



SAN DIEGO PEAKS CLUB

The Club for Adventure Hiking

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4th Season

What a great time we had when Carol Murdock finished the San Diego Peaks Club hiking list! She celebrated with 18 friends on top of Volcan Mountain, the newest addition to the list. People, this is a beautiful mountain located north of Julian. The rangers have restricted access until they can complete a land management survey. (See the article in *Trail Treats* for more info.)

WELCOME! Our new club members since the last newsletter are **Mary and Lorin Mitts** from Borrego, **Elizabeth Brunton-Oceanside**, the **Walter Millar family-San Diego**, **Mike Volberg-Ramona**, **Sirella McDaniel-Walkabouts**, and **Jerry Higgins-PB**. I found Jerry's name in the register at Dawn's Peak, so I knew I had to call him. Club membership now stands at 103. Which brings up the reminder: **DUES ARE DUE**. IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID, an envelope will be included to make it easy for you to renew. Dues cover June to June and, by paying now, you can be happy and content until June, 1995. WOW, what a deal! Dues are the same for single or family. My bank won't accept checks made out to SDPC. Please make out a check for \$12 to Paul Cavataio-Freiman, 4868 Austin Dr, San Diego, CA 92115-3518.



HIKER OF THE MONTH

Honors for the month of June go to **VICKI CAVATAIO-FREIMAN**, the new newsletter editor. Yeah, I thought you were wondering why my grammar (sic) and syntax had suddenly improved. Vicki has edited parts of previous issues, but issue 18 was the first she edited entirely. I am very lucky to

have married such an outstanding writer. (Aw, shucks.-Ed.) She has fully recovered from her December back surgery.

July's HOTM goes to the first woman to complete the SDPC hiking list, **CAROL MURDOCK**. She previously won the HOTM in December, 1992, for organizing the the Sierra Club's Mountain Medicine clinics since 1978. In addition, she completed the Sierra Club's Hundred Peaks Section hiking list. But Carol is more than just a determined hiker. She is also a home health RN practicing through UCSD which recently (May 5) honored her as one of six **OUTSTANDING Nurses of the Year**. I asked Carol and list finisher colleague John Strauch to write up their five most memorable hikes. Look for these articles later in this issue.

△△△ TRAIL TREATS △△△

- △ **OOPS, I made some boo-boos.** Last issue I chopped off Oakzanita Peak (elev. 5054) from the first page of the peak list. It should be number 5 under Cuyamaca State Park. Garnet Peak should be listed at 5909, and Jacumba Mountain at elev.4512. Gary Suttle (club member and author of California County High Points) remarked that the elevation I gave Mt Whitney (14,492') is actually lower. He said that the new topo maps give the distance in meters and converting it to feet will give you 14,491. (His editor at Wilderness Press changed his calculations to 14,492').
- △ **HOT MAP TIP FROM GARY SUTTLE....**
You can buy one to five maps from the USGS Earth Science Information Center (ESIC), 345 Middlefield Rd, MS 532, Menlo Park, CA 94025, (415) 329-4390, FAX (415) 329-5130. Visa or Mastercard phone or fax orders take just days to receive rather than weeks as through the USGS in Denver. Cost is \$2.50 per map with a \$1.00 handling fee applied to mail orders less than \$10, but no tax or postage fees!!!
- △ **HOT MAP TIP FROM RICHARD CAREY....**
"On June 1, 1994 the USGS 15-minute map is officially abandoned. This means that 15-minute maps will no longer be available from the USGS. However, copies of color separates will still be available for sale and descriptive information will be maintained for reference." (USGS-Western Region)
- △ **CINDY OUTLAW** will leave May 29 to tackle Denali again. The last time she was prepped to go (June '92) she discovered one week from departure that she was pregnant. Her daughter's name, Molly McKinley, attests to Cindy's obsession with the summit of the highest peak in North America. Cindy will be taking the **HOTeM Pole** with her and promises a summit photo for the next issue.
- △ **JIM SUGG** celebrated his 67th birthday and his 350th Wednesday Walkabout hike April 13 on Blue Angels Peak (AKA Smuggler's Peak). His adoring legion of admirers showered him with gifts.
- △ We had fantastic weather on the **DAWN'S PEAK** hike, April 16-17. Carol needed to bag the peak in her quest to list finish. Joining us was **John Strauch, Beth Davis** and **Lorin Mitts**, a Borrego resident. When we picked up Lorin at 3:00pm it was 90°. We drove up Rockhouse to the end near Hidden Springs and were able to pick up the shade from the narrow canyon walls when we started at 4:30. The next day was overcast and stayed a lovely 70°.
- △ **WES SHELBERG** introduced me to the **Rockhouse Canyon** approach to Dawn's Peak. People who know other routes report delight with the relative ease of this way.

