

Newsletter

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National Trust Lists State Parks as Endangered

The National Trust for Historic Preservation held a press conference June 14th on Angel Island to announce that it had listed California State Parks Historic and Cultural Resources as one of the eleven most endangered historic places in the nation.

Angel Island Immigration Station was used as the example of the types of threats that exist to these resources statewide due to deferred maintenance. The CSPRA board was present for the press conference and answered questions from the press. They then received a tour to show the need for maintenance if we are to preserve these resources.

A number of articles have been appearing in papers since the announcement dealing with State Parks deferred maintenance issues including the Los Angeles Times and the San Francisco Chronicle. Governor Davis responded to this before the announcement by allocating \$157 million over the next three years to address the maintenance needs. Director Areias recognizes the needs and has already brought us more money to deal with these issues than we have seen in a long time.

These resources will no longer be endangered if we can keep the awareness of our needs visible to the legislature and the public.

What can you do at your park? Let your cooperating association know about the listing. Give them CSPRA's number or e-mail address and we can provide more background information. They can use the listing to bring greater attention to your local historic and cultural resources and can use this on any grant applications they may submit this year. Perhaps you (Continued on page 3)

L A for Y2K

Yes, we will have our next California Parks Conference in the LA area. Van Nuys to be exact. March 7 — 10 we will gather at the Van Nuys Airtel Plaza Motel for our annual meeting. The motel rate will be the lowest in years at \$74/night single or double.

Our meeting rooms will be the best in years with plenty of room and you don't have to run all over the motel to find the next session. (Continued on page 3)

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President's Message

by Nick Franco

We seem to be becoming provincial specialists, and that worries me. What do I mean by that? It seems that more and more, we are working in one particular specialty in one particular park. And I don't just mean Rangers, I mean all classifications seem to be specializing and people are not moving as much as they used to. This is not necessarily bad, but I am concerned about one particular aspect: the loss of the commitment to State Parks.

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While we work for our individual units and develop a good corporate memory by not moving around, we lose our sense of connectedness to all other state parks. While the words "State Park System" no longer appear on our patches, we must constantly be thinking statewide when we perform our stewardship role. Very few items are unique to one place. When you are dealing with an issue, communication with other parks is important to help you work best for your unit and helps others perform better in theirs. This is the essence of a park professional.

We have been working hard on passing legislation to prohibit the construction of roads through state parks such as those that imminently threaten our Southern California parks. We are seen as the path of least resistance. This is unacceptable and we are close to winning the battle. This affects all of us because it threatens the very heart of what parks are about and corrupts the integrity of all State Parks. We must be aware of the issues in other parks to really perform our duties well.

Things are looking up for the Department with the funding to address deferred maintenance. This optimism is great. Let's not focus on "what does my park get," or "what's in it for me." We need to celebrate the benefit to State Parks and recognize that there are projects in other parks that may be more important for the long range health of the park system than our pet project. We are not performing specific duties for a specific park. We are all generalists working for all California State Parks.

California State Park Rangers Association

Mission Statement

The California State Park Rangers Association is an organization of park professionals dedicated to advancement of the highest principles of public service, and established to support, protect, and defend the integrity of the State Park System for present and future generations

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President's Message (Continued from page 1)

I am not just a peace officer. I am not just an interpreter. I am not just an administrator. I do not work for Angel Island State Park or the Marin District. I am a park professional and I work for California State Parks. If we can keep that in our minds, State Parks and the visitors who enjoy them will see benefits we could not have even imagined. And we will be more fulfilled in our work.

Endangered (Continued from page 1)

wish to start a fund raising campaign for a particular structure or site. If so, you can use the listing to kick off the effort and bring some attention.

If you are interested in using the listing in your park or district, let CSPRA know. We will help in whatever way we can. The National Trust for Historic Preservation will also help with setting up a press conference and providing background on the program and how it can help you. Contact me at Angel Island (415) 435-1563 or by e-mail nfranco@jps.net if you would like more information or would like to get in touch with the National Trust.

