Editor's note: The Yosemite Association is proud to announce that it has just published a biography of Carl Sharsmith entitled *Mountain Sage* and authored by Elizabeth O'Neill. The following is an excerpt from the book which tells the life story of one of Yosemite's most beloved and respected naturalists.

Summer, 1985, in Tuolumne Meadows. And Carl is in his tent, the same tent he has been occupying every summer for years on end.

God knows, it isn't much of a tent. On the table, a red oilcloth and a small reading light with flexible neck and metal shade. A stack of books supports an open volume he has been reading—maybe poetry, maybe geology.

There are a sink, refrigerator, wood stove and woodpile, a few pans hanging on nails. Unpainted shelves hold his scanty larder: canned soup and beans, bags of potatoes and onions, plastic jars of flour, sugar, coffee, a can of tobacco, a sack of homemade soap. His easy chair, a recycled frame with worn plastic-covered cushions.

In the back room stand two iron cots with bare mattresses, a few boxes, a bar across one corner for hanging clothes, an unfinished pine dresser with brush and comb on top. The brush belonged to his mother. On his bed a sleeping bag is laid open for airing. And thereby hangs a tale.

This year, driven to it by sternest necessity, he has a new sleeping bag. He patched and mended the old one religiously for thirty years and, when he could mend no more, he bought a new one for thirty dollars in an army surplus store. He has neatly stitched in a sheet liner, then a second layer under the head, and made an invisible patch over a blemish by the zipper. The feathers from the old bag were retrieved for pillows.

No, it's not much of a tent, but it's Sharsmith's tent, and in it he holds his rustic salon. He has shrunken a little now and is slightly stooped. His parchment face is pinched into a long nose and pointed chin, and surmounted by ungreyed brown hair chopped short in a self-administered crewcut. He wears much-mended ranger pants, a voluminous grey wool shirt, and tennis shoes with leather patches. In his oversize, capable hands, an old pipe.

And because it's Sharsmith's tent, it becomes a crossroads. Hundreds pass through in a season, thousands in a decade. Any casual visitor is dazzled by the variety, and soon joins the multitude for coffee and talk.

One evening Nelson Nies, a healthy white-haired old Trailfin-
der, arrives with his wife, all agog to tell Carl about a recent trip to Patagonia, "but there weren't any pine trees."

Carl is mildly indignant: "Of course there weren't any pine trees! They hardly appear in the southern hemisphere. Why, the farthest south they go is Borneo."

Tim Palmer, river-runner, backpacker on the Pacific Crest Trail, and devoted biographer of America's wild rivers, finds his way to the tent to talk about the Sierra, and spends a long evening, blond head bent over his notes as he listens to Carl and learns about his mountains.

It is growing late, and a knock is heard at the open door. "Come in!" Carl calls, then starts up to greet a burly young man. "Why, Sweet Pea, where have you been for so long?"

Sweet Pea, a tough horse-packer, is one more of Carl's friends. They talk late into the night about his adventures, his photography, and the flowers and trees that Sweet Pea loves. About horses, too, and the panther with the six foot tail he saw near Wawona, the glaciers of Alaska, the old days in the meadows, the Wind River Range in Wyoming, the Grand Canyon, the wide and wonderful world. Carl's eyes sparkle. He listens and responds like an eager kid.

Dee, who knew Carl when she was a child, has stayed in his tent for several days. Now with grown children of her own, she has hiked the Muir Trail seven times in seven summers with one Sierra Club cup, a few heat tabs, and no tent. If it rains she rolls up her sleeping bag and sits hunched under a plastic trashbag for the night. On a cloudy morning Dee leaves to walk twenty-two miles down to Yosemite Valley. Afterwards Carl discovers some figbars on the shelf. "I wanted to cook her breakfast, but she wouldn't let me. I only had stuffed these cookies in her pocket."

In fact, Carl never lacks for female companionship. The women who visit him are the independent ones. "The girls nowadays are worth twice what the boys are," he asserts. "They've got more gumption, more get-up-and-go." Young women rangers come by to borrow his hat for a skit or check out a flower or a point of Yosemite history. A willowy girl in flowered skirt and soft voice appears. Carl embraces her fondly and asks her name. "You won't remember me," she explains, "but I'm Barbara. I was on a walk with you, and you said if I had a question I could come see you at your tent."

"I'm so glad you've come," says Carl simply. Barbara stays for an hour talking about flowers and Shakespeare. Then he takes her for a walk in the meadow to look at the golden sedge, "which I never saw here before this year, and suddenly it's everywhere!"

Walter and Nan St. Goar, Carl's doctor friends from Harvard, stop to pass the time of day. Walter likes to fish, and Nan is keen on botany. Shortly afterwards Fiona from his Alaska days, now a Harvard medical student, breezes in from a backpack with a friend, and they make French toast and everyone talks at once. Now Ann and Cathy appear, tired but exultant from climbing Mount Lyell. They are faithful followers and frequent tent-visitants. At the end of each season when the staff at the meadows leaves, Carl and Ann take a little trip, usually east of the Sierra to look at the Great Basin flowers. He urges Ann to drive up narrow roads into the Inyo Mountains, or lickety-split across Nevada, and when night comes they make camp among the scented pinyon pines and junipers under the stars. One evening when it clouded over and a few drops came down, Carl laughed. "It's nothing to worry about, Ann," he murmured as they dropped off to sleep in their sleeping bags. "It's a dry rain."

Ann remembers the day Carl invited her for "a bowl of good soup," in the tent. He bustled around chopping onions and potatoes and pouring meat stock he'd saved in a jar. Soon it was done, and smelled delicious. Ann took a big spoonful. "That's funny," she thought, and pulled something hard and sharp out of her mouth. It was a nail. She slid it under the bowl and tried again. Two nails this time.

"Carl," she ventured, "there are nails in this soup."

