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of the Academy of Sciences in San Francisco.
Courtesy of **Pat Clark-Gray**.

On this page: Retired Ranger **Rich Lawton**
gathering petition signatures for the State
Park Initiative

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



by **Pam Armas**, CSPRA President

We are halfway there. News from the California State Parks Foundation on the signature gathering effort for the State Park Initiative indicates we expect to exceed our goal of 710,000 signatures by April 15. We can't breathe easy quite yet.... the hard work begins now! The official designation for the proposition (after the signatures have been counted) will happen in late June. The California Parks Foundation has hired the media firm of Fiona Hutton & Associates to head up the media relations for this campaign which will begin in late June or early July. It is very important that we speak about the initiative sending one message. If you would like to help with the media campaign, please contact me. In the meantime you can begin discussing the State Park Initiative with voters now – your neighbors, your church group, rotary, chamber or on the bus to a total stranger about how their vote can

Save Our State Parks. Also, you can join the Foundation's Facebook page to get the latest, up-to-date information. Log on to www.yesforstateparks.com.

The last two months have been very busy for CSPRA as we had our annual Parks conference, we are working on the professional development, we welcomed in new Board Members **Karyn Lombard** (Secretary) and **Sara Skinner** (Treasurer), both from the Training Office, and **Lynn Rhodes** retired. **Don Schmidt** has taken over the duties of Vice President. We are working to improve the newsletter, our website and as always, working on recruiting members.

We wrote letters of support for SB1034 which creates standardized, professionally-recognized, legally defensible procedures for assessing the value of damage to archaeological sites and other historic property. This bill has made its way through the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee.

Also, we have responded to a gentlemen who asked for our cooperation in regards to the nudists at San Onofre State Beach. We responded that CSPRA fully supports the Rangers and Life-guards who are upholding State Parks values to their highest level. CSPRA is working very hard to support the employees of State Parks and all of your interests in any way we can.

We would like to hear from you as to what CSPRA can do for your District, program or issue – let us know, that's why we are here.



California Parks Conference 2010

South San Francisco

by **Pam Armas**, CSPRA President

This year's Parks Conference was a huge success thanks to all the hard work of both the Park Ranger Association of California (PRAC) and the CSPRA conference planning committee. Very big kudos go to **Don Schmidt** for his tireless effort leading the CSPRA charge in putting this conference together. Thanks also to **Susan Grove**, Sierra District representative, for taking on the silent auction and raffle. I also want to send a big thank you to our District/Program Representatives who attended the conference: **Rick Becton**, Capitol District; **Ann Meneguzzi**, Diablo Vista; **Dana Jones**, Monterey; **Mark Hada**, LEES Division; **Jeff Gaffney**, OHV; and **Lori Martin**, Northern Buttes. Thanks to all the Board members who attended and a big thank you to all the California State Park presenters. CSPRA members' continuing support of this conference is very much appreciated.

The conference program kicked off with a bang with veteran television and film actor **Ed Begley, Jr.** He made us laugh, but more importantly told us how each one of us individually can be "green" in every thing we do. Ed says that as environmental issues become more pressing, there are two possible responses: forget it and hope that government and corpora-



CSPRA Board, left to right: **Lynn Rhodes**, **Nedra Martinez**, **Don Schmidt**, **Karyn Lombard**, **Pat Clark-Gray**, **Pam Armas**

tions will figure it out, or take action yourself. He gave us some great examples of how he took action himself and how we all can too!

Turning up at Hollywood events on his bicycle, Ed has been considered an environmental leader in the Hollywood community for many years. He has served as chairman of the Environmental Media Association, and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. He still serves on those boards, as well as the Thoreau Institute, the Earth Communications Office, Tree People and Friends of the Earth, among many others. We were thrilled and honored that Ed came to speak to our group. But more importantly, he was thanking us for having him at our conference. A big thanks to PRAC

President **Dave Updike** for inviting Ed to be our special guest.

