



**PAM'S MESSAGE** On 8/12 I got a call from Mike McIntyre and, with that call, came a long-sought offer to take the volunteers that worked Hawkins up to see the remains. On September 1<sup>st</sup> (exactly one year) we went up for the day. In a strange way it was a wonder day. Thank you Mike and Marty Dumpis for letting it happen.

**One year.** So long and yet so short. My emotions have somewhat healed as I have gone from anger, to hurt, to disappointment. I have so many unanswered questions. I don't dwell on them but at times I wonder why this happened after so many years of her standing by herself. It was hard to continue in the program after the loss. But I made it through and I must say having Slide Mountain Lookout to work on helped a lot.

### SLIDE REOPENING CELEBRATION

October 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon. Choice of where you want to meet. Hike to the lookout or party down at Vista Del Lago Visitors Center.

### PARTY HEARTY, DUDES

Mark your calendars. Year End Party will be November 9<sup>th</sup> at the S.O.

### OCTOBER SUPERSESSION

**Thursday, October 16.** The urban bear, a presentation by Kim Bosell.

### FUNDRAISING UPDATE *Bob Moore*

We have received our tax-exempt status from both the Franchise Tax Board of California and the Federal IRS. This is very good news and, after, nearly a year, we can now ready ourselves for serious campaigning. The next step should be minor but, nonetheless, important. We must submit applications for fundraising permits with both the City and County of Los Angeles. These applications will have been submitted by the time you receive this newsletter and approvals, if not already in hand, should be imminent. All is now full steam ahead. We still possess enthusiasm, energy and a good team ready to go...well at least part of a team. There are still positions open for those wanting to help raise funds. For more details on this, contact Bob Moore, Campaign Chairman, at (818) 353-9123. With your participation, South Mt Hawkins Fire Lookout will rise again.



*Looking for donations*

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### VETTER LOOKOUT CALENDAR as of 9/27/03

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**Oct 2** -Couden/Huber 9-5 **4** - Adams/Leighton o/n

**5**-Adams/Leighton 9-5 **7** -McGowan 9-5 **9** -Michels 9-5

**10** -Moores o/n **11** -Moores 9-5 **12** -Moores 9-5

**14** -McGowan 9-5 **16** -Couden/Huber 9-5 **18** -Sterns o/n

**19** -Sterns 9-5 **21** -McGowan 9-5 **23** -Sirola/Wolff 9-5 o/n

**24** -Sirola/Wolff 9-5 plus o/n **25** -Moores o/n

**26** -Moores 9-5 **28** -McGowan 9-5

**November 28** -Moores 9-5 plus o/n

**29** -Moores 9-5 plus o/n **30** -Moores 9-5

### WEATHER & VISITORS thru 9/26

Vetter:Hi 89, Lo 58, peak wind-21 mph  
Chilao RAWs:

Hi 90, Lo 52, peak wind-30 mph

Vetter visitors Sept 1 thru 26th-163 (last Sept-387)

Vetter total visitors thru 26th-1,712 (last year-1,551 - Forest closed 9/28/2002)



### NEXT MONTH - FIRST SLIDE LO REPORT

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## MEATBALLS. Suellen's Secret Recipe



### *History of the "Old Family Recipe". Don Hussung*

We were members of a touring motorcycle group. Each year the group held a Christmas party and each couple was asked to provide their choice of a main course, side dish, salad or dessert. My wife (Suellen) was, as usual, quite busy with Christmas preparations. She has a HUGE extended family and she is in charge of all holiday parties. To help, I suggested "we go to Smart & Final; buy a bag of meatballs and a large bottle of sweet-sour sauce; take it home; and, on the morning of the party; chuck the whole lot into the crockpot; and then taker the crockpot & a serving spoon to the party". She added pineapple, etc., to my suggestion & it was the hit of the party. She was embarrassed by her lack of effort and so referred questions to me. I told all who asked (and there were many) that it was an "Old Family Recipe" of her great grandmother and even I could not be told what went into it.

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*PS from Suellen: After many puzzling comments, I looked over the crowd to see my overgrown Irish leprechaun spreading his 'blarney' with a wide grin and twinkle in his eyes – which were looking back at me.*

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Meatballs: To a crockpot add 1 qt sauce and 4lbs commercial chicken & beef balls (*sic*) (unseasoned). Complementary seasonings, veggies and fruits can be anything you happen to have on hand – be creative!

Examples: 1) Seasonings – catsup, honey, mustard, molasses, brown sugar, fruit juices, Worcestershire sauce, etc. 2) Texture – carrots, onion, bell peppers, water chestnuts, pineapple, marachino cherries, candied ginger, candied lemon or orange peel, diced peaches, etc.

