

THE TOOTLES OF BILL-EE GOAT & LADY JAN

Recently Sir William and Lady Jan took a two week vacation, and guess what? They tootled all over our mountain and desert areas, going on 5 or 6 hikes into the wild, searching for water falls, wildflowerers, wild critters, and even a Bridge to Nowhere. Sadly, even though I could have gone with them a couple of times, I didn't, being too lazy to get off my duff and do all that walking. (Please give me a break, though, since it's mostly that I'm tired and just prefer to crash on my day off.)

Since I wasn't there, you'll have to settle for Sir William's dull, boring description of their first hike: "... a day off excursion to the Bridge to Nowhere, far up the east fork of the San Gabriel River in the San Gabriel Mountains north of Azusa. The hike was over 10 miles,



crossed the fast flowing river about nine times, and took nine hours to complete." Fortunately the weather was somewhat overcast and cool, but then Sir William is more Bill-ee Goat than human, so it didn't matter to him.



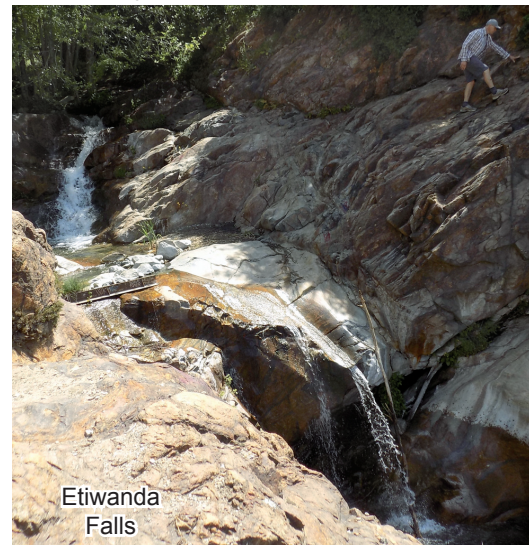
On that trip they met up with some of his cousins, the Big Horn Sheep, and legend has it that they had a great time, butting heads and rac-

ing around on the steep hillsides. However, the Sheep had more stamina, so Sir William and company crawled back to the car, tongues hanging out, exhausted. The second hike was on the next day. According to Sir William: "On Sat., 5/11/2019, Jan, Debbie Schultz, and I hiked from Lake Arrowhead Road at the flood dam to Deep Creek Hot Springs and back. We followed the Pacific Crest Trail



which parallels an old aqueduct built into the canyon's east wall and extends 3 miles up canyon where it was filled with water from the creek. At that point we crossed the creek (currently a small river) over an arched footbridge and hiked to the hot springs." No Big Horn Sheep this trip. Just lightly clad (or less) humans who bathe in the hot springs.

Sir William writes: "Another infamous hike began to Etiwanda Falls north of Rancho Cucamonga. Flumes were built to carry water from the falls for farmers in the 1880s." This waterfall was "not-so-tall" compared to some of the other, more spectacular falls. On this trip there was a little ex-



tra excitement for added fun: when they returned to their car, they found the left rear window bashed in and Jan's purse taken from under a blanket where she had hidden it. The bad news: the purse was in the car to be taken. The good news: there was little of value in it. Jan thought it unwise to take her wallet, so she left that at home,



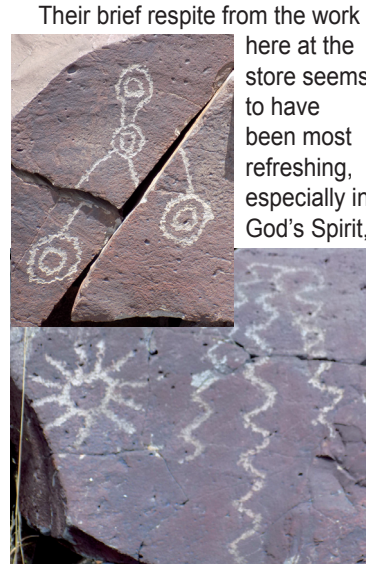
and had her cellphone and I.D. on her person, so the thief got next to nothing. Hahahahahahahahaha! Is that not satisfying?? Wouldn't you like to have been there to see the guy rummage in that purse trying to find money or credit cards and find nothing? I would.

The best part is that a couple of days later, a gal called Jan to tell her she had found Jan's purse while out jogging, and so she mailed it back to her. Wow. There really are good people left on this earth! The last waterfall hike was to Bonita Falls in Lytle Creek, where Bill-ee goat and the others bounded up the cracks

in the steep hillside, fearlessly explored wild caves filled with plastic bottles and beer cans, and crossed raging streams.

Finally, a hike to Black Lava Butte near Pioneertown, so that Sir William could take pictures of Indian petroglyphs that he had lost years ago. His favorite targets are mine tunnels and petroglyphs, so his heart has been cracked all these years, pining for those lost pictures, and now that crack can heal!

Now that the vacation is over, and Lady Jan is utterly worn out, she has to take another vacation by returning to work, to recuperate from all that strenuous walking! For Sir William, aka Bill-ee Goat, it matters not whether he bounds up mountainsides and waterfalls, or up and down Hardware aisles – it's all the same to him.



Their brief respite from the work here at the store seems to have been most refreshing, especially in God's Spirit, as they actually had time to sit and listen to God for a change. Wow! How great is that?! Maybe we should try to do a little more of that all the time!

Linda Gammel

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LVEDA Meeting
(Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association)
TUES. JUNE 4, 5 PM.
at the Senior Center

- Robin Kobaly will give her power point presentation on the biological and carbon sequestering importance of native desert vegetation and undisturbed soils and the environmental effects of industrial solar. Very interesting and informative – **one of our best arguments against massive solar projects.**
- If released in time – discussion on the Environmental Impact Report for the Countywide Plan and our community plan.
- Fire tax and project updates.

L.V. School Board Meeting
Thursday, June 13, starts at 5:30PM.
At the Alternative Education Center, 8560 Aliento Rd up Highway 18.

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