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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
November 17, 2008 at 7:15PM

At this month's meeting, we will have
MOVIE NIGHT.

Titles will include "Susanna Pass"

Wildlife-Saving Bills Signed

In September, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed a number of wildlife-saving bills sponsored by Defenders of Wildlife.

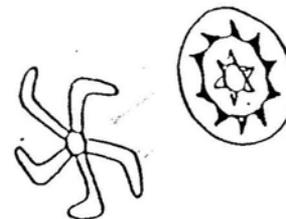
One bill, AB 2785, creates a new program to identify and protect wildlife corridors -- those critical areas used by wildlife to move between the areas in which they feed, rest and reproduce. This bill will benefit imperiled animals like the highly endangered San Joaquin kit fox, the desert tortoise and the Pacific fisher.

Another bill, AB 2911, creates a new oil spill prevention and clean-up program for California's inland water -- rivers, streams, wetlands -- for the benefit of salmon, steelhead and water birds. Even though California has more than three times more oil spills in our inland waters than off our coasts, the state did not have any oil spill program dedicated to the protection of inland waters. AB 2911 closes this gap and bolsters the training program for volunteers who rescue oiled wildlife during oil spills.

Other wildlife-friendly bills signed by the governor include a bill to further restoration of the highly imperiled Salton Sea, a bill to create a new, ground-breaking incentive program for smart growth planning and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from land use and transportation, and a bill to improve the state's recovery program for threatened and endangered species.

SUBMITTED BY SUSAN GERKE

10-30-08 On the Mionske Ranch a large, healthy mountain lion was sighted.



Republic's Trucolor "special" Susanna Pass stars Roy Rogers & Dale Evans, King and Queen of the West. Rogers plays "himself," while Evans is cast as female doctor Kay Parker. The villains this time around are trying to force a fish hatchery owner out of business so they can drill for underwater oil. The film's action content never impedes its musical highlights (and vice versa); among the vocal contributors are Estrelita Rodriguez (who figures prominently in one of the cliff-hanging action setpieces) and Foy Willing and the Riders of the Purple Sage. Estrelita Rodriguez is admittedly pretty funny as a flirtatious senorita. ~

SSMPA General Membership Program meetings take place every 3rd Monday, September through November and January through May at the Rockpointe Clubhouse, 22300 Devonshire Street, Chatsworth, on the south side, 1 block before entering Chatsworth Park South. Our program meetings begin at 7:15pm and conclude at 9:00pm.



The purposes of the Santa Susana Mountain Park Association are the protection, preservation, restoration, and enhancement of the Santa Susana Mountains and Simi Hills as open space lands and wildlife corridors linking the Los Padres National Forest and San Gabriel Mountains, including the Angeles National Forest, to the Santa Monica Mountains; as habitats for plants and animals native to the Santa Susana Mountains and the Simi Hills; as locales of unique geologic formations; as sites of ethnological, archaeological and historical interests; to provide passive recreational opportunities and environmental education opportunities; and, to support the acquisition of new public parks, open space and conservation easements, the expansion of existing parks, participate in the planning of park infrastructure and programs, and support said programs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

E-MAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SSMPA needs your help: Please send us your e-mail address. We are planning to send the Newsletter via E-Mail in the future to save trees. Also we can share information with our membership in an e-mail blast. Please send your e-mail address to: (chrissmpa@gmail.com). And let us know if you would like your newsletter via e-mail only or to continue receiving the newsletter by mail when we get it set up

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SSMPA needs people with many talents that have a passion to protect and preserve our environment and heritage: Trail builders, hike leaders, grant writers, community activity leaders for clean up projects, parks, and local canyons, fund raisers, geese counters, school and church presenters, etc. Contact: MAIL@SSMPA.COM



SSMPA PARTICIPATES IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Woolsey Canyon Cleanup

The Summit Home Park Association organized a cleanup of Woolsey Canyon with various organizations and individuals helping out: SSMPA, Boeing Corporation, LA County Fire Department, Bob Wood and many others. Los Angeles City will pick up the numerous bags of trash, rusty cans, mattress coils, bottles, the workers gathered. The city recently conducted a clean up of large items, sofas, chairs, brick, construction debris, etc. along Valley Circle and the canyons. Let's help keep it clean by informing law enforcement when we see suspicious activity.

