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Superintendent Bond Accepts New Job

By Stanley C. Bond

Just as the Anza Expedition blazed a trail to California seeking new opportunities, I too am headed for a new position as Superintendent of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park near Atlanta, Georgia (start mid-December). The park has some of the major Civil War campaign battle sites during Sherman's March to the Sea.

I can only hope that my new position will be as exciting and fulfilling as my tenure as the Superintendent of the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail. With the help of you, our Anza Trail partners, and support from our regional and Washington National Park Service (NPS) offices, the Anza trail has made great strides over the past four years.

Through your efforts we have been able to certify significant recreational segments of the Anza Trail, and Santa Cruz County, AZ is well on the way to completing its portion of the recreation trail. Additional interpretive signs have been placed or are being planned in a number of federal, state, and county parks, and in AZ interstate rest stops along the driving route. The Anza Trail has strengthened its contacts with partner groups in Mexico. We published *The Anza Trail and the Settling of California* and are currently printing a 24-page booklet on Native perspective of the Anza Expedition and a brochure on Afro-Latino contributions to early California history.

Current research projects include a historic resource study of the entire Anza Trail route and a study of 18th century lifeways of the Anza Expedition settlers in Sinaloa and Sonora, Mexico. A 26-minute introductory video on the Anza



Stanley Bond has been the second Anza Trail Superintendent

Expedition is under production. This video will be suitable for airing on PBS stations and for use in visitor centers and classrooms.

We have almost completed the design phase of our first permanent Anza Expedition exhibit to be located in the Martinez Adobe, John Muir National Historic Site. The exhibit should be opened by fall of 2009. These projects are just a sample of the many efforts to interpret the Anza Expedition and develop the Anza Trail route.

I want to conclude by personally thanking you for all that you

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National Park Service

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Staff during most of Stan Bond's time as Anza Trail Superintendent (Margaret Styles, Stan Bond, Jeff Axel)

do for the Anza Trail. Our two-and-a-half person office could not accomplish what we do without your dedication to and passion for the Anza story. My time here has been filled with personal and professional growth and friendship; and I can only hope that I have given back just a small measure of what you have given me. I will be available for advice and invite any of you to come visit me at Kennesaw Mountain NBP when you are in the Atlanta area. Until then...Happy Trails! ❖

Anza Trail Superintendent Job Announcement

www.usajobs.gov (closes November 1)
Federal Employees #PWRSEA-2008-75MP
Public #PWRSEA-2008-75DEU

National Parks Photo Contest

National Parks Foundation and Olympus have announced the 'Federal Recreation Lands Pass' photo contest for the 2010. Prizes include camera, trips, and outdoor gear. Deadline is October 31, 2008. For more information, visit www.sharetheexperience.org



Conferences and Symposiums

19th National Trails Symposium

November 15-18, 2008 Little Rock, AR
"Innovative Trails: Transforming the American Way of Life."
For more information, call Rory Robinson at (330) 657-2951 or visit www.americantrails.org/

Roads to Yuma: Historic Trails Symposium

January 16-18, 2009 Yuma, AZ
Join in celebration of the many historic trails that came together at the Yuma Crossing of the Colorado River. Learn about the importance of the Southern routes to California. Sponsored by Oregon California Trails Association. For more information, call call (888) 811-6282, or visit www.octa-trails.org

Anza Society World Conference

March 12-15 Tucson, AZ
Save these dates. For future information, visit [/www.anzasociety.org/](http://www.anzasociety.org/)

New Trail Added to National Trails System

The establishment of the Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail was signed into law through PL 110-229. The trail has been assigned to the NPS Northeast Region.

New Mapping Service from National Geographic

The National Geographic Society has launched a new web-based map service called Landscape. It may be helpful in drilling down to some of the trouble spots along the Anza Trail. Visit www.landscape.org.

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Deadlines

December 1 for January issue
March 1 for April issue
June 1 for July issue
September 1 for October issue



National Park Service

New Anza Trail Curriculums

This summer, five Teacher-Ranger-Teacher seasonal employees created educational materials for the Anza Trail based in California State and National Standards.

The 3-4th grade curriculum is a PDF PowerPoint with a script and background information. The students use a map and trace the 1776 Anza Expedition route, learning about the experience through the eyes of a child.



