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## **REACHING OUT TO MONGOLIA**





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*Cover: Anza-Borrego Ranger Steve Bier  
with Mongolian children at Ikh Nart Park.  
Photo by Pam Armas.*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*by Pam Armas, CSPRA President*

### *The Magic of Mongolia*

I visited Anza-Borrego Desert State Park's Sister Park, Ikh Nart Nature Reserve in Mongolia recently and experienced a sense of magic that I would like to share with CSPRA members. In early August, six California State Park employees visited California State Parks' one and only official Sister Park, located in the heart of Mongolia. **Lynn Rhodes**, retiring Law Enforcement Division chief, **Mark Jorgensen**, Anza Borrego Sector Superintendent (retired), **Ronilee Clark**, San Diego Coast District Superintendent, **Mike Wells**, Colorado Desert District Superintendent, **Steve Bier**, Ranger, Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and myself traveled to Mongolia on our own dime and our own time to visit Ikh Nart Nature Reserve.

Why a Sister Park and why did we take our own time and money to travel to this remote part of the world? I can only speak for myself, but for me it was part curiosity, adventure, camaraderie with my fellow park partners, and an overriding desire to confirm my sense that park management and resource protection is a holistic idea that needs to be captured world wide. During this trip, it became crystal clear that what happens to a relatively small nature reserve in a third world country does matter to the largest State Park

system in the nation.

Park professionals all around the world face the same issues: How do we protect our heritage, save invaluable resources against the threat of destruction, provide recreation and educate people so that future generations develop a passion for conservation? These challenges exist whether we are talking about a park in California, Africa, and yes, even Mongolia.

And even more challenging; how do we protect our world's heritage with dwindling resources and limited tools? I know we are all facing difficult times right now; and not to diminish what we, as park professionals are going through, but, through this journey I discovered that the Mongolian people have next to nothing, yet have everything.

The rangers of Ikh Nart have no tools, very little salary, no protective equipment, and yet, I found they have the determination and strength to protect their resources with all the vigor anyone could possess.

In planning for this trip, Sister Park founder Mark Jorgensen asked the Ikh Nart park manager, "How can we help you? What does Ikh Nart need from us?" The answer came back: "Boundary signs."

Mark had several boundary signs made (private monies used). Mike, Ronie and Steve stuffed the signs into their luggage and off we went to Mongolia prepared to assist with the installation. The Ikh Nart rangers' tool list to install the signs consisted of a crow bar and salmon can to dig the hole, a manual powered drill, a broken sledge hammer, a hack saw that kept breaking and rocks. The installation went off flawlessly and was loads of fun!

The magic of Mongolia for me was the spirit and a sense of purpose from the Ikh Nart park staff. The magic they bring to the land and resources they protect is undeniable. My wish for all of you is, even though we are experiencing difficulties, to feel the magic and possess the gifts that California's parks provide.

## *SISTER PARK IN MONGOLIA*



<< Mark Jorgensen  
with boundary sign  
for Mongolian park



# Park Partnerships: Benefits and Risks

by Lynn Rhodes

Call me a purist. I love our State Park system and how it has been, up to this point, managed as a system. Enlightened natural resource managers and public land managers apply management strategies for whole ecosystems, not just a single species, carved out like a donut hole.

Our State Park system has evolved to consider the whole donut as opposed to the hole in the middle or a single bite that happens to taste good at the moment. We have looked at the system's areas of special significance and considered the system's most fragile and at-risk collective cultural sites. We have looked at statewide water and infrastructure systems. We have deployed statewide law enforcement policies, safety equipment and radio transmission systems. Together, these things and more make up what we have called the State Park System.

Today, due to the most severe budget reductions in recent memory, the Department is facing closure of many park units, employee layoffs and the possibility of adopting additional measures, including requests for public and private partners to step up to help keep parks open in lieu of closure. This course of action comes with possible short and long term benefits and also the possibility of serious short and long term risks to the integrity and original promise to the people of California to safeguard and make available their public lands known as California State Parks. In addition there is a risk of acting against the Statute under which park management and responsibility has been entrusted to the Department and its employees for the public benefit.

