



Santa Susana Mountain Park Association
September 1996

President's Message - by Doreen Rusen

In December 1993, Southern California Edison (SCE) commissioned the Los Angeles Fire Department to enter Santa Susana Mountain Park with a bulldozer for the purpose of clearing access to SCE's power lines. Although SCE had the legal right to enter the park, the damage done to the archaeological sites was, many believe, unnecessary, severe, permanent, and illegal. The California State Department Parks and Recreation brought suit against SCE. One of issues in contention is the value of the sites destroyed, and to establish that value, SSMPA's records and pertinent data were subpoenaed a month ago by the attorneys for SCE. After conferring with an attorney (Frank M. Buda), we realized that it was in the association's best interest (and our legal requirement) to fully comply with their requisition. The discovery phase of the lawsuit continues, and we will know fairly soon how the State and SCE decide to resolve this issue. The State is represented by William S. Abbey, Deputy Attorney General. Please see the Phone List, elsewhere in the newsletter for all of their numbers.

On a more positive note, it's past time, but I just want to say "Thank you" to Barbara Coffman for five years of work creating and developing our trails. Thank you, Barbara.

September General Meeting/ Candidates Forum******

All three candidates for the 38th Assembly District (Jon Lauritzen, Thomas McClintock, and Virginia Newman) have been invited to speak to the membership, and the general public, at SSMPA's Candidates Forum. The date of the meeting is **Monday, September 16, 1996** at Glendale Federal Bank, Community Room, 21821 Devonshire Street, Chatsworth.

The General Meeting will start at 7:00 p.m., and the Candidates Forum will commence at 7:30 p.m. SSMPA is a non-partisan organization, and we invited the candidates to present their views on the future of the Santa Susana Mountains and the Simi Hills. Bring your questions!

Photo/Slide Request by Al Knight

Regarding the subpoena from Southern California Edison, I would like to request from everyone who has photo or slides of the area that was graded above Chatsworth Park to contact me at 818-764-5134. These items may prove to be valuable in court.

Park Bonds by Nancy Razanski

It does not look like any State park bonds got on the ballot. There will be no supplementary voters pamphlet, and the original pamphlet does not contain any bond measures.

We have to work really hard to get our Los Angeles County bond act passed. More details next month.

New Foundation Board by Nancy Razanski

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Besides financing a docent-lead children's nature walk program, the Foundation intends to serve as a financial support group to the local Calif. Dept. of Parks and Recreation by donating for such projects as litter clean-up, graffiti removal, trail repair, towards the hiring of a full-time ranger, and toward the purchase of more land for our Park.

For tax deductible donations, please mail checks to:

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P.O. Box 4831
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Membership Thanks by the Editor

A Special Thanks You is given to our new Life Members: Richard Sommers, Mrs. Patricia Levin, and Joan & Stan Sander. Our thanks to all who have renewed/maintained their membership or who have joined recently, including: Thomas & Marilyn Stout, Jere Du Bois, Jack & Kimberly Sodek, Bruce Hale, Ellen Pifer, Beverly Adair, Eugene & Jeanette Davis, Mayor Carl Boyer III, Margo Murman, Larry Grodsky, Micheal & Frieda Gockel, Greg & Lenore Scheutz, Carter & Beverly Harrington, Sandra Johnson, Vivian & Mitchell Helbrecht, Joanne Woodruff, Melissa Lovelady, Beverly Adair, Bill Geller & Beverly Hadley, Bruce Oglesby, Chatsworth Dental Group (B.B. Pampalone, DDS), Cindy Wilder, and Leslie Reid.

SSMPA continues to fulfill its mission because we care about the mountains and each other.

Pioneer Day, Oct. 6 - reported by Bea Berman, Chatsworth Historical Society

The annual Pioneer Day sponsored by the Chatsworth Historical Society will be on Sunday, October 6, from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Homestead Acre (at the end of Devonshire Street in Chatsworth Park South). We're going to have our second mini-Chili Cookoff. We're limiting the entries to twenty people. (Look for SSMPA's chili table! - Ed.) An individual or organization can entry for a minimum registration fee of \$10.00. They have a chance to win \$50.00 first prize, \$35.00 second prize, and \$25.00 third prize. They can keep the proceeds from selling their chili. We're going to have entertainment, crafts and story-telling time for the children, old-fashioned bread making, chores-of-yore like washing clothes, and that. They'll be quilting, probably knitting and spinning, barbed wire, and branding. We're also going to have a petting zoo for the children. The admission is \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for children 5-12, and under 5 are free. See you there!

Art & Environment Day '96 by Christopher Van Schaack

Plans are under way for this fall's 2nd annual Art & Environment Day on November 3, 1996. The event welcomes art, music, and storytelling into the Northwest Valley. (SSMPA will be participating.) Chatsworth Lake Manor's Tarweed Nursery will be hosting the event giving participants a chance to learn more about local/native plants. Our hope is to provide an enjoyable forum for members of the community to exchange ideas, desires, and visions. We'd like this event to help promote community interaction, support local artistic development, as well as local environmental awareness. For information, call Chris and Mary at 818-883-7561.

Editor's Message - by Ted Dent, Editor/Secretary/Publisher

Our association thrives because of you. Our great need now is to secure storage space for our 26 years of data. Many of our records are archived at California State University, Northridge, but much of our history needs to be more readily accessible. Therefore, if anyone knows of any storage space available to our non-profit organization, please call me or any of the officers whose numbers are listed in this newsletter. Thank you very much.



SANTA SUSANA MOUNTAIN PARK ASSOCIATION

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Investing in the future of our communities and its resources is probably one of the best expenditures of our time and efforts. Please return this cutoff with your contributions to help ensure our futures.

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CALENDAR

Sep. 9 (Monday) Executive Board Meeting, Visitors Center, Chatsworth Park S.
Sep. 16 (Monday) General Membership Meeting - 38th A.D. Candidates Forum
Sep. 23 (Monday) Deadline for articles for the October Newsletter
Oct. 6 (Sunday) Weekly Hike; meet at Chatsworth Park South - 9:00 a.m.

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