The Conference Is Coming!

It's time to start thinking about the 1992 combined CSPRA-PRAC Annual Workshop, scheduled for March 16-19, 1992 in Anaheim, California. This year's theme, "Parks In The 90s - The Future Is Here" will generate exciting, provocative, and educational discussions. But hold on, there is more to do, see and learn at this conference than ever before!

Not only will the traditional golf tournament and evening socials occur, but there will be special tours and outings for you. Bus tours include; premier State and County Regional Parks; as well as visits to Mission San Juan Capistrano; the California Native Plant Garden and Wildlife Oasis; and historical sites are available for those who choose to see first hand the "Future of Parks." Other activities and places to visit are nearby. These include Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farm, Universal Studios, Queen Mary /Spruce Goose, and other entertainment venues such as museums, theaters, etc. But you'll want to save some time in your schedule for a Southern California Beach Party with BBQ dinner and music. This could set a new standard for future workshops.

Further details regarding the workshop will be forthcoming in future newsletters. Information on group rates and fees will be sent to you with your registration. Since rates are based upon a minimum number in attendance, we need your commitment early to lock in a particular rate. So don't delay! When you receive your workshop announcement and pre-registration form, be sure to fill it out and return in immediately. Assure your place in what promises to be the most exciting and rewarding workshop ever!

See you in Anaheim!

Winter Campout 1992 Update

Joshua Tree National Monument is the place. January 28 thru 30, 1992 is the date. The time for the PRAC Winter Campout is rapidly approaching.

Cottonwood campground at Joshua Tree N.M. will be the starting point for many activities. The list includes rock climbing, mine tours and looking for the park's desert tortoise and bighorn sheep.

Anyone interested in attending must R.S.V.P. by January 1, 1992. For further information and R.S.V.P., write:

Jeff Ohlfs
Cottonwood Ranger Station
Chiriaco Summit, CA 92201

Dues Are Due

That's right, it's time to renew your PRAC membership. You should have received your renewal form in the mail by now.

Don't forget to take this opportunity to support the PRAC Scholarship Fund. Mail your renewal form today.
"Doodle What You Work"
By Christopher W. George

Every other month, I am asked to sit down and write this very important column. Often, I try to think of really poignant and emotional topics in which to make this column something to ponder. However, this month I am going to discuss (and hopefully answer) one of the many questions I receive almost on a regular basis. The question I am referring to is “How do I come up with the crazy cartoons that I do for the Signpost?”

As odd as this may seem, many people are curious about the cartoon series. I try to explain that each of the series I do, “Oh, Ranger?” and now for a short period, “The Adventure Of Ranger Henry Wells,” is a complicated process. When any cartoonist sits down, he often gets that problem of “What can I draw that will be funny, and yet make people associate with?” The first thing I do is sit down and try to relive the many awkward moments that I have encountered while being a Park Ranger. Secondly, I visualize the moment from a story version and then finally I put it down on paper.

Cartooning (or tooning as some like to call it), often reflects the whimsical childlike spirit of an individual who wishes to express himself or herself through art. I guess I am one of those rare individuals. Most artists take time in refining their technique. I on the other hand, enjoy doing a wide variety of styles thereby having the ability to branch off in different directions.

As we get closer to the joint PRAC/CSPRA Conference in Anaheim, I will be taking my newest character, “Ranger Henry Wells,” on an exciting ride into the future. I decided to do this new character and story because I wanted each of you to become and feel a little more a part of the conference and the logo that will be used.

I hope that all of you enjoy the cartoons that I do and I hope that you may often associate with them. If you should have any ideas for new stories, characters and what not, please let me know. I would really like to hear about them. Well, as they say: “Back to the old drawing board!”
Don’t rush to Miranda

New California case law has set the standards for the use of Miranda. The recent State changes are now in line with the Federal standards. The Federal standards appear to be more law enforcement oriented.

History and Responsibility
The fifth and sixth Amendments protect criminal suspects from being witnesses against themselves. They also entitle the suspects to an attorney before accusatory questioning. The Miranda Rule was put in place by the United States Supreme Court to assure the suspect is knowledgeable of these rights when confronted by a peace officer. This rule applies only to peace officers and their agents. A private person does not have to read a suspect his Miranda rights.

