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Arrowhead Improvements Association

October 2007

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Gary Keiser

The fall colors were somewhat spotty this year. In one view you could see brilliant gold leaves, bright green leaves, dull brown leaves, and aspens with no leaves. We have had a hard frost, light snow, and the mountain tops are white. The active bear season is about over, and winter preparations are in full swing on the mountain.

Mitigation of approximately 25 acres of common land below Snowshoe and north of Columbine has been completed using a 50% Federal matching grant. We have received another Federal matching grant which will be used for mitigation next year. We have mitigated over 100 acres of highly hazardous common land during the last 5 years, all with matching funds. Owners have also been doing their part. Forest refuse in the stump dump is higher and bigger than it has ever been.

Canada thistle is our most prevalent noxious weed. It chocks out native wildflowers and grasses and spreads rapidly. The Canada thistle between Alpine and Ponderosa received 3 sprayings this summer. Additionally, volunteers completed two sprayings along filing roads. We hope to see far fewer noxious weeds next summer, but managing noxious weeds will be a continuing effort.

The John Krall award is presented each year for outstanding community service. The 2007 recipient was Don Bumgarner. Don is active in the fire department, continually helping someone with some project, and always present when volunteers are needed. Congratulations Don, and well deserved.

WILDLIFE...DID YOU KNOW

Elk. Market hunting nearly drove elk to extinction and by 1910, only a few hundred remained in the state of Colorado. Herds were restored by closing the hunting season for 26 years, transplanting animals from Yellowstone an improving habitat. Now, Colorado has over 270,000 elk. Another name for elk is Wapiti, a Shawnee word meaning "white rump".



Mule Deer are Colorado's most abundant big game animal.. Mule deer hair changes color from reddish tan in the summer to grayish brown in the winter. Bucks grow antlers throughout the year starting in February or March. Antlers mature in September and shed in February or March, starting the cycle again. Colorado Division of Wildlife.

Fire Department News

FIRE CHIEF'S LETTER

Bruce Saunders

Ron Benson has retired as AVFD Chief. His many contributions to the department include directing the final planning and construction of the new fire house, actively pursuing the formation the new Arrowhead Fire Protection District, and securing additional firefighting and communications equipment. Diane Benson also took an active role in the firehouse project.

We heartily thank Ron and Diane, and we thank Mike Wigent for his valuable service as Assistant Chief. Both men will remain on the department as firefighters.

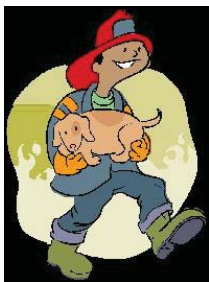
Kevin Stilley has accepted the position of Fire Chief and Bill Boulter has assumed the duties of Assistant Chief. Both men are highly capable and dedicated and will be well able to guide the department during the transition to the new Fire District.



Fall is upon us. If you are leaving for the season, now is a good time to eliminate all sources for winter time fire danger. A few things worth considering are:

- Unplug all appliances, clocks, TV's, radios and anything else that might waste electricity or cause a fire;
 - Check for any frayed or unattached electrical wires inside or outside;
 - If there is not any real need for it, turn off electricity entirely;
 - Look around the outside of your home and outbuildings to make sure electrical plug-ins are above the anticipated snowline or at least properly covered and secured to prevent the entry of moisture;
 - Check gas trimmers, mowers, saws, ATV's, snowmobiles, and anything else that has the potential to leak fuel or oil;
 - Remove all gas cans from property and make sure overhead fuel storage tanks are anchored, closed, and locked;
 - If you are not going to heat your home during the winter, turn off propane and propane appliances and make sure gas lines are not in danger of damage from the snow load;
 - Make sure no rags or other wiping materials remain that may contain any flammable substance such as stain, gasoline, kerosene, paint, etc. Spontaneous combustion can occur and result in a serious fire.
- Keep firewood at least 30' from any building;

The AVFD will continue pressure testing of hoses, making certain hydrants function correctly and are clearly marked for high snow levels, checking hose boxes, setting up equipment for winter use, and inventorying emergency supply needs in advance of the winter season.



