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Good news from the desert conservation front: Surprise Canyon will remain closed to OHV use. Property owners and OHV groups filed a lawsuit to open up this rare desert stream/canyon as a road. Judge Lawrence J. O’Neil dismissed the lawsuit. DPSers use this canyon to access Sentinel and Porter peaks.

On the subject of access to our listed desert peaks, we, the present management committee, are looking to delist Maturango and Argus. Former DPS chair and friend Wayne Norman brought this subject up during his tenure and he was unable to deal with this controversy due to strong resistance from fellow members. At our last meeting, the issue was again brought up. I thought a good compromise would be to make them optional, but the rest of the board, including Paul Cooley who is a lawyer, said that the Sierra Club cannot endorse illegal activities in any way, shape or form. I agree with them. Here is the link containing the response from the Department of the Navy to our request to hike the peaks. They denied it: http://angeles.sierraclub.org/dps/archives/dps00655.htm

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♦ OCT 6 SAT DPS

**O: DPS Monthly Section Meeting and Potluck/Party:** Potluck dinner at 6:00 pm. Bring a dish to share. Management Committee Meeting earlier at 4:30 pm. October event at the home of Karen Leonard, 10454 Cheviot Drive, Los Angeles, CA. Please RSVP at kbleonar@uci.edu or 310-839-3457.

♦ OCT 13 SAT LTC

**C: Outdoor Leadership Training Outing:** Outdoor leadership training will be offered Saturday, Oct. 13 at Griffith Park. The all-day seminar costs $25. The application is on page 69 of the Angeles Chapter Schedule and also online at angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc. Mail the application and check, payable to Sierra Club to: Steve Botan - LTC Registrar 18816 Thornwood Circle, Huntington Beach, CA, 92646. Applications and checks are due Sept. 29. For further information contact: Ron Campbell: Phone:1-714-962-8521. Email: campbellr@verizon.net.

♦ OCT 14 SAT HPS, DPS

**O: Mt Baldy (10,064’), Duane McRuer Memorial Hike:** Join us on what would have been close to Duane's 82nd birthday to celebrate his life in the mountains he loved. From Manker Flat to the summit via the Sierra Club Ski Hut, the hike will be 8 miles r.t., 3900' gain. Strenuous but moderately paced. Ski lift option for $10 and potluck immediately following hike. Meet 8 AM at Manker Flats, 9 AM at the ski lift, or 7:15 AM at the parking lot at the corner of Mills Avenue and Mt. Baldy Road. Bring food, water, good hiking shoes, great memories to share. Leaders: Doug Mantle, Mary McMannes, Tina Bowman, Gene Mauk, Mike Manchester, Bob Hicks. Honorary Leaders: Betty and Lara McRuer. (Email Mary McMannes for additional info, marymuir@earthlink.net)

♦ OCT 20 SAT DPS, WTC

**O: Orocopia Mountain (3815’):** Planning on attending WTC graduation? Come bag this DPS peak on your way there. Located in the Orocopia wilderness area just south of Joshua Tree National Park. Moderately paced 4.5 mile cross country hike, 1100' gain. On the peak, enjoy great views of Salton Sea to the south, San Jacinto and Santa Rosa ranges to the east, and the Chuckwallas to the west. We plan to finish in time to enjoy a scenic drive north.
through the park to arrive in Indian Cove for the WTC graduation activities. This is a perfect trip for *new* DPS members who want to start with a great Class 1 peak hike. Contact Leaders Lisa Buckley or Wayne Vollaire for details. Email: avollaire@adelphia.net.

♦ OCT 20-21 SAT-SUN DPS

I: Nopah (6394’), Pahrump (5740’): No, this is not a misprint but, instead, the third time we’ve scheduled this trip! Join us as we climb Nopah from the ‘east ridge’, a route not described in the Peaks Guide. We’ll climb Pahrump via the traditional route on Sunday. There will be time on Saturday for soaking at the Tecopa Hot Springs before we set up camp nearby and enjoy a potluck. Good conditioning and the ability to keep up with a moderate pace are required. Send e-SASE (preferred)/SASE to Sue. Leaders: Sue Holloway and Richard Carey.

♦ OCT 27-28 SAT-SUN DPS

I: 15th Annual DPS Chili Cook-off/Pumpkin Carve Challenge, Sombrero Peak (4229’): Join us for a weekend in Imperial County of climbing, cooking, carving, and/or tasting and judging various recipes from magnificent cooks and their culinary chili delights! This year we will add a pumpkin carving contest to accompany the culinary exposition. Whether your chili specialty is Spicy, Texas Style, Vegetarian, Traditional, or your own unique concoction, please share with us at this fun event. Prizes are awarded based upon several categories, including, taste, heat, presentation and more! Cooks are free, tasters are $5.00 each. Bring umbrellas and tarps for shelters in case of rain. Saturday climb class 1 Sombrero Peak, 2100’ gain, 3 miles, then enjoy a happy hour and the cook and carve-off at an easily accessible 2wd site. Sunday is open for possibly another peak, or an early start home. Well-behaved canines welcome. Send sase with $ for tasters, H&W ph #s, carpool info and indicate whether you will be a cook or a taster to Reserve: Yvonne Jamison. Leaders: Scot Jamison, Barbee & Larry Tidball.

♦ NOV 3 SAT DPS

O: DPS Monthly Section Meeting and Potluck/Party: Potluck dinner at 6:00 pm. Bring a dish to share. Management Committee Meeting earlier at 4:30 pm. November event at the home of Dave and Elaine Baldwin, 3760 Ruthbar Drive, Hawthorne, CA. Please RSVP at dwbaldwin@aol.com or 310-675-4120.

♦ NOV 10-11 SAT-SUN DPS

MR: Mopah Pt (3530’), Chemehuevi Pk (3694’): Join us for two climbs in eastern San Bernardino Co. Sat. Mopah, class 3, 8 mi, 2000’+ gain. Sun climb of Chemehuevi, class 2, 7.5 mi, 2000’ gain. Must be Sierra Club member to climb Mopah and submit medical form. E-sase or sase with recent experience on rock and conditioning to Leader: Tina Bowman. Co-Leader: Tom Bowman.

♦ NOV 17 SAT LTC

E/M: Mt. Rubidoux Rock Workshop/Checkoff: This intermediate and advanced workshop is based on the rock requirements for M and E leadership. Checkoffs for M and E rock must be pre-arranged. It is a restricted trip; to participate you must be a member of the Sierra Club and have suitable rock climbing experience. Helmet, basic climbing gear, and completed medical form required. Send or e-mail climbing resume, SC#, address and phone # to Leader: Tina Bowman. Co-Leaders: Doug Mantle, Tom Bowman.

