

APRIL 18, 1988

FRIEND OF NATURAL ARCHES AND BRIDGES:

WHAT A THRILLING EXPERIENCE TO RECEIVE YOUR REPLIES AND READ THE NICE WORDS AND ENCOURAGEMENT MANY WROTE. CLEARLY, YOU ARE IN FAVOR OF A NATURAL ARCH AND BRIDGE SOCIETY. IN FACT, THE LIST OF INTERESTED PEOPLE HAS GROWN SINCE THE INTRODUCTORY LETTER. YOU SEE, JAY WILBUR FROM COLORADO SPRINGS HAD JUST INITIATED HIS OWN ORGANIZING EFFORT WHEN MY LETTER ARRIVED, AND WE HAVE ALREADY AGREED TO WORK TOGETHER AND MERGE OUR LISTS. THIS LETTER WILL NOW BE DISTRIBUTED TO HIS CORRESPONDENTS. IN THE NEAR FUTURE WE SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE AN EXPANDED NAME AND ADDRESS LIST.

JAY HAS EXPERIENCE AS A TECHNICAL EDITOR AND HAS AGREED TO PUBLISH A NEWSLETTER. HE PLANS AN ISSUE IN EARLY AUGUST AND REQUESTS THAT ARTICLES BE SUBMITTED BY JULY 1. INCLUDE A STAMPED SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE IF YOU WISH ORIGINALS RETURNED, BUT PLEASE DO NOT HOLD JAY RESPONSIBLE FOR ARTICLES THAT MAY BE LOST OR DAMAGED. JAY'S ADDRESS IS:

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APPROPRIATE SUBJECTS FOR THE NEWSLETTER ARE DISCOVERIES OR UNCATALOGUED FEATURES (WITH DIRECTIONS AND DESCRIPTIONS), ARCH-HUNTING EXPERIENCES, AND ARTICLES ON ORIGIN, HISTORY, AND CLASSIFICATION. THESE SUBJECTS WERE LISTED IN MY QUESTIONNAIRE AND MOST AGREED THESE WERE WORTHWHILE TOPICS. PERSONAL PROFILES AND PLANNED ARCH HUNTING TRIPS ARE POSSIBLE SUBJECTS FOR FUTURE PUBLICATIONS. FOR NOW, I LIST BELOW SUMMER VACATION SCHEDULES FOR THOSE WHO SHARED THAT INFORMATION WITH ME. PERHAPS SOME OF YOU MAY BE ABLE TO TEAM UP.

BOB VREELAND MAY - N.M. JULY-NEB., IOWA, MINN., WIS., MICH., OHIO,
IND., ILL. (TO COMPLETE VOL. 23)

HAROLD HONSBEHN JUNE - TENN.

JOHN BURNS WYO., MONT. (NO MONTH SPECIFIED)

NICHOLUS TERZAKIS JULY OR SEPT - UTAH

TERRY CAIN JULY 1-8 - UTAH

JOHN WEILER MAY/JUNE WESTERN U.S.

DANNY HOROWITZ JUNE - ALA., TENN., KY., OHIO, ILL., MO., ARK.

LET ME SUMMARIZE THE RESULTS OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

I RECEIVED 25 SUGGESTIONS FOR A SOCIETY NAME. SOME WERE MADE IN JEST (AND SO STATED), BUT ALL ARE WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION. I HAVE DECIDED TO PUBLISH THESE NAMES IN JAY WILBUR'S AUGUST NEWSLETTER SO PEOPLE CAN VOTE THEIR CHOICE. IN THE MEANWHILE, I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE SUGGESTIONS FROM PEOPLE ON JAY'S MAILING LIST.

