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POWER PLAY
SoCal Edison has energy storage projects to supply local electric needs in Ventura and (South Coast) Santa Barbara counties instead of the power plant on an Oxnard shoreline. That decision on behalf of the Club and Southern Border Communities Coalition challenges the president’s abuse of emergency powers for border wall funds Congress denied, and for which he said, “the beginning of the end of the last active oil/gas leases in state waters off our county.

GREENING THE GRID
There’s more: SB Board of Supervisors voted on July 16 to join Monterey Bay Community Power (MBCP), a Community Choice Energy (CCE) provider, for county areas outside cities, but it is likely that the cities of Goleta and Carpinteria will join. Santa Maria has expressed interest as well.

The city of Santa Barbara is looking into its own CCE program for local city control which could promote higher levels of renewable energy.

All of Ventura County has already moved forward into the Clean Power Alliance (with Los Angeles). All these programs offer the ability to provide more renewable energy at competitive rates, increase choice and energy democracy. Such a program could achieve ambitious 100% renewable energy goals faster.

Worthy note: Our entire Los Padres Chapter region is now on track to enjoy these benefits.

ELECTRIFY EVERYTHING
Once we have a 100% renewable energy grid, electrifying transportation and buildings projects a path to kick our fossil fuel addiction. Here are some examples:

– SB County will replace fleet cars up for replacement with electric vehicles. Recent studies have found transitioning off natural gas in buildings would reduce a major source of greenhouse gas emissions, offer public health benefits, and facilitate new construction without the need for gas hookups and infrastructure. It would save money for owners and renters.

– Berkeley just passed a Historic-Visitors Center (at least 100 years) and offering discounts on solar (see stories back page).

OILS NOT WELL
We should feel good about the progress above -- some of which would have been unimaginable just a few years ago.

But we need to re-double our resolve to fight the oily threats to our region, from Trump’s efforts to open up drilling on public lands and waters to the somewhat of the worst local oil projects ever signed.

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CFROG evolves name and mission of climate change

The Sierra Club has often supported CFROG’s efforts, notably since Environmental Defense Center closed its Ventura office. It’s now even more attuned to the club’s wider-ranging issues.

“Given the latest science, CFROG recognizes that it can no longer advocate for ‘responsible’ oil and gas development. The organization’s new name reflects and sets the stage for its renewed purpose—to transform our communities from fossil fuels to clean renewable energy,” according to its website.

The alteration was in the works as it was growing from an Ojai-based oil and gas watchdog to monitoring petroleum operations in Oxnard and other areas of Ventura County. Also, the directors noted the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report that concludes, “we have only a few years in which to make a rapid transition away from reliance on fossil fuels” and that the directors felt strongly “we needed to better reflect the reality.”

“We will continue to be your effective watchdog on dangerous and dirty oil industries and practices, but are expanding our capacity to take on issues such as the inclusion of a robust climate action plan in Ventura County’s new General Plan, and a new citizen-driven air quality monitoring program,” it says. Join them and keep in touch with what’s going on at: www.facebook.com/CFROGV

Condor Call

I was getting pretty lonely hiking alone. So I went on a Sierra Club hike. Finally! People as crazy as me! People who enjoy being outdoors. I understand that it’s just taking a walk and not some sort of bizarre thing to do. But I enjoy the way to have fun like a kid and laugh.

By Jim Hines

Each step I take as I walk along the Laguna Ridge Fire Road Trail (in the Los Padres National Forest west of Lake Casitas) I feel the emotion of joy of our great outdoors.

But this trail is different than others I hike on for I connect with my past and my ancestors since this was once part of my family’s historic ranch dating back to the 1860’s.

The trail on the ridge is high enough (1000-foot elevation) that I can look down on my childhood home, see those tall pine trees which my dad planted around the house and I bask in every movement along the trail.

Beauty abounds on the trail changing with each season. The spring 2019 super bloom was amazing. Flowers I had not seen in years were in full bloom. Now some have set in and the heat changes the tone along the ridge. My last walk was early morning before the heat set in for the day.