Teacher-Ranger-Teacher Frank Perez (leading a hike in San Juan Bautista, CA) developed the high school curriculum

The high school curriculum is developed around an outdoor excursion with pre- and post-site activities. Students learn about the 1776 Anza Expedition, how to read topo maps, use a compass, and create a virtual trail tour using the Google Earth file. ❖ Available at www.nps.gov/juba/forteahcers

New “Scout Ranger” Program Launched

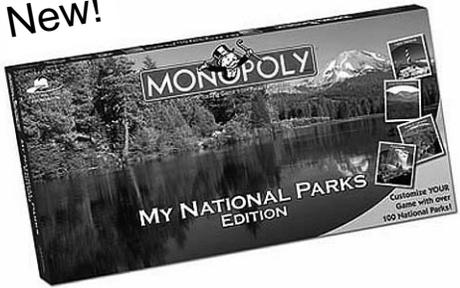
In partnership with the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), the NPS has launched a new program under the umbrella of the BSA initiative “Good Turn for America.” It is designed to promote a better understanding of the NPS mission, educate young people about their responsibility to conserve our natural and cultural resources, encourage volunteer service, and promote good citizenship. Scouts earn a unit certificate and an individual patch. For more information, contact you local National Park Service site Volunteer Program Manager. ❖

Celebrating National Trails 40th Anniversary

The National Trails System Act became law on October 2, 1968 when President Lyndon B. Johnson signed it along with the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System Act. On November 10, 1978, a public law was created for the category of National Historic Trails.

In four decades, the National Trails System has grown to include eight national scenic trails, 18 national historic trails, and 1,050 national recreation trails. Together these total about 60,000 miles – more than the Interstate Highway System. Of the 26 scenic and historic trails, NPS administers 19 and co-administers two with BLM. These NPS-administered trails cross or touch 45 of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. ❖

New!



**Monopoly®
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Customize your game with over 100 National Parks. Juan Bautista de Anza NHT is one of the available sites.

Volunteer Groups Managers Roundtable

On August 19, seven Volunteer Group Managers from along the Anza Trail met in Oakland for a roundtable meeting. Participants came from Amigos de Anza Drill Team, Amigos de Anza - San Luis Obispo, South Coast Railroad Museum (Trails & Rails program), San Juan Bautista Rotary, La Puerta Foundation, and Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area. The group spend time sharing their various projects and experiences working with community volunteers, editing the volunteer policy, and developing an understanding of the NPS Volunteer Program. Thanks to all who attended. ❖



Reliving History

By Eddie Arias
Edited by Margaret Styles

Don Garate has been researching Juan Bautista de Anza, singing “To Alta California,” and sharpening his Spanish sword for over 15 years.

Later this month, Garate will be taking his guitar out to sing at the Early San Diego Regional History Conference at Mission San Diego, as he continues a legacy of *living history* performances, reenacting Juan Bautista de Anza.



Don Garate as Anza

Living history is a way of transferring historical information to audiences. Living history performers presents information in the first or third person, incorporating direct quotes from relevant sources, telling stories, using vivid and colorful language. The audience is stimulated through their senses with such interaction as hands-on activities, smells, aural impressions, not to mention witnessing someone dressed up in period clothing. That’s what Garate relishes.

“I really became interested in living history when I saw James Whitmore do Theodore Roosevelt, Will Rogers, and Harry Truman all in one evening’s performance. My first portrayal was when I worked at Zion National Park, I portrayed Isaac Behunin--who named Zion Canyon--I was blown away at how well my program was accepted,” says Garate.

He has been portraying Anza and performing for adults and children since 1992. “I don’t have a lot of trouble with Anza. You pick characters you really understand...I feel like I understand him. We have a lot in common, we’re both Basque, born here, grew up on ranches with horses. When I reenact Anza, it’s a great way to make their visit memorable.” Anza probably never imagined

people would be portraying him 232 years later.

Garate says, “That’s the thing kids remember most when I speak to them-- that my dad was killed by Apaches. Children always write me letters later—especially fourth graders—saying they’re sorry for my father’s death.”

Garate has been researching Anza for many years. He has read the original documents from the Archivo General de la Nación in Mexico City. He is currently working on the second of a three volume work. The first book, mostly about Anza senior, entitled *Juan Bautista de Anza: Basque Explorer in the New World*, is available at University of Nevada Press.

