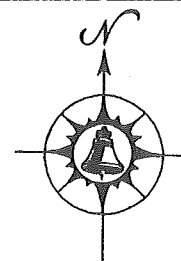


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News For
All Points

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Election Results

Region I (* indicates elected)

Director:	Hood*	37
Alternate Dir.	Neal*	41
Delegates (2)	Sutherland*	29
	Reed*	30
	LaBelle	24

Region II

Delegates (2)	Jones, J.*	25
	Dobernack*	21
	Phillips	16
	Wiese	19
	Lively	12

Region III

Director:	Hendricks*	38
	Schulesler	23
Alternate Dir.	Smith, C.*	34
	Williamson	24
Delegates (3)	Moore*	44
	Kolb*	49
	Long*	45
	Morgan	33

Region IV

Delegates (3)	Mitchell*	29
	Werts*	41
	Patton*	30
	Hinkle	20
	Ulm	25
	Hale	22

Region V

Director:	Wakefield*	23
	Fehling	17
	Geary	13
Alternate Dir.	Chavez*	35
	Miller	8
	Freeman	10
Delegates (2)	Townsend*	27
	Anderson*	26
	Basura	18
	Lavenson	21
	Fehling	1
	(write-in)	

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON STATE PARKS

Report by: A.D. Philbrook

Representing the California State Park Rangers Association, Tiny Philbrook attended the 1972 annual meeting of the National Conference on State Parks in Hawaii, October 8-11. The conference theme "Shoreline Zoning-Outdoor Recreation's Future" emphasized:

1. The need for acquisition of sufficient land to preserve our heritage of natural and historic treasures

2. The need for better interpretive programs to gain public support for State Park programs of acquisition, development and operation.

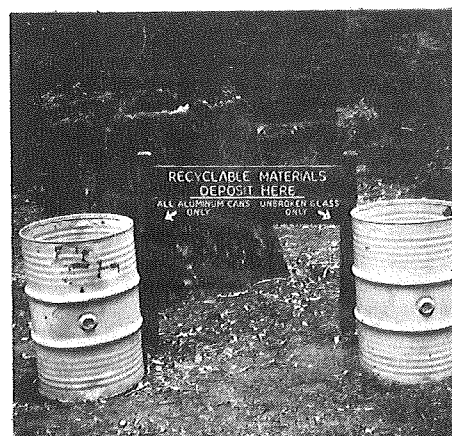
Panel discussions during the meeting included; shorelines for public use, effects of land use zoning, preservation of shoreline areas. Those attending the conference also got to visit many state parks and monuments in Hawaii.

Philbrook stated that Hawaii has many beautiful parks. In the most beautiful, they have gilded the lily by planting beautiful tropical flowers not native to the area.

Interpretation is limited to a few plant labels on short nature trails and a few signs. "At all of the parks I visited", he said, "my visit would have been much more rewarding if more effort had been focused on interpreting the natural and historic treasures of these fascinating areas."

Philbrook's wife accompanied him on the trip. They met retired California ranger Jim Richardson. Richardson and his wife Nora extend-

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RECYCLING CENTERS: Does your park have a recycle center? Big Basin Redwoods S.P. does. Photo by Denzil Verado.

RECYCLING PROGRAM

Big Basin is indeed actively involved in a recycling program. The park has several recycling "centers" where campers can recycle their goods. One bin is for unbroken glass and one is for crushed aluminum. They have found that recycling centers in the day use areas tend to fill with garbage while those in the campgrounds fill with recyclable materials. However, due to the positive attitude and incentive of Area Manager Curt Mitchell the park personnel are proceeding with several experiments.

"Clean-Up Days" occurs annually in the Basin during the fall months. At this time many civic organizations and groups come to the

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SOONER THAN YOU THINK

by: Bill Krumbein Region IV

What will our parks be like 20 years from now? Can they cope with the crushing impact of our population and machines and leisure toys?

Of course we strive to preserve the natural values of our parks. So that we may continue preserving, I strongly believe our Department should follow many of the recommendations of the Conservation Foundation, as stated in their recent report, "National Parks For The Future".

This report stresses that the National Park Service change some of its present trends and that it should concentrate more towards the;

1. Preservation of natural preserves—a traditional role of the NPS as conservator of the "timeless natural assets of the United States.

2. Interpretation of these natural landscapes and ecosystems—to get away from the "this-is-an-oak-tree" form of interpretation and to concentrate and redirect efforts to dramatize ecological relationships as they affect man and the entire ecosystem—this also means that we practice what we preach and take stands against polluters of our environment and we recycle our wastes, etc.

3. Separation of people from their automobile, the trailer and motorcycles at the perimeter of the park (better yet, out of the park completely). Transportation within the park is by foot, or when possible and practical, by park buses and trains, etc. It means creating "short-walk" camping—where the visitor must walk a half mile into his camp.

4. Emphasis of visitor services as opposed to visitor facilities to get the visitor involved with the natural instead of man-made amusements.

Simply stated, visitors should "use their national parks (i.e. state parks) on nature's terms".

Often coming under assault is the democratic principle if the park is publicly owned, it should be accessible and useable by all the people. But our parks have been cruelly assaulted too (overdevelopment, concessions, motor homes and huge trailers, noise pollution, air pollution and sewer problems) this is not use on nature's terms. Restrictions are a must if our parks are to survive our populous onslaught.

The needs of many of our park

visitors could now be met in areas other than state parks. Too many visitors are more concerned about trailer hook-ups than about trails. Many look only for an overnight trailer space. "...in most respects the threats to natural features and natural systems lie in the kinds of enjoyment which have become habit but which are quite unnecessary to popular benefit and pleasure from partaking of nature." We do not need trailer campgrounds and concessions in the heart of our parks. The key philosophy should be, "What is the minimum level of facilities necessary within the park?

The California State Park Sys-

The California State Park System and the National Park Service are not equals; but we have our similarities of ethics, purpose problems and policies.

For YOUR benefit, write for a copy of National Parks for the Future by the Conservation Foundation, 1717 Massachusetts Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036. This 250 page report costs \$3.50. It is just plain interesting because it will involve us sooner than you think.

E.I.C. MEETS

The Environmental Issues Committee met November 21. Those attending were Jerry Henderson, Phil Claud, Bill Krumbein, and Jim Hart.

Jim Hart reported on the Board of Directors meeting in Region IV. In discussing GEC, several recommendations were made.

1. It would be of professional interest if CSPRA would invite Renie Avant and Michael O'Toole as guest speaker for our Association to speak on their respective cross-training programs.

2. That CSPRA should expend every effort to attain Michael Frome, noted controversial conservation editor of "American Forester", and "Outdoor Life" magazines.

3. Several resolutions were discussed and turned in for rough review.

4. Bill Krumbein talked about the management services proposition made by Don Neer and Rick Dahlgren.

Communications and correspondence relating to committee activities, Proposition 20, SB 107, AB 392, AB 1084, and SB 1368 were discussed.

Environmental Reports were assigned:

4 separate articles entailing (a) definition of problem (b) present picture (c) management (d) future—small towns in parks, etc.

1. Phil Claud volunteered for an in-depth study of visitor impact in wilderness to be presented in

2. Nuclear power discussed in length as the biggest future environmental problem to State Parks. Many articles will be submitted to the REPORTER in this issue.

3. Environmental book synopsis will be presented by Jerry Henderson.

4. Article on patrol and tracking by Gar Salzgeber.

It was decided that E.I.C. should submit a report of recommended actions for CSPRA to the Board of Directors before each meeting. More E.I.C. conference calls need to be slated before each CSPRA meeting, and a better agenda needs to be presented before conference calls.

The EIC discussed solid waste management and conservation within our Department.