Wildlife abounds, deer grazes, mountain lion tracks are regularly seen, and wild boa rattle along Coyote Creek below the ridge. On a clear day you can see across the Ojai Valley to the east, vast stretches of the Los Padres National Forest backcountry and great views of the Pacific Ocean. There, I feel that I am on top of the world or at least my world.

We are all somewhere, and I feel so fortunate to be able to return time and time again to where I am from (the ridge trail is only 20 minutes from where I currently live). I feel each time I visit my father’s spirit, for he is buried below the ridge. His spirt walks with me as we did together when I was a child, walking or riding our horses on the ridge. While my father is now gone from the physical world, I feel him, sense his words and communicate with him.

I have had the fortune to be able to travel to many parts of America and other amazing places throughout the world—but my greatest journey is along the Laguna Ridge Trail for not only is it a physical journey, but a personal, emotional journey for me.

When I walk the ridge I feel that I am part of something much larger than myself, the power of nature, the grand beauty of our natural world, my past, my feelings and emotions all come out.

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Bills tackle plastics at source and shops

Amidst growing awareness of worldwide environmental devastation and health problems wrought by plastic and non-recyclable trash, Environment California gathered local students and eco-groups at Goleta Pier on July 25 to urge city and state officials to act. Called the Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act, the identical bills are: SB 54 (Allen) and AB 1080 (Gonzalez). These two bills attack the trash crisis at both ends — before a product is ever created or purchased, and after a single-use item is ready for disposal.

The Sierra Club supports the bills, and Los Padres Chapter Chair Katrina Davis was there to witness their launch at the Pier:

“Single-use products—typically plastic packaging—are overflowing our landfills, fouling our oceans and impacting food chain and public health. Current disposal and recycling policies are insufficient. By targeting the reduction, composting or recycling of 75% of single-use packaging by 2030, this bill is an important step forward in protecting people and ecosystems and reducing our reliance on fossil fuels.”

Others who support the bills included League of Women Voters, Surfrider, ChannelKeeper and Gray Whales Count, among many others.

Local State Senate member Hannah Betts Jackson and Assembly member Monique Limon are on board with the bills. Limon said, “The natural environment is an important part of the identity and economy of the State and Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. Pollution such as excessive plastics threaten our pristine environment...”

Meanwhile, Ventura Sierra Club Chair Nina Danza has embarked on a personal quest during “Plastic Free July.” Here’s her report on Facebook:

“One week of ‘almost’ plastic free report: This is what my spouse bought (who’s not in the program, photos of fruit in plastic, I’ll eat so I’m half guilty). On average I have failed with one little plastic item a day. Bread bag, old reused Ziploc bag, rare soda bottle. I’m a lot worse than Kat Selden and Candle McGuire ones who are ‘kickin’ butt’. The good news is awareness! I will more easily take out that nagging little plastic a day over the next few months. TRY IT!”

For more information about the bills and plastic-free methods, go to: www.PlasticFree.org and McGraw’s Free Earth Doc.

Public land foes grab power

The anti-public land foes wouldn’t dare touch Yellowstone or Yosemite would they? (“Springtime in Yellowstone“ by Eva Kamars).

See Wild & Scenic films

Ventura Land Trust’s 11th Annual Wild and Scenic Film Festival is Ventura’s most popular film event and the Trust’s largest fundraiser of the year.

It’s a fantastic family-friendly event with a lineup of 14 beautiful and inspirations-worth short films including a few of our all-time favorites. Even better, it’s again outdoors on the grassy campus of the Ventura County Credit Union, 2575 Vista Del Mar Dr. on Saturday, Aug. 17. Doors open at 5pm, films start at 6pm when the sun sets over the ocean as seen from the site.

The music features the Guy Martin Band and Todd Hannigan & Sleeping Chief along with the county’s most popular bands and craft beer and wines; information booths include the Sierra Club, Once Upon a Time, Los Padres ForestWatch, Runners for Public Lands and many others.

Enjoy family-friendly games on the lawn before the films begin and peruse a silent raffle that includes high-end items like original artwork, wet suit, outdoor clothing & gear from Patagonia and REI, kayaking excursion, gift certificates and more.

