rewards each destination provides to those who are willing to plod and scratch their way to the top.

Speaking of reaching your destination, you may either hike or mountain bike to do so. However, not only are drive-ups and helicopter rides illegal and disqualifying, they will earn you the antithesis of the coveted Hiker of the Month Award which is the Weenie of the Year Award.

Whenever visiting a peak, include as some of your "10 essentials" a pencil, paper, and empty can. The following explains:

Never let them say it  
Say it to your shame  
That a benchmark went untrodden  
And without your date and name!

Wes Shelberg

I want to thank Wes Shelberg, Al Holden, and Jim Sugg for being terrific hiking buddies during the preparation of this list. Also a heartfelt and you-found-me-where-I-live thanks to Terri Sutor for introducing me to adventure hiking. Thanks to my wife Vicki for typing this document.

### Maps

Map coordinates are based on Cleveland National Forest (CNF) 1985 map. USGS topos are 7 1/2' unless identified as 15'. Completion of this list is dependent upon your map reading and orienteering skills.

### Other Notes

"Pyramid", "Mile High", and "Square Top" are three peaks mentioned in Jerry Schad's Afoot and Afield in San Diego County (1986 edition) and nowhere else. The reference *Schad* is to this book. The following abbreviations found in the list refer to sections of the Angeles (LA) Chapter of the Sierra Club: DPS=Desert Peaks Section; HPS=Hundred Peaks Section; LPS=Lower Peaks Section.

**GOOD LUCK AND GOOD HIKING!!**



<u>DATE</u>	<u>PEAK</u>	<u>ELEV(')</u>	<u>CNF</u>	<u>USGS</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
	<b>1. Pendleton / Temecula</b>				
	1. Margarita Peak	3185	D5	Margarita Peak	
	2. Margarita Lookout	3065	D5	Margarita Peak	
	<b>2. Rancho Bernardo / Mira Mesa</b>				
	1. Bernardo Mtn	1150	G8		Climb from east.
	2. Black Mtn	1563	G9		dirt road to top, <i>Schad</i>
	3. Mt. Israel	1346	F8		Harmony Grove area
	<b>3. Palomar / Ramona</b>				
	1. Agua Tibia Mtn	4779	H5	Vail Lake	LPS, <i>Schad</i>
	2. Eagle Crag	5077	H5	Vail Lake	HPS
	3. Palomar High Point	6140	J6	Palomar Observatory	HPS, <i>Schad</i>
	4. Boucher Hill Lookout	5438	H6		Enjoy Palomar! HPS
	5. Black Mtn (Ramona)	4051	J7		road to top
	6. Mt. Gower	3103	J8	Ramona	
	<b>4. Central County</b>				
	1. Fortuna Mtn	1292	G10	La Mesa	<i>Schad</i>
	2. Cowles Mtn	1586	G10	La Mesa	<i>Schad</i>
	3. Woodson Mtn Lookout	2894	H8	San Pasqual	<i>Schad</i>
	4. Iron Mtn	2696	H9		Ellie Lane trailhead
	* 5. El Cajon Mtn	3675	J9	El Cajon Mtn	
	6. Eagle Peak	3226	K9	Cuyamaca (15')	
	7. Viejas Mtn	4187	K10	Cuyamaca (15')	<i>Schad</i>
	<b>5. Southwest County</b>				
	1. Bell Bluff	3409	K10	Cuyamaca (15')	
	2. McGinty Mtn	2183	J11	Dulzura	Nature Conservancy
	* 3. Lawson Peak	3660	K11	Barrett Lake	<i>Schad</i>
	4. Gaskill Peak	3836	K11	Barrett Lake, Potrero (15')	
	5. Otay Mtn	3566	J12		Mtn bike road, <i>Schad</i>
	6. Potrero Mtn	3344	K12	Potrero (15')	brushy
	7. Tecate Peak Lookout	3885	K12	Potrero (15')	<i>Schad</i>
	<b>6. Southeast County</b>				
	1. Long Valley Peak	4909	L10	Cuyamaca (15')	
	2. Buckman	4641	L10	Cuyamaca (15')	
	* 3. Corte Madera	4657	L10	Cuyamaca (15')	<i>Schad</i>
	4. Los Piños Mtn Lookout	4805	L11		active lookout in summer
	* 5. Morena Butte	3919	L11	Potrero (15')	
	6. Blue Angels Peak	4548		In-ko-pah Gorge	<i>Schad</i>
	<b>7. Cuyamaca State Park</b>				
	1. Middle Peak	5883	L9	Cuyamaca Peak	HPS, <i>Schad</i>
	2. Cuyamaca Peak	6512	L9	Cuyamaca Peak	HPS, <i>Schad</i>
	3. Japacha Peak	5825	L9	Cuyamaca Peak	former HPS
	4. Stonewall Peak	5730	L9	Cuyamaca Peak	HPS, <i>Schad</i>
	* 5. Oakzanita Peak	5054	L9	Cuyamaca Peak	HPS, <i>Schad</i>