♦ DEC 1 SAT DPS

O: DPS Monthly Section Meeting and Potluck/Party: Potluck dinner at 6:00 pm. Bring a dish to share. Management Committee Meeting earlier at 4:30 pm. December event at the home of Mary McMannes, 19545 Sherman Way #98, Reseda, CA. Please RSVP at marymuir@earthlink.net or 818-701-6513.

♦ DEC 1-2 SAT-SUN DPS

I: Old Woman Mountain (5326’): Join us for a climb of this San Bernardino County summit. We will approach Old Woman from the north, using route A or B. The climb is 3200 feet gain, seven miles, and should take seven hours. On Sunday we can explore this or other areas nearby in the wonderful botanical transition zone between the
Mohave and Colorado Deserts. Well-behaved canines welcome. Email or sase with recent conditioning experience to Leader: Dave Perkins or Co-Leader: Ann Perkins.

♦ DEC 1-2  SAT-SUN  DPS, WTC
I: Pinto Mtn (3983'): Enjoy desert scenery and burn off some Thanksgiving gluttony on a backpack in Joshua Tree. Sat late-morning start and 3 mi backpack to camp. Sun climb a wash to the summit and descend a ridge back to camp and then to cars. All cross-country route with some steep and rocky sections, but at a steady, reasonable pace. 12 mi rt, 2400' gain. Send email or sase with contact info and conditioning to Leader: Reggie Bulman (r_bulman@fastmail.us). Assistant: Bill Jackson (WAJ13@columbia.edu).

♦ DEC 1-2  SAT-SUN  DPS, WTC
M: Eagle Mtn #2 (3806'): Start the holiday season off right climbing a fascinating desert peak. Fri night, camp at the trailhead or show up early Sat morning for a climb up Eagle Mtn #2. Ascend a prominent gully to a jagged summit ridge to a panoramic summit view. Head back to camp for happy hour and stargazing. Class three experience, helmets, and medical form required. Restricted to Sierra Club members. Send esase/sase and recent climbing and conditioning experience to Leader: Josh Hibbard (joshuahibbard@hotmail.com). Assistant: Anne Marie Richardson (annemarie1313@yahoo.com).

♦ DEC 8-9  SAT-SUN  DPS, HPS
I: Martinez Mtn (6560'+): Another installment in Gary and Sue's series of HPS / DPS joint hikes and a revival of the DPS "Beers of the World" tradition. Saturday's strenuous hike of Martinez will be a full day, 3700' gain, 18 miles, 12 hours. Brew-tasting and DPS-style potluck dinner that evening at Pinyon Flats campground (camping fee). Sunday we may try some nearby, easier, HPS peaks before returning home; agenda based on the group's desires. Join us with an email detailing experience/conditioning to Co-Leaders: Gary Craig and Sue Holloway.

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♦ JAN 26-27  SAT-SUN  DPS
I: Old Woman Mtn. (5,325'), Sheephole Mtn (4,593'): Escape to the Mojave Desert for 2 moderate hikes and famous DPS car camp and potluck. Sat hike Old Woman, 5 miles, 2200' gain. Sun drive to Sheephole trailhead and hike 5 miles and 2100' gain to summit. Send SASE or e-mail to Leader: Barbee Tidball. Co-Leader: Larry Tidball.

♦ FEB 2  SAT  HPS, DPS, WTC
I: Rabbit Pk # 2 (6640+'): Very strenuous outing in Anza Borrego State Park (6,700' gain, 16 mi rt on use trail and prickly x-country). Bring lunch, 4-5 quarts water to trailhead, lug sole boots, flashlight. Limited participation. For more information/reservation email leaders with recent hiking experience. Leaders: Joe Young and Asher Waxman.

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♦ FEB 23-24  SAT-SUN  DPS
I: Palen Mtn (3,848’), Big Maria Mtn (3381’): Saturday dayhike Palen, 5 miles 2600’ gain. Car camp with happy hour and potluck dinner. Sunday hike Big Maria 5 miles, 2300’ gain. Send SASE or e-mail to Leader: Barbee Tidball. Co-Leader: Larry Tidball.

♦ FEB 23-24  SAT-SUN  DPS
I: Chemehuevi Peak (3694’), Stepladder Mts (2927’): Join us for two class 2 peaks in the beautiful desert wilderness near Vidal Junction. Saturday 7.5 miles with 2000' of gain, Sunday 12 miles with 1500' of gain. Car camping Saturday night. Please bring a potluck item for a fun shared feast. There will be some dirt driving requiring high clearance, 4WD/AWD vehicles on Sunday so we will ride-share as needed. Please email a leader with contact info and conditioning. Leaders: George Wysup, Gary Schenk.
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR / ACTIVITY REPORT, August 9, 2007

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Sustaining Renewal

Tom McDonnell 1 year

Membership Renewals

Misha Askren MD 1 year
Randy & Joyce Bernard 2 years
Sharon & Jim Boothman 2 years
Winnette Butler 1 year
Brian & Janice Elliott 1 year
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SEEKING PHOTOS

Wanted for the Desert Peaks Section website: pictures from chili cookoffs, meetings, banquets, list finishes and any other DPS related photos that could represent us on our website.

Please send documentation along with photos. Thank you, Webmaster Charlie Knapke (charlie@knapke.net).

Anyone with high quality digital pictures of DPS peaks, please send them to the Editor. Yours could be the next Sage cover photo. -Editor

COVER PHOTO: North Guardian Angel from South Guardian Angel. Photo by Mark Adrian.
Hi Friends - Well it’s summertime...time to either put another shrimp on the barbie, or carry out those ‘other’ mountain outings...you know, the 9,000-14,000 ft (or higher) summit outings you’ve been thinking about all winter. Unless you’re a glutton for punishment and like 120 degree weather while ascending steep elevation gains in the desert to 5,000 ft or less. Yeow! That’s why DPS has seasons! Myself, Brian and the ‘family’ have been enjoying Colorado (see photo). The rain is such a novelty around here these days that it’s a pleasure to be in it there, and the higher elevations with cooler temps are delightful. But I’m looking forward to the weather cooling down so I can get back to the desert, that’s for sure!

You’ll see in this edition more outings which give us the opportunity to get out there on a variety of trips for different skill levels. Plus, we’ve got outings with other SC sections as well so we can ‘mix it up’ people wise. And of course, NO skill level is required (except perhaps a staunch set o’ taste buds) to come to this year’s Halloween Pumpkin Carving/Chili Cookoff event! There will be an optional peak, but there will be lots of cooking and mandatory tasting (for a small fee if you’re not cooking) so there’s no reason not to come out for that. Chili, pumpkins, more chili, prizes, more chili AND music and singing around the campfire (in more ways than one - think “Blazing Saddles”- can you do that in F# please??) under the desert moon in beautiful Anza Borrego. I’m hoping to see a lot of folks there so I can meet more of you. The Jamisons always put on a superb high class event with great prizes!