This year adds an exclusive VIP Experience Ticket where a limited number of lucky guests will enjoy catered food, craft beer and cocktails and live music, along with a chance to network with VLT staff, board and festival sponsors (and indoor restrooms!).
Back from brink: 1k hatched

Just as the incredible news came in July that the endangered condor species have hatched its 1,000th egg, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and its partners have launched a livestreaming camera near a nest of endangered California condors on Hopper Mountain National Wildlife Refuge above Fillmore. See it live at: https://tinyurl.com/CookedEnd.

NPR announced the landmark news with the headline: “Once Near Extinction, Condor Now Reaches 1,000 Chicks.”

Big condor known as AC 4 proudly spreading its wings in Santa Barbara County. A massive effort to bring the endangered condor back from the brink of extinction is working! (Photo courtesy of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)

Gaviota fight a coastal legacy

Celebrating the gorgeous Gaviota Coast and the philanthropists who have led the way in preserving it, the Gaviota Coast Conservancy (GCC) is planning an elegant fête that will be the group’s first community-wide public fundraising event, Coastal Legacy 2019. The event honors Jack and Laura Dangermond, who donated $165 million to create the Dangermond Preserve. While they can’t attend in person, director of the preserve, Michael Bell, will accept the Coastal Legacy 2019 Honors on their behalf. Join us at this very special event on Saturday, Sept. 21st from 2-5pm at the Music Academy of the West, 1070 Fairway Road, Santa Barbara. Visit the website for more details: www.GaviotaCoastConservancy.org

The event is at the Academy’s Marilyn Horne House, a setting to send you back to another time. It’s a catered affair along with live music and silent and live auctions for an unforgettable experience.

Maintaining agriculture, ecological integrity and public access to the Gaviota Coast is tantamount to GCC’s mission. The Los Padres Chapter Sierra Club is part of the conservation and supports the Conservancy. Newly appointed Executive Director of GCC, Doug Kern, said, “For 20 years Conservancy volunteers have protected these precious resources for all of us. It is my great honor and privilege to join these passionate activists and help bring their tireless labor to fruition.”

The Dangermond Preserve is 24,364 acres, with eight miles of coastline. The couple donated the money to The Nature Conservancy to buy it from the Bixby Ranch (previously the wild poincenita Ranch). “Over the years, Laura and I have become deeply attached to this land. It is a special place and one of the most unique land and ocean ecosystems in the world. It also happens to be the home to many globally important, rare, and endangered species,” said Jack Dangermond. “We hope our gift inspires and motivates other people and organizations to pursue similar opportunities to conserve remaining natural areas important to the future of our planet.”

Tickets are $125; for more information call GCC at (805) 683.6631 or email: legacy@gavionacoastconservancy.org

All aboard islands

There are only three more dates this year to get aboard the Sierra Club’s trips to the beautiful Channel Islands, on a 3-day, 3-island, live-aboard tour. Remaining dates are Aug. 18-20, Sept. 22-24, Oct. 20-22. Join us for a scenic adventure with opportunities to kayak, snorkel, or just relax at sea. You’ll enjoy spectacular wildlife from seabirds and shorebirds to bollicking seals and sea lions — and likely whales and dolphins.

The tours depart from Santa Barbara and the low cost is only $570, which includes an assigned bunk and all meals, snacks and beverages. Kayaking will be oversee by our conscientious; all hikes will be on flat, sandy beaches.

Participating in the tour benefits the California Sierra Club’s Political Action Committee. To reserve space, write a $200 check made out to California Sierra Club PAC and send it to Joan Jones Holt, 11826 The Wye Street, El Monte, CA 91732.

For more information contact leaders Joan Jones Holt (626) 643-0706 or Wayne Volland (909) 327-6825 or email: jjholt@icloud.com or mvolland1@gmail.com

Club protects and plays at the beach

By John Hankins

You might notice this list of actions by our club is not as long as usual. No we’re not slacking off, during the summer we’re just usually less (see photo collage pg 5).

