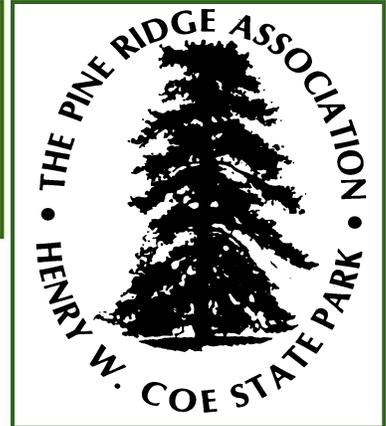


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The Pine Ridge Association Newsletter
Henry W. Coe State Park



Fall 2014

Tarantula Fest 2014

By Sue Dekalb

The tarantula fest is one of the major Pine Ridge Association (PRA) events of the year and we always try to make it a great experience for the public and volunteers. And it's nice to make some money for the PRA and the park. This year's T-fest was the best I have been involved with; we had sunny and warm weather on Pine Ridge and lots of happy visitors enjoyed the perfect day.

It takes a small army of volunteers to make the T-fest happen. Before the event, there's wood to gather and split for the barbecues, flyers to make and distribute to publicize the event, raffle prizes to acquire and tickets to sell, webpage data to update, signs and maps to create, activities to think up, permits to acquire, food to purchase, exhibitors to contact, dishes to wash, and utensils to wrap. Volunteers park cars, prepare food, cook, serve meals, sell drinks, wash dishes, help with kids' activities, lead interpretive hikes, and staff the visitor center. More than 80 volunteers worked on T-fest this year.

This year, R.J. Adams and Monika Davis returned to the visitor center with their Chilean Rose Tarantula and the local brown tarantula. They are a very popular exhibit because tarantulas are what people come to see. R.J. and Monika are very knowledgeable and happy to share what they know about tarantula with visitors.



Volunteer Ligaya Yrastorza assisted spider fans of all ages to make their very own fuzzy tarantulas.
Photo by Bonnie Daley.



Local brown tarantula.
Photo by Sue Dekalb.

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Tarantula Fest 2014 Continued....

Morgan Hill's Wildlife Education and Rehabilitation Center (WERC) returned this year with many of their ambassador animals, including a Screech Owl, a Pygmy Owl, a Great Horned Owl, a Barn Owl, an Acorn Woodpecker, a turkey vulture, and a Peregrine Falcon. Colleen Grzan, WERC's director of animal care, had a Red-Shouldered Hawk ready for release and wondered if she could release it during the T-fest. Ranger Jen Naber contacted the necessary resources people and got the OK. To say that the release was the highlight of the event would be an understatement. We had decided that the best place to release the hawk where everyone would be able to witness it was on the grassy hillside below the blacksmith shop on Pine Ridge. The entire roadway and hillside were filled with visitors, volunteers, and staff watching the hawk as Colleen gently lowered it to the ground and released it to swoop down the hillside then up, up, and up to perch on the upper branches of an oak tree lower down the hillside. What an awesome sight!



WERC's Great Horned Owl.
Photo by Sue Dekalb.



Colleen Grzan from WERC ready to release the Red-Shouldered Hawk.
Photo by Don Savant.



Moment of release.
Photo by Sue Dekalb.

Shirley Keller arranged for her daughter Megan and grandson Tommy to bring their snakes to the T-fest. They set up in the metal barn this year and it was an ideal location. Megan was mobbed from the minute she arrived until the snakes were packed up and headed home.

The raffle was another returning feature of the T-fest this year. Volunteer Bev VanderWeide took on the task of running the raffle from beginning to end and organized prizes ranging from a helicopter ride over Coe Park to a compass. How did she do it all?? The raffle was very successful and brought in some much needed funds for the PRA.

Hopefully next year's T-fest will be even better. See you there!

News from the Volunteer Committee

By Jim Wright

With detailed planning by coordinator Manny Pitta, this year's training of new volunteers began on September 6. Once again, a highlight of the day was the Monument hike, during which Bill Frazer converted the twelve trainees into instant experts ("when in doubt, tell visitors it's sandstone, and you'll be right 95% of the time") and showed them the power of that most useful of scientific instruments—a common nail.

The second training day included more professional presentations, including Libby Vincent's introduction to the plant communities of Coe Park, followed by the Corral/Springs/Forest Trails hike.