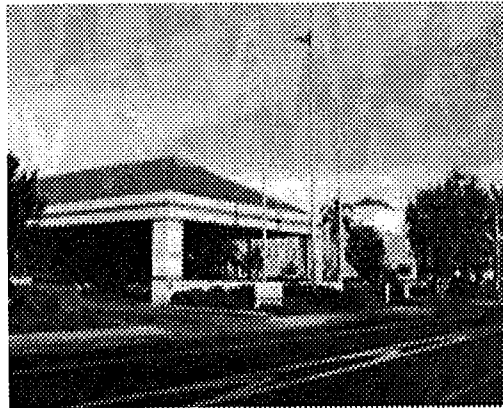
LA for Y2K (Continued from page 1)

We have had two planning meetings and already we have a very good program taking shape. Over 25 people from PRAC and CSPRA have volunteered to make this a great conference. CSPRA members and DPR employees involved thus far are:

Suzanne Goode
Rich Rozzelle
Russ Guiney
Randy Sederquist
Frank Padilla, Jr.
Nancy Mendez

Doug Bryce
Geary Hund
Cara O'Brien
Dorene Clement
Bud Getty
Bill Verdery
Dan Preece
Mikal Sandoval
Noah Martin

Our next newsletter should include more details of the Van Nuys Conference.



Picture: Airtel
Plaza Hotel — Van
Nuys

CSPRA Action Alert

When legislative issues arise, it is often necessary to take quick action to contact legislators. We have begun using an informal email list to alert CSPRA members of important issues. Often, these are bills that our lobbyist and legislative issues committee have invested a lot of time in. When the votes are tight, letters, email and phone calls can have a tremendous impact, so it is important to act quickly.

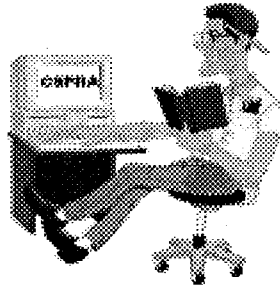
If you get one of these e-mails, please take a few minutes to call, write or email your legislator. If you would like to be added to the Action Alert list, write to kimbaker@jps.net.

If you'd like to follow the progress of a bill more closely, check out the assembly and senate web pages. When you subscribe to a bill, you are automatically sent an email whenever action is taken on that bill. These web sites can also tell you who your representatives are, and how to contact them.

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HUMOR IN UNICORN

by Jeff Price, Marin



Here's another crop of those twisted tangents of temperamental tongue.

Tennis anyone?
It's in your ball court now.

Shill out!
You have to be careful at those auctions because the seller might use a shim.

Water, water, everywhere.
I'm sorry, but that excuse just doesn't hold weight with me.

Lousy idea?
You have to understand all the nits and crannys of the law.

Psychic supervision.
Can't they see what is coming? Everyone at headquarters seems to have a visionary problem.

White out!
She acts like she has cart blank around here.

Gone With The ...
... like being in a sound tunnel.

Wrong vegetable.
Lined up like beans in a pod.

When will this happen?
This is something the future is looking toward.

Halt! Who swords there?
Enough is enough, they should end this to the hilt.

CSPRA Financial Summary 1998-99

Income

Donations	3,415.00
Dues	44,278.00
Interest	379.12
Ret Rend	1,206.46
Sales Income	91.00
Wrkshp/Trng	7,073.67

Total Income **56,443.25**

Expenses

Awards & Rec	1,243.41
Bank Charges	5.75
Collect Dues	1,167.52
Contractors	4,800.00
Equip Repair	462.70
Equipment	346.33
Fees & Taxes	109.84
Lobbying	15,051.15
Membership paid	426.00
Mott Trng Award	150.00
Newsletter	7,692.49
Off & Bd Mtgs	4,651.14
Office	1,413.21
Phone	820.28
Prntg + Postage	1,519.65
Recruitment	164.11
Ret Rendezvous Exp	1,361.57
Sales Materials	457.24
Scholarship	2,175.00
Travel	147.50

Total Expenses **55,164.89**

Net Income **1,278.36**

Are You Starting to Feel a Little Warped?

by Mike Chiesa

Reprinted from the Signpost, July-August 1999 issue.

