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Title

Civil Liberties Monitoring Project Collection Guide

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Dates Materials Donated

2018 CLMP website download
2021 Five boxes of office files and about 86 audio tapes
This Collection Guide describes this donation
2023 Remainder of CLMP office files and transcripts of KMUD radio shows donated as
CLMP was ceasing to exist as a formal organization. These materials have not yet
(early 2024) been processed and are not yet available for use.

Date Collection Processed

2018 CLMP website transferred to the HAPA website
2021 paper files processed
audiotapes not yet reformatted, and are not included in this document

Language

English

Collection Creator

Civil Liberties Monitoring Project, and Mark Drake

Dates Covered by Collection

1993-2006
1995-2004 for the bulk of the Collection

Size of Collection

4 Cubic feet (or boxes) and 86? audio tapes
CLMP website (active 2008-2016) <https://humboldtareaarchive.org/civil-liberties/>

Organizational Information

In 1983 CLMP was created to provide observations and share information regarding law enforcement activities in Southern Humboldt and Northern Mendocino counties in

California. The law enforcement activities, especially CAMP (Campaign Against Marijuana Planting), centered on the marijuana/cannabis growing underway in that region in an attempt to interrupt it. The community felt under siege. Meetings were held and legal actions contemplated. It was necessary to become a non-profit organization to take a legal stand against these law enforcement activities.

Bonnie Blackberry's fuller history of CLMP and of Citizens' Observation Group is included at the end of this Collection Guide.

Abstract

Three separate but related parts are included in this Civil Liberties Monitoring Project Collection: Office files, audiotapes (most from radio shows aired on KMUD), and the 2016 CLMP website that, since 2018, is hosted on the Humboldt Area Peoples Archive webpage. CLMP started in 1983 as the Southern Humboldt/Northern Mendocino community's reaction to ongoing and intensive law enforcement activities aimed at interrupting the marijuana/cannabis cultivation.

Access

Only the files are open for research by appointment. Appointments can be arranged by contacting the Archivist. The tape recordings will be available after they are digitized/reformatted.

The website is accessible at: <https://humboldtareaarchive.org/civil-liberties/>

Copyright

CLMP has retained copyright for the duration of the organization's existence and shares it with Humboldt Area Peoples Archive

Acquisition Information

In 2018 the audiotapes were transferred to HAPA. In 2019 the boxes of CLMP files and the one box of Mark Drake files were brought to HAPA's office. In 2021 Bonnie Blackberry signed HAPA's Deed of Gift form donating all the materials to HAPA.

Funding

Processing the collection was done by Edie Butler on a volunteer basis. Funds are needed to digitize/reformat the audiotapes.

Arrangement of Collection

The CLMP files were somewhat rearranged to bring like materials together; such as Board of Director minutes and notes, CLMP's newsletters (The Civil Libertarian), compassionate use/medical marijuana materials, voting information. The contents of each file were left intact except for inserting nearby loose materials that pertained to the subject of the file. Other loose materials were put in folders and the title created by the Archivist is stated in [] brackets. Multiple copies, beyond two copies, of materials were discarded.

Mark Drake focused his activities on the California Highway Patrol's activities and kept separate files though he worked in tandem with CLMP. His files have been kept separate from CLMP's and are located after the CLMP files, in Box 4.

CLMP's website can be seen at <https://humboldtarearchive.org/civil-liberties/>

The website includes CLMP annual summaries and information about code enforcement, and timely announcements

Series

Civil Liberties Monitoring Project

- CLMP Board of Directors

- CLMP Office

- CLMP Activities – Calls and Summaries; 1999-2000, 2007-2008. Notes on individual calls received, noting law enforcement helicopter and caravan activity.

- CLMP Employment

- Budget/Finances/Fundraising

- Radio Presentation

- Newsletter: The Civil Libertarian (A fairly full hardcopy run of the newsletter is in the CLMP office in Redway, CA.)

