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PV-SB Group Death Valley Bus Trip

January 13-15, 2007



by Jaclyn Childers, Secretary

Saturday, Jan 13. The morning was bright and crisp as we caught our bus with our favorite driver, Rich Torres. We left at 7am sharp and headed to the Orange County pick-up point where we loaded the rest of the group and headed for Death Valley. Our leader Richard Pardi (a Death Valley buff), conveyed some history of a trail that the 49ers used during the 1849 gold rush. We soon arrived at colorful Golden Canyon to start our hikes. Richard led the faster paced hike up to Zabriski Point while passing thru the "Badlands" and returning down Gower Gulch. The intermediate paced group followed but stopped before the final ascent to Zabriski Point while returning back down Golden Canyon. The bus took the sightseeing group on to Badwater (282 ft. below sea level), and returned for a short walk in Golden Canyon. We then checked-in at the Furnace Creek Ranch where Donna Lauck had a great happy hour buffet set up for us. Later some of us went to the Visitor Center to watch a slide program on the topic "Windswept." We learned how the Santa Ana, Los Angeles and San Joaquin Valley winds actually interact with the desert winds.

Sunday, Jan 14. We loaded up on the bus at 8am and headed out for our day's adventures. The weather was somewhat

nippy, but that didn't discourage any of our hikers. The bus left the faster group off at "Hells Gate" and they followed Richard and Bob Beach to the Death Valley Buttes, followed by a hike in Lower Monarch Canyon. Cindy Pardi lead the intermediate group of 19 hardy hikers on a 7 mile round-trip hike going down beautiful Monarch Canyon with a bonus of exploring around an Indian Mine built in 1904. The sightseeing group toured Scotty's Castle and those who wanted to hike went around Ubehebe Crater. On our return to Furnace Creek Ranch, we had a great happy hour in Donna and Jackie's room. Everybody got to share their experiences of the day and Richard made announcements of the activities for the next day.

Monday, Jan 15. At 8am, the bus loaded with luggage and excited passengers left Furnace Creek for our last day's adventures. Hike #1 started along Salt
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We welcome the new Executive Committee Special Projects members Bruce Corning and Bill Lavoie and Publicity Chair Kathleen Martin. We thank our departing committee members Lise Allard and Barbara Sattler for her faithful and hard work in Conservation.



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Conservation News

The PVSBC Conservation Committee is perhaps one of our best assets. We are lucky to have this group of people focused on protecting our environment and our access to it. A brief list of recent activities for this group includes: pursuit of compliance with coastal commission law in South Bay cities including access to the beach and bike path, representation at city council meetings, protecting our community from construction on landfills, support for increased public park space and support for the Sierra Club Cool Cities Program.

This group is chaired by Barry Holchin and meets monthly. We encourage potential activists to join us. There are a lot of things going on and your participation might make a big difference in all of our lives.

Gaffey Street S.A.F.E. Collection Center

1400 N. Gaffey St.
San Pedro, CA 90731

Hours of Operation:
Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For information, please call
1-800-98-TOXIC (1-800-988-6942)

April is National Lawn Care Month

by Lori Kessler, Vice-Chair & FV Coordinator

While this event is not nationally recognized, it has been observed by many states. If you are not using organic fertilizers and pesticides on your grass, you might want to look into this alternative which is healthier for your kids, your pets, wildlife, oceans, streams and yourself. If you don't tend to your own lawn or you live where there is a communal lawn, ask your landscaper what he is applying to the grass. If you feel it's harmful, you might be able to talk him into using something better for everyone's health, including his. According to many lawn experts, leaving the clipping on your lawn is not only good, it turns into compost, it keeps open valuable space in landfills and adds nitrogen to the soil. When you need a new lawnmower, trade it in for an electric one. Buy an electric leaf blower to reduce noise and exhaust. And since we all could use a little exercise, use an old-fashioned rake and gather up as much as you can by hand. Try to compost the leaves. Push mowers are surprisingly easy to use, no exhaust and no noise. Try adding some native plants to your garden to reduce your grass area. This will attract birds and beneficial insects. Enjoy your lawn knowing you've contributed to a healthier environment. Here's to a greener lawn.