"Really?" He dipped up a spoonful and saw it was full of nails. He puzzled a moment and then began to laugh. He giggled,
He gives himself to people with the quiet steady glow of an unquenchable flame. Others may be preoccupied, self-absorbed, careless of those around them, but Carl is open, he is there when they need him.

he chortled; he howled until he had to wipe his eyes. “You see, Ann,” he finally explained, “I had this left-over ham stock, and I poured it into a bottle I had on the shelf. Only,” he had to laugh again, “the bottle was full of nails!”

A blue-eyed Cherokee woman has gone on several of Carl’s Tuolumne walks. Awe and warmed by the wisdom of “The Grandfather,” she gives a pipe ceremony one afternoon in his honor. Sitting among the boulders below his cabin she talks about the symbolism of the pipe, its handmade scapstone bowl, and the eagle feathers that adorn it. She stuffs it with sweet herbs, holds it up to the four cardinal directions, to the heavens and toward the earth, and says a prayer for each direction. Then she lights the pipe and passes it around the circle of friends who have gathered. Each one takes a puff and makes a silent prayer. Afterwards she talks about The Grandfather and his place in the cosmos, and gives him the eagle feathers from the pipe and some minerals in token of the ceremony. Carl thanks her with simple Indian dignity and grace.

Peter (who will spend the following summer with Carl in Switzerland), a Swiss landscape architecture student and volunteer park naturalist for the summer, produces a Cryptantha to be identified. A geologist brings his latest paper on glaciation. An archeologist shows an unusual obsidian point. Rangers Sarah and Ken have a new baby. Carl must see—perhaps in the covert hope that he will lay upon it his wordless Blessing. An official from the National Park Service asks his opinion about the preservation of the meadows. Art from the Merced Canyon Committee talks of the fate of the Merced River. A friendly nurse takes his pulse. An admiring photographer takes his picture. Susie gives a French horn concert.

And there are the food offerings, which arrive at Carl’s tent as regularly as if he were a yellow-robed monk with a begging bowl. His food budget, already modest by habit, is minuscule because of the largesse poured upon him. Toni brings breakfast. Toby and Nobi come laden with German beer and thick steaks to cook on his old wood stove. A mysterious stranger comes bearing a five pound box of bacon-ends, one of Carl’s delicacies, from Bishop. A cake or a pie materializes out of thin air, melons and peaches from the San Joaquin Valley are heaped on his refrigerator alongside a brace of trout and a loaf of homemade bread. People feed Carl, not because he is starving, but because they want to give back something for all he has given to them. And then, as Benjamin Franklin said of old mistresses, he appreciates it so much.

Thus is life in Sharsmith’s tent—an ordinary ranger’s tent with an extraordinary inhabitant. And in the great parade, the franksense and myth of friendship offered and received, Carl’s gift becomes evident. He gives himself to people with the quiet steady glow of an unquenchable flame. Others may be preoccupied, self-absorbed, careless of those around them, but Carl is open, he is there when they need him. Each question posed is pondered and answered with all his attention. Each anecdote is related as though for the first time.

Carl moves easily among human moods. A joke brings a deep prolonged belly-laugh. A sad tale can evoke a tear. He is outraged by callousness or stupidity. He is playful. On a walk among spring green horsetails he takes a handful, cuts them into different lengths, and blows a tune like the great god Pan himself. He is Christian and pagan; he is human. “Hath not a Jew eyes?” he quotes from Shakespeare, “hath not a Jew hands, organs, dimensions, senses, affections, passions? . . . If you prick us, do we not bleed? If you tickle us, do we not laugh?” And in that moment he is the anguished Shylock.

Yes, he knows the world is not all good. Yet, despite an occasional grumble against times that are out of joint, he is profoundly optimistic and forward-looking. He doesn’t think of death and decay, he thinks of spring and growth. He talks little of his own demise, and much of what he will do tomorrow or next year. He doesn’t look at the youth around him through a long tube like a remote astronomer, but rather he borrows youth’s eyes and sees each flower as though for the first time.

Where do his breadth and depth and timelessness come from? Mysteriously as mycorrhizal filaments in soil that burst into flamboyant fruiting and are said to make a forest possible, Carl has grown his personality, his tree of life, silently and richly. As a tree with spread branches, he stands with open hands giving nourishment and love to all who touch him.
The Forest Service View of Park Expansion

Editor's note: In response to a proposal by Congressman Rick Lehman to expand the boundaries of Yosemite National Park, the U.S. Forest Service issued the following memorandum to the public on October 21, 1988. Authored by Forest Supervisor James L. Boynton, the memo is reprinted in its entirety.

On January 6, 1987, Congressman Richard Lehman, 18th Congressional District, California, introduced HR361, an Omnibus California National Parks bill. One provision of this legislation contains "skeleton" language to consider expansion of Yosemite National Park.

The expansion of the Park would include National Forest System lands on the Sierra, Stanislaus, Inyo and Toiyabe National Forests. The proposal looks at doubling the size of Yosemite National Park.

HR361 proposes the transfer of 158,000 acres of Sierra National Forest System lands to the Park Service. If that transfer would occur, we can anticipate the following changes in management:

Recruitment Management
Hunting will no longer be allowed under National Park jurisdiction. The 77 Corral area provides some of the best remote deer hunting opportunities on the Sierra National Forest.

National Parks do not allow dogs in the backcountry. Currently, the Forest Service permits visitors to travel with their dogs.

No firearms are allowed in the National Park. National Forests allow individuals to have firearms.

Current special use permittees will lose their permits. The Yosemite Park and Curry Company has exclusive rights to all concessions (sic) in the National Park. The Sierra National Forest has 6 special use permittees that would lose their permits.

Wildlife and Resource Management
The National Park Service management philosophy with regards to cattle grazing is to look at the existing use and determine if it is compatible with other ongoing uses. If the Park Service determines that cattle grazing is not compatible, the existing cattle permittee, Jim McDougald, would lose a portion of his grazing allotment (Jackass Range Allotment). To eliminate this portion of his allotment would probably make the remaining area too small to manage as a single allotment. Cattle trespass into the Park would be a continual problem without a substantial amount of fence construction and maintenance.

