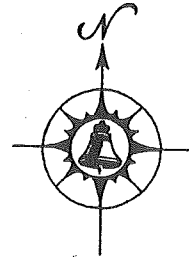


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Hike 'n Bike Camps

By: David Van Cleave
Terry Brann

To improve service to the public, the San Diego Coast Area is establishing two HIKE'n BIKE CAMPS, one at San Elijo State Beach and the other on a strip of land between the Torrey Pines North Beach parking area and the Coast Highway. At present, a certain segment of the population is being kept out of the State Park units because it cannot afford to pay the regular fees for camping. To accommodate these people, these parcels of land are being set aside for campers who walk in or ride bicycles into the campgrounds. For 25¢ they are provided with a place to sleep on the ground and the use of the comfort station facilities.

At San Elijo, the same area will be used for campfire programs. Space is at a premium at this unit, so a multiple-use plan will be in effect for this small plot of land. Campfire programs will be given there in the evening, camping will take place at night, and during the day it will be used for lifeguard parking.

Because the same area will have many uses, persons may camp in the HIKE', BIKE CAMP for one night only. Registration would be similar to overflow areas—enter at 1900 hours and vacate by 0900 the next morning. On evenings that campfire programs are given, admittance to the camp would be delayed until the conclusion of the program, usually about 2130-2200. Also, a carrying capacity of 50 persons has been established. As mentioned before, these camps would be limited to walk-in backpackers and bicyclists. Camping would be limited to the use of sleeping bags and small mountaineering tents. Fires, of course, would have to be in the fire pits or in small hibachis or stoves.

A few inexpensive changes

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HIGH STEPPING. Chet Getty puts his foot down when it comes to can stomping. Here Chet works on a batch of aluminum cans for recycling. It is rumored that he will challenge anyone to a can-smash for ecology.

Two Tons of Recycling

By: Jim Hart
E.I.C.

You load 4,355 pounds of aluminum and what do you get—a successful recycling program which began with a guy named Chet.

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park believes it can boast of the oldest recycling program within the department. It owes this to a combination of factors: (1) A very progressive public and resources oriented District Superintendent (2) Two area managers that had a great deal of far sight (3) A chief ranger that really cares and (4) some concerned field people—Rangers and Maintenance men alike.

Chet Getty and various maintenance men can be seen daily tromping on cans during their coffee breaks. The Chief Ranger and Area Manager's children often come into the shop area after hours to smash a few cans, as do some of the other outpost patrol rangers. I have on

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Field Personnel Won't Participate at Fairs

Ed. Note: Director Mott has sent this answer to CSPRA President Jack Welch's inquiry concerning the Association volunteering expenses—paid manpower to and from exhibit assignments at State and County Fairs.

Dear Jack:

The only reference we can find regarding participating in county and district fairs is a memorandum written to all District Superintendents dated June 19, 1963, and signed by Earl P. Hanson, Deputy Chief of Operations. In his memorandum he states it is the general policy of the (then) Division of Beaches and Parks to refrain from sending employees to county and district fairs at any time during the season of heaviest visitation in units of the State Park System. In the vast majority of cases, this is during the current summer season and includes the months of July, August and early September. He goes on to say that fair officials requesting such attendance are to be informed that an employee's first duty is to the park visitor and he cannot be spared from this service for reasons of duty at county and district fairs. There can be no volunteer service on the part of our employees. They are to wear the uniform and represent the Division.

It is our feeling that participation at fairs would more nearly be information about the State Park System, rather than interpretation. As you know, I feel very strongly that the interpretive program must be enlarged if we are to bridge the gap between the urban dweller and the outdoor experience he finds available to him in the California State Park System.

Until we have reached the goal of a significantly increased interpretive program in units of the State Park System, I feel that pro-

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viding personnel to participate in county fairs would be of less importance to the objectives of the Department. There are over 30 county and district fairs; if we were to attend each, it would involve two people from April to October. A rough estimate of the cost were we to participate in this type of a fair circuit is \$25,000 per year. This includes the salary of two persons plus travel expenses and operation of a piece of automotive equipment. In addition to this cost, the Division's workshop would have to put time into constructing the material and displays that would be used in the exhibit.

