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California Coastal Cleanup Day

Saturday, September 20, 2008 9 AM to Noon

California Coastal Cleanup Day is the premier volunteer event focused on the marine environment in the country. In 2007, more than 60,000 volunteers worked together to collect more than 900,000 pounds of trash and recyclables from our beaches, lakes, and waterways. California Coastal Cleanup Day has been hailed by the Guinness Book of World Records as "the largest garbage collection" (1993). Since the program started in 1985, over 800,000 Californians have removed more than 12 million pounds of debris from our state's shorelines and coast. When combined with the International Coastal Cleanup, organized by The Ocean Conservancy and taking place on the same day, California Coastal Cleanup Day becomes part of one of the largest volunteer events of the year.

Coastal Cleanup Day is the highlight of the California Coastal Commission's year 'round Adopt-A-Beach program and takes place every year on the third Saturday of September, from 9 a.m. to Noon. In 2008, that day falls on September 20. Coming at the end of the summer beach season and right near the start of the school year, Coastal Cleanup Day is a great way for families, students, service groups, and neighbors to join together, take care of our fragile marine environment, show community support for our shared natural resources, learn about the impacts of marine debris and how we can prevent them, and to have fun! Coastal Cleanup Day is also the kick-off event for Coastweeks three weeks of coastal and water-related events for the whole family.

Participating in Coastal Cleanup Day is as easy as 1, 2, 3! Pre-register with your local Coordinator, or simply show up at any of our drop-in sites. For more information, contact (800) COAST-4U or coast4u@coastal.ca.gov. Join us on Saturday, September 20, from 9 a.m. to Noon for the 24th Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day.

Be part of the solution to marine pollution!

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Message from the PV-SB Chair

Koyaanisqatsi

It was recently pointed out to me that we have not had a “from the chair” article in the FV for some time now. This is due to the fact that I struggle with this assignment. While there are a number of topics in which I am interested, I am not in the habit of writing about them. Consequently, I hoped that something would just “come to me”. So, I began thinking about things in which I am interested and this is the result of that process.

I seem to be regularly confronted by the fact that I am aging (at a faster and faster rate). Consequently as I considered my aging and the aging of my friends, I am led me to the view that the future of the club will be provided by younger people. I then heard a casual remark during a water aerobics class. The instructor used a Navaho word, which caused me to think of a Hopi word. The word that came to mind was “Koyaanisqatsi” which was used as the title of a very interesting 1982 movie that falls into a one-of-a-kind in my memory and may have contributed to my interest in the Sierra Club.

A “life out of balance” is the English translation of “Koyaanisqatsi”. It seems to me, in my day-to-day experiences, that a very large number of people are living a “life out of balance”. All one has to do is to look around at too many cars, and high levels of consumption and to notice that some people have a lot and others not enough. These all seem to be “out of balance” to me.

We have had a number of significant changes lately. Change is nearly always a problem but sometimes it can also contribute to a better balance.

The recent increase in the price of gasoline is putting a limit on the distance that people can realistically commute and that this one change may imply that Los Angeles sprawl will come to a halt. The price of gasoline also seems to have a direct connection to the popularity of mass transit, which may in turn contribute to an alleviation of Global Warming. Each of these results probably contributes to a better balance.

While the mortgage crisis is a disaster for many people, it may contribute to a reduction in the size of houses being planned and built. A smaller footprint can also contribute to a more sustainable future and consequently a “better balance”

Responding to change frequently requires us to change our habits. We are driven by these learned behaviors and it can be hard to change them. The people who are most able to develop new habits are our younger people.

The Sierra Club is frequently about “life in balance” but the actions of the club are dependent upon its capacity to attract and empower young members. What can you as an individual do to help us find and encourage these people?

Hersh Kelley

FROM THE CONSERVATION CHAIR

In the latter half of the nineteenth century, evolving technologies in agriculture, transportation, construction and waste treatment combined with a seemingly endless flood of immigrants to turn America’s cities into the teeming economic, cultural and social juggernauts we still see now. Yet the urban leaders of the day quickly realized that the continuing health of their cities rested in no small part on the preservation of public open spaces for use and enjoyment by their citizens, who found themselves living in some of the most densely populated spots on earth.