We also were pleased to be able to tour and have dinner aboard the historic WWII Essex Class Aircraft Carrier U.S.S. Hornet. A well seasoned docent told us about the ship's historic battles and her participation in the Manned Moon Missions of the Apollo program.

The sessions were full of great information on how to make parks, the environment and ourselves the best we can be. We ended the conference on a very high note honoring **Fred Keeley** as CSPRA's 2010 Honorary Ranger (see p. 4). Fred gave a heartwarming speech reminding us that the work we do is so very important.

Both Ed and Fred were unbelievably humble and both of these brilliant men thanked us for inviting them to our conference. The message they sent was loud and clear: we do exceedingly important work in State Parks – whether or not we have adequate staff, budget and resources, we just get the job done. If you were not able to attend this year's conference, I hope you can make the 2011 conference near California's first State Park – Yosemite at Tenaya Lodge. Hope to see you there.



U.S.S. Hornet tour: L to R: **Karyn Lombard**, **Lynn Rhodes**, **Don Schmidt**, **Pam Armas**

Fred Keeley

Honorary Ranger 2010

by Lynn Rhodes, CSPRA Board

Ever since the first park ranger, Galen Clark, was appointed in 1866 as guardian of Yosemite (then a State Park), the guardian, the steward, the Park Ranger, has become an American icon, whose image is revered and has been maintained to this day.

Fred Keeley, CSPRA's Honorary Ranger for 2010, is a model of that image. Sometimes on hot days in Sacramento, where he was born, his father Harry would borrow a friend's pick-up truck, load up the family and head to the Sierra foothills to camp and explore. It was through those early experiences and skill building, that Fred Keeley developed his lasting values and passion for the environment.

Fred went on to become a man of wisdom and influence. He served three terms with the California Legislature (1996-2002). When his term began it was with a long-term view that he would better California's land, sea and air. Fred was speaker pro tem which allowed him to develop and guide major policy initiatives. It was Fred Keeley who authored the two largest Park Bonds in the nation's history. Together, they provided 4.7 billion dollars for environmental protection, park land and valuable land acquisitions throughout California. Fred also authored the Marine Life Management Act and the Marine Life Protection Act. It was deemed the most significant advancement in ocean policy in 50 years, according to the Associated Press.

Mr. Keeley later became the Executive Director of the Planning and Conservation League and the PCL Foundation, and is now Treasurer of Santa Cruz County.

CSPRA is pleased to have Fred

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Lynn Rhodes, Fred Keeley, Stephanie Camacho, Pam Armas

Keeley as Honorary Ranger and has presented him with the traditional Ranger Stetson; symbol of the highest values and environmental ideals of stewardship.



^^ Conference coordinators: Don Schmidt and Dave Updike

CSPRA Professional Development Class

in Sacramento

Pam Armas and **Karyn Lombard** will provide the first of many sessions on Professional Development in Sacramento at the Capitol District on **Tuesday, April 20 from 5:30-7:30** at the Stanford Gallery at the California State Railroad Museum. The training will consist of developing your personal vision and mission, developing a resume, interview techniques, public speaking techniques and developing professionalism on the job. This training is free to CSPRA members. If you are not a CSPRA member, but wish you attend, you may pay \$10 at the door, or join CSPRA (and then it is free). Please contact Pam at pja1311@yahoo.com or 916-320-9126 if you wish to attend.

Thinking About Giving Parks Away? Be Careful

by Lynn Rhodes, CSPRA Board

Most State Park employees have heard the phrase from the Department's *Seventh Generation* document: "In our every deliberation, we must consider the impact of our decisions on the next seven generations." Great Law of the Iroquois Confederacy

The document goes on to say "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 referred to as *The Seventh Generation.*"

Some would say the Department is facing its toughest budget battle ever. Closing parks and/or how to fund parks in order for them to remain open are daily topics amongst visitors and employees alike. Proposals to fix the budget problems are being deliberated, such as the Park Pass Initiative

or receiving revenue from off-shore oil drilling. These are both practical as well as ethical dilemmas. During times like these, it is tempting to consider giving our State Parks away to others who say they can manage them better, or say they have a greater need or higher purpose for the particular park unit. It may be a county, a city or a private or public entity who would like to claim these public trust resources.