We act all year and still we find time to enjoy the outdoors. If any of this resonates, please join us; see Group News box on page 5 for contacts and links where you can get involved. Don’t forget to join any of our free outings (see pages 687. Oh, and if you want to donate, go to: www.sierranevada.com/donate/1000

July 31: Ormond Beach

Restoration and Public Access Plan had a second airing in Oxnard with the city, state Coastal Conservancy and Nature conservancy which has a “preferred alternative to restore the coastal habitats … and improve public access.” Sierra Club was there, and many testified or wrote comments, notably Ventura Sierra Club Chair Nina Danza. View the plan here: https://tinyurl.com/ccga.ca

July 25: Reduce Plastic press conference at Goleta Pier was to

Oil delayed

Two action groups were able to “score an incredible victory for the people of South Oxnard” by delaying an expansion of the Catalina Oil Field. The Field is located near low-income residents surrounded by oil drilling, pesticides and diesel truck traffic.

CFROG (Climate First: Protect OCEANs and Water) has been working with the project, and brought the issue to the Ventura Board of Supervisors on July 23. A 4-1 vote directed staff to return Sept. 24 with a resolution of denial for the expansion. Sierra Club supports the delay and CFROG believes has the votes to pass.

“This, along with the moratorium on new offshore oil drilling off the Central Coast, is a victory for South Oxnard residents,” said Wallraf, said would have been a “scar” on an untouchable hillsides. “The field is now more than 300 free-flying birds in California. Before Baja California, with about 200 or more in captivity for breeding, viewing (SB 1000) allows researchers like us to observe a number of nests with high precision – and in high definition. That enables more efficient nest management and research for us and allows anyone with an internet connection to share in the excitement of scientific discovery.

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**Gimme a break**

Vacation time

Islands outing. Danyel Dean finds blissful rest during Sierra Club Channel Islands outing.

Aug 8: A World of Blue: "Creating a More Ocean Literate Society through Marine Education," a special event by marine biologist and Holly Lohus sharing stories and images on why it’s critical to understand the ocean’s influence. Starts 7pm at Santa Barbara Maritime Museum 113 Harbor Way; details at: https://sbmm.org

Aug 13: Summer Potluck at 5pm on, with line music sponsored by Ventura Sierra Club, all are invited. A Zero Waste and No Alcohol event at North Bank Linear Park, next to 8644 Rio Grande St. Ventura. Go here for details: www.MeetUp.com/SierraClubVentura

Aug 17 Wild & Scenic Film Festival is outdoors again this year. Quality films of course along with live bands, food trucks, high-end raffle along with VIP Experience Pass. At the Ventura County Credit Union campus (ocean view) 2575 Vista Del Mar Dr in Ventura. On sale now, click the Film Festival tab at: wwwVENTURANLANDTrust.org

Aug 22: Local Answers for Green Energy, presented by Indivisible Santa Barbara as the second in a series speaking about Climate Change. At 7pm at Unitarian Society,1535 Santa Barbara St, Santa Barbara. Two featured speakers on local use of solar, the other about energy storage. Details at: https://indivisibleBestSB.org

Aug 24: Speak Up and share your ideas during a meeting on how to protect Ventura’s environment, sponsored by the National Parks Conservation Association and Public Land Alliance Network. Free with beverages and light snacks from 8:30am to 1pm, Borchard Community Center, 160 Reino Rd., Newbury Park. RSVP and more information here: danguilles@npca.org Carla.Bollinger@halo.com

Sept 9: Tech for Ocean Protection, using drones for ocean research, a public event by NOAA (ret) Commander Matthew Pickett at 7pm SB Maritime Museum, 113 Harbor Way. Details at: https://sbmm.org

Sept 20-21: Coastal Clean-up day by the Ventura Sierra Club happens at the Santa Clara River Gateway at Johnson Drive/Hwy101, meet across the street from Mote 6, 3075 Johnson Dr. Everyone can play the Most Unusual Thing Found contest where winners are picked by the volunteers and prizes given.

Oct 13: Shoreline Picnic with optional beach hike has become an annual Santa Barbara Group tradition for all members and guests. It’s a potluck, bring enough to share. This is a Leave No Trace event; club will provide water and soft drinks from 9-11am, located at Shoreline Dr & Santa Rosa Place, Santa Barbara.

**EVENTS**

Sea Ranch trip by Suzanne and Paul while Condor John stays local at Harman Canyon.

