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Living History

by Joe McCummins, Ranger I

Through the generosity of CSPRA and Prelado de los Tesoros, the volunteers at La Purisima Mission State Historic Park, I was able to attend the American Minor Breeds Conservancy (AMBC) annual conference held at Plimoth Plantation, Massachusetts, and the Association for Living Historical Farms and Agricultural Museums (ALHFAM) annual conference at Providence, Rhode Island, in June.

American Minor Breeds Conservancy is an organization dedicated to the preservation of domestic breeds of animals. AMBC stresses preserving the gene pools of foundation domestic breeds and their usefulness in today's agricultural markets. Prelado and La Purisima Mission became involved with AMBC when the Navajo/Churro sheep were acquired for the livestock program at La Purisima Mission. This year's conference focused on the use of draft animals: horses, mules, and oxen. Lectures presented information on draft breeds, animal selection, and training. Workshops allowed hands-on experience with the breeds of your interest. This was a unique opportunity to work a very well-trained team of oxen. A team of working steers are being trained at La Purisima Mission. Our goal is to have a team giving public demonstrations within two years.

The Association for Living Historical Farms and Agricultural Museums conference theme was "A Future For The Past." AHFAM's name is misleading. When it was founded, its orientation was towards living history farms. ALHFAM is now the organization that brings together living history professionals and enthusiasts. (Continued on page 3)

SAVE BODIE! Update

by Donna Pozzi

In early September, CSPRA board members and SAVE BODIE! representatives toured the Galactic project at Bodie. We were accompanied by three members of our legal staff, some friends and family, totalling 19 in our group. Galactic had six people, including a two-person video crew who taped all of us, everything we said, and all our actions. The project manager talked at great length about Bodie's history and geology. Very little was disclosed about the company's past activities or plans for the future; (Continued on page 3)

Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Management Plan

Comments presented for CSPRA
by Gary Strachan

Public Workshop at Half Moon Bay Community Center 9/14/90.

The 680-member California State Park Rangers Association is a professional organization of park rangers, resource managers, and interpreters who are dedicated to the protection of examples of California's unique natural, cultural, and recreational resources.

The State Park Rangers Association supports the creation of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Alternative #5 which will encompass 3800 square miles and provide an appropriate infrastructure to manage and protect the unique and diverse marine resources of this bioregion. (Continued on page 4)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Bond Bind We are all concerned about the growing bonded indebtedness of the State of California. Future generations are going to pay for all of the bond measures that pass each election. So what's the obvious solution — vote them all down! But that is not going to happen.

Both "Forests Forever" (Prop 130) and "Big Stump" (Prop 138) are going to pass in November. Whichever gets the majority vote becomes operative. It seems clear that we need to vote for "Forests Forever" and vote down the timber industry's "Big Stump." "Forests Forever" will save ancient forests while "Big Stump" will allow all old-growth trees to be cut.

And we can't be naive enough to think that if park-type bond acts are left off the ballot, that there will be fewer bond acts on the ballot. If there is a void, prisons, highways, and other necessities of government will take the place of parks. So the result will be the same four or five billion dollars worth of bond acts without anything going to our cause. It must, by this time, be obvious that we aren't doing so well in competing through the normal budgeting processes. So we need Prop 149.

What about the argument that we are already spread too thin, and that the land and facilities coming because of this new bond act will spread us even thinner. Certainly there is some truth in that. But with only \$25 million for acquisition, there isn't going to be any great expansion of the California State Park System. Most of this money will be used to buy inholdings and additions to existing parks. Many times acquisition can solve operational problems by eliminating incompatible adjacent activities, trespasses, and other boundary problems. These sorts of acquisition should be the ones that we submit and push, and we should avoid ones that cause us significant new work loads. The development side of prop 149 is also rather meager from our Department's standpoint. At least we do have a better chance of tying person years to development when it occurs.

So while we probably are all becoming more fiscally conservative, it doesn't seem like we should cut our own throats while we watch other programs of state government getting transfusions.

So at least vote yes on Propositions 130 and 149 and no on 138.

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Living History

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The conference was an outstanding opportunity to visit Plimoth Plantation, Old Sturbridge Village, and Mystic Seaport, and compare a variety of programs with other professionals. The presentations provided critical thoughts about the future of living history programs, and many practical discussions on programming, costuming, and volunteers.