Many of those leaders acted decisively, creating what would come to be some of the world’s great urban parklands. Think of Central Park in New York, or Golden Gate Park in San Francisco. And let’s not forget Griffith Park in Los Angeles, or Balboa Park in San Diego. Each of these, and hundreds of others around the country, is rightly seen as a gem sewn into the urban fabric, and local residents pay huge premiums for the privilege of living nearby.

After World War II, the urban park ethos seemed to fade, at least temporarily, yet cities continued to grow rapidly. Many people woke up to find themselves living in asphalt jungles, without easy access to the unpaved spaces we all seek for solitude, solace, emotional freedom, and an occasional glimpse at the ineffable magic of our natural world.

The need for open spaces in our cities is now being recognized again, at least in some places. Shuttered military facilities in San Francisco (the Presidio) and Orange County (El Toro Air Station) have been or are now being converted into public park space.

Here in the South Bay, the need for more park space is particularly acute (more on this in a later issue). But in recent years, a couple of wonderful opportunities to recover parkland and re-establish natural habitat in our corner of Los Angeles County have emerged.

One is the 175-acre tract in Rolling Hills Estates formerly known as the Palos Verdes Landfill, closed since the 1970’s and subject to a variety of clean-up efforts by the County Sanitation District.

The other is the approximately 65 acres of land on Redondo Beach’s waterfront occupied by an aging power plant that actually generates usable electricity for just a few weeks a year. Until the 1940’s, much of the site was covered by a large salt lake that served both as a habitat for migrating and local shore birds and a trade center for the pre-Columbian natives in the area.
(See *Conservation on Page 7*)

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES



Monday night - O: Conditioning Hike in Rancho Palos Verdes. Slow moderate 2 hour, 4-6 mile hike: some streets, trails overlooking the ocean, canyons and city lights; some steep trails. Only one group, not for beginners. . Arrive early. Leave 6:30 pm every Mon at dead-end of Crenshaw Blvd at Del Cerro Park (#2 Park Place) in Rancho Palos Verdes. Wear lug sole boots, bring red lens flashlight. Rain cancels. Leaders: Bill Lavoie, Dave Hixson.



Tuesday Night - O: 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. Not for beginners. Arrive early. Leaves 6:30 pm every Tue from 8th and Averill, San Pedro. Wear lug sole boots, bring red lens flashlight. Rain cancels. Leaders: Brooks Chadwick, Barry Bonnickson, Tony Trull, Joyce White, Dorie Boynton, Carol Anne Mills-Schmidt, Jacques Monier, Lise Allard.



Tuesday Night - O: San Pedro K9 Conditioning Hike. Strenuous and fun hike for people and their well-behaved k9 friends. 6-8 mi, 1000' gain in 2 hrs on trails/hilly streets. Beginners in good condition welcome. Arrive early. Leave 6:30 pm every Tue in front of post office (1441 8th St, E of Weymouth). Bring water, bowl, cleanup bags, leash, red lens flashlight. Rain cancels. Leaders: Liz Kennedy, Bob Beach, Barry Holchin.



Tuesday Night - O: Beginners Conditioning Hike. Moderate 1½ hr 4 mi hike on the greenbelt and hilly streets of Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach. Arrive early. Leave 7 pm every Tue from the far end of the parking lot of the Hermosa Valley School (1645 Valley Dr). Bring red lens flashlight. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Sharon Brossier, Alix Benson, Susan Johnson.



Wednesday Night - O: Slow/Conditioning Beach Walk. A pleasant slow paced 5 mi, 2 hr walk along the beaches in Redondo Beach, Torrance, and PV Estates. Enjoy evenings, sunsets over the Pacific. This walk is intended only for those who prefer a slow pace, or who are trying to walk themselves into condition for faster pace hikes. All participants must stay behind the leader. Arrive early. Beginners welcome. Meet 7 pm every Wed by large fig tree beside former library in Veteran's Park at Catalina Ave and Torrance Blvd., Redondo Beach. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Sandy Graham, Dave Hixson, Jerry Trager, Lois Vile, Terry Bass. (This walk is **not held** during the months of Nov through Feb.)

