

## Santa Susana Mountain Park Association

NEWSLETTER - MAY 1995

GATHERING OF THE TRIBES - PROGRAM - MAY 15 - 7:00 PM

SSMPA is honored to have Dr. Chester King, archeologist, give a program entitled, "There Were Three Languages Spoken Here". Chatsworth was the trading center for three tribes of Native Americans: Chumash, Tongva and Tativium. Learn more about their interaction at our general meeting on Monday, May 15, 1995 at the Community Room of Glendale Federal Savings, 21821 Devonshire St., Chatsworth - (two blocks East of Topanga Canyon Blvd.).

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JUNE MEETING - MONDAY the 19th - 7:00 PM

The Endangered Species Act - How Important Is It?  
Jan Hinkston will show a video. Bring your own stationery for letter writing.

### APRIL FOOL'S DAY?

Well, we didn't feel like fools - on Saturday, April 1, 1995, SSMPA held its first ever Trail Building Day in Chatsworth Park South! Five volunteers from SSMPA were joined by ten members of Ranch Simi Trail Blazers to help create a trail through a beautiful little canyon which connects the city park to the state park property. If you would like to see the results of our efforts, join Barbara Coffman's Wildflower Walk on Sunday, May 14, 1995 (Mothers Day).

Following our very productive morning, we retired to Nick Montana's Los Toros Mexican Restaurant on Devonshire St., about 3 blocks East of Topanga, where the entire work party was provided with a delicious lunch. The next time you're in the mood to eat out, do stop by Los Toros and be sure to thank Nicki for his generosity and community spirit!

## RIM OF THE VALLEY LAND ACQUISITIONS

Wilson Canyon in Sylmar above the Olive View Hospital is a several hundred acre purchase by the Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy, and over 3,000 acres in the Santa Clarita Woodlands on the north facing slope of the Santa Susana Mountains. The latter includes the historic site called Mentryville, which was a small town connected with the first discovery of oil in California in Pico Canyon - several miles west of I5. There are only three buildings left: a victorian house, a barn, and an old one-room school house! This was all part of our proposed park back in 1970!

### UPDATES

AB 407 needed to be supported with phone calls to Assemblywomen Paula Boland (818) 368-3838 and Assemblyman James Rogan (818) 240-6330. (We need someone to chair a telephone tree committee when these matters come up on short notice.) This is an important bill introduced by Sheila Kuhl to prevent any more new landfills within the Santa Monica Mountains Zone (Rim of the Valley).

### Eagle's Nest

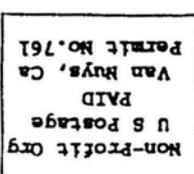
Attend at TOWN MEETING on Sunday, May 21, 1995  
Chatsworth Lake Community Church, 23449 Lake Manor Rd.  
Fun begins at 4 PM, Speakers at 5 PM Dan Preece,  
Deputy Superintendent, California State Parks will be a speaker!

If you recall, this is about a development project that would destroy rock outcroppings and oaks. It is adjacent to State parkland and Oakwood Park Memorial Park on the North. A city park and Chatsworth Reservoir are below to the South. A wildlife corridor needs to be kept open in between.

### ARTISANS NEEDED

Fine carpentry, laminating, graphics, etc. are needed for our visitor center when designs are completed. If you can help, please contact Jan at (818) 884-9610.

DATED MATERIAL



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