



Santa Susana Mountain Park Association

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PROGRAM

MONDAY, MARCH 15, 7:PM
Glendale Federal Savings
21821 Devonshire St., Chatsworth

Our founder, Janice Hinkston, will narrate a slide presentation of her historic, scenic trek across the USA which took four months in the fall of 1992. One of the highlights featured in her program is the experience of tracing the exact route of the original Butterfield Stagecoach from a small town in Texas, through New Mexico, Arizona, and on into California where it ended in San Francisco.

CONGRATULATIONS!

According to Don Hunt, Director of Simi Valley Parks & Recreation, the deed has been recorded for the acquisition on approximately 65 acres near Hummingbird Ranch north of the 118 freeway at Kuehner. This property was dedicated as a condition for the developer of 26 homes at that corner. The exciting significance of the land is that it abuts the recently acquired Runkle ranch, bringing the dream of a trail all the way to Corriganville Park just a little bit closer!

MORE ON THE SIMI VALLEY ACQUISITION

A major 'clean-up' day will be held on March 20, that's a Saturday, starting at 8:30 in the morning at the new park site. Meet at the 118 freeway off-ramp and Kuehner and follow the signs to the parking lot. You should wear sturdy shoes, gloves, and a sun hat. Be sure to bring water. At noon the clean-up will end and everyone will head to Santa Susana Park at Katherine Road & Kuehner for a luncheon celebration. Give a call to Sharon at (805) 584-4400 for further info.

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The Nominating Committee will present their recommendations for the election of the Executive Board which is conducted annually at the March meeting. If you would like to submit a name please call Betty at 700-0220.

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PARK BOND MEASURE

Plans are being formulated on a California Park Bond Measure to be presented for voter approval in April 1994. SSMPA's priority list for acquisition totals 30 million dollars. We have submitted desirable parcels north of the 118 freeway and east of Rocky Peak that would complete the wildlife corridor connections as far as Oat Mountain. The area includes lush green valleys with year-round streams so vital for wildlife habitat. Residents of Santa Clarita have also submitted their requests and hopefully the connection will eventually meet to create a Santa Susana Mountain Park!

Our committment to this monumental project will be devoted to collecting a minimum of 50,000 signatures to help assure this proposal's enactment. The required state-wide number of qualified signatures is 700,000 ! By contrast, our job is a drop in the old bucket! . . . Just repeat along We can do it . . . We can do it . . . We did it before (Mountain Lion Initiative) and we can do it again! You will be called upon for help in a few weeks. Please be ready to say "Yes" when asked to gather signatures for this all important task. Our thanks to Glenn Bailey for his great effort towards this endeavor.

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ARROWHEADS

If your summer travel plans include driving north through Truckee, Ca., there's a treat for Indian artifact lovers worth seeing. On the main street of the old section of town is a small cafe not over 15' wide called Squeeze-Inn. Mounted on the wall with no fanfare or description is a home-made encased frame with 150 magnificent arrowheads in beautiful hues of green, pink, pale yellow, blue, and of course all the natural rock colors. Story has it, it's the collection of some old-timer who mined up in the hills who merely picked them up here and there along the trails.

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Be assured, we wrote in opposition to the \$23 trail fee introduced by the Board of Supervisors. further, we find the proposed 3-day pass costing \$6 unacceptable. We recommended a program such as Adopt-A-Trail and support Supervisor Michael Antonovich's efforts in seeking group sponsors and interested individuals willing to pursue the plan.

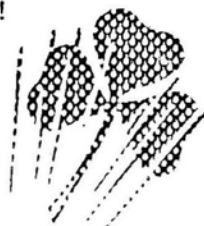
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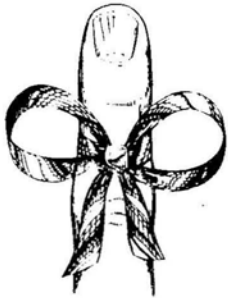
NATURE WALKS

It's a great time of the year to enjoy a hike in the mountains. You need'nt be an experienced mountain climber to participate as these are slow paced walks of only moderate exertion. The hills are the greenest they've been in years and the wildflowers are almost in full bloom. Join others at 9:AM any Sunday in Chatsworth Park south at the visitor's center for a fun morning.

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MARCH 17th: A great day for the Irish!!
A great day also for eating corned beef
with cabbage and drinking green beer!
Top o'the mornin to you. . Erin go braugh!





Because your annual membership dues are our major source of income, it sometimes becomes necessary to remind you of them! Your address label is the key to the expiration date. If the number on it is below (19)93-03 (March), we sincerely hope you will forward your renewal without delay. If you no longer enjoy hearing from us please drop a note or leave a message at (818)341-2504 to that effect. And to those very special members who have chosen to be LIFE MEMBERS by contributing \$100; many, many thanks!

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