**Bob Moore's VIEW FROM VETTER: MOUNT WATERMAN.** Set the Osborne at 61°, give or take a couple of degrees. At about six miles is beautiful Mount Waterman. It has a long flat top.

In 1889, Bob and Liz (Elizabeth) Waterman, along with Commodore Perry Switzer, hiked across the San Gabriel Mountains from the San Gabriel basin to the desert and back. They climbed across the highest mountain along the route and christened it "Lady Waterman Mountain." It stood 8,038 feet high. It was believed that Liz was the first white woman to hike the mountain. In later years to the disapproval of Bob Waterman, it would be shortened to Mount Waterman by the USGS. Robert Waterman was a forest ranger from 1899 until 1905.

**Tiburcio Vasquez** staffed a "lookout tree" on the mountain in earlier days. A lookout was posted high in a tree to watch for the law looking for Vasquez and stolen livestock.



**Vasquez**

**Lynn Newcomb** established a towrope for skiers powered by a Model T Ford engine in 1939-1940. In 1940 with the help of his brother Bill they built the first chair lift in Southern California. Today you'll find a chair lift leading to the top of Waterman. It is usually open year round on weekends. The lift is located some twelve miles past Charlton Flats. It is a fun and scenic ride.

**Upon reaching the top** there is a warming hut with snack bar, drinks, burgers, etc. and a ski and snowboard rental, if there is snow. In the summer they rent mountain boards, a large skate board affair, to break a leg with. There are two more chair lifts for skiers.

**A day spent at the top** is well worth the effort. It is beautiful, boulder strewn, and tree covered. You can see for miles in all directions and can see Vetter Lookout. Ponderosa and Jeffrey pines are plentiful as well as magnificent incense cedars. There is an open top reservoir attracting bighorn sheep, deer, bobcat, Kevin's bears and you name it. Birds abound even Clark's Nutcracker.

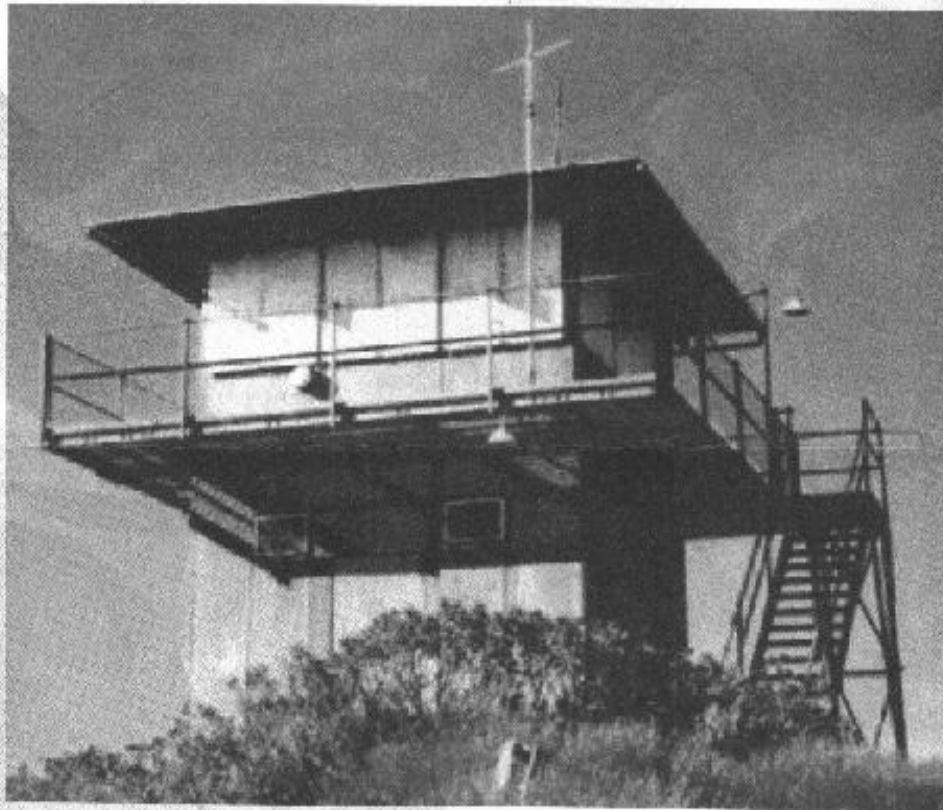
**Maria, Alyssa and I** spent a day there and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. The fellows running the place are pleasant and informative.