On October 11-12, the trainees were treated to a spectacular ridealong weekend. As in years past, the hikes included "surprise" appearances by our talented actor-volunteers demonstrating typical trail scenarios. Representatives from the foot and bicycle patrols spoke of their roles in the park. After the exciting climb up to (thank you, drivers!) and panoramic views from Bear Mountain, and a refreshing look at Mississippi Lake, the trainees pitched their tents at Pacheco Camp. Barely catching their breath, they departed for the late afternoon excursions, which included the drive to Mustang Peak (no aircraft sightings this year), the hike to Coit Lake (and for at least one new volunteer, a refreshing swim), and the scramble to Pacheco Falls. Thanks to Dan Benefiel, Liz Brinkman and crew, the appetizers, pork roast, miso-glazed salmon, vegetarian cashew-stuffed pumpkins, vegan chili, grilled asparagus, black beans and quinoa, brownies, pumpkin pie, and apple strudel magically appeared in the middle of an 87,000 acre park.



Is it chert or sandstone?
Photo by Jim Wright.



Liz Brinkman and crew served up an amazing gourmet meal in the middle of an 87,000 acre park!



Meeting some mounted assistance unit members at Willson Camp.
Photo by Jim Wright.

Photo by Manny Pitta.

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News from the Volunteer Committee continued....



The Sunday journey brought new highlights. After a special presentation by mounted assistance unit volunteers at Willson Camp, the caravan proceeded to Hunting Hollow. There, senior and new volunteers alike were delighted to see Dave Stoner back at his post with Libby Vincent demonstrating a visitor support station in windmill meadow. After Ruby Domino's springs presentation at Woodchopper Spring, the fishing demonstration included Bill Frazer and Chris Fent discussing whether there are any catfish in Coit Lake. As the group prepared to depart, Bill's fishing pole took a dive, and—with an attentive audience—he pulled in his first Coit Lake catfish.

Trainees, along with experienced volunteers, were provided a wealth of information at the October 25 Coe-Ed Day. After that, the new volunteers will continue their training with specialty days (visitor center, foot patrol, bicycle patrol, equestrian patrol, Gilroy Hot Springs, trails and springs work.) We look forward to officially welcoming them at the annual meeting in February 2015.

On a different topic, Mike Hundt recently coordinated a PRA outreach table at the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority's Coyote Valley Family Harvest Feast. With maps, brochures, and well informed volunteers greeting the public, this was a wonderful opportunity to introduce a new audience to the beauty and adventures of Henry W. Coe State Park. A big thank you, Mike, for your thorough work in organizing this activity—hopefully the first of many.

There are catfish in Coit Lake!
Photo by Jim Wright.



Class of 2015

Back Row (left to right): Tina Peterson, Daniel Scott, Colin Wilson, Josh Cardinale, Jeremy Simmons, Larry Fitterer, Rodolfo Figueroa, and Ranger John Verhoeven.

Front Row (left to right): Vu Nguyen, Art Pon, Jayme Simmons, Kathy McBride.

Not shown: Adam Escoto.

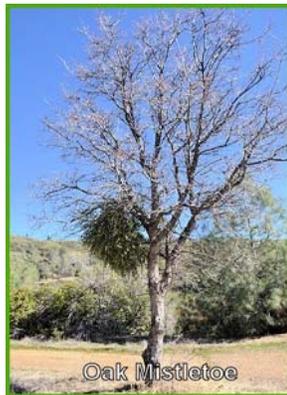
Photo by Patrick Goodrich.

Nature Notes



Robbers in the Woods

In the middle of winter, people come back from hikes and ask “What are those strange trees with large balls of leaves?” The trees, mostly blue and valley oaks, are leafless at this time of year. The parts that look leafy are actually Oak Mistletoe. The name mistletoe is likely Anglo-Saxon for dung and twig, for the droppings that mistletoe-berry-eating birds leave on branches. The defecated seeds are surrounded with a sticky substance that makes them adhere firmly to the limbs. If the seeds happen to land on an injured part of the tree, the root-like structures, called haustoria, can penetrate the limb and establish a new plant. These plants steal water and minerals from the trees but their greenish leaves can produce food through photosynthesis; thus they are considered only partial parasites. Oak Mistletoe can stress a tree but seldom kills it. If you see Western Bluebirds on fence posts in the winter, check out the tops of the posts and you’re likely to find several sesame-seed-like seeds in a glob. Bluebirds love the berries and are major spreaders of mistletoe.