I’m also hoping to have a few more outings scheduled for early Spring, and another event in ‘08 for those looking for a less strenuous desert event so stay tuned for that in the next issue. Once more I put out my request, if you’re a leader and aren’t leading a trip yet - please do consider taking us out to some of the higher less traveled peaks for spring - Ruby or Arc Dome, you know, another one or two of those gorgeous desert peaks in our other western states. And speaking of outings, a piece of DPS news. After much deliberation the management committee is making the decision to officially ‘suspend’ Argus and Maturango from the bona fide ‘list’. Under regular circumstances, DPS bylaws stipulate that the membership will be given a vote for the peaks that go onto or off of the list. And we will be offering such ‘all member’ votes for future peaks which will be ‘scouted’ out by our hardy Mountaineering Committee (Jim Hinkley and Christine Bartell - anyone else want to join up?) based on member’s recommendations. And BTW, anyone in the club is welcome to suggest other peaks for consideration.

Enjoyment of climbing notwithstanding, these two peaks present extenuating circumstances to DPS as follows:

1. The US military has officially denied permission for the Sierra Club to hike into these areas specifically by name when we (DPS) inquired some years ago. We have this document in writing from the year 2000 and it has yet to be rescinded.

2. US Federal Law prohibits (and penalizes) unauthorized entry into a military reservation.

3. Thus, we cannot officially lead or sanction trips to these two peaks, as it would jeopardize and leave open to possible legal action the management committee as individuals, the Sierra Club as an entity, and the hiking individuals who would be officially ‘trespassing’.

4. AND if we can’t provide a legal route to ‘bag’ these peaks, we can’t insist they be climbed in order to meet our club’s award goals.

Unfortunately in this instance, Federal law trumps our bylaws whether we all vote for it or not, rendering such voting moot. So, if you are working on finishing ‘the list’ you will have two less peaks to accomplish to gain a ‘list finish’ status, until we ask you all to vote on adding those suggested and scouted out. Obviously, if you’ve already done these peaks - well done! Your efforts won’t be in any way invalidated. The number of DPS peaks on the list in total has changed throughout the years, and it’s...
never an invalidation to have done more or less than anyone in any given year, given the list’s status at the time. I’m hoping you will understand why we are formally making this move and why the DPS can’t condone violating the military’s wishes in this regard by leaving these peaks on the active list.

Many of you have let us know you would like to see a few new peaks added and we are happy to do so, the list number will no doubt go back to 99 in the near future, or perhaps even pass 100 by a peak or two - we will all decide the new peaks together in the coming season or two.

So, enjoy the rest of your summer’s travels, barbecues and whatever else the languid, lazy weather has in store for you. Have fun ‘out there’. Warm Regards, Audrey Goodman, Outings Chair

CONSERVATION

Greetings fellow DPSers! I hope that the summer holiday season is finding each of you well. On a personal note, I spent the better part of a week exploring the northern Kings Canyon wilderness and I must say that it was truly a grand experience. In the recent weeks, and in the time since the last Sage, a lot has happened in the way of California desert conservation and I will be reporting on two issues: the Inyo County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution OPPOSING expansion of the Inyo Wilderness; and second, the decision to ban OHV use in Surprise Canyon in Death Valley National Park.

On 22 June 2007, I received an email from DPS member Wynne Benti stating that the Board of Supervisors for Inyo County “unanimously oppose” the California Wild Heritage Act of 2007, which would expand the wilderness system within Inyo National Forest. Below are the four major reasons that the Board found it necessary to oppose such crucial wilderness legislation:

First, the Board felt that passage of the bill would “isolate hundreds of thousands of acres of public lands that are presently being utilized by millions of citizens for roaded and unroaded recreation.”

Second, “the National Forest is the destination for millions of visitors…who come to enjoy the vast openness of our public lands.”

Third, the “County’s economy is directly tied to the multitude of recreational opportunities….”

Fourth, the “County’s General Plan identifies policies to preserve and protect our recreational opportunities…for a balanced approach of resource, protection and recreation and resources use of the lands in County.”

Now, we can look at the logical inconsistencies of the county’s reasoning:

First, is it not the job of wilderness to “isolate” and protect public land, so that citizens of all and future generations may utilize them in various forms of recreation?

Second, is wilderness not a part of a given national forest niche that seeks to preserve the “openness of our public lands” so that all persons may enjoy the lands equally?

Third, if more public lands are set aside as wilderness, would that not lend itself the mystique of what wilderness is, so that persons seeking recreational opportunities may bring their economies to the county for further revenue?

And finally, does wilderness not “preserve and protect our recreational opportunities” as well as the land?

Please pardon my cynicism, but it seems that the reasons for OPPOSING additional wilderness, as mandated by the Board of Supervisors of Inyo County are grossly fallacious. The Board also fails to recognize that the fact that the land contained within the boundaries of Inyo National Forest is land that is overseen and controlled by the Federal government and that it cannot be controlled by a single county in a single state. The land is Federal land, which does not make it exclusive to the citizens of Inyo County.

Now, for the good news...according to Inyo Register journalist John Klusmire, Surprise Canyon in Death Valley National Park will not be opened to OHV use. It should be noted that Surprise Canyon is one of the approaches to the summit of Sentinel Peak. Federal District Court Judge Lawrence J. O’Neil dismissed a 2000 lawsuit filed by the Federal Government, opening Surprise Canyon to OHV use. In the lawsuit, Inyo County tried to claim ownership of Death Valley roads. Again, as with the California Wilderness bill, Federal land supersedes that of county land; they are administered independently of a county or state land (no county or state laws are applicable on Federal land). This could be why the lawsuit was dismissed. (Continued next page)
As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to email me.

Very Sincerely Yours, Peter

"Never had there been a more lovelier sunset. Never had the mountain air been lighter and fresher or the clouds more golden than on this evening...."- Raffi (Armenian novelist)

UPCOMING BOOK

Personal Account of the DPS and other Climbing Sections Forthcoming, by Karen Leonard

I am trying to write a fairly informal and entertaining account of the southern California Sierra Club climbing sections in the 1980s and 90s and would appreciate stories and ideas from members, particularly about changes in the climbing scene over the last several decades. I reproduce below my first draft of part of the preface and the outline of the book. Feedback is welcome!