The State of California would lose the authority to manage wildlife populations on the Federal lands administered by the Park.

The current Forest Service Spotted Owl Habitat Network would be reduced.

The management of the habitat of San Joaquin Deer Herd would be divided between two Federal agencies.

I hope this information helps you understand the differences in the management philosophies of the Park Service and the Forest Service and the different types of uses that are permitted.

If you have any questions on the Yosemite National Park expansion, or would like additional information on the management of the Sierra National Forest, please contact me or your local District Ranger.

James L. Boynton
Forest Supervisor
Sierra National Forest
Past and Future Uplift (Revised)

Jeffrey Schaffer

Editor's note: During 1987, Mr. Schaffer authored a three-article series on Sierra Nevada uplift which appeared in this journal. His conclusions were somewhat controversial and prompted letters from geologists at the U.S. Geological Survey.

During my first semester back at UC Berkeley (I'm working toward a PhD in Physical Geography), I did some individual research on Sierra Nevada uplift, reading about 100 papers. While scrutinizing Lindgren's "classic" 1911 paper, I discovered a piece of evidence that scuttled my basic hypothesis on Sierra Nevada uplift.

It only takes one hard piece of evidence to destroy the most impossibly argued hypothesis. In the southern Sierra, around the headwaters of Onion Valley Creek, there are Eocene non-marine sediments in the Savoite Flat gold district. These are part of the north fork of the Tertiary Yuba River. Today they range just above and below the 6000-foot elevation. Since these were very likely deposited near sea level, then in this locale there must have been close to 6000 feet of uplift.

My model indicates only about 500 feet of uplift, and that this uplift occurred only during the last one million years. In my model, I attributed the discrepancy between my figures and those of other workers to the erosion of the plate margin, since my model gives net uplift after erosion, while others give total uplift before erosion. But surely there wasn't about 3500 feet of erosion during this relatively short time?

From this I must conclude that my basic premise--no significant Sierran uplift until the Juan de Fuca plate has passed north of the area--is untenable. Huber's, Lindgren's, Matthes' work--which all suggest substantial uplift before the passage of the plate margin--appear to be valid conclusions. Still, Huber, Matthes, and Slemmons et al all didn't begin until about 10 million years ago.

In retrospect, if I had read more on Cascade Range tectonics, I wouldn't have eagerly accepted the idea that the Juan de Fuca plate's subduction beneath the Sierra Nevada was reliably uniform through time and space, as it superficially appears to be in the Oregon Cascades. The tectonics involved to cause the uplift of the Sierra Nevada may be as complex as those now operating in Washington. Therefore, I cannot say when Sierran uplift began nor when it will end.

How does all this affect the three articles I wrote for the Yosemite Association? Well, the model could never predict past or future uplift to the nearest foot, as the article reads, and now I can be no more specific than Huber and others: uplift appears to have been going on at a faster rate in the last few million years than it was 10-80 million years ago. The Yosemite landscape will continue to rise, but when the rate will begin to slacken (if it hasn't begun already) is anyone's guess. The same goes for when the range will top out. My model assumed it had done so along the Sequoia National Park crest, but perhaps Mount Whitney and other 14,000' peaks are still rising. So, in Yosemite, the land will likely continue to rise, future glaciations are likely to occur, and the canyons will certainly deepen. My specifics are wrong, but the general evolution of the landscape appears to be acceptable.

The Fate of the Master Plan

The National Park Service recently announced that a major re-examination of the 1980 Yosemite General Management Plan (GMP) is being undertaken to study all of the problems that will affect the future of Yosemite National Park. Such a review was prompted by a feeling on the part of some NPS officials that certain objectives of the plan are unrealistic or unattainable given present financial levels and changed circumstances.

Notice of this study came on the heels of the recent controversy surrounding the proposal to build new housing facilities at Yosemite Lodge so that a total of 452 employees of the Yosemite Park & Curry Co. could be accommodated there. Supporters of the idea argued that to build the housing in El Portal (as called for in the GMP) was not feasible given the perceived paucity of buildable land in that community. They also suggested that building the dormitories outside Yosemite Valley would result in increased air pollution and traffic congestion caused by the new commuters, and in inconvenience for the concessioner and its employees who work split shifts.

A number of observers opposed the housing development on the grounds that it violated the GMP as they read it. The plan calls for reducing employee housing and general development in Yosemite Valley. Reportedly, about 40 letters in opposition to the proposal were received by the NPS as part of the environmental review process.

As the controversy grew, the National Park Service made the decision to delay consideration of the Yosemite Lodge employee housing and to address it in the context of the broader GMP review. A Draft Yosemite General Management Plan Examination Report will be completed in May and then released for public comment. That document should give a strong indication of what the future holds for Yosemite and for its General Management Plan.
Yosemite Viewpoints

Save Bodie

The old frontier mining town of Bodie, the best known and most interesting ghost town in the American West, is threatened by a major gold mining proposal. Galactic Resources Ltd. of Vancouver, Canada is behind the effort. There are strong indications that they will develop an open pit mine and remove the entire ridge behind the town. The cyanide leaching process typically used would enable them to extract gold from some 25 million tons of low-grade ore. Friends of Bodie fear that this massive industrial enterprise will permanently destroy Bodie’s natural environment and ruin the hauntingly quiet, stark, and lonely setting of the state historic park.

Once a wild and woolly boom town of some 10,000 people, Bodie has survived fire, weather, and other threats for more than a century. Today it is protected in a state of arrested decay by the California Department of Parks and Recreation. But Bodie’s setting in a natural basin, high in the eastern Sierra, is an integral and important part of Bodie’s meaning to present and future generations. And even the old buildings within the town itself could be destroyed by the confusion, vandalism, constant truck traffic, and 24-hour-a-day blasting that are part of a major open pit mining operation.

