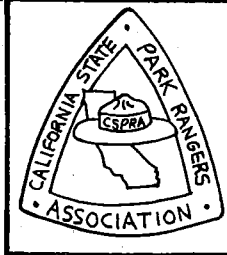




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NEWS FOR



ALL POINTS

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"WE CAN DO MORE"

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

All of us are saddened by the recent passing of three State Park Rangers—Richard Schnurr of the Providence Mountains Area, George Jackson of the Will Rogers Area, and the recently retired Marion Hanshew. All were dedicated Rangers who made valuable and lasting contributions to their chosen profession and the principles of public service. We shall miss them!

Lot's happening nowadays. Here are just a few items:

My personal congratulations to President-elect Herman Schlerf and to those chosen as Directors, Alternate Directors and Delegates. The same to winner of the runoff for vice-president between Ron Mc Call and Kirk Wallace.

I urge all members interested in a fully paid Audubon scholarship for summer '74 to submit your names to your Regional Director. Each Director has been instructed to bring one name to G.E.C. in Santa Cruz for the final lottery selection of the two who will receive these scholarships. Act now! Get your name in! You may be one of the lucky!

DIRECTOR MOTT

Director Mott has advised the new Asilomar Training Center dedication has been set for Thursday, Feb. 28, 1974. He will forward program details when known. CSPRA will participate in the ceremony.

Still unanswered by Director Mott are two of our recommendations (1) That law enforcement equipment be issued to all who successfully complete law enforcement training and (2) That P.O.S.T. certificates be issued to all who complete the training. I do, however, expect an

answer to both questions soon and will get the word out to the membership immediately thereafter.

Elsewhere in this issue will appear letters I have written on your behalf and at your direction to other persons and organizations.

Our December 8 meeting in Sacramento was long, lively, and most productive in the area of several subjects. Minutes of the meeting are reported completely in this issue.

The deadline for the submission of advertising for the Santa Cruz G.E.C. brochure has been set as January 20, 1974. We have already done pretty well but more is needed. I urge all of you to assist your Director in his advertising sales work.

I have constituted a new committee. It's called the Member Relations Committee and is chaired by volunteer Bud Caughell, otherwise known as The Calaveras Canary. The committee's purpose is to secure professional benefits, screen and recommend on association grievances and watchdog situations which may affect association members. As a first priority the committee intends to tackle the issue of safety or patrol member retirement status. This will be a time consuming process and if any of you want to help, pass your ideas on to Bud at 5757 Lake Murray Blvd. #58, La Mesa, Calif. 92041.

We're gearing up now for the Santa Cruz convention. Program Chairman Don Patton gave us a preview of what will happen and it appears we will have a bang-up convention with a variety of business, fun and games for everyone. The energy squeeze may

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ELECTION RESULTS

President (* indicates elected)
Schlerf* 186
Long 155

Vice President
Mc Call 130
Wallace 121
Krumbein 81

(runoff required Mc Call versus Wallace— returns due 1/2/74)

Region I

Delegates (2) Knott* 20
Jones* 28
Garguilo 19
Monahan 18
Neeley 15

Region II

Director: Badger* 33
Werts 20

Alternate Dir. Phillips* 30
Krumbein 20

Delegates (2) Jones* 45
Patton* 29
Loomis 26

Region III

Delegates (3) Moore* 26
Fregien* 27
Spicer* 29
Kraft 23
Canby 22
Weldon 24

Region IV

Director: Verardo 29
Ray 29
Hinkle 11

(runoff required Verardo versus Ray— returns due 1/2/74)

Alternate Dir. Hoyle* 28
Belle 20

Delegates (3) Coops 15
Patton* 30
Beat* 40
Jones* 41
Hladik 10
Stokes 18
Bartlett 17
Sly 22
Leigh 20

Region V

Delegates (2) Sears* 20
Donahue* 14
Lavenson 14
Soderlund 14
Salzgeber 14

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MINUTES

California State Park Rangers Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Sacramento, California
December 8, 1973

President Jack Welch called meeting to order at 0915.