In your letter you indicate that the California State Park Rangers Association will furnish the manpower and pay expenses to and from assignments at such fairs if the Department of Parks and Recreation will stand the cost of preparing whatever exhibits may be necessary. I have before me a request from Jack Knight which indicates that, in order to do a more effective job of interpretation in the six districts of the system, we must provide the District Superintendents with approximately \$22,000 worth of new equipment. In addition to this equipment need, I feel that if we have any additional funds we should proceed with more intensive in-service programs for those employees who are interpreting the California State Park System to persons visiting our System. This is going to take time and money and we must be prepared to accept this challenge if we are to effectively relate the California State Park System to those who use its facilities. With the completion of the new academy at Asilomar, we will be able to step up our training program for interpreters as well as management personnel, and I will vigorously support increasing our in-service training opportunities.

The California State Park Rangers Association has provided \$500 to develop a film about the State Park System and, as you know, we have secured contributions in the amount of \$10,000 to produce such a film and will be using the \$500 which the Rangers Association made available to us for the development of shorts, using some of the excellent film footage that is being developed by the photographer who is creating the statewide system film. I am very grateful for this contribution of \$500 and I know that the

shorts will be very effectively used in our interpretive program. Might I suggest that if the California State Park Rangers Association wishes at this time to further the interpretive program of the Department, they contribute toward the equipment required by our interpreters to do a better job in the field. Also, they might wish to support scholarships to the Audubon summer camp or to finance for southern California a one-week intensive tide pool and ocean ecology seminar similar to the one that was given in Marin County last year.

Once we have achieved our Departmental goals, it seems to me that we might look about for kinds of activities that we can do on the outside to further the public's understanding of the purposes and value of the California State Park System.

/s/William Penn Mott, Jr.
Director

Reflections from A First Assignment

February Trainee Assignment
By Jeff Jones Region II

You've heard of the ninety day wonder? Well, here I am—one of our department's nine month wonders—a recent graduate of the ranger trainee program. Shortly after completing enforcement training at Modesto, I was transferred from the Golden Gate Area, in which I was a student ranger, to the Russian River Area where since June I've been trying to become a real ranger. But becoming that takes time—and no amount of college education, departmental manual study or enforcement training is going to guarantee a good result. But it may help.

I'm assigned to Salt Point State Park. It's a relatively new (1968) and undeveloped underwater reserve—rocky coast—tide pool—sandy beach—grassy marine terrace—bishop pine forest—chaparral—douglas fir—redwood forest—pygmy forest—natural prairie-type park in Sonoma County. Surprising enough even with all this variety, most of the parks' visitors come just to dive—both skin and SCUBA. Except for a short two months, there is a constant battle here between the modern diver with his head-to-toe wetsuit, fins, face mask, snorkel, shiny yellow royal and even SCUBA gear (if the ranger

and warden weren't looking) against the abalone—an animal who can't retreat very fast and whose only defense is to hold on. But even holding on isn't much of a defense against a sharp abalone iron. It's a losing battle for the abalone and eventually it will be a losing victory for the diver...But this is another story.

The training I received at Asilomar, Modesto and in Golden Gate Area has been valuable. Though I thought I'd forgotten much of what I'd learned in the classroom, situations keep bringing needed information back to mind. I'm fortunate in that my duties at Salt Point are so varied that I get practical experience in most all of the subjects included in the ranger trainee program. I am a believer that field experience is the most important and lasting training a man or woman can receive. The key to the success of the ranger trainee program is coordination between classroom instruction and on-the-job training in the intake areas. The field training should be well rounded, including a substantial emphasis on maintenance training. (I thought that routing a sign meant to put it in its proper place along the route of a trail!) Training coordinators in the intake areas should be men or women who have been through the trainee program. They should meet regularly with the training center staff to share ideas and information.

Well, I did learn what routing a sign means and much more while a trainee. I'm enjoying my first assignment and finding something new in the job every day.

EAT HERE AT GEC

Lloyd Geisinger, our cuisine expert, has recommended the following places for your eating enjoyment while at GEC in Morro Bay:

The Galley Restaurant—Morro Bay
(Seafood)
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The Brambles—Cambria
(Steak)

Lloyd has some very good prizes for those who bring their potluck recipes to GEC.

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1973 RESOLUTIONS

Ed. Note: Executive Secretary Doug Bryce has called our attention to the requirement per the Constitution per Article IV, Section 8

"The author or signer of a resolution or his appointed representative must be present to explain his resolution and only he may rewrite the resolution.

RESOLUTION 73-1

WHEREAS, the California State Park Rangers Association was constituted and established for the purpose of providing the State of California the professional services and recommendations of an organized body of public employees dedicated to the highest principles of public service, and

WHEREAS, this Association recently amended its constitution to provide active membership for all ranger and maintenance classes in the Department of Parks and Recreation, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation contains a substantial number of loyal, dedicated park employees who are not included in the ranger or maintenance classes, and

WHEREAS, this Association will be better able to achieve its objectives if its membership represents all disciplines of State Park work, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the California State Park Rangers Association take the necessary steps to again amend its Constitution so as to permit and encourage active membership for all employees of the California State Department of Parks and Recreation.