1. It was felt that District 6 could take more steps to reduce paper waste.

2. More articles in the REPORTER on resource management are needed from district superintendents and area managers.

3. Talked of setting up meeting with Mr. Whitehead to discuss conservation topics and ways in which rangers could work more constructively within the Department.

4. Need to coordinate more of our activities with Oren Welch and the REPORTER.

5. Bill Krumbein will check possibility of group membership to the Planning and Conservation League.

To satisfy the need for a more equal distribution of membership in EIC from throughout the state, Bill Krumbein was appointed as Central State Co-chairman to increase committee's communications.

It was decided that EIC should raise money to sponsor a business card size ad in the GEC program. Theme: It's not nice to fool mother nature.

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ed their greeting to all their friends. Their address is 2181 Haukai Pl. Kihei, Maui, Hawaii 96753.

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MEMBERS MAILBOX

Dear Oren,

The State Personnel Board has made their salary recommendation for state employees for the 1973-74 fiscal year.

The Board's recommendation are based in part on comparable salaries being paid in other public agencies for like work.

I feel that the 17.5% recommended increase for Park Rangers would correct a portion of the salary inequities that exist in the State Park Ranger II, which is the key class used for salary comparison and tied to the National Park Service Ranger at the GS-9 level. As you know, the Ranger II was 21.8% behind the National Park Ranger in January 1972, the 6½% increase allowed by the Governor will left us some 14-15% out of step. Now the Federal employees are to get 6½% pay raise in January 1973, so we will still lag 5 to 6% if the proposed salary increase was granted.

Senate Resolution 28 as introduced by Senator Short in our behalf has made the Personnel Board aware of the salary inequities that exist between the State and National Park Rangers. I am going to request through Senator Short a copy of the Personnel Board's compliance with Senate Resolution 28 and upon receipt will send you a copy for the REPORTER.

I understand that the Governor is not in agreement with his own Personnel Board appointees and is considering going to a private firm to investigate the Board's pay practices procedures. This, however, is not supposed to apply to the 73-74 pay adjustment plan which the Governor has stated he would recommend and approve.

Again, my sincere thanks to all of you who worked in our behalf to attempt the passage of SB 338 (Short) State Park Ranger salary increases. Unfortunately the Senator was never able to obtain the needed support from his fellow Senators to put SB 338 to a vote on the floor. I do believe however, that through the efforts of Senator Short, Mel Whittaker, Bill Hausler, Dick Brock, Al Salzgeber and others, we were highly successful in our first attempt in obtaining a pay increase.

At least the Senate, the Personnel Board and California State Employees Association are aware that California State Park Rangers Association does exist and has a vote.

-Wes Cater
Salary Committee

U.S. TO SUE 'CYCLE CLUB

Clipped from: Santa Cruz Sentinel

The federal government plans to sue a motorcycle club for defying a presidential order by holding a motorcycle race in an archeologically rich desert area.

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management said it plans to file the suit against the El Cajon Valley Motorcycle Club in U.S. District Court in San Diego. A spokesman said the suit will ask reimbursement for any damage done to the area and for payment of fees for use of the land near El Centro.

AREN'T ECO-FREAKS EVER FOR ANYTHING

Clipped by: Neal Power

Sometimes people ask us, "How does it happen that you ecology people are always against things? Why can't you ever be for something?" The answer is, of course, that these days being against something automatically means being for something else.

When Dave Bower was Director of the Sierra Club a heckler asked him, "Why are you environment people always against dams? Aren't you ever for anything?" Dave answered, "Anybody who is against a dam is for a river."

To continue—anybody who is against modern pesticides sprayed over millions of acres of farmland and recreation land as well as urban and suburban homes is for a balanced environment where the natural predators of pests are encouraged to proliferate so that pesticides are unnecessary.

Anybody who is against the town dump, the urban landfill, the city incinerator is for the recycling of everything: paper, metal, rubber, plastic, garbage. Paper recycling saves trees and clean air, metal recycling saves all those precious minerals future generations will need and clean air, plastic recycling will be essential as soon as we run out of space for discarded plastic and run out of the petroleum of which it is made. Garbage recycling manufactures the one most precious product in a world faced with famine: compost to recreate

millions of acres of land now being devastated by commercial agricultural and forestry practices. We are for compost.

Anybody who is against nuclear power plants is for the health of all future generations, that they may be free from the genetic disorders which are certain to follow widespread radioactive contamination of our planet.

Anybody who is against the Army Corps of Engineers is for a landscape where rivers and streams are permitted to meander at will, as they were meant to, delighting the eye, bringing fertility to the soil on the banks and the blessings of clean water, fresh air and healthful recreation to every community along the shore.

Anybody who is against super-highways is for a sensible national plan for mass transportation, a revival of railroads as a much more environmentally sound method of transportation, a return to bicycling and walking as healthful, helpful ways of getting around.

Anybody who is against suburban sprawl is for open space: a wealth of untouched, pleasant countryside forests, streams and fields where the troubled spirit can find solace and the tired urban dweller can renew his health and stamina.

Anybody who is against chemicals in foods is for natural foods, as our ancestors ate them for all the millions of years of past history and pre-history. There is no indication that the human body has adapted or can adapt to the 10,000 or so chemicals that infest today's supermarket foods.

Anybody who is against modern "agribusiness" and the mechanical and chemical kind of farming it engages in is for organically grown food, the kind of food that is always touched by human hands and cherished by human gardeners, rather than "managed" by machines.

Anybody who is against progress as we now define it, is for another definition of "progress" which recognizes the fact that we have only one planet, that many of its resources are non-renewable, that we owe future generations a liveable place in which to live.

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VEHICLE TRACKING

by: Gar Salzgeber EIC

Do you get that tired irritating feeling that no matter what you do, four wheel drive vehicles and dune buggies are still ruining your area by driving off the roads? If so, maybe tracking vehicles will

Why? Well, tracking has tremendous psychological value. After a vehicle that laid illegal tracks across the desert is found (even up to eight or twelve hours after the offense) we let the owner or responsible party know where we found the tracks and then tell them why we are trying to keep vehicles on our maintained roads or trails. We also copy down an identifying number from the vehicle and explain that it is our insurance that we won't find the same vehicle tracks traveling across country again. Each time we write down the identifying number we check to see if the identifying number has been logged before. So far, we've never found a match. But the offender knows that he is on record and shouldn't do it again.

To digress a little, a simple identification number file that you can easily use is a small notebook with at least ten pages. Number each page 1 through 0 and on each page allow for ten spaces, each space also numbered 1 through 0. The first numeral in an identifying number would be the page number and the second numeral of the identifying number would be the line number. Alphabetical letters for filing purposes are disregarded. Therefore, license number ABC123 would be filed on page 1, second line as ABC123. (123ABC would also be on the same page and line, only recorded as 123ABC). A frame number AT3-456789 would be filed on page 3, fourth line as AT3-456789. Beside the identification number the violation code should be written

Getting back to the subject, how do we track? From the start, as soon as you enter a road where vehicle tracks become visible, keep an eye on the road at each junction to see what kind of tracks are in the area. If some illegal tracks are found, this may be a help in determining where the vehicle is.

When a set of illegal tracks is found, the easiest way to remember them is to have a notebook of sketches of previous tracks you've found in your area. Mine are arranged in categories of lines, complex lines, zig zags, complex zig

zags and complexities, which seem to handle all kinds of weird track patterns. Each track type is numbered to when a set of tracks are found you can record the track type number and the other vital statistics on another piece of paper.

