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Arrowhead Improvements Association Newsletter

February/March 2014

Holiday Celebrations in Arrowhead



ARROWHEAD CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

A great time was had by all at the Christmas Celebration! Lots of fun with the gift exchange! Many thanks to our hosts, the Inn at Arrowhead — thanks Pat, Jess and Zach!



3 BEST CABINS

Sloan/Harris
Broyles
Thomas

Holiday Parade of Lights & Chili Feast



3 BEST SLEDS

Kay Fay
Mary Cockes
Jack Vigil

We'd like to thank everyone for attending and especially the following:

EVENT COORDINATORS

Lori Dean
Joanie Aufderheide

TOUR GROUP LEADERS

Mary & Doug Cockes
Guy & Debbie Thomas
Brandon Thomas
Lynn Alee
Joanie Aufderheide

On December 28th, the Arrowhead Snowmobile Club sponsored the "Holiday Parade of Lights & Chili Feast at the Inn at Arrowhead". It was a smashing success! The Inn was packed with 80 plus enthusiastic snowmobilers. The snowmobilers were organized into five groups and took off to tour 24 cabins festively lit for the holidays. Afterwards, everyone gathered back at the Inn for chili. The atmosphere was festive and a good time was had by all!

The top 10 cabin decorations were acknowledged with prizes given to the three best decorated cabins and sleds. *(More photos on page 15-16.)*

...AND OUR HOSTS
The Inn at Arrowhead

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The deadline for news articles is the 10th of the month before the next bi-monthly issue. Please email news articles to aiasmokesignals@gmail.com. All letters or articles need to include your name and a daytime phone number. All articles must be approved by the editors for publication, or as space permits.*

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President's Message

Dear Arrowhead Owners,

At the January 19th, 2014 HOA Board meeting, the three recently elected board members (Al Hale, John Moseman and Mike Wigent) were administered the oath of office and were sworn in for their three-year terms by Secretary, Linda Squirrell. The 2014 Board Officers were also announced. They are Mike Wigent, President; John Moseman, Vice President; Al Hale, Treasurer; and Linda Squirrell, Secretary.

With the resignations of Bobbi Kerns and Berry Riddoch, we are encouraging owners interested in being appointed to the board to submit a letter of interest. More information on the appointment process is available on the [AIA website](#) and in this month's issue of the Smoke Signals. I would like to thank Bobbie and Barrie for their service to the community and for their work on the board. Their dedication is appreciated.

Also at the meeting three important items were unanimously adopted. Those items were the 2014 budget, the reserve study and an updated conflict of interest policy. The board also prioritized several project items requiring consideration for 2014.

Please remember the next workshop meeting will be on Friday, March 14 and the board meeting will be at 2:00 on Saturday, March 15. Both meetings will be at the Inn to allow easy access for all attendees.

Lastly, I would like to thank the AVFD Wilderness First Responders (EMS) who recently attended a three day recertification class and those volunteers who provided lunches for the attendees. Your volunteerism and dedication to the community is to be commended. The AIA board and community thank you!

Mike Wigent
Board President

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AIA BOARD of DIRECTORS OPENINGS

The AIA Board is accepting applications to fill the mid-term Board vacancies created by the resignations of Bobbie Kerns and Barrie Riddoch.

Per the Bylaws and CCIOA, the Board may appoint members to fill the remainder of their terms. Brief letters of interest (up to 300 words) explaining why an owner would like to serve and giving their background should be sent to Dave Tobler at the Arrowhead Improvements Association, Inc. office (P. O. Box 89, Montrose, CO 81402) or e-mailed to aia@arrowhead1.org by February 20, 2014.

These two terms will end in January, 2016.

Training Pays Off By Clyde Vavrik

If you have lived at Arrowhead any length of time, you most likely have driven past the firehouse on a Tuesday morning and saw the volunteers practicing. In the early hours of January 2nd, that training paid off.

It started with the incessant jangle of the fire bar telling us what we hate to hear. "A male with severe chest pains." The medical first responders got into their snow gear and were on the way within minutes.