(TRAIL TREATS continued)

- △ Beth and I were gazing over at Toro Mtn, some 14 miles in the distance, thinking what a rough go it was when we hiked it with Jerry Schad in 1991. It took 11 hours and cramped legs to reach Dawn. Then we read in the register on Dawn's Peak that **Werner Landry** hiked to it from Toro in 5 1/2 hours. (I understand that Werner has also been up K2.) Beth wants me to lead the **Santa Rosa Ridge hike** as a three day event. I may do it over Labor Day weekend, Sept 4-5-6.
- △ **DAWN'S PEAK** (AKA Peak 6582) is a lovely peak, but how did it get it's name? Well, back in the '70's the AAA Riverside County road map named it. What we didn't realize at the time was that the AAA gave it a fictitious name to insure copyright protection of the map. Every map has one false name on it. I was checking the Rand McNally San Diego County Recreation map the other day. It has Villager listed, but where Rabbit Peak should be is "Kawal Mtn elev.5859". This is an outright falsehood because they even got the elevation wrong. Well, I have the 1989 edition of the AAA Riverside County map and Dawn's Peak is now called "Lorenzens Peak elev. 6582". I will continue to call it "Dawn's Peak", rather than Peak 6582.
- △ **BETH DAVIS'** company is delightful, but the fact that she and Ralph own a home at Ram's Hill and have jacuzzi privileges makes her truly wonderful. After a tough, hot Richard Hughes hike in Borrego a few years back, Beth broadcast that everyone was invited to join her at Ram's Hill. "I don't believe you, Beth," came a response, "I'm totally exhausted and you want to climb another summit!"
- △ SDPC hiking list finisher **JOHN STRAUCH** and partner Evan Bailey were high scorers for the ACBL Regional bridge tourney during Easter week. Congrats on the win!
- △ On the Dawn's Peak hike I learned about an old character named "**CREOSOTE**" who ducked a desert path from Mexico towards Canada at least ten years ago. He apparently continues to write a newsletter, and if we can find some of the trail guides he has written I will be very, very happy to lead a series of adventure "PDT" (Pacific Desert Trail) hikes in the fall months.
- △ SDPC is ON-LINE! Our fax number is 583-0864.
- △ **RICHARD CAREY** writes, "I take issue with Pk 3583 being the high point of the Vallecito Mountains. If you look on the AAA San Diego County map and the Whale Peak 7.5 min topo you will find the Vallecitos extend some distance. I say that Whale Peak is the high point of the Vallecito Mountains." --- Absolutely correct, Richard. The Vallecito Mts do extend a long way east and west. Sunset and Whale Peaks are two named peaks on the western side of the range. Peak 3583 is the high point of the eastern side and is labeled as such on the hiking list.
- △ **RICHARD** continues the letter, "On Thursday, June 9th I will show slides of Aconcagua at the PCT (Pacific Crest Trail) group meeting. The location is the home of **Chris Landa**, 5030 Pacifica Dr. 274-5154. Time is 7:30 PM. **Mark Adrian** and **Shelley Rogers** will probably be there too with their prints. Hope you can come." Chris, a SDPC club member, extends an open invitation to all SDPC members. Remember, however, that this is a Sierra Club event.
- △ Longtime DPSer **BILL STEVENS** will conclude savoring the peaks with his final list finish June 18 on Waucoba Mountain, just north of Death Valley. Call Mark Adrian for carpooling info 272-1265.
- △ For those of you into long-range planning, **TERRY FLOOD** will finish the DPS (Desert Peak Section of the LA Sierra Club) list on Jan 14-15, 1995 (his birthday), on Orocopia. I hope he choses the route with the hot springs!!!

(TRAIL TREATS continued)

△ GREAT NEWS FOR SAN DIEGO HIKING....

The San Diego Hiking Club is reorganizing to lead more and different hikes at a reduced membership cost. I love these people. They don't lead boring hikes. They lead easy to moderate adventure hikes, at an easier pace than I do, but in much the same areas. Yearly fee is \$48. Call Guy Harris @ 271-5089 for more info.

