

The BRIDGE

December 2007

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Newsletter for Volunteers

It's Time for a Holiday Bash!



Yes, it is time to let our hair down and paint the Roadrunner Club red!

The Holiday's are upon us and we all remember the joys of Holiday's past. We see our families and friends and cherish past celebrations and those to come.

Come join the Park family at this year's Holiday Bash!

Monday, December 10.

5:30 pm.

Menu to be arranged.

Please bring the adult beverage of your choice.

See you there!



Steering Committee

Tuesday, December 11, 2:00 P.M.
Discovery Lab V.C.

General Meeting

Monday, December 17, 2:30 P.M.
Discovery Lab V.C.

Park Pilot Kelly McCague and Louise
Phillips will tell us of their daring
race feat this past summer.

Potlucks

No Potlucks for December

Come to the Holiday Bash
on December 10th!

Volunteer Field Trip

Wednesday, December 5. 8:30 am at the 3rd
lot of the Visitor Center.
Fred Jee will lead us up Plum Canyon.

Thursday, December 6, 8:30 am at the 3rd
lot of the Visitor Center.
Michael Rodriques will lead us to the Horse
Camp and Coyote Canyon. We will meet up
with Ranger Nancy. This trip includes an
optional hike up into Collins Valley

Refresher Training

Congratulations are in order for the 32 volun-
teers that have completed all of the refresher
requirements for the 2007 season. Many oth-
ers have only one or two items (possibly the
required field trip) to be done. As soon as they
are available, you will receive a completion
sticker on your worksheet. When you receive
your sticker you may take your worksheet
home and you are ready for another great
season!

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.**

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.

Questions: Call Harvy Miller, 767-0442.



What am I?

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.

ABFI Membership Drive
Kelley Jorgensen is looking for volunteers to help out. Funds for ABFI equals funds for the Park. Call her at 767-4961

Help!
We are looking for volunteers to man the Borrego Palm Canyon trailhead.
Thousands of visitors hike the trail to our beautiful palm oasis every year. They need your knowledge to ensure a safe, high-quality experience.
If you are interested, please contact Bonnie Loizos at: 760-767-5698.

Meet the new Interpreter!



Hello my name is Scott Kraynak, originally from Cleveland, Ohio. I've been a ranger/interpreter for about 8 years. I have worked all over the country, and have experienced some of the most amazing sights and wildlife in the world.

Besides an avid love for nature and the outdoors, some other personal interests include art, drawing, traveling, photography, music, reading, sports, backpacking, kayaking, etc. I'm extremely happy to be here, and look forward to working at such a special place.

New Preference Book is Ready!
For those of you who already know when you want to work, the 2008 preference book is available.



Paleontology Program

Paleontology News, December, 2007
by Jeannie Beck

December

07	8AM-3PM	Field, Post Office Parking
13	9-12PM	Steering Committee, Paleontology Lab
13	1-3PM	Curation and Preparation
14	8AM-12PM	General Meeting Visitor's Center
14	1-3PM	Curation and Preparation, Auction
21	8AM-12PM	Curation and Preparation
21	12PM-2PM	Season's Party!
28	8AM-3PM	Field, Post Office Parking

Several volunteers, under the direction of Jimmy Smith, have volunteered to go to Chicago and retrieve the fossil invertebrate collection now there under the care of Dr. Susan Kidwell. Our group will be flying, spending 4-5 days packing the fossils, and return with the collection via truck this coming spring.

Open house during Borrego days was a success, despite a serious interruption from local wild fires. Approximately 30 people turned out on Saturday and over 100 on Sunday,

including a school group from Holtville. We plan to coordinate future open house activities and any fund raising events with similar efforts organized by the archaeology volunteers. Arnie Mroz has volunteered to be our liaison.

George McDaniel is doing well after a bout with pneumonia and a trip to the hospital. He plans to set up his scanner in the new library to capture maps and other locality information. Including the new library, there will be five computer hook up sites in Paleontology.

George Jefferson plans to retire at the end of June 2009. A search committee has been formed to draft a job description and candidate qualifications for hiring; coordinating efforts along with our park administrators.

Dr. Becky Dorsey and Dr. Bernie Housen will be sampling for paleomagnetic analyses in the Vallecito region, starting in the second week of December. Jimmy Smith is organizing volunteers to assist in the work. The Smith's trailer will be set up in Canebrake as a field station. At least two volunteers are needed for the 8 day, dawn to dusk project. Give him a call if you are interested in helping.

We welcome eight new volunteers to certification training classes. They are: John Angle, Linda Gilbert, Josh Goen, Bernie and Bob Haskell, Lowell Lindsay, Eric Mustonen, and Janie Sanders, who is a high school intern.

Don't forget the following upcoming events (details posted in the laboratory) :

Western Association of Vertebrate Paleontologist, Flagstaff, AZ, February.

Desert Symposium and Split Mountain field trip, April.

Paul Remeika's Palomar College class in Geology, Borrego Springs.

News from the Visitor Center

By Michael Rodriques

Like the first few pebbles start an avalanche, the first visitors are tumbling into the Park announcing the enormous mass to follow. It is Thanksgiving weekend and the season has begun!

