



Sycamore SAGE

President's Message

[Chris Yandall](#) continues to maintain our web site. If you haven't looked at www.goodanranch.org recently, please do so. There is a link there to "Searching for Stowe" on blip.tv!

There are many activities scheduled for our park – some have been cancelled due to poor response. Please support our Rangers and the events they have planned. It has been a long and sometimes very hot summer. As our weather cools, look for more wildlife activity. I saw a coyote today☺

Carol

PROTECT OUR BIRDS



SDG&E Plans to remove these trees where our hawks have successfully nested for several years. Rather than remove the trees, remove the lines which were located too close to the visitor center. Put the lines underground if they are a hazard.

* Euc trees, SDG&E insist on cutting down. I (MA) have requested a cost estimate to bury the lines here from County General Services Department. I know we do not have money budgeted for this yet maybe I can use some services and supplies money then get creative to cover the total cost. The hawks occasionally visit the tree off and on yet are done with the nest this year.

Minutes

Friends of Goodan Ranch and Sycamore Canyon Open Space Preserves

Minutes: August 3, 2009

In Attendance: Carol Crafts, Bob Crafts, Karen Larsen Gordon, Terry Callan, Ann Laux Tipps, Paul Kucharczyk, Gardner Grady and Phoenix Von Hendy

The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m.

The motion passed to approve the minutes of the meeting held May 4, 2009.

The financial report was phoned in by DeAnne in the following amounts: Savings \$408; Money Market \$215.85; Checking \$2638.67; CD \$6808.60; for a total of \$10,071.12. Carol noted one returning member has sent his membership.

Old Business:

- 1) Phoenix reported the usual wildlife suspects were tracked on the latest SDTT survey.
- 2) SunRise Powerlink's southern route is awaiting review. Sycamore Canyon towers are still impacted with increased height. * (SDG&E Powerlink contractors continue to periodically do surveying, seismic testing, biological and archaeological surveys here in the Preserve. SDG&E have contracted biologists from the SDNHM, including Drew Stokes & Faulkner to complete biological studies for the Powerlink project. SDG&E's plan is

to locate a new giant tower just south of our Hwy 67 gate and grade for a storage area. – (M)

- 3) The Fanita Ranch in Santee is on hold due to Barrett America being in Chapter 11, the struggling economy & the continued work by Van Collingsworth of Preserve a Wild Santee.
- 4) Gardiner reported that earnest discussion has begun regarding Spring Canyon in Mission Trails Regional Park and Goodan Ranch.

New Business:

- 1) Bill will be missed as he has taken a position in El Cajon! Sergio Cruz is his replacement. Welcome, Sergio!
- 2) Marian Kirkpatrick Staver – a member of the Goodan family – recently passed, Marian’s name had been on the ranch house fireplace mantle.
- 3) A nice article was published in the

A request was made to have the DVD made with

San Diego Union Tribune regarding a hike led by the SDNHM Canyoneers.

- 4) The County of San Diego Management Plan for Goodan Ranch/Sycamore Canyon has been released. One Response was filed by the Friends clarifying that our group is not responsible for exotic plant removal, but is regularly reporting species observed to organizations certified for eradication. Additional exotic species commonly sighted were added to the list.
- 5) Paying for “sins” with mitigation was discussed as an opportunity to fund improvements to the preserves. Creating a bank of projects and likely organizations (Helix Water District, SD Co. Water Authority, etc.) was proposed.
- 6) Carol participated in the Escondido Public Library’s

the help of Cindy from the San Diego Archeological Center played at our next

Pioneer Room – “California of the Past.”

- 7) CINCH – Council Interpreting North County History, a North County group, is conducting its October 26th meeting at the Goodan Ranch Visitor Center. Friends are asked to provide refreshments.
- 8) Users should be aware of our local neighbors...a cougar kill of a mule deer was found in Spring Canyon of MTRP. Please leave the area of such sightings for your own personal safety!
- 9) Thanks to Gardner for continuing with mountain bike patrols in our preserves and neighboring parks!
- 10) Future programs:
Sunday, August 16th, 2009, 11:00am-1200pm Coyote Conservation
Saturday, August 22nd, 2009, 4:00pm – 5:30pm PEAK Program.

meeting...so it is on our agenda at the:

Next Meeting: November
2, 2009 7:00pm Coco's on
Poway Road

Sincerely Ranger Maureen

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Meeting was adjourned at
8:00pm.

