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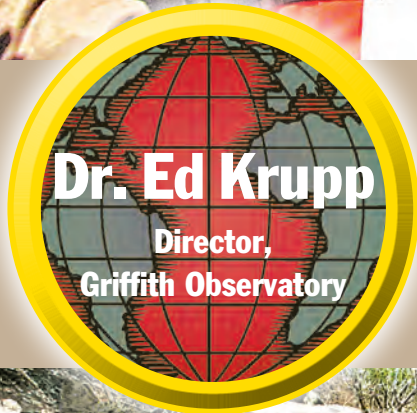
Baja California

Club World Traveler, Dr. Ed Krupp, Director, Griffith Observatory, Rec and Parks

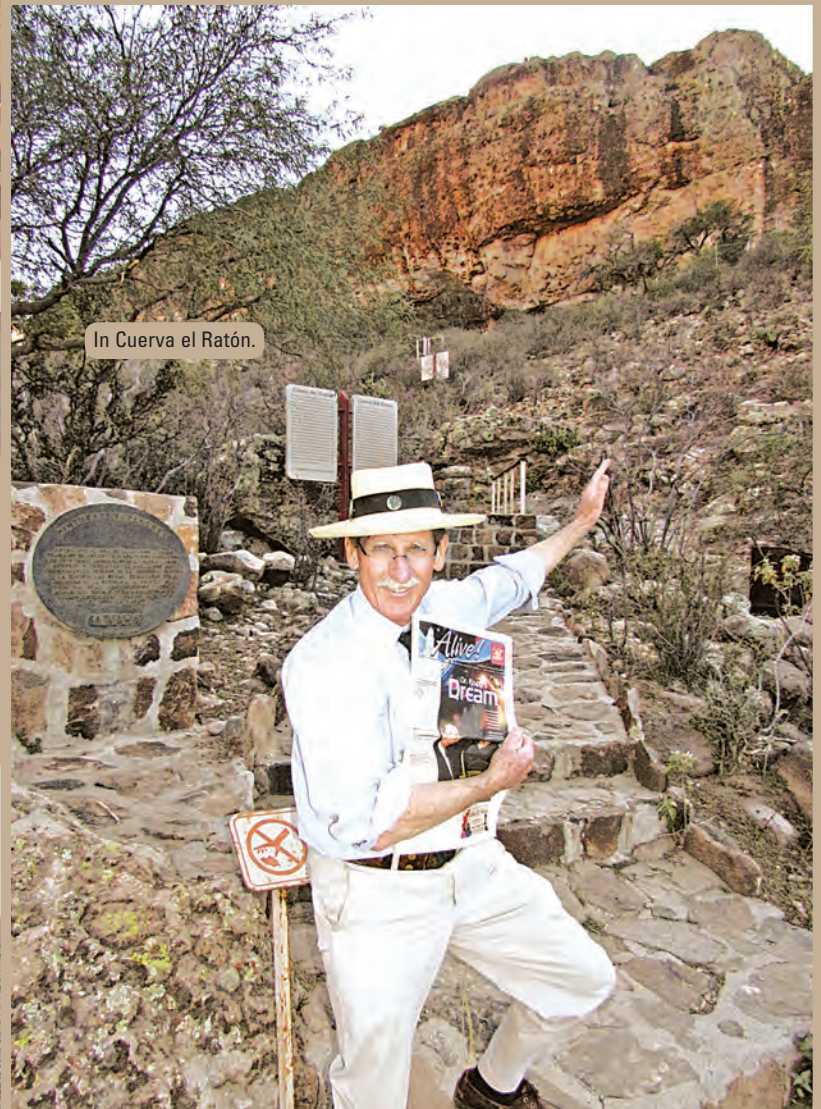
In a panga boat on Ojo de Liebre; a monumental gray whale is in the very near background.