When the Department faces tough budget times and looks for quick revenue, parcels or entire parks units are sometimes considered for placement on the State surplus list. Decisions like these should be heavily weighed for the reasons under which the units were acquired in the first place. Getting to the core of the Department's mission and statute; critical and improved resource protection; education; visitor enjoyment; and facility improvement; are just a few of the

reasons to judiciously guard our public trust resources. Let your guard down and all or part of your favorite park unit may become a shuttle parking lot for a nearby city, county or public / private entity. It may become a frequent staging location for heavy equipment and activities to support local construction projects, a recycling station, home for billboards, or projects that are simply not compatible with the adjacent park lands.

The quick-fix or wrong decision can lead to long-term negative impacts to the resources, to park visitors and also presents a loss of opportunity for the Department and importantly, to the integrity of what the public expects of the guardians and stewards of their State Park System; their public trust resources; their visitor experience. It does not hurt to re-state that "*The future will be bright if approached with clarity of purpose, wisdom, sound decisions, and determination.*"

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS NOMINATIONS OPEN

Established in 1986, the Governor's Historic Preservation Awards are presented annually under the sponsorship of the State Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) and California State Parks to recognize meaningful achievements in historic preservation and to increase public awareness, appreciation, and support for historic preservation efforts throughout the state.

You are invited to participate in celebrating the preservation of California's heritage by bringing attention to and offering recognition for



those who have done so much to help preserve the historic and prehistoric resources of our state. OHP is seeking nominations for the 2010 Governor's Historic Preservation Awards. As in

past years, organizations, firms, or agencies are eligible to be nominated — and, for the first time this year, the awards have been expanded to recognize individuals who have made a significant contribution over time in historic preservation endeavors.

Nominations must be postmarked no later than 5:00 PM on MONDAY, May 24, 2010. For more information, contact **Diane Thompson**, Coordinator of the 2010 Governor's Historic Preservation Awards, at (916) 653-0877 or see the website at www.ohp.parks.ca.gov

Mission 66: Modernism and the National Park Dilemma

by Ethan Carr

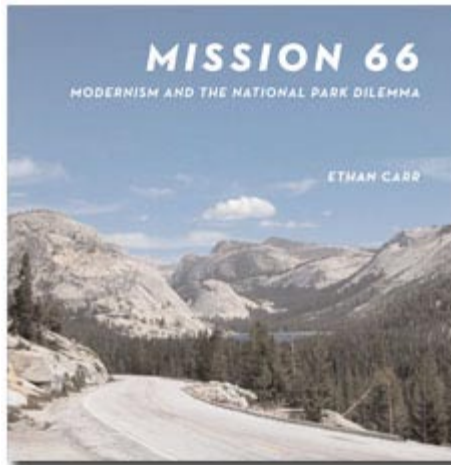
Book Review by **Robert C. Pavlik**

I recently read an obituary in my local newspaper of a man who was a heavy equipment operator. His family noted that he had helped build both the Tioga Road in Yosemite National Park, and the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant in San Luis Obispo County. I found the confluence interesting: these two events as bookends of the post-World War II era, both public utility projects of longstanding controversy and continued environmental implications. For example, the realignment of the Tioga Road, completed in 1961, was regarded as “catastrophic damage” by **Ansel Adams**, and a violation of the principles of the National Park Service Organic Act of 1916. In contrast, the Sierra Club (and Adams) voted to not oppose the siting of the nuclear power plant at Diablo Canyon by Pacific Gas and Electric Corporation, in order to preserve the nearby Nipomo Dunes. Such was the nature of society in the 1950s and 1960s, when it came to issues surrounding growth, development, population, and the environment in the latter half of the twentieth century.

