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A Tribute to Retiring Colleagues

by Rick Parmer

Experience is one attribute park professionals hold in high esteem. In the past two years I noticed a wealth of experience leave the department through retirement. Our bulletin board is full of requests for memorabilia about employees who have spent their entire work lives in service to the "bear."

Administrations come and go. Management philosophies swing from left to right, then back again. Through countless reorganizations the career employee survives. Over the years older colleagues reflect on the rising and falling of their careers...hoping each dip will rebound anew.

One challenge endures: to uphold a sacred commitment to preserve, protect, and interpret the precious lands under our stewardship. In this quest some fall by the wayside, compromising past the point of no return. A few succeed. These remain true to the highest standards of a noble profession. They are easy to pick out because they command widespread respect; true leaders, regardless of position. They support us with their compassion and understanding when we are down, uplift us with infectious enthusiasm in good times.

Whether you agree with the viewpoint or not, the reputable "elder" voice rings with sincerity. The revenue generator of today may be the "no fee" advocate of years gone by. But his or her dedication to park ideals will live on. It is not easy to pursue a principled career. The path is filled with risk.

Now we say good-bye to many who embody the personal values we hold most dear. I tip my Stetson in a fond farewell. May your example guide us toward a brighter future.

Retired Members Info

Instructions: Please return completed sheet to Mr. McCall at least 4 weeks prior to retirement date to ensure prompt arrival of CSPRA Retirement Plaque.

Mail to:

Retired Members Committee

Mr. Joe McCall, Chairman

9028 Talisman Drive

Sacramento, CA 95826

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I. Retiree's Background

Name to appear on plaque: _____

Location, title, date when hired by DPR as a permanent employee: _____

Date first hired as a DPR Seasonal (if applicable): _____

Total years with DPR: _____

Ending date, location, and position with DPR: _____

Outstanding or notable accomplishments during career: _____

The retiree is best remembered by co-workers for being: _____

Name of husband/wife: _____

II. Retirement Party Information

Time, date, and location: _____

CSPRA member who could present plaque: _____

Coordinator's name and phone #: _____

III. Retirement Plaque Information

Mr. McCall, please have plaque inscription refer to retiree as a "Ranger," "Manager," "Employee," or _____

IV. Comments: _____

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# WHO SAID THAT?

The use of quotations in any speech or program to illustrate or drive home a point is always valuable. Unfortunately quotations are often hard to find. Beginning with this issue the CSPRA NEWSLETTER will run a regular column of "quotable quotes" for use by rangers, docents, or any CSPRA member in their various programs. If you have any quotes you believe would be of interest send them in! You may not be able to use many quotes from this column, but if you only find one which is useful the column will be a success. Good luck!

"Wild places reveal what the land was, what it is, and what it ought to be." Aldo Leopold

"We did not inherit our parks from our grandparents, we borrow them from our children." Anonymous

"If you are out to describe the truth, leave elegance to the tailor." Albert Einstein

"Vision is the art of seeing things invisible." Jonathan Swift

"It is not enough to be industrious; so are the ants. What are you industrious about?" Henry David Thoreau

"So often we rob tomorrow's memories by today's economies." John Mason Brown

## A CHANGE OF ADDRESS

CSPRA NEWSLETTER editor Mark Faull has recently transferred to the High Desert Area. Articles submitted for publication in future editions should be sent to: Red Rock Canyon State Park, P.O. Box 26, Cantil, California 93519. Without your articles the NEWSLETTER is not, so **KEEP THOSE ARTICLES COMING!!**



# Twenty-five and Two Thousand

by Steve Horvitz

The 1983-84 fiscal year was a first for CSPRA's Education and Training Committee in that we depleted our scholarship fund. Never before have we helped so many members to the degree that we did last year. Over twenty-five grants were awarded from amounts of \$17.00 to \$375.00; for classes in law enforcement, maintenance, supervisory skills, college courses, interpretation and more. It was also a first in the number of non-ranger members who applied and received grants. Maintenance, office, and Sacramento staff made good use of the service.

