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THE ANSWER?



CLINGING COGNOMEN

Possibly others have had the same problem that I have encountered with name plates. I used to have two or three nameplates with one or both pins broken off the back. I finally hit upon this salvaging idea.

I smooth the back of the nameplate off then glue a piece of Velcro to the back. The other part of the Velcro is sewn to the jacket. Both pieces of Velcro are cut just a little smaller than the nameplate. I would not use this idea on shirts. It seems to be working fine on heavy jackets. The nameplates have not come off yet.

When someone wants my name, so they can write a letter to the Governor, it is an easy matter to give them my nameplate ---after all I would not want my name misspelled.

Fred Soderlund

JOGATHON 1980 SET

The "Be Special, Help Someone Special" committee is again organizing a run, walk, jogathon to benefit the Special Olympics and other programs for the handicapped in the Sacramento area.



Help Someone Special

The event will be held at Cal Expo on October 4, 1980 from 8:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. The course is a repeatable 3-mile loop. Preregistration is \$4.00 due by September 15, 1980 or you can register the day of the event for \$6.00. Registration forms with detailed information can be obtained by calling (916) 456-6413.

Last year's event was a lot of fun. Hope that you can make it.

Charlie Willard, Chairman
Be Special, Help Someone Special

Parks Under Siege

Mr. Mario Rodriquez
c/o Monterey Area
California Department of Parks & Recreation

Dear Mario:

Congratulations on your Gold Medal with your dog handling at the Police Olympics. Such achievement inspires and epitomizes, the professional aspect of our careers.

Sincerely,
Denzil R. Verardo, President

Denzil R. Verardo

Just a note to let you know how much I appreciated your letter regarding my appointment as Director of the State Department of Parks and Recreation. The challenges are many, not the least of which is the fact that there has been placed on the November ballot another Parks bond issue. I believe its passage or failure could have a significant impact on not only the future of the Department but the entire parks and recreation field.

Pete Dangermond, Jr.

WASHINGTON — If judged solely by its steadily expanding acreage, the U.S. national park system is a vigorous entity. From 1967 through 1979, the number of sites administered by the National Park Service expanded by one-third, with the addition of 84 new units, and their area increased from 27 million to 76 million acres.

Further expansion is in the offing. The House has approved a bill authorizing the addition of seven units to the national park system, changing the boundaries of 13 existing parks and raising the limits on the amount of money that may be spent for land at four others. And the Senate is debating Alaska land development legislation that is expected to add millions of additional acres to the Park Service's domain.

But despite its growth, and to some extent because of it, the national park system faces serious problems. The Park Service's budget has failed to increase in proportion to its expanded responsibilities; it actually declined from fiscal 1979 to 1980, even without taking inflation into account. The Park Service has fewer employees today than it did two years ago.

MANAGERIAL INSTABILITY also has created difficulties. When Russell E. Dickenson replaced William J. Whalen as head of the Park Service in April, he became the agency's fourth director in seven years. The appointment of Dickenson, a 33-year Park Service veteran, was greeted favorably by longtime agency employees, many of whom felt that the three previous directors lacked sufficient experience for such a high-level job.

Over the years, the Park Service's mission has changed as new roles and responsibilities were thrust upon it. The act of 1916 which established the agency said its basic duty was "to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." The national park system then consisted mostly of large Western national parks, remote national monuments, and unique geologic or scenic marvels.

TODAY, IN CONTRAST, the Park Service manages a nationwide network of parks and other facilities in urban as well as rural areas. Through various acts of Congress, the agency has been made responsible for national seashores, lakeshores and recreational areas, many more historic areas, a few more large national parks, and even a cultural park, Wolf Trap Farm Park for the Performing Arts near Washington, D.C.

The Park Service's limited personnel is barely able to handle the most essential functions. "The multidisciplinary park ranger able to manage the natural resources and take care of visitors... has long since vanished," Robert Kahn wrote recently in Audubon magazine. "Park rangers today spend almost all of their time on visitor services and law enforcement, although many rangers perform limited resource management duties."

The trouble is that resource management is becoming increasingly important as national parkland falls victim to air, water and noise pollution, energy and mineral exploration, recreational home development, and the like. As the park system has grown, so has the number of potential threats to its existence.

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Retired Member Update

CSPRA retired members are sent an annual dues renewal notice by Executive Secretary, Doug Bryce, in mid July. This year he also asked for a short message about their activities, and some of the edited responses are offered here. If you want to get in touch with one of your friends, write Doug for a current address...Editor

Pushing 85 and going for 90. Retired Nov.2, 1962 - Missed one CSPRA Convention and that was Oakland. If I can keep the Grim Reaper away a while longer, will see you all in Ventura in March. Still losing my shirt at the green beige table. Looking for a widow (for company only) to share my humble abode on millionaires row in Capistrano Beach. Proud to be a member of an organization of the greatest people in the world. If you don't belong to CSPRA, you should.