The National Park Service was no less subject to the same strong (and, at times conflicting) viewpoints and forces during this time, hence the subtitle of **Ethan Carr**’s excellent study of the Mission 66 era (1956-66).

In fact, the cover photo features, not a streamlined visitor center, but a view of the Tioga Road, looking toward Tenaya Lake from Olmsted Point, illustrating the destruction of the granite domes in the 1950s in order to accommodate more and faster automobile traffic.

The ten year program was the brainchild of director **Conrad Wirth**,



a career NPS employee who worked his way up from landscape architect to Director. It was devised in response to years of anemic funding and an overwhelming and unprecedented rise in national park visitation that corresponded with the GI Bill, the Interstate Highway Act of 1956, the baby boom and a more affluent and mobile population. Total NPS budgets over a ten year period exceeded one billion dollars. A public information campaign was launched to convince visitors that Mission 66 was a “conservation” effort and not a development program. The intent “was a redefinition of how national parks would function as public places.” (p. 122) Initially much of the Mission 66 planning was done without public, interest group, or concessionaire input. Scientific studies were not a part of the program, a shortcoming that resulted in decades of delay in fully implementing widespread scientific management of the parks.

Of course, Mission 66 is still largely associated with development. For example, employee housing in the parks in the early 1950s was standard by any measure. Employees and their wives wanted a level of housing commensurate with their civilian counterparts. This was most readily fulfilled by the ubiquitous ranch house,

deemed to be commodious, affordable, and predictable. If they did not match the style and character of the NPS Rustic Style bungalows built in the 1920s and 30s, it was because the size of the workforce had greatly increased, necessitating a more economical approach to workforce housing, and the general style and tastes of the larger society had evolved and changed with the advent of Modernism. NPS architects were simply reflecting those changes and keeping up with the modern era.

This expansion program was not just for employee housing and visitor serving facilities, but the educational and interpretive programs of the national parks as well. The NPS arrow-head logo (along with new uniforms) was rolled out with Mission 66. One enduring legacy of the Mission 66 era is **Freeman Tilden**’s book, *Interpreting Our Heritage* (1957) that continues to guide and inform park employees everywhere. In addition, the creation of two training centers, Albright at Grand Canyon and Mather at Harpers Ferry served to cement Director Wirth’s commitment and legacy where interpretation is concerned.

This book is a critical study, not only of a style and an era but a conundrum. The question was, and remains, how did and does the National Park Service accommodate the rising number of visitors that began to flock to the parks in the postwar era, and that continues to this day? Their needs and interests and desires change, but the national parks are seen as inviolate places, free from fad and whim, unchanging, eternal. Ethan Carr has brought a great deal of clarity and understanding to this important era in the history of our national parks.

Marines at Cuyamaca

by Nedra Martinez

Montane Sector Superintendent

Beware the power of your desk mate at Marconi Training Center.

Sector Maintenance Chief **Ray Lennox** was attending

class at Marconi back in December of 2009. His desk mate (who will remain anonymous for his/her protection) had just received an email asking if anyone would like a platoon of Marines to come to their park for a week of service. Ray's desk mate couldn't use them so he asked Ray. Ray said the magic word, "YES."

Several months and many phone calls later, MWSS 373 Marine Combat Engineers arrived at Green Valley Falls Campground at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park from the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar.

Twenty-four men and their **Lieutenant Kim Huynh** arrived at the Park March 1 and worked with the sector maintenance staff for one week. While it is generally agreed that everyone was sore and tired, they also agreed that it was one of their best weeks. Lieutenant Huynh was very impressed with the Park, the staff and the projects, and the Marines are making plans to come back this summer.

Green Valley Campground has been closed this winter, so we were able to house them in the campground without disturbing anyone. They brought their own kitchen set up (MREs) along with tents and we supplied a restroom with hot showers and plenty to do.