/s/Dale Hinkle
/s/Roger Werts
/s/William Krumbein, Jr.
/s/Barry Breckling

RESOLUTION 73-2

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation is a conservation agency and is committed to promoting sound environmental practices, and

WHEREAS, the California State Park Rangers Association is equally committed, and

WHEREAS, the Department engages in contracts with concessionaires, therefore let it be

RESOLVED, that CSPRA, through a letter to the Director, urge the Department to encourage use of recycled and recyclable materials by existing concessionaires and that all future contracts specifically

contain wording to require such use of recycled and recyclable materials, and be it further

RESOLVED, that all existing concessionaires be encouraged to separate recyclables from waste and that all future contracts specifically require this practice.

/s/Dale Hinkle
/s/Roger Werts
/s/William Krumbein, Jr.
/s/Barry Breckling

RESOLUTION 73-3

WHEREAS, the legislature has put a bond issue on the 1974 ballot that will provide funds for the State Park System, and

WHEREAS, we as State Park Rangers recognize the need for additional funds to maintain an outstanding Park System, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the California State Park Rangers Association actively support this bond issue. Such active support to be in the form of a campaign organized to inform the public of the bond issue and to gain the public support. The Environmental Issues Committee working with the President of the California State Park Rangers Association shall be responsible for organizing the campaign. All campaigning for the bond issue shall be done as private citizens and as members of the California State Park Rangers Association.

/s/Jerry Henderson
Endorsed by Environmental
Issues Committee

RESOLUTION 73-4

WHEREAS, no amount of ionizing radiation is safe, and

WHEREAS, one year of operation of a single, large nuclear power plant generates as much of long persisting radioactive poisons as 1,000 Hiroshima-type atomic bombs, and

WHEREAS, it takes thousands of years for some types of dangerous radiation to decay to a safe level, and

WHEREAS, nuclear power plants and their total realm of operation propose a definite threat to the health and safety of all living things, and

WHEREAS, all homeowners insurance policies have a "Nuclear Exclusion" clause as from any source of radiation, and

WHEREAS, the Atomic Energy Commission is burdened by Congress with

the impossible dual role of promoter of atomic energy and protector of the public from radiation, (it is its own watchdog), therefore let it be

RESOLVED, that the California State Park Rangers Association publicly announce (such by newsletter to ten, large regional newspapers in California) that:

(1) We are against the future building of nuclear power plants and that we are in favor of alternate, safer means of energy generation; such possibilities as fusion, solar, wind, and geothermal energies as well as clean fossil-fueled power, and

(2) that we favor the dismemberment of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) and favor that this commission be replaced with a federal "Energy Commission" and an "Energy Agency". The Energy Commission would take on regulatory duties now held by the AEC, the Federal Power Commission and other federal agencies which deal with energy. The Energy Agency would consolidate the activities of these and other federal bodies and deal in all aspects of energy development and research instead of concentrating almost totally on nuclear power development and research.

/s/Bill Krumbein
Endorsed by Environmental
Issues Committee

RESOLUTION 73-5

WHEREAS, it is often of prime importance that we all learn of impending legislation concerning our environment so that we may write to our legislators, and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Issues Committee often learns about such issues after it is too late for printing in the REPORTER, and

WHEREAS, the editor of the REPORTER, with his ability to communicate to all of us, should keep abreast of environmental issues and legislation, and to accomplish this let it be

RESOLVED, that the California State Park Rangers Association appropriate an annual amount not to exceed \$50 (fifty) dollars to the Environmental Issues Committee so that said committee can subscribe to

(1) the Planning and Conservation League, 909 12th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

(2) Rodales Environment Action Bulletin, 33 E. Miner Street, Emmaus, PA 18049

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Dear Oren,

Well, its been a long time now since I was at Pismo. One of these days I'll have to get back up to visit the San Luis Area again. Saw Homer (Townsend) and Dale (Haskins) last week at the Interpretive Sessions. I gather that Pismo is still there, but that many changes have taken place in the area over the last year. The most recent issue of the REPORTER was certainly newsy. Quite a change from the 1-2 page blurbs of last fall. Of course that does make it more difficult to number the pages correctly...