Do you wear a felt Smokey hat for part of the year? I wear mine quite a bit through the fall, winter, and early spring, besides portraying a professional ranger image, it also makes a great rain hat when you put a rain cover over it. If you do wear one, and you are like me, you might notice that it can start to look a little warped, crumpled, or dirty after some years of use. I know mine sure has, and it is only 8 years old. You do start to grow attached to your hat and really don't want to part with it just because it is a little out of shape. The other factor I always consider is that I paid about \$60.00 for it originally and to buy a whole new one would cost me about \$90.00. Well fear not, you do not need to part with your old Smokey hat to maintain a professional image, you can give your old felt hat a face lift and have it looking just like new for only \$33.50.

If Stratton Hats, Inc. made your hat, you may send it back to the factory for what they call renovation. The renovation includes a new leather sweat band, a thorough cleaning, and

re-blocking on its original form. Since summer is upon us, and most of us are wearing straw Smokey hats, now is a perfect time to send your felt Smokey in for renovation and get it back in time to maintain a professional image come the cooler months.

I spoke with the people at Stratton and to get your hat renovated all you need to do is box it up, the original hat box will work fine, and ship it back to Stratton. Enclose a check for \$33.50 and a note asking them to please renovate your hat, including cleaning and re-blocking. They will ship your renovated hat back out to you in about 2 weeks.

To get your felt Smokey renovated or for more information you may contact Stratton Hats at:

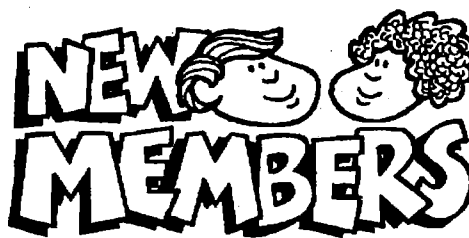
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**CSPRA Testimony to
Senate Natural
Resources Committee
Tuesday, April 12, 1999**

Senator Hayden and Members of the Committee:

In state parks we are so concerned about the effects of parks becoming isolated that we are reprioritizing our acquisition needs to protect habitat linkages, and our number one acquisition priority is a wildlife corridor.

My name is Geary Hund. I represent the California State Park Rangers Association; a group of over five hundred state park professionals. I have been with state parks for 20 years. I am a resource ecologist; I have also served as a ranger. Worldwide, habitat is rapidly becoming reduced, fragmented, and degraded, causing a dramatic decline in species diversity. Habitat loss and fragmentation is recognized as the number one cause of species extinction. In state parks we are so concerned about the effects of parks becoming isolated that we are reprioritizing our acquisition needs to protect habitat linkages, and our number one acquisition priority is a wildlife corridor. The construction of major transportation projects in parks and reserves runs directly counter to this effort. Roads fragment habitat, stopping or impeding the movement of wildlife.

Even some bird species are affected. Roads cause mortality; more than one million vertebrates are killed each day on roads in the United States. A five-year study of the cougar in the Santa Ana Mountains determined that highway collisions were the number one cause of mortality.

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Roughly half of the reported wildlife deaths in one national park have been attributed to roadways. Roads open up wildland to poaching, and to the collection of rare species. As a ranger in mountain parks, I participated in patrols to stop deer poachers while other rangers patrolled roads in the Anza Borrego Desert to stop the rampant collection of rare reptiles and cactus. Roads can act as a conduit for the spread of exotic plants, animals and diseases into parks where they can cause serious habitat degradation. Runoff from roads causes sediment loading in streams, and pollution, damaging aquatic systems. The visual and noise

impacts of roads can be devastating.

Our parks were set aside to preserve the State's most outstanding natural and cultural resources, unimpaired forever. They represent a tremendous public investment and commitment that spans several generations. Voters have supported parks for over 70 years. Parks benefit millions of individuals. Protecting them, protects their rights, and hence the common good. They are the core habitat areas of our State, the repositories of biodiversity. New roads represent a real and serious threat to their integrity.