**Gaviota movie our biggest hit**

By Sam Marín

"It’s a full house; we’re going to need more chairs," said Rachel Enevoldson, host to the Ventura(s) Our Sierra Club events having its first movie night on July 9 at the Foster Library.

The documentary was “Gaviota: The End of Southern California” which took five years of filming by local filmmakers Shaw Leonard and Tamalom Chase with the help of numerous people in Santa Barbara and funding by Patagonia, among others.

"It drew our biggest attendance ever and was a hit for a summer night," said Nina Dunza, chair of Ventura Sierra Club.

Admission is always free to the Ventura(s) Out series coordinated by Enevoldson, which normally has an educational guest speaker; a recent example being Fish and Wildlife coyote expert Jason Hodge. The series usually fills the Topping Room by half or more, but word of the documentary film must’ve spread all over because people were pouring in.

Some made small conversations to the strangers around them; others were surprised and happy to see an old friend and the sound grew in volume.

When the movie started it had the attention of everyone; people were still coming in and, because there were no more seats, some chose to stand along the back wall.

The audience was “ooh-ing” and “aww-ing” when certain animals and landscapes were shown, along with smalliggles and chuckles when an animal would do something cute.

The film’s main purpose was to show the different plants and animals that live in Gaviota in contrast to most of the Southern California coast being urbanized. Capturing the beauty of life that lives there, it reminded the audience how it’s so important to help keep our planet clean and protect such open lands like the Gaviota Coast. (Our Los Padres Chapter of the Sierra Club is part of the Naples Coalition and Gaviota Coast Conservancy.)

Many people were eager to ask questions at Leonard’s Q&A afterward, one of which was: “Where can you buy this documentary and how much is it?”

It’s not for sale, “I’m actually trying to get people up and out of their homes,” Leonard answered with a smile.

It was first shown at the Santa Barbara Film Festival in 2017 at the Lobero which had to turn people away. Since then, it has made the rounds of other festivals, and local groups like the Sierra Club have had similar movie nights featuring it.

You can go online for future showings on its Facebook page; just type in the title “Gaviota The End of Southern California.”

For future Ventura(s) Out events, check out the website or Meetup: www.siuerveracalifornia.org/los-padres/ Ventura www.Meetup.com/ VenturaClubVentura

**Documentary filmmaker Shaw Leonard shown filming along the Gaviota Coast and inland during the five years he spent creating what’s now known as simply “The Gaviota Movie.” (Photo contributed)**

**Backflipping in Los Padres forest, Lord Shiva in Rishikesh, Jon meets Gump...**

Danyel Dean finds blissful rest during Sierra Club Channel Islands outing.

**Collage photos by B Stevens, Monica Stanley, Camille Collette, Suzanne Tanaka, Condor John’s iPhone.**

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A frequently updated on-line listing of all outings can be accessed at http://lospadres2.sierraclub.org. This website also contains links to local calendars and schedules of other groups, and other resources. Some regional Groups also list their outings on hikeup.com. See this page for information.

August 6
PORT HUENEME BEACH: Meet at 8:45am in the parking area at West Woolsey and Chesapeake Dr. (1247 Chesapeake Dr.). In Oxnard for a 4½ mile walk amongst houses along the channels fed by Channel Islands Harbor. This is a flat and exposed paved trail. Tennis shoes are fine, bring sun protection and water. Hosted by MAUREEN HERNANDEZ, 1-805-657-8735, (VEN).

August 8
VENTURA BOTANTICAL GARDENS: Meet in the parking lot at 967 S. Poli St. in Ventura at 8:45am. This location is in back of the Santa Barbara/ Ventura City hall building at 901 S. Poli. The botanical gardens are a stroll through a collection of plants, which are from similar climates as Ventura such as Peru or Chile for cultivation, study and exhibition. This is a moderately steep climb of 2 miles with a 350-foot gain. NO dogs and no make-up, soiled shoes. The trail is hard or packed dirt. Wear appropriate shoes with a waffle sole, use sun protection and wear a hat because this Barbie trail is a warm hike. 8:45am to 10:30am. Note: The leader does not check meetup.com for attendance. For questions, please contact the host at angela@ucr.net.