Medical Marijuana/Compassionate Use

Voting

California Highway Patrol and other law enforcement

California Highway Patrol; Mark Drake's Activities

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- 4 [Board Meetings; 1998-1999]
- 5 1999 Board Minutes
- 6 John Wheeling Board Candidate, 1999
- 7 [Board Meeting; 2001]
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- 9 CLMP Minutes and Agendas 2005-2006

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- 10 Atty [Attorney Survey]; 2004
- 11 Super Stuff [Board of Supervisors; 1996-1999]
- 12 CLMP 1995 Meeting
- 13 Annual Meeting – 1999
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- 16 CLMP General Information; 1997-2005
- 17 CLMP Events; 1993
- 18 [CLMP Activities; 1998]
- 19 CLMP Handouts
- 20 [CLMP Legal Action Plans; 2000]
- 21 CLMP Membership Form and Info; 1994-1995
- 22 [CLMP Sues Humboldt County; 1997] CEQA CP9700a731
- 23 [CLMP's Survey; early 2000s]
- 24 [Correspondence Received – Requests for Legal Help]
- 25 CLMP [Marijuana Eradication; 2001-2004]
- 26 Office Logs 2001, 2002, 2003
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- 55 Budget – Summary Reports; 2000-2001

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Newsletters: The Civil Libertarian

- 1 CLMP Newsletters; through Winter 1997
- 2 Newsletter; 1997-2003
- 3 CLMP Spring 1999 Newsletter
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- 5 Medical Marijuana Ordinance for Humboldt County
- 6 Task Force [Humboldt County]
- 7 Dept. Health & Human Services [Humboldt County]
- 8 Humboldt ID Card
- 9 ID Cards
- 10 Medical Marijuana [Forum]; 2001-2003
- 11 Correspondence, Med. Mj.; 2000
- 12 MMAR – Misc.
- 13 MMAB [Mendocino County]
- 14 MMPU [Medical Marijuana Patients Union]
- 15 ASA [Americans for Safe Access]
- 16 CLMP – Mmar
- 17 [Church of Cognizance/Quaintance Case]
- 18 [CLMP Compassionate Use Clinic; Dr. Mikuriya; 2000]
- 19 Management; OMO & OMS – Dr. Mikuriya; 2002
- 20 Conditions [Medical]
- 21 Medical Info/Handouts
- 22 Medical Marijuana – Legal [Pebbles Trippet, Defendant]
- 23 [Medical Marijuana – loose papers; 1999-2003]
- 24 [Medical Marijuana/Compassionate Use – loose papers]
- 25 [NORML vs Mullen; 1987]
- 26 News clippings Medical MJ
- 27 Peace Officers Guide 215; CA Dept of Justice
- 28 People v. Urziceanu
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30 [Hunter, et al; Prevalence and Role of Alcohol, Cannabinoids.....; 1998]

Subjects

- 31 Adios CAMP, Santa Cruz
- 32 [Bari, Judi; Cointelpro]
- 33 [Buffington's Ruling to Suppress; 3 cases; 1993]
- 34 [CAMP Budget]
- 35 Articles; CAMP in Humboldt Cty
- 36 CAMP
- 37 [CAMP Consent Decree; 1985-1987?]
- 38 G/R Chamber of Commerce Membership
- 39 [Code Enforcement]
- 40 [Courtois Case; 2000]
- 41 Diesel Spills
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- 43 Elections
- 44 Estate of Ryan
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- 46 Gallegos DA; 2002
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- 49 8-4-01 Helicopters; Reggae On The River
- 50 [High Times Articles]
- 51 [History of the Non-Medical Use of Drugs... by C. Whitebread, to CA Judges]
- 52 Homeless Sweeps 2008; Kevin B. McGrath's Doc
- 53 Humboldt County Human Rights Commission
- 54 MIOCR – Program. Humb Co.
- 55 Hum. Co. Sheriff's Dept
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- 59 Juvenile Justice radio; 2002
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- 5 Moore Hearing; [Cleveland, David case]
- 6 Neutral Observers