From the preface: This is not a detailed history of the Sierra Club or even of its southern California Sierra Club activities. It is a personal account of certain of the Outings sections from the 1980s to 2007, of the climbing sections in which I was most active: the Hundred Peaks Section (HPS), the Desert Peaks Section (DPS), and the Sierra Peaks Section (SPS). This is also an account that highlights the multiple and sometimes competing interests within the Sierra Club, in particular the conflicts between the Conservationists and the Outings people in southern California. The organization is large and powerful and its central thrust is conservation of natural resources; most Sierra Club members contribute money but do not venture into the wilderness. The Sierra Club also sponsors recreational outings, and small numbers of members actively engage in wilderness adventures. These activists have particularistic interests that sometimes run counter to those of the national leadership. Thus the seemingly monolithic institution, built in the name of wilderness preservation, has histories that sometimes tell other stories. There are conflicts within the Outings sections as well, as notions of escape and self-testing in the wilderness compete with structures and rituals that encourage group activities and develop powerful herd instincts.

Hiking Together: Community-building and Conflict among Sierra Club Climbers

Preface - background, goal, SC organizational context
I. First Impressions (the novice hiker)
II. Peakbagging (DPS, SPS, HPS, Hot Springs List)
III. Family Feelings and Courtship Rituals
   (initiation rites and rites of passage; special celebrations; private trips; overseas trips)
IV. Disputes and their Resolution (adding/deleting peaks; registers; disciplining leaders and followers)
V. Life and Death in the Mountains
VI. New Sections Challenge the Club (GLS, Back Roads Explorers)
VII. Political Issues Divide Club Members (Desert Bill 1988, insurance crisis 1986-94)
VIII. Changes from the 1980s to the 2000s

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know we've had some big birthdays this past month? Glen Dawson, forever young, turned 95, and it's not too late to send him a birthday card (his address is in the Schedule.) This fellow is something else as his glorious climbing resume dazzles all of us. He was probably the best young rock climber of his time; I think he began in the roaring twenties and was a mere lad of 17 pairing up with notables as Eichorn, Norman Clyde, Ansel Adams, and many more names we all recognize. Those guys were bagging some incredible peaks, Little Picacho (when there was no ladder), Big Picacho, and I'd expect the drive to Mexico in those days was as exciting as the peak. Check out the July issue of the Echo if you want to hear more about Glen and Muir Dawson and the other extraordinary youngsters climbing the grand peaks. Happy Birthday, Glen, and many more!

George Wysup, another local favorite, celebrated his 71st by climbing Mt. Fuji and eating trail mix with chopsticks. He says the climb started at 9 p.m. and ended at 9 a.m. He doesn't look the worst for wear. Did you know, his birthday set off a deluge of emails with all his groupies writing, 'Odes to George.' I'd say this birthday generated even more emails than the controversial Clickity Clackity poles discussion. One fellow wrote: On top of Old Fuji, Not
George Wysup’s birthday card, by Elaine Baldwin. George Wysup atop Mt Fuji.

covered with snow, Is George Michael Wysup, His face all aglow (and so on.) It's difficult to find words that rhyme with Wysup--catsup? And did you know that George's favorite birthday card was a watercolor done by our own Elaine Baldwin which she presented to him for his Fuji birthday party!

Doug Mantle is now climbing another List…the Classic Climbs of North America (I think there are 50). He was coming out of the L.A. Workers’ Comp Appeals Board when a homeless man approached him. He pointed at Doug's face and said, "Johnny Cash? Johnny Cash?" When up in Seattle, Doug ran into Fred Beckey (author and perpetrator of the Classic Climbs) and Fred must be 80something but still has footholds wedged in the toe cracks. Climb on!

And did you know Mike Manchester? Now, that's a name from the past. I connected with Mike on Baldy...and we were talking about how Mike designed and produced the DPS List Finisher pin and the DPS flag. Finally, the section begged Mike to transfer the rights and design to the DPS which Mike generously did. In the old days when Mike was chair of DPS, he'd come up with shenanigans at the banquets dressing like Lawrence of Arabia. He and Vi (plus others) put on skits (with appropriate names like Night of the Seven Veils, Desert Song) that were both outrageous and entertaining. Mike relates that George Hubbard was suppose to do sound effects -- but got diverted by wine, women, and song...and forgot to do them. Furthermore, did you know there's a house in the Pasadena Historical Houses' row called Manchester House, and that's where Mike's great grandparents and grandparents lived. Mike has a photo of his great grandfather on the summit of Baldy, 1902.

I'm on my way to Colorado and will stop and visit fellow climber Al Conrad in Grand Junction. Longs Peak in Estes Park is a favorite which many of you have climbed. On any given weekday, there are 300 climbers trying for this peak, and on the weekend there are 675 souls longing for the summit. George (Wysup) reports that 2500 climb Fuji per day.

Give me the solitude of a great desert peak but throw in a loud, rowdy potluck in the evening full of drinkers, story-tellers, and singers. Happy climbing, DPSers! -Mary McMannes

George Wysup’s birthday card, by Elaine Baldwin.

DPS MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

The DPS Membership Survey being taken by Karen Leonard has gone out so far only to those on email. People who want to fill it out should contact Karen and she will send a copy by regular mail. Many replies have been received but not enough yet to do the analysis.

Contact Karen at 10454 Cheviot Drive, Los Angeles, CA, 90064, or (310) 839-3457, or kbleonar@uci.edu if you have not gotten this survey.

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DELORES HOLLADAY

Long-time DPS member (and double list finisher) Delores Holladay lost her home in the fire that burned near Independence several weeks ago. Donations can be made to help the six families who lost their homes, and it is possible to designate a specific family (Delores).

Donations can be sent to the:
Independence Civic Club
Attn: Fire Relief Fund
P.O. Box 482
Independence, CA, 93526

The fund has been established at the El Dorado Savings Bank in Lone Pine. If people have questions, they can contact Nancy Masters at (760) 878-2053 or Mary Roper at (760) 878-2046.

- Tina Bowman

SURPRISE CANYON

Great news for Angeles/Desert Peaks Section folks who enjoy the solitude of hiking up Surprise Canyon to listed Sentinel Peak without having to contend with OHV's winching over the "crux" at the beginning of the canyon. The battle to save this canyon has been going on for at least 15 years prior to the 2000 lawsuit.

HUGE SUCCESS: SURPRISE CANYON Death Valley National Park will not open to OHVs!

Federal District Court Judge Lawrence J. O'Neil dismissed a lawsuit filed against the federal government by off-highway groups and property owners who sought to have Surprise Canyon Road in Death Valley re-opened (primary route from west side of the Panamint Mountains to Angeles/Desert Peaks Section listed peak, Sentinel) based on Revised Statute 2477 (first enacted during the Civil War) allowing counties and other governmental entities to claim ownership of rights-of-way and public roads and reopen them if they had been closed after 1976 when RS 2477 was repealed.

It is uncertain whether the Surprise Canyon case will affect the current effort by Inyo County to make four RS 24677 claims on other closed roads in DVNP. Using RS 2477, Inyo County is seeking to re-assert its alleged authority over four roads in DVNP that it contends were once county roads and were closed without the county's permission. Inyo County did not include Surprise Canyon in its lawsuit.