Board members present:

Jack Welch, President
Herman Schlerf, Vice President
Joe Hood, Region I Director
Mel Badger, Region II Director
Caleb Smith, Region III Director
Ron McCall, Region IV Director
Jim Geary, Region V Director
Jerry Henderson, Region VI Director
Dick Brock, Region VII Director
Doug Bryce, Executive Secretary
Pat Cloney, Recording Secretary

Committee Chairman present:

Lloyd Geissinger, REPORTER Editor
Earl P. Hanson, Honorary Awards Committee
Jerry Johnson, Insurance Studies Committee
John Kolb, Interpretive Needs Committee
Bill Krumbein, Environmental Issues Committee
Don Patton, GEC 1974 Committee
Kirk Wallace, Parliamentarian
Pat Wiese, 1976 Site Selection Committee

Guests present:

Bud Heacox, Bob Macomber, Dick May, John Melvin,
Dick Menefee

REGIONAL REPORTS

Region I: Director sent out a newsletter to all Region members. Have four ads for the GEC program.

Region II: Held a candidate nominations meeting in San Rafael. Held another meeting over an excellent dinner in Petaluma and thirty one members, wives and guests turned out.

Two hundred twenty dollars in ads for GEC program to date.

Director has received several applications for the Audubon Scholarship.

Region III: Lou Wakefield appointed Alternate Director of Region. Still working for ads for GEC program.

Region IV: Due to District realignment in July, the Region has increased in area as well as members.

Region members are busy preparing for GEC.

Advertising sales are progressing too.

Three nomination meetings were held in October, in Felton, Monterey and San Luis Obispo. A total of fourteen names were submitted for nomination.

Region V: Phil Claud appointed Alternate Director.
One nomination meeting was held in November.

Region VI: Floyd Lemley appointed Alternate Director.
A nominations meeting held in October at San Diego had good turnout from most areas. A lively topic of discussion was how members can help CSPRA and vice versa.

Prior to this Board meeting Region members were asked to provide input. Pendleton Coast Area suggested that CSPRA investigate possibility of having a lobbyist; that we write a letter to BLM commending them for their Desert Use Plan; concern was also expressed for the method used to select Rangers for in-service training. Some members feel that training is provided to those who either don't need or want training. Those members would like to see more people write training type articles for the Reporter.

Region VII: A nominations meeting was held in October with 15 members present. During the first week in January a meeting is slated to discuss introduction of resolutions.

One \$50 ad for GEC so far.

1974 G.E.C.

Doug Bryce is in charge of printing the program for GEC and has one helper from Folsom Lake. Doug needs the program info no later than January 15th. Mail all ads to Doug during December. Those members who have expenses paid by CSPRA for GEC will have names printed in the Reporter.

Resolutions:

Resolutions must be received 60 days in advance of GEC, which means January 7th. These resolutions will appear in the Reporter so membership can advise delegates of their reaction to them. After January 7 resolutions must be signed by five members to be eligible for GEC.

1976 Site Selection

The 1975 GEC will be held in San Diego. Pat Wiese presented data on 7 sites for 1976.

Discussion followed on whether the rate should be picked and then bargain with various facilities in that city, or if the facility and rate should both be tied down. Going by past GEC's: Oakland was one of our most expensive and least attended whereas Morro Bay presented the type of setting CSPRA members liked, such as small town, informal attitude, lower cost. It was decided to pick three sites and have Pat Wiese get more information on facilities within those cities and present the prices and information in the Reporter and GEC.

MOTION: Joe Hood, that we accept the 3 sites which received the top votes: Sacramento, Fresno, Santa Rosa.

SECONDED: Dick Brock

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Honorary Awards Committee

Chairman Hanson presented the Committee's report.

MOTION: Dick Brock, that the Board accept the Committee's report.