A search and rescue training session was conducted September 19. The knowledge gained from similar exercises has been used several times to address emergencies. This will be coupled with ongoing First Responder training to better address medical emergencies.

Board Reports

SECURITY NOTES

Lindy Lindner

I'd like to thank Mike Goddard for his service to Arrowhead and welcome John Summers and Carol Gelsomini to the security team.

With winter just around the corner, there are some dates and information for property owners to be aware of:

- The parking lot will be open October 10. You may bring vehicles and snowmobiles to the parking lot after that date. The sticker color this year is red, so please see Security, call or e-mail to get a new sticker for each vehicle, snowmobile or sled that you plan to leave in the lot.
- Nov. 9 has been set for the last day to move RV's, camping trailers and construction equipment off the mountain.
- Diesel parking spaces are going fast. Please contact security to reserve a space at the bargain rate of \$100 for the winter. Label your power cord with your name and assigned space.

Trailer parking is available. Please let security know when you bring up your snowmobile trailers so they can help you get them parked in the right spaces. The fee for long term trailer parking is \$50.

It will help security if you can mark your snowmobile path to your house, especially if it doesn't always follow your driveway. By using the colored marking tape and tying it high enough on the trees, security will be able to follow the trail more easily.

Please do not put barriers such as ropes, cables, logs etc. across your driveway or block it in any way. This creates a hazard for security when they come in to check your property.

Last year's security snowmobile is for sale: 2006 Polaris Switchback, electric start, reverse, saddle bags and other extras. Please call Reinie at 862-8362 for more details or to make an offer.



DESIGN REVIEW

Gary Keiser

Regulations were adopted in August of last year requiring a sign at the entrance to each driveway and specifying the contents and size of the sign. The Committee has completed a survey of signs and reports that there are over 100 new signs installed this summer. Good job! However, there are still many driveways that do not have signs. Since putting up signs in the snow is not practical, violation letters will not be sent until next year. The regulations were adopted primarily for safety reasons, so please put up your sign before you receive a violation letter. The sign regulations can be found in Section I Article 21 of the Arrowhead Regulations posted on our web site.



Rock walls lining driveways and along the filing roads continue to grow. We are in the Rocky Mountains, and we have a lot of rocks. However, both snowmobiles and the groomer have hit these walls. Therefore, at the request of the Committee, the board passed the following amendment to the Arrowhead Regulations: Rock walls lining driveways are acceptable as long as they are on a private lot, more than ten feet from the edge of the filing road, and less than one foot high."

Board Reports

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Bruce Saunders

Voters overwhelmingly approved the Arrowhead Fire Protection District and the five board members. Since then the board has been busy getting organized and planning for the November voting. The ballot will be sent to eligible Colorado voters to be returned by mail. The ballot is complex as it must exactly follow provisions of the Colorado Constitution. Essentially, voters will be asked to set the mill levy for 2009 and remove the District from certain provisions of the TABOR amendment. (de-Bruceing).

Please read the mill levy question **CAREFULLY**. A YES vote will merely **TRANSFER** the tax money that would have gone to the Gunnison Fire Protection District to the new Arrowhead Fire Protection District. The change will go into effect in 2009. The ballot question makes this clear in lines #5 and #6: "...such rate being the same rate of property tax that will *no longer* be imposed by the Gunnison County Fire Protection District..." (Italics added).

The TABOR amendment of the Colorado Constitution requires that words such as "increased" and "raised" be included in tax questions, but in this case what is being voted on is funding for the newly formed Arrowhead Fire Protection District. Transferring the taxes now paid to Gunnison for fire protection and emergency services at Arrowhead was one of the main reasons for the formation of the District. These revenues will:

- 1) Provide a predictable amount of annual funding for fire protection, emergency medical and rescue operations at Arrowhead. and
- 2) Relieve the AIA budget of fire protection and emergency expenses.