Gene Velzy
Capistrano Beach

Enjoyed seeing you all at the last GEC in Santa Cruz. My how time flies. The little ones are now grown up. It doesn't seem that long ago when our kids at Borrego were learning how to ride two wheel bikes. Have just completed my year probation as a retire'iz. Really not any harder then the three times I skimmed thru it in the State Park System. We have found this is the life keeping our new home up and plenty of landscaping work going on in our yard. I have found being diplomatic with mother earth pays off just like it did with my fellow employees! Only darn thing about working with mother earth, she doesn't give me any lip. Darn it.

Frank Davies
Tehachapi

My activities consist of keeping up the maintenance of our Duplex and playing Golf when my lungs will allow. Otherwise, inflation has held us close to home. P.S. Will try to give more details soon.

Ed Strouse
Santa Rosa

Sorry to say that Fred Oltman died Dec. 1, 1979 after a long illness. He always enjoyed reading about the California State Park Rangers.

Paula Oltman
Sonoma

We are enjoying our retirement home here in Cambria. It is one of the Historical (old) slab homes located at Center & West St. right down in the old village. The 1' x 12 slabs are vertical with 9' redwood siding exterior. Jean and I have modernized it with new kitchen and bath. Friends are invited to send a post card or stop by for coffee.

Ira and Jean Brant
Cambria

RETIRED MEMBER UPDATE

I have meant to send you a short rundown on our activities since retiring.

In 1975 we traveled across the U.S. seeing the sights as we went (this by sedan and camper). Then in 1976 we went to Michigan to visit Dorothy's relatives and got bitten with 5th wheel urge. We purchased one in Three Rivers, Michigan and to date we have over 30,000 miles on it. All the miles around the U.S. and we still haven't visited quite a few of the states.

We try to get to Southern Arizona for the winter on the desert. We plan this year on taking in the rock shows and couple of Fiestas and then head North by East and hope to get up to the New England States (if we don't wind up in Florida).

We had planned on a trip up through Oregon to Canada this summer then across Canada to the Great Lakes and then down to Arizona with snow birds but it didn't work out. St. Helens for one thing. All in all we have had a very good retirement to date and hope it goes on for at least twenty years more.

Clyde and Dorothy Newlin
Lodi

We are comfortably settled on our little 1/2 acre near Forestville. I spend most of my time on landscaping our yard. Beside a vegetable garden, I am growing flowers and shrubs mostly to use myself. But, I also grow a little for the annual plant sale of the Native Plant Society in Santa Rosa. I also am landscaping at Mt. Gilead Bible Conference grounds near here.

If the weather is hot we just take off for the Russian River or out to Sonoma Coast and stay til it cools off. We do some birding wherever we go and keep the Binocks in the car. Betty keeps busy with her painting and I don't think we will ever have enough time to do all the things we would like to.

D. Andrews
Forestville

We now live in Arkansas tho our address is Myrtle, Mo. We have a boat and we fish the Eleven Point River which is only 1 mile away. Also, the large lakes in the area. Do lots of traveling in Mo., Ill., Ohio, Ind., K., Penn., West Va., N.J., and N. York state. Lots of hunting in the area. Turkey and other small game. Anyone in the area of Elm Store, Arkansas or Myrtle, Mo. look us up. Will be glad to see any of the Park persons.

David and Chenille Felt
Myrtle, Mo.

As you can see I've moved to Arkansas. We live in a lovely little area near the town of Mt. Home in No. Central Ark. Our move to this area was not a criticism of Cal., but a desire to do something different.

We visited a State Park near here and it was a great place. Ark. now has fifteen Park Rangers and has requested legislature for five more. They hope to realize two positions out of the request. The maintenance and crew for interpretation do a very excellent job.

John P. Anderson
Gasonville, Ark

RETIRED MEMBERS CONT.

Hi -- Enjoying Retirement! Have enuf garden to keep us, the neighbors, and son's family supplied. Also manage to fish a little when able. Still under Dr's care but manage to get around and enjoy life, especially the grandchildren.

Elwin "Woody" Wood
Arroyo Grande

It's been a long time since Elsinor - do you ever think back? As to my activities since retiring - at one time I had dreamplanned of a fishing home on one of Oregon's better streams - and I looked at properties in the Hat Creek and Mad River areas - even to putting a small hold down payment on a site near Cave Junction. All I wanted was a place to call home, fish, and whatever else it is that retired rangers do.

But it did not come to pass. I retired somewhat protestingly and moved to Bakersfield - married a Greek girl who had wandered into the Medeiros Area one day and we spent a very nice Honeymoon in Europe. England - Holland - Germany - Austria - Italy, and then on to Greece. Because of the interest of my wife's relatives there, I had a tour like no common tourist is treated to.