ESSENTIALLY ALL AGREED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE SOCIETY SHOULD BE TO MAINTAIN A MEMBERSHIP LIST AND PRINT AN ANNUAL NEWSLETTER. SOME HOPED IT WOULD BE PUBLISHED QUARTERLY. THERE WAS ALSO GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT IT WOULD BE NICE TO ASSIST VREELAND IN HIS EFFORTS, TO ARRANGE FIELD TRIPS, AND TO LOBBY TO PROTECT ARCHES. -I PLAN SOON TO ASK BOB HOW WE CAN HELP HIM WITH FUTURE PUBLICATIONS, BUT I BELIEVE IT BEST TO OFFER THIS HELP AS INDIVIDUALS RATHER THAN AS A SOCIETY PROJECT.

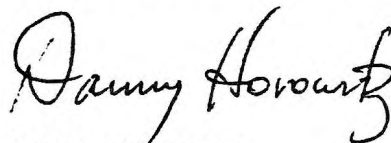
ON THE QUESTION OF WHAT TO CHARGE FOR DUES, 0 - \$30 WAS THE RANGE, \$16 THE AVERAGE. AT THIS TIME WE SEE NO NEED TO ASK FOR DUES AS JAY AND I ARE WILLING TO ABSORB COSTS DURING THIS START-UP PHASE. SHOULD MEMBERSHIP GROW AND SEVERAL NEWSLETTERS PER YEAR BE ISSUED, ANNUAL DUES MAY BE NECESSARY.

SEVERAL INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO HELP SET UP A COMPUTER FACT FILE ON ARCHES. SUCH A FILE, WITH PERIODIC UPDATES, IS A WORTHY PROJECT FOR THE SOCIETY. LISTINGS WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL MEMBERS FOR TRIP PLANNING AND GENERAL CATALOGUING. BECAUSE IT IS TOO DEMANDING TO ASK ONE PERSON TO CATALOG ALL U.S. FEATURES, MY SUGGESTION IS THAT EACH PARTICIPANT IN THIS EFFORT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR A REGION, E.G., UTAH, REST OF COLORADO PLATEAU, OTHER WESTERN STATES, EASTERN STATES. THE STICKY QUESTION IS WHAT TO LIST IN THE FILE, AND WHAT SIZE FEATURES TO INCLUDE. AT MINIMUM, THE FILE SHOULD LIST LONGITUDE AND LATITUDE, STATE, COUNTY, AND NAME(S). IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO INCLUDE ALSO: QUADRANGLE SHEET, TYPE OF ARCH, DIMENSIONS, VREELAND DESIGNATION (VOL & #), SPECIFIC GEOGRAPHIC LOCALITY WITH TRAVEL INSTRUCTIONS, AND HISTORY. WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS? I PARTICULARLY SEEK REPLIES FROM THOSE WHO VOLUNTEERED TO ASSIST IN THIS PROJECT. TELL ME THE TYPE OF COMPUTER YOU OWN AND THE TYPE OF SPREADSHEET YOU USE SO I CAN CHECK ON COMPATIBILITY, AS OUR GOAL IS TO MERGE THE INDIVIDUAL DATA SETS INTO A MASTER FILE THAT CAN BE ACCESSED BY ALL.

SOME SUGGESTED WE MIGHT HAVE A CONVENTION, WHICH I AM WILLING TO BET WILL TURN INTO 'PIG-OUT' OF ARCH HUNTING. I THINK THIS IS A FINE IDEA. LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS FOR 1990, PERHAPS IN MOAB.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO WRITE TO ME REGARDING YOUR IDEAS ON ORGANIZATION, POLICY, AND RELATED MATTERS. I APPEAL FOR AN EARLY REPLY FROM THOSE WHO CAN HELP SET UP A COMPUTER FILE, AS I WOULD LIKE TO LAUNCH THAT PROJECT BY NEXT WINTER. AFTER THIS LETTER I PLAN TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOU THROUGH THE NEWSLETTER, BUT I WILL PERSONALLY ANSWER ALL YOUR LETTERS.

YOURS FOR STURDY STATELY SPANS,



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