The dollar figure cited in the ballot question is the Gunnison Assessor/Collector's best estimate of the amount Arrowhead owners will pay to the Gunnison District in 2008. The actual amount will depend on new construction and the new mill levy set by the Gunnison District after the recent re-evaluation. The Arrowhead District's tax rate will be the same **as** that levied by the Gunnison District in 2008 unless their mill levy exceeds 4.518. Under no circumstances will the Arrowhead Fire Protection District's mill levy rate exceed 4.518.

The de-Bruceing portion of the ballot question will allow the new District to retain money raised from grants and other sources along with the tax revenues. This is particularly important for a new district faced with significant equipment, training and capital needs.

Please vote YES on the mill levy question. This is NOT an additional tax for Arrowhead property owners. It redirects a tax already paid. In other words, a favorable vote gives to Arrowhead taxes that would otherwise go to the Gunnison District.



Board Reports

ROAD AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT

Ralph Ambruster

I woke up yesterday and there was white stuff on the ground. It seems like the leaves had just began to turn. Winter must be just around the corner.

We have been informed, unofficially, that there won't be winter logging this year. Hopefully, this is so, and we will have full use of the Alpine for snowmobiling this winter. Efforts are being made to build an alternate trail to the top, but the earliest this will happen is 2008. Eric Johnson has been working with the Lake City Snowmobile Club and forestry officials to make this happen. Eric also informs me that membership in the Lake City Snowmobile Club by Arrowhead residents will contribute to helping that club get larger grants for grooming the Alpine trails.

Rich Leary is making a great deal of progress working with Gunnison County and the US Forest Service to improve our relationship with those entities and increase their commitment to maintaining the lower Alpine at higher levels. I am sure you will see the fruits of these efforts in the future.

Our filing roads go into winter in pretty good shape. Thanks Will! Next spring will bring new wear and tear on the roads especially from the construction and service industries. We have some maintenance planned for next year, but the compelling issue is what do we need to do to have them in this shape or better in five years? The Road Committee is working on a plan to accomplish this. We may require some outside engineering help to get this right.

Plans for a bathroom and dump station at the parking lot will be finalized over the winter for implementation in the next summer's building season.

I want to thank the residents for watching their speed on the roads. This is the single most important thing we can do to minimize wear and tear on the road system.

The Fire Dept. has merchandise with Arrowhead logos for sale.

Included are: T shirts, sweat shirts, hats, jackets and vests, cook books, bandanas, etc.
Also NEW are the etched glassware and mugs!

These items would make excellent Christmas gifts for family, friends and neighbors.
The web site has more information and pictures to view. **www.arrowhead1.org**

or contact Martha Cook 862-8493
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Community News

HAZEL LAKE

Gary Keiser

After much consideration, the board decided that Hazel Lake is a significant community amenity worth another effort to make it a real lake rather than a little pond with a big dam. Under the direction of John Moseman, engineers were engaged, six test pits were dug, and the results analyzed. The engineers looked at the soil consistency, formations in the substrata beneath the lake, depth of soil cover, and the previous study completed in 2006. Three issues were identified:

A leak zone in front of the dam prevents the water from rising above the current level of about two feet.

The leak zone was created when the dam was built. Overburden soils were moved from the leak zone to build the dam. Without the overburden soils, the water leaks out through fractures in the bedrock.

A separate sink hole created from a burn pile also allows leakage



The engineers are confident the lake can be repaired with the following actions:

1. Cut down dam and move materials to leak zone.

Compact materials.

Excavate sink hole.

Fill sink hole with dam materials and compact.

Remove vegetation from area to be covered with water

The total project including fixing the leak, improving the flow of water into the lake, and adding amenities such as improved parking, benches and picnic tables, a hiking trail, aerators, and a fishing pier would cost approximately \$100,000. No decision has been made on whether to proceed, when to proceed, or how to pay. Owner input is welcome.