Bus Trip

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Creek and its ponds and then made its way to the Burnt Wagons Point. Richard, a bit tearfully at times, then told us the history of the 49er group that got stuck in Death Valley while looking for a short cut to the California gold rush in 1849. We learned we were actually standing on the historical area where the Brier family had stayed. Our help is needed in the conservation of these areas and to preserve our national heritage.

Enlightened by the story, we continued a couple more miles and met our bus back on the road. Hike #2 walked along the Salt Creek Boardwalk (see photo to the right) where extremely rare and endangered

pup fish live. Then, the bus took them to the Sand Dunes where they hiked up the dunes as far as they wished. A couple of ladies in the group made it to the top where the reward was looking out over the valley. The bus then took us to Stovepipe Wells and we hiked into Mosaic Canyon, a popular walk up a narrow polished marble-walled canyon. "Mosaics" of fragments of rocks cemented together can be

seen in canyon walls. After those adventures, it was back on the bus again. Our final stop was at the Furnace Creek General Store for ice cream bars! Then, we headed for home.

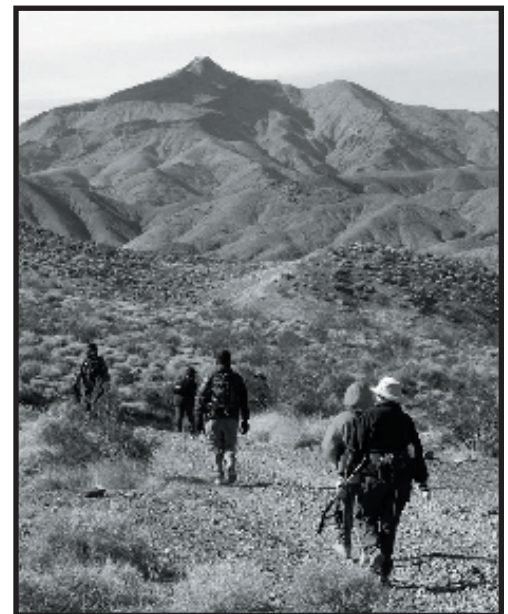
When the 49er group was finally rescued and making their way out of the valley, Abigail Brier turned around and said "Goodbye Death Valley." After 3 days in this



unique wilderness, we say goodbye to Death Valley with special fondness until we return again. This was a GREAT TRIP! I highly recommend you join us next year and learn more about conservation in our national parks.

Photos courtesy of Jim Gerstley

Hiking along in Monarch Canyon



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES



Monday night - 0: Conditioning Hike in Palos Verdes. Strenuous 2 hr, 5-8 mi hike; some streets, trails overlooking ocean, canyons - always hills, some steep - that emphasizes the flora/terrain of PV. Only one group: slow-moderate to moderate. Meet promptly every Mon at 6:30pm at dead-end of Crenshaw Blvd. in Palos Verdes. Wear sturdy shoes, bring flashlight (preferably red lens) when it gets dark by 8:30pm. Rain cancels. Not for beginners. LDRS: MICHAEL COBLE, DAVE HIXSON, LINDA WERK, JUDY SHANE, & BILL LAVOIE.



Tuesday night - 0: San Pedro/PV Conditioning Hike. Strenuous 2 hr, 5-8 mi conditioning hikes on flat/hilly streets/trails to explore fauna/terrain in San Pedro/PV. Normally up to 3 hikes – slow, moderate, fast. Leave every Tue at 6:30pm promptly from 8th & Averill, San Pedro. Wear sturdy shoes, bring flashlight (preferably red lens) when it gets dark by 8:30pm. Rain cancels. Not for beginners. LDRS: BROOKS CHADWICK, LINDA WERK, BARRY BONNICKSON, TONY TRULL, JOYCE WHITE, & KEITH MARTIN.



Tuesday night - 0: San Pedro K-9 Conditioning Hike. Strenuous and fun hike for people and their well-behaved canine friends. 6-8 mi, 1000'+ gain in 2 hrs on trails/hilly streets. Leave promptly every Tue at 6:30pm from 8th & Averill, San Pedro. Bring water, bowl, clean-up bags, leash, and flashlight (preferably red lens) when it gets dark by 8:30pm. Beginners in good condition welcome. Rain cancels. LDRS: LIZ KENNEDY, URSULA CARMODY, BOB BEACH, & BARRY HOLCHIN.