SECONDED: Caleb Smith

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Hanson asked to be excused from an active role in CSPRA due to health and suggested that Dick Brock be appointed Chairman for continuity.

1974 GEC

Don Patton presented the activities for the Santa Cruz GEC.

PRINTED ON RECYCLED PAPER

EDITORS' NOTES: A complete schedule for the GEC activities will be published next month. The entire program looks real good - so make your plans now!!

Advertising: Don Patton reported Bob Macomber composed a letter which helped in obtaining ads for GEC. If you can't get businesses to place ads, ask for a door prize. All ads must be into Doug Bryce before January 15th to meet printing deadline.

Discussion on adjustment of GEC dates due to energy crisis travel problems. Charter buses and other public transportation could bring members to GEC.

MOTION: Dick Brock, that we make no changes in GEC at this time and depending on what happens between now and GEC, that the President be directed to make a change, if necessary.

SECONDED: Ron McCall, with the provision that Don Patton inquire of the Holiday Inn as to whether the change can be made.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Jr. Ranger Program

In accordance with action taken at the last Board meeting, President Welch introduced Bud Heacox who presented information on the Department's Jr. Ranger Program so the Board could decide the amount of money they wanted to spend. Bud Heacox gave a summary on the interpretive programs and their functions: The anti-litter program was funded by the State Park Foundation. Campfire programs, walks, patrol are another form. Docent programs provide local, supplemental guides for historic building tours. Cooperating associations have an agreement in which certain accomplishments are set forth to be provided in the interpretation and information areas. The junior lifeguard program is for local participation and recruitment of future lifeguards. And, the environmental living program planned for Old Ships, Petaluma and possibly Columbia.

The Jr. Ranger Program is primarily for non-local youth. Its objective is education through the accomplishment of certain tasks. There are six segments to be accomplished before the final certificate is given and these segments need not be done at the same park but can be accomplished at most parks. When the youth first arrives at a park, he will be given a wallet-type card and signed into the program. On the back of the card are certain tasks to be done. After doing more tasks he will be given a 3/4" badge, then more tasks and a 1 3/4" badge and finally after doing all tasks, he will receive a half-page certificate signed by the Director. Several units tried this program last summer and found it to be a worthwhile project. The Department needs approximately:

- \$250 for 100,000 wallet cards (Dept. will pay for this)
- \$800 for 20,000 3/4" badges (\$400 can be funded from anti-litter)
- \$1,000 for 12,000 1 3/4" badges
- \$100 for 10,000 half-page certificates

This is expected to be enough for the coming summer statewide. Mr. Heacox asked if the Department could expect CSPRA to fund this program for two years. President Welch stated he could only speak for this year and that a new budget and officers will take over next year. John Kolb said that since the Department is buying interpretive equipment right now for the units, the bulk of the \$1500 allotted the Interpretive Needs Committee could be spent on the Jr.

Ranger Program. It was suggested "CSPRA" be put on the material or perhaps the CSPRA seal. Mr. Heacox will see that CSPRA is given credit for funding in the information packet that goes to the parks.

MOTION: Dick Brock, that CSPRA go on record for \$1,100; \$1,000 for 1 3/4" badges and \$100 for certificates; the certificates to indicate CSPRA donation

SECONDED: Jerry Henderson

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

That leaves \$400 in the Interpretive Needs budget and John Kolb will contact the Regions on specific uses.

1974 Bond Issue

Dick May reported he had received good cooperation from the field people in this program. His office is presently working on inholdings. Approximately \$15 million will be spent on additions and inholdings. Probably 50% will be spent on existing parks and the rest on new projects. The selection process right now looks like it will be by province with all of the types (historic, new parks, additions, inholdings, etc.) arranged by priority in that province. Right now No. 1 priority is the south central coast. The selection committee consists of Jack Knight, Jim Tryner, Fred Meyer, Lon Spharler, Bob Uhte and Dick May. Director Mott will determine the final priorities of provinces. The selection committee is using a filtering system with weights to determine priorities. Some of the criteria are: significance of project; natural resource values, watershed, access, endangerment, zoning, nearness of population and public transportation, land values. Since the state cannot advertise or promote the election, the Director has formed a committee of private citizens who will sponsor it. The State Chamber of Commerce is officially endorsing the bond issue. The PTA is supporting it. There is no single organization opposing it. If the bond issue passes, budgeting for acquisition would be for 1975-76; development budget for about \$10 million in the 1974-75 budget.