**8. Lagunas**

1. Chariot Mtn	4680	M8	Cuyamaca Peak	HPS, <i>Schad</i>
2. Roost	4351	M9	Monument Peak	
3. Oriflamme Mtn	4611	L9	Monument Peak	<i>Schad</i>
4. Pine Mtn	5640+	M9	Monument Peak	
5. Garnet Mtn	5669	M9	Monument Peak	HPS
6. Garnet Peak	5880+	M9	Monument Peak	HPS, <i>Schad</i>
7. Monument Peak	6271	M9	Monument Peak	HPS
8. Wooded Hill	6160	M10	Mt. Laguna	nature trail
9. Sheephead Mtn	5783	M10	Mt. Laguna	HPS
10. Manza	5556	M10	Mt. Laguna	
11. Cuyapaipe	6378	M10	Mt. Laguna	HPS
12. Guatay Mtn	4885	L10	Cuyamaca (15')	

**9. Warner Springs**

1. Comb's Peak	6193	L5	Bucksnot	HPS
2. Hot Springs Mtn	6533	L6	Hot Springs Mtn	HPS; lookout isn't pk
3. Pike	5571	M6	Borrego Palm Cyn	
4. Cody	5586	M6	Borrego Palm Cyn	

**10. Sheep Canyon Natural Preserve (Coyote Canyon)**

* 1. Collins	4559	L5	Bucksnot, Collins Valley	
2. Knob	3431	L5	Bucksnot Mtn	
3. Elder	3433	M5	Collins Valley, Hot Spr Mtn	
4. Palms	3121	M5	Collins Valley	lovely view
5. "Square Top"	4649	M5	Hot Spr Mtn, Collins Valley	<i>Schad</i>
6. Coyote Mtn	3192		Clark Lake	<i>Schad</i>

**11. Around Montezuma Grade (Ranchita to Borrego)**

1. San Ysidro Mtn	6147	M6	Borrego Palm Cyn	HPS
* 2. The Thimble	5779	M7	Tubb Cyn	
3. Hob	4853	M6	Borrego Palm Cyn	
4. White	5326	M6	Tubb Cyn	not shown on topo
5. Goat	4232	M6	Tubb Cyn	
6. Bonny	4574	M7	Tubb Cyn	
7. Peak 5386 (San Ysidro Pk)	5386	M6	Borrego Palm Cyn	
8. Kay	3587	M6	Borrego Palm Cyn	
9. Ode	1510	M6	Borrego Palm Cyn	
10. Webo	4173	M6	Tubb Cyn	
11. Ted	2369	M7	Tubb Cyn	
12. Wee	4068	M6	Tubb Cyn	
13. Rass	1877	M6	Tubb Cyn	
* 14. Wilson (Pinyon Ridge)	4573	M6	Tubb Cyn	<i>Schad</i>
15. Pinyon Ridge High Point	4611	M6	Tubb Cyn	
16. Indianhead	3960	M6	Borrego Palm Cyn	DPS, <i>Schad</i>

**12. Along S-2 (Scissors Crossing to Ocotillo)**

* 1. Grapevine Mtn	3955	M8	Earthquake Valley	
2. Sentenac Mtn	3068	M8	Earthquake Valley	
3. Granite Mtn	5633	M8	Julian, Earthquake Valley	HPS, <i>Schad</i>
4. Sunset Peak (Yak BM)	3657	M8	Whale Peak	<i>Schad</i>
5. Pinyon Mtn	4440	N8	Whale Peak	<i>Schad</i>
6. Whale Peak	5349	N8	Whale Peak	HPS, <i>Schad</i>
7. Ghost Mtn	3360+	N8	Earthquake Valley	<i>Schad</i>



