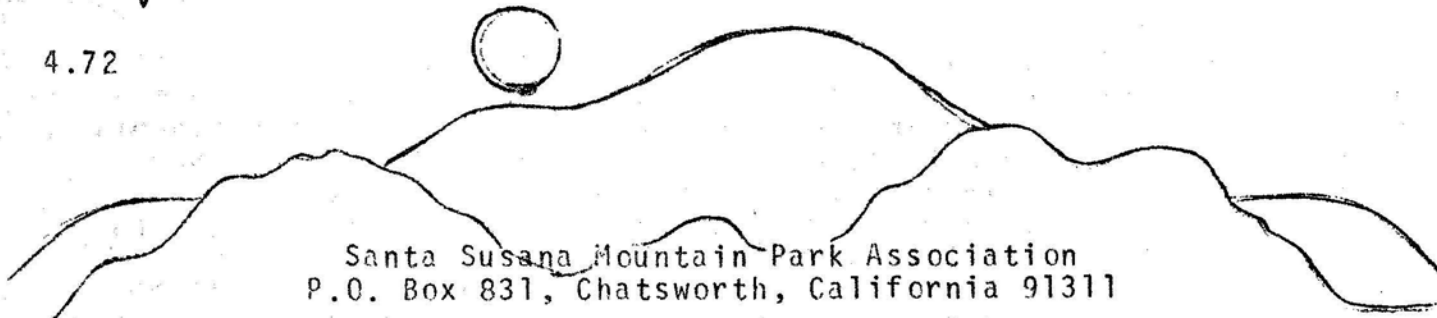


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Santa Susana Mountain Park Association  
P.O. Box 831, Chatsworth, California 91311

Dear Friends,

SSMPA's MEMBERSHIP HAS been increasing rapidly. This has greatly increased the need to have effective committees AND committee chairmen in all our areas of activity. A number of our present committees have had to double up on their responsibilities in order to carry on our present programs, and they have cooperated wholeheartedly but something will have to give soon if members sit and wait to be asked. Call any of the board members (see following paragraph), write to the above address or ask to see the committee lists at any meeting and we can guarantee you a place on a committee where you will be doing something you enjoy that's worthwhile and allows you to do whatever you do best. Can any other organization offer you that? TRY us - you'll LIKE us!

OUR MARCH MEETING was very well attended. Elections were held and the new slate of officers was voted in by a unanimous vote of those present. New officers and other board members are:

President: Jan Hinkston, who succeeds herself

Vice-President: Zelma Skillman who succeeds Mike Wolfe and Mary Guilmette

Recording Secretary: Lois Scott, who succeeds herself

Corresponding Secretary: Joy Totschek who succeeds Greg Mihalik and Elizabeth Harter

Treasurer: Adel Campbell who succeeds Dave Zuccaro, Sandy Binns and herself

Ventura County area chairman: Doris Murphy who succeeds Jean Searle

San Fernando Valley Chairman: Zerka Nelson who succeeds Yvonne Ash

Newhall-Valencia-Saugus area chairman: Open - to succeed Scott Franklin

Member at Large: Paul Doran who succeeds Doris Murphy

Member at Large: Steve Elias who succeeds Don Gudin

SSMPA HAS BEEN fortunate to have a very active board and all who have served on it have put in many hours of hard work. However, of equal importance are those members who, while they are not board members, have contributed as much effort and time (sometimes more) than those on the board, but how does one go about listing some names without leaving out others? Your newsletter editor has requested lists of names and organizations (particularly from you Hike-In, Parade and Fair chairmen) of those who have donated their efforts on special projects in behalf of SSMPA. The purpose is to allow all our members to know who's been supporting us, and to publicly acknowledge the efforts of all these generous groups. This is not in place of a thank you note...it's in addition. Send lists to D. Murphy, 3073 Cobb Circle, Simi Valley 93065...thanks.

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HAVE YOU PURCHASED YOUR ad in the Stagecoach Trail Sponsor Book? Well time is running out and our sponsor book chairman, Joy, is nearing exhaustion so get busy and do your part. The Rockpointe residents have responded not only with single and family memberships for themselves but also for businesses they represent and going door to door to ask others as well. Joy also notes that the Rockpointe Homeowners Assoc. was the first to place a \$50 ad. She reminds us that the sponsor book covers the entire L.A. and Ventura County areas. It is designed to be used as a shopping guide, source of accurate information about the past, present and future of SSMPA (including historical and scientific data of the Stage Trail area in the San Fernando and Simi Valley) with related photos and a few tales about the hazards of the trail in the 1800's. The book also affords the opportunity to those who support us of having their name listed along with all the other endorsements. These endorsements will aid in indicating to government agencies the kind of public support this endeavor has. Remember...a one page ad is \$100..a half page ad is \$50....1/4 page ad is \$25... business card size is only \$10. For just \$2 (adult or couple, Mr. & Mrs.) YOU can show you care by purchasing a name and city listing for you, your friends or relatives. Children may have name and city listings for only \$1 (birth through 12th grade). REMEMBER that top salesman in the juvenile category wins tickets to Disneyland and arrangements are being made for the best adult salesman to enjoy a day or two in Las Vegas. Keep those cards and letters (with checks) coming in folks! If we get enough ads Wells Fargo may underwrite the cost of printing 10,000 copies for us. If not it will take a large bite out of our profits to pay for the printing.