The conferences and travel on our own allowed me to see some outstanding programs and some not outstanding programs, to compare these programs to each other, and to compare these programs to what we are doing in California. Reflecting on our programs at La Purisima Mission, I felt very positive about the direction we are headed. We have a lot of work ahead of us to achieve the level of professionalism achieved in the living history programs of the East Coast, but we also provide a greater variety of programs. It is this variety of interpretive programs that bring visitors back for more as we are not restricted to one format. We are achieving programming excellence through dedicated volunteers, not paid staff as on the East Coast.

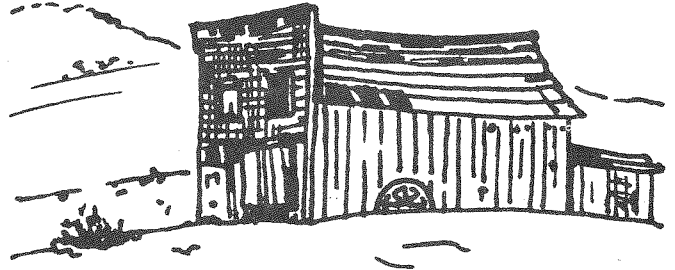
I would like to encourage staff and volunteer organizations at historical sites to become a member of the Association for Living Historical Farms and Agricultural Museums. ALHFAM provides a network to communicate with other professionals about living history, research, publications, and sources for costuming, replicas, livestock, plantstock, skills, and processes for use in living history programs. Membership fees are \$25.00 per year for institutions, \$10.00 per year for individuals, and \$5.00 per year for students. Benefits include subscription to the *Bulletin*, annual meeting *Proceedings*, regional workshops, and the *Replica Source List*. For more information, contact me at La Purisima Mission or write to ALHFAM, Route 14, Box 214, Santa Fe, NM 87505.

Save Bodie

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few of our questions were answered. Nonetheless, we learned a great deal through their behavior and what wasn't said. A very enlightening trip!

SJR 60 has now been transmitted by the California Legislature to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Secretary of the Interior, and to each Senator and Representative from California in Congress. Now is a good time for you to write your own letters to these people to urge them to take action to protect Bodie by having BLM lands around the park withdrawn from mining. It promises to be a long, long process and pressure on members of Congress is especially critical.



Meanwhile, we're putting together a planning document that can be used to convince decision makers about what needs to happen at Bodie. We're extremely fortunate to have help in this project from one of America's pre-eminent landscape architects, Garrett Eckbo. We're hoping to publish this plan with funding from a grant that CSPRA is applying for through the efforts of members Cindy Woodward and Nina Gordon.

Other CSPRA members have been lending a helping hand. Thanks go to Wardell Noel, Valerie Nixon, and Mary Sellars for responding to the appeal for volunteer calligraphers. Others have been busy writing letters, including Sherrin Grout and Mary Franzini. And, many of you have continued to support Bodie by purchasing t-shirts, Carl Burger's tapes, or just sending money! We appreciate all of you who are helping us Save Bodie.

Monterey Bay Sanctuary

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We feel that the intertidal and pelagic habitat zones adjacent to the Big Sur Coast State Parks, Point Lobos and Ano Nuevo State Reserves, and the Pescadero Marsh State Preserve need comprehensive protection now and in the future. This marine sanctuary is not only appropriate but a necessity to ensure that the environmental integrity of this part of California's coast is not compromised by unnecessary and damaging development.

The State Park Rangers Association is especially concerned about what impact a less comprehensive alternative would have on the wildlife-rich areas adjacent to Ano Nuevo State Reserve. This location provides habitat to more diverse populations of marine flora and fauna than any other location in Monterey Bay. The public media refer to this point of land as a national natural treasure. Over five species of pinnipeds and numerous species of whales, porpoise, and seabirds can be observed here in one day.

Recent studies have shown that the distinct southern population of the Marbled Murrelet, which has been nominated and accepted for "threatened" status in California, exclusively utilizes the waters immediately adjacent to Ano Nuevo and Pescadero. If an oil transportation or production accident occurred in this area, this unique population of little-understood seabirds could be entirely wiped out. Also one of the few California breeding colonies of the Stellar Sea Lions occurs on Ano Nuevo Island. The Stellar Sea Lion population in California has decreased by 90% in the last decade, which recently warranted its emergency federal listing as "threatened." These marine wildlife species represent only a few of a large number that use this marine habitat to survive.

