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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Vacant Offices Seeking
Your Commitment
&
The Camp Paradise Raffle**

By C.J. Quitariano



Hello Fellow Rock Hounds!

This month has flown by. Is it just me, or does it seem to you, as well, that this summer is going to be over before we know it?

As you all know, we lost Chuck McKee last month. Chuck was a truly great asset to our organization, and a real nice guy, too. I know that we can in no way replace him, but we do need to fill his chair.

These are going to be some really big shoes to fill. We need someone who has safety on the brain, so if you know one of those types of people in your local society, or if you are one of those people, we need you! Please come forward to volunteer yourself or with a suggestion of a person you think would do well in this job.

We also need someone to fill the position of Public Lands Advisory Committee (PLAC) - South. So if you or someone you know may have an interest in attending BLM meetings and the like, and you live in the southern part of the state, then please let me know and I'll put you to work!

Finally, don't forget to order your tickets for Paradise! They're going fast, and you need to get your club entered in the second drawing.

Take care and see you soon in Visalia,

- CJ

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2009 CFMS Calendar through December

Oct. 7 - deadline to send Officer & Chairmen's reports to Pat LaRue for Visalia Directors' Meeting

Oct. 23 - cut-off date to secure CFMS room rate at Visalia Holiday Inn for Fall Directors' Meeting

Oct. 31 - deadline to make Visalia banquet reservations via Pat LaRue

Oct. 31 – deadline for free spaces at Camp Paradise lottery entries; send entries to Ray Quitoriano

Nov. 6 - 7:30 PM, Visalia Cracker Barrel

Nov. 7 - Fall Directors' Meeting, Holiday Inn, Visalia

Nov. 8 - New Officer & Committee Chair meeting; time tbd.

Nov. 15 - no cancellations/refunds for Zzyzx as of this date, unless a replacement is provided.

Nov. 15-22 - Earth Science Studies at Zzyzx

**\$5 CAMP PARADISE RAFFLE TICKET
(or get 5 tickets for \$20!)**

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Club Name:

Send to: Ray Quitoriano, 7968 Elder Ave., Rosamond, CA 93560. Checks payable to "CFMS Endowment Fund."

FROM YOUR EDITOR

Best Wishes, Dick & Betty!

While preparing the newsletter, I received word from John Martin that Dick and Betty Pankey were involved in a wreck less than two hours from their home while en route to the AFMS Show. The accident damaged their truck and destroyed their trailer. They obviously did not continue on to take part in the AFMS meetings. Thank goodness they and their dogs are reported to be okay. Though obviously rattled, they remain indomitable, with plans already in the works to repair the truck and purchase a new trailer. Dick and Betty: We're glad you are safe and sound and we look forward to seeing you in Visalia. Everyone: Be safe out there!

- Jim & John



CFMS BUSINESS NEWS
Fall Meeting & Newsletter

By Pat LaRue

Fall Business Meeting Reminders

The annual Fall Business meeting and election of 2010 Officers will be held **November 6-8, 2009** at the Holiday Inn Plaza Park, off Hwy 198 in Visalia, CA. For those who have not been to this location in the past, take Hwy 198 exit east from Hwy 99. You will see the hotel located just south of the first off ramp past the airport. **MAKE A NOTE THAT THIS IS THE FIRST FULL WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER!** The second weekend conflicts with the beginning of Zyzxx and many of our attendees would be forced to choose between the Directors Meeting and Zyzxx. Moving our date was the prudent thing to do. This was the only date offered to Marion and it was a matter of take it or leave it.

Room reservations at the Holiday Inn can be made by phone at **(559) 651-5000**. To receive the special CFMS rate of \$89 per night, tell them you are with CFMS. This rate is not available on the Internet. Cut-off date for this price is **October 23**. The first night's deposit or guarantee by credit card must accompany your reservation.

An informal **Cracker Barrel** will be held **Friday** evening at **7:30 p.m.** As in the past, the Holiday Inn policy forbids our bringing snack foods to any of the meetings. The **Business Meeting** will be called to order on Saturday, **November 7, at 9 a.m.** President-elect Fred Ott will have a brief meeting of his 2010 committee chairpersons on Sunday a.m., time to be announced.

Banquet Menu: Miner 49er Barbecue Dinner
Mixed Green Salad with Assorted Dressings & Vinaigrettes; Country Cole Slaw with a Cracked Pepper Sweet Vinaigrette; Country Style Ribs with Home Style Barbecue Sauce; Grilled Honey Glazed Chicken Breasts & Natural Jus; Spicy BBQ Shoulder Tender; Country Baked Beans; Corn on the Cob and Chili con Carne; Cornbread with Honey Butter; Dessert; Coffee and iced tea service; price, **\$36** (includes tax & gratuity).

Make banquet reservations by October 31, 2009. Mail your check payable to CFMS to:

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Newsletter & New Postal Service Rules

You've no doubt noticed that your CFMS Newsletter arrived lacking a staple. Allow me to explain. When I went to the post office to drop off the August newsletter, I had a very unpleasant surprise. The Postal Service now forbids use of staples in any mail pieces qualifying for the machineable bulk rate. The non-machineable rates are 4X what we currently pay! So I now have two ways to deal with the newsletter. The least labor intensive, as well as least expensive, is to mail it without a staple and secure it in four places with tape. The recipients can supply their own staple. The other is mail it in an envelop and hand-stamp the ancillary move-up statement (return service requested), return address and permit imprint. Envelops would cost about \$50 a month. For now, I will try the "no staple" method and secure it with four tabs. ***This new rule also affects any of our local clubs that uses a non-profit bulk mail permit for mailing newsletters, so newsletter editors doing so, check with your post office branch.***

- Pat



ALL AMERICAN REPORT
Preparing Your Entry for 2010

By Dot Beachler

As promised last month, to help you move step-by-step through the process as you prepare for the 2010 competition, here is **Section 2 of the All American form**. This section deals mainly with service: service to members and service to guests. Consider the following:

- How does your club operate? How many general meetings and how many board meetings? What is your attendance?
- List your club's officers and committee chairmen.
- A list of your club's programs could show how diversified you are for your club members. Did your members and guests pan for gold or listen to an instructor