It is the Park Ranger’s responsibility to see that these rights are maintained, whenever dealing with a violator in a law enforcement situation.

The Miranda rules apply differently to adults than to juveniles.

Adults
Miranda applies to adult suspects when they are being interrogated and are in custody, or are about to be in custody. Both conditions must be present before the rule applies.

Definition:
Interrogation: Is accusatory questioning that is likely to induce an incriminating response.
Custody: Is when the suspect is deprived of his freedom in a significant way or the suspect believes he is.

Juvenile Suspects (under 18 years old)
Miranda Rights (W.I. 625c)
Whenever a minor is arrested or taken into temporary custody for a crime or other violation; the Park Ranger must advise the minor of his Miranda rights. This is a statutory requirement under California law and does not follow the same constitutional issues that are required for adults. The juveniles Miranda rights are required for mere custody, regardless of whether the minor is going to be questioned or not.

A juvenile can invoke his rights and stop questioning by requesting his parents, grandparents or his probation officer. The Park Ranger has no duty to inform the juvenile of this unless asked. The Ranger’s duty is to read the juvenile his rights after taking him into custody.

Reading the Rights
It is best to read the Miranda rights from a card, but it is not required. What is required is that the suspect understands his rights and volunteers to speak.

You must also read the two waiver questions and obtain a "yes" to both questions.

If the suspect does not wish to speak or asserts his right to an attorney, all interrogation must stop. NOW!

The Miranda Rule:
Adults – Custody and Interrogation
Minors – Custody and Juvenile

Miranda Warning
1. You have the right to remain silent.
2. Anything you say can and will be used against you in a court of law.
3. You have the right to have an attorney present before questioning.
4. If you can not afford an attorney one will be appointed, free of charge before questioning.

Suspect Waiver: (Ask the following)
1. Do you understand these rights?
2. Do you wish to waive these rights?

A Warning About Miranda Warnings

WHEN
1. likely to induce an incriminating response
2. suspect restrained
3. confrontation with evidence
4. questions about the crime

NOT WHEN
1. brief questioning
2. request for cooperation
3. general crime scene questions
4. traffic stops

If you want to update your Miranda Card, copy the above information or send a stamped self-addressed envelope for a free card to:

Mike Quane
PO Box 3
New Almaden, CA 95042
And You Thought Your Park Has Problems!

Editors note: Here is a sampling of what our fellow rangers in the National Park Service (in California) had to deal with this past summer. Many of these can be found in your daily newspaper. Thanks goes to Jeff Ohlfs for sending these reports in to me.

Yosemite — Drowning
A 29 year-old Italian citizen, was standing in a pool near Chilnualna Falls in Wawona on June 8 when he slipped on the rocks. He then fell approximately 55 feet through the cascades of the creek and sustained severe head injuries.

Yosemite — Drowning
The victim was with friends in a pool on the South Fork of the Merced River a mile above Swinging Bridge on June 8. Charles Martz apparently got caught by the river’s current and pulled under.

Yosemite — River Rescue
On the afternoon of June 4, 2 young (12 &13 years of age) residents of El Portal were rafting on air mattresses in back eddies of the Merced River. They became caught up by the main current and swept downstream.

Joshua Tree — Marijuana Raid
In May an intelligence gathering operation with Joint Task Force Six, Park Rangers discovered a marijuana plantation adjacent to the southern boundary of the park.

Santa Monica Mountains — Assist to Agency
An inter-agency counter-narcotics task force in June discovered an area where marijuana was being cultivated on the park’s southern boundary.

Sequoia-King’s Canyon — Rescue
On June 23, rangers at Cedar Grove responded to a report of a man in the Kings River near Cedar Grove Lodge. They found the victim lying partly in the river and partly on a rock 25 feet beneath a bridge.

Sequoia-King’s Canyon — Structural Fire
Rangers responded to a report of a structure fire in “Wormwood,” a housing area at Grant Grove. When they arrived, the rangers found flames issuing from below the roof of a small cabin.