The Marines and staff accomplished several projects that would have taken weeks, if not months, to do with our current staff. They were given instruc-

tions on safety and procedures and felled 44 dead trees, replaced 200 cubic feet of rock wall and cleared several miles of trail. All in just one week!

In these times of looking at partnerships and trying to figure out how to get projects done, I would have never thought of working with the local military. I am sure glad that Lieutenant Huynh was thinking of us and that Maintenance Chief Ray Lennox said the magic word, "Yes."



Photos by Enrique Mendibles. "First Morning" : the welcome to State Park talk. The "Group" on the last day. The "Rockwall" : the 75 foot rockwall the Marines built.



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. Enjoy...

CSPRA Chronicles...Don Schmidt

Where do you work, what is your job classification, and how long have you worked for California State Parks?

I work as a Supervising Ranger at Donner Memorial SP and Plumas Eureka SP. I've been working at Donner since 1996 and Plumas as of December 2009.

Where were you born and where did you grow up?

I was born in Yosemite National Park in the hospital there and lived there until I was 10. In late 1970 we moved to Sacramento.

Tell us about your youth.

I consider myself very lucky to have been immersed in parks from the time I could breathe. What better place to grow up than Yosemite? To have the valley as my playground and the sound of Yosemite Falls to fall asleep to? It was great – I have nothing but fantastic memories of summers hiking to Merced Lake, climbing every boulder I could find, camping at Tuolumne Meadows, and fishing the high country streams. I learned to ski at Badger Pass and spent the evenings chasing my friends around the ice rink at Curry Village.

The transition from park brat to city kid took a while, but once I discovered music, particularly the bass guitar and jazz band, life opened up in a big way.

Did you visit any parks while you were growing up? Do you have any park-related stories from your youth you would like to share?

My dad, who was the supervisor for the Pacific Telephone crew in Yosemite, would take the month of July or August off. We would spend time exploring all the western national and state parks from Canada to New Mexico. There was usually a

backpack trip worked into these vacations so we were able to explore some wonderful places in depth.

We were in Yosemite during some extraordinary events – the end of the Firefall (which I still miss today even though it's not very "PC" for a ranger!), the burning of the Glacier Point Hotel, and the Memorial Day riots. My best memory however, is something more benign – it was of an evening camped at Merced Lake, watching an albino man wearing nothing but his underwear, waving a road flare, cursing in English and French, chasing off the bears who were getting into his food. The bears won and I haven't stopped laughing since.

Tell us a little about your family.

My dad retired as an engineer after nearly 40 years with Pac Bell. He was an electronics genius (at least I always thought so) who loved parks and the high country of the Sierra. My mom was a very typical housewife of that era, always home, cookies on the table, everything in its place. She's still living in Sacramento. I have two older brothers – Doug, who still lives in Yosemite (if you ever worked there, you probably know him), and Darrel, who resides in the San Diego area. Most of my extended family is from the Fresno / Sanger area.

Do you have any hobbies?

Too many to list I'm afraid. However the hobby consuming most of my money and time is the resurrection of a 1969 Camaro Z28 that I own with Ranger **Mike Smittle**. I'm hoping to complete it by summer, but I've said that for a few years now! I still enjoy skiing, but have a greater passion nowadays for cycling.

What is your educational background?

I graduated from La Sierra High

School in Carmichael, CA then

went on to American River College, eventually graduating with a BS in Resource Management from CSU Sacramento in 1984. I ended up going back to school in 1995 to get a multi-subject teaching credential.

Tell us about your State Park career.

