

# Newsletter

ANPR Rendezvous V Squaw Valley California October 21-25, 1981

I would like to report to you on my attendance at the ANPR Ranger Rendezvous at Squaw Valley last weekend. It was a most meaningful Conference for me, and I was very glad that I had an opportunity to attend. The Conference began with a message from the Director of the National Park Service, Russ Dickenson. Mr. Dickenson first addressed the need of a professional organization as ANPR, and gave them his full support. He stated that the idea of a professional organization was an "idea whose time has really come." His address focused on resource management in the National Parks, emphasizing that there will be better planning in all areas, and that long term monitoring systems for long term planning are absolutely essential. He stated that the park rangers role has always been, traditionally, one of dealing with those forces from within the park boundaries (visitor use, etc) but that rangers are going to have to also address themselves to those external threats which come from outside the park boundaries, as well. Resource management has to have greater emphasis through-out the field from maintenance people, interpreters and ranger staff. The success of any park management program depends upon public support, and interpretation has to take up that challenge. He further stated that we must foster, through interpretation, a land stewardship, and that this part of the park rangers' job must be an integrated part of the Park Services' overall management plan. Interpretation is the most cost effective way to minimize user caused damage, provide user enjoyment, and to prevent accidents, and to sell the management objectives to the general public.

The second speaker was Mr. Rick Davidge of the Assistant Secretary of Interiors' Office. We saw a video Tape of an address to the Association from both Secretary of Interior Watt, and Assistant Secretary Arnett. Mr. Davidge stated that there will be an emphasis on the following, for the next three and one half years:

1. A redefinition of the mission of the National Parks based upon a new recreation policy. (Most of you will recall the old Bureau of Outdoor Recreation study that surveyed citizens in the United States as to what they do for recreation. What the Secretary's office is going to do is to update that study. It is conceivable that priorities could change in even natural areas. i.e, trail bikes on trails, as an example.)
2. Completed Land protection plans
3. A historic preservation policy
4. Tax incentives for private preservation.
5. More rangers in the field and less administrators
6. Greater resource protection

All of the above done with less money/unit and less people in the field.

The day also included an address from Mr. Philip Hocker, Director of the Sierra Club, and a general business meeting. It was interesting to note, that ANPR's problems are really the same as ours. They haven't had a publication out since last June, and have trouble keeping on schedule. Their financial problems were solved by making the conference self-supporting (indeed made several thousand dollars as there were over 300 in attendance.)

Your president also won a new North Face day pack in the raffle. They made \$800 in their raffle.

Their workshops were very meaningful. Like so many workshop formats, there were several things, given at the same hour, that I would have liked to attend, and nothing the next hour that interested me. Even the social events were well attended, dance, bar-b-que, etc. (naturally) You paid a set fee for "refreshments" and then had all you wanted the rest of the conference. Consequently, they went through 30 (you heard me) kegs of beer. A great conference that was very educational. I have on tape, the Director's talk, and hope by our next Newsletter to have that transcribed for you.

### New Officers

It is time to start thinking about the election of new officers for our Association. The office of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and the Central Representative are up for election at our March conference in Sacramento. Please give the above some thought as to who you might want to lead PRAC through the next two years.

### Annual Conference

The Annual Conference will be held in Sacramento the first weekend in March. It will be in conjunction with the California State Park Rangers and will also be held at the same time that the California Park and Recreation Society has their Conference. The programs will be so structured that our members will be able to take advantage of what is being offered at CPRS. There will be special tours through the new railroad museum, and other activities. You will be receiving more information on the conference, as the dates approach.