Last week I was chosen along with 20 other Rangers and Lifeguards from Southcentral Coastal California to attend a most worthwhile Interpretive Resource Training Session in Santa Barbara. Mike Merkel, District 5 Interpretive Specialist deserves hearty congratulations for coordinating an outstanding session. The 5 day program was very comprehensive and included in depth studies of the Geology, Botany, Invertebrates, Vertebrates, and Human History of the area from San Diego to San Simeon. The instructors were extremely well chosen. In most cases they combined the necessary factual information with a greater awareness of the subject matter and provided useful aids for better presentation to the public. I am sure that everyone in attendance gained immensely from the courses and found them to be most rewarding. Only one thing remains a bit confusing. We never could come to any conclusions as to what merkelite is (Animal? Vegetable? Mineral?), although it seemed to be common to almost every subject we encountered.

/s/Russ Lavenson
Gaviota Area

TO: Jack Welch, President
CSPRA

The Environmental Issues Committee is making some basic changes.

1. E.I.C. is going to taper its political involvement to only critical issues which effect specific parks, other than supply addresses to those who wish to delve deeper into current legislation so they can write independently to legislators, etc.

2. E.I.C. will try to have at least one article of a training nature which is relevant to the field ranger and which might later serve the field man as a backlog of reference material, such as vehicle

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tracking.

3. E.I.C. will continue to relate to the entire membership all business transactions and committee objectives and accomplishments.

4. E.I.C. will strive to have at least one article of general interest relating to the environment and stressing integrity to our department and its park areas.

As E.I.C. is a committee which receives its support from CSPRA we will continue to use the REPORTER, official publication for CSPRA as our sounding board, but will gladly send NEWS AND VIEWS copies and permission to print anything which they feel would be of interest or value to the rest of the department.

Our membership is increasing state-side, but most slowly in the far North. Bill Krumbein has been appointed Central State Co-Chairman to keep up with the sprouting membership in the central part of the state.

Jeff Price is the most recent member of our committee and will be an integral part of the 4th objective listed above. Due to his interest and work with the trainees of San Diego Coast he should be a vital cog in helping to set and write about the professional standards which are coming about within our department.

/s/Jim Hart
Chairman, E.I.C.

Editor:

The following members will have their expenses paid to attend GEC per the schedule set by the Association:

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/s/Doug Bryce
Exec. Secretary

Dear Oren,

I have read Bill Krumbein's comment in the CSPRA REPORTER (Vol. IV, No. 11 relative to the adoption of policies recommended by the Conservation Foundation for the administration of the National Park System.

I share Bill's concern about overuse and deterioration of some park areas in both State and National park systems. I find no fault with most of the provisions of that recommendation as quoted in Bill's article. I do however disagree with the concept that all persons using motorized outdoor vacation or living equipment should be summarily excluded from State or National Park areas. Most of these vehicles are now self contained and can be used for several days at a time with no more facilities than a road and a level place to park. All except "walk-in" visitors require this much development plus sanitary facilities.

It seems to me to be unduly discriminatory to restrict the usage of parks to those that are young and/or physically able to enjoy the "walk-in" or rough it type of camping. Chris and I began our camping in that fashion. First a pup tent

and blankets, then an umbrella tent and sleeping bags. Later a station wagon equipped for camping and now a travel trailer. As the bones grow older the creature comforts become more enjoyable. This does not mean that we love parks less or would sanction their abuse more. Many people that we have talked to in our travels have followed the same progression.

Historically the California State Park System has enjoyed the strong support of the citizens and taxpayers of the State. All bond issues for expansion of the system have passed save one that was poorly timed and presented. This support has enabled California to do a better than average job of acquiring land for public use and the preservation of scenic and historic areas. This support will be necessary in the coming years if the programs for expansion and development are to be successful.

With another bond act proposed for 1974 it would seem unwise to alienate a very large and fast growing segment of the State's population by the adoption of unfair and discriminatory anti-recreation vehicle policies.

Can we not as Rangers and concerned citizens work toward the same goals by regulating park use by numbers of visitor accommodations? We now limit overnight use by restricting camping to established sites. We can limit day use to land carrying capacity by park entrance controls and parking area limitation.

In those areas where private enterprise has developed adequate facilities it seems unlikely that duplicate facilities should be developed in parks. Past mistakes should not only be avoided in the future, but the existing examples of adverse development should be removed as soon as possible. Some progress has been made in this regard but there is still a long way to go. Even in quite recent years bad planning has resulted in mutilation of fine natural areas by construction of roads, sewer lines etc. in or across them.