Thursday Night - O: Conditioning Hike on Palos Verdes 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. Not for beginners. Arrive early. Leave 6:30 pm every Thu from parking lot near Rite Aid Drugs at Hawthorne & Silver Spur. Wear lug sole boots, bring red lens flashlight. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Linda Werk, Michael Coble, Brooks Chadwick, Tony Trull, Joyce White, Dave Hixson, Jacques Monier, Bill Lavoie, Judy Shane, Dorie Boynton, Jerry Trager, Lois Vile.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES



Management Committee Meeting. First Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm. Meeting open to all Sierra Club members. Call secretary for meeting location.



Moonlight Hike in Palos Verdes – O. Friday before or on full moon. Meets at 7:30 pm. Easy to moderate hike in Palos Verdes hills about 1.5 to 2 hrs. Go for pizza afterwards. Coordinator: Hugh Pendleton. See Activities Calendar for details.



Manhattan Beach Hike/Brunch - O. Easy 4-5 mi, 300' gain, 2 hr hike on streets, trails, ocean strand. Restrooms available. Optional brunch at local restaurant after hike. Meet 9 am first Sun of month Live Oak Park by police memorial (1901 N Valley Dr, Manhattan Beach, under giant oak tree by tennis courts). Bring water, walking shoes, sun hat. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Jackie Childers, Lois Vile, Jerry Trager.



Palos Verdes Hike & Brunch – O. Moderate 4-5 mi, 1000' gain, 2 hr hike on some streets, trails overlooking ocean, canyons: always hills, some steep. Optional brunch after at Marie Callendar's. Meet 9 am every third Sun at dead-end of Crenshaw Blvd, Rancho Palos Verdes (#2 Park Place.). Bring water, lug sole boots, sun hat. Rain cancels. Coordinator: Greg Hitchings. Ldrs: Dave Hixson, Mary Beth Oubre, Bill Lavoie, Jerry Trager, Lois Vile.

PV-SB GROUP ACTIVITIES

IMPORTANT NOTICES

1. In order to participate on one of the Sierra Club's outings, you will need to sign a liability waiver. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver prior to the outing, please see <http://sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms> or call 415-977-5528.
2. In the interest of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements and 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.
3. CST 2087766-40. Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the State of California.

Symbols used in this publication:  walk,  hiking,  backpack,  educational,  conservation,  canine,  slides,  moonlight hike,  bus trip,  flight,  flowers,  skiing,  bird watching,  lodge.

Bus/Air Trips -- see details in listings following.

Oct 11 -14 Sat-Tue: Sedona Outing Bus Trip
 Nov 8 - 10 Sat-Mon: Desert Trails Day Hikes Bus Trip
 Jan 17 -19 2009 Sat - Mon: Death Valley Day Hikes Bus Trip
 Feb 14 - 16 Sat - Mon: Borrego Springs Hikes Bus Trip
 May 23 - 26 Sat - Tue: Zion National Park / Bryce Canyon Bus Trip



Sep 6 Sat O: Central Peninsula Hike. Moderate 7 mi, 900' gain, 2.5 hr. Meet at Rolling Hills Estates City Hall, NW corner of Crenshaw Blvd. & PV Dr. N, at 8am. Wear lug sole boots, bring snack and water. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Jacques Monier & Jerry Pupa.



Sep 7 Sun O: Manhattan Beach Hike/Brunch.

See Monthly Activities



Sep 12 Fri O: Moonlite hike in Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Hike dirt trails overlooking Catalina Channel. Wear sturdy shoes for steep dirt trails. Bring \$\$ for pizza afterwards. Rain cancels. Meet 7:30 pm at south end of Crenshaw Boulevard in Rancho Palos Verdes by the Del Cerro Park sign (1 Burrell Ln.) Ldrs: Linda Wooldridge, Asst: Catherine Whittington.



Sep 13 Sat O: Central Peninsula Hike. Moderate 7 mi, 900' gain, 2.5 hr. Meet at Rolling Hills Estates City Hall, NW corner of Crenshaw Blvd. & PV Dr. N, at 8am. Wear lug sole boots, bring snack and water. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Jacques Monier & Judy Shane.