Jerry Henderson said since we don't have money for mass advertising, we should try to influence other groups so they spend time and money. The committee is developing a slide program for the bond issue that can be used as an interpretive program later on. The Bond Committee is preparing data and information to use in talks. Jerry wants each Region to send him names of two or three people who are interested in speaking to clubs and those people will be sent a slide program. Jerry wants the Regions to send names and addresses of newspapers, TV and radio stations that will run an editorial on the bond program, and his committee will provide information for an editorial. The slide program should be ready by January 1st. The speakers will not appear in uniform, but as representatives of CSPRA.

Reporter

Lloyd Geissinger would like to have members send him their ideas on how to save energy.

NPS Ranger Contributions

Doug Bryce reported \$55 was received for the slain ranger, and forwarded to the bank.

EDITORS NOTE: An additional \$25 has been received by the Reporter and forwarded to the NPS Ranger Memorial Fund.

Verna Dunshee Memorial Fund

\$142 was received in contributions to the Verna Dunshee Memorial Fund. \$105 has been spent.

Treasurer's Report

Treasury balance as of December 8, 1973 is \$4,960.54.

Explorer Scout Post

Dick Menefee asked if CSPRA would sponsor a new Park Management Explorer Scout Post in Sonoma County. Ranger Gig Loomis is the Scout leader. The ages of the Scouts is from 14 to 20 years and this would be an opportunity for CSPRA to promote park management. Menefee felt if CSPRA would make \$50 available to the group this would be the only money required from CSPRA.

MOTION: Jerry Henderson, that CSPRA sponsor an Explorer Post in Park Management within the Sonoma-Mendocino Council and make \$50 available for their use.

SECONDED: Ron McCall

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Education and Training Committee

Jerry Johnson presented some guidelines for preparing an application form for awarding scholarship funds.

Editor's Note: The content of Jerry's presentation to the Board may be found on page 7, in the article entitled: WANT a SCHOLARSHIP?

MOTION: Jerry Henderson, that we accept the recommendations of the Committee, emphasizing that applications be considered on individual basis and needs and that the Committee consider the possibility of advancing a portion of the fee or tuition in individual cases, payment contingent upon successful completion and critique of the program.

SECONDED: Joe Hood

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Western Interpreters Association Workshop

Bill Krumbein reported that the WIA will be holding a workshop at Asilomar April 2-6, 1974. It was decided to pay one member's way to this workshop. Bill will write a story for the Reporter. Members who are interested in attending should send applications to the Executive Secretary.

Insurance

Jerry Johnson reported that Dick Keleske of Common Remitter System was having difficulty getting an insurance carrier to provide dental coverage. CSEA has been turned down by these same carriers on dental coverage. Mr. Keleske will be sending out a questionnaire on what types of insurance the members want.

Audubon Scholarships

Directors were asked to canvas their Regions for names of those interested in attending Audubon in 1974. Their names are to be put in a hat and one name drawn from each Region. The final drawing will be at GEC.

Peace Officers Research Association of California

John Melvin presented information on PORAC. An article will appear in a future copy of the Reporter giving information on how to join.

Adjournment 1730

RANGER SEES DREAM COMING TRUE

At its meeting December 8 in Sacramento, the CSPRA Board of Directors voted unanimously to sponsor a Park Management and Operation Explorer Post to be established in Region II. Region II had, at its November meeting, already given whole hearted support to the backing of this proposal as presented by Dick Menefee.