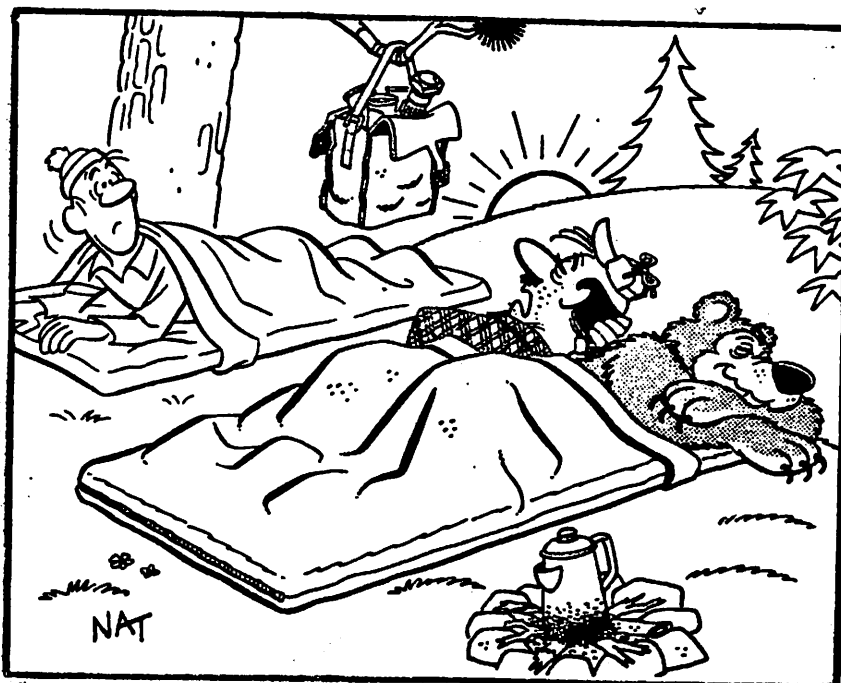
### The "California Ranger."

I reported to you in the last Newsletter, that we were having some problems with the California Ranger as a cooperating journal with CSPRA. CSPRA is not without their own problems. They feel that they are at a crossroad. Membership in CSPRA is split between the State Park Peace Officers Association (SPPORAC), and CSPRA. Talk has been to consider several options. One is to expand membership to include all Department of Recreation employees, one is to merge with us as a professional organization, and let those that want something other than a professional organization to join SPPORAC. Another, is to stay as they are. Another, to expand their membership to all park rangers working in California (State, federal, county, municipal, etc.) One

One alternative was to even disband, CSPRA has cut their dues from four dollars a month to two dollars a month. In any event, they are having their problems. As President of PRAC, I will certainly keep you all informed about this problem withing CSPRA. It might have a great deal of impact on PRAC, as you might well visualize. The "California Ranger" has been promised to be out soon. Another issue, this winter, will be a good cooperative issue. Denzil Verardo, President of CSPRA, and myself will be co-editors of that issue. In the mean time, we will be lookinf for soemone to take on the task of editor.

### Problem of the Month

We have a problem in one of our local county parks. Kids are using the trails as a place to take their motorcross bicycles. Because of budget constraints, it is difficult for anyone to be visible enough to control this misuse of the park resource. In otherwards, patrol as a function of control, is pretty much out. We are looking for another method, and hope that you might help us out. Keep in mind, in the solving of this problem, that the little rascals can lift their bikes over fences, etc. The impact on the trails is just émmense. Help! Fifteen doälar prize for a workable solution.



"I HAD THE MOST AWFUL NIGHTMARE LAST NIGHT."

## Report on Fall Meeting of the Governing Board

Your Governing Board met at the home of Treasurer Pat Hayes, in the City of Fremont, on October 14, 7:30pm

Treasurer Hayes reported that the Association had 90 members and a balance of \$721.59 in the treasury. Pat also reported that we now have non-profit status with the Federal Government and are exempt under 501C-6 Internal Revenue Code. Our State of California Incorporation number is 237013 for state exemption.

### Old Business.

President Smith reported his contacts with CSPRA President Verardo concerning the "California Ranger." (covered in this Newsletter) The President also went over what was going to happen at the Association of National Park Ranger Conference on October 21. An update of the recruitment brochure was also discussed, with the Board requesting that the President get ahold of Worth Young, to see if he might take that on. A letterhead for the Newsletter was also discussed with no action taken.

### New Business

Executive Secretary Doug Bryce gave a report on the status of CSPRA and the problems that they are having. Training for the coming year was also discussed with the Executive Board requesting to President Smith that he set up a course in "Fire as a Resource Management Tool" for February. This course will be tied into an actual prescribed burn at Pinnacles National Monument. This course is now in the preliminary planning stages.

Meeting was closed at 9:30pm.

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..PERHAPS YOU  
THINK I ENJOY  
DRESSING UP LIKE  
A RANGER !!!?  
UGH!! I DETEST  
IT!! IT'S AN  
INDIGNITY!!



..IF I WASN'T AN  
INFILTRATOR FOR  
A SECRET  
ORGANIZATION, I  
WOULDN'T DO IT!!



I BELONG TO THE  
U.B.W.C.T.F.S.S....  
(US BEARS WILL CONTROL  
THE FOREST SERVICE SOMEDAY)



AND WHEN WE TAKE  
OVER, THEM RANGERS  
ARE GOING TO  
HAVE TO DRESS UP  
LIKE BEARS!!