"In March, I bused down to Baja California Sur with a group looking for close encounters with whales in Ojo de Liebre (Scammon's Lagoon) and San Ignacio Lagoon. In March, most of the adult males have left to return to Alaska, and mothers and calves remain but are getting ready to go. The whales seek out people. We had nothing for them but our enthusiasm. We were in small, open boats, expertly operated by the local whale-watching operators, and the whales got right next to us and permitted us to touch them. The interaction between the whales and people was prolonged. They stuck around and followed the boat. We seemed to be a source of interest and entertainment, and of course, we were astonished by the close contact. The only thing 'astronomical' about whales is the constellation Cetus the Whale, which was formerly known as Cetus the Sea Monster.



"On the same Baja trip, I had a chance to return, since my last visit in 1989, to Cueva el Ratón, near the village of San Francisco in the Sierra de San Francisco. This is the only Baja Great Mural site that can be reached easily by car. I have visited dozens of these rock shelters with their huge painted figures, but it took three mule trips and camping out for more than a week in rough country on each expedition to get to them. The paintings are not visible in this picture, but the shelter is uphill in the background, and visitors are permitted to ascend and view the paintings. Near this site, I also saw a petroglyph site previously unknown to me, and it was loaded with rayed disks or sun symbols.



In Cueva el Ratón.

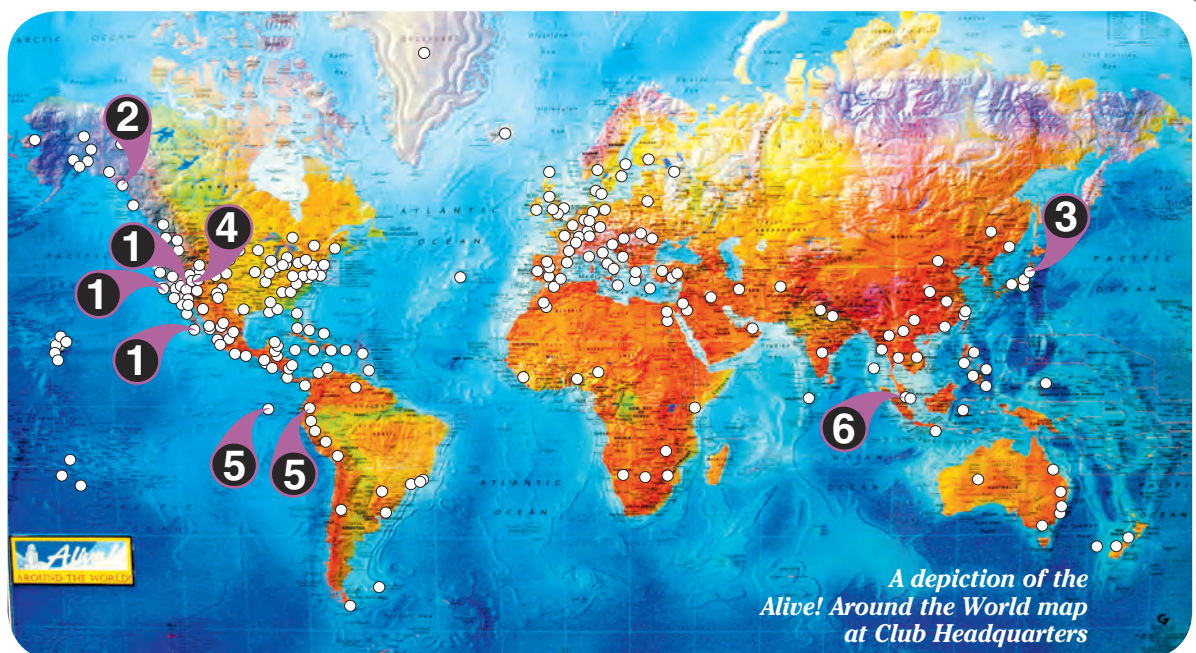


Little Petroglyph Canyon, China Lake, Calif.