In 1982 I was able to talk **Bob Burke** and **Gary Howard** into hiring me as a Park Aide at DL Bliss SP at Lake Tahoe. I felt like I had the best job in the whole world! Except for a detour with the Forest Service one year, I worked for Bob and Gary from 1982 to 1986. I got picked up for BVST 5 in February 1987 as a PI Ranger. My first assignment was with **Don Monahan** at Doheny State Beach where **Carl Drake** attempted to teach me to surf, quite unsuccessfully. I transferred to Malakoff Diggins and South River in 1988 then to Ft. Tejon SHP full time in 1990. I left the Department in 1993 to work for the Nevada County SO in Truckee. I was rehired as a PI Ranger at Donner Memorial SP in 1996 while working full time as a 5th grade teacher. I came back full time in 2004 and promoted to Supervising Ranger in 2007.

What type of things do you do in your current assignment as a State Park Ranger?

What doesn't a Supervising Ranger do? In the Sierra District I'm blessed (or cursed, depending on the day) to have a lot of freedom in the management of our parks. I consider myself a true generalist ranger and am very proud of it. In the winter and spring I lead snowshoe history hikes, manage our ski trail grooming program, and

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work closely with the local schools teaching Winter Survival curriculum and doing resource-related projects. Summers are a bit crazy considering the number of employees we supervise on any given day. Of course, there is always the “interactions” we have with our visitors.

What are your favorite things to do as a Ranger?

I love doing hikes, talks, and projects with the local students. We’ve done everything from creating tiles to interpret our forest, perfecting winter survival education for 3rd graders, cleared forests of competing trees and brush with 6th graders, and studied and restored the banks of Donner Creek with kids of all ages. Our local 5th graders replanted acres of decayed forest then used the area as a long-term growth study.

What have been some of the more interesting things you have done as a State Park Ranger?

Most everything we do in State Parks can be interesting and every ranger has war stories to tell. I think the better question is “Who are the more interesting people you’ve worked with?” Every park has been a great classroom and I’ve had some of the best teachers. Guys like **Bob Burke**, **Gary Howard**, and **Tim Davis** taught me the value of being a generalist ranger. I gained a new-found respect for lifeguards through **Carl Drake** and **Mike Broussard**. At the old Gold Mines District I learned how to hunt crime from **Mike Smittle** and was educated to the flip side of the Gold Rush era from **Ken Huie**. I’m honored to have worked with **Tyler Conrad** and **Robert Leiterman** in San Joaquin Valley District, who showed passion for their career every single day. I was very fortunate to have had **Steve Michel** as a role model for the job at Donner and for people like **Scott Elliott** and **Brian Barton** who keep me within some level of sanity.

Can you please share one of your more memorable experiences in your work as a Ranger?

There are many but one in particular happened last winter. **Scott Elliott** and I were called in the middle of the night to assist the Placer and Nevada County Sheriff’s Departments with an intoxicated person at a lodge deep within Coldstream Valley. We had a snow cat large enough to break a 5 mile trail in deep snow, then assist with the arrest, and extricate the other deputies when their vehicle broke down. It was a bizarre night, driving the world’s slowest patrol vehicle, but satisfying knowing that we were able to accomplish the job and get everyone out safely.

How do you define a “generalist” Ranger?

Some would say it’s “doing it all”, but I think it’s more about making the most of every facet of the job. If I were locked into an NPS-type model, I’d move on. Even if I don’t have the opportunity to do interpretive programs or get an arrest every week, I can and do when I get the chance. I wanted to be a generalist ranger to have those opportunities.

Living and working in the Sierra must be pretty exciting. What is it like? Do you ever get tired of the snow on Donner Pass?

I’d be lying if I said after 17 years in Truckee I’m not tired of shoveling but on those bright, sunny days following a snowstorm, it’s hard not to like where I live. It’s a different lifestyle, especially in the winter. During storms your life revolves around moving snow and hoping other drivers don’t hit you. Summer is all about recreating as much as possible – many residents will kayak in the morning, ride during the day, and climb before dinner.

How long have you been a CSPRA member and what inspired you to join CSPRA?

I’ve been a member for a few years now, the second time around. I felt

like I had something to offer the organization and knew it was time to give back to my profession.

You are now a Board member of CSPRA and the Vice President.