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## A Good Park Ranger

A good park ranger must be neat and a diplomat, and must be able to settle differences of visitors, campers, birders, boaters and fishermen to each person's satisfaction. If he is neat, he's conceited. If he is careless, he's a bum. If he's pleasant, he's a flirt. If he's brief, he's a grouch.

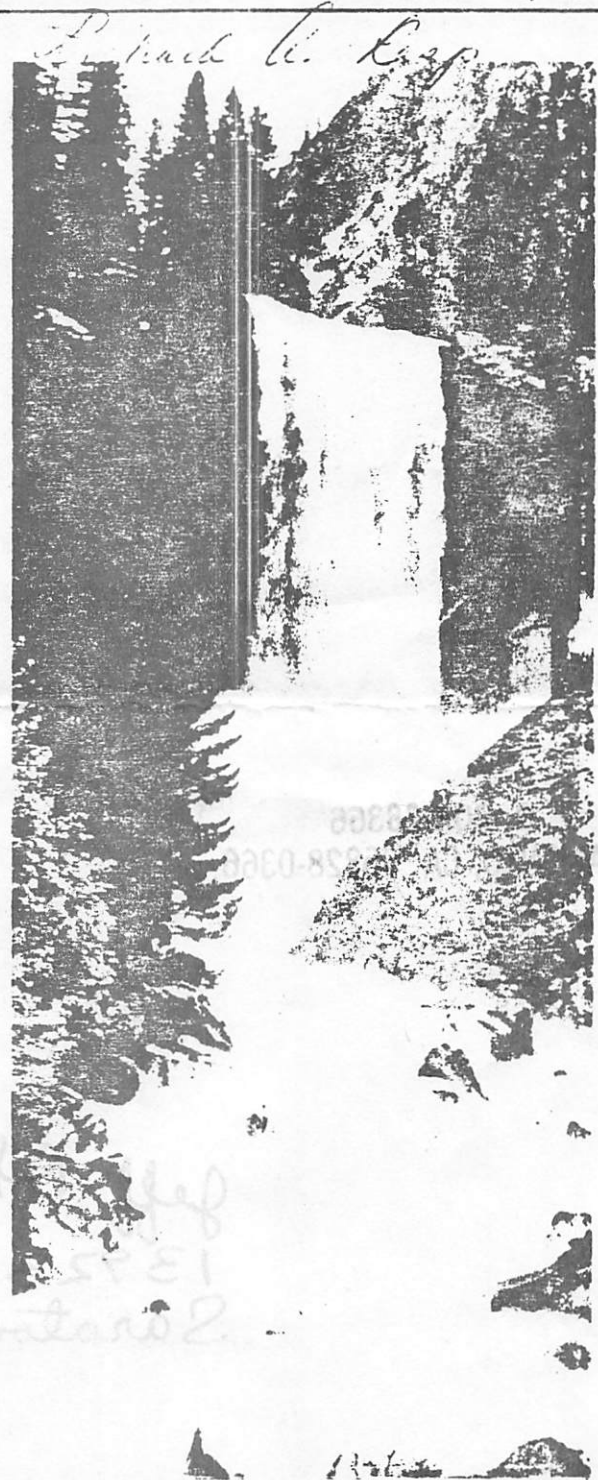
He must make instant decisions that an attorney will take weeks, or even months, to defend. He must be able to work 14 hours a day without complaining. If he hurries, he overlooks things. If he takes his time, he's lazy. If he's energetic, he's trying to impress somebody. If he's deliberate, he's too slow to catch a cold.

He must be an expert in First Aid, must arrive first at the scene of the accident, make a diagnosis of the victim's condition, start breathing, stop bleeding, apply splints to broken bones, and send the injured home with scarcely a limp.

He must be an athlete able to subdue men twice his size and half his age, without damage to himself or his uniform and without using undue force. If you strike him, he's a coward. If he strikes you back, he's a bully. If he gets promoted, he had pull. If he doesn't, it proves he's lacking something.

Last but not least, he must be able to live on what a park ranger makes.

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When park rangers meet, they share a common bond and a common goal. They are dedicated to the preservation of our nation's natural resources and the education of the public. They are the face of the National Park Service to the world.

It is a privilege to work for the National Park Service. It is a challenge to be a park ranger. It is a responsibility to be a park ranger. It is a duty to be a park ranger.

As a park ranger, you are responsible for the safety and well-being of the public. You are responsible for the protection of our natural resources. You are responsible for the education of the public.

It is a great honor to be a park ranger. It is a great honor to be a park ranger. It is a great honor to be a park ranger.

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