Sep 17 Wed O: Palos Verdes Estates Hike. Join us on a slow-moderate 2 hr 15 min hike covering 5 miles with 600 ft elevation gain. **Meet 9:00AM** at Malaga Cove School; that's down BELOW Malaga Cove Plaza (Via Arroyo and Paseo Del Mar). Hike trails and streets. Bring water, lug sole boots, snacks. Rain cancels. Leaders Jerry Pupa, Asst: Jackie Childers. **(NOTE: This is a MORNING hike.)**



Sep 20 Sat O: Miraleste Trails Hike. Moderate 6 mi, 1000' gain. Meet at 8:00 AM in the parking lot of Peck Park in the San Pedro area. The entrance to the park is at the southeast corner of Western Avenue and W Crestwood St. We will meet about 100 yards into the first parking lot. Wear lug sole boots, bring a snack & water. Rain cancels. Leaders: Barry Bonnicksen & Karen Cassimatis.



Sep 21 Sun O: Palos Verdes Hike/Brunch.

See Monthly Activities



Sep 27 Sat O: Portuguese Canyon Hike. Slow Moderate 6 mi, 600' gain. Take Palos Verdes Drive South to Forrestal Drive, north to gate. Meet at gate at 8:00 AM. Forestall Quarry, Klondike Cyn, and trails around Portuguese Cyn, ridge above Paintbrush Canyon (rough trail) and back. Wear lug sole boots, bring a snack & water. Rain cancels. Leaders: Barry Bonnicksen & Terry Bass.



Oct 4 Sat O: Central Peninsula Hike: Moderate. 7 mi, 900' gain, 2.5 hr. Meet at Rolling Hills Estates City Hall, NW corner of Crenshaw & Palos Verdes Drive North, at 8:00 AM. Potpourri of trails: Palomino, Pinto, Morgan, Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse, Johns Cyn., Hix, Si's. Wear lug sole boots, bring snack & water. Rain cancels. Leaders: Barry Bonnicksen & Alix Benson.



Oct 5 Sun O: Manhattan Beach Hike/Brunch.

See Monthly Activities



Oct 10 Fri O: Moonlite Hike in Palos Verdes Estates. Travel trails along the coastal bluffs. Sturdy shoes required. Rain cancels. Meet 7:30 pm at corner of PV Dr. W, Yarmouth, Via Anacapa, across from Lunada Bay Fountain. Ldrs: Michael & Maggie Coble.



Oct 11 Sat O: Short Trans-Peninsula Hike. Moderate 7 mi, 1300' gain. Meet at Rolling Hills Estates City Hall, NW corner of Crenshaw & Palos Verdes Drive North, at 8:00 AM. Carpool to south side; hike back to starting point. Wear lug sole boots, bring snack & water. Rain cancels. Leaders: Barry Bonnickson & Dave Hixson.



Oct 11–14 Sat-Tue O: Sedona Outing Bus Trip. 2.5 days to hike the scenic trails and experience the spiritual energy of the vortexes in Red Rock Country. Choices of hikes available each day. Leave Sat. morning, return Tue evening. Stay all three nights in a Best Western, within walking distance of the shopping district. Fee includes bus, driver gratuity, motel, 3 social hours, bus drinks/snacks & all admissions. \$20 cancellation penalty, balance refundable until Sep. 11 then only if trip full. Send 2 large SASE, H & W phone #, check for \$480 w/SC # or \$515 non-member (Sierra Club PV-SB), to trip leader/reservationist: Dave Hixson, 15120 Polly Ave., Lawndale 90260. Co-Leaders Donna Lauck, Richard Pardi.



Oct 17–18 Fri-Sat O: Palm Springs Tram (8450'), Mt San Jacinto (10804') Moonlight Hike. (Sponsor: **Hundred Peaks Section**): Strenuous hike for tigers only via the **Skyline Trail**, 10 mi, 8300' gain to tram with additional 10 mi rt, 2400' gain to the peak. We'll start hiking before midnight Friday. With the advent of the moonlight aspect of the hike, we've been getting many more successful peak baggers, so we'll have two groups, hopefully both SJ bound, one faster, the other naturalizing along the way. Of course, any who wish can head back down at the tram after a mere 8300' gain. Bring money for tram ride and taxi back to cars. Send email (preferable – bholchin@cox.net) or sase with carpool info, cond/expert to Ldr: Barry Holchin. Co-Ldrs: Tony Trull, Wayne Vollaie, Sherry Ross, Kent Schwitkis.