Tuesday night - 0: Beginners Conditioning Hike. Moderate 1.5 hr, 4.25 mi hike on the greenbelt and hilly streets of Hermosa and Manhattan Beach. Leave promptly every Tue at 7pm from the far end of the parking lot of the Hermosa Valley School, 1645 Valley Dr. Bring flashlight (preferably red lens) when it gets dark by 8:30pm. Rain cancels. LDRS: ALIX BENSON, SHARON BROSSIER, JACKIE CHILDERS, SUSAN JOHNSON, & DAVE HIXSON.

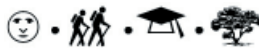


Thursday night - 0: Conditioning Hike on PV Peninsula. Strenuous 2 hr, 5-8 mi conditioning hike on flat/hilly streets/trails that emphasizes flora/terrain of PV. Normally up to 5 hikes - slow, slow-moderate, moderate, fast-moderate, fast. Leave promptly after announcements every Thur at 6:30pm from parking lot near Rite Aid Drugs at Hawthorne Blvd. & Silver Spur. Wear sturdy shoes, bring flashlight (preferably red lens) when it gets dark by 8:30pm. Rain cancels. LDRS: MICHAEL COBLE, BROOKS CHADWICK, TONY TRULL, JOYCE WHITE, DAVE HIXSON, Linda Werk, Jerry Trager, & Keith Martin.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES



Management Committee Meeting. First Wednesday, 6:30pm. Open to everyone. Call Secretary for location.



Moonlight Hike - 0: Friday on or before full moon. Slow-moderate hike in PV hills – 1.5 to 2 hrs. Meet 7:30pm. Go for pizza afterwards. See outings schedule in this issue for details, dates.



Manhattan Beach Hike/Brunch 0. Every first Sunday. Easy 4-5 mi, 300' gain, 2 hr hike on streets, trails, and strand with ocean views. Meet 9am by the police memorial located at Live Oak Park, 1901 Valley Dr., under the giant oak tree next to the tennis courts. Bring water, walking shoes, sun hat, \$\$ for optional brunch at local restaurant. Rain Cancels. LDRS: JACKIE CHILDERS, DAVE HIXSON, LOIS VILE, JERRY TRAGER.



Palos Verdes Hike & Brunch - 0. Moderate 4-5 mi, 1000' gain, 2 hr hike on some streets, trails overlooking ocean, canyons; always hills, some steep. Meet every third Sun at 9am near dead-end of Crenshaw Blvd. in Rancho Palos Verdes. Bring water, lugsoles, sun hat, \$\$ for optional brunch afterward at Marie Callendar's. Rain cancels. Coordinator: Greg Hitchings. LDRS: DAVE HIXSON, MARY BETH OUBRE, MICHAEL COBLE, ROGER & LYN GREENHAM, PAUL & LINDA WOOLDRIDGE, JACKIE CHILDERS, TERRY BASS, ALIX BENSON, JERRY TRAGER, & LOIS VILE.

Visit PV-SB Group at these Events

Saturday, March 3rd is Whale of a Day at the Pt. Vicente Interpretive Center, 31501 Palos Verdes Dr. W, RPV. This event also celebrates the Pacific Gray Whale migration. Last year, the weather was beautiful and we saw a lot of whales and calves. It was amazing! The event is from 10am-4pm. Parking at the Palos Verdes City Hall, 20940 Hawthorne Blvd., RPV. Catch the shuttle which comes often. It's free and fast!

Saturday, April 21st is Earth Day and we'll be at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, 3720 Stepen White Dr., San Pedro. Beach clean-up at Cabrillo Beach and the Point Fermin Marine Life Refuge is from 8-10am and the fair at the aquarium is 10am-3pm. Bring the kids! It's a great day to look around, do something good for the earth, learn and have lots of fun.

Please stop by and talk with us about any local environmental concerns you have. We will have a table with lots of information and publications.

PV-SB GROUP ACTIVITIES

IMPORTANT NOTICE

In order to participate in a Sierra Club outing, you will need to sign a liability waiver. The text of the waiver can be found in the Chapter Schedule.