There are about eight species of mistletoe in California, and one of the most interesting is Western Dwarf Mistletoe. This mistletoe, which attacks pines and especially Gray Pines, is a full-on parasite and will eventually kill the infected trees. The most notable characteristic about this mistletoe is how it disperses its seeds. It has explosive seed pods that can shoot the seeds out more than 50 feet at a speed of up to 60 mph. Really! When one of these sticky seeds lands on a nearby pine needle, it adheres to it. If conditions are right, rain will eventually wash the seed down to the stem. This mistletoe doesn’t need an injured branch to spread its haustoria into the tree. It just wedges its way into younger branches.



The seeds that fly and land on neighboring trees don’t spread the plants very far and not to upper branches. When a bird lands on a limb containing a mass of ripe seed pods, the pods forcibly expel the seeds and some will certainly hit the bird and stick to it. The bird will fly off to other trees where it will groom itself, removing the sticky seeds, often by picking them off with its beak and rubbing the seeds off its beak onto a limb. Birds seldom eat dwarf mistletoe seed and when they do the seeds don’t survive the trip through the bird’s digestive system.

Although they’re toxic to us, mistletoe foliage and berries provide food for many birds, mammals, and insects, and the foliage provides well protected nesting sites for birds.



Birds are not the only creatures to use mistletoe. People use it too. The proper holiday-season etiquette from Old England was for the man to receive his kiss under the mistletoe and then remove one berry. When the berries were all gone, the mistletoe was no longer usable for romantic purposes.

Hunting Hollow Windmill

By Sue Dekalb

When I first started coming to Hunting Hollow years ago, the windmill trough always had water in it. I used to see deer gathering there all the time below the black walnut trees. I could hear the noise from the windmill blades spinning in the wind every day that I rode my horses through the hollow. Over the years it became necessary to make some repairs to keep the windmill running.



The Springs Committee applied for and got a grant to replace the water tank and perform repairs on the windmill. The work was performed by Maier and Dougherty but no-one seems to remember exactly when these repairs were done because it was so long ago. After the initial repairs, the windmill worked for quite some time before the tail spring broke. Repairs were scheduled again but through some miscommunication the windmill was never repaired.

Over the years since it stopped working, Coe Backcountry Ranger Cameron Bowers and I have had many conversations about what was required to get the windmill working again. Cameron had climbed up the windmill tower to see if he could see what the problem was. The spring that holds the tail in place was gone and the bolt that held it had been snapped off. It appeared that the windmill would work if the tail assembly was correctly attached. The tail catches the wind and turns the windmill into the wind which allows the wheel to spin. The spinning wheel operates the pump that forces the water into the holding tank.

After years of frustration with the broken windmill, Cameron decided to try and remove the broken bolt so we might get the parts replaced. Actually, I think he was tired of me constantly bugging him about it. As it turned out, volunteer Lynne Starr and her husband Dick had fixed a windmill on their property in Aptos. Dick climbed up the windmill tower in Hunting Hollow to see what parts were required for our windmill. Lynne and Dick ordered the parts and donated them to the cause. All we needed to do was remove the broken bolt, replace it with the new one and attach the spring.

Sounds easy enough, but it turned into a summer-long project. Trying to remove the old broken, rusty bolt turned into a grueling task. Cameron tried to remove the old bolt with an easy-out tool that broke off in the bolt. Now we have a hardened tool we have to remove before we can remove the bolt. Many trips up the ladder in the early morning hours failed to accomplish the task. After about 10am the wind starts catching the wheel and making it a hazardous place to work.

After many failed attempts, I asked Cameron if maybe volunteer Paul Liebenberg could help us. Paul has lots of tools and he is almost as stubborn as Cameron and me. Paul jumped at the chance. The first thing he did was bring a submersible pump so we could bypass the windmill and put water in the holding tank. The well below the windmill tower had water in it even though the windmill wasn't working properly. This allowed us to fill the trough again after all the broken PVC pipe had been repaired. Once the trough had water, Paul started work on removing the bolt. After several attempts he finally succeeded and the new bolt and spring were installed along with some much needed oil.

It takes a pretty stiff breeze to get the windmill turning these days. Many of trees around the windmill have grown quite tall and block most of the wind, but it seems to work just fine if the wind comes from another direction.



It just goes to show you that sometimes the squeaky wheel does get the grease!

Photos by Sue Dekalb.

News from the Mounted Assistance Unit

By Chere Bargar

The mounted assistance unit (MAU) had its annual training the weekend of October 18-19 at Coit Camp. This year, in our endeavor to continue being as useful as possible to the park staff and the public, we held a mock search to practice the skills needed to aid in finding someone who is lost.

