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Due to the fire on Arenas Road the monthly meeting will be held at:

Palm Garden Resort
950 N. Indian Canyon
Palm Springs

on Tuesday, 8 January from 8:00-9:00 PM.
Contact Craig at 318-8957 for further information.

Welcome New Members:

Michael Masters
Steven Caudle
Edmund Galvez
Paul Schneiderman
Rich Lytle
Tom Green
Jon Blumenstock

The Christmas Party was a lot of fun with interesting gifts exchanged. Even Santa was present! Thank you Chris Waasdorp and Craig Courtright for the use of the Palm Garden Resort. There were several members who braved the cold in the Jacuzzi and made it a real outdoor event. Some items left at the party are a large glass fruit bowl and purple swim trunks. Contact Craig at 318-8957 or email: gpsgocraig@aol.com.

President's Message:

As we start the new year, our CORE group will continue to plan keeping our member's interests in mind. A few more events in the planning are camping trips to the Las Vegas and Temecula areas before June of this year. We always welcome and encourage members to help plan and become part of the decision making process. Your input is encouraged to let us know how we are doing and where more attention needs to be focused. Volunteering helps the CORE group tremendously and is greatly appreciated. Some members have given me great ideas and would like to hear from more members. We look forward to another great year of activities. So lets get out there and enjoy them.

Craig Courtright
President PS Chapter

The first Friday of each month North Palm Springs area has a street fare. There are numerous art galleries, antique shops and restaurants—for an exciting new look at Palm Springs **COME JOIN IN THE FUN FOR SOME BROWSING, SHOPPING OR DINNER!**

When: Friday, 4 January

Meeting Place: Palm Garden Resort
950 N. Indian Canyon
Palm Springs

Time: Meet at 6:00 PM
Leaving at 6:15 PM.

Contact: Craig 318-8957

SKIERS WANTED

Gene Levy would like to hear from members interested in mid-week ski trips to Big Bear. Contact Gene at 320-3761 for further information.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Garsten Trail - Sunday, 6 January at 9:00 AM.

The hike begins in the Andreas Estate area. The trail ascends via a series of switchbacks ultimately reaching an elevation of about 1300 feet. The trail joins the Shannon and Henderson trails and eventually loops back into the Garsten trail. The hike offers wonderful views of Palm Springs, Palm Canyon and the Canyon Country Club.

Length: 4 miles
Hiking Time: 3 hours
Elevation Gain: 1000 feet
Difficulty: Moderate

Meet in front of Tomboyz Café on Arenas Road at 9:00 AM for carpooling arrangements. Return at 1:00 PM. Bring water and snacks. Contact Dwayne Hannon at 416-2312.

Horsethief Creek via Cactus Spring Trail - Friday, 11 January at 9:00 AM

This hike is located in the Santa Rosa Mountain Wilderness area. The hike offers spectacular views of the Santa Rosa (8000-ft. high) and Toro peaks (8700-ft. high) as well as the San Jacinto and San Gorgonio Mountains. The trail winds through pinyon pine, yucca agave and manzanita passing an abandoned dolomite (*a brittle mineral form of calcium magnesium carbonate*) mine before reaching Horsethief Creek.

Length: 4 miles
Hiking Time: 4 hours
Elevation Gain: 900 ft.
Difficulty: Easy/Moderate

Meet in front of Tomboyz Café on Arenas Road at 9:00 AM for carpooling arrangements. Return at 3:00 PM. Bring water and lunch. Contact Doug Quigley at 416-7554.

Eureka Peak Loop - Saturday, 19 Jan. at 9:00 AM.

Eureka Peak is at an elevation of 5518 feet and offers a spectacular view of the western part of Joshua Tree

National Park as well as the San Jacinto Mountains and the San Gorgonio Peak. This is a strenuous hike as the trail follows sandy washes and climbs up and over steep ridges.

Length: 10 miles
Hiking Time: 6 hours
Elevation Gain: 1500 ft.
Difficulty: Strenuous

Meet in front of Tomboyz Café on Arenas Road at :00 AM for carpooling arrangements. Return at 4:30 PM. Bring water and lunch.

Contact Doug Quigley at 416-7554.



Get off the couch and away from the TV or the bars for a night and join us for the Moonlight Hike on:

Sunday, 27 Jan. at 7:00 PM.

