



Santa Susana Mountain Park Association

NEWSLETTER : November & December, 1994

Note New meeting time: 7:00!

Program - November 21, 1994 Dorian Keyser, 818-345-3795 Dr. Thomas J. Maxwell, anthropologist, retired California Lutheran College professor, will present an illustrated talk about the Native Americans of this area. He will bring copies of his delightful book, "The Temescals of Arroyo Conejo" which tells the story of the activities of the natives of the Conejo Valley starting in 9080 BC. Don't miss this special program.

Advance notice: There will be no General Meeting, or Newsletter in the month of December. Our next General meeting will be in Jan. Our featured speaker is Suzanne Goode, Biologist with the California State Park System. She will be talking about the Malibu Creek State Park Oaks Project, as well as issues pertaining to our own SSMPA.

Board Changes: SSMPA has many exciting things in the works, but they are threatened by the recent loss of several dedicated key people from the SSMPA board. Two excellent presidents, Zelma Van and Dorian Keyser have had to resign that post. Zelma and our other friends and members Connie Couture and Florrie Strobel have all left the area. Dorian has other commitments to fulfill, although he is, fortunately for us remaining on the board. We urgently need to replace them with new members on or before the elections in MARCH. Please let me or Jan know of your interest in accepting a board position. Your help is essential if we are to keep going. Let us hear from you! Barbara Coffman, Acting President 347 - 5603

What, No Parade? The annual Chatsworth Parade, traditionally presented by Chatsworth Community Groups in Dec. will not be held this year. Instead, a holiday boutique will be held in Mason Park on Dec. 10. This event will include information tables pertaining to local nonprofit endeavor, including SSMPA. Anyone who wishes to help out should call Jan, 884-9610

Our Mailing List. Please note that our address stickers are dated so that you will know when to renew your membership. Send your annual dues to our mail box using the form accompanying this newsletter. We also need to update the telephone numbers of all our members so please send us this information.

Much remains to be done in order to bring our dream to fruition.
We invite you to join us in our efforts by becoming a MEMBER --

__Senior or Student (\$5.00) __Individual (\$10.00) __Family \$15.00)
__Business or Organization (\$25.00) __Life Member (\$100.00)

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Checks payable to: SSMPA Please mail to the address below:

P.O. Box 4831, Chatsworth, California 91313-4831

Bargain Sale on T-Shirts: We have many children sized T-shirts with the SSMPA logo on them, on sale for less than cost to clear inventory. Two for five dollars or three dollars each. A nice holiday gift that benefits SSMPA. Call Barbara, 347-5603

Congratulations! The Desert Bill has passed, following 10 years of efforts on the part of environmental groups and individuals whom among other things took the time to make calls and write letters. This wonderful boon to our State will create many new jobs, contrary to the position of developers, since tourism is our number two industry! Now its time to get to work again and let our representatives and the newspapers know our feelings regarding the importance of keeping **CHATSWORTH RESERVOIR** a wildlife preserve. A recent editorial in the Daily News suggests options such as a golfcourse for the area. The birds and wildlife will more than appreciate your letters!

Write: The Daily News, P.O. Box 4200, Woodland Hills, 91365-4200
The LA Times - Valley, 20000 Prairie St., Chatsworth 91311-6595

TRAILS WORKSHOP REMINDER: Nov. 4 PM to Nov. 5 2:00, Malibu Creek State Park. Call: Milt McAuley, 347-6433

Camping at Sage Ranch [call 818-999-3753 for reservations]
Sage Ranch, A Santa Monica Mts. Conservancy facility in the Simi Hills, has ten developed tent [or very small motorhome] camp sites which are available on Fri., Sat., and Sun. nights. Pre-paid reservations may be made by sending \$10 per night to one Black Canyon Road, Simi Valley 93063, or you may come for unreserved sites on a first come basis. Each site, limited to up to six people, has a picnic table and a charcoal barbecue - - - wood fires not allowed. A central water supply and chemical toilets are available but no showers. The narrow access road cannot accommodate large motorhomes, campers, or trailers. Sage Ranch may be reached from Woolsey Canyon Road via Black Canyon road. You may call number above for information. Let's consider joining together for a weekend of fun and socializing!!!! Please phone Dorian at 818-345-3795 if you are interested.

Position Open We are looking for a volunteer to staff our visitor center one Sunday afternoon a month, from 12:00 to 3:00. We are very fortunate to have the use of the park's room, in order to keep that use we must have regularly scheduled open hours. Please consider filling this need, we would hate to lose our room! Call Jan or Barbara for details.

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