With the new fiscal year we are starting fresh with another two thousand dollars. I look forward to the committee being even more active in helping members with training. The procedures for filing a grant request are simple. Fill out the application form, (you'll find them in issues of the Newsletter, from your nearest CSPRA officer, from me, or write our Sacramento address to request forms) send it to me with a description of the training. Of particular help would be a copy of the course announcement, and any other information on the class would help us in considering your request. The committee will review your application and you should have a decision from us within three weeks.

Last year I was surprised with the amount of people who did not file for assistance because they were afraid of "strings," or were unsure of the process. Because of this they missed out on training, or paid substantial amounts from their own pockets. There are no "strings." All we ask from recipients is that they write a short critique on the training which is published in the Newsletter. In this manner we are kept abreast of the type of classes that are available. Don't miss out this year! Apply, see if we can help you!

We also keep records of training throughout the state that may be of interest to CSPRA members. The information is stored by computer, categorized by type, interpretation, law enforcement, maintenance, etc. and by region. If you are seeking a particular type of training, give me a call or drop me a post card to see what we have on file. We are on the mailing lists of hundreds of training centers and schools who continually send us information. Over the phone it takes as long as it does to receive 29 information from your C.L.E.T.S. - so it is very fast. Give it a try. Then once we line you up with something, we may be able to help you pay for it.



EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Area \_\_\_\_\_ Phone, H \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_

Description of training \_\_\_\_\_

How will it be of value to you? \_\_\_\_\_

To the profession? \_\_\_\_\_

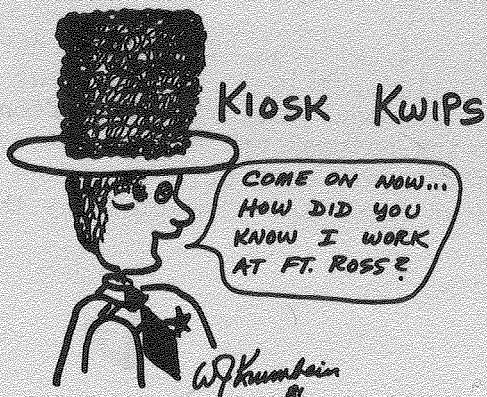
Tuition \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Materials \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Travel \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Misc. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount requested \$ \_\_\_\_\_ How much will the Department pay \$ \_\_\_\_\_

When did you send your DPR 392 in? \_\_\_\_\_ CSPRA member? yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

Please attach a copy of your returned DPR 392 and a course announcement if possible.

Return this form to Steve Horvitz, Chairman, Education and Training Committee, 110 Mara Ave, Ventura, CA 93004.



NEW SUPPORTING MEMBERS

James Davis  
Bradley, CA

Robert Monroe Hann  
Sutter Creek, CA



## Suggested Bibliography: Natural History and Interpretation

By Robert Pavlik

This bibliography is designed as a general guideline for an interpretive and reference library to be used in park units by permanent and seasonal staff. These references are intended for use according to geographic region and applicability to general topics. Local references have not been included due to the vast selection and diversity to be found in California's state parks. A separate bibliography related to California history will be presented in a forthcoming article. The purpose of this article is designed as a reference to supplement any park library with sources of information, entertainment and interpretive value. It is by no means exhaustive or all inclusive, and additions to the list are heartily encouraged.

These books can come through a wide variety of sources: donations, loans, purchases through cooperating associations, aluminum recycling. Used bookstores are good sources of materials as are old college textbooks that may be donated or loaned to the library. Back issues of Audubon, Sierra, Fremontia, National Wildlife, National Parks, and other professional and popular journals contain valuable information that can find use many times over with many different individuals. Bound copies of "The Grizzly News," CSPRA Newsletter, The Interpreter, and California Ranger also enhance an area's library.

The establishment of a "park folder" file can also come in handy for quick reference and as an aid to visitors' inquiries regarding more information on other units of the State Park System. As area rangers travel throughout the state and nation they can quickly collect folders for future reference. The file can also include information on county, federal, and private parks, as well as preserves, museums, and sanctuaries. Road maps and possibly a road atlas of the United States would also prove to be a helpful reference for park visitors, combined with information and suggestions from the park staff.

