

# The BRIDGE

October 2007

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Newsletter for Volunteers

## News from the Visitor Center

By Michael Rodriques



Summer is finally waning here in the desert. We just had our first sub-100 degree day and the nights are getting blissfully cool. And just as Fall slowly gathers so do the many Park volunteers, ready to spend another season taking care of the greatest state park in the country! So whether you have enjoyed a time of travel and adventure, completed home projects, or just relaxed, the Park family welcomes everyone back to what will certainly be an eventful year.

Aperture films of LA won the contract to make the new high-definition videos for the Visitor Center theater. This company has produced numerous films for the National Parks and will do a bang up job for us!

Soon we will find a company to renovate our theater and install the new projector, surround sound system and HD DVD players that promise to immerse our visitors in the sights and sounds of our beautiful park.

Every new season brings challenges and great experiences. Each are handled with aplomb by the remarkable volunteers of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. We are proud to consider each of you an essential part of the State Park family.



# Steering Committee

Tuesday, October 9, 2:00 P.M.  
Discovery Lab V.C.

# General Meeting

Monday, October 15, 2:30 P.M.  
Discovery Lab V.C.  
Louis Phillips and Ranger/Pilot Kelly  
McCague will talk about the air race they  
competed in over the summer.

# Potlucks

Tuesday October 16, 6:00 P.M.  
To be held at the Senior Center.  
Bring a dish, utensils and the  
beverage of your choice.

# Volunteer Field Trip

George is working on lining up some great  
trips for this year. Firm dates and locations  
are still to be decided.

**Check Your Mailboxes!**  
Harvy is already filling them with  
important refresher training  
information.

# Refresher Training

Remember there are new improved require-  
ments for refresher training this year. If you  
haven't checked, you will find a worksheet  
in your volunteer mailbox. Now is the time  
to begin work on the requirements for 2008.  
Remember at least ONE of the field trips  
**must be with Park staff (a Ranger, Carl or  
State Park Staff, not a Naturalist) and must  
be in ABDSP. The reason for this is you will  
learn about certain areas and the way the  
State Park cares for them. This way you  
will be more informed when talking to our  
very important visitors. There are several  
field trips planned this fall, don't wait until  
it is too late.**

Attendance at one of the monthly general  
meetings is now required. If you are unable  
to attend one of the meetings please contact  
Michael for alternatives. Program opportu-  
nities are available from a variety of other  
sources including ABFI. The programs must  
pertain to the Park units found in the Colorado  
Desert District. If you're not sure about a pro-  
gram please contact VC staff for clarification.  
One of the campfire programs presented by the  
Park will also do nicely.

If you have been on one of the field trips  
that have been presented this year or have  
attended one of the lectures, be sure to list it  
in the logbook under training. These hours  
do count towards your volunteer hours (not  
Visitor Center hours).

It is suggested that you leave your worksheet  
in your folder and enter the events or options  
as you go. I will be checking progress starting

in October to see how you are doing. Many volunteers finished the worksheet before the summer months, and then all they have to do is finish the quiz at the end of the year.

Questions: Call Harvy Miller, 767-0442.

Don't forget, all volunteers need to take a short reorientation training course from Carl or Abby. This is an opportunity to find out any new information about the Park and to refresh memories about VC procedures.

## Open House on Borrego Days!

The Paleontology and Archaeology departments will be giving public tours as usual this year. Visitors will gather at the Visitor Center and walk over to the laboratories. The hours are:

Saturday Oct. 27: 1:00 - 4:00 and  
Sunday Oct. 28: 9:00 - 12:00

It will be great fun! See you there.



# ATTENTION!

Starting with the October 2007 edition, the Bridge will be available online at the Anza-Borrego DSP website.

Every month when the Bridge is finished Michael will post it on the web site, and then everyone with web access will receive an e-mail telling them that the newsletter is available. A link will be included in the e-mail that will immediately open the Bridge.

Using this method of delivery will allow you to enjoy the Bridge in full color on screen and, if you desire, let you print the entire newsletter or just the schedule.

If you do not receive an e-mail by the 26th of the month, I may not have your e-mail address.

Please send me your address at:

**[mrodriques@parks.ca.gov](mailto:mrodriques@parks.ca.gov)**

so I can put you on the list.

In this time of diminished funding, we can save money and reduce resource use (save a tree!) by using electronic publishing.

Anyone without web access will still receive a printed copy of the Bridge.

Thanks!

## Park Volunteer Visitor Center Duty Schedule: October 2007

Shift	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
9-1		Shannon, D Medema, M	Coffin, I Decker, N	Coffin, I Decker, P	Carskaddan, P Loizos, B	Barber, H Fort, J	Hopkins, J-D
11-3							
1-5		Demunck, K Perrine, V	Larson, L Shimeall, E	Webb, S-A	McGuire, M Thompson, C	Larson, L Quinn, W	Cate, S Perrine, V
	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
9-1	Larson, R Loerke, L	Shannon, D Miller, H	Decker, P Perrine, V	Anderson, J Ebright, J Landis, M	Barber, H Medema, M	Lindemann, J-S	Decker, N Loizos, B
11-3							
1-5	Macy, E Perrine, V	Roller, J-L	McGuire, M Webb, S	Haldemann, J Thompson, G	Perrine, V Phillips, L	Juers, B Quinn, W	Ehrlich, D Perrine, V
	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
9-1	Richard, L-T	Bigelow, J-M Kennan, A	Bigelow, J-M	Caragozian, T Kennan, A	Carskaddan, P Decker, N	Barber, H Miller, H	Delaney, J-M Ota, V
11-3							
1-5	Macy, E McGuire, M	Shannon, D Prath, K	Caragozian, T Mendenhall, A	Bailey, N Nourse, A	Dolkas, S Phillips, L	Macy, E Prath, K	Cate, S McGuire, M
	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
9-1	Carskaddan, J Ota, V Scott, R	Shannon, D Miller, H	Ebright, J Decker, P	Anderson, J Nourse, A	Barber, H Decker, N	Lindemann, J-S	Delaney, J-M Ebright, J
11-3							
1-5	Macy, E Nourse, A	Hatcher, M Roller, J-L	Webb, A-S	Caragozian, T Bailey N	Caragozian, T Fort, J	Rideout, D Juers, B	Rideout, D Cate, S Larson, L
	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			
9-1	Kennan, A Larson, R	Shannon, D Loizos, B	Decker, P Mendenhall, A	Loerke, L Loizos, B			
11-3							
1-5	Richard, L-T	Hatcher, M Dolkas, S	Webb, S-A	Larson, L Haldemann, J			

**Meetings: Steering Committee; Tuesday, October 9, 2007, 2:00 P.M., V.C.  
 General Meeting; Monday, October 15, 2007, 2:30 P.M., V.C.  
 Potluck; Tuesday, October 16, 2007, 6:00 P.M., Senior Center.**

**Substitutes: Perrine, V--Loizos, B--Larson, L/R**

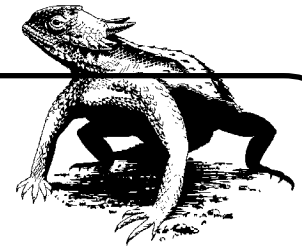


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## Staying In Touch



### VC Volunteer Steering Committee

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