MAU volunteer Colleen Combes is also a member of Mounted Search and Rescue, which is affiliated with the San Mateo County Sheriff's Department. Two other long-time members of that group, Rob Krensky and Carole Bridgeman, graciously offered to help. Before setting off on the search, we learned about search procedures, which types of people get lost—hiker in good shape versus someone who is autistic, has dementia, or is suicidal. The Basic Incident Command System, which is an organizational structure that makes it easier for people in different agencies to communicate and work together, was discussed. We learned about using a GPS device to relay coordinates of clues found to the base command center, went over protocol when using the radio, what we need to carry with us, and the different types of searches.



Radio communication to Coit command.
Photo by Sue Dekalb.



The crime scene scenario.
Photo by Sue Dekalb.

We had a briefing on the “lost” person we were looking for. After getting maps and descriptions, two teams set out on different loops. Clues had been put out the previous day. Everyone got to practice using the radio and reading the GPS coordinates back to base command as well as looking for clues.

After returning to camp, we held a debriefing then headed over to where a “crime scene” had been set up. We learned the proper way to approach, how not to mess up the scene, and what kinds of things to look for. All went well despite Paul Liebenberg’s good intentions when he picked up some of the clues he thought were litter.

Last but not least, we welcomed two new volunteers into the MAU, Kathy McBride and Adam Escoto. Camping in this great park, good company, riding our horses, great food (our potlucks are second to none), perfect weather, AND getting to learn something, makes for a very successful weekend.

Breakfast!
Photo by Sue Dekalb.



News from the Board of the Pine Ridge Association

By Ron Erskine

The Pine Ridge Association board of directors met on September 9, 2014 in the meeting room of the Gilroy Library.

Treasurer Cynthia Leeder reported that through September 8, 2014 the PRA has a total income of \$67,343, total cost of goods and expenses of \$66,416.21 for a net income of \$926.50.

The board discussed the current provider of merchant services (credit card handling, etc.) and the possibility of changing providers. It appears there are lower cost alternatives. Cynthia Leeder will investigate and report at the next board meeting.

The Pine Ridge Association's new standard agreement with California Department of Parks and Recreation has been executed by the state and is in place for the next five years, until August 31, 2019.

Thanks to board member Peter Coe Verbica, the board has obtained liability insurance through the Nonprofits Insurance Alliance Group of California at approximately one-third the cost of the coverage we have had in years past. That coverage is now in place.

Volunteer Michael Hundt had developed a proposal to do community outreach to raise awareness of Coe Park largely by having an information table at various community events. The board offered help and support for Michael's efforts in any way he might request.

The board proposes to amend the PRA by-laws to allow votes and decisions outside regular board meetings to be voted on via email rather than by mail only, and to raise the dollar amount of financial transactions not approved by the board. The board will bring these amendments to the membership at the annual meeting in February 2015.

The next PRA board meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Wednesday November 5, 2014 in the meeting room of the Gilroy Library. PRA members are invited to attend.

PRA New Members

We are pleased to welcome the new members listed below. Thank you for your support.

We need your help to keep our membership list current and accurate. If you have any questions regarding your membership or to let us know of any change of address, please contact us. If you have chosen to receive *The Ponderosa* electronically and, for some reason, it is undeliverable, we will send the next issue via USPS.

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Park Events and Information

Mark your calendars—important dates and other announcements

Also visit www.coepark.net for more information about all activities.

Thanksgiving Potluck

Saturday, November 29, 2014. Thanksgiving potluck for all friends of Coe Park, 3.30pm at the white barn near the visitor center for appetizers, then turkey and many other delicious contributions served starting at 4.00pm. For more information and to sign up with a food delight, contact Rosemary and Bruce Rideout at 408-847-5729 or rideout@garlic.com or Sue Dekalb at sue.dekalb@verizon.net.

PRA Annual Meeting

Be sure to save Saturday, February 7, 2015, for the annual meeting of the Pine Ridge Association. The meeting will be held at the Morgan Hill Community Center, located at the corner of Monterey Road and East Dunne Avenue. Plenty of parking is available behind the building. Coffee and bagels will be served starting at 8:15 a.m. The official PRA meeting will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m., followed by the graduation of new volunteers and presentation of awards by the volunteer committee and state staff. The guest speaker will be Marty Buxton, Curator Emeritus and Bat Species Manager with the Lindsay Wildlife Museum, Walnut Creek. Her talk on bats is a most appropriate topic, given that our new bat boxes have recently been installed in Hunting Hollow.

