

From the Mailbag

News from Members and Friends

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Thank You!

We have many people to thank for making it possible for the new Mono Basin Field Station to get up and running. To everyone that has helped in ways small or big, we are grateful for your support and enthusiasm! Thank you to our dedicated work week volunteers and staff: **Barry Boulton, Lori Bowermaster, Leah Culp, Chris Degenhardt, Nick Carle, Paul Clark, John Fernandes, Brook Fisher, and Kelly Miller.** Thank you also to **Donnette Huselton** for all of her hard work on this project—you may know that Donnette is also the Committee's Controller—it's a little known fact that she's also an expert handy-person and contributed invaluable effort to this project. Materials were generously donated to the new Field Station by **Paul Clark** (who also gave other volunteers a very useful crash course in dry walling), **Gwen Plummer, and Joe Roberts.** Additionally, the **Asian American Drug Abuse Program** and **Adrow Environmental Inc.** made donations of low-flow toilets—both of these organizations distribute low-flow toilets in the Los Angeles area. Thank you to **Gary Walecke** of Gary's Electric for rewiring the Field Station, and to **Bill Banta, the Lee Vining Public Utilities District** and **Construction Specialty** for excavating and repairing the ancient and leaking water main next to the Field Station. Another big thank you goes to **Sarkis, Eduardo, Carlos, and Reveg of Microsystemas** in Los Angeles for installing the wireless ethernet connection between the Committee's main offices and the new Field Station. And last but not least, thank you to **Cara, Rocky, Carrie, and Woody at the Mono Cone** for helping to keep everyone well fed during the workweek. We look forward to an exciting future of research in the Mono Basin!

A special thank you also goes to thoughtful member **Richard Russell** of Santa Monica, who donated his 1986 Isuzu Trooper. The Trooper, at left with Geoff, Bartshe and Richard, is being put to great use with the Outdoor Experiences program!



ARYA DEGENHARDT AND GEOFF MCCOULIKIN



Volunteers working away during the Field Station Work Week in April.

In Memory

A gift was made in memory of **Helen Ball**, a long-time supporter of Mono Lake, by her husband **William Ball** of Oakland and their two daughters. **Janet Demmler** gave a contribution in memory of **Rex Rice.** Gifts in memory of **Milton L. Speckels** were received from **William & Vickie Black** of Ridgecrest and **Eileen Dietz** also of Ridgecrest. **Mr. & Mrs. Fred Seiji** of Vallejo made a donation in memory of **Janet Elisabeth Farmer Huss,** and **Donna Young** of Playa del Rey gave a gift in memory of **Clem Nelson** of Bishop.

In Honor

Edith and Mortimer Gaines of Los Angeles made a contribution in honor of **Martha Davis' 50th birthday**—Happy Birthday Martha! **Julia Hart** of Azusa, sent a contribution in honor of **Doug Virtue** for the “wonderful Introduction to Fly fishing seminar ... landing the Lahontan Cutthroat trout was an extraordinary experience.” **Janice Jacobson** of Nevada City made a donation in honor of **Jane Straus' 50th Birthday**—Happy Birthday Jane! Former Mono Lake Committee intern **Camden Richards** of Arlington, VA and her husband **Josh Dickinson** made a contribution in celebration of their marriage, to be used for tree planting and stream restoration—Congratulations Camden and Josh! ❖

Erika Obedzinski is the Committee's Membership Coordinator. She prepared for summer by canoeing in the Boundary Waters.