Sequoia-King’s Canyon — Temporary Campground Closure
On June 23, rangers received and investigated a report of blasting wires sticking out of a hole of a large rock in Dorst Campground.

Redwood — Falling Fatality
A 22 year-old man was scrambling up a cliff near Klamath Overlook on June 30 when he lost his footing and fell 200 feet to his death.

Lassen Volcano — Car Clouting
On July 7, three vehicles were burglarized at Manzanita Lake Campground.

Yosemite — Demonstration
On July 8, rangers responded to a report of a demonstration in the Hodgdon Meadows housing area. Ten people were found protesting the removal of trees from a park housing construction site.

Yosemite — Structure Fire
A structure fire was reported in Tecoya Dormitory on August 3. Two park engines responded and found the fire confined to a closet in the dorm.

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Yosemite — Falling Fatality
Late on the afternoon of July 11, three separate parties who were hiking near Upper Yosemite Falls. They all reported seeing what appeared to be a body going over the falls.

Golden Gate — Arrest of Rape Suspect
Two Park Police officers arrested a suspect for a rape that occurred in the Lands End area of the park on July 31.

Santa Monica Mountains — Drug Arrests
Park Rangers arrested two suspects on August 5 for cultivation of marijuana in the Circle X Ranch area of the park.

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**Yosemite — Drug Arrest**
Rangers executed a search warrant at the residence of a concession employee in Yosemite Valley on August 6. Drugs and documents were found relating to a drug distribution network in Yosemite and the San Francisco area.

**Lassen Volcanic — Lightning Injury**
A park visitor was struck by lightning on August 14 while hiking on the Lassen Park Trail.

**Santa Monica Mountains — Death of Employee**
The park’s resource management specialist died in his sleep on September 14.

**Yosemite — Assault on Concession Employee**
Park rangers responded to a report of an assault in progress involving a shotgun in the Camp Six concession employee area on September 17.

**Yosemite — Search in Progress**
Search efforts were begun on September 28 for a hiker who failed to return as scheduled from a day hike on the 27th.

**Yosemite — Burglary**
Yosemite Park and Curry Company security officers and auditors discovered $12,700 had been stolen from a drop safe at Degnan’s Deli.

**Point Reyes — Arrest for Marijuana Cultivation**
Rangers arrested a resident of Point Reyes for cultivation of marijuana on September 29, after two weeks of intensive surveillance.

**Sequoia-Kings’ Canyon — Deer Creek Fire**
The Deer Creek Fire, a prescribed natural fire, had burned about 550 acres in the park as of October 14.

**Yosemite — Drug Arrest**
Park Rangers in the Wawona District was arrested an individual for drug possession on October 6. The suspect was originally contacted for an illegal fire.

**Sequoia-Kings’ Canyon — Explosives**
On October 13, an explosive device identified as 40mm rifle-launched high-explosive grenade was found at Moro Rock.

**Lava Beds — Rescue**
On November 9, a life-long asthmatic went into severe respiratory distress while inside Catacomb Cave.

**Point Reyes — Structural Fires**
Two abandoned wooden buildings at the Jensen Oyster Farm were consumed by fire on November 11.
Before 1962 the managers of our parks in Orange County were given the title Recreation Director, or Park Superintendent and were deputized as Special Deputies for the Sheriff. In 1962 the current title “Park Ranger” was used and our employees traded their Deputy Sheriff badges for Park Ranger badges.

To commemorate that event a 20th anniversary commemorative badge has been struck and is being made available only to Park Rangers and other peace officers. This project is being sponsored by the Orange County Park Ranger Reserves. The proceeds from the sales will be donated to the Orange County Park Ranger Reserve Program to be used for training, equipment and other projects. The cost is only $30.00 per badge.

When ordering by mail, please include a copy of your Ranger or Peace Officer identification, and $4.00 for postage and insurance. Include $2.33 for California sales tax where applicable.

Order from:
The Baird Company
1270 West Markham
Perris, CA 92571

Please note: Because profits from this item are being donated we are unable to accept C.O.D. or credit cards.
Simi Valley will be the site of PRAC's next workshop on Supervisory Leadership. It will be held at 1692 Sycamore Drive, Simi Valley, CA on Thursday, January 23, 1992.

