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Birthday!

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PROGRAM MEETING - JUNE 18, 1990 - TRASH: TRIUMPH OR TRAUMA???

Our general meeting will feature Gary Crandall of the Greens, and Jean Carr of the Eagle Mountain Rail Haul Project. Both will address the problems of trash accumulation and possible solutions. Jean will accompany her presentation with slides. Please attend this most informative meeting on Monday, June 18 at 7:30 PM, in the community room of Glendale Federal Savings, at 21821 Devonshire St. in Chatsworth. (That's two blocks East of Topanga Cyn. Blvd.) Refreshments will be served.

DOCENT (guide)

We would like to correct some errors made in our April newsletter: Instead of Gene - it is George Davis/ Diane should be Dianne Armstrong/ Marty Mortenson needs to be included in our list of docents for our school children's hikes on week days. Even though the school hikes will not be held in July, August, and September, we will continue to recruit and conduct orientation meetings in preparation for the training sessions at WODOC (William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom) in October. If you like children and the outdoors, and are available during the week in the mornings (or will be in the fall), please contact Jan Hinkston at 818 884-9610. WE NEED YOU!

PROPOSITION 117 WINS!

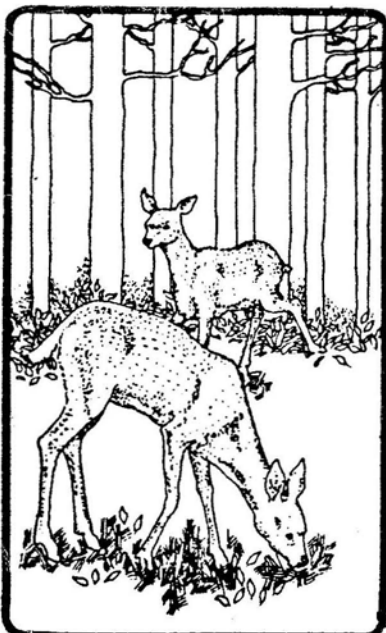
We donated big bucks toward the passage of this grass roots initiative. This investment should help realize allocation in the amount of 20 million for our wildlife corridor in the Santa Susana Mountains and the Simi Hills. Special thanks to Glenn Bailey for his supervision of the monumental effort to get this measure passed. The percent of support in L.A. County was 60% (Statewide was 53%).

THANK YOU

To volunteers at the Northridge Park Festival on June 2nd - 3rd: Marla Briggs, Thelma Heiman, Jan Hinkston, Gail Mesco, Mike Ormsby, Nancy Razanski, Melba and Willis Simms, and Beth Gruenberg. We got the word out and watched the entertainment.

MEMBERS SSMPA was saddened by the news of the passing of Doreen Rusen's husband. We extend our deepest sympathy and are glad she is returning to her community involvement. We hope time will heal the shock and hurt.

Another one of our board members, Pauline Aue, is recuperating from surgery, and hopes to be back in time to attend our June 18 meeting. We've missed them both!



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JOAN SANDER

Joan Sander is working hard to save the unspoiled portion of Sunshine Canyon. It contains 542 wooded acres with approximately 5,600 Oaks, hundreds of Sycamores, Black Walnuts, and Big Cone Spruce. Joan was featured in the Daily News Section called FOCUS in the May 29th issue. Joan has been recently appointed to our Foundation board as Santa Clarita Area Chairperson.

JUNE 6th TOUR

Jan hosted a tour for Santa Susana Mountain Park Project Coordinator, Robert Baxter, of the State Dept. of Parks and Recreation. Don Hunt of Rancho Simi Parks District generously provided transportation. Parcels viewed included the Corriganville Park in Ventura County, and the Rocky Peak Park (Bob Hope's Runkle Ranch). Mr. Baxter was impressed, and realized that the State Parks Dept. needed to adjust their thinking to include the Bob Hope Deal in their studies of the Santa Clarita Woodlands area to then create a whole Santa Susana Mountain Park such as we proposed back in 1970.

He was also shown the archaeological sites which are endangered by development adjacent to the State parkland. He suggested that we try to get reclassified as a State Historic Park in order to better protect our archaeological and cultural resources. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with this specific goal, please contact Andre van Meulebrouck at 818 998-0498.

Also, please write to Senator Ed Davis to request new classification as a State Historic Park...so that we can get better protection of our resources, and start some major interpretive programs of transportation "Over the pass, into the Past". After that, with the fruition of the Bob Hope Deal, we finally have the opportunity of becoming a State Park from the Santa Clara River to the Santa Monica Mountains as in our original proposal back in 1970.

SABOTAGE AFOOT!

We have just learned that some legislators in Sacramento are trying to cut back funds from Proposition 70 (passed in 1988) and the newly passed Prop. 117 by somehow combining them and deleting some of the allocated funds! Could this action be in retaliation for so many initiatives passed on the ballot? Our grass roots effort to get Prop. 117 passed came directly from the people. We will not tolerate such a flagrant violation of our constitutional rights. Senator Ed Davis is working to prevent its passage in the Senate.

WHAT YOU CAN DO!!!

Prop. 70 funds are for park acquisition and some programs. Prop. 117 funds are for wildlife habitat and corridor. The legislation is very clear in this distinction. We can not afford to lose any of those hard-won funds.

Please write immediately (if not sooner - ha!) to:

Senator Alfred Alquist, Chairman
Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Conference Committee
P.O. Box 942848, Sacramento, CA 94248-0001
and/or
Assemblyman John Vasconcellos, Chairman
Assembly Ways and Means Conference Committee
P.O. Box 942849, Sacramento, CA 94249-0001

Please renew your own membership, and try to recruit 2 others. We have been told that we need to "broaden our base" to become a State Park. If everyone helps, we can do that. We need to show more community support.

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	Individual	\$10.00	___
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