Working with the Sonoma Valley District of the Sonoma - Mendocino Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, Dick saw the possibility of a long time wish coming true. Youth interest has never been a question—the right time, place and adult backing was. Gig Loomis, Ranger I, Sugarloaf Ridge State Park, volunteered to be Post Advisor; Steve Kahn Sta- Park Ranger Intermittent, Sonoma ea, volunteered to be Assistant Advisor. The Post Committee is currently being formulated. Dick will be the Institutional Representative representing CSPRA to the Post.

Exploring is for young men and women who have completed the eighth grade or are 15 years or older and, in either case, are not 21 years of age. The Exploring Program includes challenging physical and mental activities—in this case the exploration of the Park Management and Operation field as a career. The objectives of this Post are: a) to expose young men and women to the Park profession through learning and activities closely related to the State Park System, and b) to explore the professional and technical duties in park units involving operation, interpretation, resource management, patrol, safety and enforcement, public relations, housekeeping, facilities maintenance and equipment care and maintenance.

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To "put its money where its name is" the Board of Directors also saw its way clear to establish a \$50.00 account, to be handled by the

Executive Secretary, to assist in establishment of the Post as needed.

At this time we know of no other Park Management and Operation Explorer Post in the State of California. We look forward to great things from this venture and expect to give you a much more complete report at GEC in Santa Cruz, March 8, 9, & 10.

ABOUT THE COVER:

This tower, part of the recently completed Lake Oroville Visitor Center, stands 47' high atop Kelly Ridge and affords visitors a view toward all points of the compass.

At its base is a snack bar, patio, gift shop, and an interpretive structure containing 5,510 square feet of exhibit space and a theater.

The interpretive potential of this complex has added new dimensions to rangering in the Lake Oroville Area.

NPS-DPR EXCHANGE

CHAPTER 1

BY JOHN KOLB

The letter from the El Portal Post Office read: "Dear Mr. Kolb, You must have some incorrect information. There are no State Parks around here or in all of Mariposa County. There is just Yosemite National Park. If you will tell us where you are going, we will try to help arrange for a post office box there."

Actually the postmaster was very understanding and after another letter of explanation, he reserved a mail box for us and our address became Yosemite National Park. He probably never knew that the whole affair was just as confusing to me too. On paper I was sent to the Santa Cruz Mountains, my moving papers went to the Sierra Area, I moved to El Portal and the movers took our goods and headed for Bakersfield! Even now the State Controller's Office thinks I'm living in a house in Big Basin that I've never seen. Eventually, my wife and I settled in for a one-year stay, exchanging our 10X55 foot state trailer for a 24X60 foot government mobile home.

What could be more fantastic than to work in one of the most famous parks in the world? Not only does the exchange program offer the opportunity to spend a year in Yosemite but it lets you closely observe the operation of the National Park Service and see if you made the right choice in working for the State. Rene Avant, last year's exchange ranger (and the first ever) will probably agree that anyone who is able to make an exchange, should do so. The program, which is just getting started, was talked about for many years on the State and Federal level. Finally, Director Mott and Yosemite's Superintendent Lynn Thompson decided to go ahead and try the exchange in 1972. Recently, Mr. Thompson accepted the opportunity to take an assignment in Denver so he will be leaving the park.

It is really difficult to know where to begin talking about this park. There is an incredible amount of activity here. When a park has total jurisdiction it requires a lot of services and facilities that State Parks do not have to worry about. Like Yosemite, many State Parks have their own water systems and some even have sewer plants but Yosemite has its own hydroelectric plant and for half of the year sells power to PG&E. Yosemite Law Enforcement has received a great deal of attention outside the

