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A Different Kind of Adventure

A group from SCMTA had scheduled a trip to Yosemite, the goal was to climb Half Dome. That mission was accomplished but another adventure, unbeknownst to the travelers was yet to come.

Sunday morning, all is well, not too many aches or pains, we are packed and ready for brunch at the Ahwahnee. The car was working fine earlier but now, nothing, we read the manual, tried all we could but to no avail. The tow truck was called and the car taken to the garage on the valley floor. We took the bus to the Ahwahnee and enjoyed a wonderful brunch. Back to the garage ready to be on the road again.

NOT! The mechanics weren't sure what was wrong, "come back in an hour." OK, we perused the museum, shops, etc. and were back for the car. They still didn't know what the problem was, "one guy that might know what is wrong is at lunch, come back in an hour." All right, back again, they can't fix it. We need to have the car towed to Merced so the car can be dropped off at the dealership and be repaired.

A tow truck was called, one with enough room for four people and the car. It arrived, a flat bed for the car a back seat for three and one rode in the front with the driver, we are on our way! Meanwhile we had made arrangements to take the train from Merced to San Jose. The car dealership was closed on Sunday and no rental cars available. The tow truck driver, an amiable 19 year old, knew where the train station was and would drop us off there. He helped us fill out the paperwork for the car and would take us directly to the train and then drop off the car. We pulled into the station, the train was there and people were boarding. It was a mad scramble to get the things we needed from the car and purchase tickets. Nobody at the ticket window! they were helping with luggage. We talked with the conductor to see if we could board, one of us would purchase the tickets the others got on board, all was well again, we were on our way home. However, the train would take us as far as Stockton, from there we would take the bus to San Jose. The train conductor was another amiable person, he would sing out each stop and say something humorous about the towns. The train was crowded with interesting folk and the ride was most pleasant.

In Stockton we transferred to a bus and lo and behold, another amiable person, our good fortune. He played some nice tunes and didn't seem to mind, when, POP! a bottle of wine was opened. Somehow, we had managed to salvage a bottle of wine, glasses and an opener. So, on the way to San Jose, in the dark and quiet, we laughed and reminisced about our adventure home from Yosemite. Friends and family met us at the train station, the bus dropped us there, and all was well again.

In about a week Carolyn's car was repaired, a computer problem, covered by warranty, and her rental car, to pick up her car in Merced, was covered also.

Another good time with the SCMTA.

Support Our Trail Maintenance Groups

If you enjoy hiking our trails, please help maintain them.

Big Basin:	July 10, Aug. 14 and Sep. 11	leader Jeff Bleam -	(831) 338-0774
Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail:	July 10, Aug. 14 and Sep. 11	leader Al Lisin -	(408) 252-8106
Castle Rock:	July 17, Aug. 21 and Sep. 18	leader Martin Donald -	(650) 966-1984

Our web site is <http://www.scmta-trails.org>

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For all hikes: Bring lunch, liquid and clothing appropriate for the season (summer fog, winter rain).
For trail maintenance: Wear long pants, boots, and long sleeved shirt and bring gloves, lunch and liquid.

July 4, Sunday: Big Basin Redwoods State Park— A 9-10 mile hike, visiting Buzzard's Roost, Sempervirens Creek and Slippery Rock. Meet behind La Fondue at Saratoga at 8:30 or at park H.Q. at 9:30. Leader is Martin Donald (650) 966-1984.

July 10, Saturday: Big Basin Trail Maintenance— Meet Jeff Blead at park headquarters at 9:00 AM for some hands-on trail work. This group meets the second Saturday of each month. Call (831) 338-0774.

July 10, Saturday: Trail Maintenance - Skyline to the Sea Trail— Al Lisin, (408) 252-8106, leads a group that maintains the Skyline to the Sea Trail. This group also meets on the second Saturday of the month. The group meets at 9:00 AM. Please call Al for meeting place (which changes).

July 11, Sunday: Russian Ridge OSP (plus)— Meet at Montebello Parking Lot on Page Mill at 9:30 or carpool from Page Mill & 280 at 9:00 AM. We'll start at Montebello cross over to Skyline Ridge Open Space, connect with Russian Ridge cross back over Skyline to Coal Creek and end back at Montebello. 8 - 10 miles bring water, lunch and your sense of humor! http://www.openspace.org/preserves/maps/pr_monte_bello.pdf. Leader; Ellen 408-892-2461

July 17, Saturday: Castle Rock State Park Trail Maintenance— The third Saturday of every month Martin Donald leads trail work in the Castle Rock area. Meet at Saratoga Gap parking lot at 9:00 AM. Call Martin at (650) 966-1984. Bring boots and gloves, lunch and liquid. Tools are supplied but bring your own favorites if you prefer.

July 18, Sunday: Big Basin Redwoods State Park— We will hike the Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail to Berry Creek Falls, then return by the Sunset Trail. This is a moderately strenuous hike of about 11 miles. Meet for carpooling at 8:45 behind La Fondue at Saratoga or at park HQ at 9:30. Call Vivian Jung (408) 238-3388.