Returning home, I spent a lot of time restoring and redecorating a home for us as well as rental property.

I formally joined my wife's Church and my friend's Lodge. Although I hold no offices, I manage to be of assistance to the affairs of both organizations - a lot of cooking, etc. The Greek Food Festival is an exciting challenge. Last Wednesday, I kitched out 2500 meat balls to be frozen until festival time! Still to come - Baklava - Loukoumades - Tiropetes - Souvalakia - etc.

After the reputation of being a willing worker and a makeshift cook finally got around, guess who gets drafted when the Lodge throws a dinner? It's fun! It's easy! It's steak or chicken.

Our Church is having it's second annual week long campout at Huntington Lake next week. Last year they found that they would have enjoyed the services of an interpreter of the things about them, but all the Forest Rangers were busy, so--this year we have our own - namely me! So a hurried 'phone call to Clyde Strickler brought immediate results. He, Wes King, et al got together some phamplets, junior ranger badges, and other such informative material in an effort to help me make the venture a success.

One can always call on a professional Ranger!

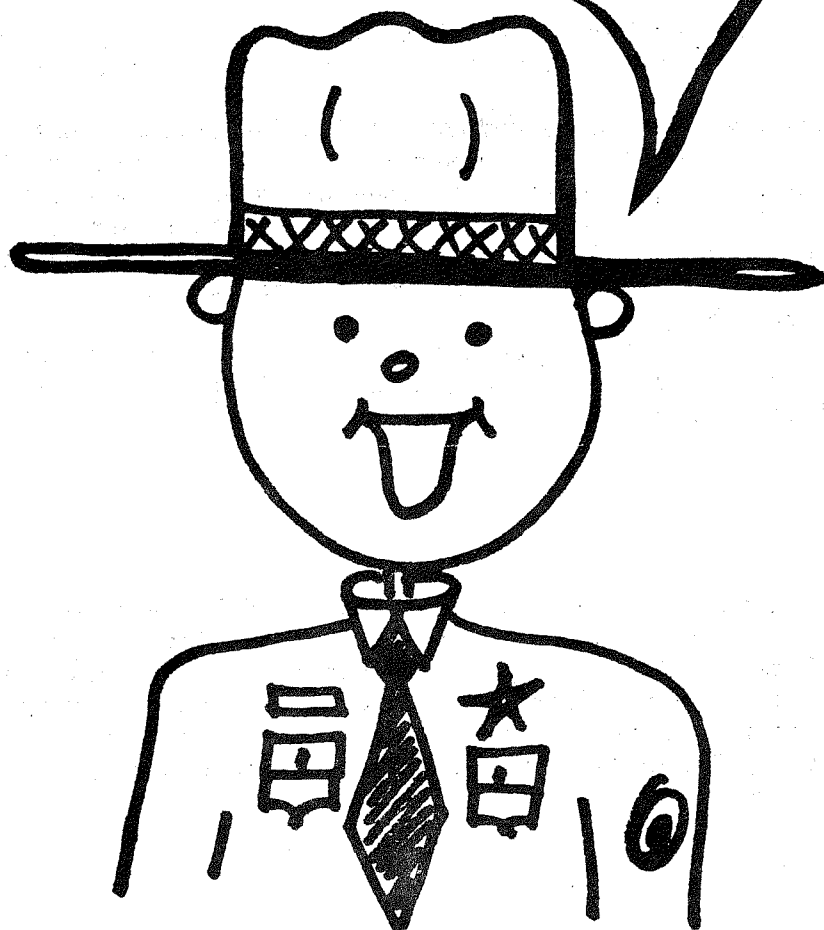
Retirement? Miss the work? - not really - I have been enjoying life to it's fullest - From Rhodes to Oahu I have explored 12 time zones. One might say that I am traveling upon the most enjoyable level of time imaginable -

Caleb "Smitty" Smith
Bakersfield

Regarding our activities since retirement on Nov. 2, 1976, Addie and I spent four months touring Northern U.S. and Canada and Nova Scotia covering 26 States. Another month was spent touring British Columbia, Ontario, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon. We also flew to Vancouver, B.C. and took the Sun Princess cruise up the Inland Passage. Have taken a few trips into the Sierras to get in some good fishing. We have spent the Winters in Hemet square dancing and golfing, and enjoying life and hope that you and Carol will be able to do the same one of these days.

Leo and Addie McKnight
Turlock

**Have you
hugged a
park ranger
today?**



Ranger T-Shirt

Jeff

Maybe you can use this idea...As you know, most camera shops can have T-shirts made with one's color photo printed on the front.

And using the enclosed figure I had one of these T-shirts made -- Maybe others would like to "produce their own". Easy ...to personalize, just add your own hair, glasses, warts, mustache or scars, etc.