A disturbing indication of Galactic’s environmental attitude is contained in an investment research report prepared by Kitcat, Aitken & Company for distribution to prospective investors in Galactic Resources Ltd. This report states that if a cyanide leach plant is not permitted by California, “Galactic has a contingency plan whereby ore could be transported by conveyor across the Nevada state line where the environmental lobby is not so strong.”

The Save Bodie committee of the California State Park Rangers Association needs your help. If you love the Sierra and its past, our history and heritage, let your feelings be known. If you want to help, write us and we will provide further information. Mobilize your organization through its newsletter. Write letters to the Governor, your local legislators, and the Mono County Board of Supervisors, who will be issuing the mining permits. (We’d like copies of our records, too.) Tell everyone you know of the threat to Bodie. Funds to carry on the fight are also needed. Please write Save Bodie! PO Box 28366, Sacramento, California 95828-0666.

People love Bodie, and working together, we can save it. Please help.

Donald Murphy
President, California State Park Rangers Assoc.

Donna Pozzi
Chair, Save Bodie! Committee

Our Typesize too Small!

You have many young members and maybe many “senior” members. Certainly there are more seniors traveling than any others. But—the tiny print the bulletin is now using discourages many from reading it with the result that they lose interest—and so you lose their support for your wonderful projects. Could you cut some of it shorter and use larger print—and increase your audience.

Barbara Montgomery
Calimese

Editor’s note: If any other members share this concern, please let us know. We certainly would like to know if small print is a big deal.

Why the Violation of the Sequoias?

We have been receiving Yosemite since we were in your beautiful park two years ago. Having never visited the west in the past we were most anxious to see California but especially Yosemite. We travelled from San Francisco down to the valley across the state of Yosemite. We were particularly impressed with the change of scenery. The scraggy hills surrounding San Francisco; through the vegetable basket and over the yellow-gold grasses before the entrance to Yosemite. Then suddenly, a few miles before El Portal, the landscape changed dramatically and a new world began. It was startling.

The purpose of this letter is our impression of the state of things in the Park itself. Even though we were most pleasantly surprised at the rest of the park, the area of real shock, if you will, was around the giant sequoias. We were aghast at the care around these tender trees even though they are so big. The flagrant violation of the areas immediate to the trees was of particular concern. We simply couldn’t understand why the park officials would allow so many cars over the root system/ecology and the trampling of so many feet day in and day out. It would appear to us (being novices) that we would regret our loss of integrity to this beautiful natural resource and that sometime in the future we would pay for our mistrustment of the trees.

Of course, we were among the people who paraded but still we think that the least all of us could do is to be so close to the bases of these trees.

Naturally, it was good to see that at last man is starting to think that there may be a day not too distant that he will regret the blundering into things he knows not too much about. With good care and with much thought nature will always tret (some pur intended) as we treat her.

Maybe we will have to prevent such mobility in the park and resort (God forbid) to tour buses or some-like manner so that everyone can enjoy this marvel. We are extremely glad that at last someone (what took them so long – we always knew) is starting to think of the consequences (shades of Yellowstone).

Thank you.

Donald and Betty Newton
Otney, MD
Annual reports tend to be trite and full of the usual glowing descriptions of impressive goals reached during the year. Such accounts are so universally exaggerated that it sometimes is difficult to distinguish the puffery from the substance.

Having made that observation I must now somehow express in credible terms that 1988 was the best year in the history of modern man for the Yosemite Association. We sold the most books, made the most money, and accomplished more than ever with our various programs. In so doing, we also benefitted Yosemite in bigger and better ways. We are pleased with what we achieved and satisfied with our contributions to the park.

As ever, our success depended on our thousands of members, donors, suppliers, volunteers, friends, neighbors and other affiliates. We express our deep thanks to each and every one of you. Please take the report that follows with a grain or two of salt (we too are given to hyperbole), but at the same time take pride in what you have helped us accomplish during the past year.

Steven P. Medley, President
Because no nominations for board candidacy were made at the annual members' meeting, the board nominees for the three seats to be filled were declared elected without a vote, as provided in the Association bylaws. Serving new six-year terms will be incumbents Tom Shephard, Ed Hardy and Dan Wolfus. Mr. Shephard, Chairman of the Board of the Yosemite Association for many years, is an attorney in private practice in Stockton. His contributions to the organization and his exemplary leadership have been invaluable.

Ed Hardy is President of the Yosemite Park & Curry Company, Yosemite's largest concessionaire. His knowledge of park operations and his willingness to work cooperatively with YA have greatly benefitted us. Dan Wolfus has been active with both the Association and the Yosemite Fund. The President of Hancock Savings & Loan in Los Angeles, he owns a home in Wawona and regularly visits the park.

1988 Park-to-Park Exchange Ranger, Felicity Savage, from Queensland, Australia, worked in Yosemite as part of the Yosemite Association grants program.

Yosemite Association membership held strong in 1988 with 4,604 active members in the following categories: Regular 3,084, Supporting 486, Contributing 316, Sustaining 102, Life 549, and Participating Life 65.

YA members had a great selection of activities to choose from this past year. In April, approximately 300 members arrived for the Annual Spring Open House and attended lively slide shows and talks on search and rescue, the backcountry, fire management, rock slides, and other behind the scenes activities.

Later in the year, the Thirteenth Annual Members' Meeting was held on a beautiful fall weekend in Wawona. Patricia Schifferle, Regional Director of the Wilderness Society, was the featured speaker, and Park Superintendent Jack Morehead led a wide-ranging question and answer period. Members also enjoyed walks and talks, a raffle, barbecue dinner and barn dance.