The wildlife reserve is internationally acclaimed and visited. Annually, over 200,000 visitors come to the State Reserve to observe this menagerie. Nowhere else on the North

American continent can the general public view such a multitude of marine wildlife surrounded by an almost pristine coastline. It is both ironic and remarkable that within a one-hour drive, approximately six million people live and work. This situation provides an opportunity for many people to experience and learn about a coastal environment in such close proximity to a major metropolitan area.

As the population of California continues to increase, the unique and diverse environments of the Monterey Bay will need extraordinary protection. Comprehensive management of this ecosystem is imperative. To preserve the integrity of this pristine marine environment for the future generations of California and the nation, the California State Park Rangers Association urges NOAA to ensure proper management and protection by creating this most encompassing Marine Sanctuary Plan.

Letters

Should we Turn Over Management of our Parks to Cooperating Associations?

No way! Say, how about some more easy questions? Should Save-the-Redwoods League manage our parks for us? No way! How about Coastal Conservancy? No! California Conservation Corps? No! Should campground hosts set policy? No!

It reminds me of the visitor who approached the manager standing next to a German shepherd dog. "Does your dog bite?" the visitor asked. "No," the manager replied. The visitor reached down to pat the dog on the head. The dog clamped down on his hand with a vicious bite. The startled and angry visitor said to the manager, "Hey! You said your dog didn't bite!" The manager replied, "He doesn't. That's not my dog."

Asking the right question is important.

I have been amazed at all the articles and comments about Pajaro Coast's M.O.U. with Monterey Bay Natural Historical Association to operate entrance stations. Park profession-

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als from all over the State commenting on the relationship between association and Department. Even more amazed that not one of these folks have called to ask me or the Superintendent about how our program is set up, how it functions. Whole Regions and now SPPOAC have written to oppose kiosk staff paid by associations. Not one question. I'm still amazed.

So, I thought I'd volunteer a little information.

MBNHA does not manage our District. The main focus of the MBNHA is interpretation and environmental education, not kiosk operation.

Board meetings are spent discussing which interpretive project can be funded next. They have voted to establish a reimbursable account to fund \$100,000 in additional DPR interpretive staff.

In addition to funding the construction of the Seacliff Visitor Center at a cost of \$20,000, they have approved \$35,000 for the displays inside the center. Board members are working closely with staff to design each exhibit. Regional Exhibit Specialist Sharon Mallory is doing much of the art work — her time funded by MBNHA. MBNHA funded a Junior Lifeguard manual that is given to each of 300 Junior Lifeguards. The manual explains lifesaving techniques, fitness programs, first aid, ocean ecology, plant and animal identification, and the web of ocean life.

The kiosk operation is a source of revenue for the association. That revenue permits them to actively support our departmental interpretive priorities at Wilder Ranch, Santa Cruz Mission, Natural Bridges . . . the whole District.

MBNHA does not set kiosk policy. The Service Aids are given the same orientation and training that Park Aids receive. By DPR staff. The schedules are established under DPR guidelines.

Pajaro Coast collected over \$1,000,000 in fees in fiscal year 1989-90. We have been directed to share in the raising of the additional \$16,000,000 by DPR in 1990-91. Our District's share is over \$400,000 in additional revenue. We will be able to do that with MBNHA help. By September 1st, we had established two new entrance stations. One at Rio Del Mar and one at Palm Beach. We are also providing for overflow camping at Seacliff.

MBNHA spends over \$100,000 for kiosk personnel each year. We still spend over \$100,000 of DPR seasonal money for Park Aids and Lead Park Aids. All Lead Park Aids are on DPR payroll. Each year we have submitted BCPs to ask for P. Y.s to replace Service Aids with Park Aids and to replace MBNHA-funded Seasonal Interpretive Specialists and Interpreter I with DPR funding. Each year the BCP is rejected. The adobe at Santa Cruz Mission SHP will be restored this year with interior displays completed by DPR funding. No staffing has been authorized. MBNHA has agreed to fund a position through a reimbursable account to coordinate volunteers and staff the adobe.

PRC 5010.1 authorizes the Department to contract with associations to collect fees. We are operating within the law. We are operating within the tradition of parks. The tradition that allows Save-the-Redwoods and Coastal Conservancy to fund land acquisition. The tradition that allows California Conservation Corps and Youth Conservation Corps to build trails and bridges. The tradition that allows volunteers to live in campgrounds to provide information and help to the public as Camp Hosts. Our association provides funding for staff; DPR sets policy and direction.

