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Welcome New Members

Keith Norris	Craig Jones
Carl Alves	Jerry Weyer
Robert Schmidt	Richard Cabitto
John Russeau	



The General Meeting is at Tomboyz Café 214 Arenas Rd. Palm Springs. 760 322-9915. The meeting is the first Tuesday of the month 4 March from

7:00-8:00 PM for social hour and the meeting from 8:00-9:00 PM.

10% discount to members at the Café.
Don't forget the 50/50 Raffle and prizes!



PALM SPRINGS CHAPTER PRESENTS

**Mule Mountain
Campgrounds
28-30 March 2003**

Located in the lower Colorado Desert in Eastern Riverside County, Wiley Well and Coon Hollow campgrounds 12 miles south of the Desert Center off ramp near Blythe provide a quiet and restful camping experience. These campgrounds are located within the Mule Mountain Long Term Visitor Area near several geode and agate beds. The campgrounds are year round facilities with 29 primitive campsites, picnic tables, grilles and vault toilets, but campers must bring their own firewood and water. Situated at an elevation of approximately 800 feet, winter daytime temperatures are in the mid-70's, while night time temperatures can be quite cool.

Trip notes and additional information will be available at the General Meeting or contact the Trip Leader: Craig Courtright at 318-8957 or email: gpsgocraig@aol.com.



**15th ANNUAL
DESERT AIDS
WALK
Sunday, 30 March**

WHERE: Sunrise Park, Palm Springs

TIME: Registration begins at 7:30 AM

OPENING CEREMONY AT 9:00 AM

WALK STEPS OFF AT 9:30 AM

PHONE: 760 325-WALK (9255)

WEB: desertaidproject.org

EMAIL: walkinfo@desertaidproject.org

*Your business card could be here! Contact Jimmy Dunlap for information and rate.
Phone: 328-8049
email: twojimz@aol.com*





**All hikes meet at Tomboyz Café on Arenas Rd.
Bring plenty of water and a snack/lunch.**

Pipes Canyon – Thurs. 6 March at 9:00 AM

Pipes Canyon is located at 4450 feet in the Yucca Valley area. The conservation area is comprised of 15,000 acres and contains pinyon pine, Joshua trees, goldenbush, yucca bighorn sheep, mule deer, rabbits and an occasional coyote.

Length: 7 miles
Hiking Time: 4 hours
Elevation Gain: 900 ft.
Difficulty: Moderate
Return at 3:00 PM.

Trip Leader: Tim Carey at 416-3102

Eureka Peak Loop – Saturday, 15 March 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 Geronio Peak. This is a moderate 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: Moderate

Trip Leader: Doug Quigley at 416-7554.

Murray Canyon Trail—Saturday, 29 March at 9 AM

This hike begins in the Andreas Canyon Sections of the Indian Canyons. The trail follows a meandering stream past desert willow, cacti, cottonwood and California fan palms. It ends at a series of pools and waterfalls.

Length: 6 miles
Hiking Time: 4 hours
Elevation Gain: 500 ft.
Difficulty: Moderate
Return at 2:00 PM.

Trip Leader: Dwayne Hannon at 416-2312.

NOTE: Since this hike is within the Indian Canyons there is a \$6.00 per person entrance fee. Senior discount.

Hiking Tip

Try uphill walking: outdoors, treadmills or stair climbing. Any type of cardiovascular exercise: aerobics, swimming, or jogging. Don't forget to break in those new hiking boots. Put them on and walk several miles before your adventure so you'll have maximum comfort on the trail.

**Game Night
Monday, 10 March
6:30—9:00 PM**



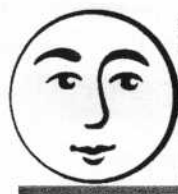
**Jim & Gene
Date Palm Country Club
(in the Clubhouse)
36-200 Date Palm Drive
Cathedral City**

Due to entrance gate rules, no one will be allowed into the complex after 7:00 pm so **please arrive on time.** BYOE (Bring Your Own Eats) and beverages. Ice is available. **Contact Gene or Jim at 328-4812 for further information.**

BOWLING



**PALM SPRINGS LANES
(RAMON AT LANDAU)
MONDAY, 31 MAR.
FROM 2:00-4:00 PM.
Contact Doug Quigley at 202-4936**



**MOONLIGHT HIKE
TUES. 18 MARCH
AT 7:00 PM**

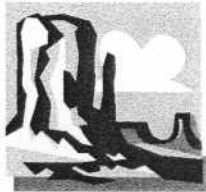
WE WILL HIKE THE PALM CANYON WASH TO THE SMOKETREE STABLES.