August 8
BUENAVISTA LOOKOUT VIA ROMERO TRAIL: Hike takes us to one of the scenic viewpoints along the Ventura coast. Meet at 8:15am at the Ray Miller trailhead on Figueroa Mtn Rd. Rain cancels. Info, contact GERARD 1-805-212-0798 baileggerard@hotmail.com (VEN).

August 13
CHUMASH (MUGU) PEAK TRAIL: Meet at 8:45am in the parking lot is highly trafficked, with a 1243 foot elevation gain. Features beautiful wildflowers and ocean views. Option to continue to extended loop if wanted. This is a leave no trace hike. Whatever we bring on the hike, we will leave behind. Bring water, food and a high caloric snack. We will be moving at a moderate pace. Please check the weather before you hike to make sure you can keep up and go the distance. Parking is found in the dirt lot or along pch to the left. Please park near the lookout trail for. More info, contact VICTORIA at victoria.a.perez@att.net (SB).

August 15
BUBBLES PUMPING SPRINGS TO LIGHTHOUSE: Meet at Bubbling Springs Road (2 miles south of Highway 101 exit 29) at 8:45am for a 9am start time. The route to the beach and back is 5 ½ miles and flat. Prepare for some exposure and sunburn. There are facilities near the pier. Hosted by JUDITH LAURENTOWSKI. 1-805-509-2026 (SB).

August 20
HERNANDEZ WHARF PLAZA: Take a 90-minute leisurely paced, 3-mile walk at Huichle Wharf Plaza. Meet at 6:45am at the corner of Surfside Blvd. and Market St. at the 6 Flags Wharf. Bring a light jacket as the weather there are 6 flaps blowing. There is free street parking 1 block north on Surf or near parking on Surfside St. From the Huichle Wharf.

Meetups & Ongoing Outings

Santa Barbara

Meetup.com site by the Santa Barbara Group is a place for people to find out about all kinds of local activities, including hiking, and you can post or see photos too. Go to: www.meetup.com/SantaBarbaraHiking

Required outings are every Thursday and Friday nights and every Saturday and Sunday during the day.

Wednesday night: Snowmass conditioning hike. Meet at 6:30 at the Santa Barbara Mission parking lot and Los Olivos St. Friday: evening social hike for an easy-to–moderate 2 ½ mile evening hike in the multi-use park. Bring a headlamp or backcountry gear at 7:00pm at the Santa Barbara Mission; we leave at 6:15 sharp. Bring a Flashlight; optional potluck or pizza afterward at AL SLADEK, 770-7656. (SB)

Saturday: All ages hike. Meet at 7:30 at San Marciano Park, usually meets at the Bank of America on Hops and State Street. Starting times vary. For detailed schedules and who to call, go to: http://isbihibehikes.hikes

Ventura

Meetup.com group is open to anyone to join and is also a super handy calendar of the local official Sierra Club outings. Ease into at beginner levels, get going on intermediate half to whole day hikes, or make new friendships on overnight backpacks. Just go to: www.meetup.com/SierraClubVentura

Conservancy job open at Ojai Land

Ojai Valley Conservancy is looking for a full-time field personnel. Currently protects 2,300 + acres of forest and farms and manages 27 miles of trails via a 5-person staff. Check out its website and to apply, submit a cover letter, resume and references with contact information to Lu. Semicka, Semicka Consulting: lu.semicka@gmail.com

August 28
HIDDEN MENDOCINO TRAIL: Moderate 4.4 mi with 500 ft. elev. gain, Bring water, food and wear lug-soled shoes. Meet 7:30am in the Fall Star Cul-de- sac. Fall Star is one block west of the Kendall/Lindero Canyon intersection in Oak Park and Westlake Village. FOUNTAIN HILLS: 1-805-300-4980, fountainholmes@att.net (CJ).

September 2
VENTURA HARBOR & SETTLING PONDS: At 8:45am meet in the parking lot at the corner of Harbor Blvd. and Spinnaker, 9369 Harbor Blvd, for a 8 am start time. Find us parked on Salton Parachute. We will walk toward the Harbor to the Visitors Center then turn and follow the sidewalk on the settling ponds. Here we will be able to view local wildlife and natural flora before returning to our cars. The trail is a mix of concrete and dirt trail. All is exposed so wear sun protection and bring water. There are restrooms along the harbor. Hosted by MAUREEN HERNANDEZ, 1-805-657-8735, (VEN).
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Go Electric

In September there are multiple National Drive Electric Week Events in our area, which will give you options to fit one or more into your schedule.