We will climb a small hill behind the Rancho Mirage City Hall to see desert views, stars and of course we hope the moon.

Length: 2 miles
Hiking Time: 1-2 hours
Elevation Gain: 200 feet
Difficulty: Easy

Meet at Starbucks on Ramon Rd. at Date Palm Dr in Cathedral City.

Contact Carroll at 321.8723, or Bob at 328.6303

LA Chapter Quartzsite Camping Adventure 18-20 January

There is still time to sign up for the **Quartzsite camping adventure**. You must have your reservation in as soon as possible as we need to plan the food required for the trip.

THE DEADLINE IS BEFORE 10 JANUARY.

As soon as I have your signed registration slip and check, made out to Great Outdoors, I will mail you the directions on how to find us.

This trip is open to all members and you do not need an RV. **TENT CAMPERS ARE WELCOME!**

To get the necessary trip notes with the registration you need to go to the website: greatoutdoorsla.org Print the copy of the registration and mail it along with your check to **Lou at 2657 Locksley Place, LA 90039**. If you would like for me to mail you a copy of the trip notes drop me a request at the above address or request it via e-mail at (two.shea@att.net).

Since this is the long weekend (Monday, January 21 is Martin Luther King day) there will be a lot a activities to attend in Quartzsite.

Let me hear from you.

Wagon master,
Lou



GAME NIGHT

Date: Thursday, 17 January
Time: 6:00-9:00 pm
Where: Gene & Jim's
Date Palm Country Club
36-200 Date Palm Drive
Cathedral City

Due to entrance gate rules, no one will be allowed into the complex after 6:30 pm so **please do not arrive after 6:30 pm. BYOE (Bring Your Own Eats) and beverages.** There is ice available. Great Outdoors provides the plates, cups and cutlery. **Contact Gene or Jim at 760 328-4812 for further information.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EVENT	DATE/TIME	CONTACT	CHAPTER
N PS Street Fare	1/4 6 PM	Craig Courtright 318-8957	PS
Garsten Trail Hike	1/6 9 AM	Dwayne 416-2312	PS
General Meeting	1/8 8 PM	Craig 318-8957	PS
Horsethief Creek Hike	1/11 9 AM	Doug Quigley 416-7554	PS
Game Night	1/17 6 PM	Gene & Jim 328-4812	PS
Quartzsite camp out	1/18-20	Lou Twoshea@att.net	LA
Eureka Peak Loop Hike	1/19 9 AM	Doug Quigley 416-7554	PS
Moonlight Hike	1/27 7 PM	Bob 328-6303 Carroll 321-8723	PS
Mammoth ski	2/15-18	Paul 818 789-4123 or GO website	LA

Presidents Day Weekend Feb. 15-18



"Tips up!" That's good advice for a good time whether you're on the slopes or in the Jacuzzi! You'll have a chance to try both when we go to Mammoth for President's Day weekend. Mammoth is one of the premiere winter destinations in California. For alpine skiers, Mammoth Mountain ranks in the top 10 destinations for North America. There are 3500 acres of trails for all skill levels. And in a typical season, 385 inches of snowfall!

There are a lot of other things to do too: try cross-country skiing, snow boarding, or snow shoeing. If the thought of all that clean, crisp mountain air doesn't work for you, walk and explore the shops and restaurants in town or just lounge around our condominiums, build a fire, or soak in the Jacuzzi.

Register early as space is limited. **For more info, read the tripnotes at our web-site, (www.greatoutdoorsla.org) or call Paul at 818.789.4123.**

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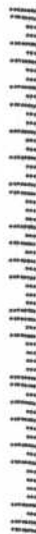
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Address Correction Requested

This is your last issue.
Please renew your
Membership.

December 2, 2001
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*Great Outdoors sounds great!
How do I join?*

Simply fill out this form and send it in.

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Please enter my membership in the
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but would like additional information.
- Renewal

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By joining Great Outdoors and/or attending the club's events, I acknowledge that in order for Great Outdoors to assume full legal responsibility it would have to charge higher fees than it does now. I waive the right to ever lay claim for injuries I might suffer before, during or after any Great Outdoors event. My guests will agree to these principles in writing before attending events.

Signature _____ Date _____

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