**A trail stretches** from Three Points to Buckhorn around the south and north face. En route one can drop down to Twin Peaks Saddle and environs, or hike another spur to the summit. For me it is one of the most beautiful and enjoyable hikes in the Angeles. It is also an awesome overnight destination for seclusion and stargazing.

**We strongly suggest** a day or two on "Lady Waterman Mountain."

*Sources: John W. Robinson's The San Gabriels and Trails of the Angeles.*

# Grand Re-Opening Slide Mountain Lookout

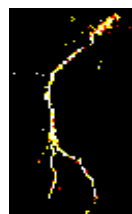


Saturday October 4, 2003  
12 noon

Hosted By: Santa Clara/Mojave Rivers District  
Angeles National Forest Fire Lookout Association  
Angeles National Forest

## ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST PRECIPITATION *Bob Gregg Part 1 of 2*

**The San Gabriel Mtns.** are the only major mountain range in California that runs east-west. This orientation allows for heavy precipitation during the winter season when a storm with moisture-carrying winds approaches ahead of a cold front and hits the range nearly head on. When a moist south to southwesterly flows or the so called Pineapple Express strikes the San Gabriels it also dumps a lot of rain, as it did in September, 1939 when Mt. Wilson measured 9.02" in 24 hours.



**Summer rainfall** is rarely a factor in the years water supply total. One big exception is the hurricane of September, 1939 when Mt. Wilson measured 9.02" in 24 hours. This amount still stands as the California 24 hour record for September.

**Precipitation** has been measured in the San Gabriels for over 100 years. The Mt. Lowe Observatory began record keeping in January, 1896 but ceased observations in December, 1919. Little Rock Dam began in Feb., 1897 and Camp Colby in November, 1897. Mt. Wilson dates back to 1904, Henninger Flats 1905, Mill Creek Divide 1914, Opid Camp (Camp HiHill) 1916 and Camp Baldy 1920. The amounts were mainly measured in what is called a Standard 8" Raingage. This is a 8" in diameter by 24" high copper cylinder. Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) began establishing a raingage network in the San Gabriel Mtns. in the 1930s. Today there are over 50 gages. All dams and debris basins have one as well as most ranger stations and fire stations. The gages can also be found at places like; Clear Creek School, Loomis Ranch, Table Mtn., Tanbark Flats, Henninger Flats, Devils Punchbowl and Buckhorn Flats.

**At one time** the LACFCD had 24 Storage Gages across the Angeles. They were maintained from the 1940s to the 1980s. They are all abandoned now and most dismantled. They were about 18" in diameter cylinders with some 15 feet high. They were located from the Vetter-Pacifico area eastward to Mt. Baldy. They were measured once a year in the Fall when they were recharged with an antifreeze solution (to melt snow and keep from freezing) and oil (to stop evaporation). Some of the high ridge top gages like Grassy Hollow and Blue Ridge were unreliable due to high winds blowing the rain or snow right over the gage orifice. The Storage Gages showed annual measurements ranging from 21.61" at 5,160 foot Bobcat Canyon (just east of Charlton Flats), to 27.84" at 7,960 foot Mt. Waterman and 43.23" at Little Jimmy Campground. Some gages can still be seen today and they include South Hawkins, Little Jimmy Campground, Mt. Waterman and Dawson Saddle (the high point on the Angeles Crest).



**Today** ALERT raingages tell the LACFCD of heavy intensity precipitation at their command center in Alhambra via satellite. There are 21 in the Angeles out of the 94 gages in the network. These are usually heated automatic gages that record from 0.01" to 0.10" and click that amount every time it falls. Of course the more clicking, the heavier the precipitation. Near Vetter LO is one at the Chilao CALTRANS location and one at Loomis Ranch. Near Slide LO is one at Castaic Jct and Gorman. There are also a group of RAWS weather stations in the Angeles National Forest. RAWS stands for Remote Automatic Weather Station. It is tripod in shape, powered by solar and sends data on temperature, humidity, precipitation, wind speed and direction and fuel moisture and temperature to a satellite for instant readouts. Some of these stations are temporary and put in an area after a fire to monitor heavy precipitation amounts to warn of flooding. Nearly all are maintained by the USFS in Boise, Idaho. One can access the data off the Internet. Some RAWS stations in the Angeles are; South Hawkins (near where the garage used to be), Sunset Peak, Big Pines (just west of the intersection of the Angeles Crest and the road to Jackson Lake), Clear Creek Jct (on a ridge just NE of the Info Center), Chilao (just NW of the heliport), Mill Creek Summit (below and south of the Forest Station), Warm Springs Mtn and Whitaker Peak (located 5 miles south of Slide LO at 4,148 feet).



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***Can anyone correctly guess what this is?***