△ I mentioned earlier what a stunning area the new acquisition of Volcan Mountain is. Jerry Schad has listed this hike in his new edition of Afoot and Afield in San Diego County. However, until the rangers complete a land management study, the area will be restricted. But docents are available, so you can overcome the restrictions easily if you make prior arrangements with them. Also, rangers and docents lead groups on the 2nd Saturday of the month. Ranger David Holt of Heise Park in Pine Hills has jurisdiction over Volcan Mtn; you can arrange trips by calling 765-0650. Call the San Dieguito River Park (595-5602) if you would like to help buy the remaining 8,000+ acres of the Rutherford Ranch.

△ I would like to thank the Wednesday Walkabouts for the kind birthday card and wonderful friendship.



WEEKEND OUTINGS CALENDAR

These hikes are all moderate to strenuous. I have attempted to credit the organization responsible whether it be a SDPC, Sierra Club (SC), Walkabout, San Diego Orienteering (SDO), Coachella Valley Hiking Club (CVHC), San Diego Hiking Club (SDHC) or private activity.

- JUNE 4-5** **PARQUE NACIONAL SAN PEDRO MARTIR.** Terry Flood (729-8221 evenings or 800-562-1318 days). Climb Scout Peak and Cerro Botella Azul, the 2nd and 3rd highest peaks in Baja. Call Terry ahora mismo if you wish to know more. Private.
- JUNE 4-5** **PCT, IDYLLWILD.** Terri Astle (571-0471) / Terri Sutor (278-3518) / Chris Landa (274-5154). On Saturday join the 2 Terries as they walk the PCT from Black Mtn south to Snow Cyn. (6500 ft. descent over 18.2 mi.) On Sunday Sutor and Landa will peakbag Castle Rock and Black Mtn from the camping site. (See July 16 for a similar hike that Chris is doing). SC
- JUNE 9** **Aconcagua Slide Show.** 7:30 pm. See *Trail Treats*.
- JUNE 11** **SANTA ROSA MOUNTAIN AND TORO PEAK.** Saturday. Al Holden (273-2494) / Rheta Schoeneman. Al and Rheta are tackling the mountain from the east side, 13 miles and 4000 feet. Al sez this is one of his best hikes. Wow! SC
- JUNE 18-19** **PCT, IDYLLWILD AND DESERT DIVIDE.** Chris Landa (274-5154) / John Keck. Two days over PCT. Saturday: Morris Ranch Rd to Apple Cyn, a very nice loop over Spitler and Apache Peaks. Car camp. Sunday: Hike Humber Park to Apple Cyn bagging South and Red Tahquitz Peaks if there is time. Each day is about 13 miles and 2000-2500' gain. SC
- JUNE 18** **ORIENTEER, Sunset Cliffs Park on Pt Loma.** Saturday. Madonna Bentz & Steve Nave (622-0764). This is a great course for beginners. SDO

WEEKEND OUTINGS CALENDAR cont.