Oct 18 Sat O: Central Peninsula Hike. Moderate 5.4 mi, 1300' gain, 2.5 hr. Meet at Rolling Hills Estates City Hall, NW corner of Crenshaw & Palos Verdes Drive North, at 8:00 AM. Trails: Palomino, Pinto, Morgan, Thoroughbred, Radiance's Run, Storm's Ridge, Crest, Upper & Lower Si's Canyon, Middle Ridge, & Hammerschma trails. Wear lug sole boots, bring snack & water. Rain cancels. Leaders: Barry Bonnickson & Judy Shane.



Oct 19 Sun O: Palos Verdes Hike/Brunch. See Monthly Activities.



Oct 22 Wed: Quarterly Meeting: The Great African Primate Expedition. Jackie Childers and her expert movie making travel companion, Jackie Baird-Bunker, will take us on an adventure through Uganda, presenting magnificent sights such as a Trek through Uganda's rainforests to find the rare and elusive mountain gorillas in their natural habitat, visit a chimpanzee orphanage and observe chimps in the wild in Kibale Forest, you will see how they learned to help save Africa's primates through the ecotourism efforts that serve to protect them. They also had the pleasure of seeing many other primates such as colobus and other monkeys, and exotic animals. They got to see hippos, crocodiles, baboons and myriad birds and also spotted lion, buffalo, elephants and diverse antelopes, and many other animals. On a visit to caves they observed thousands of bats. Join us at the Peninsula Center Library Community Room, 701 Silver Spur Rd. (access also from Deep Valley), Rolling Hills Estates. Refreshments served.



Oct 25 Sat O: Monrovia Canyon Park Hike. Join us on a moderate 8 mi, 1500 ft. gain hike up Sawpit Canyon to Deer Park on the Ben Overturff Trail. Meet at Monrovia Canyon Park entrance at 8 am (\$5.00 parking fee). Bring snacks and water. Lunch in Monrovia after the hike for those interested. Rain cancels. Directions: Exit Foothill Fwy (I-210) at Myrtle Ave in Monrovia. Drive North on Myrtle, through town, 1.8 miles to Scenic Drive. Turn right and follow Scenic Drive, with short jogs right, then left, curving north as Scenic Drive becomes Canyon Blvd., to Monrovia Canyon Park entrance station. Pay fee and park in parking area after the pay station. Ldr: Linda Werk; Asst: Judy Shane.



Oct 25 Sat O: George F. Canyon Hike. Moderate 5 mi, 1400' gain. Meet 8:00 AM. Palos Verdes Drive East 1/8 mile south of Palos Verdes Drive North, at trailhead. Dapplegray, Chandler, Saddlehorn Loop, Empty Saddle, Phillip's Cyn, Heavenly, Strawberry, Circle, & Old Witch Trails. Wear lug sole boots, bring a snack & water. Rain cancels. Leaders: Barry Bonnickson & Catherine Whittington.



Nov 1 Sat I: Rattlesnake (6131'), Hawes (6751'), and Deep Creek Hot Springs (5' deep). 18th semi-annual Deep Creek HS hike/soak/swim, with some more peaks. Moderately paced 14 mi, 3100' gain w considerable cross-country via exploratory hiking and driving routes. Some 4wd driving - Adventure Pass reqd. Bring lunch, water, rain gear, lugs (swim suit optional). No beginners. Plan on spending full day - it's near Hesperia. Rain cancels. Send email (preferable – bholchin@cox.net) or sase along with carpool info, cond/expert to Ldr: Barry Holchin, 3949 Via Valmonte, Palos Verdes Est, 90274-1153. Co-Ldr: Wayne Vollaie.



Nov 7 Fri O: Moonlite Hike in Palos Verdes Estates. Leave from historic Neptune's Fountain in center of plaza. Wear sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. Go for pizza afterwards. Meet 7:30 pm, Malaga Cove Plaza at PV Drive W and Via Almar. Ldr: Bill Lavoie, Asst: Catherine Whittington.