As interpreters of California's natural and cultural history, we have a responsibility to ourselves and the visiting public to stay current with scientific and historical information. Seasonal employees are often called upon to answer questions concerning natural and human history of the region. A well rounded library in the park unit or area office that is accessible to all park employees is as important a tool as any that we use in the execution of our duties.



Suggested Bibliography: Natural History and Interpretation  
Becking, Rudolph. A Pocket Flora of the Redwood Forest.  
Bakker, Elna. An Island Called California.  
Bascom, Willard. Waves and Beaches.  
California Department of Fish and Game Pamphlets:  
Endangered Wildlife of California  
Raptors of California  
Furbearers of California  
Other titles include waterfowl, marine mammals and fishes.  
California Department of Fish and Game bimonthly publication, Outdoor California.  
California Division of Mines and Geology monthly, California Geology.  
California Division of Mines and Geology bulletin 190, Geology of Northern California.  
California Department of Parks and Recreation publications:  
The Interpreter's Guide  
The Junior Ranger Handbook  
Quotable Quotes  
Cornell, Joseph. Sharing Nature With Children.  
DeBell, Garrett, ed. The New Environmental Handbook.  
Durrenberger, R.W. and P.T. Mason. Geography of California.  
Friends of the Earth. The Whale Manual.  
Grater, Russell. The Interpreter's Handbook.  
Heizer, Robert and A.L. Elasser. The Natural World of the California Indians.  
Jaeger, Edmund. The California Deserts.  
Leopold, Aldo. A Sand County Almanac.  
Lewis, William. Interpreting for Park Visitors.  
Muir, John. The Yosemite; The Mountains of California.  
The Peterson Field Guide Series:  
Mammals, Burt and Grossheider  
Animal Tracks, Murie.  
Pacific States Wildflowers, Niehaus and Ripper.  
Rocks and Minerals, Pough.  
Western Birds, Peterson.  
Atmosphere, Schaefer and Day.  
Western Reptiles and Amphibians, Stebbins.  
Phillips, David and Hugh Nash, eds. The Condor Question.  
Robbins, Chandler S. ; B. Bruun; H.S. Zim. Birds of North America.  
Sharpe, Grant. Interpreting the Environment.  
Smith, Jenny Schumacher, ed. Deepest Valley; Mammoth Lakes Sierra.  
Stokes, Donald. A Guide to Observing Insect Lives.  
University of California Natural History Guides:  
Early Uses of California Plants, Balls.  
Ferns and Fern Allies, Grillos.  
Introduction to California Plant Life, Ornduff.  
Grasses of California  
Trees of the Sierra Nevada  
Shrubs of the Sierra Nevada  
Van, Metre, Steve. Acclimatization; Acclimatizing.  
Watts, Tome. Pacific Coast Tree Finder.



# OFFSHORE OIL VICTORY

by Rick Parmer

We've come a long way, baby! Last year, CSPRA was one of the first organizations to actively lobby against federal plans to lease off-shore tracts for oil exploration near coastal state parks. In San Diego, CSPRA co-sponsored a public forum that attracted high Interior Department officials, Mayor Roger Hedgecock, and scientific experts. That July, CSPRA testified at a widely publicized federal hearing on Lease Sale #80

## CELEBRATION IN ORDER

On May 24, Carol Hallet, Assistant to Interior Department Secretary William Clark, announced that the federal government has sharply reduced plans to lease oil and gas sites off the southern California coast and put off indefinitely exploration along the northern coast.

Lease sale #80 was cut from 11.6 million to 3.9 million acres available for sale. Most of the excluded areas were those that posed the greatest environmental threats. The sale notice begins a two month comment period during which the Governor may ask for more cutbacks on the offering. CSPRA will analyze the remaining tracts also.

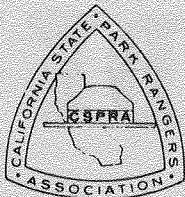
For the area extending from Point Conception to the Oregon line (Lease #91), no further action is slated until at least 1987. This sale was originally slated for September of next year.

Major credit for CSPRA's involvement is due to Wendy Lieber. She has doggedly pursued the hearing and court process on the northern California leases.