When you measure the wheel base widths, try to find a stretch where the tracks go straight. Wheel base widths are the distance between the center of the left rear tire print to the center of the right rear tire print. If the vehicle has done any backing or turning around, it may be possible to also get the front wheel base width, which is not always the same as the rear. Because of tire sizes, reversed rims, weight loads etc., recognizing standard vehicles through wheel base widths is not very helpful.

Measure the tire track width. Find the clearest, most visible portion of each tire track and measure the portion that is deepest in the soil. Be sure to measure each tire track, if possible. Occasionally one of the four tires will be a spare and a different measurement will occur. Or the front tires may be different sizes than the rear tires, as in a dune buggy. Also, several vehicles may be traveling together, which may or may not all have the same type tracks. Any of these factors increases the odds of being sure you find the right vehicle(s) later.

Measure the ridges or grooves. Distances between the tops of the ridges, from center to center, are probably the easiest to measure, but get as many measurements as possible, as long as you note where the measurements are made. If in doubt, make a sketch.

After taking track statistics, try to determine the age and direction of travel of the tracks. The age of the tracks may be determined by the color of the tracks in the soil (due to soil moisture) and how well defined the tracks are (if the soil is beginning to fall apart the print is at least a couple of hours old). Also notice how many animal tracks or other vehicle tracks go over the original vehicle tracks. The major portion of animal tracks are made at night.

The direction may be determined best by finding a place where the vehicle turned or backed up and crossed its own tracks. Another positive direction may be determined if a vehicle leaves soil on a paved road from a dirt road. You know the vehicle is traveling in the di-

rection of the paved road tracks. If the vehicle is traveling through brush, bent branches will tend to point out direction or leaves will fall on the side of the bush that the vehicle has traveled toward. Predictable directions may be determined by noticing which side of a one or two lane dirt road the vehicle tends to drive on. At standard speeds on a one or two lane road this is fairly reliable. It is not reliable if the vehicle is traveling at high speeds. If an object is in the middle of the road, most vehicles will tend to drive to their right side of it.

If the tracks are too old to follow, record them and keep them in mind; you may see them later in the day. If you have established the direction and wish to follow them, but too many other vehicles have run over the tracks to follow directly, travel in the direction of the tracks and watch each junction to see if the tracks turn off the road. Side roads will generally have less traffic and the tracks you are looking for will probably be better exposed. Each successive road or turnoff will present clearer tracks until the vehicle is either found or lost. When you feel you have followed the tracks to a point where you will be making contact, then it is time to double check your information with the suspected tracks. Being an inch off could mean embarrassment a mile high.

There are limitations to this tracking plan. Each area will probably have a popular track pattern. Dune buggies may leave a straight line type of track, known as flotation tires, or a multisquare pattern track. Some four wheel drive vehicles may use the Gates Commando type tread design. Be aware of your most popular track patterns and learn what the reliability of each pattern may be. If the track and wheel width measurements are very common, you may have to follow the track pattern from the point of violation directly to the vehicle or just give it up, in order to be absolutely sure that you are not accusing the wrong person. Around 25% of the tracks I pick up are dropped due to poor statistical reliability. A false accusation will destroy future tracking credibility. TAKE YOUR TIME AND BE SURE.

Probably the first responsibility of a tracker is to be sure that there are no illegal trails in the area that may tend to encourage others to follow them. When

MINUTES

California State Park Rangers Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Monterey, California
November 18, 1972

President Jack Welch called meeting to order at 0830.

Board members present:

Jack Welch, President
Wes Cater, Jr. Past President
Herman Schlerf, Vice President
Ken Jones, Region I Director
Mel Badger, Region II Director
Fred Spicer, Region III Director
Ron McCall, Region IV Director
Rodger Kellogg, Region V Director
Loren Dietz, Region VI Director
Dick Brock, Region VII Representative
Doug Bryce, Executive Secretary
Pat Cloney, Recording Secretary

Committee Chairman present:

Jim Hart, Environmental Issues Committee
Cliff Wade, 1973 GEC Committee
Kirk Wallace, Parliamentarian
Oren Welch, REPORTER Editor

Guests present:

Barry Breckling, Bill Krumbein
Lloyd Gessinger, Jr. Curt Mitchell
Dale Hinkle

GEC Cover Contest

No covers were submitted so the GEC Committee prepared several for the Board's inspection and approval.

MOTION: Wes Cater, to vote on covers by numbers.

SECONDED: Herman Schlerf

MOTION CARRIED

No. 1 was selected with approved changes.

Minutes of Sept. 9, 1972 meeting

Correction, add under Classified Advertising Price Schedule:

MOTION: Mel Badger, recommends we accept.

SECONDED: Ken Jones

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

Minutes of September meeting approved as corrected.

Communications

Herman Schlerf told of a report from Tiny Philbrook who attended the National Park and Recreation Society Convention in Hawaii in October. Philbrook mentioned that Hawaii's state parks are far behind us in many fields.

President Welch read a letter inviting CSPRA to attend the November CSEA General Convention. A CSPRA 1971 Resolution requires that a CSPRA representative attend. President Welch appointed Bud Caughell to attend. Still no word from CSEA on terminating the agreement.

President Welch received a letter from Loren Famucchi requesting our stand on Proposition 15. President Welch replied that CSPRA hadn't taken an official stand but privately supported it.

Doug Bryce received two letters from Audubon Camp of the West:

Dear Mr. Bryce:

Our very sincere thanks to the California State Park Rangers Association for the support shown to the program of the Audubon Camp of the West this past summer through the provision of a scholarship to Mr. Joe Hood. Joe, with his enthusiasm and sharing of past experience, added much to the session. All the staff enjoyed meeting and working with him.

We appreciate the opportunity to work with your people, and do look forward to working with you in the future so that more such opportunities may be possible. Again, our thanks.

/s/Robert K. Turner
Director

Dear Mr. Bryce:

Last summer teachers, college students, park rangers, Forest Service and Interior personnel, natural history interpreters, etc., were fortunate to receive scholarship assistance from Audubon chapters and other organizations throughout the country. We do thank you for your assistance in the past and hope that you will wish to continue this program for the 1973 Season of the Audubon Camp of the West.

Due to the public's environmental awakening in the last few years we have had an unprecedented early enrollment, which is certainly gratifying but also means that we must turn away qualified persons. In order to be assured of enrolling your recipient in the session of his choice we do urge that you send in his registration as soon as is possible.

/s/Robert K. Turner
Director

Fee for the two week program will be \$225 in 1973.

Doug Bryce received a letter from the California State Personnel Board requesting his attendance at a day long conference on alcohol and drug abuse among state employees. President Welch requested Doug Bryce to attend, representing CSPRA. The meeting will be held Friday, December 1, 1972 at the Sacramento Metropolitan Airport.

Regional Reports

Region I: Ken Jones reported that shortly after the September 9 Board meeting, he prepared and forwarded to all Region I members a news letter and procedures for filing for the up-coming election. Response was slow and had to be followed up by phone calls, however, there are presently accepted nominees for all offices and those Region I members running for offices have a bonafide interest in participating in CSPRA activities.

In response to Herman Schlerf's request regarding maintenance-membership followup, a letter was prepared indicating as accurately as possible, the attitude of the non-joiners. In many instances, even the attitude was difficult to extract. One very common problem was lack of knowledge about the Association. It seems that descriptive objectives as "professionalism", promoting interest and standards", etc., carry very little importance among those employees who are not yet members. Ken Jones believes that "Project Toot" as discussed at the last Board meeting will very definitely help to resolve some of the maintenance disinterest.

Probes into advertising for GEC has commenced. Approximately three are in the wind. It is going to be an uphill struggle all the way.