8. Stage	2816	N9	Agua Caliente Springs	
9. Coyote Mtns (Mine BM)	1850		Sweeney Pass	Schad

### 13. Carrizo Gorge and McCain Valley

1. Jacumba Mtn	4513	O11	Jacumba	DPS, Schad
* 2. Red Top	4467	N9	Agua Caliente Springs	
3. Sombrero Peak	4229	N10	Sombrero Peak	DPS, Schad
4. Tule Mtn	4647	N11	Jacumba	
5. Gasp	3223		Jacumba, Live Oak	
6. Groan	2737		Jacumba	
* 7. Puff	2716		Jacumba	by Goat Canyon
8. Grunt	2144		Sweeney Pass	
9. Moan	2939		Sweeney Pass, Jacumba	
10. Windy	2442		Sweeney Pass, Jacumba	
11. Sawtooth	4382	N9	Agua Caliente	

### 14. Santa Rosa Ridge

1. Dawn's Peak	6582		Clark Lake	Schad
2. Rabbit Peak	6640+		Rabbit Peak, UTM 708994	DPS, HPS, Schad
(Note: Dawn and Rabbit are honorary peaks because they lie outside San Diego county.)				
3. Ruth	5070		Rabbit Peak	
4. Villager Peak	5756		Rabbit Peak	HPS, Schad
5. Zosel	4853		Rabbit Peak	
6. Crab	4485		Rabbit Peak	
7. Alice	3594		Rabbit Peak	
8. "Mile High"	5360		Font's Point, Rabbit Peak	DPS, HPS
9. Rosa	5038		Font's Point	DPS, HPS
* 10. "Pyramid"	3480+		Font's Point	Schad
* 11. Palm	2697		Font's Point, 17 Palms	Schad
12. Font's Point	1294		Font's Point	Schad

### 15. Split Mountain

1. Diablo	2440+		Agua Caliente, Arroyo Tapiado
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### 16. Ocotillo Wells

* 1. Borrego Mtn West Butte	1207		Borrego Mtn	Schad
2. Borrego Mtn East Butte	1196		Borrego Mtn	



Helicopter Rescue of Paula  
Peterson



A Boy and His Dog...  
(photos by John Strawn)



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# Copper Canyon, Mexico

December 26, 1993-January 2, 1994  
Copper Canyon and The Sierra Tarahumara,  
Train Trip, Unique and Personal Destinations,  
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The Chihuahua-Pacific Railroad, that took almost 100 years to complete, runs between Los Mochis, Sinaloa, near the Gulf of California and Chihuahua City, Chihuahua, which is about 212 miles south of El Paso, Texas. In between the two cities the railroad goes over a mountain range, the Sierra Madre Occidental or more specifically the Sierra Tarahumara, by way of 39 bridges, 86 tunnels, and unbelievable scenery. The lumbering-ranching, pine forested town of Creel is approximately in the middle of the mountains. Between the major cities there are several very small, old (from the late 1600's) pueblos and mining villages, magnificent waterfalls, and of course, Barranca del Cobre (Copper Canyon, only one of three "Grand Canyon" like interconnecting canyons.

I am organizing another trip to the Sierra Tarahumara at the end of December. I am an art teacher (27 years), currently in the San Diego City School, a Sierra Club outings leader, and a frequent visitor to the Sierra Tarahumara (I was last in the Sierra this past August). I am looking for a minimum of 10 and a maximum of about 15 persons to join my wife and me on a special winter adventure. We will go to some very unique places, visit local people I have gotten to know, take the breathtaking train ride, and view the splendor of the Sierra. All accommodations will be good to excellent, while at the same time costs will be kept to a minimum. I try to blend in with and get to know the locals. This is a chance to improve your Spanish language and Mexican cultural skills. The trip is intended for persons willing to be flexible while looking for adventure. In addition, it is for persons who enjoy nature, a little hiking, have a respect, curiosity, and fascination for other cultures and places. This is a private trip not a commercial tour. Cost: basically for your expenses, about \$690 including air, lodging, some meals, taxi, airport tax, and tips, except Tarahumara Indian baskets, personal purchases, and \$30-\$40 in optional rides. I think that the Sierra Tarahumara is a fantastic place, but I can not really adequately describe it in this short note.

If my trip is something that you are interested in, give me a call so that we can start planning for what will be a highlight of the winter holidays - or as an alternative, if you are interested in going in August 1994, let me know.

El Coyote Pelón

Carl Johnson

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