

SANTA SUSANA MOUNTAIN PARK ASSOCIATION, BOX 831 CHATSWORTH 91311

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WHERE WE ARE

Now that we are beginning our 4th year, lets take a brief look at just where we stand. . .how much we have accomplished this past year. . .and where we hope to head this coming year.. .

~~The goals of SSMPA remain the same to day as they were 3 years ago~~
to establish a park within the Santa Susana Mountains & Simi Hills. Our treasury contains \$13,000 of your donations, which will remain where it is and continue to grow until the time that a wise investment can be made.

BIG NEWS

We were recently notified that the Old Santa Susana Stage Road (178 acres) was placed on the National Register of Historic Places as of January 10, 1974 and given its just recognition in history. This makes us eligible to apply for National funds which we are in the process of doing.

This past year has kept us busy with a great deal of behind the scenes activity. Assemblyman Bob Cline introduced bill AB1100 which "requires the State Dept. of Parks & Recreation to grant funds to the Counties of Los Angeles & Ventura for the establishment of a park in the Santa Susana Mountains". He later withdrew this bill until a more opportune time when funds are more readily available (hopefully, through the 1974 State Parks Bond Act).

~~Assemblyman Cline showed his faith again in SSMPA when he nominated our association for the John and Mary Tyler Ecology Fund Award at Pepperdine University. We were honored to be one of 300 entries from 18 countries throughout the world. Our presentation contained a 20 pound volume and a select group of slides. San Fernando Valley Area chairman, Zorka Nelson, tackled the job of preparing our entry and we are deeply indebted to her for the weeks of endless work she devoted to this monumental task. Just think for a moment, "Where would you have begun in sorting through the many files we have of documentations, endorsements, recommendations, and reports that we have acquired in nearly 4 years?" Need we say more? Although we were not one of the winners, we feel highly flattered to have participated.~~

Although SSMPA is tax exempt, donations of cash or property are not tax deductible. For this reason, we have formed a corporation named the "Foundation for the Preservation of the Santa Susana Mountains", which will be a non-profit, tax exempt and tax deductible companion corporation to SSMPA.

BIG CLEANUP

Have you noticed that Stoney Point has a cleaner face? It took 5 gallons of donated paint, 25 giant sized garbage bags, and 100 members of the Sierra Club one whole day to tidy up this hikers' paradise. It was a fun day for everyone and perhaps we can all join in again oneday to help keep this landmark clean. ~~If you enjoy hiking, why not join members of the Sierra Club & SSMPA on the second Sunday in March and again in April to explore the Santa Susana Mountains.~~

FUTURE GOALS

As we look forward to our goals of 1974, our greatest concern involves Proposition I on the June 4, 1974 ballot. California voters will be asked to decide on a \$250 million Parks & Beaches Bond act. If this measure passes, \$37 million will be allocated to L.A. City and L.A. County combined. SSMPA already appears on the City list of priorities and we are awaiting similar support from the County. Popular request plays a great influence on the choices and we urgently ask all our members and friends to please write letters of support for SSMPA to their County Supervisor. If you have never written such a letter before, please make this be the first time, as the future of our park may very well hinge on the decisions made now. Your note can be brief by simply stating that it is your desire to

have the Santa Susana Mountains placed on the top priority list for Proposition 1 pass. Address your letters to:

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, Chairman
Los Angeles Board of Supervisors
Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, Cal. 90012

and if you are able, please send copies of your letter to:

Supervisor Baxter Ward
Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, Cal. 90012

Mr. William Penn Mott Jr.
State of California Department of
Parks & Recreation
Sacramento, California

OUR PUBLICATION GETS AROUND

We are proud to announce that our publication "Santa Susana. . . Over the Pass. . . Into the Past" has been placed in numerous libraries and universities throughout California. Also, it was delivered to several of our representatives in Washington by Jan Hinkston and Zelma Skillman presented 2 copies to Chatsworth House in Derbyshire, England, which is the home of the Duke & Duchess of Devonshire. The Duchess sent a message of best wishes to us.

Congratulations to our "champion" Miss Nancy Razanski for selling over 100 copies. Have you ordered your copy yet? The price is \$3.00 and all proceeds go into the land purchase account.

WE NEED YOU

Its time to select new officers to form the Executive Board for 1974. We welcome the names of anyone interested. Nominations will be made at the next meeting and elections will be held in March. Please don't hesitate to submit your name or of someone you know.

DUES

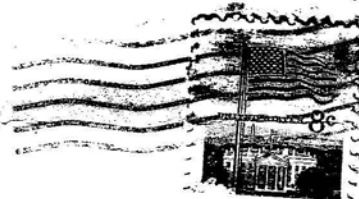
May we remind you that it is time to renew your support for SSMPA by sending in your yearly dues. The cost is: \$5.00 for an individual; \$7.00 for a family; \$10.00 for a business or organization; and \$3.00 for a student. Due to the paper shortage, we are not mailing application forms with this letter, so please indicate on your check if you are a new member.

THANK YOU

Sincere thanks are extended to all members and friends who have donated their time and expertise so unselfishly towards the goals and accomplishments of SSMPA. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and hopefully you will feel rewarded on the day our park is finally realized.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 8 P.M.
Glendale Federal Savings
21821 Devonshire St., Chatsworth



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