Earthjustice represented the Sierra Club, the National Parks Conservation Assn., the Center for Biological Diversity, PEER, the CA Wilderness Coalition and The Wilderness Society which filed suit in 2000 to close the road after off-roaders using winches and jacks would enter the canyon through the lower portion, where the road washed out.

Numerous OHV enthusiasts purchased parcels at the old camp at the base of the canyon and in Panamint City then sued to re-open the road to access "their in-holdings" using the argument of needing to access their "private land" instead of re-opening a closed road.

"It's a great day for Surprise Canyon and Death Valley National Park," said Ted Zukoski an attorney for Earthjustice. "A gushing stream running through the desert. We're pleased the court denied an attempt to turn this marble canyon's waterfalls into a highway."

"We're thrilled," said Deborah DeMeo, program manager for the National Parks Conservation Assn. "The dismissal of this suit means that Surprise Canyon Creek in Death Valley National Park, and the habitat and wildlife that it supports, will be preserved for future generations to enjoy."

Source: (Inyo Register 7/28/07/John Klusmire) Contributed by Wynne Benti.
Eight climbers (Michael Gosnell, Virgil Popescu, Anne Rolls, Bob Hoeven, Diane Dunbar, Helmut Hafner, and leaders Dave and Ann Perkins) met at Roadhead A for Potosi on Friday night in time to enjoy a campfire (courtesy of Bob’s wood).

We started out at 7:00 the next morning, ascending the ridge as described in the guide, over points 2224 and 2431. From the deep saddle .5 miles west of the peak, it is best to follow the directions in the guide, heading SE to the summit. We had continued straight up the ridge and had to drop down a steep short slope and then over to the correct route. The microwave towers and other installations somewhat detracted from the summit experience, but there were good views of the surrounding peaks and of Las Vegas.

On the way down we contoured low around point 2431, which in retrospect was no easier than climbing over the hill – we ended up in some rather brushy and rocky terrain. On the descent we chose the Route A variation, which went well (better for downhill than uphill).

By this time there were strong, gusty winds so were glad to reach the cars about 4:00. Bob and Anne had already climbed Stirling, so they left our group and the six of us drove the two hours or so through Pahrump (a vast urban sprawl), and camped a short distance in on the dirt road to Stirling. We enjoyed the usual fine potluck, and in the morning Diane and Helmut had sore knees and decided not to join us for the Stirling climb. It was Helmut’s first DPS trip, and hopefully he will join us again!

Our dwindling party of four continued to the Stirling roadhead. The route as described in the guide is quite straightforward; the only surprise was the snow that began falling about halfway up the ridge. By the time we were close to the summit, the ground was covered in snow and the clouds had rolled in. We had decided there would be no summit views, but suddenly at the top the clouds parted and we had fine views of nearby snow-covered peaks and the town of Pahrump, but did miss seeing the petroglyphs.

As we came down the ridge, the snow started up again. We got back to the cars in the early afternoon, and driving back along highway 95, we could see the mountain ranges to the west completely covered in dark clouds – we were glad to have beaten the worst of the storm.

I’ve often heard it said in the movies that the most elusive things we search for in life are often right under our noses when we take the time to look. For example, I had always thought of Mojave as this grungy little town you had to slam through to get to the Sierras and was surely the LAST place I’d want to go for a desert getaway. But lo and behold, there is another area of Mojave which makes a perfect weekend destination when you can’t leave until Friday PM and must be back by Sunday night.

To our amazement, traffic was quite reasonable as...
Brian, Charlie (the dog) and I barreled down the 15 freeway. We followed the DPS Guide directions to get to “Old Dad” mountain, though as we came down Kelbaker Road, we found that the ‘right hand turn onto a good dirt road signed Aiken Mine Rd’, WASN’T! (signed that is - correct that in your guide if you’ve got one). The junction with a dirt road we came to was in the approximate range of the mileage indicated in the write up, and there were no others further down the road, so we turned back and took the right turn.

As we attempted to follow the DPS Guide’s myriad ‘bearing of rights’ and ‘taking of lefts’ in the darkness, it became apparent that the write up was no longer valid, as there were many more forks than indicated, seemingly due to ATV use which created lots of new roads since the last time directions were written. There was a mention of a road where ‘signs existed of it once having been paved’ and this was still accurate. Most of the dirt roads around us were not well maintained at all - one section of ‘road’ found us literally car-surfing on the deep, soft sand (thank goodness for our Subaru-all wheel drive all the time!). So we intuitively followed what seemed like main(ish) roads; mostly bearing right, keeping power lines in proximity and voila(!) we wound up pretty much at the trailhead. The ground was too rocky to tent camp however, so we drove back half a mile where there was softer sand for Charlie to sleep on (it’s all about the dog’s comfort of course, Brian and I are hardy...ha!).

Saturday, taking a different dirt road, we came to an area of Cinder cones (of which there are 32) and all manner of basalt, cinder and pumice rock, black, red and green. We also checked out a very neat lava tube. Following that, we drove into Kelso and found a new Visitor Center which has lovely exhibits about the area’s geology. It’s renovated from an old train station. The exhibits detail the tremendous amount of volcanic activity in this area millions of years ago during several different periods, and educates nicely on all this, plus the local wildlife, etc.

After a picnic lunch, we decided to hike a small peak, Teutonia, which was north of Kelso. We got the idea from the 2006 edition of Andy Zdon’s ‘Desert Summits’ book which I purchased from the Kelso Visitor’s Center. One of the best parts of this easy class 1 hike, was that the trail wound through a gorgeous stand of Joshua trees; thickly branched and in great abundance. As you start the ascent to the peak, the views and rock formations are all lovely. After all, it’s a desert peak isn’t it?

In order to get back to our ‘personal’ camp site that evening, I had assiduously ‘cairned’ every turn as we drove out that morning. But at day’s end, Brian and I opted instead to have a mini adventure and take a dirt road indicated on the park map which was a direct cut across the area, rather than going all the way around by freeway and back to Kelbaker. To accomplish this, Brian’s entire navigational system was predicated on ‘following the power lines’, and we found ourselves going WAAAAAAAAY up in and amoungst the pylons, and then WAAAAAAAAY down rather steeply on very rough dirt road. Amazingly, the route did in fact drop us back into our little campsite area by complete dumb luck just as the day’s light was fading after a gorgeous sunset. (Note here: For the record, Brian doesn’t think it was dumb luck at all but a result of his flawless navigational skill). We had a wonderful grilled kebob meal under the desert stars, toasted our luck to be where we were and yes friends, forced ourselves to stay up ‘til 9:30 PM before retiring to the tent.