* Ranger Report:

1) We will have the visitor
center floors completely
resurfaced within the next
couple of months, the
building will be shut down for
two to three days (money
was requested last year)

2) New small acreage
acquisition on the Goodan
Ranch southern border
includes money for trail work
on the lower half mile of the
Ridge Trail. That work may
happen within weeks.

3) Ranger Justin Gibbons is
now assigned to our
Preserve full time and doing
a super job on interpretive
programming. Parks
advertisement needs to be
stepped up.

4) PMW Sergio Cruz has
transferred in and actively
repairing and trouble
shooting problems.

5) Volunteer Dwain Grimes
will be celebrating his one
year anniversary working in
our Preserve the end of
December. He is an
excellent asset to our staff
and can out work any of us
seriously. He loves the
Preserve and if you see him
make sure you say hi and
introduce yourself.

Thank you all for your help
and support of Goodan
Ranch / Sycamore Canyon
Preserve!

What is a “PEAK” Program?

Promoting Environmental Awareness in Kids.

Led by Chris, an employee of REI, 6 young people and 6 adults learned the “Leave No Trace” 7 principles for having a safe and environmentally friendly outdoor outing.



We also learned some



interesting trivia facts.

Did you know it takes 1 – 5 years for one cigarette butt to decompose; and, one aluminum can takes 80 – 100 years?!

Dead Birds: Dead less than 24 hours – no obvious damage – do Not freeze. Call

1-888-551-4636. Weekends: 858-565-5255

Have you found an injured or orphaned bird or mammal in San Diego County?

Call **Project Wildlife** at 619-225-9202. See their web site at: www.projectwildlife.org

We need to keep following 2 issues: the Water District’s San Vicente Pipeline

www.sdewa.org; click on “infrastructure”; then “esp”; then “San Vicente Pipeline” and SDG&E’s Powerlink:

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/aspen/sunrise/sunrise.htm>

*<http://www.blueskyreserve.org/>

Sycamore Canyon / Goodan Ranch Preserve Fall 2009 Program Schedule

16281 Sycamore Canyon Road
Poway, California 92061
(858) 513-4737

Over ten miles of trails and service roads open to hiking, mountain biking and equestrian use. Preserve visitors are welcome to visit our new visitor center. Live animals and exhibits on Goodan History, Cedar Fire,

Kumeyaay and the MSCP are on display.

Events, hikes and programs start at various Preserve locations. **Some require a one mile walk from Goodan Ranch staging to the Visitor Center. Please check**

descriptions closely. No vehicular traffic is permitted in the Preserve.

Transportation for those with disabilities can be arranged, by calling the ranger at (858)513-4737.

Goodan staging area accessed from Poway Rd. east on Garden Rd, then south on Sycamore Canyon Rd. Sycamore Canyon Rd. ends at staging area.

Highway 67 staging area accessed through SOUTHBOUND Highway 67 only, half a mile south of Scripps Poway Parkway. All events are free. For information or to make event reservations call (858)513-4737 or email

Justin.Gibbons@sdcountry.ca.gov.

Saturday, September 26th, 2009 9:30am – 11:30am
Scavenger Hunt. Do you love the outdoors? Are you good at following clues and solving puzzles? Well here is your chance to experience them all together. Join park staff for a self-guided, fun scavenger hunt designed

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specifically for children. Kids will have a chance to follow clues and find various points in search of the final treasure. The hunt will illustrate several interesting points near the visitors center and all participants will receive a small token for finishing. Parent participation is encouraged so bring out the whole family for a fun day at the park. **Space is limited to 50 so please call (858)513-4737 for reservations. Program will begin at the Goodan Staging area. Rain or muddy conditions cancel. Program will be held at Goodan Staging area.**