Nov 8 Sat O: All the Stairs – Part 1 – Silver Lake. On this and the following Saturday we will explore EVERY stairway in the Silver Lake/Echo Park area of LA. Explore unique neighborhoods with origins in LA's past. This day: 22 stairways, 1500+ steps, 3000 ft gain, 9 mi. rt. Moderate pace to enjoy the surroundings but climbing the stairs IS strenuous. No beginners or tigers. Bring good walking shoes, water, sunscreen, hat, and snack. Meet 8 am at the Silver Lake Recreation Center, 1850 W Silver Lake Dr. From the 101 (Hollywood) Fwy, take Silver Lake Blvd N 1.3 mi. Bear left at Effie St on to W Silver Lake Dr. Heavy rain cancels. Ldrs: Jacques Monier, Jerry Pupa



Nov 8–10 Sat-Mon O: Desert Trails Day Hikes Bus Trip. Hike desert trails and routes less traveled as we explore Mohave National Preserve, Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area and Valley of Fire State Park. We lead multiple hikes (more and less strenuous) each day in all three venues and stay in centrally located Las Vegas (2 people/2 beds per room). Leave Sat morning from South Bay, return Mon evening. Orange County pickup. Includes bus, driver gratuity, hotel, social hour daily, park admissions, bus refreshments. \$40 cancellation penalty; balance refundable until Oct 10, then only if trip is full. Send 2 SASE, phones, email, \$185 with SC#, \$225 non-member (Sierra Club PV-SB) to Ldr: Bob Beach. Co-Ldr: Richard Pardi. Asst Ldrs: Donna Lauck, Cindy Pardi.



Nov 15 Sat O: All the Stairs – Part 2 – Echo Park. Continuation of Part 1. See Nov 8 for more info. This day: 27 stairways, 2000+ steps, 4000 ft gain, 9 mi. rt. No beginners or tigers. Bring good walking shoes, water, sunscreen, hat, and snack. Meeting time and place will be supplied at the end of Part 1. Heavy rain cancels. Ldrs: Jacques Monier, Jerry Pupa.



Jan 17–19 2009 Sat – Mon O: Death Valley Day Hikes Bus Trip. Visit Death Valley National Park at best time year for hiking. Our 16th annual trip will offer a choice of hikes all three days into canyons, up buttes, and across sand dunes. Or bring a book and read next to the large warm spring fed swimming pool and look over the majestic Panamint Mountains, or visit Scotty's Castle, or take a horseback ride or play golf. You saw the Valley on Huell Howser's PBS program, now come and see it for yourself. Stay at Furnace Creek Ranch in the heart of the valley, 2 people/2 beds per room. Leave Sat AM from Redondo Beach and from Orange County, return Mon eve. Cost includes bus, driver gratuity, lodging, social hours daily, and bus drinks/snacks. \$40 cancellation penalty, balance refundable until Dec 12th, then only if trip is full. Send 2 large SASE, H&W phones. \$245 w/SC#, \$285 non-member ("Sierra Club") to Ldr: Richard Pardi, 23326 Mariano St, Woodland Hills, 91367. Co-Ldrs Donna Lauck, Dave Hixson, Cindy Pardi.

Next Schedule Deadlines

Nov-Dec *Foggy View* – September 15th
Angeles Chapter Schedule 310 -- November 10th
 Please submit all outings to Outings Chair Terry Bass before these dates.



Feb 14–16 Sat – Mon O: Borrego Springs Hikes Bus Trip. For Presidents' Day weekend, enjoy the comforts of the Palm Canyon Resort In Borrego Springs as we hike two of our most popular trails. Saturday the bus drops us off on the Plateau overlooking Anza Borrego State Park. We then hike down, overlooking the whole valley. We finish the hike by walking right into the resort, where our luggage, room, swimming pool, large Jacuzzi and happy hour await us. Sunday we hike in the park, offering both long and short hikes. Monday we visit our recent discovery, Ladder and Painted Cyn. in the Mecca Wilderness. Climb Ladder through a slot canyon then see views of the Salton Sea before we drop down into the Canyon fractured by the San Andreas Fault. Cost includes bus, resort (two to room), two happy hours, driver gratuity, bus snacks and two continental breakfasts. \$40 cancellation penalty, balance refundable until Dec 15 then only if trip is full. Send two SASE, H&W phones, \$265 w/SC#, \$305 non-member ("Sierra Club") to Ldr: Richard Pardi; 23326 Mariano St; Woodland Hills 91367. Asst Ldrs: Dave Hixson, Donna Lauck, Cindy Pardi.