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Arrowhead Bear Trap

It is time to say goodbye to all the Summer people, we will miss you. See you next year!

Community News

Arrowhead Improvements Association 2007 – 2008 Winter Parking

The parking lot is for vehicles that will be routinely moved during the winter. Do not leave a vehicle in the main parking lot for a long period of time that cannot be moved when the lot is plowed. No owner shall park motor vehicles in more than two (2) non-paid spaces in the parking lot. **The sticker color for 2007 will be red. Security will issue the red stickers.**

Paid spaces will be provided for long-term winter parking of vehicles that are not routinely moved and for trailers. These spaces are offered at a fee of \$50.00 per space for the winter season. Snow removal will not be provided for this area and these vehicles will not be required to move when the parking lot is plowed several times each winter. See Security personnel to secure a long-term space.

Snowmobiles may only be parked to the west of the parking lot. Short-term parking of snowmobiles in the vehicle parking area for a maximum of three (3) nights is permissible. All snowmobiles and sleds must have a red AIA numbered sticker displayed in a visible spot. These stickers are available from Security personnel. Parking for guests will be provided on a limited basis. Two (2) guest passes will be provided to each lot owner and can be obtained from Security personnel. These guest passes must be displayed on guest vehicles. Property owners are responsible for their guests.

Weekend vehicles with trailers may only park in the designated area. The vehicle and trailer both must have a AIA numbered sticker or guest pass.

The parking lot has a sign stating, "Vehicles without an AIA numbered sticker will be towed at the owner's expense." Security personnel will check the lot for rule infractions and proper action will be taken. Chaining multiple snowmobiles together in the parking lot will not be allowed.

Vehicles, snowmobiles and trailers may be parked in the parking lot no earlier than October 10th in the fall and must be removed from the parking lot no later than May 31st in the spring. (per our County Use Permit). Vehicles left in the parking lot after June 1, will be impounded unless other arrangements have been made. A \$100. impound fee will be charged.. Those remaining after 90 days will be disposed of.

Vehicles with diesel engines requiring an electrical hook-up may reserve a paid space for \$100.00 for the season or \$10.00 for the weekend. There are 20 spaces available. See Security personnel to reserve a place and pay your fee.

When leaving the lot on snowmobiles, please stay on marked trails and observe traffic regulations in the filings.



Community News



“Hip Pockets” taken by Lindy Lindner
People and Activities -1st Place



“Morning on Hazel Lake” taken by Cheri Ratliff
Scenic Landscape -1st Place



“Baby Owl” taken by Linda Dysart
Wildlife - 1st Place



Arrowhead Photo
Contest



Photo Contest Winners Announced

The community enjoyed the evening of September 22nd in a fund raiser for the Fire Dept. People browsed the tables of photographs and chose their favorites. A silent auction was held on the photographs and the fund raiser brought in \$715.00 for the Fire Department. Winners received \$20.00 for 1st Place and Best in Show received \$50.00 from Richard Allan Ostrom Photography.

Thanks goes out to Shirley Ambruster, Rich and Pat Ostrom, Craig and Sharon Pugh, Richard and Kathy Leary, Oscar and Cheri Ratliff, the Arrowhead Shutterbugs and all the contestants and the community for supporting this event.



“A Lad and a Lassie” taken by Shirley Ambruster
Pets-1st Place



“Pinecone Bloom” taken by Cheri Ratliff
Seasonal– 1st Place and
“Best in Show”

Community News



**Don Bumgarner
2007 John Krall Award
Recipient**

In 2001 Don Bumgarner and his wife Linda moved to Arrowhead from Duncanville, Texas, just outside Dallas, and immediately became active in the community.

Whether it was helping a neighbor with a building or remodeling project, working on community clean-up days, building new pads for mailboxes at the bottom of the Alpine, or building custom coat racks and award plaques for the firehouse, Don always seemed to be there when an extra hand was needed, often pitching in without being asked.