park and they do go "big time." Since there is no other enforcement agency to aid the park (except the FBI on some cases) Yosemite has its own Law Enforcement Office staffed with full-time investigators. The park had close to 3000 crimes and incidents in 1973 and over 660 arrests. When a case goes to court, it is heard right in the park by a resident U.S. Magistrate (pretty convenient—but the judge is fair). You also won't find too many other parks that have their own jail. This is no one-room holding cell but a four-cell complete klink as fully equipped as any sheriff's office. For those who feel that a park jail might be going just a bit far, it is a three hour round trip run to the next closest facility and sometimes that drive is necessary two or three times a night. Perhaps the final touch, assuring Yosemite that it has "arrived", is the planned television series called "Yosemite" or maybe "Ranger." Filming will begin in January and the pilot will be on NBC in February. The script hasn't been written yet but rumor is that it will be along the lines of Adam 12. Recently I was introduced to the script writer who immediately noticed my State uniform. With a puzzled look he asked if Yosemite was now a State Park. After considering the possibility of changing the entire nature of the show, I remembered some of the recent feelings about Cal Expo. The writer was assured that Yosemite was a National Park and the State was not taking it over! Incidentally, that man was one of the few to notice the difference in the uniforms.

Please don't get the idea that Yosemite is only big on enforcement. It really is big on everything (oh, for the quiet days at Folsom Lake). The park is divided into maintenance and visitor services, each under an assistant Park Superintendent. Maintenance splits into its functions with divisions for roads, machines, sanitation, carpenters, plumbers, etc. Visitor Services divides into separate functions of Naturalists and Rangers, each directed by a Chief. In Yosemite, the primary duty of rangers is public protection and law enforcement. Since the Exchange assignment was to the Valley Ranger District, my job has been chiefly law enforcement. However, among the goals for the year are assignments with nearly all the other divisions in the park so that an overall picture can be gained. Some steps may be taken to make future assignments on more neutral ground.

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CSPRA ON RECORD

[The following letters were sent by President Welch]

Thomas Crandall
Executive Director
San Diego Coast Regional Commission

The members of the California State Park Rangers Association commend the Regional Commission and its staff for their resolute action under the Proposition 20 mandate, as evidenced by the recent refusal to approve the proposed San Onofre nuclear plant expansion.

As a concerned group with a long and proud history in field of conservation and ecological awareness, we congratulate the commission and urge its continuing resolve to save our coastline resource.

/s/Jack P. Welch, President CSPRA

Mr. J. Russell Penny
California State Director
Bureau of Land Management

We support your new desert use plan but in order to be able to carry out this plan we urge you to substantially enlarge your ranger staff who patrol our California public lands.

Presently, it's impossible for your rangers to adequately protect and patrol such vast lands. This is resulting in the destruction of fragile desert plant communities, Indian village sites (former) and the erosion of geologic features from motorcycles and other RV's is awesome.

We know what we are talking about. At present, about 10 State Park Rangers are assigned to Anza Borrego Desert State Park and patrol almost 500,000 acres. One Ranger may be in charge of 120,000 acres or more. We encounter coverage difficulties. One of your Rangers may be asked to patrol a million acres! This task is impossible.

Please take care of our public lands. Please expand your ranger staff.

/s/Jack Welch, President CSPRA

Editorial

Congratulations to all of newly elected officers of CSPRA. Your work is laid out for you - - 23.5% of your membership couldn't find the time to return a self-addressed stamped ballot!!

E.I.C. Reports

Bill Krumbein, Chairman.

First of all, I have a new address: 6201 Channel Drive, Santa Rosa, California 95405. I am now the unit ranger at Annadel State Park. Dennis Dobernick is now the Ranger II at Big Basin.

For the record, here are the members of the EIC:

Jeff Price
Gar Salzgeber
Dave Van Cleve
Barry Breckling
Jery Henderson
Jim Hart
John Melvin
and myself!

We are not a closed committee we can use new members if you want to get involved.

From E.I.C. member Barry Breckling:

Since it seems that the President is going to relax the pollution standards for industry due to the energy crisis, it seems reasonable and fair that we should be allowed to remove our smog devices from cars. Although this removal would certainly add more smog to our environment, it would greatly increase mileage of vehicles thus saving scarce petroleum fuel. HOG-WASH!!