May 23--26 Sat-Tue O: Zion National Park/ Bryce Canyon Bus Trip. Hike in Utah's most popular parks celebrating its centennial anniversary. No overnight bus ride. Two and a half 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 Tue evening. Stay all three nights in Springdale motel next to Zion. Fee includes bus, driver gratuity, motel, 3 social hours, bus drinks/snacks & all admissions. \$40 cancellation penalty, balance refundable until Apr 23 then only if trip full. Send 2 business-size SASE, H & W phones, \$351 w/SC # or \$391 non-member (Sierra Club), to trip Ldr/ reservationist: Dave Hixson, 15120 Polly Ave., Lawndale 90260. Co-Leaders Donna Lauck, Richard Pardi.

<p align="center">Wilderness Travel Course (WTC) Sierra Club, Angeles Chapter Jan-March 2009</p> <p>Plan ahead for this very popular 10-week Sierra Club course that has been offering classroom instruction and field experiences to Los Angeles and Orange County outdoor enthusiasts for the past twenty years. The Wilderness Travel Course teaches basic mountaineering skills for mountain and desert travel. Class includes navigation instruction using topo maps and compass, rock scrambling techniques, how to choose equipment, backpacking food and nutrition, snow travel, wilderness first aid and lots more. Includes ten evening classes, 2 full-day, and 2 weekend outings with bus transportation provided. Classes are offered in Long Beach, Orange County, West Los Angeles, and the San Gabriel Valley. Enrollment opens September 7th. Classes begin Jan 2009. See WTC website for more information and exact locations: www.angeles.sierraclub.org/wtc</p>
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Landfill Improvement For The Environment (L.I.F.E.)

While most teenagers are concerned with the latest trends, sports, or simply hanging out with their friends, a dedicated group of Torrance South High students are engrossed in fighting the negative effects of air pollution, and trying to find ways to reduce its impact.

South High's Landfill Improvement For the Environment or L.I.F.E. Team, has been advocating against detrimental impacts of the Palos Verdes Landfill and air pollution on surrounding communities. Their efforts were rewarded recently when the group, led by South High teacher, Joan Davidson, won the Lexus Environmental Challenge. This \$50,000 prize includes \$3500 scholarships for ten students; \$15,000 for installation of solar panels. This is the first step for South High to become the first green school' in the South Bay.

Their extensive air pollution project involved submitting a proposal, PowerPoint presentation, and setting up an eco-friendly website. Students concentrated on looking at renewable energy and conservation as solutions to the current air quality issues. They worked at involving PTA, community, student body, and teachers and became one of seven high schools to be recognized on a national platform. The group concentrated on air pollution as a local issue, and a regional and global concern.

After winning the initial contest last fall, the group entered the "Final Challenge" and won \$50,000 for their school for environmental improvements and projects. Part of the competition required them to extend their message beyond their school neighborhood into the surrounding communities, nationally, and globally.

To help them accomplish this task, Ms. Davidson and the students invited Assembly member Ted Lieu to visit them to share their eco-vision for their school and community. They have asked Assembly member Lieu to consider legislation that would create business partnerships to encourage financial investments for renewable energy sources and green technology. Assembly member Lieu was very impressed with the L.I.F.E. Team and is very supportive of their efforts.

For Ms. Davidson's students it's a way for them to participate in creating an environment that they can live in and help preserve the environment for future generations.

Please visit the website www.caharin.com/life.

Club Will Offer Outdoor Leadership Training October 4

Interested in becoming an outings leader for the Club? Angeles Chapter is home to one of the largest outings programs on the planet – thousands of trips ranging from beach barbecues to mountaineering expeditions.

You can take the first step toward becoming a leader by attending a class offered by the chapter Leadership Training Committee on Saturday, Oct. 4. The class covers all the basics of leadership. Experienced leaders will tell you how to plan a trip, prevent problems on the trail and make sure that everyone – including you – has a great time. They'll also explain good conservation and safety practices. And they'll give you tips for getting your "O" rating quickly and then, if you choose, pursuing more advanced ratings.