- JUNE 18** **WAUCOBA MTN NORTH OF DEATH VALLEY; DPS LIST FINISH** for Bill Stevens. Saturday. See *Trail Treats* for more info. Call Paul (583-0266) for carpool suggestions. SC
- JUNE 18-25** **COPPER CANYON** with Carl Johnson (448-8542). Max. group size 14 adventurers. \$850. SC
- JUNE 25** **ORIENTEER, Tecolote Canyon.** Saturday. Bill Gookin (578-9456). SDO
- JUNE 25** **SOUTH RIDGE PEAKBAG SPECIAL.** Saturday. Four HPS peaks along the Desert Divide by Idyllwild. Al Holden (273-2494) / Charles Hummel are hiking up the South Ridge trail to bag Tahquitz, Red Tahquitz, South, Ansell Rock before calling it a day. 14 mi. Strenuous. SC
- JULY 16** **PCT, IDYLLWILD.** Saturday. Chris Landa (274-5154). Chris will walk from Black Mtn to Humber Park, about 14.5 miles. It's Chris' favorite section of PCT. SC
- JULY 17** **ORIENTEER, Big Laguna.** S-1 and Noble Canyon trailhead. Sunday. Bill Gookin (578-9456). SDO
- JULY 22-24** **GRAYBACK BACKPACK.** Dennis Richards (462-3643). Hike into High Creek camp using the moonlight on Friday, then peakbag Old Grayback (aka San Gorgonio Mtn), Jepson and Dobbs and return via crosscountry to camp. Kick back the rest of the day because you don't have to leave until Sunday! SC
- JULY 26-29** **GRAYBACK BACKPACK.** Tuesday-Friday. Al Holden (273-2494). Four days and three nights. Hike in from Poopout Hill to High Meadow Springs to set up basecamp, then bag the peaks on the following days. Private trip open to SDPC members.
- AUG 5-13** **HIGH SIERRA PEAKBAG EXPLORATORY.** Dennis Richards (462-3643) / Rob Langsdorf. Join them for nine days as they venture deep inside Sequoia to visit the spectacularly scenic high country surrounding Nine Lake and Kaweah Basins. They will climb Mts. Kaweah, Triple Divide, and five others. Much of the route is over steep crosscountry terrain with backpacks. Some class 3 climbing possible. Call Dennis between 7-9pm before July 8 for info. Dennis has room for 1 person. SC
- AUG 13-21** **COPPER CANYON.** Carl Johnson (448-8542). See June 18 for info.
- AUG 20-28** **EVOLUTION BASIN PEAKBAG ODYSSEY.** Terry Flood (729-8221 evenings). "This will be a loop trip over 40 miles on our six moving days. The longest day will be eight miles, and there will be significant elevation gains and losses in this kind of terrain." Fee \$405. SC National Outing
- SEPT 17-18** **7TH ANNUAL BORREGO SPRINGS MOONLIGHT MADNESS BICYCLE TOUR, FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS, and WATER BOTTLE FIGHT.** Terry Flood (729-8221). The title explains this cult trip.
- SEPT 17-18** **ORIENTEER, Palomar Mountain 2-day.** Bill Gookin (578-9456). One of the best meets all year. All levels, beginners through advanced can come. Starts 10 am. SDO
- OCT 8-9** **GRAND CANYON NORTH TO SOUTH RIM RUN** (or fast walk). Carl Johnson (448-8542). Call Carl for the packaged costs to this great adventure.

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WEDNESDAY

WALKABOUT

HIKES with JIM SUGG

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 total hours hiking time. They cover all areas of the county within 1 1/2 hours driving time. Most of the hikes are unique to this group! Al Holden frequently leads the first and third Wednesday hikes. Jim's phone number is 224-7895.

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| JUNE | 8 | Iron Mountain. Poway. |
| | 15 | Monument Peak. Lagunas. |
| | 22 | Fortuna Mountain. Mission Trails Park. |
| | 29 | Descanso-Green Valley Falls loop. Cuyamaca. |
| JULY | 6 | Laguna Lakes from Penny Pines. |
| | 13 | Kelly Ditch. Lake Cuyamaca. See "Afoot and Afield..." |
| | 20 | Cuyamaca Peak from Milk Ranch Rd. |
| | 27 | Palomar Mountain, Observatory trail. |
| AUG | 3 | Oakzanita Peak loop. |
| | 10 | West Mesa-Japacha loop. Cuyamaca. |
| | 17 | Water of the Woods-Wooded Hill loop. Lagunas. |
| | 24 | Coldwater Spring-Azalea Spring loop. Cuyamaca. |
| | 31 | Middle Peak loop. Cuyamaca. |

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The Hiker of the Month Award (A Retrospective)

Once a year I like to honor the club members who have received this award by reprinting their names and achievements. For the club's many new members I will go back to the birth of the HOTM.

SDPC started in May, 1991. By the first June newsletter Beth Davis the Amazing had earned a few kudos. Here's what I wrote: "SD hiker of the month! Beth Davis, in three consecutive weekends did (1) a 16 hour trip from Clark Dry Lake to Rabbit; (2) a 32 mile Santa Rosa ridge traverse; and (3) a self-described 'Hike from Hell' in Death Valley, a mere 15 hour day. I can't believe people think 'Wonder Woman' is fiction. I get exhausted just thinking about it!" At that point the hiker of the month became a working concept deserving capital letters and an ongoing role in the club. All it needed was a tangible symbol and a name. So, in July I asked the membership for help locating a suitable object to pass to each subsequent Hiker of the Month. Carl Johnson soon answered the call and donated a handsome chain of three interlocking rings he had carved from a single piece of wood. (For those who don't know him, Carl is a renowned wood sculptor.) Terri Astle drummed up a name for it and then, at last, the "Hotem Pole" was born.