Trail Work Days

Meet at Hunting Hollow, 8.30am, on the following dates:

Saturday, January 17
Saturday, February 21
Saturday, March 21

For more information, please call Chere at 408-683-2247 or visit www.coepark.net.

Rain Coats and Rubber Boots

Saturday, March 7, 10.00am at the Hunting Hollow entrance, rain or shine. We'll hike down the creek, scavenger hunt, perhaps enjoy a boat race (toy boats furnished) or a duck race. Bring a picnic lunch. For more information, please call Chere at 408-683-2247 or Kitty at 408-842-6215, or visit www.coepark.net.

Wildflower Ride (bring your own horse)

Saturday, April 11, Hunting Hollow entrance, 10.00am. Contact Chere at 408-683-2247 or Kitty at 408-842-6215, or visit www.coepark.net.

Coe Backcountry Weekend

Friday, April 24 through Sunday April 26. Check the park website, www.coepark.net in early February.

Ranch Day

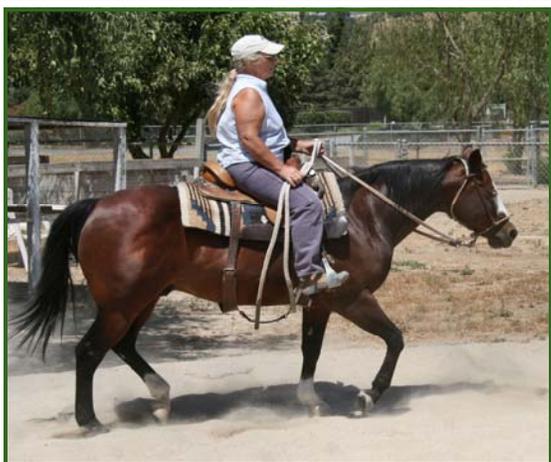
Saturday, May 16, 10:00am-3:00pm at Hunting Hollow. (Rain date June 6). For more information, please call Chere at 408-683-2247, or Kitty at 408-842-6215 or visit www.coepark.net.

Coe Campout for Equestrians and Hikers

Friday, May 29 through Sunday May 31 at Coit Camp. For more details visit www.coepark.net or call Chere 408-683-2247.

More Trail Work Days

Lend a hand every second Saturday at 9.00am for trail work. Venues will be posted on the Coe Park website, www.coepark.net.



News Flash!

Sue Dekalb, a Coe Park volunteer who wears many hats, has another feather to add to one of those hats. She and one of her horses, Docs Solid Impression, better known as Doc, have completed 10,000 hours of riding time. This milestone earned them a gorgeous silver belt buckle from the American Paint Horse Association's Ride America program. Only four other teams have accomplished this goal in the program's 20 year history. Most of Sue's hours were ridden in Coe Park. Being on her horse has allowed Sue to get very close to lots of creatures and take many remarkable photos.

Congratulations, Sue and Doc!

Photo by Ted Tawshunsky

Time to Run for the PRA Board

The Pine Ridge Association (PRA) will hold its annual election for the board directors in December. The terms of two directors expire at the end of this year. If you wish to run for the board, now is the time to prepare your candidacy statement and send it to Steve McHenry, 439 Chateau La Salle Drive, San Jose, CA 95111, or email a statement to him at stephen.l.mchenry@gmail.com.

One of the expiring positions is held by Peter Coe Verbica, who has indicated a desire to be re-elected to the board.

The other expiring position is held by Paul Liebenberg, who has said he will step down from the board to concentrate on trail work and other tasks for the PRA.

Any association member may run for the board. A member may also nominate another PRA member. To do this, send Steve a short statement explaining why you believe the person would be a good board member, and he will contact your nominee to ask the person to consider running.

The most important qualification for a board member is a willingness to attend board meetings and participate in carrying out tasks for the association. Meetings typically take place every other month on weeknights. The term of office is three years. If a board member is also a uniformed Coe Park volunteer, meetings and board-related activities count toward volunteer hours.

We use the special nonprofit bulk-rate mailing permit to send out materials. However, this means that some members might not receive their newsletters or other materials for a couple of weeks after they are mailed. So that the ballots can be distributed (and received by all members) in a timely fashion, it is important that all candidacy statements be postmarked on or before Friday, November 28. Please send your statements to Steve at the address above. (If you plan to nominate someone else, please do so at least two weeks earlier.) Your statement might be a few paragraphs and contain information such as how long you have been a PRA member, why you became interested in Coe Park, ways that you have served the park, other volunteer activities that have benefited the public, any special qualifications or experience you have, and specific plans you have for contributing to the park as a board member.

