

## SANTA SUSANA MOUNTAIN PARK ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 62, Chatsworth, California

## NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends:

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY, MARCH 15th, 7:45 p.m., in the Hospitality Room of the Glendale Federal Savings and Loan, 21821 Devonshire (corner of Vassar) in Chatsworth. Our February meeting was held at an irregular time and an irregular place due to the four day holiday weekend coinciding with our regular meeting date. For that reason we postponed our election of officers, so anyone who has attended any previous meetings be sure to come and vote. New members are welcome as well. We are just organizing as an official organization and the more members we have the more quickly we can move ahead. Writers, historians, photographers, nature lovers and ecology minded citizens and anyone interested in preserving eighty square miles of unique mountain area for future generations will find a place for themselves in Santa Susana Mountain Park Association.

Our February meeting was primarily concerned with a discussion of our proposed By-Laws. Enclosed with this Newsletter you will find a copy of our Articles of Association. Please read these before coming to the meeting and if you have any ideas or changes to suggest call Jan Hinkston - 347-3736 BEFORE the next meeting.

Representatives of SSMPA recently met with several other valley organizations who have joined forces ~~far~~ to form the Community Coalition as a more effective means of dealing with land use and zoning problems. It will serve to join together the many forces which are now widely scattered and weak in strength into a less diversified, more organized group with a voice that will be heard.

Maps are being made available to members through the courtesy of Joe Ambrose, our Graphics Advisor, of the SSMP boundaries and the old stage coach trail through the Santa Susana Mountains.

Bob Bessom, our Historian, gave us documented information on the old Stage Coach Trail and has located documented maps dating back to around 1870. He will bring some copies of these Stage Trail maps with him to the next meeting.

We may soon have some exciting information from L.A. Planning Advisor Larry Charness from the Regional Planning Commission, as well as some maps.

Don't forget.....we have a slide show presentation of the SSMP project available to any group or organization who are interested in a brief but thorough and enjoyable 'armchair' tour of the beautiful mountains and canyons accompanied by an explanation of the purposes and plans of action of this association. All that's necessary is a quick call to Jean Searle...805-526-3176, or Jan Hinkston...347-3736.

*We will accept dues at the next meeting  
see agenda and membership dues discussed*

Unfortunately, no matter how many volunteers are involved in an organization it still cannot operate without funds. Stamps, paper, printing, to name a few, are dependent on funds obtained through membership dues, so we strongly urge all those who have been intending to pay their dues but simply end up procrastinating (as your Newsletter Editor has been doing) PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR DUES AT THE NEXT MEETING. Dues are \$3.00 for individuals and \$10.00 for organizations or businesses.

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We are happy to report that our growing number of slide presentations before civic, social and government groups have, to our delight, consistently met with enthusiasm which has resulted in many written resolutions supporting our Association. The beautiful, professional slides taken by Jean Searle and Jan Hinkston, well edited and presented have undoubtedly been the primary 'selling' point for us in these presentations. We expect to have a few slides shown at our meetings from time to time so our members may become better acquainted ~~ixh~~ with the area we're working with.

*of the Sierra Club*  
Jan Hinkston spoke with members of the Southern California Regional Conservation Committee on February 20th and briefly told them of our plans. Also there, was the chairman of the Conejo Valley Sierra Club. They voted a resolution supporting our program.

Material is being Xeroxed from the Open Space magazine which shows how a land owner can sell his land to the park for Open Space for less money than he would receive from a developer and still come out ahead because of the tax benefits accompanying donations of this nature.

New letterhead designs and logo designs for buttons and bumper stickers will be presented at our March 15th meeting

Also enclosed you will find a copy of the Agenda for our next meeting which includes the proposed slate of officers to be voted on. Anyone wishing to volunteer for committees, run for office or nominate someone for office is urged to call Jan Hinkston...213-347-3736 BEFORE THE MEETING so the names may be added to the proposed slate in time for the election.

Members wishing to have particular items included in this monthly newsletter need only call me, Doris Murphy..805-527-0925 or Jan Hinkston...213-347-3736 PRIOR TO THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

We're looking forward to seeing all our regular members, as well as those wishing to become members..and guests ~~xx~~ at 7:45 on March 15th (3rd Monday).

See you soon....

*Doris Murphy*  
Newsletter Editor