Well, after that I thought I'd have a hard time finding 12 people per year to acknowledge, but instead I've had difficulty restricting the choice to only one person a month. As the HOTeM Pole

matures, it travels well--from McKinley in Alaska to Aconcagua in Peru, and a number of other notable continental peaks in between. As we speak it's on its third trip up McKinley. And it doesn't need an oxygen tank.

Look for the HOTeM Pole on the Hiker of the Month's pack.

Here are the honorees:

- June '91 Beth Davis - Superhiker
- July-Aug Jim Sugg - His 10th annual 60 mile walk (in less than 20 hrs) and the county record holder for the most units of anti-venom received for a snakebite.
- Sept '91 Carl Johnson - for doing Picacho del Diablo twice a year for several years.
- Oct '91 Al Holden - for designing wonderfully new "adventure hiking" routes.
- Nov '91 John Strauch - for completing all 176 hikes in Jerry Schad's *Afoot and Afield in San Diego County*
- Dec '91 Terri Astle - for being a very active leader of Sierra Club hikes and for founding the La Jolla Swim Club in the early '70s.
- Jan '92 Paul Freiman - for finishing the SDPC list.
- Feb '92 Dennis Richards - for leading Sierra Club hikes.
- Mar '92 Betty Sterrett - for designing a lovely club logo.
- Apr '92 Wes Shelberg - for being San Diego's premiere desert rat. He taught me a lot of what I know (and all my bad habits)!
- May '92 Gail Hanna - awesome orienteering win.
- June '92 Cindy Outlaw - this was to be for climbing Denali, but she found she was pregnant one week before she was to leave and instead named her daughter "Molly McKinley". She will try again this June.
- July '92 Peggy Crunican and Dave Hardy - for going on the most SDPC hikes the previous year.
- Aug '92 Donna Hawkins - for mountaineering feats that include Denali, Mt Mera and others.
- Sept '92 Ron Jones - for editing the DPS' "The Desert Sage" and leading magnificent trips.
- Oct '92 Bob Pinsker and Laurie Jenkins - for "adventure hiking" 50 SDPC peaks in stylish fashion.
- Nov '92 Ed Sutor - for finishing the HPS list.
- Dec '92 Carol Murdock - for being the Medical Director of the Sierra club and organizing Mountain Medicine courses since 1978.
- Jan '93 Steve Spiller - for being the second person to complete all 176 hikes in Schad's book.
- Feb '93 Les Hill, Richard Carey and Ken Olson - for finishing the DPS list. Richard carried the HOTM to the summit of Orizaba (18850'), the third highest peak in North America.
- Mar '93 John Strauch - for being the second to finish the SDPC list.
- Apr '93 The Rain - for washing out my trips.
- May '93 Victoria Cavataio-Freiman - for marrying me.
- June '93 Robin Tucker - for organizing the May raft trip and for falling overboard so much.
- July '93 Dave Jurasevich - for leading great trips, for helping me list finish the DPS, for editing the DPS Peak Guide, and for being best man at my wedding.
- Aug '93 Richard Carey - For summitting Denali.
- Sept '93 Mark Adrian - for having the most exciting DPS list finish in memory, enduring earthquakes and mountain rescues.
- Oct '93 Jim Hawkins - for summitting Denali a week after Richard Carey did.
- Nov '93 Terri Sutor - for finishing the HPS list four times, and for introducing me to adventure hiking.
- Dec '93 Aconcagua group, of which Mark Adrian carried the HOTeM Pole to the summit.
- Jan '94 Al Holden - for again leading the best hikes of the year.
- Feb '94 Jim Sugg - for his leadership. Magnificent job!
- Mar '94 Mike Fry - for trailblazing a trail on the north side of Mt Woodson.
- Apr '94 Gary Suttle - for his book on the California County highpoints.
- May '94 Richard Hughes - for outstanding Sierra Club leadership.

Now you know the history behind the HOTM. If you have suggestions for honorees, then by all means please write or call.

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I asked SDPC List Finishers Carol Murdock and John Strauch to write about their five favorite (or unusual) adventures. Their written adventures follow. Since I also finished the list I wanted to list my trips.

My Favorite Adventures on the SDPC List by Paul Freiman

1. **Thimble loop.** I led the first SDPC hike to this spot. The loop begins by bagging The Thimble, a rock dome near Ranchita. I continue the hike by orienteering to benchmarks around Hellhole Canyon. Very exciting!

