



NEWSLETTER

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Where did the time go? It has been quite awhile since I have put out a "Signpost", and I really have no one to blame but myself. A lot has happened to the Program at West Valley, which has taken most of my time. We received a bid to operate two campgrounds in the Sierra National Forest for this summer, so I have been really busy putting all the pieces together for those.

Annual Conference

As you know the annual Conference was held the first week in March, at Reno. It was a joint Conference with the Nevada State and County park people. Reno was a great place for a conference. Everyone had a good time, as well as heard some very good training sessions. Again, we had a very good PRAC representation. We had more of our members present, percentage wise, than did CSPRA.

The "one armed bandits" got a real workout, and some money was won and lots lost.

A great big "thank you" to Tom Hofsoner for all his work and coordination for the Conference. It was a big job, and it went off very well.

Spring 1984 Conference

The 1984 Annual Conference will be a joint conference with CSPRA and the Western Interpreters Association. This is a repeat of our joint conference held several years ago at Santa Cruz. The Annual Conference will be held at Asilomar Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove, the first week in March, 1984.

Humbolt State University

Jeff Olf, PRAC student member from Humbolt has reported a fairly successful effort to start a "Humbolt State" chapter of PRAC. At the present time, he has five paid members, with several more on the burner.

News from the South-Land

Spent a day with John Rameriz, our southern Representative this past weekend. John took me on a tour of the Ventura County Park System (what I could see in a few hours), and I had a chance to see the damage that was done by the January 27 storm. Their coast parks, where they get a great deal of their revenue, were literally destroyed. They lost over 200 campsites on one of their beach parks. At \$6/night, that's a lot of lost revenue, as they are filled all the time.

The Southern Section of PRAC is planning a big get-together on June 12t. They are having a bar-b-que, and other "niceties." The big affair is being held in Soule County Park in Ojai, and begins at 3pm. Cost is \$200/ family. If anyone out there would like to join in, you can get in contact wit^h John at:

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3250 So. Rose Avenue
Oxnard, CA 93030

The Ventura gang is doing a great job of recruitment, and are looking forward to a good turnout. For the first time, PRAC is moving forward in the southland.

Fall Workshop

As a result of the workshop last fall in "Ranger Without Weapons", where every participant had a superintendent without a law enforcement background, the fall 1984 workshop will be directed toward superintendents and directors. We haven't decided what to call it yet. The main reason for that is that we dont want to scare people off with "law enforcement" overtones. But, it will include a law enforcement update, vicarious liability, Prop 8, and other "goodies". The date will be sometime in November, possibly the second week, and will be patterned after the "law Enforcement for Managers " Course that is taught to National Park Superintendents.

832PC Update

Several years ago, PRAC, in cooperation with West Valley College, surveyed the law enforcement needs of all the agencies in California that had park rangers. The result of this survey was sent to POST. Recently, POST had their own survey done by UC Davis, which included all agencies that used 832PC. This survey is now available from POST. The results of the survey suggests anywhere from 80 to 120 hours for 832. I have contacted POST, and they have told me that the survey is "in the hands of the Legislature", and they do not know what they will do with it. I contacted Lisa Buetler Decker, a State Park Ranger on loan to Leo McCartheys' office in the capital. I have asked Lisa to keep an eye on this survey, and that we, as park rangers, would very much like to see a change in 832PC that would better meet our needs. I am confident that we will see something positive out of this survey.

PARK RANGERS ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA
Income/Expense Financial Statement 1982

INCOME

Membership Dues	\$830.00	
Annual Conference Proceeds	552.07	
Training Seminar Proceeds	218.83	
Advertisements	173.00	
Newsletter Refund	<u>6.36</u>	
		\$1,780.26

EXPENSES

Executive Manager	\$400.00	
Annual Conference	863.92	
Executive Board Operation (postage, printing)	223.37	
Publications (California Ranger, Signpost)	<u>411.82</u>	
		<u>\$1,899.11</u>
		(\$ -118.85)

Balance January 1, 1982	\$608.66
Expenses above income	<u>\$118.85</u>
Balance December 31, 1982	\$489.81

March 5, 1983



Bruce T. Baker, Treasurer