Don has been active with the Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department, spending many hours training, helping test and reload fire hose, as well as shoveling snow off the firehouse roof when it started to leak.

Don's nomination by Dave and Carol Emmons also noted his friendly disposition, quick smile and good word.

Don joins previous John Krall Award recipients John Krall (2003), Dee Sedgwick (2004), Billie Ellis (2005), and Don and Elaine LaForge (2006).

Submitted by Paul McDermott.

Around the Camp Fire...



The next Arrowhead Gentlemen's Breakfast will be held at the Inn on October 27 at 8:00 a.m. Join the men for a hearty breakfast and visit! Reservations requested.

Thank you to Larry Jaeger (Arrowhead Lot owners) at Delta Main Street Printers for printing the Smoke Signals!

The name of the Arrowhead Photo group is "Arrowhead Shutterbugs," anyone at Arrowhead wanting to take better snapshots can join. Contact Rich Ostrom.



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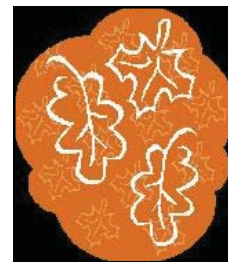
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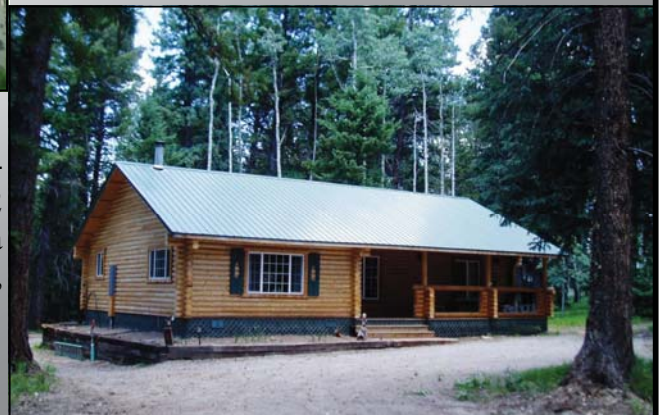
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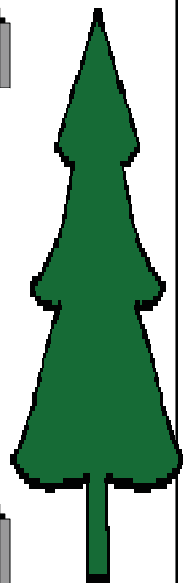
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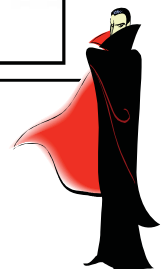


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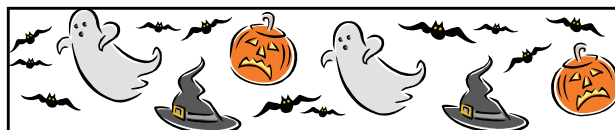
Green Chili

5 Pork Steaks diced or a 1 1/2Lb. Pork butt
3 Tbs. oil
4 Heaping tbs. flour
12 Poblano or Anaheim chilies, roasted, peeled, and diced
2 cans stewed tomatoes (crushed by hands)
2 cloves garlic diced
4 cups Water
1 tsp. sugar
salt to taste



In a large pot, heat oil over medium heat. Cook pork stirring frequently, until browned. Add the 4 heaping tablespoons of flour, coat all, the pork and continue to brown (add more flour if needed). combine the green chili, tomatoes, and garlic with the 2 to 3 cups of water in a bowl then pour into the cooked pork and stir well. Cook at Medium heat stirring frequently. Mixture will thicken as it cooks, add sugar stir well. salt to taste. Add more water if needed. Let simmer 30- 35 minutes, stirring to keep from sticking to bottom. of pot. the hot spicy fare of Mexico, simple to prepare and absolutely fantastic!

Joanna L. Misare



Happy Halloween

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