Parks must no longer be viewed as blank spots on the map but as vital and important areas that must be protected as we would protect a cathedral, presidential library, or other human landmark. Parks provide a refuge from stress and a place of spiritual renewal. Their incalculable value, intrinsic as well as utilitarian, must be affirmed.

The founders of our parks and reserves had the vision and wisdom to recognize the threat posed by disappearing habitat at a time when the state had less than three million inhabitants and our forests seemed endless.

They overcame political opposition to establish the system much to our current benefit. I ask you today, to have that same foresight, and resolve by supporting SB 1277. Future generations will thank you and I thank you. Something will have gone out of us as a people if we ever let the remaining wilderness be destroyed; if we permit the last virgin forests to be turned into comic books and plastic cigarette cases; if we drive the few remaining members of the wild species into zoos or to extinction; if we pollute the last clear air and dirty the last clean streams and push our paved roads through the last of the silence, so that never again will Americans be free in their own country from the noise, the exhausts, the stinks of human and automotive waste. And so that never again can we have the chance to see ourselves single, separate, vertical and individual in the world, part of the environment of trees and rocks and soil, brother to the other animals, part of the natural world and competent to belong in it.

Wallace Stegner

SB 1277 - Taking the Next and Vital Step preserving our State Park System

Proposed toll roads and other transportation routes present one of the greatest contemporary threats to the integrity of our State Park System - see senate hearing testimony this issue. In January 1999, CSPRA asked Senator Hayden to submit legislation to protect our parks from this threat. Senator Hayden agreed to submit the bill and later became its author.

CSPRA and other conservation groups recognized the need for this legislation, and initiated advocacy for it, after two toll roads were proposed in southern California that would bisect San Onofre State Beach and Chino Hills State Park. In time we learned that a number of parks and reserves throughout the state are facing the specter of proposed transportation projects within their boundaries.

To date the bill has passed out of the Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife and Appropriations Committees. A vote is now pending in the Senate with action likely in mid-August after the recess. CSPRA and other groups are supporting a letter writing campaign during the current legislative recess in the Districts of Senators who have not committed and are key votes. We also hope to arrange for a CSPRA member to visit each of their offices. Write or call your senator today to let them know that you support SB 1277, that it is essential that we enact legislation to protect our parks from the potentially devastating effects of the construction of a major transportation project through them. We must prevent our parks from becoming mere placeholders for future freeways.

Newton Drury, one of the founders of State Parks pointed out that the Save-the Redwoods League had formed in 1918 and the State Park System had been established a decade later, "to focus the aspiration of our people to save from the destruction or exploitation, before it was too late," the most outstanding examples of our natural and cultural resources. Using our State Parks

as freeway routes is a form of exploitation and destruction that would have been difficult to anticipate nearly a century ago.

Protecting our parks from this new and growing threat is an action we must take in our time to perpetuate the values our parks were established to maintain.

The current language of SB 1277 can be found on the California Senate's web site: <http://www.sen.ca.gov/>

Capitol Corner

By Jill Dampier

Park Bonds: The two park bond bills continue to move forward. Both bills, AB 18 sponsored by Villaraigosa and Keeley and SB 57 sponsored by Hayden, have passed their respective houses. AB 18 has been amended to increase funding for habitat conservation and now matches the \$2.2 billion contained in the Hayden bill, although the bills contain substantive differences. AB 18 will be considered next by the Senate Appropriations Committee sometime after August 16th when the Legislature returns from summer recess. SB 57 passed off the Senate floor on July 15th, and will be heard in Assembly Natural Resources and Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee after the recess. The leadership of each house will ultimately decide how the two bills will be blended into one park bond. The park bond along with all other bonds will also be sent to a conference committee. Representatives from both houses make up this conference committee, and they will decide which bond will be put on which ballot.