The alternative now is to close entrance stations, to lose revenue and public service at those entrance stations and to lose the interpretive funding the MBNHA income is supporting. The ripple effect will be to not meet the new revenue goal of \$400,000 and lose more operational funding in "Salary Savings" or cuts of existing programs.

It was not wrong to allow Save-the-Redwoods League to pay for land acquisition. It is not wrong to allow a natural history association to fund staff.

Should we turn over management of our parks to cooperating associations? Hey! No way! Should we allow cooperating associations to fund entrance station staff under the management guidelines of DPR? You bet!

Asking the right question is important.

Bob Culbertson, Chief Ranger, Pajaro Coast

Dear CSPRA,

Twenty years ago, the day use fee was 50 cents. Now it is \$5.00. Wouldn't it have been brilliant to tie our wages to the day use fee? I'd be earning \$6,520 a month today. Bill Krumbein

Oral History of Dale Buschke by Bill Krumbein

Ranger Bill Krumbein recently spent time talking with two retired rangers — Dale Buschke and Murrell Gregory — as part of the 125th Ranger Anniversary "A Visit With . . ." project. See insert for more information on how to become involved in this activity.

Dale H. Buschke

Interview by Bill Krumbein, August 1990.

Little did Dale realize back in 1943 as a 15-year-old lifeguard at Mitchell's Canyon Resort (now a part of Mount Diablo State Park) that he would join the State Park System ranks full time.

Upon graduation from Mount Diablo High School he served with the Navy aboard the USS Cimarron in the Pacific. The war soon ended and his unit was demobilized. Dale returned to the Shell Oil refinery in Martinez (where he had held several part-time jobs while in high school) and worked as helper, truck tractor operator, and subforeman.

Realizing that a college education would be in his best interest, he enrolled at the University of Southern California. He was on their varsity crew rowing team for two years. In 1951 he graduated with a degree in Industrial Relations.

Then came the Korean War where Dale served as a Captain in the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve.

It was back to Shell Oil in 1953, at their Southern California refinery in the Personnel/Industrial Relations Department, when he noticed that on weekends and holidays throngs of people left the cities in search of recreation and a break from the activities of Southern California daily "living." It was in 1957 when

he began researching jobs in State Parks as a possible change from private industry into the natural resources field.

In 1958, at the age of 30, he made the jump by landing a Ranger I position at Big Sur SP. Dale's park service career includes:

1958-60	Rgr I	Big Sur
1960-62	Rgr II	Morro Bay
1962-65	Rgr III	D. L. Bliss/Emerald Bay
1965-66	Rgr III	Prairie Creek Redwoods
1968	Rgr III	Trinidad Area
1968-71	Rgr III	Sonoma Area
1971-73	Rgr V	Personnel
1973-80	Mgr III	District 2
1980-87	Mgr V	Northern Region

His greatest frustrations with the Department? "Dealing with the bureaucracy . . . and in spite of the sometimes limitations of civil service . . ." we managed to get things done. And it's unfortunate, he relates, that the Department cannot seem to hold its own when dealing with pressure from the special interest groups and others with connections to the Administration and Legislature who demand unusual and excessive "shares" of park benefits.

His accomplishments are many, but he feels most pleased when he was on a two-year assignment in Sacramento. The Area Manager concept was developing. Dale sold his idea to those in power to open the Area Manager door to all qualified people — to allow maintenance, lifeguards, specialists, and others the opportunity to compete for these openings in addition to the traditional ranger ranks.

Dale supports the way our Department has acquired land for the future, but thinks our development is unnecessarily sophisticated and too costly. We could serve more people by building fewer complicated facilities. He would also like to see more alternative labor sources used such as social service programs and inmate labor for construction.

His favorite assignment? Lake Tahoe, D. L. Bliss/Emerald Bay. "These parks personify the way our founders intended . . . magnificent (Continued on page 8)



Humor In Unicorn

by Jeff Price

As many of you feared, here is the eighth installment of Mixed Metaphors and Malaprops.

Quixotic: "Someone really put a bug in her saddle."

Not a craftsman: "I'm so mixed up anymore, I can't get a handle on my tools." Your brain is all wet: "It blows my mind right out of the water."

Too true, I think: "I can't remember when I've forgotten so many things!"

Follow through: "It was his project and he was supposed to override it, until it was done." First place: "With the team at his helm, how can he help but win?" Ouch: "... and ask the others to keep out their eyes, too." Resolve: "Sure it's tough, but sometimes you just have to bite the dust."