Sunday, we got up earlier and decided to try for Old Dad. We drove to the trailhead, and as we were about to park, a big herd of deer came bolting across the road. DEER?? In the middle of Mojave?? Ah, but it wasn’t deer at all, it was SHEEP! With big horns!! My hands

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Cinder cone.

Lava tube.
shook trying to quickly get the camera out to record this, my first ever ‘bighorn’ sighting. They stood and stared at us from the bottom of the mountain, and of course I was petrified to move and scare them so I stared back for a number of minutes, somehow managing to get a decent shot as I soooo very slowly maneuvered my camera up to my face.

As they slowly meandered their way up the side of the mountain, I tore myself away and we started our hike with Charlie in tow. We followed a wide wash for a mile or so and then turned left going uphill through a canyon. It wasn’t long however, before the rock became predominantly volcanic and very jagged. Out of concern for Charlie’s feet I decided to keep him back and we ducked into a shaded arch of rock (no doubt originally formed by a volcanic ‘gas’ bubble) and hung out for an hour while Brian continued to the summit. I had my soprano along, and as Charlie napped I played my favorite english folk tunes which gently reverberated along the canyon walls and cliffs. Brian told me later that he was able to hear the music ‘wafting on the breezes’ as he was making his way up.

Charlie and I headed back down following the canyon and the wash to where the car was before Brian returned. I opened up my camp chairs, a bottle of Framboise Lembic, and my multi coloured beach umbrella, so Brian could find us easily. I was enjoying a wonderful lounge in the cool desert quiet when a white official looking truck pulled up to break my perfect solitude. Sigh. Out came a tall, lanky fellow with a big backpack containing telescopic equipment which he proceeded to unapologetically open and set up-right in front of where I was sitting. The ‘noyve’!

As it turns out, he was a joy to have been invaded by, as he was employed by the Department of Fish and Game and it was his job to survey the big horned sheep, having done so for at least 30 years! Without realizing it, as I was the right at the prime viewing spot for seeing the herd (with his very high end telescope). He was a bit reluctant at first to tell me what exactly his research methods were, but finally confessed that he comes out once a month to these and the Marble mountains, and collects fresh uh...‘stuff’, you know, brown ‘stuff’ (and per him, “it’s gotta be fresh!”) in plastic bags to take back and analyze. He’s actually accumulating some fantastic data sets from this, and writes and publishes research which delineates where the sheep live, what they eat, their fertility rates from year to year, population, habitats, etc. He’s expert on the creature and told us that he is personally responsible for the creation of several herds throughout Southern California that did not exist prior to his having them put there at whomever’s behest. Wanna know how many there are in California alone? 63 herds. I would have guessed maybe 5 based on how often I’ve seen them (which would be zero times before this day)!

He told us about the sheeps’ rather male chauvinistic society. The males live separately from the females, and show up once a year for, ‘you know’, and then they take off somewhere else and cavort on their own leaving the females to live the rest of the year on their own birthing and raising the lambs. In this group on Old Dad, there are approximately 120 Ewes and 6 lambs with more on the way. He only tracks the lambs and ewes and states that the males are “completely insignificant” in the study of the species. Hmmm...

My new friend (name withheld by request) also plays oboe in the Eastern Sierra Symphony and records with a local chamber group, so we had a LOT to talk about as Brian showed up around 3 PM. We all chatted together a while longer, before heading in different directions to take care of our respective stuffs; Brian and I, to gather up tent and other belongings and Mr. Sheep Expert, to take care of collecting up that other, ahem, ‘stuff’ with
his government issued baggies.

Traffic coming home was as delightful as it was going out, and we got home just in time to see the humans take on the Cylons in the season’s finale of “Battlestar Galactica”, thus helping us in our transition from no tech beautiful wilderness weekend, to high tech money earning ‘real’ world Monday.

And speaking of money earning...just before falling asleep, I admit to having spent a few moments pondering if collecting ‘stuff’ for a living in the beautiful wilderness as a vocation, could actually be preferable to what most of us have to do to keep a roof over our heads with all the tight schedules and heavy expectations placed on us...I mean, let’s say for instance, if the sheep were constipated on a ‘pickup’ day, would anyone get on my friend’s case or bark about deadlines to him? Probably not. That must give him a lot of peace at the end of the day. More than I can say for my job! It’s something to think about... isn’t it?

*All photos this article by Audrey Goodman.*

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**FANTASY CANYON, UTAH**

May 2007

By Bob Michael

I’m a geologist by profession, and on and off the job I’ve hiked through a lot of spooky badlands and seen plenty of weird rocks. But, nothing — NOTHING — in Mother Nature’s freak shows comes close to the bizarre baroque dreamscape of a tiny (less than ten acres) area south of Vernal, Utah, in the Uinta Basin, the northeasternmost corner of the Colorado Plateau. The “canyon” -- not a real river canyon like Zion but an eroded-out place like Bryce “Canyon” -- is carved onto interbedded mudstones and channel sandstones of the Eocene (younger than the Rocky Mountains) Uinta Formation, a widespread unit in its namesake basin that typically does form lovely badlands. But in one tiny concentrated place, the processes of badland erosion went berserk and created a grotesque sculpture garden that is quite possibly unique on the planet. The delicate, highly ornamented sandstone fretwork vaguely resembles some of the seemingly drug-addled Art Nouveau architecture of the turn-of-the-century Barcelona visionary Antoni Gaudi. Or bones. (Georgia O’Keefe would have loved it.) Or a 1950's sci-fi movie set. Or your worst nightmare.....

To get there, go east from Vernal on US Highway 40 and turn south on Utah highway 45 just past the scattered suburb of Naples. Stay on Highway 45 until you come to Glen Bench Road; there should be a BLM sign saying 18 miles to Fantasy Canyon. Turn right onto Glen Bench. Less than a mile from 45 is another intersection with a BLM sign indicating a left turn to Fantasy Canyon 17.3 miles away. Continue south about 12 miles to a sign indicating a left turn onto a dirt road and Fantasy Canyon at 5 miles distance. BLM signs will direct you to the Canyon through numerous intersections with oil field service roads (this part of the Basin is a major oil and gas field). Be very careful not to make a wrong turn; you could end up in the middle of a very scary nowhere very easily. Don't try to come out in the dark! The road should be passable to average cars IN DRY WEATHER. Do NOT attempt this trip in ANY kind of vehicle if it has rained recently or if thunderstorms are threatening; the Uinta Formation clay quickly turns into lethal slime. Since you have to go through Vernal anyway, I VERY strongly suggest stopping in to the Vernal BLM office for more detailed directions and updates. (170 South 500 East, Vernal 84078; tel. 435.789.1362).