The legal charter of California State Parks, as required by the Public Resources Code, and the California

Code of Regulations, among others, calls for it to: "...administer, protect, provide for recreational opportunity, and develop the State Park System; to interpret the values of the State Park System to the public; to operate the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Program; to administer the California Historical Resources Protection Program; and to administer federal and state grants and bond funds to local agencies." These responsibilities cannot be ignored or sold to the highest bidder.

California State Parks has what is called the "Seventh Generation" document, *Vision and Values*, which tells us in part that destiny dictates that change is inevitable. Vision attempts to predict and manage that change. California State Parks accepts that destiny, plans for it, and, as much as is humanly possible, has chosen to control its direction. The decisions made today will affect the future of the California State Parks well into the next millennium. The future will be bright if approached with clarity of purpose, wisdom, sound decisions, and determination. That future will be the legacy of Californians yet unborn: the "Seventh Generation."

It is in the context of the Department's Statute and the Seventh Generation that concerns about special interests becoming too involved or invested in the people's State Park System are brewing. Make no mistake. Partnerships are beneficial and needed and have gained a special place to help manage the responsibilities of California State Parks. They have done so with careful contracts, rules and roles clearly described. Without the non-profit cooperating associations, operating agreements and volunteers, the full spectrum of balancing the State Park system would be difficult if not impossible to carry out even under the best of budget times.

Keeping parks open to the public generates considerable revenue to local economies. The economic benefit to California's economy in 2008 was over 7 billion dollars. Parks managed under the statewide system have been able to retain relative continuity of purpose and application of management responsibilities. Short term park closures or caretaking status would most certainly impact local economies, jobs and public access. However, their integrity and purpose as laid out in requirements for the various park unit classifications could be maintained for the long term under a "caretaking" or closure status vs. the risk of damaging the integrity of the unit, for the long term, by parceling out the unit to special interest groups.

Corporations and private business interests who may be interested in funding part or all of a State Park operation will have their own ideology and priorities for management. It is not difficult to follow the money of special interests to see how they often do not provide the best benefit for the public but subtly or overtly serve the special interest's priorities. This is the long term risk of providing outside, short-term management of the State's most precious public lands and resources.

Under private short-term management of park units, who would decide how much or how little resource protection will be needed for a specific project? Who will decide how law enforcement would be done and under what conditions? Who will provide that protection with few if any State Park Rangers left to do it? Who will decide appropriate business concessions and their compatibility with the classification of the particular park unit so as not to conflict with the unit's core purpose? These are only a few of the concerns that are being actively discussed by those watching

# Special Event Seminar

by **Susan Grove**

*Lake Tahoe Sector Superintendent*

Special Events Ranger **Michele Green** and I attended a seminar on Special Events in early spring of 2009. Our lodging in San Diego was partially paid for by a scholarship from CSPRA.

The seminar was presented by the Center for Police Organizational Studies (cpoos.org). The course is designed to provide law enforcement, city and county officials, fire marshals, security managers and civilian special event managers with the information and skills necessary to provide a safe environment, reduce liability, and guide individual and group behaviors at special events. Participants learn how to conduct thorough research, how to plan to avoid potential problems, and how to implement security and traffic plans to ensure a safe and secure event. The primary focus of the course is on Festivals, Parades, Carnivals, Marathons, Sporting Events, Concerts, Movie Productions, Demonstrations, Conventions, Religious, and Commercial Events.

Seminar participants from California, Arizona, Tennessee, Florida, Colorado, Missouri, Ohio, Alberta and British Columbia attended the three and a half day course. The seminars take place in various locations around the United States and each is offered in conjunction with a large special event that is taking place in the local area during the dates of the course. This local event is used as a case study during the course. The class discusses the planning, security, liability and general implementation of the event, and then attends the event to assess it. A de-brief of the event occurs in class the following day. The San Diego course is offered while the city puts on its Mardi Gras celebration. This annual event attracts approximately 25,000 revelers. Michele and I evaluated the event in a

very serious manner, and we promise that we had no fun at all during this case study!

