



# NEWSLETTER



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## TASK FORCE

by Bill Beat

### NEW ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE

A new task force has been appointed by Operations Coordinator Keith Caldwell. The purpose of the panel is to look at revising Chapter 6, to reflect recent changes in the Park Rangers Status as a Peace Officer, (changes due to the Ranger being covered under 830.2 H of the California Penal Code). In addition the entire chapter is being looked at as far as its organization and applicability.

Some of the points being considered are POPE, off duty Peace Officers responsibilities, Code 3 policy and equipment, weapons maintenance, Defensive Tactics and weapons qualifications.

The committee held it's first meeting in Sacramento in March and at that time coordinator Caldwell requested that those members on the committee from the field continue to serve for the next two years, at which time replacements would be appointed for them. Mr. Caldwell plans on appointing the Regional Safety and Enforcement Specialists and the Safety and Enforcement Supervisor as permanent members.

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Beau says THANKS! to CSPRA

Dear Editor:

Please extend my sincere thanks for the beautiful plaque to all concerned. I'm very very proud of it.

We especially like the Canadian geese picture on it as they are our favorite bird up here.

Things are going quite well - especially when the Salmon are cooperative.

Thanks again and believe me when I say it was an honor to work with you.

Sincerely, Beau

J. P. Beauchamp  
3247 Avalon Way  
Seattle, WA 98126

## DOWN UNDER

by Rick Parmer

Last month I gave you a brief introduction to the Old Telegraph Station and the Ewaninga Rock Carvings, two park units within boomerang throw of the Alice. I was planning to get stuck into more detail on interpretation in these places but I thought with our "union" elections coming up it would be timely to do a little comparison of wages and working conditions instead.

An entry level ranger in the Northern Territory made about \$8,700 a year or just over \$4 an hour in early 1980. These blokes thank the Chief Minister for overtime and holiday pay you can bet your bush hat on that, matey!

Housing is provided for \$25 a week or thereabouts if stationed out bush. Solar water heating is becoming standard but slightly salty bore water would be rough on infants (sorry, no bottled water here). Deadly brown snakes have a tendency to wander indoors occasionally however the Flying Doctor Service may get the victim to the hospital in Alice in two or three hours.

On the brighter side vacation is four weeks and four days and will probably be changed to six weeks in the near future. This includes 17½% loading which means the employee receives this amount in addition to the regular salary while on vacation. There are twelve paid holidays and triple time if they are worked. Since the work locations are at least one thousand miles from the nearest real city (50,000 or over) the employee receives a return (round-trip) airfare to a capital city for all members of the family every two years. This travel benefit has recently been extended to include Singapore instead if so desired.

The Newsletter learned that at press time Ranger II Dennis McMullin, Millerton Lake, was undergoing open-heart surgery at Stanford University School of Medicine. We all wish you a speedy recovery Dennis!

# Parks For A Profit

The April 12 issue of the "Santa Cruz Sentinel" newspaper carried an editorial proposing some helpful hints on how to run State Parks more profitably.

For example, the editorial proposed: 1) cliffside hotels at Sunset, Manresa, Seacliff and New Brighton; 2) a lodge resort, swimming pool and tennis courts in the heart of Big Basin; and 3) a mobile home park at Wadell Beach. The editorial suggested that the State Park System should follow the successful lead of National Parks. Yellowstone and Yosemite were given as good examples.

Ironically, the editorial which quoted former director William Penn Mott as recommending such a program, was rebutted on CSPRA behalf by John Mott. John's letter, reprinted here as it ran in the April 26 issue of the "Sentinel".

Editor, Santa Cruz Sentinel

Your editorial entitled "Parks in Partnership" (Santa Cruz Sentinel, April 12, 1981, pg. 71) presented several disturbing and dangerous development proposals for State beaches and parks in Santa Cruz County. The editorial recommended that the Department of Parks and Recreation intensively develop several popular State Park units in "partnership with private industry". The California State Park Rangers Association (CSPRA) does not oppose state and private interests working hand in hand for the public's benefit. However, we are very disturbed by the overdevelopment, commercialism and erosion of basic park values that would occur if your proposals were implemented.

The "cliffside motels" at Sunset, Manresa, Seacliff, and New Brighton would destroy the open and rustic character of these beaches. They would also increase the cost of an overnight beach experience five to twenty times beyond the present five dollars per night camping fee. State Parks are for all the people, not just the select few who can afford "trendy" resort facilities.

Your call for lodges, restaurants, and sports facilities at Big Basin State Park would destroy the primitive natural experience which hundreds of thousands of visitors seek each year.

Your implication that "motels with restaurants and leisure facilities" have enhanced Yosemite National Park and will enhance the state parks has virtually no basis in fact. Realizing the dangers of intensive concession development, the National Park Service is spending millions of dollars to attempt to remove such facilities. Through less development, the National Park Service hopes to mitigate natural damages and enhance visitor experiences which have been corrupted through the overdevelopment and commercializing of the Yosemite Valley.

California's State Parks and Beaches are acquired to preserve, protect, and promote the public enjoyment of the state's outstanding natural, historical and recreational resources. They are places where we can catch a glimpse of natural worlds, view a historic setting or at least experience open space without major impacts by man. To encourage motels, restaurants, and other intensive user oriented development is merely commercializing our state parks. At the 1978 50th Anniversary celebration of the State Park System, then Director Russel Cahill said that our parks should be looked upon "not as curiosity shops or technological data centers, but as touchstones of human and natural history".

CSPRA encourages the Santa Cruz Sentinel to reexamine its views on how private industry and parks can work in partnership to truly benefit all Californians.