During the summer months, a dozen dedicated members staffed a new Museum Gallery and also an information booth in Yosemite Valley, where they answered visitor enquiries and signed up new members for the Association. Enthusiastic YA members also participated in two Work Trips last summer which tackled major cleanup projects parkwide. The cooperative program was sponsored by the Yosemite Association, the Yosemite Institute, the Yosemite Park & Curry Co, and the National Park Service.
Another healthy year was experienced by sales in 1988. For the first time in YAs history, gross sales exceeded $1 million. This represented an increase of 18% over last year's figures. This improvement was due in part to an enlargement of sales space at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, extended hours of operation, and increased coverage utilizing additional sales registers. A new inventory system for the smaller sales stations also improved efficiency.

The number of different publications and sales items offered to the public increased to 1,200, which included several new Association products and reprints. New notecards by William Neill and William Alsup were developed and proved to be popular with park visitors. Reprints included "Discovering Sierra Reptiles and Amphibians," "Yosemite Indians," "Sequoias of Yosemite National Park," and "Yosemite Wildflower Trails."

At the biennial meeting of the Conference of National Park Cooperating Associations, the Yosemite Association received two awards for excellence in publishing. The Yosemite Fun Book by Michael Ross received an honorable mention in the children's book category, while Stephen Lyman's "Uzumati" poster, co-published with the Greenwich Workshop, earned an honorable mention as a joint production.

In 1988, rangers on horseback patrolled throughout the park. In 1989, the horse patrol program is in danger due to inadequate funding.

Contributions

The Yosemite Association was the first cooperating association and was originally formed to accept a donation for the construction of the Yosemite Museum. Through the years we have been helping visitors enjoy their national park experiences through our contributions, services, publications, and programs. This year was no exception with contributions of $152,600 to N.P.S. and $22,970 to individual scientists and researchers. The 1988 donation figure combined with previous years' totals equals $1,494,073 spent in gifts to the National Park Service over the last 20 years.

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Grants Program

A formal Yosemite Association grants program was implemented during 1988 with a total of $22,970 committed to a variety of research projects. The five grants ranged in their topics from pollen analysis to white-tailed ptarmigan to the history of Ostrander Lake Ski Hut. The program is under the supervision of the National Park Service and will be expanded each year as the budget allows.

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| Grants payable                        | 10,985         |                  |           | 10,985          |
| Loan payable                          | 12,500         |                  |           | 12,500          |
| Accrued taxes                         | 5,273          |                  |           | 5,273           |
| Accrued payroll                       | 4,155          |                  |           | 4,155           |
| Vacation payable                      | 6,034          |                  |           | 6,034           |
| Deferred restricted gifts             |                | 106,550          |           | 106,550         |
| **Total Liabilities**                 | **64,156**     | **106,550**      |           | **170,706**     |

| Fund Balances                         |                |                  |           |                 |
| Invested in equipment                 |                |                  |           | 52,121          |
| Unappropriated                        | 431,868        |                  |           | 431,868         |
| **Total Fund Balances**               | **$431,868**   | **$52,121**      |           | **$483,989**    |

| Total Liabilities and Fund Balances   | $496,024       | $106,550         | $52,121   | $654,695        |

Total 1988 Donations to the NPS: $152,660
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Other Programs

Art Activity Center. Over 4,000 park visitors participated at the Art Activity Center in 1988, and each got a chance to work in oils, acrylics, watercolor, pen and ink, or some other medium. This program, which started eight years ago, continues to be acclaimed by all who stop by the center and become involved. The instructors seem to revel in their "working vacation" of teaching in beautiful Yosemite Valley. Thirty art teachers from all over California, Oregon, Colorado, and as far away as Virginia, spent one week each with an average class size of 25 participants. This program is co-sponsored with the Yosemite Park & Curry Co. and National Park Service.

Sierra Loop Trips. The greatest part of Yosemite is backcountry and the High Sierra loop trips cater to the visitor who wants a backcountry experience with some of the amenities of "home". The Yosemite Park & Curry Co. operates the high-country camps which provide bed and board, and the Association cooperates in providing trip leaders for groups of 20. Our instructors are seasonal or permanent interpreters, seminar instructors, and experts in biological fields, primarily from the local area. This year we ran 20 trips for 400 visitors.

Yosemite Theater Program.

For six years the Association has shown that Yosemite visitors are willing to pay a fee for quality evening interpretive programs. This year we offered two programs by Lee Stetson on John Muir, one film and climbing equipment demonstration by Peter Kern, one personally-narrated film by Bob Roney, and a sing-along program of original songs by Gail Lynn Pyle. Variety and quality seem to have meshed for a very successful program. 29,898 people attended this year.

The Yosemite Fund

Early in 1988, the Yosemite Fund, the fundraising arm of the Yosemite Association, was separated from its parent organization and subsumed by the newly created Yosemite Foundation. At the request of the National Park Service, all funds and other assets of the Yosemite Fund were transferred to the Foundation. All fundraising for general improvements at Yosemite became the responsibility of the Foundation at that time.

The newly created corporation opened its offices in San Francisco in March with Susan Singer acting as its first Executive Director. The Foundation and the Association will remain loosely affiliated and will work together for the betterment of Yosemite.

Over 3.3 million people visited Yosemite during 1988. The Association's varied programs were enjoyed by a large percentage of them.
Field Seminars

A dry summer with drought conditions did not deter the many seminar participants in 1988 who came to Yosemite to enjoy and learn about this unique area. Highlights for the year were several new classes. "Return of the Bighorn" featured a search for the rarely-seen sheep and was a great success due to the tireless energy and dedication of Les Chew and Peggy Moore.

Tom Koerber's new class about insects at Crane Flat allowed students to observe insects in their natural environment and to learn about the subtle ways in which they shape Yosemite's landscape.

John Winter's birding courses encompassed identification, distribution, behavior and breeding of Sierra birds. The classes crossed the crest of the Sierra in search of many of Yosemite's winged creatures and found a wealth of subjects to observe and identify.