The seminar had an impressive line-up of instructors including a captain from San Diego Police Department who heads up the police department's role in City events, the Director of Special Events for the City of San Diego, the owner of Elite Security which is the leading private security firm in San Diego, a psychologist with the San Diego County Probation Department who discussed crowd psychology, an attorney with the San Diego County Sheriff's Department (and retired SDPD captain) who discussed liability, and others.

Some of the material covered at the seminar focused on events larger than those at the Lake Tahoe Sector, but the principles can still be applied. Our venues have been used for such events as a Search and Rescue Exposition, movie productions, triathlons, trail runs, swims, theater, company picnics, corporate dinners, yacht club regattas, school reunions and lots of weddings/receptions. But if we get any requests for large music concerts, festivals, demonstrations or conventions, we'll be ready and we will consider those requests seriously as long as they don't compromise facilities and park resources, and are in sync with the Department's mission. In these fiscally tight times, special events can bring in much needed revenue to our parks. In Lake Tahoe Sector, we've used our special event revenues to do trail work, facility repair, historic restoration, and to attend this seminar as well as paying Michele's salary as a P.I. ranger from that account.

If you're not currently holding spe-

cial events in your park or sector and want to know how to start such a program, Michele and I would be happy to provide you with information. Our contact information is below. And if you're already involved in special events, we would both recommend the Special Event Seminars held by CPOS.

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**Susan Grove (left) and Michele Green** at Mardi Gras in San Diego while attending the Special Events Seminar.



## Goal: Plant 1 Million Trees

by *Nedra Martinez*

*Montane Sector Superintendent  
Colorado Desert District*

Stater Bros. Supermarkets, Coca-Cola, and California State Parks carried out 'Reforest California,' a campaign to raise much-needed funds for reforestation and fire prevention in California State Parks hit hard by wildfires over the past six years. **Cuyamaca Rancho State Park** near San Diego and **Chino Hills State Park** in San Bernardino County, two areas heavily impacted by the wildfires, will be the primary recipients of the campaign's goal to add one million native trees.

With the slogan "Join the Million Tree Challenge," the campaign challenged consumers and private businesses to participate and raise money towards the goal of creating 1,800 acres of newly planted trees – an area more than twice the size of Lake Arrowhead. It is estimated that this could result in seven million dollars in environmental savings each year due to energy conservation and reduced pollution. To supplement the campaign's reforestation efforts, a fire prevention education program will be implemented in 5 State parks: Cuyamaca Rancho, Chino Hills, Silverwood Lake, Mount San Jacinto and Palomar Mountain State Parks.

To support their local communities, shoppers at Stater Bros. Supermarkets had the opportunity to make a one-dollar tax-deductible donation to reforestation efforts at checkout or online at <http://www.reforestcalifornia.com/>.

Stater Bros. Chairman and Chief Executive Officer **Jack H. Brown**, who is a former member of the Del Rosa Hot Shots, an elite firefighting crew, says, "Helping the communities we are privileged to serve is a priority for the over 19,000 members



*Dedication Ceremony:*

*L to R: Jack Brown, Chairman and CEO of Stater Bros.; Del Walter, Dir. of Cal Fire; Terry Fitch, VP & Gen. Mgr. of Coca Cola Enterprises; Mike Chrisman, Sec. for Natural Resources; Ruth Coleman, State Park Director, and Mike Wells, Colorado Dist. Superintendent*

*Photo by Gail Sevens*

of the Stater Bros. 'Family' of Employees. Our 'Valued' Customers as well as many Stater Bros. employees were and continue to be affected by the recent wildfires in Southern California. Stater Bros. is proud to support the Million Tree Challenge to build a better tomorrow for all."

With today's economic downturn and state budget challenges, public entities in the Golden State increasingly look to private resources for support.