## Name the Newsletter

Due to the many changes in the lives of the CSPRA NEWSLETTER editors, the contest for "Name the Newsletter" has been extended. So, if you were lazy, or just forgot to mail your entry there is still time! Send your winning name to: CSPRA NAME THE NEWSLETTER, P.O. Box 26, Cantil, California 93519. Entries must be received by September 1, 1984 so DO IT TODAY!!





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# THANKS WENDY!

The co-editorship of the CSPRA NEWSLETTER has, unfortunately, had to be dissolved. Congratulations are in order for Wendy Lieber, who has transferred to the Clear Lake Area. We owe Wendy an enormous debt for the time, energy and talent she has given the NEWSLETTER during the past year. We wish her the best of luck at her new assignment!



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## LEAGUE NEWS

The Save-the-Redwoods League is pleased to announce the recent purchase of two parcels of forested land, totalling 140 acres, for addition to Montgomery Woods State Reserve. These two parcels are situated approximately a mile apart, on the northeast and northwest borders of the Reserve. Noted for its magnificent old-growth Redwoods and abundance of Woodwardia fern, this spectacular Reserve is located fifteen miles west of Ukiah in Mendocino County, California. The League is pleased to acquire this valuable watershed land, and donate it to the California State Park System as the logical extension to Montgomery Woods State Reserve.

The parcel marking the northeastern corner of the Reserve consists of forty acres of timbered slopes, and is predominately forested with Redwood and Douglas fir trees. A perennial stream flows through the property. The other parcel is one hundred acres along the northwestern boundary of the park. These properties both provide important watershed protection for the old-growth Redwoods within Montgomery Woods. They also will provide future sites for camping and picnicking when the State has funds to develop the facilities.

Montgomery Woods State Reserve was established in 1945 with nine acres of virgin Redwood land donated by Robert Orr, a prominent local landowner. Since that time, Save-the-Redwoods League in cooperation with the California Department of Parks and Recreation, has succeeded in enlarging this Redwood Reserve to 1,182 acres.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Please send me more information on the benefits of CSPRA membership.

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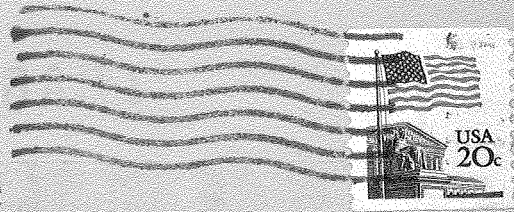
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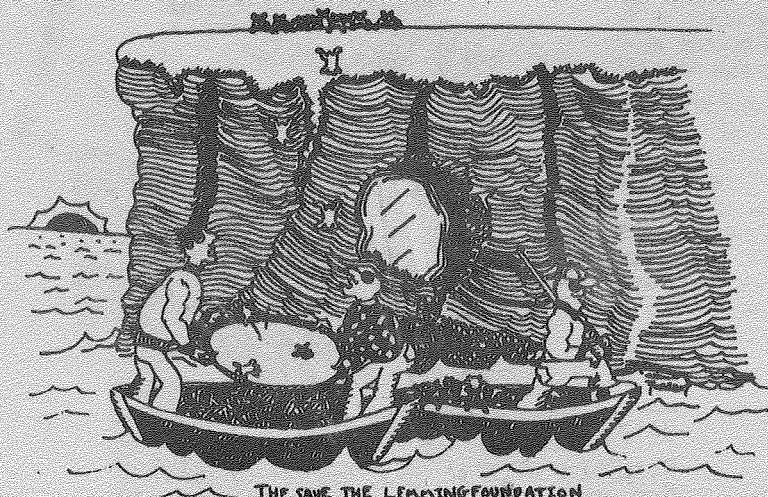
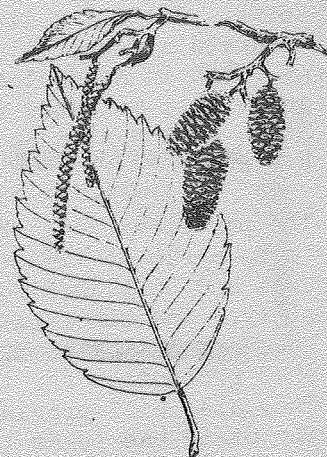
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