Not all of our activities are published in the *Angeles Chapter Schedule* or the *Foggy View*. Go to our website for more activities (<http://www.angeles.sierraclub.org/pvsb>). Symbols used in this publication:



Mar 2 - Fri 0: Moonlite Hike in Rolling Hills Estates. Meet 7:30pm at parking lot of Rolling Hills Estates City Hall, NE corner of PV Dr. N and Crenshaw Blvd. Hike bridle trails and tunnels. Wear sturdy shoes for dusty or damp trails. Rain cancels. Go for pizza afterwards. LDR: HUGH PENDLETON. ASSTS: ALIX BENSON & BILL LAVOIE.



Mar 2-4 - Fri-Sun 0/I: Mammoth Lakes Downhill, Snowboarding, Backcountry Ski, Snowshoe Bus Trip. Guided backcountry ski tours (two levels) and snowshoe tours, or ski the tracks at Tamarack Nordic Center. OCSS XC ski lesson grads and non-skiers welcome! Join us at the Inn, 2 per-2 beds/private bath, microwave, fridge, indoor spa, close to shopping, night life, casual and fine dining, free shuttles. Leave Orange County at 2 pm. South Bay pick-up available. Return to Orange County on Sunday approximately 10 pm. Includes bus, lodging, continental breakfast, happy hour, bus refreshments, and Sunday dinner. Send 2 large SASE, e-mail address, home and work phone#s, check (payable OCSS) \$285 with SC#/\$310 non-member to Reservationist: Dick Clement, 1023 E Van Bibber Ave., Orange, CA 92866-2438, 714-538-8580, richsea@sbcglobal.net. LDR: KEITH MARTIN. ASST: DONNA SPECHT. ASST. LDRS: MICHAEL DODSON, EDD RUSKOWITZ, JULIE SMITH MEEK & SCOTT MEEK.



Mar 3 - Sat 0: Rolling Hills Estates Hike. Join us on a slow-moderate, 2.5 hr hike covering 5 mi w/ 1000' gain. Meet 9am on PV Dr. E, 1/10 mile South of PV Dr. N at trailhead (south of Nature Center on corner). Bring water and lugsoles. Rain or mud cancels. LDRS: GREG HITCHINGS & ARLENE CHAO.



Mar 4 - Sun 0: Manhattan Beach Hike/Brunch. See Monthly Activities.



Mar 10-11 - Sat-Sun 0: Anza-Borrego State Park Wildflower Carcamp. Anza Borrego is California's largest State Park located in San Diego County. March is the ideal time to view wildflowers. Carcamp at Borrego Springs. Hike Palm Canyon and Visitor's Center. Includes camp fees, happy hour snacks, and potluck dinner. Send SASE/email, \$25 with SC#/\$28 non-member, rideshare, H&W phones to LDR: DAVID F. EISENBERG. CO-LDRS: FRANK ATKIN & BRUCE HALE.



Mar 10 - Sat 0: Portuguese Canyon Hike. Slow-moderate, 6 mi hike w/ 600' gain. Take PV Dr. S to Forrestal, north to end. Meet 8am at gate. Forestall Quarry, Klondike Canyon, trails around Portuguese Canyon, ridge above Paintbrush Canyon (rough trail) and back. Wear lugs, bring a snack and water. Rain cancels. LDRS: BARRY BONNICKSON & KAREN CASSIMATIS.



Mar 17 - Sat 0: Rolling Hills Estates Hike. Join us on a slow-moderate 2.5 hr hike on horse trails covering 6 mi w/ 400' gain. Meet 9am at Ernie Howlett Park on west side of Hawthorne Blvd. between PCH and PV Dr. N. Bring water and sturdy shoes. Rain or mud cancels. LDRS: GREG HITCHINGS & DAVE HIXSON.



Mar 18 - Sun 0: Palos Verdes Hike & Brunch. See Monthly Activities.



Mar 24 - Sat 0: George F. Canyon Hike. Slow-moderate 7 mi hike w/ 1000' gain. Meet 8am. PV Dr. E 1/8 mile south of PV Dr. N at trailhead. Hesse's Gap, Georgeff, Saffo, Purple Canyon, Sleepy Hollow, Lower Willow Spr. Wear lugs, bring a snack and water. Rain cancels. LDRS: BARRY BONNICKSON & LINDA WERK.

