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## 4 Corners—Indian Country Week Long Car Camp September 22-28, 2002

Surrounded by the remains of ancient Anasazi Cliff Dwellings and Mesa Top Pueblos, found in spectacular sandstone canyons, hidden in caves that have been cut out of steep cliffs and scattered in expansive, high desert valleys, is where you'll find 4 Corners Monument. It is the only place in the United States where four states (Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado & Utah) all touch at one point. You can actually stand on all four states at the same time.

After a five-year hiatus, Great Outdoors returns to this Historic, Spiritual and Glorious land of the Native Americans to camp, hike and explore various sites in the area. This week long trip, on the Navajo, Hopi and Ute Reservations, visits 3 National Monuments; Canyon de Chilly, Arizona, Chaco Culture National Park, New Mexico and Mesa Verde National Park, Colorado. We will also be touring 4 Corners Monument, Ship Rock & Hubble Trading Post. There is a free day to visit the Hopi Reservation, take a jeep tour inside Canyon de Chilly, visit Window Rock or any other place you desire.

There is a campfire program each evening; an afternoon tea presented one day and two theme potlucks.

Also a few surprises! The price is a steal. Don't miss this magical trip, you'll be sorry!

For more information, contact **Danny:**  
(323) 654-8466    [Dsternstei@aol.com](mailto:Dsternstei@aol.com)

## Welcome New Members

*Evan Van Antwerp*

*Mate Weiner*

*Chuck Williams*



**The monthly meeting location is at Tomboyz Cafe**

**214 Arenas Rd. Palm Springs.**

**760 322-9915. The meeting is the first Tuesday of the month**

**2 July from 7:00-8:00 PM for**

social hour and the meeting from 8:00-9:00 PM.

**10% discount to members.**

**Rick Aton and Steve Ryan spent 6 weeks this past winter traveling through Chile. Their travels included hiking in some of Chile's National Parks. They will discuss their adventures at this month's meeting.**



It is that time of year again for our chapter to vote on officers. This is your opportunity to get involved in the decision making and planning of next year's events.

Elections are held at the September general meeting for our calendar year beginning in October. The elected positions are: President, Treasurer and Secretary. The appointed positions are: Newsletter Editor, Board Representative, Membership Coordinator, Copy Editor and Game Night Coordinator. If you are interested in getting involved contact Craig, Jimmy, Roger or Doug from the Core group list in the newsletter.

Other ways to get involved are to be a trip leader or help out with the newsletter mailing.

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## Hurkey Creek Trail – Sunday, 7 July at 9:00 AM

Hurkey Creek lies in a scenic area off Hwy 74 near Lake Hemet. The hike follows a dirt trail that rises gently onto a plateau offering great views of the surrounding San Jacinto Mountains. Since this hike is at a 5,000 ft. elevation, the temperature will be in the mid 80's.

Length: 3 miles  
 Hiking Time: 3 hours  
 Elevation Gain: 300 ft.  
 Difficulty: Easy

**Trip Leader: Dwayne Hannon at 416-2312.**

## Bogart Park Walk About – Tuesday, 16 July

Escape the desert heat on a cool and relaxing adventure to Bogart Park in the foothills north of Beaumont. We will carpool, a 45 minute journey, and park in the meadows area near ponds and shaded picnic tables. Explore the varied paths in the park on your own or in groups, or just relax in the shade of large oak trees. We will leave the park at 2:00 PM.

**Trip Leader: Doug Quigley at 416-7554.**

## Zen Center to the PCT – Saturday, 20 July

This is a great hike for the summer. The trailhead begins on private property at the Zen Center (off Hwy 74) east of Idyllwild. There is a steep 1200-foot elevation gain during the first hour of the hike. Then the trail merges with the Pacific Crest Trail with an easy hike along a ridge. We will be hiking in the Alpine Forest at about 6000-feet with temperatures about 20 degrees less than in the desert. The views along the ridge looking down into South Palm Canyon and Lake Hemet area are astonishing.

Length: 5 miles  
 Hiking Time: 3 1/2 hours  
 Elevation Gain: 1200 ft.  
 Difficulty: Moderate/Strenuous

**Trip Leader: Randolph Maxted at 320-0331.**

## Note:

**All hikes will meet at Tomboyz Café on Arenas Road at 9:00 AM for carpooling arrangements. Bring plenty of water and snack/lunch.**



## The next Game Night is Thursday, 18 July.

**Swimming: 5:30 and 9:00 PM**

**Games: 6:30-9:00 PM**

Bring your suit and towel.

**Where: Rick Opler's**

933 W. Chino Canyon Rd.

Palm Springs, CA 92262

**BYOE (Bring Your Own Eats) and beverages.**

**Contact Rick at 325-8666 .**

## **5th Annual Russian River Camping, Cabins...Lots More**

**July 24-28, 2002**

Get ready for one of GO's favorite destinations: Fifes, a rustic all-gay resort nestled among fifteen acres of redwoods, creeks, trails and rolling meadows. There's tent-camping and cabins; you can swim, play volleyball, canoe, dine, ride horseback and lots more.

This is "camping light" with our tents on a plush lawn. Showers, coffee shops and a 24-hour Safeway are all within walking distance.

There are so many nearby attractions—a redwood preserve, Goat Rock State Park, Bodega Bay (home to Hitchcock's *The Birds*), wineries, natural hot spring mineral baths, a petrified forest, redwoods...and lots more.