Arriving on the scene, they started an assessment of the patient and knew that a ride to the hospital was needed. A few minutes later, a Park Service Ranger was on hand to reinforce the diagnosis. By then the Gunnison EMTs were on scene with all of their sophisticated equipment, and based on an EKG, decided that a helicopter evacuation was needed. The patient was packaged in a special heat retaining bag and strapped into our stair chair for safe transport from the second floor.

Our Snow Cat was waiting outside and the patient was quickly loaded and taken to the heliport. While all of this was happening, other personnel were controlling traffic near the landing zone; assisting the helicopter crew; and maintaining a liaison with Gunnison dispatcher. The patient was quickly transferred to the helicopter and flown to Montrose Memorial Hospital.

This is a great example for how 11 members of our fire department facilitated the prompt evacuation of a resident. Thanks to all members of the community who have supported our training and donated to the purchase of our equipment.



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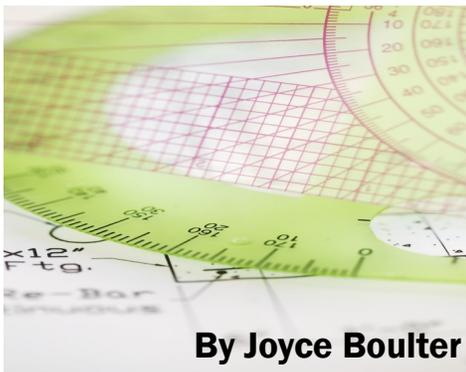
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Design Review Message

2014 Design Review Committee Meeting Dates
Meetings are held at the firehouse. February, March and April meetings begin at 10:00 a.m.; all others begin at 9:00 a.m.

- February 10
- March 10
- April 14
- May 12
- June 16
- July 14
- August 11
- September 15
- October 13



By Joyce Boulter

SNOWMOBILE

FOR SALE

POWDER MACHINE

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159 inch track

Reverse, cover, left throttle

Accessory bag

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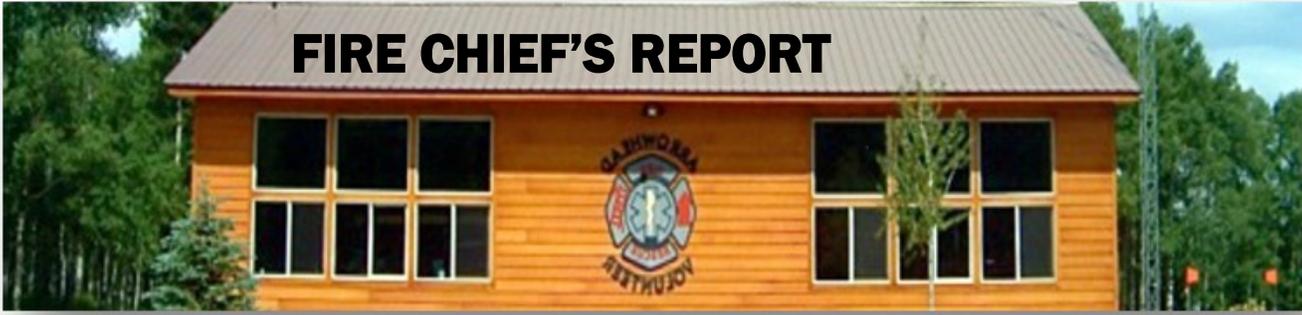
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It is still cold, with a slight chance for snow later this week. Design Review is quiet so far. I have posted the meeting dates for this year on the [DR website](#). These are always open meetings.

I will have plans for one house and several more that have said they plan on building. Please keep reading the Regulations and any questions you have call me or email me. joyce.boulter@gmail.com or 907-862-8449.



FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT



By Kevin Stilley

Tuesday, November 21st, was the last day of class after a challenging three-day First Responder Re-certification course. Eight of our First Responders attended to re-certify their First Responder status. Next time you see one of these dedicated volunteers, please thank them for all their hard work. Not only do they attend regular training sessions, but most importantly, they are there when you need them, day or night. Two of the First Responders came all the way up from Arizona to take the re-certification course. Thank you, Kathy Koeltzow, Mike Wigent, Clyde and Carla Vavrik, Joyce Boulter, Pat Grovesnor, Joannie Auferheidie and Bill Conway!

