

Santa Susana Mountain Park Association Newsletter - Fall 1989

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Hi Ho Silver

THE LONE RANGER RIDES AGAIN!!

by Nancy Razanski

See the "thrilling days of yesteryear" relived at the Santa Susana Mountain Park Association's next general meeting on November 20, 1989 at 7 p.m.. Highlighting this event will be a video and oral presentation given by Dave Holland, author of "The Pictorial History of the Lone Ranger."

Dave Holland will begin his presentation by showing a fifteen minute video composed of film clips of old westerns shot on location, mostly at the historic Iverson Movie Ranch in Chatsworth in the 1930s, '40s and '50s. Holland tells of his research on the character evolution of the Lone Ranger from his earliest days to more recent times.

Autographed copies of the book by Mr. Holland will be available to anyone interested in a special holiday gift, or who is a collector of movie history memorabilia. Refreshments will be served, so ye all come and bring your kinfolk and friends too. Let's learn about that mysterious masked man, his trusted companion Tonto, and Silver, his fiery white steed "with hooves that move with the speed of lightning surrounded by a cloud of dust." Hurry, don't miss them!

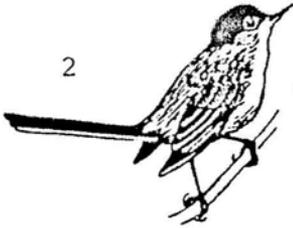
(Meeting location: Glendale Federal, 21821 Devonshire Street, Chatsworth)

LANDFILL UPDATE...

Long-term solutions not part of the plans



Los Angeles and Ventura counties continue to seek new locations to dump the astronomical amounts of garbage generated by the residents and businesses in these counties. SSMPA members recently attended a hearing regarding Sunshine Canyon landfill plans, and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy has been very involved in efforts to purchase several canyon areas to preserve them and protect the wilderness areas from becoming dumpsites. The problem itself...the enormous quantities of refuse generated...is not on the top of the agenda, however. The focus has been on finding more landfill areas rather than taking steps to reduce our trash problem by recycling. Long term solutions like recycling programs: realistic efforts to reduce disposable waste in every home and business, are not being dealt with. The root of the problem is being ignored rather than remedied, and our environment pays the price for this shortsightedness. In the long run, we will all pay for its ill effects on the natural world, and on our own.



Docent Training Program Begins



Becoming an SSMPA docent can be a rewarding, enjoyable and adventurous experience. Docents interact directly with the environment and with people, sharing their love and appreciation of our hills with people of all ages and opening doors into the history and beauty of our hills. SSMPA needs more docents for our Sunday hikes through Chatsworth Park and the surrounding mountains, as well as for the Visitor's Center in the park. The best way to get to know about our hills and about being a docent is to come on our hikes and get involved in the Association. Now there is another great opportunity to learn about the natural world and about being a docent. The William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom (WODOC) is holding a series of instruction sessions at the Sooky Goldman Nature Center in Franklin Canyon. The course is funded by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and began on October 28. All Saturday sessions begin with a canyon hike from 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. with refreshments served. Evening classes begin at 6:00 P.M. with a light dinner, courtesy of WODOC, and class ends at 9:00 P.M. The following is a schedule of upcoming classes;

11/18/89	Plants of Franklin Canyon	9:30 A.M.
11/30/89	First Aid For The Trail	6:00 P.M.
12/2 /89	Feathers, Wings and Beaks	9:30 A.M.
12/6/89	Entomology (insects, bugs)	6:00 P.M.
12/13/89	Native American Culture	6:00 P.M.
12/16/89	Geology of the Santa Monicas	9:30 A.M.
1/6/90	Herpetology (snakes & things)	9:30 A.M.
1/10/90	Things that go bump in the night	6:00 P.M.
1/13/90	Methods of interpretation	9:30 A.M.
1/21/90	Graduation	Noon



