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NPS Employee Newsletter

Next Deadline: October 25

Association to Meet

Anyone interested in helping to form the Yellowstone Employee Association that Superintendent Finley talked about at his last All-Employee Meeting, is welcome to attend a meeting on Tuesday, October 31, at 1:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's Conference Room. Officers will be chosen and bylaws discussed. Your input and participation will help to make this committee work for YOU— the employee. Call Jan Laye at 344-2003 with any questions.

Lake Trout Report Available

A copy of the recently released report to Director Kennedy on the Lake Trout invasion into Yellowstone Lake is available to all interested employees. Simply contact the Superintendent's Office or the Public Affairs Office to obtain a copy.

Detail Announced

There is a Part-Time detail opportunity available for anyone interested, at the new garage working as the Budget Assistant (vice: P. Starkweather). The actual tour of duty is negotiable with you, your supervisor, and Jim Evanoff. This position will provide support in the budgetary process for the garage operation, until such time that the position can be filled permanently. This position will last for approximately 30 days and could be extended for a longer period.

If you have any questions or are interested in this opportunity, please call Vanessa Ford in the Personnel Office at 344-2044.

Missing Plane Discovered in Wilderness

By Angus M. Thuermer Jr. (This article was published in the Jackson Hole News on September 27, 1995.)

Two woman elk hunters ended a four-year mystery this week when they came upon the wreckage of a small plane 11 miles into the Teton Wilderness. Chris Green and Michelle Terry, of Worland and Thermopolis respectively, came across the wreckage of a Western Air Research plane that was last seen October 16, 1991. In the twisted, rusted debris were human bones and personal effects.

They are believed to be the remains of Wyoming Game and Fish Biologists Kirk Inberg and Kevin Roy and their pilot, Ray Austin. The three were looking for a wounded grizzly and tracking other bears when they failed to return to the Jackson airport. Dan Terry, Michelle's husband, brought the identification plate from the airframe out of the Soda Fork drainage of the wilderness Monday (9/25). He presented it to Teton County Sheriff's Investigator Gene Ferrin. "I knew the numbers I was looking for," Ferrin said. "That was them." Although remains from the scene have not been identified, the search is over for Ferrin and dozens of others who have spent almost four years wondering. "I don't have any questions at this point," Ferrin said. "I think we're about to close the book on a long, long, extensive effort by the entire community and state."

The wreckage was found in dense timber on the southeast edge of the 10,870-foot-high Soda Mountain. The site is approximately 11 miles due north of Togwotee Pass and about the same distance by trail from the Turpin Meadows trailhead. The wreckage was found about 1,400 feet above the valley floor, investigators said. The plane had descended at a 35-degree angle. Two treetops were knocked off. The plane had burned. A tree into which the plane crashed had fallen on top of the craft. The debris pile was perhaps 20 by 30 feet, said Game and Fish warden Fred Herbel. It appeared the craft was flying up the Soda Fork drainage. The wreckage suggested a heavy impact. It is believed all three men died instantly in the crash. The wreckage is extremely hard to see from the air, Herbel said.

Two helicopter flights into the wilderness were authorized to examine the scene. The first, Monday (9/25), took in local officials. Federal investigators made their flight to the site Tuesday. "They examined the engine parts up there," investigator Ferrin said. The plane was flying in rough weather, Ferrin recalls. He said the winds the day of the crash were high and gusty. When it failed to return, the largest search in the history of the state was launched. Ultimately, hundreds of people helped comb the wilderness, fly over rugged mountains or provide logistical support.

The search was reactivated even this summer after reports of metal being found just south of Yellowstone National Park. But until this week, searchers found only disappointment. The biologists had carried a radio transmitter on a collar designed to be placed on an elk for tracking. It was their emergency security device. In case of

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Seasonal Reminders

Winter is just around the corner, and the Mammoth maintenance staff would like to ask commuters to refrain from parking the front or back of vehicles over the sidewalk as it makes shoveling the walk more difficult. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Christmas is Coming, The Mailbox is Getting Fat

It's getting to be that time of year again...yes, Christmas is upon us. And with all the decorations, good food, and good cheer comes the crass commercialism...Buy, Buy, Buy. If you're tired of all those slick, glossy catalogs stuffed into your mailbox urging you to take advantage of the pre-pre-holiday sales on unnecessary stuff, fight back this year. Send a postcard or letter to the following address to have your name removed from most mailing lists. Happy Holidays!

Direct Marketing Association
Mail Preference Service
1101 17th Street NW, Suite 900
Washington, DC 10036-4707

Congratulations

Our best wishes to Rocky and Jean (Donaldson) McCreight, who were married in Mammoth on September 30, 1995.

Heartfelt Thanks

Thank you Dan Sholly for all your efforts in arranging for us to enjoy skiing at Big Sky this season. From Bennett Rees and Family and the Gardiner ski bums.

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A crash, a magnet switch taped off was expected to activate. The location of the plane could then be pinpointed from receivers in other planes. "It was probably burned," Ferrin said of the transmitter. "That fire got really hot. It was a fueled fire—melted aluminum, all kinds of melted metal." Only a section of the plane's tail remained semi-intact. It was blue, part of the plane's original white, blue and orange colors. It appeared to have broken off as the plane descended through the trees, and it landed away from the fire. Personal effects ranged from firearms to a key chain. "That may help us to identify them," Ferrin said of the victims.