We as a nation should be making an all out effort to find and perfect cleaner alternative energy sources. Electric power from such things as geothermal, solar, wind and nuclear energy are all at hand and the use of sea water in fusion has a very high potential as a power source.

At this time there have been made electric cars which use small amounts of energy yet can travel at speeds over 60 mph. One which can travel almost indefinitely has a propane generator which automatically charges the batteries when they get low.

We may find additional pollution problems with new sources of energy but we must start somewhere. As a Department which is a leader in environmental concerns we should look into the possibilities of buying electric powered vehicles or at least smaller vehicles which will use less energy and pollute less.

E. I. C. Member Gar Salzgeber: (Consumer Reports, November '73)

For years, CR has urged that gas stations be required to post octane ratings on their pumps. In fact,

37 years ago, in the very first issue of Consumer Reports, we concluded that "the average automobile owner wastes two or three cents everytime he buys a gallon of gas because the gasoline industry forces him to pay for a high anti-knock quality which his engine does not need."

Petroleum engineers use several different ways of testing for octane. The most commonly known is the "research" method—the one used by car manufacturers in making fuel recommendations in owners manuals. Less commonly known—but more accurate, according to the petroleum industry, is the "motor" method. The ratings posted under Phase IV are calculated by averaging each fuel's research and motor octane numbers. The confusing part is that the average tends to be anywhere from three to five numbers lower than the commonly known research octane number.

Now picture the unsuspecting motorist pulling into his neighborhood gas station, looking for, say, 91-octane fuel, as recommended in his car owner's manual. Trouble is, the same old fuel that used to be rated at 91 octane is now rated (by the new method) at somewhere between 86 and 89 octane. Seeing the lower figure, the motorist is likely to order the next higher grade of fuel, thereby wasting two or three cents per gallon for "quality" his engine doesn't need.

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NPS/DPR EXCHANGE CHAPTER I cont.

Through the Reporter and occasionally News and Views, I hope to share the experiences of this year with as many State Park people as possible. We hope to have some comments on the progress of the program in each issue of the Reporter. Now that you are up to date, future articles will explore different facets of the operation such as employee welfare (benefits, grooming, housing, transfers), the recent bear management controversy, operational techniques and NPS philosophy. Any questions or suggestions would be welcomed and can be sent to the Reporter or directly to my home.

P. O. Box 161 El Portal, CA. 95318

WANT a SCHOLARSHIP?

Another accomplishment of the last Board of Directors meeting was the adoption of a procedure for issuing scholarships to CSPRA members. President Welch appointed a screening committee to review and award the scholarships.

The following information is needed for this scholarship committee to review the requests:

- 1) Description of training or course, including name, location, hours, length, and dates.
- 2) Explanation as to how this course will benefit employee and help in achieving career goals. Briefly state career goals.
- 3) Estimate of expenses including travel, books, and tuition.
- 4) Amount of scholarship requested.

Scholarship application forms are now being printed and thereafter will be available from your Regional Directors.

APPLY NOW!

Anyone interested in a scholarship may submit an application following the above format to Executive Secretary Bryce. The scholarship committee will then review all applications and notify the applicant as to disposition. If approved the amount will be set; if not approved reasons for disapproval will be given.

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES

Applications will not be approved if the training is already being paid for by the Department or the G.I. Bill.

Scholarships will not normally exceed tuition and books and may only cover a portion of these expenses.

Payment will be made upon successful completion of the training or course.

In cases of established hardship a 50% advance can be authorized.

Any member can submit an application for any kind of training, — administration, maintenance, interpretation, work toward a degree etc.

A list of all applications received and action taken will be published monthly in the Reporter.

STRING ATTACHED!!

A requirement of the scholarship is the recipient must write an article for the Reporter discussing the course or training and benefits obtained.