2. **Morena Butte.** My favorite non-desert hike. On the peak are three distinct vista points. As you hike up from the dam, the first glimpse of the butte's huge granite slab will take your breath away.

3. **Puff.** Shoot the best photos of the Goat Canyon trestle in Carrizo Gorge from this peak. Every photographer should come here.

4. **Split Mtn-West.** I can't believe I'm on Planet Earth while hiking down Oyster Shell Wash on the return trip.

5. **Red Top and Sawtooth.** No one else leads these hikes. We've bagged Red Top from McCain Valley and Agua Caliente. Magnificent adventure.

6. **Mile High-Rosa-Pyramid.** A great 12-hour trip at the end of the Santa Rosa Ridge.

7. **Pinyon Ridge (BM Wilson).** Surprised to see an easy hike on my list? I like this one as the perfect "Sierra Club type" hike.

Carol reports a jet flying on its side through the canyon when she climbed Split Mtn-West, beautiful western redbuds on Oriflamme Mtn, and a big ol' rattlesnake on Windy. Each one of us has great adventures to tell. You can too!

Reflections From The First Woman SDPC List Finisher.

I first saw the SDPC list in early 1992 and thought, "NO, not another list!" I had already climbed many of the peaks but did not intend to "finish" this list. In December of '93, I did Ruth, Zosel, Crab and Alice solo and decided that the hardest was over, Why not go for it! The beauty of this list is that you learn more about what is right in our own back yard and don't have to drive all over southern California.

I was fascinated by the terrain north of S-22 and the list gave me a reason to explore it. Intriguing names such as Gasp, Groan, Puff, Grunt, Moan, Goat and Yak just have to be climbed. My first peak on this list was El Cajon Mtn back in Jan. 1975.

Some of my favorites are: Coyote, for its view of two earthquake faults; The Thimble, interesting slot; The Zosel to Alice ridge, splendid feeling of isolation and conquest; Vallecito, varied terrain through washes, over boulders and along ridge; Peak 5386', our perfect day with excellent view of snowcapped mountains and bighorn sheep; and Volcan for its panoramic desert to ocean view.

Least enjoyed were Japacha; scramble through trees and no view and Palm; steep, narrow loose ridge. I climbed 21 peaks solo and plan on reascending 7 peaks which are duplicates from the HPS list and Blue Angel which I haven't been up since 1976. I would even do 6582 again, even though I don't "NEED" it! Carol Murdock

May 1, 1994

Hi Paul,

Here's a somewhat tardy list of five of my most memorable SDPC peak hikes.

Eagle Crag, March 1986, via Cutca Valley. Back in my early hiking days my smoking out-of-shape buddy Ray and I did this peak, then ran out of daylight; my lousy flashlight lasted about a half hour and we couldn't see the trail. We built a fire and spent the night then hiked out in the morning and called our somewhat worried wives.

"Pyramid", March 1987, Sierra Club BMC desert backpack led by Richard Hughes and accompanied by desert rat "Old Creosote" (D.W.Tomer). We started at Coachwhip Canyon and ended in Wonderstone and Travertine Palms Washes. I had to hobble out the last few miles after spraining my foot.

Morena Butte, SDPC hike, September 1991. Jerry Schad took a photo of Paul, Carl Johnson, Mark Adrian and me which he put in the 2nd edition of Afoot and Afield in SD County. Beth Davis, Dave and Peggy were also in the hike but weren't as lucky. It's always a treat to hike with Jerry.

Ruth, Zosel, Crab and Alice. Did these solo in December 1992 as a loop hike starting on the north side of the Villager-Rabbit ridge in Barton Canyon. Got caught in the rain and the dark, couldn't find my tent, but was able to find the HPS Rabbit Peak trail and get back to my car at 10pm.

Collins and Knob in March 1993. Drove my less-than-trusty Justy into Collins Valley, by which time the clutch had burned up. This was supposed to be my SDPC list finish weekend. Did the two peaks with the DPS/SDPC group on Saturday, then spent Sunday getting the car out (thanks, Mark). Did the last two peaks, Elder and Palms, a month later.

I'm looking forward to the Volcan hike for Carol on May 14. If dogs are allowed I may be able to get Phil Read and Shane the dog to come, too. Shane's Bowwow Award and been made into a collar and looks quite handsome on him.

Went up to San Bernardino for the Grand National Teams this weekend but we got knocked out in our first match. Local player Charlie Finch was on the team that beat us and they went on to win the event. Can't win 'em all.

Talk to you soon, *John*