**Hiking Time: 1 Hour
Elevation Gain: 0
Difficulty: Easy**

Meet at Cocos on Hwy. 111 and Cerritos in Palm Springs. Park in the parking lot furthest away from the restaurant. We will carpool to Barona Rd. After the hike join us for coffee and desert.

Bring flashlight and water.

Trip Leader: Bob Skinner at 328-6303



Palm Springs Chapter
Black Rock Campground
Joshua Tree National Park
11-13 April 2003

Amenities: We reserved four campsites. Each campsite is limited to 6 people, 3 tents, and 2 cars. (Note: There is no off site parking available. Car pooling is essential.) A Nature Center is in the middle of the campground and where you check in. Restrooms with flush toilets are nearby, but there are no showers. Bring Sun Showers. Potable water is available.

Campers with RV's or Trailers can call 800.365.2267 to make separate reservations. The reserved sites are for tent camping only. National Park Reservation line is open 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM Pacific Time. I have found it is easier to get through by calling later in the day.

Activities: Numerous hiking trails are in and around the campground for all levels of hikers, and distances. Day hikes will be planned on Friday PM and Saturday Morning. We are very close to the entrance of the Joshua Tree National Park. Entrance Fee is \$10.00 per vehicle for those interested in touring the Park. Admission to Joshua Tree is free to Golden Age Passport holders and all passengers in the vehicle. Passports can be purchased for \$10.00 for anyone 62 years or older. However, our campground is located in a beautiful canyon surrounded by Joshua Trees, cacti, and other desert shrubs which should be blooming at this time.

What to bring: The usual Tent, sleeping bag and pad, clothes you can layer, stove, fuel, food, flashlight, and ten essentials, plus a bundle of firewood. Plan a favorite dish for the Saturday evening potluck.

Pets: Pets must be on a leash at all times and are not permitted on hiking trails.

Check in/Check out times is 12:00 Noon Friday and Sunday.

Cancellation Policy: No refunds after 4 April 2003.

Trip Leader: Bob Skinner at 760 328-6303 or email catcitybob@aol.com

Registration forms will be available at the General Meeting or contact Bob—Trip Leader.

A Message from the President:

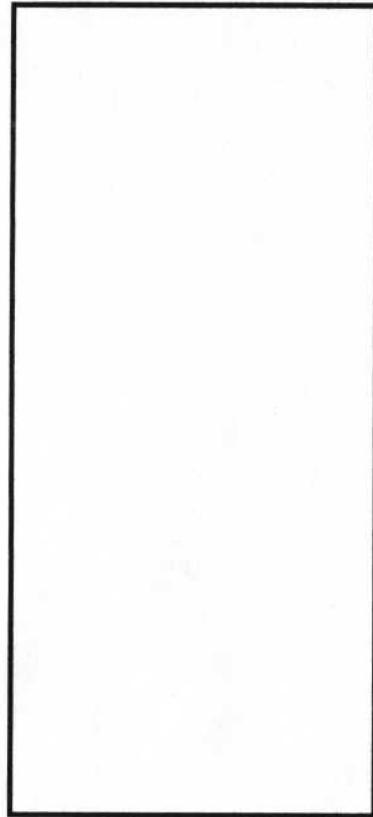
I would like to thank all who attended the Coachella Valley Preserve Hike to the McCallum Grove. The Coachella Valley Preserve is open to the public and a nonprofit organization like ourselves. Previous hikes, we have dropped money in the box at the Palm Hut. We passed a hiking hat around at Tomboyz Café for donations prior to leaving for the hike. We raised \$15.00. No volunteers were at the Palm Hut to except our donation. We will mail the CVP our collection on behalf of Great Outdoors Palm Springs.

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Please enter my membership in the
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- I am not ready to join Great Outdoors
but would like additional information.
- Renewal

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