I believe that development could and should be planned that would allow a predetermined number of visitors without marring or destroying the areas for which the park was purchased. Some additional land might have to be acquired in a fringe area. Facilities needed to accommodate park visitors need not be unsightly if well designed

and landscaped. Interpretative programs could be provided in these developed areas that would bring the story of natural features of the park to the park visitor. This would be of great interest and benefit to those physically incapable of reaching those areas on foot. A stop in such a developed area would be a far more rewarding experience than a stop in a near-by commercial facility. Ranger presence and supervision means a great deal to many people.

If parks are not overdeveloped (number of accommodations) they should not, with proper control, be over used. If the older, less physically able, visitor cannot walk to the prime areas of the park he will at least have been able to enjoy a stay in a park like atmosphere. With Ranger Interpretation, protection and control a far less sterile experience will be available to those who love natural beauty, than can be found in most commercial camps. Of far more importance they will not have been denied entrance to a park because of their mode of travel.

Parks are for people. (With good planning and safeguards.)
/s/Lloyd Lively

A man who spent his vacation touring the country with his family was asked if they'd passed through much beautiful scenery. "We must have," he replied, "After all, we averaged 500 miles a day!"

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which are often discarded in the average park. For instance, how many dead birds does one generally come across on the beach and yet how many of them could have been used by the Ranger staff to interpret oil or other pollution-vividly.

Is it possible that our interpretive and other technical department experts could print little bits of advice which would be of professional benefit to all Field Rangers in areas where museums and naturalists do not exist. The professional publications exist, they are well subscribed to by the people who want and need the information and it offers a cheap way to get massive state wide training across to the field in easy to take doses. The Environmental Issues Committee will be working hard to achieve this end and sincerely hopes some of this interest will be generated throughout the department.

DRONES???

Ranger Riting for Region I
By Bob LaBelle

As your senses will testify, we are now caught up in an epidemic of sedentary living. The aim today is seemingly to remove any need for exerting a muscle. Emphasis on the "easy life" has all but eliminated physical exertion. The fact is the hardest daily work for many people is to take a shower and dress! Not you, you say? Well, think now, how much regular exercise have you had this last week? month? No, operation plans and staff meeting just won't do it for you. Yes, I might agree that the former has its likeness to exercise; and at times, accompanying fatigue. But this bears my point. It might be said that one who is physically fit is able to tolerate such stress without fatigue. Be the stress a hard day at the office, a near accident, an irate visitor, a run to catch a concessionaire off his lease and so forth, these things place extra demands on the body; more oxygen must be delivered to the muscles and extra waste products carried away. This requires increased output of the heart and faster circulation. Obviously, if you're not fit, then these physical functions do not respond adequately. This not only retards our output but is damn dangerous. You often hear about individuals who collapse in a situation of stress. Be it the excited hunter, snowshovler or their hearts and circulatory systems are not sufficiently fit to supply the increased volume of blood and so fail.

Surely physical fitness is desirable. Not only can it make one a safer person—able to cope with our varying stressful situations without dangerous effects—but it can improve our personal effectiveness in every field. A fit park person feels better, looks better, has greater energy and in most cases will present a more credible and respected product-himself-to the people we serve.

Man's body clearly was designed to be exercised. I hope you agree that your fitness is worth the effort. We preach conservation and ultimately seek respect for all of Nature's Laws—what then can be more basic than keeping your own house in order?

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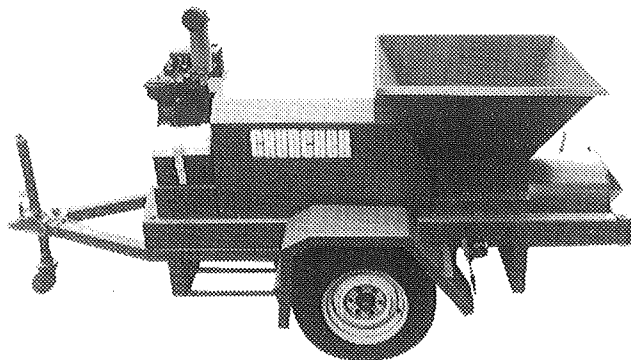
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(3) any other appropriate organization (s) or federation (s), etc., which will broaden our awareness of environmental issues through their articles printed in the REPORTER, and let it be further

RESOLVED, that these subscriptions should be addressed to the editor of the REPORTER so that he can communicate to all, the vital environmental issues and legislation which demand our attention and action. Upon review of these subscriptions and material, the editor would send said materials to the Chairman of the Environmental Issues Committee for safekeeping and reference materials.

(Author not listed) *no*

RESOLUTION 73-6

Let it be RESOLVED that the California State Park Rangers Association take the necessary steps to amend Article II of the Constitution (objectives) by adding "and to promote the interpretation of our natural and man-made environment and to promote practices which do not endanger these environments..." to follow the phrase "...exchange of professional thought,".