The public is clamoring for electric and hybrid cars, and discounts are still available. Green Tech Media reports sales increased by 81% in 2018; Market Watch estimates “more than 30 million are likely to buy an electric car as their next vehicle.”

Or, as Condor Call editor John Hankins said in July as he passed a fuel station after four months of driving a fully electric car: “Oh, a gas station. How quaint.”

He has since bought an electric scooter and an electric trike for his wife Suz – all running off solar power, but the car sometimes uses a commercial plug-in for charging at a fraction of the cost of gas. Most EV drivers find the cost per mile to be about 1/3rd the cost of petroleum.

Perhaps the largest shows will be our Sierra Club sponsored show in Oxnard, which was a great success last year, and CEC’s Goleta event. Come to the shows and learn more about the vast variety of fully electric and hybrid vehicles on display. Talk to EV owners and learn from their expertise and experiences — without a sales pitch!

If you are an EV owner, sign up to show your car and share your experience, a great opportunity for us to come together to make connections and influence change. To register your vehicle for shows or for more specific information, go to the links below:

Kent Bullard is the local Sierra Club chapter’s Transportation Chair and he is helping to organize these events. Both he and his wife Cathy will be showing their cars.

Vehicles on display by owners will be current model battery electric and plug-in hybrids and a variety of vintage cars, neighborhood vehicles, motorcycles, bikes, trikes and even watercraft. Here’s the calendar and links:

Drive Electric Solvang, Saturday Sept. 14th, 10am – 3pm at the Solvang City Parking Lot #1, 470 Alisal Drive, Solvang, CA 93463. More info or RSVP here: http://driveelectricweek.org/1980

Drive Electric Ventura, Tuesday Sept 17, 10am – 2pm. This will be not only a showcase but has opportunities to Ride and Drive with dealers. Held at the Ventura County Government Center, 800 S. Victoria Ave. More info or RSVP here: http://driveelectricweek.org/1976


Drive Electric Goleta, Sunday, Sept 15, 10am – 2pm at 7004 Camino Real Marketplace, next to Farmers’ Market (another “show and shop”). This is an SB Community Environmental Council sponsored event, more details or RSVP here: www.CEC.org cgray@cecmail.org

RECRGE ME plate adorns Lisa Tucciarone’s 2017 BMW i3 (and her dog can hardly hear it). Learn more benefits at any of the EV shows. (Photo by Condor John at Ventura Earth Day)

Go Solar

SunPower and Sierra Club are working together to make it easy for anyone (member or not) to go solar and save money with a proven company backed by the club.

This is especially critical in Ventura area which has joined the Clean Power Alliance. Having solar is an advantage for lower prices. You’ll receive a $1,000 mail-in rebate while the Sierra Club gets $1,000 to support its work for clean energy.

Condor John (editor, Condor Call) took advantage of the club’s deal three years ago. “Next Door is full of comments today about how residents’ bills may have risen since Ventura joined the CPA and SCE’s new rate structure. But guess what, my bill for July was $14 even after I chose the 100% clean energy tier. That’s because I have Sierra Club solar. Even with my 10-year loan to buy it, my bill is less than it would be without solar.”

Click on the link to get a free quote and find out how much you can save: http://tinyurl.com/SClubSolarQuote

Aug 30 deadline

Another program is for those who live within the city of Ventura, but you must sign up by Aug. 30. Solarize Ventura is a program by the Community Environmental Council (CEC) in partnership with the City of Ventura that makes it easier and more affordable to go solar.

It assists residents who are rebuilding from the Thomas Fire. Nancy O’Rode who lost her home and helped select the solar contractor, said, “As we rebuild, we are happy to have support from the City in considering options for solar energy ... I hope that the educational workshops and discounted pricing from Solarize Ventura will make a few decisions easier for our community.”

Here’s the link: https://tinyurl.com/VTAsolar