Backpackers flocked to beginner through advanced backpack trips. Every life zone was walked through and investigated by students and their trip leaders. Hetch Hetchy, Virginia Lakes, Glen Aulin, Yosemite Creek, Cloud's Rest, Benson Lake and the remarkable Matterhorn Canyon at the base of the Sawtooth Range were destinations for participants from the very young (children starting at age 1) to senior citizens in good shape.

The winter/spring seminar program increased enrollment over 1987 with a total of 523 skiers, spring botany students, and photo workshop participants. The summer/fall program had an increase of 2 participants over 1987, with a yearly total of 916. The goal in 1989 is to provide continued quality in our programs, offer new courses, to identify new areas for backpacks and to bring new instructors into the program.

Film Assistance Program

1988 saw the inauguration of a new YA program designed to assist individuals and companies engaged in film, video and still photography projects in Yosemite. The program objective is to provide guidance, interpretation, and logistical help to filmmakers while ensuring that NPS regulations are followed and that the environmental integrity of Yosemite is protected.

At least four different jobs were handled by the YA film assistance program during the year. The largest was working with Paramount Studios as they filmed segments of a new "Star Trek" movie in Yosemite. Our efforts were rewarded with a $10,000 donation from Paramount.

Ostrander Ski Hut

For the eighth straight year, the Yosemite Association handled the reservations for, and staffing of, the Ostrander Lake Ski Hut at the request of the National Park Service.

Ostrander was open from mid-December through mid-April and served approximately 2,700 nordic skiers during that time. The nightly fee of $9.00 per person offset all expenses and maintenance costs that were incurred.

Yosemite Association sales exceeded $1 million in 1988. We hope to grow further still in 1989.
Special acknowledgements and thanks to our friends, volunteers and staff.

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Summer Volunteer Opportunities in Yosemite

To spend a summer in Yosemite can be a great experience—beautiful, long days amidst wonderful scenery. Most volunteers return year after year and plan each summer around their time in the Park. This summer, YA volunteers in the Valley will split their days between the new Museum Gallery and the outdoor Membership Booth. In the booth, they will answer lots of visitor questions as well as sign up new YA members (last year’s group signed up 800 new members!). Living accommodations are campsites, and volunteers are paid $6.00/working day with a schedule usually of 4 days on and 3 days off. Most volunteers stay one month or longer. The schedule for this summer is fairly complete, but there are often last minute shifts. If you are interested in more information, please contact Holly or Gail in the YA office, 209-379-2645.

In addition to the YA openings, there are some additional volunteer possibilities with the National Park Service for this summer. Two positions are available at Tuolumne Meadows in interpretation. Volunteers will prepare and present interpretive programs and campfire talks on natural history topics. Duties also include visitor center operation and roving interpretive contacts. Tuolumne is the largest subalpine meadow in the Sierra, known for its spectacular natural scenery. Staff live in shared “tent cabins” which are provided free, and receive a uniform plus $6.00/working day. The work week is 40 hours; candidates need to be available from June 18–September 4.

One volunteer position in interpretation/resources management is available in the Crane Flat area of the park. This volunteer will monitor activities of a pair of Great Grey Owls nesting in a meadow. He or she will also talk to visitors attempting to see the birds to prevent intrusion upon their nesting area. Accommodations are campsites, and volunteers are paid $6.00/working day with a schedule usually of 4 days on and 3 days off. Most volunteers stay one month or longer. The schedule for this summer is fairly complete, but there are often last minute shifts. If you are interested in more information, please contact Holly or Gail in the YA office, 209-379-2645.

Among the jobs of the YA members during the work trips was fire ring removal and obliteration. Volunteers have not been firmed up at this time, but may be as rudimentary as a campsite in a nearby campground. A uniform and $6.00/working day are provided. The work week is 40 hours; candidates need to be available from June 18–September 4.

For more information on either the Tuolumne or Crane Flat positions, please contact Cherry Payne at 209-372-0336.

Four to six volunteers with an interest in interpreting history are needed to perform costumed living history roles at the Pioneer Yosemite History Center, an assemblage of restored historic structures at Wawona. Shared housing, a subsistence allowance of $6.00/working day, and costumes are provided. The work week is 40 hours; applicants must be available by June 18–September 4. For more information, contact Sue Austin or Lisa Myers at 209-375-6391.

Salaried position. A blacksmith, or someone interested in learning the craft, is needed to demonstrate and interpret blacksmithing skills at the Pioneer Yosemite History Center. Pay is $5.30/hour but is negotiable. The work week is 40 hours; employment dates are June 18–September 4. For more information, contact Sue Austin or Lisa Myers at 209-375-6391.

The Mather District Fee Management Operation is currently looking for individuals interested in working as volunteer campground hosts for the 1989 summer season. The position involves living in the campground, providing visitor information and assisting the campground ranger. Positions are available at Crane Flat, White Wolf, Yosemite Creek, Porcupine Flat, and Tenaya Lake Campgrounds. No hook ups are available for RV’s. Uniforms will be provided. For more information please contact Kristin Bardley at 209-372-0354.

Summer Work Trips Being Planned

“A Wonderful Experience. Thank you.” So wrote a participant in one of last summer’s YA Member Work Trips. “It was wonderful to be with a group of people who simply had Yosemite’s care in their best interest and who were all so eager,” commented another person. In July and August of 1988, two groups of energetic members were part of crews who cleaned up trails and rivers, pulled up exotic plants, and worked on dismantling illegal fire rings in various parts of the park.

Similar Work Trips are now in the planning process for this coming summer. There will be two trips, probably one in the Tuolumne area and one in Wawona. Trip participants will probably be camping in a group site, and projects will be organized in the immediate area. The nature of the projects to be tackled by the volunteers will be determined by the NPS District Ranger for each area. YA will provide one of its talented leaders to head up each group.