Effective December 1, Jones will be going to Asilomar on a new assignment. Jones regrets having to step down as Region I Director during such an important period of the year but is pleased and excited about his new assignment. Jones said he sincerely enjoyed working with President Welch and all other officers and directors associated with CSPRA and has gained an invaluable experience that will benefit him throughout his park career. He hopes to become an active member in Region IV sometime after the first of the year. Alternate Director Jim Neal has been recommended to the Board to assume the duties as Director until the installation at GEC. This proposal meets with Neal's approval.

Region II: Mel Badger reported that on October 9 a CSPRA meeting was held at the Veterans Memorial Building in Sonoma. Meeting arrangements were made by personnel from the Sonoma Area. Areas represented at the meeting were Russian River, Sonoma, and Golden Gate. Assignments were made through volunteers for articles in the REPORTER as follows:

Subject of Your Choice-Dec.-Dick Menefee
Ranger Riting-Jan.-Dennis Dobernick
Newsmaker-Feb.-Jim Phillips
Trainee Views-Mar.-Jeff Jones
Ladies Viewpoint-Apr.-Pat Weiss

Nominations for delegates were made. Candidates are: Dennis Dobernick, Jeff Jones, Jim Phillips, Pat Weiss, and Harvey Lively. Two Ranger Trainees signed up for membership in CSPRA--Wes Chapin and Pat Weiss.

On November 16 a social and business meeting was held at Shakey's Pizza Parlor in San Rafael. Arrangements for the meeting were made by CSPRA members of the Golden Gate Area. Forty members, wives, children and guests attended the meeting. After several pitchers of suds and numerous giant pizzas were consumed, a short business meeting of two hours was conducted. Dick Menefee reported on uniform allowances and presented a letter of protest to be put before the November Board of Directors' meeting. All maintenance employees at Golden Gate attended the meeting to express their objections to the present CSPRA policy of professionalism and name of organization which did not represent them. After a good, long discussion which became hot at times, agreement was made to present their objections to the Board of Directors' meeting.

Region III: Fred Spicer reported a letter was mailed to all members on September 13 to report the items covered at our September 9 meeting held in Sacramento. Started the listing of personnel seeking one of the positions within Region III. Appointed Dana Long as Committee Chairman for nomination of officers.

All members were asked to please submit an article for the Region for the REPORTER. Response hasn't been too good.

Spicer had a member within the areas check with the non-member maintenance personnel to secure information about them joining the Association. Report sent to Vice-President Schlerf. Here again, not much interest shown by maintenance personnel.

Have received a lot of questions about the posessory tax. This was pretty well cleared up when the REPORTER came out.

No formal meetings held, but a lot of items discussed with members during visits to the areas.

Region IV: Ron McCall reported one meeting was held at Henry Cowell Redwoods in October. The main

purpose of the meeting was to nominate candidates for the office of delegate. Six members were nominated and their names forwarded to the Executive Secretary to be put on the ballot. At the same meeting, Resolutions were discussed for the 1973 GEC. A committee was selected to write Resolutions in final form. This Committee met for the first time early in November and finalized three Resolutions. More meetings are planned.

Region IV had been in the center of record breaking rains over the past two months. Big Sur made headlines with their disastrous mud slides which resulted after fire destroyed the watershed on adjacent slopes. Heavy damage was sustained within Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, mainly to the lodge and parking lot. The concessioner suffered further loss when a cabin in which he had stored all the goods from the gift shop burned to the ground. Recent mud slides resulted in the destruction and total loss of Rangers Ray Jenkins' and Jack Stoe's personal cars. Looks like a long winter for Big Sur.

Region V: Rodger Kellogg reported that on October 30, a meeting was held in Goleta at District 5 Headquarters to receive nominations for delegates and officers of Region V. Other topics discussed at the meeting were uniforms and uniform committee; the region will undertake a uniform survey with subsequent report. The report will be submitted at the January Board meeting. The topic of new campground developments and redevelopments of existing campgrounds (Carpinteria SB) was brought up. It is felt by our operations field personnel that our new developments are not designed with proper forethought given to all areas of good campground management.

One other problem brought up was the lack of campground closure or limitation information. In some cases, campers know more about the conditions of campgrounds within a District than the "visitor services" personnel.

Region VI: Loren Dietz reported two meetings have been held; one at South Carlsbad and one at Anza Borrego. Nomination of delegates--10 names were nominated, of which two are maintenance personnel. Attendance was light at these meetings because of other events and weather conditions. Some PEP program employees are interested in joining CSPRA. Are they eligible? Major reason for maintenance people not joining is the name. Most members in the Region were involved in Proposition 15.

Region VII: Dick Brock reporting for Region VII: No meetings have been held since the last Board meeting. They did nominate two people for Director, two people for Alternate Director, and two people for Delegate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Constitution and By-Laws

Wes Cater reported the Constitution would have to be amended if the name of the Association was to be changed. It would have to be voted on by the membership. At all other times, it has been voted to keep the name the same. No other constitutional matters.

Ways and Means Committee

Herman Schlerf reported that we have a black balance. Discussion on travel allowances was received by the Board. Since Board of Control has raised state allowances, maybe CSPRA should too. President Welch appointed Herman Schlerf and Doug Bryce to re-

view the budget and report at the January meeting on raising travel allowances. If feasible, it will be in force for GEC.

Membership Committee

Herman Schlerf reported on the Maintenance Membership Drive. Only two Regions have reported. Schlerf would still like to have the other Directors' reports. The two reports indicated that three persons said they didn't want to join because of the name of the organization. Others mostly wanted salary and other benefits. Discussion brought out that several Directors mentioned the maintenance people think some other outside organizations offer more. Some want a union-like organization. If the Maintenance Supervisor won't join, the men below him won't either. A Resolution should be presented at GEC regarding the name change. The maintenance people should join and then work toward change. Schlerf felt we should still encourage the maintenance people to get them to join, and wants to continue in this direction and not give up now. The Board discussed making the REPORTER available to non-members either by mail or where they work. Perhaps each member could share his copy with a non-member. Herman Schlerf is building a membership packet which will help in signing up new members.

1973 GEC Committee

Advertising—Oren Welch said the cover would be printed immediately and a promotional packet sent to the Regional Directors. Welch has sent a letter to all state contract-vendors asking for advertising for GEC. \$30 in advertising has been sold so far. Alvord and Ferguson will be the only exhibitor at GEC and will be contacted.

Cliff Wade reported he didn't have a guest speaker yet. It was decided to have a theme for this year's GEC. The theme will be decided under new business and will help determine the guest speaker and his subject.

Workshops—Cal Poly is willing and able to put on a program. Linda Fletcher, San Luis Coastal Area, is working on the camera workshop. No progress on the ethnic workshop. The fishing derby and ladies' activities are on schedule.

Financial Report

Doug Bryce reported:

Current checking account	\$1,863.71
Savings account	783.58
Balance on hand	\$2,647.29

Environmental Issues Committee

Jim Hart reported that Phil Claud, Jr. is a new member of his committee, and that he would like to get more even distribution of membership on his committee. Hart would like to have the Board of Directors vote on environmental issues and have that represent CSPRA's stand. Hart listed the following EIC priority interests.

1. Assemblyman Z'berg's negotiations with the Reagan Administration on major legislation to establish state wide control over air and water pollution and solid waste management.
2. AB 392 (Z'berg) enacts the State Beach, Park, Recreation, and Historical Facilities Bond Act.
3. Proposition 20/AB 200 (Sieroty)/SB 100 (Grunsky)—These bills did not pass legislature but enough interest was generated to put forth Proposition 20—California Coastal Zone Conservation Act of

1972. EIC supported this issue 100% and submitted an article in the October REPORTER. We are happy this proposition passed.

4. AB 1084—Due in large part to the efforts of Planning and Conservation League President Dave Hirsch, the Governor has signed Assembly Bill 1084 (Biddle). This bill will become law 60 days after adjournment of the 1972 Legislature session.