July 25, Sunday: Henry Cowell State Park – Fall Creek— A 10-mile hike at Fall Creek unit of Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park near Felton. Meet in the Fall Creek parking lot at 9:30 or car-pool from municipal parking lot in Los Gatos (formally VTA lot) at 8:45 For more information, call Toni Bassett at (650) 948-7344.

August 1, Sunday: Pogonip and Henry Cowell— A 9-mile hike from Pogonip to Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park and back. Meet at municipal parking lot in Los Gatos (formally VTA lot) at 8:45. Call for more information (including starting point). Hike leader is Mark Bowden (408) 735-8736.

August 8, Sunday: San Francisco— Ten-mile hike from Sutro Baths to Chrissy Field along Coastal Trail and returning through the Presidio. Spectacular views. Meet at Sutro Baths parking lot at 9:30 or carpool from Page Mill & 280 at 8:30. Contact Janet McCarron (408) 245-1519. This hike will include a planning meeting for the Fall Quarter hikes, so please bring ideas for hikes in Oct-Nov-Dec along with you.

August 14, Saturday: Big Basin Trail Maintenance— Join Jeff Blead again for some more enjoyable trail maintenance at Big Basin. *See July 10 entry for details.*

August 14, Saturday: Trail Maintenance - Skyline to the Sea Trail— Call Al Lisin at

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(408) 252-8106 for more information.

August 15, Sunday: Portola Redwoods State Park and Pescadero Creek County Park— An 11-mile hike along the Coyote Ridge, Tarwater, Canyon, Bear Ridge and Pomponio Trails. Meet at Portola Redwoods SP headquarters at 9:30 or Hwy 280 and Page Mill Park and Ride at 8:45. Leader is Martin Donald (650) 966-1984.

August 21, Saturday: Castle Rock State Park Trail Maintenance— Meet at Saratoga Gap parking lot at 9:00 AM. Call Martin Donald at (650) 966-1984. *See July 17 entry.*

August 22, Sunday: Castle Rock State Park— A 9-mile loop on the Skyline, Loughry Woods, Travertine Springs and Toll Road Trails. Meet at Saratoga Gap parking lot at 9:30. Martin Donald (650) 966-1984.

August 29, Sunday: Long Ridge Open Space— A loop of about 10 miles through Stevens Creek Canyon, along Hickory Oak Ridge and Long Ridge with beautiful vistas to the West. Meet at Grizzly Flat parking area at 9:30 AM or at Page Mill & 280 at 8:45. Leader is Mary Ellen Quinn (408) 885-0184.

September 5, Sunday: Phleger Estate and Huddart Park— 10-11 Miles. Carpool at 9:00 AM at Page Mill/280 or meet at Huddart Headquarters at 9:30. (There is a \$5.00 charge for parking at Huddart Park). We'll trek through Phleger first via Miramontes Trail connecting with Raymundo & Lonely trails then down into Huddart Park via Crystal or Chinquapin Trails (leaders choice) ending on Dean Trail back to the Headquarters. Call Carolyn Courtney for questions (408) 379-1853.

September 11, Saturday: Big Basin Trail Maintenance— Meet Jeff Bleam (831) 338-0774 at

park headquarters at 9:00 AM. *See July 10 entry.*

September 11, Saturday: Trail Maintenance - Skyline to the Sea Trail— Call Al Lisin (408) 252-8106 for more information.

September 12, Sunday: Forest of Nisene Marks State Park— A loop of 10 miles, up the West Ridge Trail, over to Maple Falls and then back down the Loma Prieta Trail. Meet at George's Picnic Area at 9:30 or carpool from the Municipal Parking Lot at Los Gatos at 8:30. Call Vivian Jung (408) 238-3388.

September 18, Saturday: Castle Rock State Park Trail Maintenance— Meet at Saratoga Gap parking lot at 9:00 AM. Call Martin Donald at (650) 966-1984. *See July 17 entry.*

September 19, Sunday: Henry Cowell State Park— A moderate 9-mile hike with lots of up and down hills. Bring sneakers or some kind of booties for wading across the San Lorenzo River. Meet at 8:45 in the Los Gatos municipal lot (formally VTA lot). Call Mark Bowden for details (408) 735-8736.

September 25-26, Saturday-Sunday: Big Sur— Camp at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park. Let me know if you plan to camp before June 25th so I can reserve sites. Possibility of a hike on Sat. as well. Meet at the Ranger Sta. at Big Sur at 9:15 morning of the hike. Meals and carpooling to be determined later. Todd 831-239-6618

Save these dates:

August 16-22: Camping at June Lake with Vivian and Mark.

September 9-12: Backpack in the Sierra with Ellen and Mark.

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FIRST CLASS

The SCMTA membership year runs from July 1 - June 30. The date above your name and address indicates when your dues need to be paid. Thank you!!



ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, 2010