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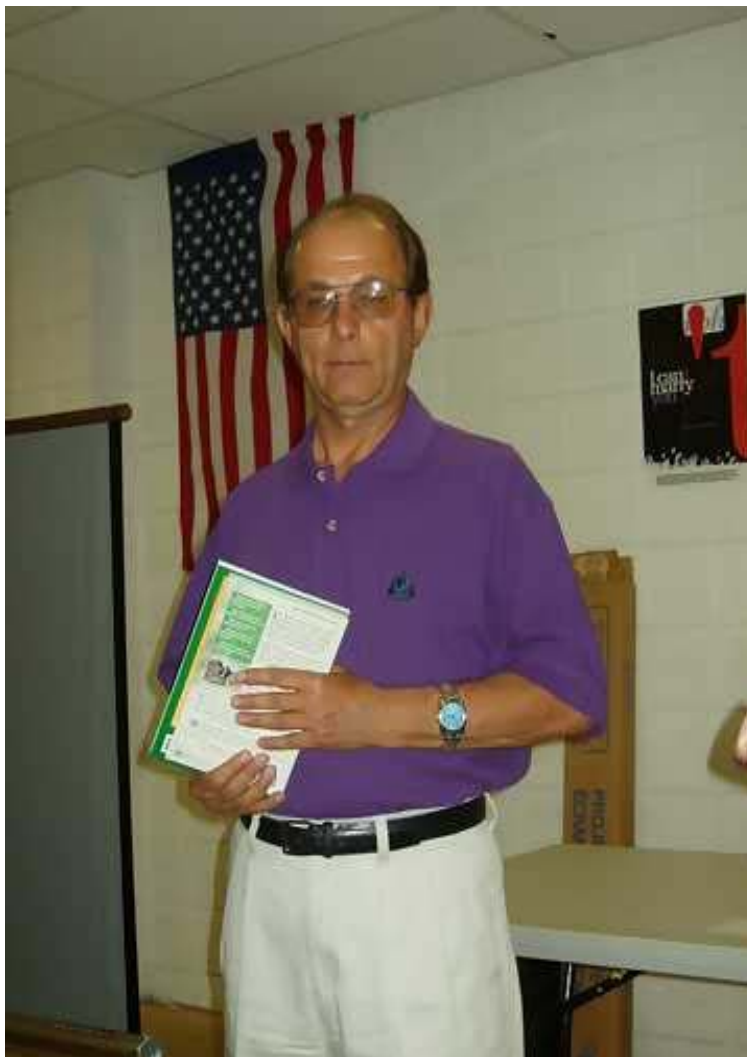
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Philip Ferranti Speaks at Palm Springs Pride Center to Great Outdoors General Meeting

On April 6th at the General Meeting of Great Outdoors, Palm Springs Chapter, Philip Ferranti, author of best seller "120 Great Hikes In and Near Palm Springs," spoke about his revised book and the new hiking trails. He also spoke on the possibility of our group considering taking hiking trips out of the Coachella Valley. He touched on Zion's in Utah and the Valley of Fire in Nevada. Approximately 30 people were present at Mr. Ferranti's informative presentation. The club greatly appreciates and thanks Mr. Ferranti for taking the time to speak before our group.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Thomas Fudacz Alex Kayne

Mark Moffatt

Chris North Paul Scott

WANTED

A home with pool for summer game nights. See page 7 for details.



The General Meeting is at the new Desert Pride Center. Palm Springs 327-2313. The meeting is the first Tuesday of the month, May 4. from 7:30-8:00 PM for social hour, and members' meeting from 8:00-9:00 PM.. The Core Group meets from 6:30-7:30 PM as usual. If you wish to bring snacks etc, you may do so. The Center's address is 611 S. Palm Canyon Drive, Unit A. Palm Springs, CA.



Most hikes meet at Tomboyz Café on Arenas Rd. unless otherwise specified. Bring plenty of water and a snack or lunch.

Mission Creek Trail, Saturday May 1 at 9:00AM

Hike Mission Creek Trail to the Pacific Crest Trail. This trail begins west of the houses on the preserve property, following a small streambed toward San Geronio Mountain and finally connecting to the Pacific Crest Trail which will be our turn around point. Bring a snack or lunch, sun block, and plenty of water as there is no shade.

Length: 8 miles
Hiking Time: 5 hours
Elevation Gain: 1,300 feet
Difficulty: Moderate
Return at: 3:00 PM
Trip Leader: Monte Wilcoxon at 416-1530

Zen Center to the Pacific Crest Trail, Saturday May 8 at 9:00 AM.