/s/Bill Krumbain *no*

Endorsed by Environmental Issues Committee

RESOLUTION 73-7

WHEREAS, the publicity from the California State Park Rangers Association purchasing a memorial garden in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park would help to promote the interests and standards of the State Park Ranger, and

WHEREAS, the purchase of a memorial garden in itself would be in the interest of the State Park System and the Ranger Profession by eliminating a land inholding within Anza-Borrego Desert SP and ensuring its preservation, therefore let it be

RESOLVED, that the California State Park Rangers Association appropriate \$50 for the purchase of a one acre memorial garden in Anza-Borrego Desert SP and that the name of this organization be entered onto the plaque of memorial garden donors and posted at the park headquarters.

/s/Jim Hart *no*

Endorsed by Environmental Issues Committee

RESOLUTION 73-8

WHEREAS, the purpose of the California State Park Rangers Association is to provide the State of California the professional services and recommendations of an organized body of public employees dedicated to highest principles of public service, and

WHEREAS, the objectives of this Association is to advance and to promote the interests and standards of the profession of California State Park Rangers, and

WHEREAS, the California State Park Rangers Association publicly endorsed the need for a State Movie in Resolution 72-17, and

WHEREAS, the California State Park Rangers Association donated \$500 to the department to help in production costs of the movie on State Parks, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the California State Park Rangers Association insist upon mention in the credit lists of this film.

/s/Jim Hart

Endorsed by Environmental Issues Committee *no*

RESOLUTION 73-9

WHEREAS, the legislature passed an initiative to help preserve California's last free flowing wild rivers, and

WHEREAS, Governor Reagan signed this initiative into law (SB 107 Behr), and

WHEREAS, this law is in keeping with the responsibilities and general objectives of the California State Park System to maintain the quality of California's environment, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the California State Park Rangers Association through the office of it's President send a letter to Governor Ronald Reagan thanking him for his actions and favorable decision on this initiative.

/s/Jim Hart

Endorsed by Environmental Issues Committee *no*

Field Ranger Interpretative Kit

By Jim Hart

In describing the wildflower photo album used at Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, it occurs to me that it is just one tool for the patrol Ranger to use. Every park has a variety of facits which need interpretation. At Asilomar Ranger Academy we are taught the impor-

tance of hand held objects. The Environmental Issues Committee once pushed for an actual interpretive kit to be made up at each park and distributed to each Ranger. The problem with many of the younger Rangers, myself included, is that we think up the ideas but do not follow through, then blame the failure on the lack of department interest.

We should not expect the department to come up with an interpretive kit when we can use some originality and construct our own. Out in the desert I am never without my fossilized oyster and pectin shells, a couple of snake rattles and skins from snakes inadvertently killed by campers. I generally have a cast of a desert pupfish, an assortment of rocks of the area which have been keyed out and my flower photo album. I carry these in a bag and talk willingly and extemporaneously on almost any subject that a camper or organized group might ask. The difference of attention span is fantastic, especially when talking to younger individuals. I come away feeling satisfied that my message hit home on plant or animal adaptation and their relationship to the park and the environment.

Through NEWS AND VIEWS and the REPORTER the Rangers have two very professional channels of communication to get this kind of information out to the field Ranger. What we need is tidbits of advice from the experts in the department who have the technical knowledge to tell interested Rangers how to cast an invertebrate they come across which has died, so that it can be of further use to the public, or how to tan a bird skin. At Pismo I was never without my grebe, seagull and loon skins, complete with their oil coating. I even skinned and cured a seal skin while at Pismo, to the surprise of many kids who always thought the animal had skin like a fish. I also carried a picture of the swarms of monarch butterflies to talk to children about. The idea was so good that the picture was lost in handling it from Ranger to Ranger. Well, I think all Rangers would feel more at ease talking to groups if they had a few hand held objects to maintain attention. I hope to start printing in the REPORTER on how to save and use some animal specimens

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The Providential Pantry

Ladies Viewpoint

By: Beverly Ann Hood

All parkwives learn sooner or later, how to cope with the care and feeding of company—the expected, the unexpected, singly and in droves, and at times seemingly neverending. This article is intended to help newish parkwives to cope better sooner.

We have always relished company and encouraged our friends and acquaintances to come visit. It livens things up considerably when you are living fifty miles from nowhere with marginal TV reception, if any, to have a succession of friends come bearing news of the outer world. It helps, of course, to be prepared so that you can enjoy the visitors.