SSMPA Museum

Our one man band, John Luker, cleaned, organized, filed, sorted, moved displays, and miraculously created a museum of historical, archeological, biological, movie industry photos and records, for community organizations to come and meet for various purposes. Thank you John! And, thank you Jan Miller and Diana-Dixon Davis for all the work you did initially in moving all SSMPA's records from the City Park to storage and then to our new location.

Reenchanting the City Conference V - Global Climate Change - The Effect Upon Wildlife and Wild Lands Thanks to Warren and Linda Stone, Patty Miller, Carla Henry and Reid Bogert for their help at the conference



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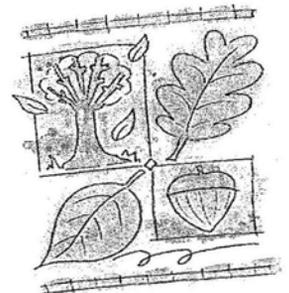


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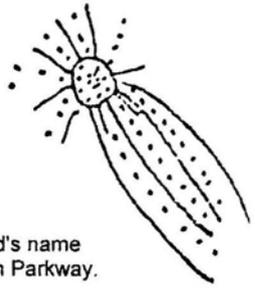
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Thank you for renewing your SSMPA membership: Sherry Noice, Jeffrey Pomerantz, Leona Ward, Sandra Johnson, Anna Combs, Keith Larson, Moonyen Powers, Richard Klotz, Leland Baum. PLEASE NOTE: WHEN SENDING YOUR RENEWAL, PLEASE INDICATE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS IF YOU HAVE ONE.



Regularly Scheduled Hikes

(Hikes are canceled if it rains. There are no hikes on holidays.)

Sunday Evening - Rocky Peak

Meet at 4 PM at the Rocky Peak trailhead at the end of Rocky Peak Road on the Santa Susana Pass.

(Meet at 5 PM during daylight savings time.) (Strenuous - 4.8 MRT)

Tuesday Evening - Long Canyon

Meet at 6:30 PM in the Long Canyon parking lot. Directions: Take First Street South. Continue when the road's name changes to Long Canyon Road. The parking lot is at the intersection of Long Canyon Road and Wood Ranch Parkway.

(Easy to Moderate - 3.0 MRT)

Thursday Evening - The Chumash Trail

Meet at 6 PM at Chumash trailhead. Directions: Take the 118 Freeway to Yosemite exit. Go north on Yosemite and turn right on Flanagan Dr. The trailhead is at the end of Flanagan Drive. (Moderate to Strenuous - 5.2 MRT)

November 29th

Matilija Falls*

Moderate 9 MRT (950' elevation gain)

Hike up Matilija Creek, passing two waterfalls, turtle ponds and swimming holes. For more information about this hike, please click [here](#). Meet at 8 AM near Donut Delite at the corner of Madera and Royal. Bring 2 - 3 quarts of water, a snack and a pair of shoes/sandals that you don't mind getting wet. Wear boots.

December Activities

December 6th

Malibu Creek State Park*

Moderate 6-8 MRT (600' elevation gain)

Hike to the old M*A*S*H site. Countless movies have been filmed in this park. Several options on the way, depending on the desires of the group. We'll see Century Lake and the Rock Pool. For more information about Malibu Creek State Park, please click [here](#). Meet at 8 AM near Donut Delite at the corner of Madera and Royal. Bring 2 to 3 quarts of water and a snack. Wear boots.

December 13th

Chesboro Canyon / Palo Comado Canyon Loop*

10.3 MRT - Easy to Moderate (1200' elevation gain) - [5.5 MRT option (800' elevation gain)]

Walk among the oaks, follow a stream to Sulfur Springs and on to Sheep Corral and then return via Palo Comado Canyon. Please click [here](#) for more information about this hike. Meet at 8 AM near Donut Delite at the corner of Madera and Royal. Bring 2 to 3 quarts of water, lunch and sunscreen. Wear boots.

December 20th

Work Party - Upper Hummingbird Trail

Meet at the Rocky Peak Trailhead. We'll drive up the fireroad to where it intersects with the Hummingbird Trail. Bring 2 - 3 quarts of water, hat, sunscreen, and gloves to work on the trail.

December 27th

Happy Camp Upper Trail*

10 MRT - Moderate to Strenuous (elevation gain & loss 1300')

See panoramic views of Simi Valley and Moorpark to the Channel Islands. Bring lunch, 2 to 3 quarts of water, binoculars/camera. Wear boots. Meet at 8 AM near Donut Delite at the corner of Madera and Royal. Please note, there is a \$3 per car parking fee at the trailhead.

