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The General Meeting is at Tomboyz Café 214 Arenas Rd. Palm Springs 322-9915.
 The meeting is the first Tuesday of the month, 1 July, 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.
Note: Tomboyz summer hours are 7 AM-8 PM Sunday-Thursday. However, Tomboyz will stay open to accommodate the General Meeting.



Save the date!
The End of Summer BBQ has been scheduled for Sunday, 21 September.
More Information in the August Newsletter.



Day Hike: Joshua Tree Covington Loop Trail on 7 June

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 ★  **ELECTION TIME** ★
 ★ Nominations for officers will be held during the General Meeting on 5 August. The election of new officers will be held at the 2 September meeting. Our elected positions are: President, Treasurer and Secretary. Appointed positions are: VP of Outings, Newsletter Editor, Copy Editor, Board Rep, Membership Coordinator, Game Night Coordinator and Wagon Master. If you want to be a nominee, please attend August's General Meeting, but let Craig know at gpsgocraig@aol.com
 ★ The newly elected officers from all the GO Chapters will be recognized at the October Corporate Conference hosted this year by the Palm Springs Chapter.
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All hikes meet at Tomboyz Café on Arenas Rd. Bring plenty of water and a snack/lunch.

Bogart Park Walk About – Wed. 9 July at 9 AM

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: Monte Wilcoxon at 416-1530

Laws Junction Loop—Sat. 19 July at 7:25 AM

Taking the 8 AM Tram car to Long Valley, hiking 4.3 miles down to Laws Junction alongside the beautiful Willow Creek. Then over to the cool, green meadows of Tahquitz Valley. We will come to a grassy field to our left, surrounding a small rocky out cropping where we will lunch next to Tahquitz Creek: deer are often seen drinking at the water's edge. Looping around and up to Skunk Cabbage Meadows, 3.7 miles. This section of the trail is populated by huge Ponderosa Pines. Joining back and over Willow Creek on the remaining 3.3 miles to the Tram station.

Length 11.3 miles

Hiking time 6 hours

Elevation Gain/Loss: 3,200 ft.

Highest Altitude: 8,800 ft.

Lowest Altitude: 7,600 ft.

Difficulty moderate/strenuous

Trip Leader: Tim Carey at 416-3102

Note: You will be responsible for paying your own Tram ride fare.

Zen Center to the Pacific Crest Trail – Sun. 27 July at 9 AM

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: 4 hours

Elevation Gain: 1200 ft.

Difficulty: Moderate/Strenuous

Trip Leader: Doug Quigley at 202-4936

Your business card or adv. could be here. Ask Jimmy Dunlap for details. 328-8049 or twojimz@aol.com



GAME NIGHT & SWIM

MONDAY, 14 July

4:30 PM — Swim



6:30 PM—9 PM Let the games begin.

Rick Opler's house

933 W. Chino Canyon Rd., Palm Springs

Bring your own snacks and/or beverages and of course a towel and swim suit.

Directions: Going North on Palm Canyon Dr. turn left onto Vista Chino. Turn right on N. Via Norte and a left on W. Chino Canyon Rd.

Information: Rick at 325-8666

**BOWLING
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2:00-4:00 PM.**

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**Palm Springs &
 San Diego Chapter's
 Present
 2003 Idyllwild
 Camping Trip
Jazz in the Pines
 22 -24 August**

Palm Springs Chapter—July Events		
July		
1	General Meeting	8-9 PM
9	Bogart Park Walk About	9 AM
14	Game Night & Swim	4:30-9 PM
19	Hike—Laws Junction Loop	7:25 AM
27	Hike—Zen Center to PCT	9 AM
28	Bowling	2-4 PM

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.

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. Most of our campsites are secluded and by the creek.

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. A traditional POTLUCK will be at 6:00 P.M. Prepare your favorite dish to feed 4-6 people.

JAZZ FESTIVAL: For those who wish to attend the JAZZ Festival on Saturday and/or Sunday, call (909) 659-4885 to purchase tickets, or check out the website: www.idyllwildjazz.com. Presale for tickets until July 31st is \$40 per day. After July 31st admission is \$45 per day.

Music Headliners Include....

<i>Lori Andrews</i>	<i>The Cheathams</i>	<i>Johnny Meza</i>
<i>Yve Evans</i>		
<i>Billie Mitchell</i>	<i>Poncho Sanchez</i>	<i>Hiroshima</i>
<i>Charles McPherson</i>		
<i>Marshall Hawkins</i>		

Camping Cost:

\$25 members \$35 nonmembers \$30 RVs

RESERVE YOUR SPACE NOW... Further information and reservation forms are available at the General Meeting; by email: twojimz@aol.com, or call Jimmy Dunlap 760 328-8049.

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