If you have any questions about what it would be like to be a board member, or if you would like additional guidance on putting together a candidacy statement, please call Steve McHenry at (408) 286-8858.

Nominations Sought for the Volunteer of the Year Annual Award

Each year at the PRA annual meeting held in February an award is presented to an individual (or individuals) whose efforts have preserved and enriched Henry W. Coe State Park. It is not necessary that the recipient be a member of the Pine Ridge Association or be a uniformed volunteer in the park. The recipient receives an engraved plaque, and their name is added to the large plaque that is displayed at the visitor center.

Two unofficial sets of criteria have been used to guide the selection process:

Leadership: scope, motivation, and initiative

Involvement: scope, altruism, and time contribution

Asset growth: recruiting, fundraising, and contributions

Ideas/projects: creative, innovative, follow-through with personal implementation

Performance: past, sustained, future expectations

Measurable accomplishments: visible results

Has had a beneficial effect on the park's resources and activities

Has sought responsibility and has acted as a leader

Has leveraged efforts by organizing the activities of others

We are asking PRA members to supply nominations for this award by the end of November. If there is someone you would like to nominate, please write a short paragraph of reasons why that person should be considered and send it to the PRA President, Diana Goodwin, 8305 Fairview Road, Hollister, CA 95023 or email at diana@diacomm.com. A committee of the PRA board of directors will collect additional information about the activities of your nominee and will make a selection.



News from Friends of Gilroy Hot Springs

By Laura Dominguez-Yon

Have you ordered your copy of "A Hundred Years of Gilroy Hot Springs"? There were 10 copies for sale at visitor center on October 25th. These copies benefit the Gilroy Yamato Hot Springs (GYHS) restoration efforts. We have a few more copies available through GYHS guided tours until the supply runs out. Those who join at the \$45 (individual) or \$60 (family) level get an autographed copy. So, of the 100 copies we pre-ordered, we have fewer than 20 left! The book is available elsewhere but those copies don't benefit GYHS restoration. Did you know that PRA memberships need to be renewed each year? When you renew via GYHS, you could get a free autographed copy of the book (limited to the \$45 and \$60 membership/donation levels). Download the order form at: <http://GilroyYamatoHotSprings.org/book>.

If you haven't visited us lately, come on out! You'll be pleased to see the improvements. Guided tours are currently scheduled for the second and fourth Saturdays of each month; RSVP to confirm your place. We're training more docents and hope to be able to offer more opportunities for tours.

October 18th was the most well attended and satisfying event at GYHS. In addition to the 60+ visitors and 24 volunteers, 62 people took the guided tours and 14 bought the book (see above). Thirteen people took home their free autographed copy because they joined! We raised over \$1,500 with about \$300 in expenses. Almost all the equipment and supplies used for this event were donated or borrowed.

Volunteers for the event included:

Seven uniformed PRA volunteers: Mark Deger, Buddy Schwabe, Olga Eames, David Cartwright, Don Holmes, Dan Healy, Dean Yon

Four active GYHS volunteers: J.J. Sasaki, Dave Godkin, Karen Pogue, Laura Dominguez-Yon

Six special event GYHS volunteers: Annie Bradford, Bill Eddleman, Joyce Amador, Miriam Taba, Stephanie Lee, Henry Kato

Two new volunteers: Pua Johnson and Michael Brookman (co-author of the GYHS book)

Six musicians/singers: Paul Goss, Andy Been, Rudi Groppe, Bill Jones, Andrew Been, Elliott Kane

Five Department of Parks and Recreation staff supported the event: Matt Bischoff, Ranger John Verhoeven, Ranger Jen Naber, Ranger Cameron Bowers, and Pat Clark-Gray

Nine guided tours throughout the day were led by Matt Bischoff, Karen Pough, Mark Deger, and Dean Yon

Thank you all!

Restoration work has begun on the Texas cabin. When it is finished, it will provide three rentable units. Whoo hoo! Now, who wants to sign up as camp host?

We thank our donors for resources that allow us to hold public events for Gilroy Yamato Hot Springs:

Popup canopies: California State Parks Foundation

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Lily Kawafuchi, Henry K. Kato family

Musicians and singers: Tarantula Jug Band, Michael Gaither, Janet Thompson, The Mighty Avalanche
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Please send submissions and ideas to the editor at: PRAnewsletter@wildblue.net.

Deadline for the next issue: January 31, 2015

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