When you live a good long way from the nearest reasonable grocery stores (20 to 50 miles) the most sensible course is to shop once a month. This requires a certain amount of planning and a considerable amount of storage space. When you make out your shopping list be sure to include ample supplies of basic staples. If you run out of pancake mix you can always make pancakes from scratch—if you run out of flour at seven o'clock in the morning, miles from the store you are in trouble!

Most park houses are thoughtfully equipped with pantries. If you do not have a pantry you can improvise with inexpensive shelving on the service porch or even convert a back porch closet into a pantry with shelves and stacking bins. There are a side variety of space saving products available, plastic shelves, storage bins, spice racks, lazy susan shelves, and so on.

The second most important storage requirement is a freezer. You can manage with a small one (150 to 180 pound capacity) incorporated in your refrigerator. The separate freezer is preferable—the larger the better. In the freezer stock juice concentrates, an assortment of vegetables, meats especially ground beef, ice cream (the perfect emergency desert or addition to pie, cake or cobbler), and any fancy extras you like such as french fried onion rings. If you have room keep extra loaves of bread, English muffins, rolls, coffee cakes, pies and so on. I devote my small freezer entirely to homemade bread, rolls, English muffins, etc. Bread and milk are the two things I always

run out of when I have company so now I keep extra bread and instant milk on hand in large quantities.

Fill your pantry with staples and with extras of anything you use a lot. Put items on your monthly list when they are half gone. Don't wait until they are all gone. Things have a habit of running out when you are in the middle of preparing dinner for six! Prepared mixes are expensive so I do not use them regularly but I do keep a variety on hand for emergency use. Keep a couple of packaged dinners you like, a few cake mixes, two or three seasoning envelopes (Sloppy Joe's, spaghetti, etc.), dip mix, salad dressing mix, tatar sauce mix (in case your company catches fish), hot roll mix, pie crust mix, and muffin mix. Don't forget the Bisquick. You can make any meal company special with Bisquick. I keep a full supply of rice, pastas, and legumes on hand, they are invaluable for making a little meat go a long way.

A full array of spices helps add the gourmet touch to emergency meals. Consider the dried vegetables, such as instant onions, green and red pepper flakes, parsley, freeze dried chives, and vegetable flakes with carrot and celery; to use in place of fresh. In cooked dishes you can hardly tell the difference. Their greatest virtue is that they never spoil.

When I live close enough to a largish town, I replenish fresh fruits and vegetables each week. However, if you have a large efficient crisper you can manage even these on a once a month basis. Buy more of the better keepers like carrots, cabbage, radishes, red cabbage, and celery, and less of the poorer keepers such as lettuce, tomatoes etc. Plan to use the more perishable vegetables first. Use radishes and red cabbage to add color and interest to salads when you don't have tomatoes.

Cheese keeps well and can be used in many ways to make or round out a meal. Macaroni and cheese can be quite an elegant main dish if you add slices of ham or fresh tomatoes or both between the layers and top with a few tomatoe slices and buttered bread crumbs. Use shredded cheese to top casseroles or to add color, flavor and substance to a salad. Slices of jack or cheddar on slices of french or regular bread slipped under the broiler until bubbly make a nice breakfast served with fruit or round out a lunch or supper or

soup and salad.

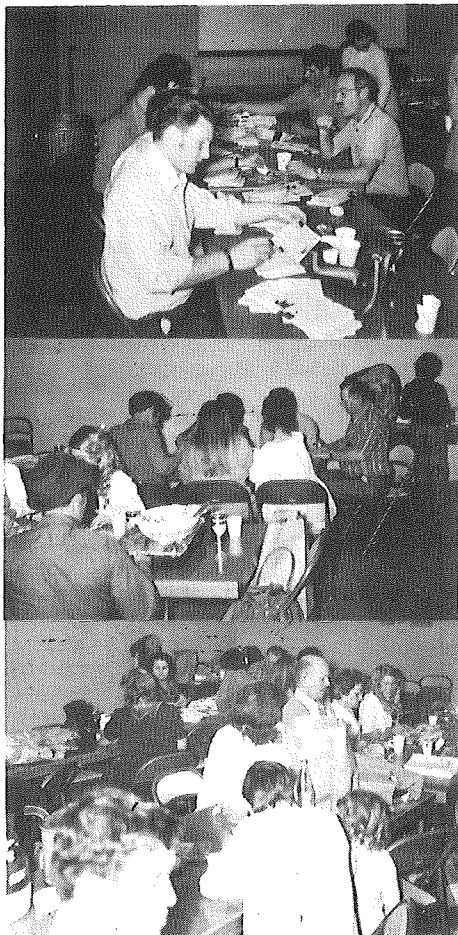
Cans are the mainstay of the providential pantry. Keep anything you like in cans—vegetables, fruits, meats. Gradually build up a selection of fancy extras to use as garnishes or to add flavor and color to routine meals. For example, I keep a can or jar of the following; pimientos, sliced mushrooms, sliced olives, stuffed olives, slivered almonds, water chestnuts, marachino cherries, anchovies. Canned meats can be used in main dish casseroles when you don't have time to thaw something—lunch meat, tuna, corned beef, dried beef, hash and so on. Even bacon comes in cans. It can be used to add a distinctive touch to green beans, dried beans, soups, and even salads. Canned and dried soups are a must. By themselves, they can be served as lunch or supper. Or they can be used as a base for casseroles. Or, diluted by half, can be used as sauces or gravies. You can also add a touch of elegance to an otherwise ordinary meal by serving soup as a first course. This strategy can also be used to augment a slightly skimpy main dish. A menu including soup, salad, main dish and desert seems like a lot even if the portions are small.