BRUNCH HIKES: Mar. 4 & 18 Apr. 1 & 15 May 6 & 20 Jun 3 & 17 Jul 1 & 15

MOONLIGHT HIKES: Mar. 2 Apr. 27 Jun 1 Jun. 29

QUARTERLY MEETINGS: Apr. 25 Jul. 25



Mar 25 - Sun 0: Point Fermin, White Point, & Korean Bell Loop.

This 5 mi round-trip hike starts at scenic Pt. Fermin Park with some hiking along bluffs and descents to the sea. Requires some rock-hopping among the tide pools. Observe bird life and WWII gun bunkers in area. Sturdy shoes required. Bring water and snack to eat at White Point. Meet at Pt. Fermin Park at end of Gaffey St. in San Pedro at 9am. Rain Cancels. LDR: JACKIE CHILDERS. ASSTS: JERRY TRAGER AND LOIS VILE.



Mar 30 - Fri 0: Moonlite Hike in Rancho Palos Verdes. Meet

7:30pm at deadend of Crenshaw Blvd. (at the top of the hill). A social hike, not for tigers. Hike dirt trails overlooking the Catalina channel. Wear sturdy shoes for steep dirt trails. Rain cancels. Reward yourself afterwards with pizza. LDRS: DAVE HIXSON & MARY BETH OUBRE.



Mar 31 - Sat 0: Monrovia Canyon Park Hike. Join us on a moderate 8 mi hike w/ 1500' gain up Sawpit Canyon to Deer Park on the Ben Overturf Trail. Meet at Monrovia Canyon Park entrance at 8:30am (parking fee required in the park, but there is parking outside). Bring snacks and water. Lunch in Monrovia after hike for those interested. LDR: LINDA WERK. ASST: JUDY SHANE.

Directions: Leave Foothill Freeway (Interstate 210) at Myrtle Ave. in Monrovia. Drive north on Myrtle, through town, 2 mi to Scenic Dr. Turn right and follow Scenic Dr., with short jogs right, then left, curving north as Scenic Dr. becomes Canyon Blvd., to Monrovia Canyon Park entrance station.



Mar 31 - Sat 0: Palos Verdes Estates Hike. Join us on a slow-moderate 2 hr hike covering 4 mi w/ 600' gain. Meet 9am at Neptune's Fountain in Malaga Cove Plaza at PV Dr. N and Via Almar. Bring water, hat, and sturdy shoes. Rain Cancels. LDRS: GREG HITCHINGS & ARLENE CHAO.



Apr 1 - Sun 0: Manhattan Beach Hike/Brunch. See Monthly Activities.



Apr 7 - Sat 0: Portuguese Canyon Hike. Moderate 6 mi hike w/ 1400' gain. Take PV Dr. S to Forrestal, north to end. Meet at gate at 8am. Forestall Quarry, Klondike Canyon, and trails across Portuguese Canyon, Kelvin Canyon, Tori's, Jack's Hat, Cinnamon, Narcissa, Peppertree trails. Wear lugs, bring a

snack and water. Rain cancels. LDRS: BARRY BONNICKSON & JUDY SHANE.



Apr 7-8 - Sat-Sun 0: Carrizo Plain National Monument

Wildflower Carcamp. See what the San Joaquin Valley would have looked like without the farms and freeways! Wildflowers have been excellent here for the past several years. Visit Painted Rock, Soda Lake, San Andreas Fault. Camp in primitive campground. Potluck, happy hour and dinner. 2wd vehicles ok. Send SASE/email, contact info, rideshare to LDR: DAVID F. EISENBERG. CO-LDRS: FRANK ATKIN & BRUCE HALE.



Apr 14 - Sat 1: Luna (5967'), probably Round (5272'), possibly Rattlesnake (6131') and certainly Deep Creek Hot Springs (5' deep). 16th semi-annual Spring Deep Creek HS hike/soak/swim with a bit more adventure. We'll attempt to gain access to the hot springs from Luna via an exploratory cross-country route and another exploratory cross-country route back to Round. Then, time permitting, we'll do one or both of the other peaks. Moderately paced, 11 mi hike w/ 3400' gain, mostly cross-country, with additional 3 mi and 1000' gain for the other two peaks. Bring 10 essentials, towel (swim suit optional). 4wd vehicles desirable for dirt road driving. No beginners. Plan on spending full day - it's near Hesperia. Rain cancels. Send email (preferable - bholchin@cox.net) or SASE with recent conditioning and carpool info to LDR: BARRY HOLCHIN. CO-LDR: WAYNE VOLLAIRE.