I am a park ranger working on the Presidio of San Francisco. I’ve recently taken an interest in reenacting Anza to offering guided walks. This summer, Garate chided me to take his place at Anza for living history’s sake. “Now it’s your turn to get on the horse...and head for Monterey;” and adding in Castilian, “just make sure you wear the sword on the left side and get your facts straight.”

To join Arias’ next Anza walk on Nov 8, call (415) 561-4323. ❖



Park Ranger Eddie Arias as Anza leading a walk in the Presidio of San Francisco

Along the Trail

Amigos de Anza Parades: Walnut Creek, CA
July 4, July 31, and Sept 13

The Drill Team participated in three parades this summer; 4th of July, BASH, and Walnut Festival Twilight Festival. Hundreds of on-lookers watched the young riders parade by with their Spanish outfits and flags promoting the Anza Trail.



Walnut Twilight Parade

Saratoga Friendly Condemnation: CA
July 16

City Council passed the Friendly Condemnation item. This includes a segment of the Anza Trail. Construction scheduled to start in the fall.

Founders Day Fandango: San Jose, CA
July 27

Youngsters of all ages enjoyed an afternoon of celebrating the founding of Pueblo de San José de Guadalupe by joining in hands-on activities centered around the 1776 Anza Expedition.



Bernal Ranch Fandango: CA
August 23
Visitors of all ages spent an evening with Santa Clara County Parks at Bernal Ranch listening to stories, enjoying music and dancing, and dressing up as soldados, as well as ranch girls.

Anza Trail Coalition Trail Parties: Santa Cruz County, AZ
August 16 & October 4

The ATCA held two trail work parties to prepare the Rio Rico trailhead for the Guy Tobin Trailhead dedication on October 10.

Hispanic Month Art Festival: San Francisco, CA
September 27

Families from around the city created crafts, listened to music, and enjoyed a beautiful day at Crissy Field. The Anza Trail and Presidio Trust helped kids to make 1776 Presidio color books.



Two Rickman Exhibits Installed:
Santa Cruz County, AZ
October 8

Copies of the 12 David Rickman illustrations have been put on display in two Arizona locations. The NPS worked with the county and Cochise College to install the images with text panels in the new Anza Trail Room at the 1904 Nogales Courthouse. The Arizona State Parks also installed the illustrations at Tubac Presidio in Otero Hall in preparation for Anza Days on Oct 18-19. ❖



Sue Neilsen of Coshise College helped install in Nogales

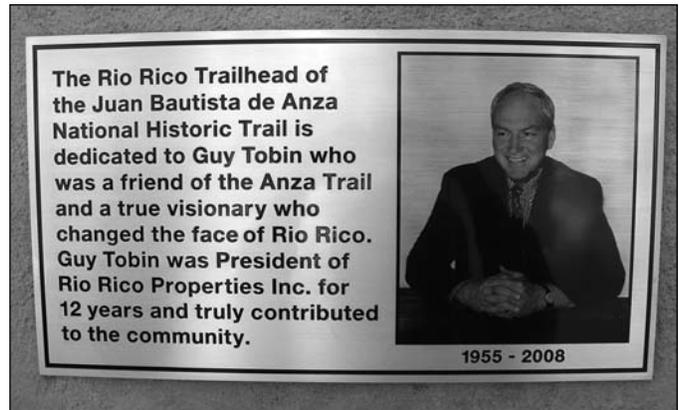
In Memoriam

Guy Tobin 1955 - 2008

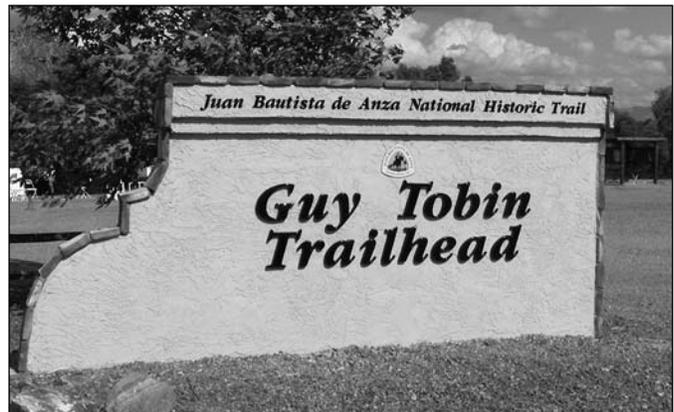
On July 22, Anza Trail enthusiast in Santa Cruz County, Guy Tobin, passed away. Through Rio Rico Properties, Inc., Tobin was a real friend of the trail. He was a key member of the Anza Trail Coalition of Arizona in the county. He granted easements through his property and contributed his time and money for all trail construction and maintenance, initially establishing 13 miles of recreation trail from Rio Rico to Tubac. And all of Rio Rico properties are designed with trails linking them to the Anza Trail, allowing residents to literally walk out their front doors and retrace the footsteps of history.