Bill Krumbein



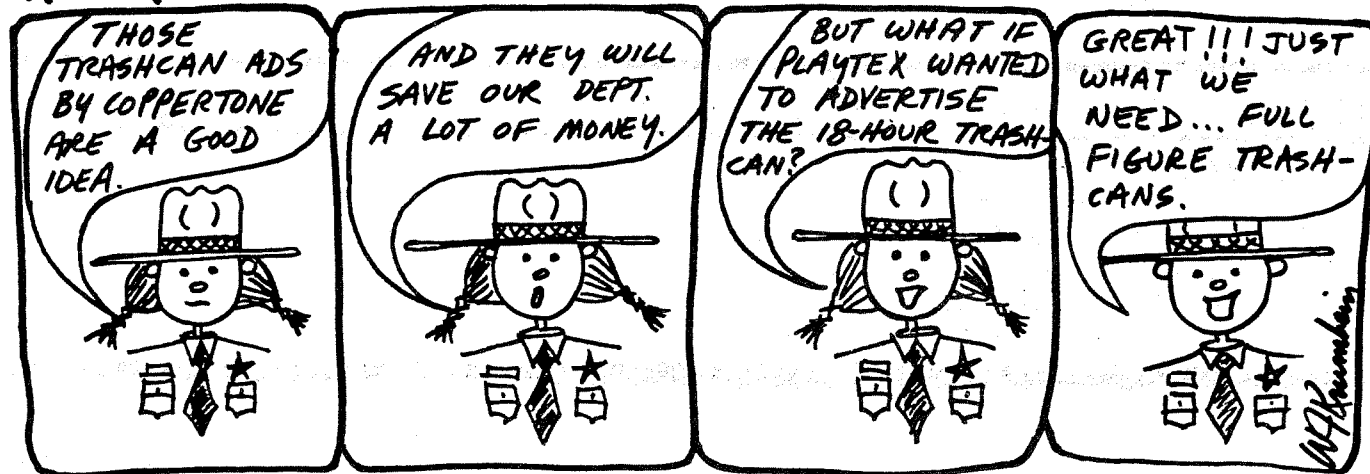
TRAINING & EDUCATION

Michigan State University, through its Departments of Park and Recreation Resources and Lifelong Education Programs, will conduct its second annual National Interpretive Institute from February 1-4, 1981.

Emphasis will be placed upon budgeting, planning and effective use of human resources. The institute will be programmed for the broad spectrum of interpretation. Interpretive personnel in public and commercial park areas (both historical and natural), zoological parks and museums should find the institute of educational and professional value.

Additional information will be forthcoming in CR.

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The following is a short resume of the Lively's activities since retirement in 1972. Nothing very exciting I'm afraid, but enjoyable years for us.

For the first few years we did a lot of trailering. Trips to Canada, Mexico and around the U.S. Had a lot of enjoyment sharing in some of the activities of the Wally Byam Airstream Club. Have used our trailer very little the last two years and will probably sell it.

We moved to Graeagle in 1973 but found the winters too long and cold for a couple of desert lovers. Sold out in 1975 and after touring the U.S. with our trailer in 1976 settled down to mobile home living in Hemet.

We go on occasional tours to stage shows in L.A., play golf and bridge, garden and swim. Chris is an avid history buff and is becoming well versed in the doings of the Romans, Greeks and other ancient nations.

Last year we tllk a golfing holiday in Hawaii. We were to have played 8 rounds on 6 different courses. Got rained out on only one. The only bad thing was that the quality of my golf did not match the excellence of those very lush and beautiful courses. Occasionally fish at Lake Perris and other reservoirs in this area, but the fishing does not come close to the kind of fishing I know in Humboldt county.

We enjoy our life style here and have plenty of the warm weather we love. Right now it is 100 Deg.plus which we do not ordinarily mind, but with this spell we have humidity which we do mind.

The latch string is out for any CSPRA people who may pass through or live in this area. Give us a ring and come and say hello. Love to see you.

P.S. As a small contribution to clean air, and relief to the pocket book we have converted the old Caddy to burn propane. Works great!

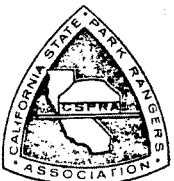
Chris and Lloyd Lively
Hemet

WESTERN INTERPRETERS ASSOCIATION TO MEET IN CHICO - November 6,7,8 & 9

Theme: HOME GROWN INTERPRETATION - How to tap the wealth of resources available in your community to develop or enhance your interpretive program.

Sessions will be held at the Bell Memorial Union at California State University, Chico; Bidwell Mansion SHP; and in Bidwell Park, the third largest municipal park in the nation.

Session subjects will include, volunteerism, publications, cemeteries, cooperating associations, etc. Send requests for registration packets to W I A, P.O. Box 28366, Sac. 95828



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