The trailhead begins on private property at the Zen Center just off Hwy 74. There is a steep 1,200 foot elevation gain during the first hour of the hike. The trail merges with the Pacific Crest Trail. From that point, the hike becomes an “easy” hike as the trail follows a ridge.

Length: 5 miles
Hiking Time: 4 hours
Elevation Gain: 1,200 feet
Difficulty: Moderate/Strenuous
Trip Leader: Doug Quigley at 202-4936

Round Valley (San Jacinto Mts) Wednesday May 12 at 9:00 AM.

This hike begins at the Tram Station (elevation 8,000 feet) and winds through beautiful pine trees until reaching Round Valley, a wonderful grassy meadow.

Length: 3.5 miles
Hiking Time: 3 hours
Elevation Gain: 400 ft.
Difficulty: Easy
Trip leader: Ed Emond at 202-7413

Ramona Trail to Tool Box Springs, Sunday May 16 at 9:00 AM

Meet at Tomboyz at 9:00 AM. Carpool to Garner Valley on Hwy 74. Turn left along Hwy 74 at the Ramona Trail parking lot which is way before Lake Hemet. A Forest Adventure Pass is required. Craig, the trip leader, will have one for his car and another vehicle. For those who want to travel alone, the passes can be purchased as a day use for \$5.00 at Big 5 on the way to Hwy 74 in PS or PD. As we climb, we will have greater vistas of Garner Valley, San Jacinto, Santa Rosa, and Thomas Mountains, taking many rest breaks. Toward the end of the hike we will come to the tapped off Tool Box Spring. Refill your water bottles here or on the way back. Water tasted good. 300 yards later are picnic benches, restrooms, and sub-alpine meadows. Primitive camping OK but not today. Lunch break here before we head back the same way.

Length: 8 miles
Hiking Time: 4 hours
Elevation Gain: 1,400 feet
Difficulty: Moderate to Strenuous
Trip Leader: Craig Courtright at 318-8957

Deep Creek Springs Wednesday, May 19 at 7:30 AM

Deep Creek as a natural hot springs on Bowen Ranch, a 350 acre naturist parcel in the high desert near Hesperia, Ca. It is a 2 hour drive from Palm Springs. There are 4 or 5 hot pools ranging in temps from the upper 90’s to the low 100’s. Leave Tomboyz Café on Arenas Road at 7:30 AM., spend about 6 hours at Deep Creek and leave at 4:30 PM.

Trip Leader: Randolph Maxted at 320-0331

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BOWLING:
MON. MAY 24, FROM 2:00-4:00 PM.
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- Event location: Palm Springs Lanes.
- Ramon-Landau Streets, Cathedral City.
- Notes: \$8.00 per person, senior (55+) Discount of \$2.50 per game.

Contact Doug Quigley at 202-4936

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4x4 Trip

Pinkham Canyon Trail

Joshua Tree National Park

Sunday May 23

Description: Join the Great Outdoors for our Chapter's second 4x4 (4 wheel drive) off road adventure this year. The trail begins at the Cottonwood Visitor Center located at the south end of Joshua Tree National Park (JTNP). It is an easy to moderate 4X4 (4 wheel drive) trail. It crosses the valley from the visitor center to the top of Pinkham Canyon. From the beginning of the trail to the end (at I-10) is 21.5 miles of (sometimes bumpy) dirt, gravel, sand and rock roadbed. Leave your faint kidneys at home. Along the way, we'll stop for lunch. Optional trips to the Snow Cloud Mine and Thermal Canyon are possible if we can find the trailheads. You'll see lots of vegetation and perhaps run across the two turtles we found along the way during the scouting trip.

In order for this trip to work, we need 4X4 vehicles. As of 4/18/04, we have 2 Jeeps signed up with 5 people and space for 3 passengers. Additional 4x4 vehicles and passengers are welcome to join. Rear passenger seats in a Jeep Wrangler have a small amount of leg room, but worth the trip if you've never been off-roading. Passengers who call the contact (listed above) will be accommodated on a first come basis. It all depends on how many 4x4 vehicles sign up.

Generally, it costs \$10 per vehicle to enter Joshua Tree National Park unless one of the passengers has a pass. We'll start our journey either in Palm Springs or Cathedral City and proceed down I-10 to the southern entrance to JTNP. Due to high gas prices, we ask passengers to chip in a few bucks for gas expenses and an entrance pass if one is needed.