Apr 14 - Sat 0: Rancho Palos Verdes Hike. Join us on a slow-moderate 2 hr hike covering 4.1 miles w/ 925' gain. Meet 9am at the southern dead end of Crenshaw Blvd. on top of Palos Verdes. Rain or mud cancels. Bring water and lugsoles. LDRS: GREG HITCHINGS & DAVE HIXSON.



Apr 15 - Sun 0: Palos Verdes Hike & Brunch. See Monthly Activities.



Apr 21 - Sat 0: Central Peninsula Hike. Slow-moderate 2.5 hr, 5.4 mi hike w/ 1300' gain. Meet at Rolling Hills Estates City Hall, NW corner of Crenshaw Blvd. and PV Dr. N at 8am. Trails: Palomino, Pinto, Morgan, Thoroughbred, Radiance's Run, Storm's Ridge, Crest, Upper and Lower Si's Canyon, Middle Ridge, and Hammerschma trails. Wear lugs, bring snack and water. Rain cancels. LDRS: BARRY BONNICKSON & JUDY SHANE.



John Muir Day is celebrated on his birthday April 21st, which also happens to be Earth Day this year. Celebrate the founder of the Sierra Club's birthday by reading all about him. Pick-up a book about him at your library, any book store, or at the website: http://sierra-club.org/john_muir_exhibit/



Apr 22 - Sun 0: Rolling Hills Estates Hike. Join us on a slow-moderate 1.5 hr hike covering 3 mi w/ 50' gain. Meet 3:30pm at Highridge Park on Highridge Rd. between Crestridge Rd. and Crest Rd. Bring water, hat, and sturdy shoes. Rain or mud cancels. Ldrs: Greg Hitchings & Dave Hixson.



Apr 25 - Wed Quarterly Meeting: 7-9pm Magical Peru and Dazzling Bolivia. The meeting begins at 7pm with 15 minutes of Sierra Club business followed by the presentation. Barry Holchin will take us on an adventure through the countries of Peru and Bolivia presenting magnificent sights such as the Nazca Lines, the Sacred Valley with its lofty Inca citadels of Pisac and Ollantaytambo, as well as the Andean/Incan village of Chinchero. Visit Machu Picchu and see the civilization that to this day is considered to be one of the wonders of the world. Then on to Copacabana, Bolivia, Lake Titicaca, Isla del Sol, birthplace of the Incas and then visit the impressive hilltop ruins of Tiwanaku. Join us at the Peninsula Center Library Community Room, 701 Silver Spur Rd. (access also from Deep Valley), Rolling Hills Estates. Refreshments served.



Apr 27 - Fri 0: Moonlite Hike in Palos Verdes Estates. Meet 7:30pm at Neptune's Fountain in historic Malaga Cove Plaza at PV Dr. N and Via Almar. Rain cancels. Wear sturdy shoes for outrunning wild peacocks. Go for pizza afterwards. LDRS: LINDA & PAUL WOOLDRIDGE.



Apr 28 - Sat M: Strawberry Pk (6164'). Moderate, 6 mi RT hike w/ 2600' gain via Colby Canyon. Experience and comfort on class 3 rock required. Meet 9am Colby Canyon parking area (11 mi from La Canada, 1 mi beyond Angeles Crest/Angeles Forest junction). Bring good boots, something with "strawberries" to share on top. Rain cancels. LDRS: BARRY HOLCHIN & BOB BEACH.



April 28 - Sat 0: George F. Canyon Hike. Moderate 5 mi hike w/ 1400' gain. Meet 8am PV Dr. E 1/8 mile south of PV Dr. N, at trailhead. Dapplegray, Chandler, Saddlehorn Loop, Empty Saddle, Phillip's Canyon, Heavenly, Strawberry, Circle, and Old Witch Trails. Wear lugs, bring a snack and water. Rain cancels. LDRS: BARRY BONNICKSON & CATHERINE WHITTINGTON.