SB 1277 - Senator Hayden's bill to help eliminate major construction projects in state parks is still alive. Although it did not pass off the Senate floor before the summer recess, it is still alive. Work has been done to tighten up the language and much time has been spent correcting the misinformation the Transportation Corridor Authority (TCA) has been spreading among Senators. TCA are proponents of the San Onofre Toll Road and have been lobbying hard against this bill. (Continued on next page)

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Capitol Corner (Continued from page 7)

... many thanks to those of you who respond to our legislative alerts.

Legislators are inundated with information regarding all sorts of bills, and convincing Legislators and staff that they got bad information is difficult and time consuming. Many thanks go to the Legislative Advocates and grassroots efforts from PCL, Audubon, Sierra Club, Hills for Everyone Endangered Habitats League and NRDC for making this

bill a priority and doing all the necessary work to keep it alive and get it through. During the recess, we will be meeting with Senators in their home offices and a major letter writing campaign will be launched.

Again, many thanks to those of you who respond to our legislative alerts. SB 1277 may not have passed off the Senate as we had hoped, but the phone calls and letters helped keep the bill alive.

Is a Hat Just a Hat?

I think the biggest difference though is not how the public responds to me, but how I respond to the public.

During the last few month I have been conducting a survey. I was curious whether the public would respond to me differently during visitor contacts when I wore a Stetson compared to when I wore the baseball hat. I have worn the Stetson for years during programs and formal affairs, but rarely wore the Stetson on a day to day basis. I currently work at Auburn State Recreation Area outside of Auburn, CA. The summers are very warm and I learned many years ago to wear a hat whenever I am outside. The baseball hat has been my choice of hat for many years. Its light, comfortable, provides sun protection for my face, it is fairly cool and I can wear it in and out of the vehicle. I have always felt the Stetson is cumbersome and gets in the way. I have to take it off every time I get in or out of my vehicle or I smack the brim into the doorframe of the vehicle (I drive a Jeep Cherokee). It cannot be worn in the vehicle because it stands too high on my head. I always felt my peripheral vision would be hindered and it would not be good in an arrest situation. Overall, in my opinion, it's not a good hat to wear in the field. Formal events are okay, but daily dawning of the Stetson is unsafe and impractical.

Well, when the new Northern Region Chief reminded all Districts that the Stetson should be worn by all rangers at all times, I thought great, now what. I even mentioned to John Knott, the Chief, that I felt it was basically an impractical hat to wear in the field. Especially when working in a high visitor contact park like Auburn State Recreation Area. Much of our patrols are done on foot and in rugged canyon terrain. I don't remember his exact response, but I decided I had better give the Stetson another try.

So I did. The last several months I have been wearing the Stetson regularly. To make it more of an enjoyable endeavor, I decided to take an informal survey. I wanted to see if people responded differently to me when wearing the Stetson. Preliminary data proves that there is a difference. People look at me differently (I don't think I look that funny in the Stetson!) They also seem to act differently. When on multi agency contacts, I get a few smiles and good-humored comments, but most of these can be translated as positive. Kids really like the hat. Teenagers are not quite sure. Actually the combination of "Smokey the Bear" hat and the gun belt throws them off a tad. Adults are also a bit confused by the combination of the "Good Guy" hat and the heavy armored belt.

I think the biggest difference though is not how the public responds to me, but how I respond to the public. I am really proud to be able to wear a Stetson. It is a hat that speaks volumes to people about what I do. When I wore the baseball cap, I felt more like an enforcement officer. When I wear the Stetson, I feel like a "real" ranger and people are more aware that they are in a State Park when they see me. I still write tickets, arrest people, kick people out of the park and give information and directions to visitors. But the Stetson makes them very aware that not just any enforcement officer is talking to them.

The Stetson is still cumbersome and I still hit the brim on the doorframe every once in a while. And even though my head sweats much more than it did in a baseball cap I will continue to wear it with pride because it really does make a difference.