Not only is it astonishing that such delicate stone filigree could survive the cloudbursts and blizzards of the Utah desert, but a more sinister thought occurred to us. A criminal psycho with a sledgehammer couldn't do much to Bryce or Arches, and he’d probably be quickly nabbed anyway. But he could wreak great destruction on this little jewel, which seems as fragile as cave dripsone. We had the whole place to ourselves on a perfect late spring day. Although it’s a BLM protected area. It really needs a 24-hour caretaker. Perhaps this is one reason its splendors are not widely publicized. As confirmation of our fears, last September the “Teapot” (we called it the “Gaudi Tower”), the absolute centerpiece of Fantasy and surely its single most incredible piece of artwork, was found shattered in pieces at the base of its pedestal. Lightning? Did its fragility finally do it in when a few crucial sand grains fell away? I’d rather not think it was human evil that destroyed maybe the most astonishing stone sculpture on Earth. *Photos provided by Bob Michael.*

A mini-mammoth prowls the skyline.

These "windows" remind me of Georgia O'Keefe's paintings of the New Mexico sky through bleached cow pelvises...
Fantasy Canyon, Utah area map

I'd like to see this place in a full moonlit night!

Professor Penguin lectures the formations!
omen are different than men. Oh sure, both sexes respond to their environment in much the same manner, however there can be subtle (and not so subtle) distinctions. I, for instance, believe that women are, in general, more sensitive to their surroundings than men. I can’t prove this, but I believe that the following reviews will support my premise. With a bit of trepidation, I hereby offer my admittedly male take on three excellent women writers, all of whom admire the deserts of the American Southwest.


In The Mysterious Lands, Zwingers explores the four deserts of the American west—the Chihuahuan (6 chapters), the Sonoran (6 chapters), the Mojave (4 chapters) and the Great Basin (7 chapters). Each of her chapters is entitled with two characteristic features of the particular desert, for instance, “Of Saguaro and Roadrunners,” in regard to the Sonoran Desert, or “Of Alluvial Fans and Desert Tortoises,” when describing the Mojave Desert.

Presented in a less organized but eminently more readable fashion than that of an encyclopedia, the book is a treasure trove of information in regard to desert flora, fauna and history. Zwingers’s modus operandi is to begin by describing her own desert adventures, many of which are shared with one of her daughters, Susan or Sara, with her husband, Herman, or with her naturalist/author friends, including Gary Paul Nabhan, Charles Bowden and Terry Tempest Williams. After setting the scene, she discourses on the natural features of the area, illustrating many with her own line drawings.

In her opening chapter, for example, “Of Beginnings and Lechuguilla,” Zwingers describes dawn breaking over the Chisos Mountains of the Big Bend area of Texas. As an obvious direct descendent of John Van Dyke, also an art historian and the author of the classic The Desert (1901), she paints the scene with a rich palette: “Narrow clouds stripe the horizon pink, violet, and cream, a pousse-café of a sky. Over a cusp of rock, one spot of color glows royal rose, deepening and broadening, turning the pink stripe ruddy, the cream to gold. The silhouettes of the Chihuahuan Desert take on interior shapes and color but the mesquite holds jet black, its thorny zigzag branches drawn in India ink by a tense hand incapable of either a gentle curve or continuous straight line.”

Later, after missing a turn while searching for a campsite (in fact, for a naturalist, she gets lost a lot), Ann and her daughter Susan decide to explore the vicinity in which they find themselves. While Susan walks up the hill, Ann walks down, admiring the landscape. Noting that her surroundings are filled primarily with two types of agave, the sotol and the lechuguilla, Zwingers reminds us that a third type, the century plant, is becoming rarer because the bats that pollinate them have been reduced in number, mostly due to loss of habitat.
Stating what is obvious to most DPSers, Zwinger warns that the thorns of the lechuguilla (diminutive of the Spanish “lettuce”) need to be avoided at all costs. “Not only are the leaves edged with gray spines, but at the tip the edges fold together, joining into a finger-length needle that indurates, as lethal as a stiletto… The sap contains a strong muscle contractor that makes a wound unusually painful.”

While in the Sonoran Desert, Zwinger describes Saguaro, roadrunners, desert pavement, kangaroo rats, white-tailed doves, sand food, indigenous palm trees, and also, brilliantly, she recounts her six-day mid-summer stint, alone, counting bighorn sheep in the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge. On her first evening, for instance, she notes, “(a)n infinitesimal breeze feathers my ankles and face all night long, the gentlest whisper of air in a great friendliness of night. Gazing up through the lacy canopy of mesquite leaves, I try only to doze, unwilling to miss anything. I do not succeed.”

While in the Mojave, Zwinger discourses on, among others, lizards, sand dunes, Joshua trees, red-spotted toads, alluvial fans, desert tortoises, pupfish and desert resorts. Many of her Mojave adventures are shared with her youngest daughter, Sara, whom at one point she describes as “scuffling along on this lonely, lonely flat, head down, pursuing her own puzzles and observations, relishing a natural world that so ballasts my life, (it) gives a poignant pleasure to the day.”

Exploring the Great Basin both with Terry Tempest Williams (see review below) and alone, Zwinger discusses blackbrush, sagebrush, rattlesnakes, greasewood, pronghorn antelopes, glowworms and spadefoot toads, and several other flora and fauna.

She closes by observing night fall from a cave above the ancient bed of Utah’s Lake Bonneville. “Looking out over the desert, which has exacted its own tributes of this slow-boned human, remembrances come crowding to my mind of the gifts these desert years have laid on my doorstep, a mosaic of experiences made up of sprigs of creosote brush and sagebrush, an owl feather and a grasshopper wing, a chip of obsidian, all tied up with the song of a spadefoot toad, my own medicine bundle for my own ceremonies of passage.”

*The Mysterious Lands* is an excellent book. Were I forced to choose only one book for my desert library, this might well be the one.

*Refuge: An Unnatural History of Family and Place* (1991), Terry Tempest Williams

This review bothers me. Why? Well, although *Refuge* is a compelling, impassioned and interesting book, it’s written by a woman, about women, and for women. Indeed, when it comes to subjects such as mother/daughter relationships, ovarian cancer and mastectomies, I admit to be an outsider looking in.

Terry Tempest Williams is a fifth-generation Mormon, born in Salt Lake City in 1955. She studied environmental education at the University of Utah, after which she worked as an educator and naturalist-in-residence at the Utah Museum of Natural History. Currently, she is the Annie Clark Tanner Scholar in Environmental Humanities at the U of U. In addition to *Refuge*, which is probably her best known work, Williams is also the author of several other volumes, including *Desert Quartet; Leap; Red—Passion and
In a nutshell, *Refuge* relates two events that occurred concurrently between 1983 and 1987—Williams’ mother’s prolonged death due to ovarian cancer, and the unprecedented rise in the Great Salt Lake, which flooded the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge—both of which caused Williams great emotional distress.