“I have waited four years for the opportunity to take part in such a program . . .,” said another worker, “how many others are there out there like me?” If you are one of these people who’d like to spend a week in Yosemite giving time and energy, contact Holly or Gail (209-379-2645) for more information. As one enthusiastic member summed it up, “It’s nice to have an opportunity to give something back to the park.”
Ask The Superintendent

John M. "Jack" Morehead

Q: Will there be anyone at Glacier Point during the summer of 1989 to explain the mystery of the High Sierra sunset phenomenon? — Gerald Krohn, Auburn

A: Although budget erosion this year will necessitate a sharp cutback (more than 50%) in interpretive seasonal staffing, thereby reducing interpretive services, we plan to assign two seasonal interpreters (a decrease from four) to Glacier Point this summer. We will continue to offer sunset talks, but perhaps not every evening.

Q: During our last visit to Yosemite, we saw a coyote with a red tag in his ear, wandering down the road. What is the significance of the ear tag? Would it be beneficial to the park rangers if sightings of tagged animals were reported? — Robert Force, San Diego

A: Ear tags are one method used by wildlife biologists in Yosemite to mark animals so that individuals can be identified and data on their movements and behavior can be collected. This data gives biologists a better understanding of animal ecology in Yosemite. This is especially important in the management of animals whose behavior has been influenced by human contact to the point that they are a threat to visitor safety. Animals suspected of causing problems are often marked, and reports of marked animals by park visitors add important information about their current location and behavior.

At this time we are monitoring the behavior of several coyotes that have started "begging" for food along roadways. This undesirable behavior probably began when coyotes foraging near the road were fed from vehicles by park visitors to lure them closer for photographs, in violation of park regulations. The coyotes quickly learned that people are an easy source of food and have continued to beg as visitors have continued to provide food. Coyotes with this behavior pose a threat to park visitors by causing unsafe traffic tie-ups. People in Yosemite have also been directly injured by coyotes that have lost their natural wariness of humans. Unfortunately, animals that are such a clear danger to people must, as a last resort, be destroyed, and ear tags ensure that only the most severely conditioned individuals are removed.

Begging coyotes are only one aspect of a large problem concerning park animals accidentally and intentionally given access to human food. Bears and deer that learn to associate humans with food are similarly a threat to visitor safety and are, therefore, placed in jeopardy. All visitors to Yosemite must know and obey the park regulations that prohibit the feeding of animals and require proper food storage. Only then can we enjoy observing wildlife behaving naturally as important parts of the Yosemite ecosystem.

Please send any questions that you would like answered by the Superintendent to: Ask the Superintendent, Yosemite Association, P. O. Box 230, El Portal, CA 95318.

Galen Rowell to Speak at Members' Meeting

Galen Rowell, 56, began his NPS career in Yosemite as a seasonal ranger in 1954. During the early 1970's, he served as Yosemite's Chief Ranger. Before returning to Yosemite most recently, he worked as Superintendent at both Isle Royale and Everglades National Parks.

The new job is considered the number three position within the National Parks service, and involves the operation, interpretation and maintenance of all the nation's parks. Morehead will assume his new post in late May. Until a successor is appointed, B.J. Griffin, the park's Assistant Superintendent, will serve as Acting Superintendent.

Yosemite Youth Writing Contest Winners

The award winners in the first Yosemite Junior-Senior Ranger Writing Contest have been named, and the results of their efforts reflect great creativity and talent. Entrants were asked to write a song, poem, or story about Yosemite and to incorporate such topics as Galen Clark, John Muir, conservation, preservation, nature, national parks and rangers.

Winners from the Junior Ranger (ages 8 and 9) and Senior Ranger (ages 10 through 12) categories received a letter of recognition from the Park Superintendent and a gift from the Yosemite Association.

Junior Ranger winners were Daniel Dillinger of Escondido and Andrew Brown of Encinitas, Christopher Patterson, Deborah Dillinger of Escondido, and Cynthia Fears of San Diego were honored in the Senior Ranger division.

Superintendent Moves to New Job

Jack Morehead, Superintendent of Yosemite National Park since March of 1986, has been named Associate Director of Operations for the National Park Service in Washington, D.C.

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Noted outdoor photographer Galen Rowell is scheduled to be the guest speaker at the Yosemite Association annual Members' Meeting on September 16 in Tuolumne Meadows. Mr. Rowell's appearance will coincide with the publication of a new centennial edition of John Muir's "The Yosemite" to be illustrated with the photographer's beautiful color images reproduced in a large format. Besides addressing the membership, Mr. Rowell will be available to sign books and socialize a bit.

Members interested in attending the September meeting should watch for information in the next issue of this journal. As well, a mailing will be sent which will include registration and housing materials. For additional information, call Gail or Holly at 209-379-2646.
A Mountain Sage: The Life Story of Carl Sharsmith by Elizabeth O'Neill. At last, here is the long-awaited biography of Yosemite's ranger-naturalist legend, Carl Sharsmith. Following his life from childhood to his work in the woods to his botanizing and his employment as a ranger, the author paints a delightful picture of this complex, fascinating, and important man. Fans and admirers of Carl will find this an entertaining and enlightening volume. Yosemite Association, 1989. #550 (paper): $7.95.

B The Geologic Story of Yosemite National Park by N. King Huber. The Yosemite Association has recently reprinted this comprehensive geologic study of the natural processes that have created—and are still creating—the stunning terrain we know as Yosemite. We believe it is the best Yosemite geology book available today. Illustrated with numerous color photographs and featuring a generalized multi-color geologic map of Yosemite park and a larger scale Yosemite Valley map, it is written for the layman in understandable, non-technical language. Yosemite Association, 1989. #598 (paper): $7.95.


D Skywatch: The Western Weather Guide by Richard A. Keen. This book goes beyond mere descriptions of the fascinating variety of weather to provide an understanding of how weather actually works. Nicely illustrated with both color and black and white photos, maps and drawings, Skywatch covers such topics as fronts, jets, cyclones, whirlwinds, weather maps and building your own home weather station. A real find for weather buffs and would-be weather buffs. Fulcrum, 1987. #16230 (paper): $13.95.