Sincerely,  
John D. Mott, Chairman  
CSPRA Environmental Issues  
Committee

The Newsletter has received more examples of "Ranger" brands on various products.

Randy Hogue of Coloma tells us he was issued rubber boots when he became a volunteer fireman with this logo:

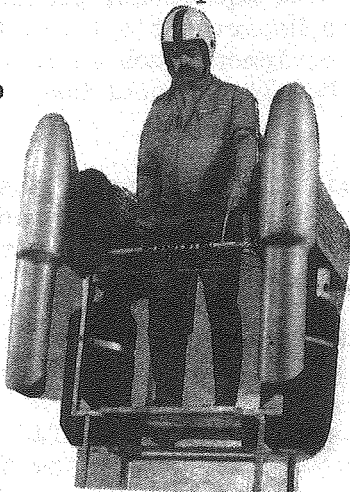


Bill Skinner of Mt. Diablo sends a clipping from Popular Science magazine for "Space Ranger". This is a jet powered vertical take-off platform, that you build from a kit for \$5,795 - REALLY!! Great for those hops from day use to kiosk.

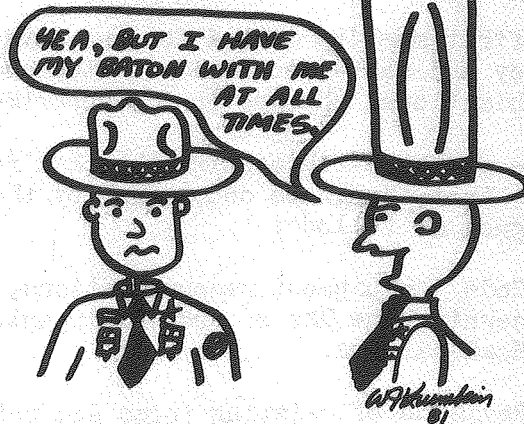
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## KIOSK KWIPS



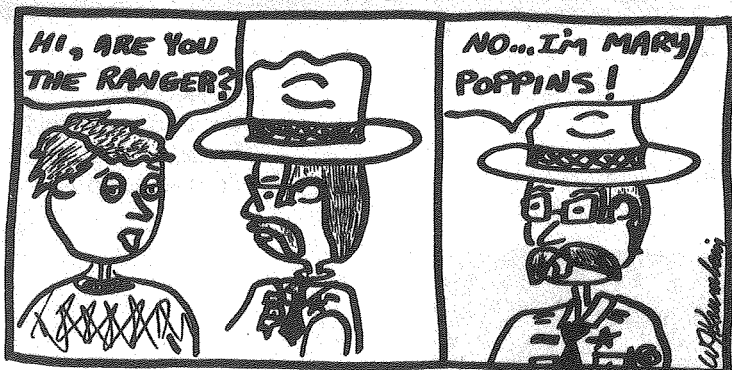
Mr. John Dewitt, Executive Director  
Save-the-Redwoods League

On behalf of the California State Park Rangers Association (CSPRA), I wish to express my appreciation for the generous gift Mr. Dave Fesler and the Save-the-Redwoods League made in donating the "California State Park Rangers Grove" in Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park. CSPRA always a supporter of the important work of the League, is honored in having a grove dedicated to park rangers. Please pass on our sincere thanks to Mr. Fester for his contribution.

Sincerely,  
Denzil R. Verardo, President



**KIOSK KWIPS--Wouldn't you like to say it sometime?**



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !!**

Beth M. Atwood  
San Clemente

Hal Latta  
Hemet

Paula A. Pennington  
Markleeville

Dennis Carriere  
Big Basin

Roger J. Sloboda  
Pacific Grove

Charles Maris  
Grass Valley



**Q.** Where is there a huge State Park unit (over 17 square miles) that has never had public access and in fact prohibits any entry?

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The first meeting lasted for two days and much of the time was spent on planning changes in the policy and manual to deal with the changes in the law and changes in the wording to reflect the organizational changes in the Department (dissolution of Districts and formation of Regions).

While at the March meeting the task force set up several sub-committees to look at specific areas that should be considered by the committee at future meetings. The sub-committees were assigned as follows;

1. Code 3 equipment recommendations, the use of such equipment and Department policy concerning the use of such equipment, Don Kinney of Calaveras and Al Crum of Region 3 Headquarters.
2. Revision of existing forms and potential future form needs. Perhaps look at developing one form to be used for animal disposal, routine weapon drawing (no people involved), use of carotid restraint, baton use etc. Also this committee would look at developing a standardized form for correcting citation information and voiding citations. This committee was assigned to Jerry Morrison of Region 1 Headquarters.
3. Sub-Committee to look at Peace Officers Protective Equipment, possible changes in standards, new or different personal options, additions to Department's basic issue such as possibly adding body armor, adding special enforcement equipment such as shotguns. Committee members Hal Terry, Region 4 Headquarters, Ron McCall, Channel Coast and Bill Beat, Castle Crags.
4. Sub-Committee to look into needs for weapon maintenance program, i.e. who should be authorized to work on DPR weapons, possibility of setting up a maintenance inspection program where a licensed firearms expert will look at all DPR weapons on a regular schedule. Committee person Bob Bambaur, Region 2 Headquarters.



Several other sub-committees are planned in the future, hopefully all areas of concern in the chapter will be considered by a sub-committee at one time or another over the next two years.

People wanting to make recommendations or voice concerns about specific points covered in Chapter 6 should write to the members of the sub-committee considering that particular subject.

Should a person wish to comment on points or policies not being considered by a sub-committee at the present time, they can write to any of the committee members and make their recommendations.

The next task force meeting is scheduled for mid May so people should get their comments in, the next meeting after the May meeting will probably be in the fall sometime.

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