



Santa Susana Mountain Park Association

Sept.

NEWSLETTER - FALL 1991

PROGRAMS: Our new program chair, Dorian Keyser, has lined up TWO consecutive programs for the fall season:

ALWAYS ON THE 3RD MONDAYS - (Please mark your calendar)

September 16, 1991 - 7:30 PM

WALT PARKER, EED and Executive Director of the William O. Douglas Nature Center, will present an illustrated talk about the "Early Days of Chatsworth and Environs". Born in 1920, Walt moved to Chatsworth on Memorial Day, 1929. His Grandmother (Lefferts) ran three bed and breakfast inns in Chatsworth, Simi and Moorpark, and his father drove a stagecoach over the Santa Susana Pass between them before the Railroad tunnel was completed in 1904. Walt knew the Iversons, and used to live in the same house as Pauline Ave in Twin Lakes. Walt is an interesting person with a lot to say. Be there!

October 21, 1991 - 7:30 PM

MARGE FEINBERG, MS in Environmental Planning (CSUN) Marge's Masters Thesis was called "Rim of the Valley Park - Proposal for a Greenbelt Around the San Fernando Valley." Shortly after, legislation was introduced to mandate the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to implement the plan. Key parts have been acquired since that time in various areas surrounding the valley...with linkages to the Santa Monica Mountains.

Come and see her slides showing the special spots that make up the natural and cultural heritage of our "Rim"...

OTHER EVENTS

Sunday, September 15, 3-6PM - Homestead Acre (Chatsworth Park So.) Chatsworth Historical Society presents - "A Salute to California's Admission Day" by Elizabeth Waldo - An Historic Music-Dance-Drama!

Sunday, September 22, 9AM-4PM - RANCHO DAYS - (Andres Pico Adobe) San Fernando Valley Historical Society, 10940 Sepulveda Blvd. Early California Breakfast/Tours/Indian games/Entertainment

Friday, October 4, 7:30 PM - AUDUBON Mtg, Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center, 5040 Van Nuys Blvd. Jan is showing SLIDES re: "Santa Susana-Where the Past is Present"

Sunday, October 6, 9AM - "TREK TO CHINA FLATS"

Hike, bike, or equest via one of 4 to 5 routes (like the spokes of a wheel) Jan will lead one from San Fernando Valley (maybe), others from Simi Valley Equestrian Center, Cheeseboro Cyn., Lang Ranch, and Oak Park. Converge at the Movie Set (Back to the Future) at 11AM for short presentation. Bring your own picnic lunch and water for trail. Call Jan for details since some things are still up in the air.

Thursday, October 24, 7:30 PM - ~~E.T.I.~~ - Corral 54 Meeting Slide Program - same as Oct. 4th (above). Glendale Federal Savings Community Room, 21821 Devonshire St.

IMPORTANT MEETINGS OR HEARINGS

Wednesday, September 25, 6:30 PM - R.S.O.S.C.A. Meeting
 Rancho Simi Open Space Conservation Agency will meet at the meeting room at the Park District Headquarters at 1692 Sycamore, Simi Valley, South of Los Angeles Avenue-(the old Stage route).

Thursday, September 26, 6:30 PM - B.L.M. Hearing
 The closest of 5 public hearings of the Bureau of Land Management to receive comments on the Resource Management Plan, will be held in Canyon Country at the Sierra Vista Jr. High, 19425 W. Stillmore St. There is "surplus" property in the Santa Susana Mountains (and other places). We need to request that that property be given to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy or the State Parks for inclusion into the Santa Clarita Woodlands portion of the future Santa Susana Mountain Park. Letters can be addressed to B.L.M., South Coast Resource Area, 63-500 Garnet Ave., No Palm Springs, CA 92258-2000. New Phone# is (619) 251-0812.

CURRENT ISSUES

Jordan Ranch was sent back to the drawing board by the Ventura Co. Environmental Resources Review Committee. Hopefully, they will get closer to meeting the conditions of the So. Cal/Nev Regional Conservation Committee this time.

AB 1152 (Friedman) is legislation that will give State Parks Dept. some say in regard to the proposed extension of Reseda Blvd...as it would intrude in the Topanga Cyn. State Park. Please call or write to Senator Ed Davis, 11145 Tampa Av., Northridge 91326...ask for his support.

The Soka property lies in the heart of the Santa Monica Mountains - National Recreation Area (SMMNRA), across from Malibu Creek State Park, and has long been considered as the prime location for a Park Visitor Center. It contains historical buildings and parking for an interpretive and staging area for visitors to the entire system.

Soka has lobbied both Sacramento and Washington DC to reduce the appropriation for NPS acquisition, and prevent NPS from condemning the property. This is a very crucial resource that needs to be in the public domain. Please write and ask the Senate Appropriations Committee, U.S.Senate, Washington DC 20510, the Honorable Robert Byrd, Chairman, to reconsider funding for the SMMNRA, and restore the \$14 million, as well as the ability to use eminent domain. Copies to Senators John Seymour and Alan Cranston.

SSMPA NEEDS YOU! BE A DOCENT! NOW IS THE TIME!

The Sierra Club offers their leadership training only twice a year. Only one Saturday, a Red Cross Multimedia course (two evenings), and a couple of checkout hikes can qualify you to lead our Sunday hikes and any other hikes you might want to lead. It is excellent training for being out there with your family, too - whether or not you become a docent. You can also learn navigating (compass) skills for off-trail hiking or backpacking. October 12, 1991 is the date of the next Saturday training session. Applications are now being accepted! If you are a Sierra Club member, look on pages 75 and 9 of the current schedule to find the information for sending a SASE (Self addressed, stamped envelope) to the registrar as soon as possible. If you are not a member, and would like to join, call Jan at (818) 884-9610.

Another kind of docent is needed...for our school children nature-history walks. Training is being offered by WODOC beginning with an orientation on September 28, 1991. We could not do this last year because we were missing one docent. We need 5 docents to meet a school bus (2 classes-60 kids). Find out more by coming to our next meeting, and asking Walt Parker more about it...or call Jan. This would be for about once or twice a month, in the morning - in Chatsworth Park South. PLEASE think about it!

Yet another kind of docent doesn't require any special training, and that is to be in our Visitor center one Sunday afternoon a month from 12 to 3PM. You can read the Sunday paper or bring a friend and talk in between visitors!

Thanks to all those who have returned the signed petitions! Keep 'em coming!

Thank you to Beth A Kahn who gave us some wildlife pictures for our displays. She is an environmental photographer by profession. She specializes in portraits with pets for greeting cards, etc. (Might be a thought for Christmas or a special event.) Call her at (213) 479-5259.

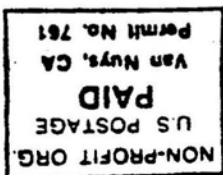
THANK YOUS GALORE!

To Diane Huffman for taking Doreen's job while she is recuperating from her accident. She's doing a fine job as secretary...and as a VC docent, and will be training to be a hike leader - all while being a busy student at CSUN majoring in Biology. Also to Diane Armstrong who must take a break from being an outstanding VC docent in order to complete her work for a PhD...all while teaching 6 college classes!

Please renew your own membership, and try to recruit 2 others. We have been told that we need to "broaden our base" to become a State Park. If everyone helps, we can do that. We need to show more community support.

Name _____	Student or Senior	\$5.00	___
	Individual	\$10.00	___
Address _____	Family	\$15.00	___
	Supporting	\$25.00	___
City _____ State _____ Zip _____	Business	\$25.00	___
	Life Member	\$100.00	___
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