- 7 Newspaper Articles
- 8 [Newspaper] Drug Clips; 2004-5
- 9 NORML
- 10 Peace Keeper/Non-violence
- 11 [Pepper Spray]
- 12 Pepper Spray Articles; (Copies in Chron Order)
- 13 Pepper Spray Articles; (Original)
- 14 [Pepper Spray Case]
- 15 Photos – Fortuna Police
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- 17 Police Accountability/Privacy Rights
- 18 Police Brutality
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- 20 Police Suing Citizens
- 21 [Postal Service Rates]
- 22 RAN [Rainforest Action Network]
- 23 Round Valley/Lincoln Case; 1995
- 24 Small Claims
- 25 Students [Military Recruitment & Patriot Act]
- 26 Tasers
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- 31 Voting – 1
- 32 Voting – 2
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- 34 Voting/Cointel
- 35 Voting Stuff
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- 38 BSA Request [Bureau of State Audits]
- 39 CHP Minutes/Workshops
- 40 CHP Motorist Alerts
- 41 CHP Poster [and Public Education]
- 42 6/28 Meeting Handouts [Motorist with Marijuana]
- 43 Press In
- 44 Press Release/News Articles; 2001
- 45 Sheriff Tony Carver
- 46 Sobriety Road Blocks
- 47 Stop Record Forms
- 48 CHP; 1995-1998

- 49 CHP – Grant Traffic Safety
- 50 CHP Materials
- 51 CHP Memorandum [To Officers]
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- 53 CHP Pursuit Policy; 2002
- 54 CHP White Cars
- 55 Citizens Complaint – CHP Forms
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- 59 [Operation Pipeline] 9/29/99 Gary Webb Report

Box 4

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California Highway Patrol – Mark Drake’s Activities

In 1996 Mark Drake wrote a “Declaration of Mark Drake” in it he stated: “I have been volunteering with the Civil Liberties Monitoring Project in Redway, California over a period of several years. Since late 1993, I have been paying particular attention to the behavior of the California Highway Patrol during their autumn operations directed toward imposing stops and searches on motorists in Mendocino and Humboldt Counties.”

Mark Drake’s headings were retained and are in “ “ marks in this container list.

“’96 “North Coast”

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- 74 Northern STAR
- 75 Observations
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- 90 [Complaint Number] 10381
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- 102 [African Americans, CHP, ACLU]
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- 104 DARE Originals
- 105 David Harris [Articles] and [People vs. Koutsakis; Illinois]

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HISTORY OF CIVIL LIBERTIES MONITORING PROJECT

Bonnie Blackberry has provided a history of the Civil Liberties Monitoring Project (CLMP).

CIVIL LIBERTIES MONITORING PROJECT

By Bonnie Blackberry August 25, 2021

The Civil Liberties Monitoring Project (CLMP) was formed back in 1983 as part of a community response to local activities and abuses by the combined federal, state and local marijuana eradication program called Campaign Against Marijuana Planting (CAMP).

CLMP is a small non-profit organization, located in southern Humboldt County, relying on community support to continue our efforts. CLMP monitors, documents, advocates for & educates about civil liberties issues in Humboldt, Mendocino and Trinity counties. Our goal is to encourage public awareness of constitutional rights and encouraging involvement of the whole community in preserving and protecting them.

Initially two lawyers in the community, Ron Sinoway and Mel Pearlston, helped to start CLMP and assist in its work to deter infringements by law enforcement including invasions of privacy and illegal search and seizure, as well as environmental degradation.

CLMP became official on October 31, 1983, with initial directors, Nick Licari, Peter Revotskie and Emery A. Burkey. Jared Rossman and Bonnie Blackberry have been on the CLMP Board since the initial directors retired. CLMP has a copy of By-Laws adopted August 29, 1995. Other Board members throughout the years have included, Ed Denson, Marie Mills, Bernadette Webster, Michael Deleon, Pav Vanek, Joy Call, Richard Evans, Mark Drake, Tom Oniel, John Hockett, Dora Fales, and Eric Kirk. Current board members are: Bonnie, Jared, Jill McClure and Iona Briefer.

In 1979, Garberville began to receive nationwide media attention after a journalist designated the area, "Pot Capital of California". This same year, Humboldt County was given a federal grant to subsidize their marijuana eradication activities. In 1980, local, state and federal agents participated in a raid of 740 northern California marijuana gardens, called "Operation Sinsemilla."

It was during the summer of 1983 that people in Southern Humboldt communities woke to find themselves under the active surveillance of the Campaign Against Marijuana Planting (CAMP) with armed men in helicopters who hovered above their homes and gardens at tree-top level and circled surrounding fields and forests, with ground activities in local neighborhoods.