Retirees Ramblin's

James Neal & Beverly

Bev & I bought a new home in Fortuna so we are no longer traveling full time. We still plan to be "On the road" several months a year. Our new address is: 1897 Mill Creek way, Fortuna, CA 95540. Our birding trip this spring included the Salton Sea, Anza Borrego, Southeast Arizona, New Mexico, and the hill country of Texas. We added several new birds to our evergrowing life lists. George and Arleen Cook joined us for a great day of birding at Anza Borrego. Retired life is great!

Bud Heacox

Aloha, Longtime no see, and as the Devil always says: How in Hell are ya? Saw a lot of "old Timers" at the recent POTS (Parks old timers) pot luck luncheon at Lake Natoma Picnic area. Most still doing well and some, for a variety of reasons, not doing so well. Hope to hear from you, Helpfully (?) yours Bud Heacox

Inez Cook

Almost 60 Greater Sacramento area POTS (Park old timers) had a great picnic at the new Nimbus Lake facility in May. Plans for December and next May are in process. Husband Gerry underwent major surgery on May 20 for removal of left hip, pelvis, and leg. Recuperating well at home.

Lee and Carl Anderson

The new year of 1999 has not started as the best ever for Carl and Lee Anderson. Carl had 2 heart attacks in early March and has 'Conjunctive Heart Failure' No operation will be performed on him this time, he was told "you are a bad risk". He is starting to play golf (using a cart) and has been fishing twice. In January, Lu like Clyde Strichler, fell 2 steps down and landed on the concrete floor in garage — couple of broken ribs. When Carl came home from the hospital in March, she fell again in the street and broke her wrist, the Doctors put a steel plate in, and she is still in therapy. But, all is not bad news, the most wonderful news is we are to be great grandparents. So we expect the ringing of the phone at any time. Can't hardly wait any longer. Kate says, "Poor you." We may be able to come to the RR in October. Have to wait and see!

Rosemary and Clyde

We are having a great time, together with Nancy Merkel, collecting and assembling stories about the 1956-1966 era of Anza Borrego Desert State Park Rangers and their families. We hope to have our booklet ready by the Rangers Rendezvous in October. What wonderful memories

we all have of our time together. Our own personal State Park family started during this period, and we are proud to say it is stronger than ever, albeit smaller in numbers.

Kirby and Carol Morgan

We are currently working as independent contractors monitoring telecommunications construction sites. This year all of our contracts have been at fiberoptic regeneration facilities. When we are under contract, we provide twenty-four hour coverage, seven days a week. So far this year we spent three weeks at Amboy, California (halfway between Barstow and Needles on Historic Route 66; population 10), three weeks in Santa Clarita, then after two weeks off, returned to Amboy for seven weeks, completing that contract May 5. When we are on the job we do as little traveling as possible and seldom eat out, since one of us always has to be on site, so expenses are kept to a minimum. Thank heaven for computers, satellite dishes, and good reading material. When we were at Amboy, we had to haul our water from twelve miles east of town. We had a fifty-five gallon drum to haul it in, then pumped it into the holding tank on the trailer. We kept our use down to between five and eight gallons per day so only had to make the trip every six or seven days. This included showers and water for the small "Swampy" cooler in the bedroom. On the other side, we had beautiful sunrises and sunsets, kit foxes to enjoy and quite a variety of birds to watch. Currently, we are between contracts and are using the time to catch up on medical, dental and optical appointments in the Grass Valley area. We have no idea what direction our next contract will take us.

Jim and Kay Stewart

Kay and I are still doing a little traveling. Last fall we headed east to see the autumn leaves. We saw lots of beautiful colors from Michigan to the northern tip of Nova Scotia and then down through the Carolinas. After seeing Florida we headed through the southern states on our way home. This spring we visited Vancouver Island, Washington and Oregon. We are spending the summer at Lake Almanor and in the fall we are planning to move to Calistoga in the Napa Valley. Retirement has been a very busy time for us and we are enjoying every bit of it!