"In light of the devastating losses California's State parks have suffered in recent years from forest fires, this program is most welcome," said **Ruth Coleman**, director of California State Parks. "Coca-Cola and Stater Bros. are handing us a crucial life-line at just the right time, and on behalf of the millions of visitors who love our parklands, we applaud this effort."

"The Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Southern California is pleased to have the opportunity to support this sustainable project, something that has such a long-lasting, positive impact on the local community," said **Terence Fitch**, Vice President and General Manager of the Coca-Cola Bottling

Company of Southern California. "As the local Coca-Cola bottler, we have a long tradition of being involved in the communities in which we do business and feel a strong responsibility to our people and business partners to help make our communities better places to live. Being able to fund a public-interest project like this, despite state budget shortfalls and the current economic downturn, means a lot to our local communities."

The 'Reforest California' campaign in Stater Bros. Supermarkets ran from April 8 through May 19, 2009.



*Dave Janssen of Cal Fire plants a tree.*

## CSPRA Chronicles

*Dave Gould is highlighting a different CSPRA member for each edition of the WAVE. In his many years in working for State Parks and being a longtime member of CSPRA, Dave has found that the personal and professional lives of CSPRA members are quite varied and fascinating. So enjoy...*

### *The CSPRA Chronicles... Wayne Harrison*

**Wayne Harrison** is the Senior Environmental Scientist for the 14 parks of the Central Valley District. He lives with wife Wendy, an Interpreter at Calaveras Big Trees, and daughter Katie in the Sierra foothills.

***Where were you born and where did you grow up?***

I was born in San Francisco. We moved to San Bruno when I was eight, where I lived until college.

***Do you have any hobbies?***

Hobbies? I remember hobbies – those things I used to do for fun, until work, a house, and a teenage daughter intervened. SCUBA diving, photography, hiking, travel, cooking, Winston Churchill.

***What were the jobs you held before joining California State Parks?***

After graduating from college I worked as the director of a peer drug counseling center in Davis. When that job ended I moved to western Sonoma County and mainly did manual labor: installed a few septic systems, did some carpentry, worked for a tree faller.

***When did you get the idea that you would like to work for California State Parks?***

I kind of backed into working for DPR. I wasn't planning to work for the state, but jobs were scarce, so I took a general civil exam that allowed you to specify up to three classifications from a list of many, one of which was ranger trainee. What the heck – I like parks. As luck would have it I passed, went for an oral interview and was told that I would get a hiring



package in about a month. With the threat of an actual career looming my girlfriend and I decided to take a quick vacation through the Southwest. Two weeks later I returned, picked up my mail and found the hiring package not only already there, but with a deadline of the next day and a requirement for a physical. Thus my first experience with DPR's habit of throwing out little surprises.

***Tell us about your State Park career.***

As a trainee I worked at both S.P. Taylor and Tomales Bay State Parks, experiencing another of DPR's characteristics: the park family. I worked with really nice people and then partied with them afterwards.

At the end of my training year I received the traditional letter from **Jack Knight**, offering congratulations and telling me to report to Providence

Mountains. I had never heard of the place, nor had any of my friends. "I think it's in the desert," ventured one. Finally I received a park brochure, which described the park as being in a large patch of high Mojave Desert known to the locals as "...the lonesome triangle." "Great," I thought, "I'm doomed." After three years (1974-1977) I realized that, if I didn't leave the place I'd turn into one of those crusty desert rats that made up a significant portion

of the local color.

I then transferred to Folsom Lake where I served as a ranger for six years. I received training in prescribed burning under a contract with Dr. **Harold Biswell**, the father of prescribed burning in California. His approach to training us was pretty much hands on: sixty days of working under Doc and we were ready to be a burn boss.