For more information, please call Jan Hinkston at (818) 884-9610

Santa Susana Trails Petition

The enclosed petition addresses the need to preserve and protect our local trail systems from the destruction of development, and in particular, an important trail linking the San Fernando, Simi and Santa Clarita Valleys called the Backbone Trail. This trail is being blocked by potential development in the "Indian Falls" tract north of the 118 freeway near Topanga.. The trail was to be left intact as part of the developer's plan. This may not remain the case. We urge you to help preserve this important trail and to show your support for all of our recreational trails by signing the enclosed petition and returning it to Santa Susana Trails, whose address appears at the bottom of the petition. We thank you in advance for your support. We cannot let our trails and open spaces be completely destroyed!





Over 671,000 Sign to Protect Wildlife Congratulations California!



Congradulations California!

The California Wildlife Protection Initiative petition drive was a great success. Statewide we exceeded our goal of 600,000 signatures. The last count before the newsletter went to print revealed well over 671,000 signatures with more yet to come. The initiative, which will ban the sport hunting of mountain lions and provide funds for habitat acquisition for wildlife and endangered plant and animal species, will definitely be on the June 1990 ballot. Now our work begins in seeing to it that voters are aware of the initiative and support its worthy cause.

Through the dedicated efforts of former SSMPA president Glenn Bailey, and with the help of many others, over 63,000 signatures were collected in the west Los Angeles and eastern Ventura counties, well over the goal of 50,000 that was set at the beginning of the signature drive. The following SSMPA members turned in the highest number of signatures:

Daniel Cooper	4,413
Nancy Razanski	1,956
Glenn Bailey	1,932
Erving Baker	910
Corina Roberts	888
Jan Hinkston	793
Pauline Aue	444



Thank you to all the people who helped gather signatures and put this important initiative on the ballot!

*Let's keep up the good work!
Join and support SSMPA, and help preserve the past and the present for the future!*



YES! I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE **Santa Susana Mountain Park Association**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES:

- Student or Senior \$5.00
- Individual \$10.00
- Family \$15.00
- Supporting \$25.00
- Business \$25.00
- Life Member \$100.00

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Mail to: S S M P A Membership
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Chatsworth, CA 91313

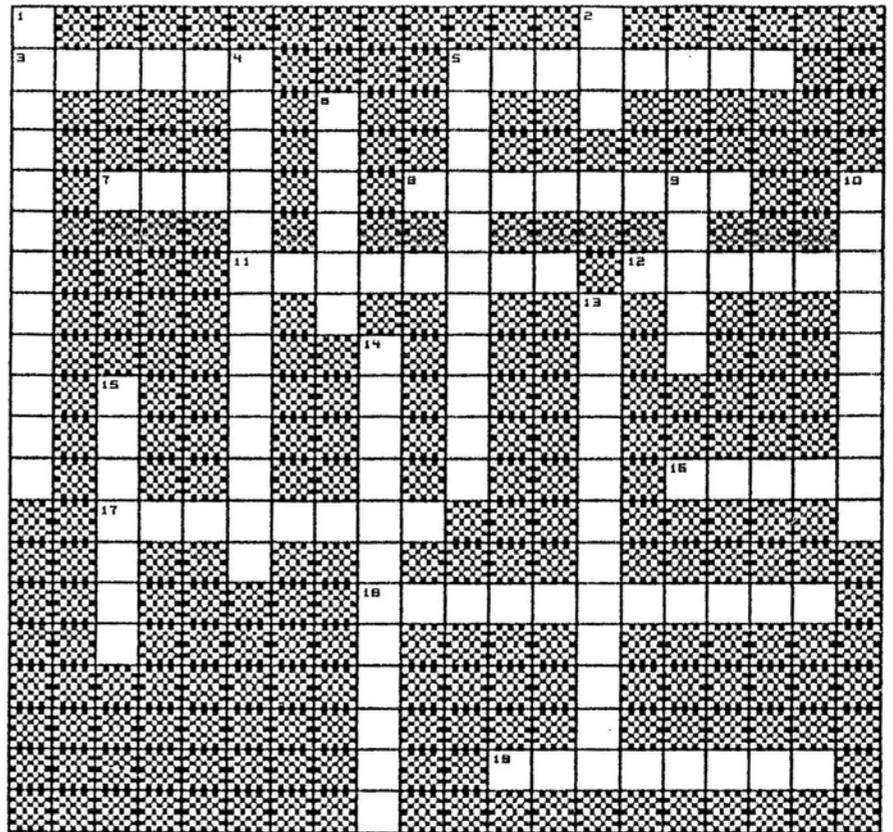
Tax deductible contributions are also encouraged to the FOUNDATION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE SANTA SUSANA MOUNTAINS (F P S S M)