Meeting Information:

Date: Sunday, May 23, 2004
Time: 9:AM/Return: 3:PM
Place: Arranged by phone/Email
Ed Emond: ed@dc.rr.com
Tel: (760) 202-7413

Trip Notes:

Length: 21.5 miles
Driving Time: 2.5 hours
Elevation Range: 1,400-3,400 ft.



ANNUAL BBQ AND POOL PARTY SATURDAY MAY 15 3:00-7:00 PM

TIME: 3-5pm Social 5-7pm BBQ

**MENU: Boneless Chicken Breasts
Hamburgers, Seasonal Slaw or
Potato Salad with all the fixings.**

**COST: Members \$5.00 includes 2 raffle tickets
Non-members \$10.00 includes 2 raffle tickets**

**WHERE: Come join us at Ed, Darian and Gardner's
house at 30480 Keith Ave in Cathedral City.
760-202-7413**

BRING: Swimwear, towel, sunscreen and folding chair

**RAFFLE: After the barbeque, we will be having our raffle
for a Summer Pass to the Palm Springs Tram for
two. (good for June-August)+ other raffle
goodies! Your 2 raffle tickets will be waiting for
you at the BBQ if you purchase by coupon.
Or you may purchase them at the General Meet
ing at the Desert Pride Center or from various
hike leaders.**

**RSVP: To Craig Courtright (760-318-8957) or mail RSVP
coupon and check made out to GREAT OUT
DOORS to Great Outdoors P.O. Box 361 Palm
Springs, CA 92263**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To set up, purchase, cook, or clean up for the
BBQ. Your help would be graciously appreci-
ated,

Contact: Craig Courtright at:
760-318-8957

SPRING BBQ /RAFFLE COUPON

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

of Coupons @ \$5.00 _____ (Members)

**# of Coupons @ \$10.00 _____ (Non-
members)**



MOONLIGHT

HIKE

Museum Trail, Thursday, May 6 at 6 PM

This hike begins at the North parking lot of
the Palm Springs Museum. The trail starts
at the break of the wall in back of the mu-
seum. This trail is step. After a 1 hour of
hiking up we will turn back down and head
to the Village Fest.

Length: 1 1/2 hours

Hiking Time: 1 1/2 hours

Elevation Gain: 500 ft.

Difficulty: Challenging

Return: 8:00 PM

Meet in front of the Palm Springs Museum,
6:PM

Hike Leader: Tim Carey at 760-416-3102

**GAME NIGHT
MAY 10
6:30-9:00 PM**

**No booze allowed in clubhouse!
We need volunteers for future game
nights. Call Gene Roggenbuck at
328-4812 or Tim Carey at 416-3102**

**Game night will be held at the Date Palm
Country Club. You must be there no later
than 7:00 PM. Please bring a generous
snack, dessert , or pot luck dish to share.
Remember, no alcohol as per club rules.**

**Notice: Homes with pools are needed for
this summers' game nights so we may have
an extended evening. Please contact Gene or
Tim (See 1st paragraph above)**

**DIRECTIONS: From Highway 111 going south
from Palm Springs, turn LEFT at Date Palm
Drive, cross over the bridge, over the wash,
turn RIGHT into Date Palm Country Club. The
entrance is between Perez Road and Gerald
Ford. If you reach Gerald Ford at the signal,
you have gone too far. Go through the gate
and follow Via Estrada which is the road
straight ahead. You will parallel the wash
which is to your right. You will come to a
stop sign. Stop and continue forward. About
30 more yards and you will see the restau-
rant "Club Café" on your left. The clubhouse
is just to the right. Park anywhere in the
parking spaces around the clubhouse and
restaurant.**



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Palm Springs Chapter-May Events

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| 1 | Mission Creek Trail | 9:00 AM |
| 4 | General Meeting | 8:00-9:00 PM |
| 6 | Moonlight Hike | 6:00 PM |
| 8 | Zen Center to PCT | 9:00 AM |
| 10 | Game Night | 6:30 PM |
| 12 | Round Valley | 9:00 AM |
| 15 | May BBQ | 3:00-7:00 PM |
| 16 | Ramona Trail | 9:00 AM |
| 19 | Deep Creek | 7:30 AM |
| 23 | 4X4 Jeep Trip | 9:00 AM |
| 24 | Bowling | 2:00-4:00 PM |

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I do/do not want my name/address on the roster to be shared with members of group. (**Circle** the appropriate answer.)

Name _____

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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 _____

Send this form and check made payable to:

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