"In April, I returned to the Naval Air Weapons Station, China Lake, near Ridgecrest, Calif., for another look at the prehistoric rock art in the Coso Range, in this case, in Little Petroglyph Canyon, which I'd visited twice before. The human-like figures with decorated bodies, elaborate headdresses, and atlatis are signature images of this style. The exact age of these petroglyphs is unknown. Some are probably 1,500 years old, and some may be as old as 300 years. They were carved by hunter-gatherer Paleoindians in this region and include many images of bighorn sheep. Some 'astronomical' imagery shows up — 'stars,' 'sun disks,' and 'crescent moons,' but most of the rock art has no obvious celestial connotation. I've been permitted over the years to look at petroglyphs in many canyons that are not normally accessible, but public tours of Little Petroglyph Canyon, which I've examined twice before, are regularly available through the Maturango Museum in Ridgecrest."

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A depiction of the *Alive!* Around the World map at Club Headquarters

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Alaska

Here's the continuing adventures of **Mike Boyd, Public Works/Sanitation**, this time in Alaska.



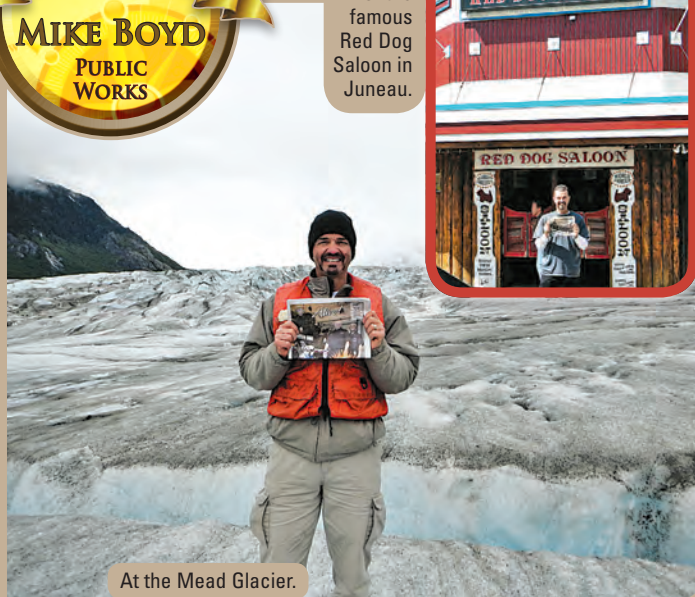
Crabbing in Ketchikan.



Alongside the Hubbard Glacier, the largest in North America.



Boarding the *Crown Princess* in Whittier.



At the Mead Glacier.

In front of the famous Red Dog Saloon in Juneau.



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Japan



"At Oshino Village Yamanashi near Mt. Fuji, enjoying authentic Japanese cuisine in Yokohama, Japan."

- David Elizarraraz, Public Works/Sanitation



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Utah



"My husband and I took a trip to Zion National Park in Utah, and we absolutely fell in love with its beauty. While there, we went canyoneering and made it out *Alive!*"

- Victoria Anaya, Harbor



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South America

Here are **Ron Lau, Public Works/Engineering**, and Thuy Lau in South America.



"We had the opportunity to visit the Galapagos in May. Here's a photo of us at the Baltra airport. It was an amazing trip, one of which we will forever remember."

"On our last leg of the South America trip in May, we had fun visiting the Museo de Sitio Intinan on the equatorial marker, a short ride outside of Quito, Ecuador. We had fun at the middle of the world!"



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Malaysia

Here's **John Radovcich, Harbor**, 13 years of City service, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. "Being from the Harbor Dept., I always take the Joannie Mukai issue of *Alive!* with me."



"Here I am at the Batu Caves Temple. Behind me is the magnificent Statue of Lord Murugan, the second tallest of a Hindu deity in the world, standing at 140 feet. To the left of the statue are the stairs leading up to the entrance of the incredible and expansive bat cave chambers."



"50 miles north of Kuala Lumpur is Selangor. This town is known for its evening firefly show along the Selangor River. But during the day, you can go up the hill to feed the hundreds and hundreds of silver leaf monkeys."