HERE IS AN E-MAIL WITH TERRIFIC GRAPHICS THAT DETAILS HIKES THROUGH DECEMBER 2007
Juliebear@aol.com
ATTN: Dianne

UPCOMING HIKES
Bring water, lunch, shoes, hat, sunscreen.
IN CANCELS

STAGECOACH TRAIL

STAGECOACH TRAIL - 9:00AM. INTERPRETATIVE HIKE INTO HISTORY OF SANTA SUSANA PASS STATE HISTORIC PARK. MEET AT 9:00AM FOR A 2 1/2 MI (400' GAIN) LOOP UP THE STAGECOACH TRAIL. Corrections: change Trail head (meeting place) to park entrance on Larwin Ave. about 200 feet south of DEVONSHIRE on right. Park on Street. LEADER: LEE BAUM (818-341-1850/SIERRA CLUB-SANTA SUSANA MTNS TASK FORCE OUTING). STAGECOACH TRAIL HIKES WILL BE ON THE 3RD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH, STARTING OCTOBER.



Santa Susana Mountain Park Association

invites you to JOIN / RENEW (circle one).

Investing in the future of our communities and its resources is probably one of the best expenditures of our time and efforts. Return this cutoff with your contribution lend your support. Make your check payable to SSMPA and send to SSMPA, P.O. Box 4831, Chatsworth, CA 91313-4831.

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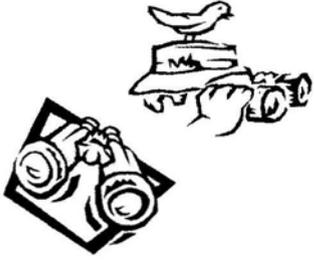
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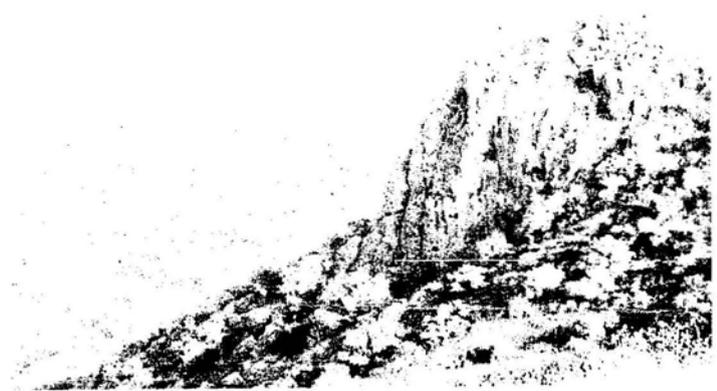


The Hearty Explorers

Photos by John Luker



A view from Mormon Canyon Area

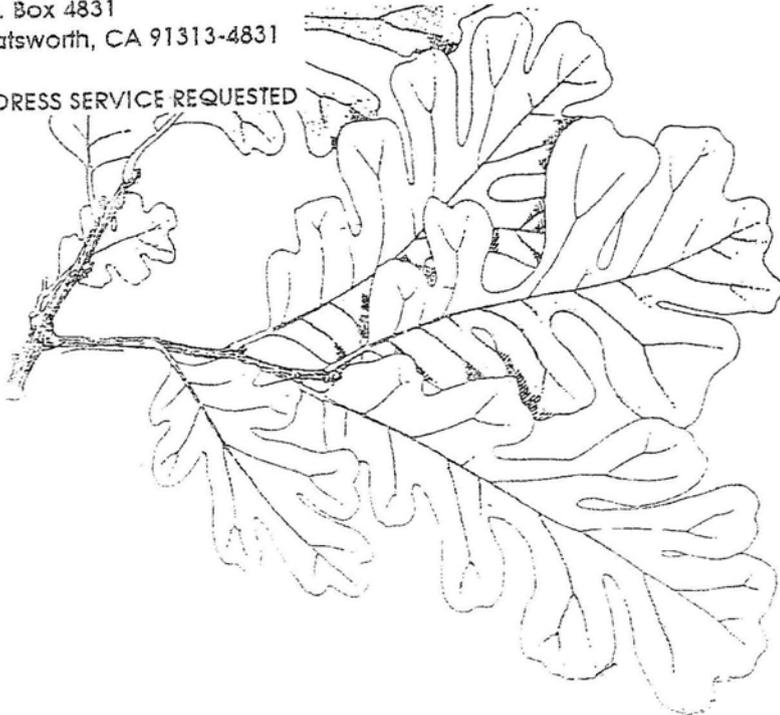


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