The crash prompted a lawsuit which was filed by Victoria Roy claiming negligence on the part of Western Air Research. She accepted a \$100,000 payment from the company's insurer in March of this year just before the case was to go to trial. Finding the plane will be a "big burden off the families," Ferrin said. "I'm proud of the efforts of our community and everybody involved in putting this case to rest," he said. "This was a statewide effort."

Flu Vaccine Available

It's flu vaccine time again! The Mammoth Clinic will be holding two flu shot clinics. On October 18 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. the Clinic gang will be at the Gardiner School. On October 24 there will be another special clinic from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Mammoth Clinic. Both clinics will be on a first come, first served basis and will cost \$10. To find out more about this immunization and the latest recommendation please call the Mammoth Clinic at 344-7965.

Attention Parents

The open pit where the old government gas pumps were located (next to the Safety Office) is deep and presents a danger to children. Please keep your children away from this area. From the Safety Office

Computer Class Offered:

If any one is interested in Beginning Pagemaker and/or Intermediate Pagemaker, contact Lori Wilkinson in ADP via cc:Mail or at 344-2062. We are in the process of setting up a training session for both. Stay tuned.

Free Magic Kingdom Club Memberships

Thinking about a trip to Disneyland or Walt Disney World? Did you know that you can become a card-carrying member of the Magic Kingdom Club through the National Park Service Recreation Association? The Magic Kingdom Club offers discounts on park admissions and accommodations, cruises, car rentals, Disney Store purchases, AAA Basic Memberships, and more. If you are planning to go to Walt Disney World before November 20, there is a special FALL FANTASY "bed and breakfast" package being offered. Guests start their day with muffins and Minnie, pancakes and Pluto, or something just plain Goofy! Packages include a coupon book with savings on food, beverages, merchandise and recreation. From November 26 through December 21, also at WDW, there is a JOLLY HOLIDAYS vacation package being offered. They serve up a festive family-style Christmas dinner with song, dance and celebrations, along with special entertainment and spectacular decorations. Three- and four-night vacations also include admission to the Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Disney-MGM Studios and Pleasure Island. As a National Park Service employee in this region, you can obtain information and a free membership card by contacting Mary Heller in the Personnel Office at 344-2047.

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale:

19" Zenith color TV, 6 yrs. old, excellent condition, stand included, \$100. Call 848-7918, eves.

For Sale:

Pick-up camper, 8 ft. stubby, sleeps 4, furnace, stove, fridge, etc. Perfect for hunting. Sturdy and in great shape. \$1200. Call Ralph at 344-7419 (h) or 344-2353 (w).

For Sale:

1995 Polaris Indy Lite snowmobile. Used one season, only 674 miles, excellent condition, \$2,900. Call (307) 545-8116, eves.

For Sale:

1991 Buick Century, 80,000 miles (80% interstate miles), excellent condition, \$6,500. Call Pete at 848-7623 or 344-2332.

Moving/For Sale:

Smith-Corona manual typewriter, exc. condition, \$30; Castle Risk game, \$5; fly tying gear, \$5; Exel fiberglass ski poles, 150 cm, \$10; Nike Air Huarache Triax running shoes, men's 11½, too small, \$85 new, sell for \$50; Bridgestone RB-T touring bike, 21 speed, 56 cm, \$325; steel wok, \$10; 4 tobacco pipes, \$10 for all; China dinner service for 6 (plates, bowls, saucers, cups), white w/pink & blue roses, new, \$40. Dan Carty, 344-2285 (w) or 344-7758 (h).

For Sale:

Ski racks that fit a Subaru. Holds four pair of skis. Fits into luggage carrier racks. \$50.00 Alico Edge Telemark ski boots (three buckles) size 10, used once. \$205. Full-size fiddle with bow and hardshell case, \$350. Gemeinhart flute, immaculate condition, \$385. Call 344-9272, eves.

For Sale:

Macintosh Color Classic computer. 4MB of memory, monitor/internal hard drive, keyboard, mouse, dust covers, and lots of software. \$600 or best offer. Call Cat 344-7344.

For Sale:

1995 Polaris Trail Deluxe; 1360 miles; \$3,800. Call 545-8011.

For Sale:

Beautiful brand new, white, angora button-down sweater, size XS. Worn only twice. Hey, it was a shopping mistake. I'm extremely allergic to it! Perfect Christmas present for that special non-allergic someone. \$20. Call 344-2251, days.

For Sale:

Jarvinen Skate Skis, 205cm, with size 11 boots, \$50. Karhu telemark skis, 207cm, with cable bindings, \$160. Gregory fanny pack, \$35. Red Wing Irish Setter work boots, size 11, \$60. Call 848-7513 evenings.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

* Vet Visit

Veterinarian, Dr. Jim Murray, will be at the Gardiner Exxon on Friday, October 27 from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. No appointment necessary. Housecalls available upon request. Next visit: November 10.

* Annual Library Bazaar

Don't miss the annual Library Bazaar held at the Gardiner High School Multi-Purpose Room on November 7. Great gifts, great food! Call 848-7596 to reserve your space.