At about this time the ranger at Calaveras Big Trees who was running the burn program decided to retire. The decision was made to convert his position to the newly created resource ecologist classification, and require burn boss status. As luck would have

*See CHRONICLES, page 8*



### **CHRONICLES, from page 7**

it, I was on the resource ecologist list and was the only person in the department who had completed the training. That was 1983. I've been in more or less the same position ever since, although the job has expanded around me through various reorganizations. Originally my district consisted of two units, CBT and Indian Grinding Rock, it is now up to fourteen.

#### ***What have been some of the more interesting things you have done in your State Park career?***

Advanced diver training! Folsom Lake had started a dive team just before I got there, and there was room for more divers. We spent two intense weeks of training under **Jim Stewart**, then dive master at Scripps. I came out of it in probably the best shape I've ever been, and a much better diver, as well. Stewart was a true "living legend" type: one of the first three divers in the U.S., the first person to dive in Antarctica, etc.

Then came my training under Biswell, followed by years of burning at Big Trees.

In 1993, after reorganization had dismantled the old regions, I was asked to head up the creation of a statewide burn team. It was a great assignment that I held for several years.

#### ***What type of things do you do in your current assignment?***

As the Central Valley District's resource manager I am responsible for projects and activities relating to the stewardship of our natural resources. Really though, I think my main job is to get funding for my crew. Almost everyone on the natural resource management team is funded from projects. From my first days at Calaveras I've had to find enough money to keep everyone working. It can get pretty nerve wracking, and I've had many sleepless nights when it looked like

the money wasn't there, but most of the time something showed up. The downside is that we often have to gear our work to the money that is available, so priority projects often were deferred, but we still accomplished a great deal.

#### ***Tell us what it was like in the "early days" of doing control burns.***

Working with Harold Biswell was fantastic. For him, prescribed burning was more of an art than a science, and that stuck with me. Even now, I depend a lot on how a burn "feels."

One of my favorite memories was burning on Angel Island. Normally our fires would die down at night, but eucalyptus isn't a normal fuel, and our fires in that fuel would burn through the night. **Tim Neeley** and I would volunteer for night patrol to get extra credit. It was a great experience to be looking across our fire at the skyline of San Francisco at two in the morning.

#### ***What is it like to live and work among the giant sequoias?***

It's still magical, and my family and I still frequently hike through the groves for fun. Even now there are new things to see, and it isn't hard to pretend that I'm viewing it all for the first time. Still, I had to give up trying to take a recreational hike in either grove and not think about where to burn or where to thin.

I have one special tree that I visit frequently. From the trail it looks like a regular giant sequoia, about 22 feet in diameter. Walk around to the other side and you find that the tree looks as if someone sliced it in half and hollowed out the rest. It is an inspiring example of the species' ability to endure, and I am always in awe when I see it.

#### ***If you could have one wish come true for California State Parks, what would it be?***

The question reminds me of the one traditionally asked at Miss America

contests, the answer to which is "World Peace." The easy answer in these times is stable, realistic funding, which would be great. My personal choice though would be the realization of something I and several others have worked on for years: stable and realistic funding for our natural resource maintenance program (Cat H). That, and world peace.

#### ***Is there a message you would like to share with CSPRA members?***

My last working day will be Sept. 9, so thanks for the memories!



### **PARTNERSHIPS, from page 4**

the decimation of the budget for California State Parks.

In the face of dramatic budget reductions in the early 1990s, the Department chose to take a realistic look at its organization and make changes. The concepts of employee empowerment, total quality service, and performance measurement were introduced. Authority was decentralized to newly consolidated districts for greater public service, and process management was centralized for greater efficiency.

The Department has the responsibility to carry on a proud, century-old heritage of stewardship. This stewardship heritage is our pathway to "The Seventh Generation". This heritage remains the responsibility of those who will follow in their love and desire to experience their State Parks without compromise even if it means placing some park units into caretaking status for the short term.