May 5 - Sat I: Ken Point (6423'), Butterfly Peak (6228').

Moderate, 10 mi RT hike w/ 3000' gain. Hike on rd/xc in Desert Divide area, hopefully encountering wildflowers and beautiful views. We may have an opportunity to do Rock Point (5280'). Bring 10 essentials, lunch, and water. Potluck in evening. ESASE (preferable) or SASE with recent conditioning, H&W phones and rideshare info to LDR: BARRY HOLCHIN. Co-LDR: WYNNE BENTI.



May 5 - Sat 0: Rolling Hills Estates Hike. Join us on a slow-moderate 2.5 hr hike to Malaga Cove covering 6 miles w/ 950' gain. Meet 9am at Ernie Howlett Park on west side of Hawthorne Blvd. between PCH and PV Dr. N. Bring water and sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. LDRS: GREG HITCHINGS & DAVE HIXSON.



May 6 - Sun 0: Manhattan Beach Hike/Brunch. See Monthly Activities.



May 20 - Sun 0: Palos Verdes Hike & Brunch: See Monthly Activities.



May 26-29 Sat-Tue 0: Zion National Park/Bryce Canyon Bus Trip: Hike in Utah's most popular parks. No overnight bus ride. 2.5 days to hike the many trails including the Virgin River narrows, Angel's Landing and East Rim Trail. Choices of hikes available each day. Leave Sat. morning, return Tues evening. Stay all three nights in Springdale next to Zion. Includes bus, driver gratuity, motel, 3 social hours, bus drinks/snacks and all admissions. \$20 cancellation penalty; balance refundable until Apr 26, then only if trip full. Send 2 business-size SASE, H & W phone #, \$306 w/SC # or \$331 non-member payable to Sierra Club, to trip reservationist/LDR: DAVE HIXSON, 15120 Polly Ave., Lawndale, CA 90260. Co-LDRS: DONNA LAUCK & RICHARD PARDI.



Jun 1 - Fri 0: Moonlite Hike in Palos Verdes Estates. A social hike, not for tigers. Meet 7:30pm at Malaga Cove Plaza, PV Dr. N and Via Almar. Stroll dirt trails overlooking the Santa Monica Bay. Sturdy shoes are essential. Rain cancels. Go for pizza afterwards. LDRS: LYN & ROGER GREENHAM.



Jun 3 - Sun 0: Manhattan Beach Hike/Brunch. See Monthly Activities.

“Keep close to Nature’s heart... and break clear away, once in awhile, and climb a mountain or spend a week in the woods. Wash your spirit clean.” *John Muir - Our National Parks*



Jun 17 - Sun 0: Palos Verdes Hike & Brunch. See Monthly Activities.



Jun 20 - Wed 0: Superboot XVII - Palm Springs to Humber Park.

A day in the high country winding up/down forest trails and through wildflower meadows. Choice of 2-3 routes from the top of the Palm Springs Tram to Humber Park at Idylwild and bus pickup. Possible short turnaround back to the top of the Tram. Bus leaves 6:45am Downey, 7:15am at Orange County, returns 9-10pm. Send \$70 (Sierra Club-OC, refund only if space is resold) and 2 SASE to Reservationist: Pita Landesman, by June 10. Cost includes bus, tram fare and dinner at Home Town Buffet in Hemet. LDRS: PERI TOOKER, HELEN MAURER, TODD CLARK, LARRY STERN, TERRY BASS, & JOHN KAISER.



Jun 29 - Fri 0: Moonlite Hike in Rancho Palos Verdes. Meet 7:30pm next to Del Cerro Park, dead end of Crenshaw Blvd. (at the top of the hill). Hike rocky dirt trails overlooking the Catalina Channel. Sturdy shoes required. Go for pizza afterwards. LDRS: LOIS VILE & JERRY TRAGER.



Jul 1 - Sun 0: Manhattan Beach Hike/Brunch. See Monthly Activities.



Jul 4-7 - Wed-Sat 0: Sequoia/Kings Canyon National Parks Bus Trip.