E Yosemite Centennial Logo Poster by Michael Osborne Design. This eye-catching design was developed to serve as the official logo for Yosemite's centennial as a national park in 1990. It's printed on a heavy, textured, tan recycled paper in green and rust. The poster is a cooperative publication of Ansel Adams Gallery, Michael Osborne Design and the Yosemite Association, and sales will benefit the centennial event. 18" x 24". #1270: $4.95.

F Centennial Celebration Poster from a photograph by George Fiske. This poster image of two daring women performing high kicks on Glacier Point's Overhanging Rock circa 1890 captures the spirit of celebration which will be part of Yosemite's centennial next year. It is printed on heavy, white coated stock as a sepia-colored duotone with green lettering. Its size is 18" x 24". #1155: $6.95.
Yosemite Association Cap. Complete your outdoor wardrobe with this trendy item from the Association collection. It's the perfect hat for a hot, sunny day in the great outdoors—mesh fabric to keep a cool head, a generous bill to shade your face, and an adjustable strap in the back to insure a good fit for everyone. All of this plus the Yosemite Association patch to let everyone know what your favorite organization is! Brown with white accent. #1600, $6.00.

Ostrander Lake T-shirts. Become affiliated with an elite Yosemite ski club with one of our fashionable “Ostrander Lake Ski Club” t-shirts. Available in both long-sleeve (light blue) and short-sleeve (white) models, the Ostrander shirts are heavyweight 100% cotton printed in four colors. Short-sleeve (S,M,L,XL), $10.50. #1670
Long-sleeve (S,M,L,XL), $15.00. #1674

Pelican Pouch, Wilderness Belt Bag. The Pelican Pouch is not only perfect for carrying field guides, but it also offers instant access to all the small items that are usually buried in your pack—pocket camera, lenses, maps, or your favorite trail mix! The Pouch is designed with front snap fasteners on the straps. This allows comfortable positioning on your belt—even between belt loops; no need to take your belt off first. The material is high quality Cordura pack cloth with a waterproof coating on one side. Beige with the dark brown and white Yosemite Association patch, the Pelican Pouch measures 8 x 5 x 2½ inches. #1690, $11.95.

Yosemite Enamel Pin. Designed especially for the Association, our enamel metal pin is a work of art. Each of the 10 different glazes is hand placed and separately fired. The result, from William Spear Design, is an eye-catching and colorful piece. The metal enamel pins are relief engraved in a ⅜ x ⅔ size. #1695, $11.95.

Black Bear Hand Puppet. Here's a soft and cuddly bear who becomes animated at your whim. By manipulating his moveable head and legs, you can involve him in serious conversation or simply amuse the kids (who love to stow their pajamas inside him). A favorite of young and old alike. He is 11 inches tall and hand washable. #50200, $28.00. Special Sale Price: $16.95.

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1988 Park Highlights

January
The Wilderness Management Plan for the park was completed.

February
The new Museum Exhibit Gallery was opened to the public.

March
Eleven bighorn sheep were reintroduced into Lee Vining Canyon, bringing the herd size to 33 sheep.

A GAO report stated that Yosemite needs $76 million in construction money to bring park facilities up to acceptable standard.

April
Styrofoam plastic products purchase and use phased out by NPS and Yosemite Park & Curry Co.

The Tioga Road opened on April 29.

May
"Flag Over Yosemite" stamp dedicated by the US Postal Service.

June
The Walker Fire, one of four fires started by lightning, created major smoke problems and closed one campground.

July
The park's Centennial Committee was appointed and plans for the 1990 celebration started.

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CBS filmed for its program "48 Hours" in the park during the July 4th weekend.

September
Paramount Studios began filming "Star Trek V" in the park.

October
The 50th anniversary of the Civilian Conservation Corps was held in the park.

November
The Tioga Road closed on November 14.

A black oak restoration project was begun near Yosemite Falls.

December
Long-time Chief of Resources Management, Dick Reigelhuth, died unexpectedly.

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Join the Yosemite Association

You can help support the work of the Yosemite Association by becoming a member. Revenues generated by the Association's activities are used to fund a variety of National Park Service programs in Yosemite. Not only does the Yosemite Association publish and sell literature and maps, it sponsors field seminars, the park's Art Activity Center, and the Ostrander Lake Ski Hut.

A critical element in the success of the Association is its membership. Individuals and families throughout the country have long supported the Yosemite Association through their dues and their personal commitments. Won't you join us in our effort to make Yosemite an even better place?

Member Benefits

As a member of the Yosemite Association, you will enjoy the following benefits:

- A Yosemite Association bulletin, published on a quarterly basis;
- A 15% discount on all books, maps, posters, calendars and publications stocked for sale by the Association;
- A 10% discount on most of the field seminars conducted by the Association in Yosemite National Park;
- The opportunity to participate in the annual Members' Meeting held in the park each fall, along with other Association activities;
- A Yosemite Association decal; and
- Special membership gifts as follows:
  - Supporting Members: Matted print from an illustration by Jane Gyer in "Discovering Sierra Trees";
  - Contributing Members: Full color poster of Yosemite's wildflowers by Walter Sydoria;
  - Sustaining Members: A colorful enamelled pin depicting a Yosemite waterfall by William Spear;
  - Life Member: Matted color photograph by Howard Weamer of a Yosemite scene; and
  - Participating Life Member: Ansel Adams Special Edition print, attractively mounted.

Membership dues are tax-deductible as provided by law.

Please enroll me in the Yosemite Association as a . . .

- Regular Member $20.00
- Contributing Member $50.00
- Life Member $500.00
- Supporting Member $35.00
- Sustaining Member $100.00
- Participating Life Member $1,000.00
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