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SANTA SUSANA MOUNTAIN PARK ASSOCIATION
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NEWSLETTER for November 1971
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Dear Friends,

Happy to see more of you coming out to our meetings - as always, we welcome not only our members but friends and interested citizens as well. Our next meeting will be Mon. Nov. 15th at the Glendale Federal Savings & Loan, 21881 Devonshire, Chatsworth at 8 p.m. Bring a friend and have a cup of coffee.

AS MOST OF YOU already know, our main efforts at this time are being concentrated on the preservation of the old stage trail between Chatsworth and Simi Valley. It consists of 178 acres extending from Chatsworth Park South up to Lilac Lane. It is divided into two parcels, both of which are for sale and one (the larger one) is already in escrow and zoned for a mobile home park. We have received a donation of \$1,000 and are optimistic about raising the rest of the money needed to purchase it. The California Historical Advisory Committee has officially designated it as a Point of Historical Interest.

THE INTEREST already shown by the general public in assisting us in this effort has come so quickly we haven't been able to mail replies and information as quickly as we would have liked to the many phone calls and letters of inquiry we've received ... Cathy Guilmette, a high school student in Chatsworth, is chairman of a 'Gay Nineties Stage Trail Festival' weekend being planned for the near future. The Festival is being held as a getting acquainted and fund raising event through the joint cooperation of the schools, clubs, organizations and citizens of both Simi Valley and San Fernando Valley. Simi Valley High School stands on the site of one of the old stage stations. Any individuals or groups interested in participating in this Festival and desiring to become part of the effort to preserve a colorful and historic part of Indian (pictographs) and pioneer history need only call Jan Hinkston (evenings) at 213-347-3736 on the San Fernando side or Doris Murphy 805-527-0925 on the Simi Valley side and information will be sent to you - or write to the above address.

WE ARE CONTINUING our hike-ins on the trail with small groups and had a good turnout Nov. 7th on our 'dry run' for leaders despite the weather, confusion about the two Chatsworth Parks and late newspaper coverage.

WALTER HAUK OF SUNSET MAGAZINE was our guest on the trail recently and appeared favorably impressed with what he saw. Watch for an item about our January hike-in in the January issue of Sunset. DORIS ARRANGED IT WITH SUNSET MAG.

THE TRAIL IS on private property and can only be used with the permission of the owners...each time it is used. We would like to thank again Mr. and Mrs. Webster and Mr. Palmer for continuing to allow our hike-ins.

WE ARE MOST PLEASED to learn that ACR 83 (Cline) designating funds for a feasibility study of the Santa Susana Mountains (the 80 square miles) as a state park has been passed, as has SJR 23 (Lagomarsino) for a feasibility study of the area as a national park.

OUR FISCAL YEAR runs from November through October so it's dues time again: Student(\$3) - Individual(\$5) - Family(\$7) - Business or Organization(\$10). Donations of any size are welcomed. Those of you who would like to continue receiving this newsletter, yet do not choose to become a member are invited to donate a dollar (to the above address) to help defray the cost of printing and postage.

MUCH, MUCH MORE has been happening. Come to the meeting so you can hear all about it.

..See you...

Doris Murphy

Newsletter Editor