

News from Saline Valley and the Saline Preservation Association: 2017

Greetings friend,

This newsletter is an update of events and happenings at the springs. Remember, for real-time, ongoing news and talk about the springs and Valley, tune into the Saline Preservation Association (SPA) forum at:

<http://forum.salinepreservation.org>

SPA is a non-profit organization providing an informational conduit both between and among governing agencies and a widely dispersed community who visit the Saline Valley and its Warm Springs. SPA's goal is protection, preservation and conservation of the valley to include geology, wildlife habitat, archeology, and a traditional human presence that emphasizes responsible individual freedom of choice.

SPA Board of Directors

The SPA board of directors consists of seven members of the Saline community who serve to represent the interests of both the NPS and the visitor-community to each other. As of this mailing, (English) John Dukes elected to retire from the board, and the board elected Gary Kremen to replace his position. John Dukes will remain as a SPA member at large, much the same as (Major) Tom Ganner continues to support SPA and manage and monitor the website

<http://www.salinepreservation.org>

[SPA Board members, contact, & bio information](#)

SPA Board Business Bullet Points

- The SPA bi-laws were revised so that notification from the SPA Board and the Saline user community will only be conducted via e-mail.
<http://www.salinepreservation.org/bylaws.htm>
- The SPA Board funded the necessary materials to maintain the Wizard Tub. A hardy group consisting of (Flipper) Mike Ramsey, Mark King, (Silver) Bob Renton, (Hornhead) Dennis Horn, volunteered their time and drove to Saline Valley during the summer. They drained and re-concreted the Wizard to restore the structural integrity of the hot tub.
[Refinished Wizard Tub Post and Pictures](#)
- The SPA Board met with the National Park Service 11.2016. The Board felt it was a productive meeting. [Meeting Minutes with the Park Service](#)

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News from the Park

Timbo Hynes is the SPA Park Liason. He checks in with the park service on a regular basis. He is currently working with the Park Service to provide “Dust Control” signs.

As for the Saline Valley Management Plan, the Park Service is still working on the draft plan. *SPA will keep you informed of development as they happen.*

Upcoming Events

The Sunrise Tub maintenance project. The same team that preserved the Wizard Tub will do the same maintenance to the Sunrise Tub. These tubs have been in use for 30 plus years. Over the years the concrete wears and if left alone it will crack and eventually leak! The plan is to drain the Sunrise the week following President’s Day. This means **the Sunrise Tub will be out of commission 2.21-27.2018.** Any contributions for materials would be most welcome. It is the mission of SPA to protect and preserve Saline Valley. This project and the Wizard project are examples of the usage of SPA Donations. You can donate via the website. <http://www.salinepreservation.org/contact.htm>

Flipper Mike Ramsey will be coordinating the materials and volunteers for the Sunrise Tub project. He thinks he has enough volunteers, but if you want to be involved or have concrete experience send him an e-mail to www.hot1tub@pacbell.net

Monarch Overwintering Surveys for Saline Valley

The Friends of Inyo Valley are seeking Volunteers for Saline Valley Monarch Overwintering Surveys. For more information about this project click on the post

[Friend Of Inyo Valley Facebook Post for Volunteers](#)

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