Join in the spiritual sensation of hiking among the world’s largest and oldest trees with bear sightings in the spectacular High Sierras. Choice of hikes available each day. Leave Wed morning and return Sat evening. Stay all three nights in the centrally located Wuksachi Motel. Includes bus, driver gratuity, lodging, 3 social hours, bus drinks/snacks and all admissions. \$20 cancellation penalty, balance refundable until June 4, then only if trip is full. Send 2 business-size sase, H&W phone #, \$456 w/SC# or \$481 non-member, payable to Sierra Club, to trip reservationist/LDR: DAVID HIXSON, 15120 Polly Ave., Lawndale, CA 90260. Co-LDRS: RICHARD PARDI & DONNA LAUCK.



Jul 10-24 - Tue-Tue 0: Atlantic Northern Regions of Spain.

Fly from LAX to Bilbao. Explore the coastal northern way to Santiago de Compostela, also known as the Camino de Santiago (The Way of St. James), one of the oldest footpaths

in Europe. We will be hiking and walking portions of the footpath and traveling by bus to the different cities and villages along the way. Tour San Sebastian, Pamploma, La Reina, the Gugenheim, Santander, the museum at the Altamira Caves, the coastal towns of Santillana del Mar, Comillas, and the Picos de Europa. Hike the Costa Naviega and from Pola de Somiedo and Valle de Lago. Visit Santiago Compostela, La Coruña and Torre de Hercules. Hike the coast from Laxe and ferry from Vigo to Isla de Monteagudo. Price includes air fair, hotels with breakfasts, land transportation, guides, driver and guide tips. Cost \$3740. Send \$500 deposit, 2 SASE to Keith Martin, P.O. Box 864, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274. Balance of \$3240 due April 1, 2007. No cancellation after April 30th without suitable replacement. Co-LDRS: KEITH MARTIN & ANA JUAREZ.



Jul 15 - Sun 0: Palos Verdes Hike & Brunch. See Monthly Activities.

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system, and in addition, add a series of solar panels onto the landfill to create a renewable energy source that would benefit the community. We urged the LACSD to accept this plan and create a facility prototype that is being used in other states across the nation. The goal is to create a cleaner, more efficient center while providing a very much need renewable energy source. One of the companies in the U.S. working with Edison is the Stirling Company, a producer of Solar panels. The LACSD is NOT planning to do an environmental review on this project. The Citizens Advisory Board strongly urged them to do this review that would require other state agencies to review the plans and comment on the new system. It would also require that alternatives be included and a public comment period would be required under CEQA.

We hope that the surrounding cities will support this renewable energy plan that will reduce the NOx (Nitrous Oxide) emissions at the Palos Verdes Landfill while providing a clean renewable energy source.

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Palos Verdes Landfill:

Gas to Energy Center and Environmental Review

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The Citizens Advisory Board for the Palos Verdes Landfill met on January 18, 2007 to discuss with the State Department of Toxic Substances and the Los Angeles County Sanitation District two important topics.

First topic under discussion was the escaping methane and gases found in August of 2006, at the boundary of the Palos Verdes landfill next to the Country Hills Homes in Torrance; Second topic under discussion was the newly proposed Flare system for the Gas to Energy system built at the northwest corner of the landfill.

The DTSC presented information on the August 2006 sampling results from extraction wells at the edge of the northeast corner of the landfill at Crenshaw Boulevard and Rolling Hills Road in Torrance. Results show levels of methane at the landfill and other chemicals of concern that were found such as benzene, toluene, and vinyl chloride. The sample results on the landfill were in some cases lower than the samples results below in the Torrance neighborhood. This deserves a much more comprehensive review. The DTSC stated that they did find levels of hydrocarbons and related chemicals and compounds but could not identify why these were present.

The Gas to Energy Center has been in existence since 1988 when the LACSD built the facility to draw off migrating gases from the landfill. The boiler heating system burns off the chemicals and compounds from the landfill while producing energy. The electricity is sold to the Edison Company to serve thousands of homes. The LACSD is proposing to close down the facility and move to a simple flare system that would only burn off the gases and no longer produce energy for sale to the Edison Company. Many are concerned that the flare system cannot burn off volatile organic compounds such as benzene and vinyl chloride with the proposed flare carbon filter system.

In a time of energy crisis in CA, it has been proposed to the LACSD, to instead use a cleaner micro turbine system, as acknowledged by the AQMD as a lower emissions

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