We parkwives might borrow our motto from the Boy Scouts with certain modifications. Be prepared—also be clever and inventive!



SKINS—BONES—ROCKS. All go together to make up Jim Hart's field interpretive package that he carries at Anza-Borrego Desert S.P. There is a related story on page 10

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LICK and FOLD...FOLD and LICK. Everyone got to help prepare the REPORTER when San Luis Obispo Coast Area got together for a potluck last month. John Meyers said the food tasted better than the stamps.

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several occasions come into the shop yard at about 7:30 AM to witness Mr. James Whitehead putting a superintendent-size dent in our aluminum can pile.

According to Chet Getty our recycling program at Anza-Borrego Desert State Park began back in April, 1970, when Chet, after watching the aluminum cans build up in the garbage bins, decided to do something about it. Chief Ranger Frank Davies came into the shop yard to see Chet whaling away on some aluminum cans during his break. Frank went in to the office and the Area Manager at that time, Jack Hesemeyer, came out. The Area Manager and Chief Ranger stood by for a moment then both congratulated Chet on the endeavor. Thus a recycling program was born.

The first 150 pounds of aluminum that was smashed was mistakenly taken to the dump by an uninformed ranger doing his job to clean the shop yard of rubble. Undaunted the rangers and maintenance men alike began to work together. Since this program began Jack Hesemeyer was transferred to Sacramento and Bud Getty took over as Area Manager, but the aluminum collecting has remained. To date 4,355 pounds of aluminum has been taken from the campgrounds of the outlying areas of this half million acre park and it has been reclaimed by the Crest Beverage Company in San Diego. \$435.55 has been donated to the State Park Contingency Fund. The first purchase from the aluminum can money was to buy a two acre memorial garden in memory of Jack Calvert, the first ranger to work at Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Besides purchasing park land inholdings the aluminum cans have bought a carousel projector and two PV 53 AC-DC power converters so outpost rangers can have electricity in the primitive areas to show slide programs.

The bulk of this recycling is carried out by individuals during breaks and slack moments so as not to cut into state working hours. Often contests evolve to see who can smash the most cans in 10 minutes time. Chet Getty is a hard man to keep up with in this type of contest, but then he keeps in practice.

If anyone knows of a recycling program begun before April, 1970, E.I.C. would appreciate knowing of it. In the meantime what kind of recycling program does your park have? And how is it helping your park and our Department? Anza-Borrego's program is four fold (1) it keeps the park clean and beaut-

iful (2) benefits the environment (3) eliminates inholdings and at the same time honors the memory of fine men (4) it provides needed equipment to help the rangers do a better job of serving the public.

Returned travelers report an exciting vacation during which they witnessed or participated in two power outages, three air-pollution alerts and an oil slick.

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would be required. First, one campsite would be eliminated. However, one particularly large campsite elsewhere in the campground is being made into two campsites; so relationships with Ticketron will not be altered. A few shrubs are being added, while others are being rearranged to make for a better campfire area. A split-rail fence will be built, also for the convenience of the campfire programs. About 3 picnic tables and 3 firerings will be placed in the area. Hopefully, the tables and fire rings will be shared by all. And finally, bicycle persons may lock up their bicycles and keep them out of the way.

This is really not too much work, considering the depth which will be added to the visitor services program. At present, these persons have absolutely no legal place to camp in the immediately area. Also, it is often very difficult to make exact plans 90 days ahead when one is walking, bicycling, or hitching. We hope that the Department of Parks and Recreation's commitment to serving the people will be well demonstrated through this new program.

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