Submitted by Jerry Johnson



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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE Cont. from page 2
cause travel problems and could conceivably cause some rescheduling but we hope G.E.C. can be accomplished as planned without contributing unduly to the crisis. Members will be advised early if there are any changes.

And speaking of the energy crisis and environmental problems. I say all of you can be proud you have been involved in these matters since you first entered the State Park System. In an organized park system we have been practicing what we preach for 73 years in the conservation and preservation of resources. As an organized association we are additionally involved and gaining impetus each day. But we can do more!!!! We all want CSPRA to be a leader and I beseech each one of you to contribute your ideas. Let us know how CSPRA can help by publishing your ideas in the Reporter.

Our Directors have taken two actions which are, in my opinion, highly professional and worthy of our objectives. These were in funding a portion of the Departmental Junior Ranger Program and in sponsoring an Explorer Post of the Sonoma-Mendocino BSA Council in a park management program. These responsible actions are indeed typical of CSPRA. I might add the partial funding of the Junior Ranger Program was the brain child of our Interpretive Needs Committee, chaired by our young ranger John Kolb, now on a training assignment at Yosemite. A positive result from an action group.

Our Board appreciated the time Dick May took to present his tentative program for the 1974 Proposition 1. Dick is the Departmental Bond Program Coordinator and is working very closely with our own Bond Program Committee, chaired by Jerry Henderson. (Cont. Col. 2)

EVENTS CALENDER

- Jan. 7 -Deadline for Resolution Submission.
- Jan. 15-Deadline for Audubon Application.
- Mar. 8,9,10-G.E.C. '74.

The Education and Training Committee has also made good progress toward our goal of placing scholarships in the hands of our members. Gerry Johnson and Dick Brock have completed guidelines and application procedures and have established an application screening committee. Very soon members will be able to avail themselves of educational and training opportunities through the work of this committee.

This Association is growing! In 1972 we had 413 members; an early 1973 count totalled 480 members; right now we have 499 members. It proves CSPRA is wanted, needed, and that it can continue to grow as long as it contributes to its objectives.

As a final item, we have a young and energetic new Reporter editor just crammed full of new ideas to make the paper bigger and better. We all recognize the Reporter disseminates lifeblood to our membership to keep us all hanging together. How about some transfusions from all of you to Lloyd Geissinger?

Election Results, cont. from pg. 2.

Region VI			
Director:	Hart*		39
	Parson		20
Alternate Dir.	Price*		49
Delegates (4)	Parson*		36
	Engel*		37
	Cleave*		35
	Velzy*		28
	Brean		13
	Melvin		20
	Ulm		26
	Troy		25
	Irwin		21

Region VII			
Delegates (1)	Henry*		10
	Stowe		9
	Nicol		1

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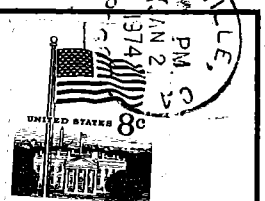
The Interpretive Needs Committee of CSPRA is announcing the availability of MONEY. Yep, cold cash is there for the asking.

Last March at GEC when the dues were raised, President Jack Welch promised some benefits which would be handled by some committees. The Interpretive Needs Committee was given \$1500 for use throughout the State. In December the Executive Board voted to use \$1100 of this money for the new Junior Ranger Program. This left about \$400 to be divided among the six regions.

If an area of the State has some small needs that are not being met by other means, you are invited to make a written request for funds to the regional Interpretive Needs Committee member. There is no particular form to use or guideline for the money's use. There should, however, be an explanation of the need and the reasons for it. As long as it will benefit the area's interpretive effort, the money can be used to finance materials, training, services or any other need. Final decision on the money's allocation will be made by the Executive Board on the recommendations of the Committee members. Requests should be in to the representative no later than February 15 so that they can be considered at GEC in March. Single-time purchases should be considered first as money may not be available for the same activity next year.

/s/ John Kolb, Chairman, Interpretive Needs Committee.

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