Similar to Zwinger—and to Ann Morrow Lindberg, who titled her chapters in *A Gift From the Sea* with names of shells—Williams also dubs her chapters using natural objects, in *Refuge*’s case, her specialty, birds, e.g., burrowing owls, meadowlarks, bald eagles. She also adds an additional subheading to each chapter, i.e., the elevation of the shoreline of the Great Salt Lake.

Indeed, as the lake level rises from 4,204.70’ above sea level in chapter one (1983) to 4,211.85’ in subsequent chapters, local farmers watch with dismay as their fields are slowly flooded, the Southern Pacific Railroad labors to keep their tracks above water, and the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge disappears into the ever-expanding lake.

Why is Williams so upset about the lake level and the bird refuge? Well, it’s because when she was 10 years old her paternal grandmother, Mimi, took her on an Audubon Society outing to visit what the residents of nearby Brigham City proclaimed to be “The World’s Greatest Game Bird Refuge.” It was that day, while watching the ibises, stilts, avocets, grebes, egrets, etc., that Williams developed a life-long passion for birds and the Refuge.

Located at the mouth of Bear River, where it empties into the Great Salt Lake, the Refuge was created to prevent deterioration of an area in which sixty-two species of birds nested, and two hundred and eight species used otherwise. In addition to banning the hunting of game birds, dikes were built to stabilize and manage the waters, and to control the spread of botulism. It was a noble project, but it was being lost—perhaps for a long period of time—due to the invasive salinity of the lake waters.

Also in the spring of 1983, as a record snow pack in the Wasatch Mountains ominously began to melt, Terry’s mother, Diane, with whom she has always had a close relationship, is diagnosed with Stage III epithelial ovarian cancer, which has metastasized to her abdominal cavity—this coming twelve years after she had endured a bout with breast cancer.

Of that summer, Williams writes, “I could not separate the Bird Refuge from my family. Devastation respects no boundaries. The landscape of my childhood and the landscape of my family, the two things I had always regarded as bedrock, were now subject to change. Quicksand.”

During the following four years, the State of Utah devises and carries out plans to reduce the lake level by pumping lake waters into the nearby West Desert, while doctors perform surgery and use chemotherapy in efforts to save Williams’ mother. The former has a beneficial effect, the latter don’t.

To temper the agony of watching her mother die, Williams makes spiritual, healing visits into the Great Basin. “It’s strange how deserts turn us into believers… If the desert is holy, it is because it is a forgotten place that allows us to remember the sacred. Perhaps that is why every pilgrimage to the desert is a pilgrimage to the self. There is no place to hide, and so we are found.”

In an epilogue, Williams relates that she, along with her mother, two grandmothers and six aunts, have had a mastectomy, and that she now belongs to “The Clan of the One-Breasted Women.” Although Williams can’t prove it, she believes this family epidemic is due to above ground atomic testing which took place in Nevada—upwind of Utah—between 1951 and 1962. Indeed, there had been no cancer in the family prior to those tests. Williams states that in Mormon culture, where authority is respected, “the price of obedience (had) become too high.” Her book ends as she and nine other Utahns are arrested for trespassing on the Nevada Test Site, where underground tests was still continuing.

*Refuge* is a tale of dealing with death with grace and compassion. In addition, it relates the story of a close-knit Mormon family (Williams, by the way, is related to the Romneys), offers a naturalist’s insight into a corner of the magnificent Great Basin, and inspires a magazine like Newsweek to proclaim Williams as “one of the West’s most striking new writers.”

**BARREN, WILD AND WORTHLESS: LIVING IN THE CHIHUAHUAHAN DESERT** (1995), Susan J. Tweit

Susan J. Tweit is yet another woman author who admires the desert. In addition to *Barren, Wild and Worthless*, she is the author of *The Great Southwest Nature Fact Book* (1992), *Meet the Wild Southwest* (1995), and *Seasons in the Desert* (1998), the latter of which was reviewed in the November/December 2001 issue of *The Desert Sage*.

At the time Tweit wrote *B, W & W*, she was living in Las Cruces, NM, where her husband, Richard, taught economics at New Mexico State University. In an introductory chapter, “Coming to the Chihuahuan Desert,” she relates that Las Cruces wasn’t among her top choices of places to settle down, but, because of her husband’s job, that’s where she landed. Recalling that J. R. Bartlett, while surveying the Mexican-United States...
boundary in the 1850s, described the Chihuahuan Desert as “barren, wild and worthless,” she confesses that on her arrival she too was “shocked by the starkness of this landscape.” Furthermore, with her pale skin and northern-European heritage, living in an area populated by those predominantly of Mexican lineage made her feel even more of a stranger. Fortunately, Tweit was not easily discouraged. Instead, she decided to get to know the area.

In seven well-crafted essays, Tweit describes various features of Chihuahuan Desert, many of which are common to all arid regions of the Southwestern U.S. In “Spadefoot Toads and Storm Sewers,” for instance, she describes how the small amphibians, who can live below ground for up to two years, have managed to survive the development of the housing tract in which she lived. In “The Disappeared Ones,” she laments the passing of grizzly bears in Arizona and New Mexico, the last of which was shot in the Mogollon Mountains in 1935 by two government trappers.

In “Weeds,” Tweit employs the title as a double entendre to describe both plant infestations, primarily tumbleweeds, and illegal immigrants. While discussing the latter, she ponders the question, “to whom does the border area really belong?” Indeed, as recently as the 1400s, the descendents of the Mogollon and Anasazi cultures, who had settled in the area around A.D. 400, were being encroached upon by the Apaches, Athapaskan speakers. The Spanish subdued the area in the 1600s, however, even prior to the middle 1800s, when the United States acquired “by force, by purchase, and by treaty what is now the Southwest” from Mexico, Americans citizens were illegally entering the area, engaged in trading, trapping, mining and farming endeavors.

And when the United States did begin to restrict immigration in the late 1800s, it wasn’t the Mexicans they were concerned about. In fact, the first exclusion acts were aimed to stop the flow of Asians, especially the Chinese, who were “willing to work cheaply in conditions intolerable to others.”

The upshot is that Tweit believes we cannot call one side of an arbitrary political line “ours” and the other “theirs.” “They” are in reality, ‘us.’ None of us—Anglos, Latinos, Native Americans—have a superior claim to belong here, we are all weeds.”

Tweit also includes a description of the Organ Mountains, east of Las Cruces, that will leave you yearning to climb among them, plus an essay on the Rio Mimbres River, west of Las Cruces, reminding us how scarce and valuable water has become in the Land of Little Rain.

In e-mail correspondence with Tweit, she reveals that she now a resident of Salida, CO, and that she has just published a new book, The San Luis Valley, Sand Dunes and Sandhill Cranes. She also mentioned that she is a personal friend of both Ann Zwinger and Terry Tempest Williams. Small world, eh?
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