Kirk and Marie

This year has been, another, one of those where parent care has been the routine. Travel for fun and adventure was not in the program. (Continued next page)

Retiree's Ramblings, Continued

We did have a great time at the Retirees' Rendezvous and expect to do the same this October. From the inquiries we are getting this may be the largest group, yet. We sure hope so, as it would be great to visit with park friends, past and present. Marie and I have now come into the modern era. For anyone that is interested, we are on the internet with an e-Mail address of: <kirkw@mlode.com>. Also, any one that may like to read about the Retirees' Rendezvous, thanks to Jeff Price, CSPRA has it on the web page, at: <<http://members.aol.com/csproweb>>.

Herm and Rae Schlerf

Just back from a 7 week trip back east. Dallas to visit grandson, Arkansas and Iowa to visit friends. Saw the USAF Air Museum at Wright Patterson AFB in Dayton and the SAC Air Museum in Omaha, Fabulous! Got to ride in two HUGH tractors in Iowa and see how they disc in the old corn stalks and plant soy beans. Farmers have a hard life today. The tractor cabs were all enclosed with air conditioning and even stereo! Still haven't driven over the Going To The Sun Highway in Glacier National Park — too much snow. But we did get to within about 4 miles of the summit. Beautiful Park. Got chased by tornadoes in Texas and North Dakota. Came within 50 miles of 3 tornadoes in North Dakota, close enough for us! Look forward to seeing all at the Rendezvous this Fall.

Tom Reeds

We have been retired for almost a year and a half now. Doesn't seem possible. We spent five months traveling in our fifth wheel on two long trips. Have now been in 48 states finishing up with a great time in North Dakota. At present I am spending a lot of time helping to construct a 20,000 sq ft. multipurpose gymnasium/classroom facility at our church. Never worked so hard. Hope to be at the Rendezvous.

Harvey Lively

I hope to make the Rendezvous this year.

Kenneth K. Smith

Still teaching biology at Cerritos High School. Still living in Irvine. Still considering moving to Arnold. Things are still up in the air as Eve may be going back to college. Brooks is studying communications, Radio and TV production. Painting the cabin at Pine Cove, (Idyllwild) this weekend, the cabin is for sale. May vacation in Oregon this summer. Never a dull moment. Finally on the net. Email: RgrKen@PacBell.net. Good Health to all!

Jim Neider

Time sure flies by when you are having fun. Along with cutting grass, putting up firewood for the winter and doing household chores I stay busy, in my spare time. I go riding on my Honda Goldwing with a Motorcycle group I belong to called "Old Coots on Scoots" members are in their late sixties and early seventies, our two oldest members are both pushing eighty. I still play with my trains and have returned to painting. I just finished a picture of the Golden Gate Bridge. If everything works out all right it will become a postcard for the San Francisco Bay area Postcard club which is another group I belong to. For years the wife and I have also been taking long motorcycle trips throughout the Western half of the United States, Canada, and Alaska. But this year we are heading for Europe for a couple of months. It sure is nice to be retired.

Sam Bitting

There are a lot of waterways and lakes in the area for canoeing and fishing but haven't had much time to use them. Like Russ McDonnell's wife in Oklahoma, my wife Betty also suffers from dementia, but fortunately not in a coma. Hope to be at the convention in March or the rendezvous in October. I try to call Russ once a month and like him I would love to hear from some of the "park family." We do hear from the Walstrom's, Loren Dietz's, Carl Chavez's, Dave Donohue's, Jim Geary's, Bob Robles, Roberta MacDougall, Paul Muspratt's Jeff Snider's and several maintenance personnel at Christmas. Being born with severe club feet, the lord has blessed me with complete healing, two great families (30+ grand-kids and great grand-kids) and friends from coast to coast, a wonderful church family and neighbors. And to top it off, He allowed me to have the profession of my dreams for 20 years. Hope to see some of you next spring or fall.

CSPRA Members

Thanks! Your efforts on SB 1277 (banning future highway project through state parks) appear to have paid off for now.

Stay tuned. We'll keep you updated on this project.

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Please Order Their Plaque Now!

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Number of years employed by DPR: _____

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