What was your motivation to get involved like that?

Deep down inside I’m a glutton for punishment! Seriously, I just felt like it was time to step up to help an organization that could have a positive influence on parks and the park profession.

What is your favorite California State Park?

Well, almost 14 years at Donner must mean I like the place. I still find Emerald Bay stunning – it takes my breath away every time I drive past it and I often see it daily. I love the Railroad Museum because some part of me will always be 10 years old. I’ve always felt on top of the world at Mt. San Jacinto. But, it would have to be Donner – the history, the lake, the backcountry; it’s a great place to work.

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

I hope I’m around long enough to see CSP actually funded the way a world class park system should be. I have become tired of scraping for every penny, constantly operating with the threat of closure looming in the background. I love California and our parks, but wish we could give the public the service and facilities they deserve.

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

We have an opportunity to greatly influence our destiny with the passage of the Park Access Pass. I’d ask every member to make a commitment to getting signatures and supporting the efforts of the California State Parks Foundation, Sierra Club, and other organizations dedicated to this cause. Make an effort to make this happen!

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A WAVE Goodbye



by **Allison Pedley**, Executive Manager

CSPRA has received several new members recently -- a big welcome to **Kendra Dillard**, Curator II, **Lisa Andreano**, Environmental Scientist, and **Peter Antognini** signing on as a supporting member!

I failed to mention in the last Wave that our own **Lynn Rhodes** retired recently and has, of course, renewed her membership as a CSPRA Gray-Bear. Congrats to Lynn, and we're so lucky to have you on the board! And speaking of GrayBears, it's no secret that there have been a lot of retirements from parks this year. CSPRA wishes to honor all retiree members with a plaque in thanks for service to parks, but I very often don't catch wind of retirements until people have moved or changed e-mail addresses, so many slip through the cracks. I'm going to leave those of you who have recently retired in our database for another couple of months, so if you read this, and don't yet have your plaque, please contact me! (allison@cspra.com). As well, don't forget to renew your memberships as GrayBears. The dues are substantially reduced for retirees, at only \$3/month, which can be deducted from your monthly PERS checks, or, you can pay annually with reminders sent out in July. Thanks everyone!



CHARLES MCLAWHORN

Charles passed away on December 31st, 2009 after a long illness. Charles was a 29 year park employee who started out in the Klamath District, worked his way to Los Angeles District and then to the Santa Cruz District where he became a Water and Sewage Plant Supervisor at Big Basin Redwoods State Park.



FLOYD LEMLEY, SR.

Floyd passed away on Feb. 28, 2010 at the age of 90. He had a long career in State Parks, working at Portola and Torrey Pines, Los Lagos as Chief Ranger and Frontera District. His son, Floyd Jr., (in this patrol truck at Mt. San Jacinto in 1950) also had a career as a State Park Ranger. (Photo: Mike Lynch Collection)

EDGAR WAYBURN, 1906- 2010

An outdoorsman who became a political insider, Edgar Wayburn led the Sierra Club's efforts that pushed the government to preserve millions of acres of redwood forests, California coastline and Alaskan wilderness. Dr. Wayburn, who died at age 103, was an avid hiker and camper who once said he joined the Sierra Club "not because I was filled with conservation zeal but because I wanted to go on a burro trip."

humor in unicorn



Mixed Metaphors and Malaprops by Jeff Price, retired

Here is another mixed up batch of overheard slips of the tongue and misfires of the brain. Sometimes people get so excited they mix comparisons and come up with some very funny concoctions. Feel free to send along any you hear - webmaster@cspira.com

A Titanic mistake

A spending freeze won't help, that's like taking one deck chair off the Queen Mary.

Oscillating ballot?

The House will be holding an up and down vote on health care.

Anger is never pretty

In my opinion there will be a few feathered ruffles over this.

Spiked?

So, will Palin take a shot at McCain next week or pull her punch bowls?

Sick over a missing "L"

Beth and I chucked over this one.

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