The Anza Trail Coalition of Arizona dedicated the Rio Rico Trailhead to Guy Tobin on Friday, October 10. Rio Rico Properties, Inc. built an entrance sign and the NPS presented a bronze plaque to his family for his outstanding service to the Anza Trail.

(includes excerpts from the *Tubac Villager* newspaper)



New plaque at Guy Tobin Trailhead



Dedicated Guy Tobin Trailhead in Rio Rico, AZ on October 10



Ruth Kesler 1921 - 2008

On September 1, former San Benito County Supervisor and Anza Trail promoter, Ruth Kesler, passed away. She was a key player in the early days of Anza Trail planning in her California county. She was proud of this recreation trail segment and considered it one of the most beautiful links in the Anza Trail. The Old Stage Road was a gravel road between Salinas and San Juan Bautista where people dumped trash and participated in other illegal activities. Kesler wanted it open for walkers, cyclists, and equestrians. The neighbors organized to fight her, but she believed people would police themselves if the trail was open. Kesler was right. The trail closed to motor vehicles. Today there is often a line of cars and trucks with horse trailers parked at the trailhead. This is a testament to her skill as a politician. It continues to be maintained by her former opponent, Granite Rock Co.

(excerpts from *The Weekend Pinnacle* newspaper)



ANUNCIOS

October

- 23 **Conversation w/ Stanford Archaeologist Dr. Barb Voss: San Francisco, CA**
7:00-8:00 pm
Presidio Officer's Club, 50 Moraga Ave, 94123
The author of *Archaeology of Ethnogenesis: Race and Sexuality in Colonial San Francisco* will discuss her book on the genesis of the Californios, a community of military settlers who forged a new identity on the northwest edge of Spanish North America. For information contact the Presidio Archaeology Lab at (415) 561-ARCH.
- 24-26 **Los Californianos Quarterly Meeting: San Diego, CA**
For more information, visit www.loscalifornianos.org.

November

- 29 **San Jose's 231st Birthday: CA**
1:00-3:00 pm
Peralta Adobe, 175 West Saint John Street, San Jose, CA 95110
Celebrate the date when the founders arrived to establish the first California pueblo. Join their descendants in commemorating this date with presentations, music, and cake.

December

- 3 **Founders Day Lecture: San Jose, CA**
7:00-8:00 pm
Martin L. King, Jr. Library, 150 E. San Fernando St
Lecture by Vladimir Guerrero "Caste, Ethnicity, and Race in Spanish California"
- 6-7 **La Fiesta de Tumacácori: Tumacácori, AZ**
10:00-5:00 pm
Celebrate the many cultures associated with the Santa Cruz Valley. Enjoy the food and craft booths, live entertainment, and children's activities. A Mariachi Mass, preceded by a traditional procession, is held on Sunday beginning at 10:00 AM. Free.
(NPS Anza Trail staff present)
- 8 **Mission La Purisima Founding Day: Lompoc, AZ**
Luminarias, music, and refreshments. Free tickets starting Nov 1 (4 per address). Mail self-addressed and stamped envelop to: La Purisima Mission SHP, Founding Day, 2295 Purisima Rd., Lompoc, CA 93436
- 16-24 **Las Posadas at Mission San Jose: CA**
Annual celebration of Christmas. Committee for Restoration of Mission San Jose (510) 657-1797 x103

January

- 23-25 **Los Californianos Quarterly Meeting: Monterey, CA**
For more information, visit www.loscalifornianos.org

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View from the Anza Trail



Amigos de Anza Drill Team participating in the 4th of July Parade.