Lack of support: "He sure had the rope pulled out from under him." Fright: "That makes me as scared as a ghost!" Big bang: "I think you're taking on a landmine this time." Not exactly frugal: "He spends money like water." Until next time, let me leave you with this gritty thought, on individual preference: "Each to his own taste," said the director as he kissed his horse.

Castles in the Sky

by Kathleen Franklin, Superintendent I

We were in the recording studio at the Office of Interpretive Services: Jackie Ball, Robert Mistchenko at the recorder, and I (fiddling with some new sound equipment.) We were getting ready to do an interview for a slide show we were developing. This was the first in a series of interviews, and the person who came to talk with us that day was Bob Macomber, the superintendent of Sierra District. What he had to say set the tone for interviews

to come. He had given a lot of thought to our work as park professionals, the ethics and philosophy on which we thrive.

It's over a year later now. The show has long since been completed. The title is "State Parks — A Proud Tradition." And as I think of the scene in the recording studio, I vividly remember the people that we interviewed for the show. I was sometimes struck silent by their words; all had a deep strength and a belief in what we do. They had given me so much to think about.

I've chosen an excerpt from one interview to share with you. This was with Bob Macomber. He spoke of many things including team work, small victories and the need to keep our visions and ideals alive. Read and enjoy:

"I love quotes, and one of my favorites is one I used at the dedication of the Bodie archives a few years ago. It's from Henry David Thoreau. And it goes something to the effect that, 'If we build our castles in the sky, our work need not be lost for that's where they belong. But, now, put a foundation under them.' And I think that's the job of us as park managers, to put foundations under dreams. We've got a lot of dreams, a lot of castles in the air. We have preservation of the redwoods. Making Coastlines accessible to the public. Something as esoteric as arrested decay of Bodie. And, I think, you have to realize that you're just one brick in that foundation. And the historian, the resource ecologist, the ranger, the maintenance worker, the regional staff are all another segment in that foundation. But you have to have a firm foundation laid if it's going to stand ... and that's what it is."

As I continue to learn and work towards accomplishing ideals, Bob's words stay with me. They're simple and true. Are we not about the business of laying the foundations for these castles?

Dale Buschke

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attractions with a distinct visitor season and an off season." Dale's least favorite assignment was at Morro Bay where "personnel challenges" detracted from public operations.

His advice to the new ranger? "Don't lose sight of traditional park values — what parks are all about — protecting the park resource and helping people.

Don't get hung up in trying to solve all of society's social and enforcement problems, or our administration problems, at the expense of visitor services for the average user.

In retirement, Dale maintains an active lifestyle by vigorously walking every day. He has recently purchased and uses a single-man scull which he rows on nearby Spring Lake. He stays up-to-date in his labor relations skills as a member of the City of Santa Rosa's Personnel Board.

Dale and Mary Ann have vacationed twice in Alaska since retirement. He loves to travel the rails — the train — not so much to a destination, but rather to see what there is along the way.

Board Meetings

In connection with their trip to Bodie, your Board held a meeting in Lee Vining on the evening of 9/6 and another on the afternoon of 9/7 at Bodie.

On Thursday the Board discussed all the ballot initiatives that might have some effect on DPR. We are supporting the Park bond act and opposing the Big Stump initiative. Plans are underway for a highway realignment/expansion through Del Norte Coast Redwoods - Getty will keep abreast of this issue. Nina Gordon, chair of the Cooperating Association Committee, will submit our initial comments on the Cooperating Association Task Force Report and ask for additional time to review.

On Friday the Board discussed the Forests Forever initiative with Jerry Meral and decided that since it would provide funds for the acquisition of lands that would be operated by DPR that we should support it.

The Board decided that it didn't have sufficient information regarding Big Green and that we should wait until our next meeting to make a decision. A Big Green rep will be invited to our next meeting.

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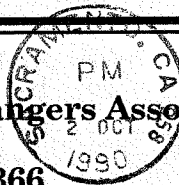
Nominations

Nominations chair Dick Troy announced that the annual nominations committee meeting will be held in Sacramento on October 18, 1990. The meeting will be at noon at 101 J Street, Sacramento, 95814.

Nominations are open for Treasurer and two Directors positions. Treasurer Kevin Joe and Directors Jeff Price and Ron Schafer's terms end 12/31/90.

If you wish to nominate someone or run for office, send the information to Dick Troy, or attend the meeting at the address above.

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