

Autumn
2017



Stonewall Sentinel

Calendar of Events

CRSPIA Board Meetings at 6:30 pm in
the Visitor Center
Sept 6th
Oct 4th
Nov 1st
Dec 6th

Check the website for events at:
<http://www.crspia.org/events.php>

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CRSPIA Board

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CRSPIA: Cuyamaca Rancho State Park Interpretive Association

The mission of CRSPIA is to support California State Parks, including Cuyamaca Rancho State Park by providing educational and interpretive activities as well as funding exhibits, building improvements, trails and our volunteers who patrol the trails to enhance the experience of our visitors.



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President's Message

While watching the changes autumn brings to our State Park, I took a moment to think about the impactful changes which CRSPIA has helped to bring about. Hopefully, you were able to be a part of our programs, events, projects, and celebrations these last few months. It is truly remarkable how the "team" approach accomplished so much, starting with the CSPF's Park Champions who finished the thatching of the 'ewaa with the help of the IAU and the TMU, to the Trails Maintenance Unit keeping up with downed trees and clearing trails. Our store volunteers kept the shelves filled with interesting things and met our visitors with knowledgeable answers and great smiles. The Interpreters provided hikes, programs, and manned our kiosks, all the while taking pictures for submittal to the Park's Weekly Digest and adding Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook accounts. Our very own Secretary and Publisher of the Trails and Tales Volunteer Newsletter kept us informed and up to date on the happenings of our park with amazing pictures from Michele Hernandez and Carmen Aurrecochea. CRSPIA hosted a "Gathering" for the communities around us to hear what plans we have to rebuild the Dyar House and to network with each other to improve relations and bring visitors to our areas.

CRSPIA will assist, support, and volunteer all of our upcoming events. Mark your calendars and come to one or all!

September 8th -10th TMU- Friends & Family Campout and work party at Palomar.
RSVP to nebulae3sma@hotmail.com

September 16th Park Champions Work Party! RSVP to <http://www.calparks.org/help/park-champions/>

September 23rd from 5 pm -7pm CRSPIA's Harvest Hoedown Beer & Brats at the Visitor's Center. Great BBQ and live music- who could ask for more? RSVP to president@CRSPIA.org

Oct 6th -8th -The 27th Annual MBAU Poker Ride- If you are not riding, come volunteer!
RSVP to jamesfmurren6@yahoo.com

Oct. 27th, 28th, & 29th - TMU & friends campout at Paso group camp RSVP to nebulae3sma@hotmail.com

Our focus, as always, is to create ways for you to engage and support our park. There was something to do or be a part of every weekend of the summer.



Cuyamaca Rancho State Park Interpreters are funded by CRSPIA

For the past three years the Board of Directors of Cuyamaca Rancho State Park Interpretive Association (CRSPIA) has unanimously supported funding the Park Interpretive Specialist position. The Park interpretive Specialist position within California State Parks is primarily responsible for the interpretation and education of the park's resources to the members of the visiting public. This year, like last, CRSPIA is funding not one, but two Interpreter positions. These positions are critical to fulfilling state park's mission by helping people recognize why it's important to preserve and protect parks, and by providing visitors more opportunities to interact with the environment in meaningful ways. Thank you CRSPIA for your continued support and dedication!



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**HISTORICAL NAMES AND PLACE NAMES OF
CUYAMACA AND SAN DIEGO COUNTY
BY DAVE HERNANDEZ**

Hi all you Cuyamaca Volunteers, Visitors, and Supporters. Here is an explanation of some place names of Cuyamaca, and some other name-related tidbits I felt like including. For more information you might want to read a book such as "San Diego County Place Names from A to Z" by Leland Fetzer.

First, the park name, Cuyamaca. Like lots of words in San Diego it is a roughly phonetic approximation in Spanish of how to say a word in Kumeyaay (From here on I will use the shorter version of Kumeyaay, which is Kumei). The word that Cuyamaca is approximating has been stated as, "ah-Kwee-ah-mak". The two Kumei base words are "ekwii & Emak and they roughly translate as clouds and behind. This makes it the place beyond (behind) the clouds.



The features named Dyar are named for Ralph and Helen Dyar, who are the last private owners of the Cuyamaca Rancho before it was sold to the State in 1933. They sold it for \$125K, a 50% discount from the previously appraised value, a generous thing to do for our future generations. It had been a vacation ranch for them, not their full time home.

Harper Creek is named for the Harper family. Akim Eli Harper and his two sons Julius and Amby were listed as farmers on the 1870 census. They were early settlers of Rattlesnake Canyon which is to the East of CRSP. They also tried to establish a cattle ranch in the Pinyon Mountain area of what is now ABDSP, and are mentioned in Lester Reed's book of old time cattlemen of Borrego.

I am not aware of a current physical feature named Waterman, nor one named Lassator or Mulkins. However all three were prominent in CRSP's past. James Ruler Lassator settled in Green Valley in 1857. He moved up from Vallecito, where he ran a stage station. He lived in Green Valley with his son James Ruler Lassator Jr, his wife Sarah Mulkins Lassator, and her 3 children. One child was John Mulkins who inherited the Green Valley house when James Ruler Lassator was murdered in Arizona in 1863. Some of the stones from that house were used to build the Dyar house.

Robert W. Waterman was one of the owners of the Stonewall mine. He was the last to make a real go of it, using money from his Silver Mine near Barstow and the knowledge of his son Waldo who was a college educated engineer. He owned it from 1886 to 1891 and pulled about \$1M out of it at about 20 dollars an ounce. He had been elected the Lt. Governor in 1886 and ascended to be the Governor in 1887 when the elected Governor died. Robert Waterman died of pneumonia in 1891.

Kelly's Ditch is named for James Kelly ,a rancher, who owned the land it was built on. Made in 1894 to divert water to the lake, it washed out that same year.

The Minshall trail is named for Margaret (Marti or Mardi) Minshall who owned a ranch near the junction of Stonewall mine road and the road to Los Caballos. She was a parks supporter who donated that ranch to CRSP, and Oak Oasis to the county park system.

Airplane Monument honors the memory of two pilots, Lieutenant Webber and Colonel Marshall who crashed there in 1922 while trying to fly to Arizona and establish a southern air route across America. The crash and search were big news and an all-out effort was made, but the bodies were not found until May of 1923.

The Rancho was first deeded when it was awarded to Don Augustin Olvera by Pio Pico. From then on, it has been deeded as an entity under the laws of "Western Civilization". However for thousands of years it was part of the Kumei Nations and many of the names you see on maps are of Kumei origin. Watch this publication for an article on those names in the future.

CRSPIA Presents the Harvest Hoedown

Featuring the Pony Tales

with beer* and brats

For an evening at the Dyar House

On September 23rd from 5pm -7pm

RSVP president@crspia.org

By September 20th

*Must be 21 or older



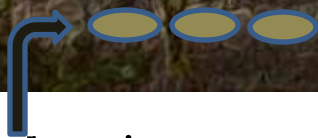
REASONS TO ENJOY CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK



Introducing the Dyar House Donors' Page

Join the movement one stone at a time

Check back as we fill up the stones on the Dyar ruins with names of our donors.



Your name here!

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	Individual	Family
Annual	\$30.00	\$40.00
Supporting	\$75.00	\$100.00
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