This trip gets bigger every year, so plan now!

**For info or trip notes, contact Joe or Marty at 323.660.7546 or hocuspocus@msn.com**



## **Bowling Anyone?**

Some members have expressed interest in having a bowling night once a month. If you are interested in participating, contact Dean Condlis at 322-7721. Bowlers at all skill levels are welcome.



**There will be no moon light hike this month. See you on the 22 August hike.**

## **Board Representative Position**

There is an exciting position open for our chapter as Board Representative. This position involves meeting once a month with the Great Outdoors corporate board in Los Angeles. The Board Representative is the liaison between our chapter and the corporate board. **Contact Craig at 318-8957 or email gpsgocraig@aol.com for further information or if interested.**

*Idyllwild County Park Camp Out*  
**Palm Springs and Inland Empire Chapters**  
**August 23-25, 2002**  
**Jazz in the Pines**

By August most of us will be more than happy to escape the heat to the cool pine forests of Idyllwild. The village is a little over 5,000 ft. in the San Jacinto Mountains with warm days and cool nights. The campground is nestled in the pine forest within walking distance of the village where you will find many quaint shops, a hardware store, a grocery store, fresh bakeries and restaurants.

Members \$25.00      Nonmembers \$35.00

**Amenities:** We have 9 campsites that can accommodate up to 3 tents each, with a maximum of 6 people per site. Restrooms and pay showers are within walking distance. Each campsite has fresh water. **Please bring a bundle of firewood.** Firewood is available for \$5.00 per bundle if you wish to purchase at the campground.

**Activities:** Friday on your own with a campfire in the evening. On Saturday there will be a day hike scheduled for 10:00 A.M. and afternoon tea at 4:00 P.M. **The traditional potluck will be at 6:00 P.M.** and evening campfire. Prepare your favorite dish to feed 4-6 people.

**Jazz Festival:** Those that wish to attend the Jazz Festival on Saturday and/or Sunday may purchase tickets on line at [www.idyllwildjazzinthepines.com](http://www.idyllwildjazzinthepines.com) or by calling 909 659-4885. Presale for tickets until 1 August is \$30 per day. After 1 August admission is \$35 per day and must be purchased at the gate. The festival is held at the Idyllwild Arts. To avoid a parking fee, free shuttles run from the center of the village.

**RVs:** **YOU MUST CONTACT Jimmy Dunlap at 760 328-8049 PRIOR to sending in your reservation.** 5 sites can accommodate a trailer or RV. Even though the park specifies **30 ft. maximum**, the sites are small and will require some experienced maneuvers to get in. I would not recommend a 30 ft. vehicle. However, additional campsites, 84-95, are easily accessible and require you to make your own reservation by calling 800 234-7275(Park). There are no hookups or a dump station. The closest dump station is in Hemet for a small fee.

**Pets:** Dogs are allowed for \$2.00 per day, which must be paid upon entry.

**Parking:** Only 2 vehicles per campsite are allowed. Additional vehicles must park in the overflow lot at an additional \$2.00 per day. **Carpooling is encouraged.** Parking is on a first come basis.

**Check in/Check out time is 2:00 P.M.**

**Cancellation Policy:** No refunds after 12 August.

**Trip Leader: Jimmy Dunlap**

**Contact: [twojimz@aol.com](mailto:twojimz@aol.com) or 328-8049**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>July</b>	<b>2</b>	General Meeting - Tomboyz
	<b>7</b>	Day Hike - Hurkey Creek Trail
	<b>16</b>	Bogart Park Walk About
	<b>18</b>	Game Night (swim)
	<b>20</b>	Day Hike - Zen Center
<b>August</b>	<b>6</b>	General Meeting - Tomboyz
	<b>20</b>	Core Group Meeting
	<b>22</b>	Moon Light Hike—C.V. Preserve
	<b>23-25</b>	Idyllwild Car Camp—Jazz in the Pines
<b>Sept</b>	<b>3</b>	General Meeting - Elections Tomboyz Cafe
	<b>17</b>	Core Group Meeting
	<b>22-28</b>	4 Corners Camp Out

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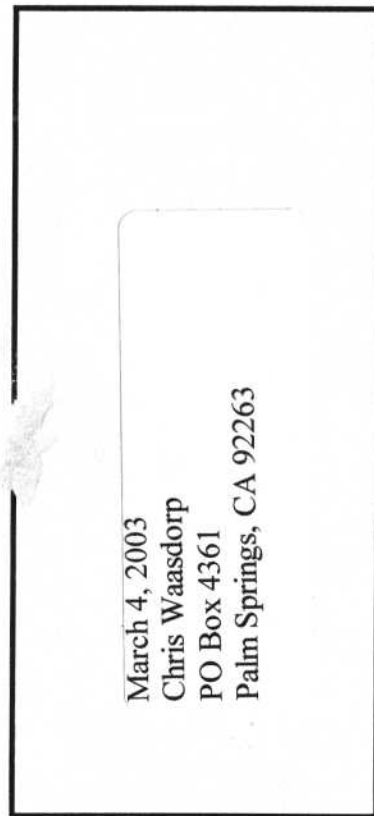
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- Renewal

**MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES**

- \$25 Regular
- \$20 Senior (60 years or older)
- \$45 Couple (**\$40 2 Seniors**)
- \$100 FRIENDS OF GREAT OUTDOORS includes T-shirt and two free outings

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