AB 1084 makes various changes in the membership and hearing procedures of air pollution control district boards granting variances. The number of members on these boards will be increased from three to five; and of these members, one must be a representative of the medical profession who specializes or has training in the field of environmental medicine, community medicine, or occupational/toxicologic medicine. The bill also requires that one member be admitted to the practice of law.

5. SB 4 and SB 107 (Collier and Behr) Wild Rivers Legislation. EIC is backing SB107 (Behr). EIC wrote letters of support to Governor Reagan and Director Mott. It has been passed.

6. SB 1368 (Stevens) Preservation of the Santa Monica Mountains. EIC would like to have a Board vote to decide if CSPRA will take a stand in favor of this legislation. It creates a comprehensive master plan for balanced conservation and development in the Santa Monica Mountains. The plan has received a real boost from the federal government in a recent report from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. The BOR report urges creation of a commission having authority to prepare land use recommendations surrounding the proposed National Urban Park, which Governor Reagan has endorsed, for the Santa Monica Mountains and Seashore. Without SB 1368 there would be a development explosion in the near future. SB 1368 has cleared the Senate Finance Committee and is now up for a Senate floor vote.

The newest member of EIC, Phil Claud, will be reporting on wilderness areas and ground use impact.

The Committee addressed a follow-up letter to Director Mott asking if the Department has incorporated any of the paper re-use ideas listed in Bill Krumbeins article on paper recycling and re-use. We also asked to receive a copy of any reports which might have been made on garbage salvaging within the State Park System. We also asked that Director Mott speak in behalf of the Department in whatever beneficial way he could to help persuade Governor Reagan to sign SB 107.

We have an EIC meeting scheduled for November 21, at Jerry Henderson's in Banning. It will be called at 6:00 P.M. All who are interested are invited to attend. We will be delegating environmental reports at this meeting and discussing future GEC Resolutions.

The Committee would like to know what actions have been taken on their last year's resolutions, 72-2 and 72-3.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Elections

Doug Bryce reported that ballots will be mailed November 19, and must be postmarked by December 10.

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Audubon Camp, 1973

No one has been selected from Region VII to use the scholarship won at the September Board meeting so it goes to the alternate, Laurent Clark, Region V. The Board discussed whether CSPRA should pay the full scholarship for Audubon since it has increased.

MOTION: Ken Jones, CSPRA pay the full scholarship for Audubon Camp and that the Executive Secretary write the recipients a letter.

SECONDED: Rodger Kellogg

MOTION CARRIED

Compiling History of CSPRA

Dick Brock asked President Welch if Doug Bryce and he should include policy in their compilation of resolutions and actions. It was agreed policy will be included.

Dues

Permanent Intermittents dues are \$1.50 by payroll deduction only for the months they work.

CSPRA Goals and Priorities

President Welch wants the Directors to suggest goals and priorities for CSPRA. These yearly goals can be updated at GEC. CSPRA needs a planned course of action.

Salary and Wages

Wes Cater reported that Senate Bill 338 has not, and probably will not, go to vote. Senate Resolution 28—the State Personnel Board is now making a study of all ranger salaries. The Governor has said he will correct all salary inequities in fiscal 1973.

Uniform Allowance

In response to complaints on the uniform allowance, Dick Brock explained that the \$96 that was allotted to Parks and Recreation employees is being appealed. A letter has been sent to the Board of Control by the Department. The \$96 figure is for replacement and was computed over a year ago. Brock didn't think the Department established the amount of \$96 but instead listed the number of employees, the uniform cost and wear out period. The allowance is effective from August 15 and approximately each August 15 thereafter. Several members pointed out that the wear-out factor is much shorter than it used to be and that this information should be updated.

Honorary Awards

The January Board of Directors' meeting will vote on who gets the honorary awards. It is each sponsor's responsibility to notify the recipient and see that he gets to the GEC to receive the award.

NEW BUSINESSConvention Site

Mr. Burt Pease of the Santa Cruz County Convention and Visitors Bureau and Mr. Scott Sherrill of Holiday Inns spoke to the Board about considering Santa Cruz for a convention site.

Management Services Proposal

Mr. Don Near, Executive Director for Education Recreation Associates, and Mr. Rick Dahlgren, presented a \$200 a month program for providing management services and for generally running the administrative function of CSPRA. Their proposal is as follows:

Education Recreation Associates will assign Mr.

Neer, park and recreation association manager of 30 years experience, to the Association as their Executive Director with the following services.

1. Centrally located headquarters office with phone, letterhead, bank account, records and billing system.
2. Duties of the Executive Director as assigned by the Board of Directors could include:
 - a. Annual budget preparation.
 - b. Membership promotions.
 - c. Annual dues, billing, and collection.
 - d. Annual audit and filing of tax records.
 - e. Arrangements of state and regional meetings.
 - f. Conference-coordination-program, speakers facilities, exhibits.
 - g. Agenda preparation, minute keeping and reporting.
 - h. Communications; copy and ads for newsletter.
 - i. Correspondence answered promptly.
 - j. Special projects, as assigned (i.e. legislation, public relations.)

In short, ERA will provide the California State Park Rangers Association total administration including those programs the Association underwrites while getting the most from the dues dollar.

ERA's monthly fee for these services is possible because CSPRA overhead costs are shared. Proportionally you will pay only your share of the rent, secretarial service, office equipment and salary of your account executive. You pay for only the services which you use. All other charges are included in the budget predetermined by your Board of Directors and are billed as out-of-pocket expense at cost.

The CSPRA elected officers will be relieved of program management so they can concentrate on industry problems. Hopefully this will provide greater continuity and avoid duplication of effort from year to year.

All materials will emanate from your association headquarters on your association letterhead. Administration will clear through one address and phone number.

ERA's goal is to help the CSPRA grow as fast as possible while developing viable services including money making projects and programs for the good of the Association.

ERA proposes to carry out the above services for the fee of \$200.00 per month. Realizing that this is \$1800.00 per year more than is currently being paid, the following programs are proposed to augment the Association income.

1. Special Membership Contests.
2. Annual Conference Expanded Exhibit.
3. Camp Consultation Service.
4. Development of Environmental Education Seminars.
5. Sale of Publications.

They would also put on self-supporting programs such as a junior ranger program, or develop new educational programs to be put on in communities.

President Welch appointed a committee of Wes Cater, Doug Bryce, Herman Schlerf, and Dick Brock to study Mr. Neer's proposal and report at the January Board meeting.

Theme for GEC

Board discussion of a theme for GEC produced many suggestions.

MOTION: Herman Schlerf, that the 1973 GEC theme be Solution or Pollution.

SECONDED: Ken Jones

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTER Columns

Oren Welch presented two proposals to be included as columns in the REPORTER: Joe Hood's The Field Mouse That Roars, and a Ranger Response Column by Bill Krumbein. The Board agreed these are up to the Editor's discretion.

Yearly Award Program

Oren Welch presented a suggestion for an award program. President Welch agreed on awards for the Most Active Region of the Year and Member of the Year. Welch appointed the Honorary Awards Committee to handle the award program.

Department Film

The \$500 donated by CSPRA will buy extra prints of the movie currently being made on the state park system.

PEP Employee Membership

Employees under the Public Employment Program are eligible to join CSPRA. If they are doing work in the maintenance field, they will be considered active members. If they are working in some other category, they can become associate members.

Historical Reconnaissance Committee Proposal

Rodger Kellogg presented Lloyd Geissinger who asked the Board of Directors to consider forming a Historical Reconnaissance Committee as follows:

Background: In the Department's first Historical Preservation class, conducted at Asilomar from November 3-9, a number of problems were identified that are inherent in the operation of historically oriented units in the Department of Parks and Recreation.