It will cover all phases of supervision in an intensive eight hour session. Specific subjects will include delegation, evaluation, safety, disciplinary action, commendations and much more. Lunch will be on your own and available nearby.

Director Don Watstein and the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District rangers will be the hosts for this event.

Registration is limited to the first 25 supervisors or persons planning to become supervisors.

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### A Prayer For The Modern Park Ranger

"Lord, slow me down. Ease the pounding of my heart by quieting my mind. Steady my hurried pace. Give me, in the confusion of my day, the calmness of the everlasting hills. Break the tension of my nerves and muscles. Help me to know the magical restoring power of sleep. Teach me to take minute vacations. Slow me down to look at a flower, a cloud, to chat with a friend, to pet a dog, to read a few lines from a good book. Remind me that the race is not always to the swift; that there is more to life than increasing speed. Let me look upward into the branches of the towering oak and know that it grew great an strong because it grew slowly and well. Lord, slow me down...inspire me to send my roots deep into the soil of your love and life's enduring values. Walk beside me that I may grow toward the stars of my great destiny. Amen."

(Author unknown)
The theme of this coming conference is "Parks in the 90s - The Future is Here." What has been predicted for many parks has finally come true in the metropolitan areas of Southern California. Urban developments now abut or surround many of our parks. It is important now for us to become the best that we can be as resource managers and stewards to protect our park's natural and cultural resources for the future. This conference track on resource management is geared to help us all strive towards this goal.

Sessions on wildlife management will include; The Role of Parks in the Protection of Threatened and Endangered Species; Biodiversity and Wildlife Corridors; and Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Funds. (This will be a panel discussion about the funds that most park departments have not been able to obtain. These funds are available for the purchase and/or rehabilitation of wildlife habitat to mitigate for new developments.)

Other sessions will focus on the protection of the park environment and will include; Hazardous Waste Dumping with Barbara Rhode for the California Department of Toxics; Park Water Rights Protection with speakers from the California Water Quality Control Board; The California Environmental Quality Act and Park Compliance by Senior Ecologist Joanne Kerbavez; Environmental Review and Parks with Senior Ecologist Bill Tippets and a county park planner.

Field Involvement in Resource Management by Rangers Mark Faull and Tyler Conrad will address how one can contribute to the natural resource inventory for their park unit. Ins and Outs of Trail Planning, Construction and Maintenance will be offered in a session by the State Park System Trails Coordinator Charlie Willard and Roger Bell of the Western Trail Builders Group. Identification and Protection of Park Cultural Resources will be presented by Park Archaeologist Mike Sampson and Ranger Mark Faull. Last but not least, Supervising Ranger Rick LeFlore will help deliver a session on Recycling Programs for Parks.

Many people are working very hard to put together a group of sessions that will be both interesting and educational in nature. We strongly urge you to attend the Joint CSPRA-PRAC Annual Conference in Anaheim in March 1992. We will be looking forward to meeting you where the future has arrived!

Happy Holidays!
From Tom Maloney

Did you know that the burrowing owl imitates the sound of a rattlesnake when in its burrow to discourage coyotes and badgers from digging them out?

Did you know that for the most part a bird's feathers weigh more than its skeleton?

I'm sure you have all seen the bumper sticker that reads "Friends don't let friends drive drunk." I saw a new one recently which is a variation and reads "Friends don't let friends eat meat."

Want to save water?
Think about this: It takes approximately 2,600 gallons of water to provide a family of four with a steak dinner. Conclusion: Omit beef from your diet and you can save our state's precious water!

Nature Watching
If you want to see our state's critter make sure the critters can't see you! It has been suggested by many 'old-timers' that you wear dull, drab colored clothing to help blend in with your surroundings. Most animals are camouflaged, why shouldn't you be when looking for them?

Dumb Ranger Jokes

One park patron talking to another asked: "Did you hear about the ranger who accidentally swallowed a quarter?"

"No," said the second patron, "how is he?"

"No change yet!" replied the first park patron.

Back at the maintenance office, Ranger Wells and Albert begin to conceive a time machine.
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