The all-day class at the Griffith Park Ranger Station costs \$25. The application is on page 69 of the Angeles Chapter Schedule #308. It's also online at www.angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc. Mail the application and check, payable to Sierra Club, to Steve Botan, LTC Registrar, 18816 Thornwood Circle, Huntington Beach 92646. You also can reach Botan by phone (714-963-0151) or e-mail (sbotan@pacbell.net). Applications and checks are due Sept. 20. Scholarships are available for those in financial need. Apply to LTC Chair Tina Bowman (tina@bowmandesigngroup.com).



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Both of these sites pose the marvelous potential for conversion to parklands and restoration of habitat for local flora and fauna, some of which are threatened or endangered. What's more, they offer open space to a densely populated South Bay, a chance to reconnect with nature and recreate in ways that computer terminals, televisions, iPods, movie theaters and shopping malls simply don't provide.

Recognizing the immense environmental and social value of these sites, the Sierra Club has created the South Bay Open Space Task Force to support the acquisition and restoration of these sites to a natural state, together with educational and recreational facilities that can be enjoyed by all. In other words, urban parkland.

Want to know more? Contact the co-chairs of the Open Space Task Force:

Bill Brand -- bbrand@earthlink.net
Joan Davidson -- j135cooper@yahoo.com

They've both been working for years to let people know, including our elected leaders, of the tremendous opportunity now before us. Why not get involved?

Dave Wiggins
Conservation Chair

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST LEADERS

In the last several months we have had three new leaders who completed all requirements to become O-rated leaders for PV-SB. Please welcome each of them and thank them for their efforts.

Stephen Bradford - Steve passed his provisional hike in February and met all other requirements. He joined the Sierra Club 12 years ago and has been hiking with the PV-SB group since then. One of his first trips was kayaking on Mono Lake.

Jerry Pupa - Jerry ceased hiking when he left the infantry some 30 years ago, and realized the value of hiking. He started again in 2001 when he joined the Sierra Club. He's never been on a hike that "he didn't like" with the Sierra Club. Jerry's love for nature is best captured in the quotation "Majesty sometimes speaks so softly, that only the humble can hear it."

Tony Shafaat - Tony has been hiking since his early teens, but didn't start serious hiking until moving to Seattle in early 90's where he joined "The Mountaineer", soon finished their Basic Climbing course, and knew he was hooked on hiking/backpacking. Tony moved to Palos Verdes in January of 2007, joined the Sierra club in February, and tries to hike twice a week with the PV-SB group. "I would like to thank all my Sierra Club friends for helping me with my provisional hike, and in achieving this goal. I couldn't have done it without them. I'm proud to be a Sierra Club member, and encourage other members to engage in signing up their friends, family and even strangers to join this wonderful organization."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Madrona Marsh Habitat Restoration

All Tuesdays, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
All Wednesdays, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
All Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Call 310 782 3989 for more details.
www.friendsofmadronamarsh.com

Rancho Palos Verdes City Council Meetings

Meetings 1st and 3rd Tue of each month in the Hesse Park Multipurpose Room. Call to confirm date, time and location as it is subject to change.
www.palosverdes.com/rpv/citycouncil

Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy

Various volunteer opportunities.
www.pvplc.org/howtohelp/volunteering.shtml

PV-SB CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Various dates.
Contact Dave Wiggins at davewiggins@netzero.net
For meeting times/locations.
www.angeles.sierraclub.org/pvsb

SEE THE PV-SB WEBSITE FOR ALL ACTIVITIES

The PV-SB website (www.angeles.sierraclub.org/pvsb) is updated with all activities far in advance of the distribution and delivery of the Foggy View, so we recommend members utilize this resource for the most up-to-date information on all activities.

PV-SB GROUP LEADERS

Current leaders active in the PV-SB Group

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Frank Atkin	310-378-5008	I
Terry Bass	310-539-8227	O
Bob Beach	310-375-0898	M
Alix Benson	310-379-8066	O
Richard Boardman	310-374-4371	M
Barry Bonnickson	310-519-0778	O
Dennis Bosch	310-328-3874	O
Stephen Bradford	310-993-5501	O
Sharon Brossier	310-376-1416	O
Jack Carmody	310-539-2259	O
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Brooks Chadwick	310-544-0600	O
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Jackie Childers	310-518-4086	O
Maggie Coble	310-378-9743	O
Michael Coble	310-378-9743	O
Mike Dillenback	310-378-7495	I
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Roger Greenham	310-540-4662	O
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Dave Hixson	310-676-8848	O
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