One of these problems warrants immediate, effective action if we are to accurately depict and interpret our historical heritage in our service to the public.

Problem: We are failing to adequately tap the historic informational resource contained in the memories of the last surviving members of historical eras we depict. Within the next few years these people will no longer be with us and due partly to our own complacency, valuable information will be lost forever.

Proposal: Since we cannot morally permit a lack of Departmental funding or man hours to allow these losses, we must utilize other means.

It was the consensus of opinion of members of the Historical Preservation class that the Ranger's Association was the body through which this problem could be curbed.

We propose that the California State Park Rangers Association establish and fund a "Historical Reconnaissance Committee", with the primary objective of performing the necessary "leg work" to obtain the valuable information stored within our old timers living throughout the state.

Information obtained could then be compiled, edited and presented to the CSPRA President for further presentation to the Department of Parks and Recreation

Proposal Details:

1. The Committee should be a committee of one. Suggested individuals; Robert Reese, Frank Herald, Jack Schlotter.

2. This person would then work through volunteer "liaison personnel" of the areas as a means of approaching, establishing rapport with, and interviewing individuals. Volunteers, in addition to those on attached roster, will be solicited through letters in The REPORTER.

3. All volunteers and interested persons would then be asked to identify individuals who need to be interviewed and the Committee would establish priorities for action.

4. Volunteers would further be asked to identify Historical subject matter needing further documentation or research as a further guideline to the committee's efforts.

5. Oral histories and background would be obtained on tape if possible and then placed in written narrative form for duplication and distribution.

6. The committee and volunteers would work with local historical societies whenever possible. Hopefully, new avenues of communication and information would thereby be opened.

7. The committee and volunteers would further be in a position of accepting duplicate photographs and/or artifacts from interviewees for presentation to the Department.

8. Possible budget requirements for the first full year of operation:

a. Correspondence materials	\$ 25
b. Postage	25
c. Tape Recorder	100
d. Tapes	60
e. Photo duplication expense	60
f. Travel & per diem (committee)	600
	<u>\$870</u>

Most other materials and equipment items, including typewriters, clerical time and vehicles would be provided by volunteers.

Conclusions: We recognize that even if you, as Board of Directors, endorse this proposal, it must further weather necessary refinements, review of the Ways and Means Committee, and perhaps a vote of the membership; before possible acceptance at GEC in March 1973.

However, if we may secure your preliminary endorsement at this time, we are prepared, following your direction, to obtain and develop sample "Products". We would then hope that samples of historical reconnaissance would sell this proposal, so the California State Park Ranger's Association Reconnaissance Committee can become a reality.

Class members:

Douglas R. Bryce	Carl G. Lonnecker
Glen E. Burch	Dale B. Miller
Lawrence A. Gernak	Kirby R. Morgan
Richard C. Edwards	Donald I. Rich
Lloyd B. Geissinger, Jr.	Hal Noehren
Jeremiah F. Hayes	Jack W. Schlotter
Frank W. Herald	Mrs. JoAnn Dean, Sonoma
Cornelius R. Hyta	Valey Reg. Parks Dist.
Carl M. Wilson	Miss Susan Hansen, Western
Paul E. Jordon	Interpreters Assoc.
Eric H. Leffingwell	

President Welch appointed Frank Herald as Historian and a committee of one to do the last two paragraphs

under Conclusions. President Welch will write to Frank Herald asking for a report in January or at GEC.

County Fair Participation

Dick Brock will check on a policy letter on file in the Department regarding Department participation at fairs before President Welch takes action to suggest to Director Mott CSPRA participation.

Directors' Stand on Environmental Issues

Jim Hart's committee will submit key environmental issues to the Directors in advance of meetings and then the Board can vote on them at the meeting after studying them. EIC will see that the Board's decision is published and distributed as the Board determines.

GEC Resolutions

The rules on submitting Resolutions to GEC should be re-stated so everyone is aware of the conditions for submitting them. Resolutions are to be submitted 60 days prior to GEC.

Overlapping Pay—Rangers I and II

Rodger Kellogg discussed the fact that some Ranger II's are receiving less salary than the Ranger I's they supervise. Dick Brock will report on this at the next meeting.

Law Enforcement

Ron McCall reported that Jack Smyre asked CSPRA to support the Department's attempt to get assault and battery on Department employees in the line of duty declared a felony instead of a misdemeanor. Smyre also requested CSPRA send a letter to Director Mott favoring the use of Mace. Ron McCall will submit details for voting at the January Board meeting.

Calendar of Events

Kirk Wallace suggested there be a Calendar of Events published in the REPORTER telling of dates and deadlines for events. It was agreed this will be printed in the REPORTER.

MOTION: Ron McCall, adjournment

SECONDED: Fred Spicer

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 1625.

WOODSY OWL HOOTS:

**People need fish,
fish need clean water.**



GIVE A HOOT. DON'T POLLUTE

people see illegal trails they are more apt to follow them or make new ones, if they feel that the park doesn't care when people drive across country. It's just like restrooms. A dirty restroom will immediately lead to a much dirtier restroom, just because people feel that nobody cares.

In camouflaging illegal trails or tracks, it's easiest to use a garden rake to level out the tracks and then use a floor broom to brush the lighter soil to the surface. This will hide the rake marks and also age the camouflaging. It will look like a wind storm had passed over. Also, dead native plants may be either pulled across the trail or live plants may be transplanted in the trail at random intervals and watered on future patrols.

RECYCLING DOES PAY

To those who don't believe that recycling pays, take an ecology lesson from Big Basin and Castle Rock State Parks. On October 20 and 22, the annual Clean-up Days, a cooperative effort between the State Parks, Sempervirens Fund, Santa Cruz Mountains Trails Association, West Valley Park Management Students, and many other civic organizations and individuals took place. The "litter-gatherers" collected, in addition to 30 cubic yards of garbage, 24,000 bimetal cans, 10,160 aluminum cans, and 4,500 pounds of glass. These were recycled by Ecology action and the \$150.00 profit turned over to the Sempervirens Fund, for State Park Land Acquisition in the Santa Cruz Mountains. The 4,000 (approximately) volunteer man-hours of labor didn't cost the parks a cent. Big Basin and Castle Rock are cleaner, civic pride was demonstrated by the clean up crews, and the trash was recycled for cash.

Is the Santa Cruz Mountains area different than every other area?—or could you set up a cooperative cleanup and recycling weekend? Remember—RECYCLING DOES PAY!

—Don Patton and Denzil Verado
Region IV

When the kindergarten-age child went for a routine physical, the nurse checked his height and weight.

"You are 47" tall and you weigh 47 pounds," the nurse said.

"Oh good, the youngster replied, "now I'm a square."

TRAINEE ASSIGNMENT

by: Jeffery Price Region VI

As a member of the first group to participate in the entire Ranger Trainee program, many thoughts come to mind when I think back to that first day.

It was about a year ago when the first group of Ranger Trainees reported to their intake areas throughout the state. At that time I had no idea of what a Trainee was or how a Ranger in the State Park System functions. Many of my close friends had jobs with non-definitive titles such as management-trainee or systems analyst or engineering technician, that had complex and involved job descriptions. They would go on and on about the importance of their positions. Of course I would be politely asked about what I was doing. When asked, "What does a Ranger Trainee do?", I had a very broad definition that someone in personnel must have authored. It defined the S.P.R. Trainee position as "Under close supervision, as a learner, to perform a variety of duties in a State Park while receiving training in the specialized technical, professional and administrative work of a State Park Ranger". I still did not know what my newly chosen occupation was to encompass.