Here at the VC we are ready. Carl, Abby, myself and our new interpreter Scott are all on board and raring to go.

But no matter how ready we may be we would be lost without you who comprise the finest volunteers found anywhere!

Thank you all for your hard work and dedication.

Great happenings are the norm in our fabulous park. When we thought we would have a great parade we faced a great fire. The Park volunteers and staff and the citizens of Borrego Springs acted nobly, even heroically to help the many evacuees and victims of the fire storm. You all should be proud.

The long awaited start of filming the new VC movies began. Chris, Josh and Nathan of Aperture Films are capturing the images that will capture the hearts of thousands of future park visitors. Have a fun year.





Archaeology

In recognition of the wealth of cultural resources managed by Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and in recognition of the outstanding efforts by the staff and volunteers of the Park, the California Historical Resources Commission prepared a resolution of appreciation that was presented to Park representatives at the November 9 Commission meeting.

At the Palm Springs meeting to accept the framed copy of the resolution were Ranger Fred Jee, Colorado Desert Archaeology Society members Chuck and Mary Bennett and



Sam and Astrid Webb, and District Archaeologist Sue Wade. Presenting the resolution were Commission Chair Donn Grenda, Ph.D. and California State Historic Preservation Officer and Commission Executive Secretary Wayne Donaldson, FAIA. The framed resolution joins the Helen S. Smith award presented to the Colorado Desert Archaeology Society by the Society for California Archaeology in 2004 on display at the Begole Archaeological Research Center (BARC).

What am I?
A Kestrel Chick

Park Volunteer Visitor Center Duty Schedule: December 2007

Shift	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
							1
9-1							Lindemann, J-S Steele, C
11-3							
1-5							Hatcher, M Shugan, B-R
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9-1	Rideout, D Barrie, B-R	Shannon, D Decker, P	Keenan, A Hellyer, D	Postras, R-P	Barber, H Decker, N	Decker, P Loerke, L	Ota, V Postras, R-P
11-3						Alexander, T	
1-5	Ekelund, M Larson, P	Nourse, A Wakefield, T-C	Davis, H Webb, A-S	Postras, R-P Caragozian, T	Caragozian, T Larson, L Quinn, W	McManus, T Radke, M Phillips, L	Ehrlich, D Postras, R-P
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9-1	Carskaddan, J Ota, V Barrie, B-R	Shannon, D Prath, K Barber, H	Coffin, I Hellyer, D Decker, N	Anderson, J Coffin, I Landis, M	Caragozian, T Decker, P Shimeall, E	Ebright, J Barber, H	Delany, J-M Decker, N
11-3						Alexander, T	Rosen, J
1-5	Nourse, A Wakefield, C-T	Roller, J-L	Davis, H Mendenhall, A Larson, L	Caragozian, T Bailey, N	Cate, S Macy, E	Dolkas, S Nickerson, J	Hatcher, M Shugan, B-R
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9-1	Scott, R Prath, K Barrie, R-B	Bigelow, J-M Keenan, A	Bigelow, J-M	Webb, A-S	Carskaddan, P Medema, M	McGuire, M Loerke, L Miller, H	Macy, E Rideout, D
11-3						Alexander, T	Rosen, J
1-5	Ekelund, M Larson, P	Cate, S Larson, L	Mendenhall, A Larson, R Fort, J	Haldemann, J Bailey, N	McGuire, M Nickerson, J	McManus, T Radke, M	Shugan, R-B
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9-1	Carskaddan, J Barrie, B-R	Nickerson, J Strong, J	Lindemann, J-S	Anderson, J Miller, H *-----	Barber, H Strong, J *-----	Macy, E Fort, J Medema, M	Loizos, B Quinn, W Ebright, J
11-3						Alexander, T	Rosen, J
1-5	Larson, L Steele, C	McManus, T Radke, M	Davis, H Hellyer, D	Webb, A-S *-----	Cate, S Nickerson, J *-----	Rideout, D Dolkas, S *-----	Ekelund, M Larson, P *-----
	30	31					
9-1	Barrie, B-R Hellyer, D	Ebright, J Miller, H *-----	Meetings: <u>Volunteer Field Trip; Plum Canyon; December 5, 2007, 8:30 A.M.; V.C.; 3rd Parking Lot.</u> <u>Volunteer Field Trip with New Volunteer Class; Vern Whitaker Horse Camp, "By Pass Road", with optional hike into Collins Valley; December 6, 2007; 8:30 A.M.; V.C.; 3rd Parking Lot.</u> <u>Christmas Bash; December 10, 2007; Road Runner Club.</u> <u>Steering Committee; December 11, 2007; 2:00 P.M.; V.C.</u> <u>General, December 17, 2007; 2:30 P.M.; V.C.</u>				
11-3							
1-5	Larson, R Steele, C Davis, H	DeMunck, K Loizos, B *-----					

Substitutes: Perrine, V---Loizos, B---Larson, L/R----Shimeall, E---Nickerson, J.

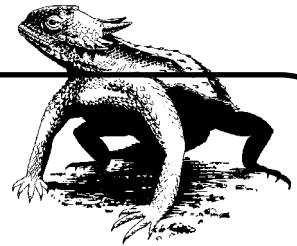


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Staying In Touch



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