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GEORGE & PAM ARE SURPRISED (see page 2) & THE LOOKOUTS ARE WAKING UP!

All Reconnect and training sessions will be at the Angeles Forest Supervisor's Office in Arcadia at 701 N. Santa Anita Avenue (SW Quadrant Santa Anita & 210 Freeway).

Reconnect (mandatory): (for returning lookout hosts only). Please pick one session to attend and RSVP with Pam Morey by Monday, March 4.

Saturday March 16th 10:00am - 12 noon or Tuesday March 19th @ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm.

New Volunteers: Welcome to those of you who have shown interest in becoming a Fire Lookout Volunteer. You are going to meet some very special people. You will have three training sessions at the Angeles Forest Supervisor's Office before participating in an in-tower shift with an experienced co-lookout. Those training sessions consist of:

Orientation: Tuesday April 16, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm or Saturday April 27, 10:00am - 12 noon

Natural History and Interpretation:

Tuesday April 23, 6:30-9:30 pm or Saturday April 27, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Operations: Saturday May 11, 9:00am - 3:00 pm

Please RSVP with Pam Morey by Wednesday, March 29 with your choice of Orientation Sessions and by Monday, April 30 with your choice for Natural History and Interpretation and confirmation for Operations.

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**Hike to Slide Mountain Lookout. Saturday March 2.
You must be at the locked gate by 7:00am .**

Very important Please note: The trail to Slide Mtn. is heavily infested with ticks. You should wear long light color pants and bring some tick spray. If it is an over-cast day you might also want to pack a slicker in your backpack. Everyone will be responsible for their own water and food.

It is a brisk TEN MILE round-trip hike to the lookout (5 up & 5 back). We will be leaving the locked gate at 7am sharp. Anyone not there at that time will have an extra one and one half mile hike to the trail head. Slide Mtn. is located off Hwy 5 and Templin Hwy. in the grapevine area. From I-5/210fwy. to Templin Hwy.it is about 24 miles. You will exit Templin Hwy off the I-5 and turn left (under fwy), continue to the old hwy. turn right and follow it till you get to the locked gate and a parking area (about 5 miles). This is were we will meet everyone. Please let George and Pam know if you are planning to go, so we can get a count. Also please contact us if you have any questions. Pgmorey@aol.com or (909) 338-3923 or 1-800-222-1900 ext.236



Remember Woody's Hummingbird?

A letter from George & Pam Morey We want to thank everyone for the SURPRISE party. You guys can really keep a secret. Never did we expect to be thanked so much for doing something we love to do. We feel very fortunate to have everyone of you as our extended family. You are all very special to us. Again Thanks!! *(and an editor's nod to the surprising Chuck McFate: the sneaky guy who made the party possible.)*



What we also got out of the party is everyone agrees we should have a gathering next year just to catch up on what happened over the winter. So lets make the first Saturday of February our annual get together pot luck, catch up and get back into the mood for lookout season day.

Some worrisome news. Somewhere between February 4th and the 8th someone broke into Vetter Mtn. Lookout. They broke the hasps off the front two shutters and the lock on the door and got inside. They went through every thing and took the Smokey give aways, all the pins and 7 locks that were on the shutter and doors. Of course we took all the books and other valuables out when we closed down for the winter. They also broke into the garage and took some gardening sheers. All in all it could of been worse. So we put on new heavy duty hasps, and hope none of us catch them. Just thought we'd share that with you.

Look forward to seeing everyone again.

*Photographers: Vetter - unknown;
S Hawkins - Ric Opalka; Hummingbird - Woody
McCauley; Moreys & Party - Don Rogers*