*Lynn Rhodes is retiring soon after 30 years with State Parks, most recently as Law Enforcement Division Chief. Contact Lynn at [lynnrhodes2@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnrhodes2@hotmail.com) or 831-600-5209.*



## How We Got Here

by *Monica Miller, CSPRA Lobbyist*



**KEITH DEMETRAK**

1944 -2009

After receiving his Masters Degree in Park Administration at CSU Sacramento and serving 2 years with the US Army, Keith went on to an illustrious 36-year career with CA State Parks. Keith began as a Park Aid at D.L. Bliss State Park and rose through the ranks, eventually serving as Chief of the Interpretation Division for 12 years and later as Chief of the Planning Division. He retired as Deputy Director for Administration in 2006.

**AL VOSHER**

1947- 2009

Al passed away on August 2, 2009 at the age of 62. He worked at Hearst Castle, Santa Cruz Mountains, and Silverado District. He lived in the Napa Valley area after retiring.



**CHERYL CASE**

1918-2009

Cheryl, the sister of Hugh Metcalf, passed away recently at the age of 91. She worked at the District 1 office in Eureka for 18 years in administration, and was a life long resident of Eureka.

It is yet another summer in Sacramento with staggering budget deficits. As many of you have experienced, California has had some significant budget deficits over the last couple of years, unfortunately, the results have been to beg, borrow and steal or sell anything that is not nailed down to cover the deficit, instead of being financially savvy and fixing the problem. This year we concluded the budget discussions after a lengthy week in February. Once the budget was signed there were immediate signals that the state was in trouble, not a big surprise.

So, fast forward to May 2009. The May revise was released in May, early June, mid-June, late June, it was difficult to keep up...even the Budget Chair pointed out that no one was sure which document to work from during the Budget Conference Committee. So, once these documents were released, the legislature, in an unprecedented move, took public testimony. The Board from CSPRA were out in force along with your president, **Pam Armas**, to oppose the possible closure of over 220 parks. In addition, there were the vendors that count on those tourism dollars that were vocal as well.

There were many discussions about the possibility of the Parks Access Pass coming to life again, \$15 for every vehicle registered in California to support parks, which would have allowed the General Fund to be supplanted and parks to have a fighting chance. This was voted down. On the up side, there were many discussions which led to a minimal amount of park closures, maybe 30. While not great, better than the alternative.

This was the compromise: there was a budget agreement put together and the necessary votes were counted. Then the Legislature, after a mara-

thon 36 hour meeting on July 23-24, finally passed a budget amendment bill. Keep in mind, the Legislature had passed their budget in February, so this was only an amendment to the current year budget. (Many attorneys are making a lot of money due to this key point of clarification.)

The Governor signed the budget on July 28, 2009, however he exercised what he believes is his constitutional authority by using his "blue pencil" ability and line-item vetoed out another \$489 million. The result is a projected 100 closures after Labor Day of our precious State Parks. The Senate Pro-Tem, Senator **Darrell Steinberg**, filed a lawsuit against the Governor on Monday, August 10, 2009 in San Francisco to overturn many of these line-item vetoes. The reason this is important to you is that we understand that Parks are included in this lawsuit. While no one can determine how long this will take to get sorted out, the ball is moving in the right direction and we need to keep vigilant and forge ahead. We have a wonderful resource in our State Parks system to protect for future generations, which is what those that came before us did.

The Legislature returned on August 17, 2009, to resume its business for the end of the first year of the two-year session. They are scheduled to recess from the interim on September 11, 2009 – however the Governor has recently called a fifth extraordinary session to begin in mid-September. We fully expect the last four weeks of the session to be very busy with budget clean-up, lawsuit outcomes and injunctions along with dealing with hundreds of bills. We will continue to keep you updated as new details are made available.

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## EXECUTIVE MGR



by **Allison Pedley**, Executive Manager

It's been a long, rough summer for everyone -- those having to take furloughs, those not allowed to take furloughs, everyone worried about their jobs and their parks. My highest praise to you all who continued with your highest standards of service at the busiest time of year, despite being short-staffed, under-paid, and full of uncertainty about your futures. Truly remarkable, all of you!