Now, it is more than a year later. My close friends are still trying to explain what their job titles mean, when we meet socially. They are much more interested now, however, in my profession. Questions such as, "How does one get started as a Ranger?" or "I sure envy you your job" or "Could you really work at places such as Lake Tahoe and Big Basin Redwoods?", are the topics of conversation.

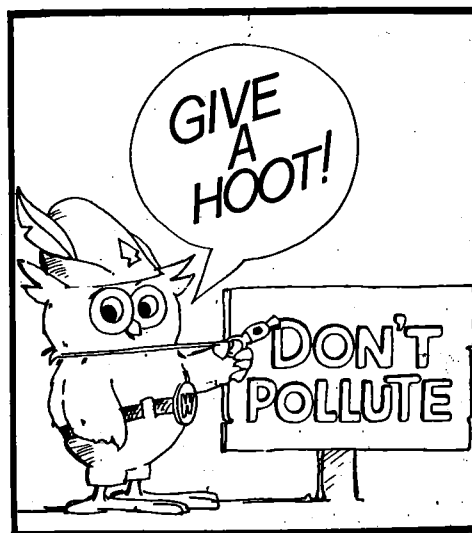
I have been so pleased with my job that it is becoming contagious. My roommate from college and my best man have applied for the Trainee entrance exam and a SCUBA diving buddy has just finished taking his Trainee oral. I'm afraid my fondness for this job has begun to be carried with me wherever I go. But, why not? As a friend remarked once, "Where else can you have a secure public relations job that is conservation and environmentally aware, and still makes you feel good when you get home."

I want others to know that our Department is "on the ball": that we have professionalized the Ranger series by separating maintenance duties and by raising both entrance

requirements and starting salaries; that we have been through a basic Ranger "Academy" and Park Ranger Basic Peace Officer Course, which together totaled 400 plus hours of training; that we have an entire year of formal and on-the-job training working with Rangers who are already true professionals; that we are progressive in having both male and female participants with a wide background of collegiate majors; and that we bring something the Department of Parks and Recreation has been striving for...youth.

I'm not sure what immediate effect this youthful input is having statewide, but I can see changes at my Area in community-park relations, enforcement attitudes and in topics for new interpretive involvement.

Well, as you can tell my thoughts on the Trainee program are of the highest level. After having been through it, I do not see how in the past our Department was able to insure that each "new" Ranger got a correct and complete training. Now, however, every Area Manager has a pool of eager, trained and experienced professionals, ready to be acclimatized to new environments throughout our great California Park System.



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Wearing a mini-skirt in the milo patch is a ticklish situation.

THE LONE RANGER

by: Jim Hart, Region VI

The Lone Ranger is not dead. He lives on in the State Park System at a place called Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. During the last few months at Fish Creek he has taken on the shape and style of Easy Rider. A Seasonal Ranger (now Ranger Trainee), Ken Carter, was in charge of patrolling the Fish Creek district of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Ken's domain was approximately 97,000 acres of the driest desert that God was able to bake in California. It encompassed flat, sandy desert, rough dry washes for roads, narrow rocky chasms, steep cliffs, anticlinal folds, faults and fractures and a lifeless expanse of mud hills known as the Carrizo Badlands. Then, just to make the area spicy man used part of this area as a bombing range and impact area during World War II. It's still closed for public safety. Approximately one out of ten of the bombs actually exploded, so consequently there are still many live bombs in this patrol area, which is worked daily in conjunction with outpost ranger Gar Salzgeber, an excellent vehicle tracker of renown fame in these parts. Similiar to the old Canadian Mounties Gar will track a man for miles, and he just about always gets his man. His patrol district is nearly 120,000 acres. These men, as well as other outpost rangers at ABDSP, will often put over a hundred miles on a vehicle in one day without even touching a paved road. Funny as it seems it's the dry loneliness, the 200 degree summer surface temperatures, the gut-busting dry washes, sidewinders, scorpions, sandstorms, and who knows, maybe even the bombs' extra thrill and excitement that attract the men who come to the desert to work and live in rugged and often outpost assignments.

Self preservation becomes a way of life out here and the job takes men who can think quickly on their feet. Acrusty chief ranger, thought by many to be even harsher than the desert itself, calls this quick thinking "horse sense" and near as he can tell no college teaches it and there's no way to get a degree in it. You either have it or you don't, and if you don't he does his best to instill it into you before you get yourself or someone else into trouble. (Take it from a guy who learned it from the Frank Davies instilling

method.) I've also found that a person can learn a considerable amount of this by listening to a maintenance man.

Ken Cater is an example of a Ranger with this "Horse Sense". Sixty-two miles from Headquarters, over forty miles of rough baked tortuous dry wash terrain lay between him and the nearest paved road, which was still twelve more miles to the nearest hand crank phone. Two broken U-bolts from metal fatigue, a rear axle against the IH Scout frame, and a leaf spring lying in the sand, undaunted Ken grabbed up a park boundary post, jacked up the vehicle and jammed it in—driving the full sixty miles back to Headquarters and leaving a trail of splinters to mark his path. Ken's report to the mechanic was that the boundary post took all the loose shimmy right out of the front end of the Scout, would the mechanic consider replacing the other three springs with boundary posts?

The tales could go on of men and experiences in this park and hardships, some very tragic which have occurred. People have died within spitting distance of the Fish Creek Ranger Station and not been found for weeks. Rangers have driven vehicles with barrel cactus wedged for a spring in vehicles tied together with rope and bailing wire until they could get to Headquarters. And not too many years ago they didn't even have radios. Even today rangers will occasionally walk fifteen miles or more to get help when a vehicle radio is not working and the vehicle itself is broken down...as I did only the day before this article was written.

Robert Service said it all when he wrote, "There's a land where the mountains are nameless and the rivers run God knows where. There are lives that are erring and aimless and deaths that hang by a hair. Hardships that nobody reckoned, valleys unpeopled and still. There's a land and it beckons and beckons and I want to go back and I will."

Those of you younger rangers who do not believe in the lone ranger or those of you older rangers with big elbows, we welcome you to visit ABDSP, the park that still has a lot of sky and a patent pending on good mild winter weather.

"...parks are preserved only by an understanding public, and they are used in pleasure only by a perceptive public."

—National Parks For The Future
by the Conservation Foundation

LAUGHTER IS A BRIGHT YELLOWLadies Viewpoint
by: Tracie Hinkle

I've notice lately the faces that move through my life haven't any color. I don't mean brown or black faces or pale white ones but rather the colors I see that radiate from each individual. For example, my three children; Kim is bright pink, Eric is a lively blue, and Jill a be-deviling orange.

I think laughter helps create the color and I've seen so many gray colorless faces that it would seem far too many haven't given their souls a free minute to relax, laugh, and reach out; to take the time to really care, to be free, to risk some moment of their's on another. Taking yourself and the others around you too seriously leaves no room for the delight of surprise or the bright yellow feelings of a shared laugh.

Risk being human and vulnerable. It's so easy to put up little walls here and there and to label tender, sensitive spots as childish or immature. And, after all, now that we're "adults" we've given up our child-like ways. Bah! Hum-bug! It's those very qualities in our children that make them so precious to us. Those beautiful little flashes of sunlight in a busy gray day; those clear wide eyes; the giggling laughter that makes your whole body relax and feel warm; a warm little arm around your leg squeezing you close.

All those feelings are so delicious that we draw them in and cling to them and savor them over and over. Taking and forgetting how to be open again and give, leaves us without any rainbows, or sunsets, or green grass under our feet.

What color are you?? A dignified, withdrawn gray? A lovely shade of walled-up institution green? A nice, neutral nonirrigating beige?

Color is living, laughing is yellow, love is a rainbow, growing is green, green is forever.