ACROSS CLUES

3. Stagecoach station in Simi Valley
5. Ran relay station in Chatsworth between 1867-1877
7. Geologic formation between Chatsworth and Simi Valley
8. Founded SSMPA in November of 1970
11. Contractor who built Stagecoach Trail in the 1860s
12. Dark gray soil associated with an archaeological site
16. Staple of local Indian diet
17. Way station on Chatsworth side of the Stagecoach Trail
18. Indian paintings on rock surfaces
19. Stagecoach stopped at this rancho on its way to Chatsworth from Los Angeles

DOWN CLUES

1. Coastal stage route prior to 1861 and after 1874
2. Native trees of the Simi and San Fernando Valleys
4. Linked San Fernando and the Old Santa Susana Hotel 1874-1891
5. Steepest portion of the stagecoach trail
6. Quarried rocks used for Los Angeles'
9. _____ trees line a portion of the Stagecoach Trail
10. Type of rock characteristic of the local hills
13. Former name of Santa Susana Pass
14. Early Chatsworth pioneer; owned Homestead Acre
15. Indian ethnic group which lived in the coastal areas inland to Simi Valley and Chatsworth



Historical Society Meeting

by Glenn Bailey

The Chatsworth Historical Society is having a discussion given by Dr. Thomas Andrews, executive director of the California Conference of Historical Societies, on the topic "The Role of Historical Societies in the 1990's". It will be held Tuesday, November 21, 7:30 P.M., at the Glendale Federal Bank Community Room, 21821 Devonshire Street in Chatsworth. There will be refreshments and door prizes. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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DATED MATERIAL!

SANTA SUSANA TRAIL

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, ARE RESIDENTS OF THE 5TH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. WE AND OUR FAMILIES FREQUENTLY USE TRAILS IN THE SANTA SUSANA MOUNTAINS FOR RECREATION, INCLUDING HIKING, RUNNING, BICYCLING, AND HORSEBACK RIDING. WE FEEL STRONGLY THAT THESE TRAILS SHOULD BE PRESERVED. WE WANT TO SEE A COMPREHENSIVE RECREATIONAL TRAIL PLAN FOR THE SANTA SUSANA MOUNTAINS, THAT WILL CONNECT WITH TRAIL SYSTEMS IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS, SIMI, AND SANTA CLARITA. THE COUNTY TRAILS SHOULD BE MADE ACCESSABLE TO RESIDENTS OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY BY LINKING THEM WITH L.A. CITY TRAILS.

MOST URGENTLY, WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR ACTIVE SUPPORT OF THE SANTA SUSANA TRAIL PROJECT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION. THIS PROJECT HAS A LOT OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT. WE URGE YOU TO DO WHATEVER IS NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH A SATISFACTORY EASEMENT FOR THE TRAIL THROUGH INDIAN FALLS TR#42353. THIS EASEMENT WAS REQUIRED AS A CONDITION OF DEVELOPMENT. WE HAVE BEEN WAITING 4 YEARS FOR THIS VITAL LINK IN THE TRAIL TO BE RE-ESTABLISHED!

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