Local citizens called a meeting and gathered together at Beginnings octagon in Briceland to consider an appropriate response to this invasion. At this meeting the community members decided we needed legal help to deal with the situation and the Civil Liberties Monitoring Project (CLMP) was formed.

Originally, in 1983, local civil rights attorneys Ron Sinoway and Mel Pearlston made space for CLMP in their office in Redway. After the fire that destroyed their

office we shared office space in a mobile trailer on Rusk Lane, across the street from the Mateel Community Center in Redway. Later we had our office area in a small area of a house in Garberville owned by a board member, Marie Our current (2021) office is at 773 Redwood Drive in Garberville.

In 1984, lawyers Ron Sinoway and Mel Pearlston represented CLMP along with NORML (National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws) and 22 individual plaintiffs to bring an action against various federal, state and local officials in a class action suit for all California residents subjected to the civil rights violations during the Campaign Against Marijuana Planting (CAMP). The court deferred on the class action certification because of the magnitude of manageability problems of this potentially enormous class. The plaintiffs concurred that each case would be tried individually, and the Court issued a preliminary injunction on helicopter and ground activities.

In 1986 the court appointed a monitor to oversee CAMP activities. And finally in December 1987, the litigation was resolved by state and federal defendants consenting to a set of guidelines, 'Consent Degree' to be maintained by all law enforcement during surveillance of and deal with citizens. These were rules to keep both public safety and personal constitutional rights foremost.

CLMP helped bring suit in 1990 against the "Greensweep" military style invasion that occurred in Southern Humboldt on federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Management

1995 Round Valley civil rights case, CLMP worked with San Francisco attorney Dennis Cunningham, interviewing plaintiffs and witnesses collecting declarations, after a shooting which killed a law enforcement officer and a local native American, which resulted in a widespread search on the Reservation.

1996 Headwaters protesters, worked with San Francisco attorney, Dennis Cunningham, interviewing plaintiffs and witnesses, collecting declarations regarding alleged abuses by law enforcement

CLMP has monitored and documented California Highway Patrol's (CHP) questionable activities and citizen complaints, as well as its Drug Interdiction Operations with pretext stops and nonconsensual searches along Highway 101 and on inland county roads during 1995 Harvest Sweep, and Operation North Coast in 1996.

CLMP has also met with the local CHP commanders over the years concerning citizen complaints and we have continued with yearly Civil Liberties Hour KMUD radio interviews with listener call-in.

In 1998 CLMP held Know Your Rights presentation at South Fork High School

In 2008 CLMP organized a Town Hall in Garberville on April 4, 2008 with Humboldt County Sheriff, District Attorney, 2nd District Supervisor and Code Enforcement officer to bring forth the community concerns regarding the Code Enforcement activities. This was followed on April 8th with a presentation, organized by CLMP, at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, which had residents from throughout the county voicing their concerns and experiences. (We have audio recordings of these) In response the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, created the Code Enforcement Task Force, to investigate, and report our findings and recommendations to the Board. (Final report September 26, 2008)

CLMP helped form and participated in the Public Participation Working Group to work on the Humboldt County General Plan Update for several years.

In the last number of years, CLMP has continued its monthly radio program, which is transcribed and printed in the local *Humboldt Independent* newspaper. We have also continued to organize a number of Town Hall community meetings with local law enforcement and county officials.

Currently, in 2021 CLMP is monitoring the Humboldt County Code Enforcement Unit and the commercial cannabis permitting process

CLMP's sources of funding have been: memberships, local fundraisers (Band Wagon events, forums, win-a-trip raffle, sale of T shirts). Also, grants from the Drug Policy Foundation (for the CAMP lawsuit), the Greenville Foundation and Vanguard gave us grants for work monitoring the CHP,

Citizens' Observation Group

The Citizens' Observation Group (COG) is a separate but related organization.

COG was organized similar to a neighborhood watch, with community volunteers who would go to the places where CAMP and law enforcement were operating

with helicopters and ground crews. The COG motto was, Observe Record and Report. After going through non-violence and observer trainings, which included learning how to take declarations, COG teams would go to the area where CAMP activities were happening to observe, take notes, photos and videos where appropriate. COG would also gather declarations from people who were the subject of law enforcement activities, and/or who witnessed them. CLMP would receive this information.