As you're all busy planning your fall vacations, remember that the 17th annual Retiree Rendezvous is coming up, October 2-4 at McConnell State Recreation Area, complete with good food, a fun raffle, and the company of park family. Please contact myself ([allison@cspra.com](mailto:allison@cspra.com)) or **Kirk Wallace** ([rendezvous@cspra.com](mailto:rendezvous@cspra.com)) if you have any questions about the event.

We have one new member to welcome -- **Dave Marquart**, a Park Interpretive Specialist from here in the Sierra District. Welcome, Dave!

Finally, many thanks to the 260 of you who have now signed up for CSPRA's electronic newsletter! Saving trees and reducing costs can only do good for CSPRA, and we appreciate the overwhelmingly positive response on this alternative approach to the newsletter.

Thanks everyone!

## TREASURER'S REPORT

by *Blythe Liles*

CSRPA spent less than budgeted for in most categories and also received generous donations to support staff and assist in heritage protection. All scholarship money was allotted and

## TREASURER

### CSPRA 2008-'09 Budget

INCOME	Budgeted	Actual
Dues	\$ 49,450	\$ 44,251
Investment	\$ 200	\$ 6,373
Donations	\$ 7,000	\$ 11,050
Sales	\$ 300	\$ 1,920
Newsletter	\$ 500	\$ 300
Ret. Rnd.	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,076
Grant	\$ -	\$ 2,000
Conference	\$ -	\$ 3,079

**TOTAL INCOME**  
\$ 58,450 \$ 70,049

### EXPENSES

#### Administration

Bank Chrg.	\$ 50	\$ 99
Contractors	\$ 13,200	\$ 13,800
Insurance	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,795
Dues Coll.	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,582
Equip	\$ 200	\$ 40
Fees/Taxes	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,782
Off./Brd Mtgs	\$ 3,500	\$ 1,702
Conference	\$ 5,500	\$ 4,198
ExMgr Travel	\$ 500	\$ 467
Office	\$ 1,000	\$ 733
Phone	\$ 1,200	\$ 756
Postage	\$ 1,350	\$ 460
Printing	\$ 650	\$ 151
Sales Materials	\$ 300	\$ 460
Recruitment	\$ 3,000	\$ 600
<b>Subtotal Adm</b>	<b>\$ 33,650</b>	<b>\$ 30,626</b>

#### Member Serv./Heritage Protection

Awrds/Recog.	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,619
Conf. Plan'g	\$ 1,000	\$ 106
Mott Training	\$ 300	\$ 658
Newsletter	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,782
Ret. Rend.	\$ 1,000	\$ 949
Scholarship	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,088
Maint. Chiefs	\$ 1,000	\$ -
ParkAdvocDay	\$ 500	\$ 1,010
Grants	\$ -	\$ 3,500
Lobbying	\$ 6,000	\$ 1,144
Memb. Dues Pd	\$ 500	\$ -

**Subtotal Memb Serv/Herit. Prot.**  
\$ 24,800 \$ 19,856

**TOTAL EXPENSES**  
\$ 58,450 \$ 50,482

additional grants supported members and monumental park advocacy efforts. Thank you all for your continuing support of CSPRA!

## humor in unicorn



### Mixed Metaphors and Malaprops

*by Jeff Price, retired*

Mixed Metaphor definition: an odd mixture of metaphors and misquoted clichés that produce a mildly humorous or bewildering effect. Feel free to send along any overheard slips of the tongue to [webmaster@cspra.com](mailto:webmaster@cspra.com)

At what?

*There's a lot of steak on the line here.*

A drop in pressure, maybe?

*The whole county was plummeted by hail.*

Sandbags anyone?

*No one thought he was that good, I think he snowballed us.*

Better than wind power.

*Rumsfeld's resignation really took the steam out of the Neocon's sails.*

Well, you get the general idea.

*... but first I want all the dots dotted and the i's crossed.*

### RETIREES RENDEZVOUS

**October 2-4, 2009**

**at McConnell SRA**

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Representatives are needed for:

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### DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS RETIRING?

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## GrayBears



*Attention retired members!*

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