In Simi Valley send checks to Ruth Smoot, 3090 Fletcher St., Simi Valley 93065 or call her at (805) 526-2730 for information. In San Fernando call Joy Totschek at (213) 340-1743 or write 22101 Londelius St., Canoga Park 91304.

SSMPA IS PLANNING another two day Hike-In on the Stage Coach Trail on June 10 and 11. The tremendous success of the January Hike-In and numerous requests from individuals and organizations who missed the first ones led to this decision. Mrs. Zorka Nelson, (213) 984-1127, and Ruth Smoot, (805) 526-2730, are co-chairmen of the June event. Once again volunteers are needed to serve as guides, speakers, parking attendants, group organizers, and publicity assistants. We'll need volunteers to man food, information and other booths and special guides to conduct slower tours for those who, because of age or physical handicaps, cannot keep pace with a faster moving group. If you or anyone you know can donate oranges or home baked food...or wish to donate the wholesale cost of soda and other commercially produced foods to sell let us know as soon as possible.

SIMI VALLEY MEETINGS of SSMPA started last month and plans were initiated for the SSMPA Stage Coach Trail Parade and Fair to be held in Simi Valley in September. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month upstairs in the Bank of A. Levy, Simi Valley at 8 pm. All those interested in preserving the Santa Susana Mountains and the Stage Coach Trail are most cordially invited to attend and learn what it's all about. For additional information call Doris Murphy - 527-9925. Next meeting is April 19th.

THE NEXT SAN FERNANDO VALLEY MEETING of SSMPA is Monday, April 17th at 8 pm in the Glendale Federal Savings & Loan, 21381 Devonshire in Chatsworth. Reports will be given on additional proceeds from our recent Parade and Fair in Chatsworth which turned out to be so suc-

cessful we're hoping to make it an annual event. The Stagecoach Trail Committee will report on what progress has been made toward obtaining an option on the 42 acre parcel of the Stage Trail owned by Lee and Florence Webster. They will also report on the status of the Palmer land and actions to be taken in an effort to protect priceless artifacts still in the trail area as well as those stolen from the Palmer property. Police have been alerted to watch for trespassers on both the Palmer and the Webster property. Publicity concerning the Stage Trail has unfortunately led many to believe they can hike as they please. Even SSMIPA members must have the owner's permission before entering.

MARY GORMAN, our faithful and dependable fund raising chairman has issued a plea for people to assist her on her committee. If you can bake, sew or make phone calls, call Mary (213) 347-0809. She also reports receipt of \$69.00 as a result of the recent Gimmick Bike Rally held at Sears Fallbrook Square. The Chatsworth Junior Women's Club, which Mary Represents, was among the first to assist SSMIPA and has continued to do so through numerous fund raising projects, coordinating the efforts of other civic groups in our behalf, donated well over 100 hours in typing and filing for us and have been one of our major sources of 'operating funds'....the money that pays postage, paper, fees and miscellaneous costs to just keep us in business. I have a two page list of things the Chatsworth Juniors have been doing for SSMIPA and I wish I could list them all here. Without Mary SSMIPA might not have even gotten as far as the Hike-Ins. Her group has been singled out because their work has had little publicity, it has been solely for our benefit and it has been so constyant and dependable.

THE LUSTERS, THE GUILMETTES and all those involved in the parade and fair gave of themselves to such a degree I'm sure it will be some time before they are fully back to normal.

WE ARE LOSING our treasurer, Adel Campbell, and it is with considerable regret because she has handled it in an excellent manner. Smoothing out all the Hike-In funds was no small task. She will still remain an active member but her treasurer resignation was on doctor's orders.

STEVE ELIAS HAS offered to serve as our new Treasurer. We thank him and assure him he will have the assistance of all members in making this task as less demanding as possible.

IF WE CAN PERSUADE the city and the county to contribute matching funds for the Stagecoach Trail it can become a reality in a very short time. Write Wilkenson and Dorn and ask them to do what they can. They have both been working in our behalf already but we need to have them present the matching funds concept to the city and county.

SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING: In Sanfernando; Glendale Federal Savings and Loan on Devonshire, Chatsworth...8 pm..Mon. April 17th.  
In Simi; Bank of A. Levy..upstairs, L.A. Avenue, Simi...8 pm..Apr. 19th.

Thoreau said it: "Most men, it seems to me do not care for nature and would sell their share in all her beauty for a given sum"....Let's hope there are some who won't.

Bye now,

*Doris*

Doris Murphy  
SSMIPA Newsletter Editor

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