CAMPER QUESTIONS

by: Bill Krumbein

Camper Question: "Why can't I run my hose into the bushes for my sink water? It don't hurt noth'n."

Ranger Reply: "We have a regulation which prohibits this act. It is a good rule, too. Sink water, with its bits of food and meat particles attracts pests such as wasps and bees and flies. It can smell, too."

Ranger Reply: "You have dumped about three gallons of sink water over there. This site is filled every night for 5 months of the year. That's 150 nights. Three gallons a day make 450 gallons of water and filth. It plays havoc if someone wants to set up a tent there."

Ranger Reply: "What do you think we run here, an outdoor sewer? Do you throw your garbage out on your front lawn at home?"

Ranger Reply: "Did you know that you are killing that bush? That plant is being overwatered and also, sink water is not very good for plants. Try watering your houseplants with it and see how well they thrive."

January Camper Question: "What do you mean 3 vehicles aren't allowed in my camp—they all fit?"

What is your response to camper questions? Is your answer lively and lucid? Let's hear your answer to next month's question.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOOKSHELF

Only One Earth, by Barbara Ward and René Dubos (W.W. Norton & Co., New York, \$6 hardbound). Prepared as background for United Nations Conference on Human Environment in Stockholm in June, 1972. Clearly summarizes the political, social, and ecological circumstances that make up the worldwide environmental crisis.

The Closing Circle, by Barry Commoner (Alfred A. Knopf, New York, \$6.95 hardbound). Challenges us to create an "ecologically aware economy."

Population, Resources, Environment, by Dr. Paul Ehrlich (W.H. Freeman, San Francisco, \$9.50 hardbound). Latest study of population pressures by author of The Population Bomb.

FACILITY MAINTENANCEMaintenance Article

by: Fred Spicer

Sketchy or infrequent work schedule programs, used in an effort to keep up with all the "Must Do's" of a Facility Maintenance Program, will soon leave their mark. Of course, the deterioration is gradual and may not be noticed as weeks roll by. The temptation to forgo even simple routine projects is especially easy to give in to when a maintenance program has not been properly set up as a working program.

But you shouldn't despair even if the tell-tale signs of deterioration, etc. have put in an appearance. Just try to regroup your maintenance forces and head for revitalized maintenance standards. Your regular daily routine care should take only a few minutes if a good program has been started.

So, no excuses—plan now to take those few minutes every day to line up each and every project. A well-defined program can be an eye opener that gets you off to a faster start in doing the projects that are scheduled to be done within your maintenance operations.

Be sure to set up time to slip in your housekeeping chores daily before embarking on major projects. Here are just three basic steps to a good facility maintenance program.

1. Housekeeping duties.
2. Stimulation of maintenance personnel.
3. Maintenance of all facilities, keeping them in good, sound and safe condition.

Don't be afraid to use a little soap and water while doing your housekeeping chores.

Experiment a little to find what materials can be purchased and are needed for your area projects. Regardless of what is used, keeping the facilities neat and clean is our goal that we give to the visiting public.

The second step is stimulation of our crew of maintenance personnel. These are the employees who are going to prove helpful in seeing that the maintenance program is being carried out to the best of their ability.

Regarding the third step, all of our facilities need protection from sun, wind, and weather. To provide a barricade to these enemies, we must see that a well-planned program is carried out.

Keep up the good work, fellows. With daily care, it won't be long before you notice a gradual improvement in your Facility Maintenance Program, which is good now—but let's strive to make it better.

We tend to exaggerate not only the sins of others but also their remorse, sensitivity, gratitude, attachment, hatred, etcetera. In short, we usually see the peculiarities of others as through a magnifying glass; we also see ourselves in exaggerated proportions when we see ourselves through the eyes of others. We attach a quality of extremism to the opinion other people have to us.

—Eric Hoffer

HOW MUCH CAN YOU TAKE?

You can eat 3 pounds of food each day, if you are normal in every way.

You drink 3 quarts of water too, including beer and Duggan's Dew.

The air you use weighs 30 pounds, you breathe some 20,000 pounds.

You speak about 5,000 words, and some of them should not be heard. About 100,000 times, your heart pumps out the sludge and slime.

And if your head doth function well, you jog some seven million cells. And every day you're sure to use some wood, some steel and some refuse.

You consume pleasures all the time, some costs a dollar, some a dime. You use up many people's work, mostly done in fits and jerks.

You use the doctors special skill, the lawyer works to draw your will. Your transportation takes a lot, as you move 'round from spot to spot. You use the long commuter train, you fly away in a jet plane.

You spent your first fifth century, paying nothing, riding free.

Some person taught you all you know, they clothed you for the sleet and snow.

Some person worked so you could eat, someone supplied you every treat. You soaked up heat from logs that burn, and you gave nothing in return.

You snuggled in a good warm bed, you savored steak and good french bread.

This life has been right good to you, and still you bitch just like I do.

MEMBERSHIP CHART

					188	
		141				
64						
	106					
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45%	50%	65%	55%	58%	46%	
I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII

Top Number = Total Possible Members
Taken from the September, 1971
Departmental Directory.

Middle Number = Number of Members
Taken from mailing list as of
January, 1973

Bottom Number = % of Total Possible

Retired and Associate members can help us also. The following numbers are members in the respective Regions. Have you tried to get more to join CSPRA?

<u>Region</u>	<u>Retired</u>	<u>Associate</u>
I	3	2
II	2	0
III	2	0
IV	2	0
V	2	4
VI	7	
VII	0	

Editorial

No, you haven't missed your November and December editions. I took a long November vacation and was to print a real thick, newsy year-end paper, then my misses, got the flu and pneumonia. I didn't realize how much help she is with the REPORTER. Sorry folks, for the delay.

I have also received some good articles. They are pretty long, so if you don't see your's just yet it is still in the mill.

Thank you, to all who sent holiday greetings ot the editor's household. Kim and I will have to take this way to return our best to you for 1973.

Bill Krumbein is going to give us a CAMPER QUESTION column. If you have a good provocative reply to his questions how about sending them in?

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Region VI

Delegates (4)	Price*	34
	Hart*	39
	Sears*	41
	Velzy*	41
	Lemley	32
	Donahue	33
	Secovitch	16
	Wilber	13
	Griffith	14
	Hartwell	27

Region VII

<u>Director</u>	Brock*	11
	Felty	7
Alternate Dir.	Johnson, G.*	10
	Bradshaw	9
Delegates (1)	Hesemeyer*	16
	Nicol	2

Total of 440 ballots were sent out.
359 ballots were returned.

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CALENDAR—UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 15—Resolutions delivered to Exec. Sec. (signed by delegate or 5 members.)
- Jan. 31—GEC Advertisements deadline.
- Feb. 14—Regional Executive Committees must meet before this date.
- Mar. 6—Resolutions delivered to Exec. Sec. (signed by 3 or more delegates)
- Mar. 16-18 GEC at Morro Bay

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park to clean up our trails. In this year's clean-up days 24,000 bimetal cans, 10,000 aluminum cans, and tons of glass were recycled by an Ecology Now group from San Jose and the profits (\$150.00) were given to the Sempervirens Fund for the purchase of additional park land in the Big Basin area. This event will include this recycling from now on.

Beginning next summer, recycled materials collected in the campgrounds will also be recycled for no charge by the San Jose ecology group and all profits turned over to the Sempervirens Fund.

The park employees also save their aluminum cans and recycle them through the Sempervirens Fund.

According to Deniz Verado, "All of the above is only a start, but what a start it is. Through the cooperative efforts of private organizations and the state park we are on the way to total recycling with the exception of wet garbage. We are now working on the recycling of newspapers through other civic groups."

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