Saturday, October 10th, 2009 All Day
Geocaching Event. Never heard of Geocaching? Well now is the time to learn. Geocaching is a sort of treasure hunt, where users use a handheld GPS device to find a hidden container, usually containing a log book and small trinkets. This phenomenon has grown to a world-wide level now available in every corner of the planet. This is your chance to experience this sport in the only County of San Diego park where it is allowed. Guests must bring their own portable GPS devices and be familiar with them. This is a self guided tour. A couple of new

geocaches will be placed out specifically for this event. **Program will meet at Goodan staging area. Rain or muddy conditions cancel.**

Friday, October 16th, 2009
7:00pm – 10:00pm
Star Party. Join SDAA volunteer astronomers and County Parks for a night with the stars. Come experience the chance to view Jupiter, the Andromeda Galaxy, the Ring Nebula, the Dumbbell Nebula, the Double Cluster, and many more. These events are informative and fun for the whole family. We promise you will be wowed by this star experience! **Program will be held at Highway 67 Staging area accessed Highway 67 southbound only. RAIN or CLOUDS CANCEL.**

Saturday, October 24th, 2009 11:00am – 12:00pm
Owl Program. Join Ranger Maureen and her owl friends and see these amazing animals up close and personal. Learn all there is to know about these amazing nighttime raptors and their incredible adaptations. We will have several local native species for guests to see as well as owl pellets to dissect. This is sure to be a fun program for all ages so make a day of it and come out. **Space is limited to 50 so**

please call (858)513-4737 for reservations. Guests will park at Goodan Staging area and must walk approximately 1 mile down to visitor center. Program will be held at Preserve Visitor Center.

Saturday, November 7th, 2009 9:00am – 12:00pm
Wildlife Bingo. Bingo! Come join park staff for a chance to play a fun game while immersing yourselves within our local plant and animal life. This bingo game, designed specifically for children, will give your small ones a chance to seek out several species of our local plants as well as our furry, scaly and feathered friends. Participants will be given a bingo card containing pictures and it will be the child's task to locate and cross off each one in an attempt to get Bingo! Each child will receive a small token for playing along. Parent participation is encouraged so bring out the whole family for a fun day at the park. **Space is limited to 50 so please call (858)513-4737 for reservations. Guests will park at Goodan Staging area and must walk approximately 1 mile down to visitor center. Rain or muddy conditions cancel. Program will be held at Preserve Visitor Center.**

Sunday, November 22nd, 2009 8:30am – 11:30am
Ecology Walk. Fall is here and Winter is fast approaching. With the new seasons comes a whole new batch of plants and animals. Come enjoy the cool weather and learn all about how nature and the animals and plants within it interact with each other. This walk, lead by Ranger Maureen, will teach you all about the different, unique and amazing creatures we have throughout our park and how they all interact with each other. She will show you the abundant plant life we have throughout the preserve and why these plants are important for the survival of everything else. Everything here is connected, so come out and learn how! This hike is moderate to strenuous so make sure you are up for the challenge.
Program will meet at Highway 67 staging area. Rain or muddy conditions cancel.

Saturday, December 12th at 9am. Edible plants walk; Lisa Chaddock leading it. **Call (858)513-4737 for reservations.**

*For other County activities: The Activity and Program Guide is now available at: http://www.co.sandiego.ca.us/reusable_compon

[ents/images/parks/doc/destinations.pdf](#)

 Sycamore Canyon / Goodan Ranch mailing address 16281 Sycamore Canyon Road, Poway 92064.

JOIN NOW FOR 2009
All Memberships are from 1 January of each year.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____

- ____ \$20 Senior 62 plus
- ____ \$20 Student
- ____ \$25 Individual
- ____ \$40 Family
- ____ \$100 Patron
- ____ \$250 Corporate
- ____ \$1000 Lifetime

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AND SEND IT TO:
 MEMBERSHIPS
 13030 Birch Lane,
 Poway, CA 92064



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GOODAN RANCH And SYCAMORE CANYON A History of the Land; Then and Now
 By Carol Billhardt Crafts
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