On another note, if you haven't heard by now, the Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department is planning an all mountain evacuation exercise with a tentative date for July 26, 2014. We've been planning this exercise for quite some time and it will be a large involved group of people and agencies. While Arrowhead's fire department is in charge of the Arrowhead exercise, we will have federal, state, and county agencies participating as well. Keep in mind that this exercise is strictly voluntary to our residents. Our goal will be to safely evacuate the participating residences within three hours. We also plan on contacting everyone, either face-to-face or by telephone via "Code Red" which is replacing the Reverse 911 system. Your reverse 911 information will automatically be carried over to the "Code Red" system. More information on the evacuation will be forthcoming in the next few months.

Lastly, we encourage anyone and everyone to become a member of the Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department. There is no experience necessary. If you need training in the position you seek, we will provide that for you. Members find it a rewarding way to serve the community and meet an exceptional bunch of people on the mountain.

Please give me a call at (970)862-8277 or email me at thestilley@msn.com if you are interested.



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16th

Annual Snowshoe Golf Tournament



Saturday Feb. 15th, 1pm @ the Firehouse!

5 Hole Best Ball

Awards for Top 3 teams

- Course set-up will begin the last week in Jan and continue thru the 15th of Feb
- Bring your own irons 2-6 or borrow ours if you don't!
- Snowshoes aren't required, but help... especially if you hit it in the ruff!
- Volunteers are needed - and it is great exercise!
- To help, contact Jim and Barb Darnell at (970-862-8298)

CHILI POTLUCK TO FOLLOW!
Contact Billie Ellis to sign up at 862-8220

Email "Blast" for Current Information

E-mail blasts are designed to deliver important announcements that need to be out in a hurry.

If you would like to have your email added to our list please email arrowheadblast@gmail.com with a request to be added.

We do not share this list.



Summer Community Clean-up Days

**Meet at the firehouse at 9:00 a.m.
and work until noon.**

**Come help your neighbors clean up fallen or
dead trees along the roads,
get some exercise, and have fun!**

March 31 • June 28 • August 2 • August 23

SECURITY PERSONNEL NEEDED



Come join our Security Team:

**The Arrowhead Board of Directors is accepting applications for
Security Positions.**

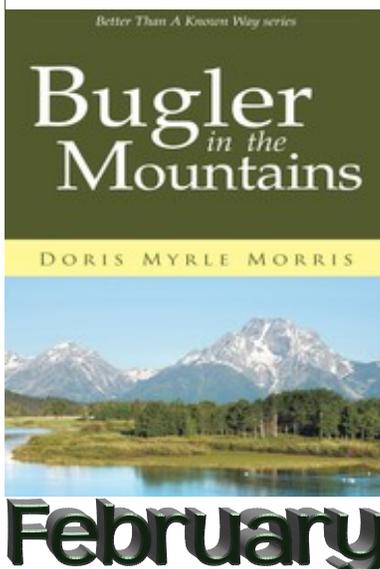
**Applicants must demonstrate advanced snowmobile skills and be
willing to work in all weather conditions. A valid Colorado drivers
license is required.**

Contact Dave Tobler for an application:

970-240-9599 or aia@arrowhead1.org

Arrowhead Book Club

The Arrowhead Book Club usually meets at 11:30 at the Inn Everyone is welcome! For more information or to be put on the Book Club email list, contact Linda Dysart, 862-8287.



Date:

Feb. 14
Mar. 7
June 13
July 11
Aug. 8
Sept. 12
Oct. 10

Book & Author:

Bugler in the Mountains by Doris Myrle Morris
Henry's Sisters by Cathy Lamb
Defending Jacob by William Landay
Light Between the Oceans by M. L. Stedman
Year of Wonders by Geraldine Brooks
Dewey by Vicky Myron & Bret Witter
Watch Over Me by Christa Parrish

"Until I feared I would lose it, I never loved to read. One does not love breathing."

— Harper Lee, *To Kill a Mockingbird*



Forestry Message BY BILL CONWAY

The joint efforts of the whole Arrowhead community over the last 10 years allow us to live in one of the healthiest forests in the state of Colorado. Additional work is still needed in many areas to protect the community from a large fire and to protect individual houses. This thinning of the forest will also improve the vigor of the remaining trees to make them more resistant to bark beetle attack. Contact Bill Conway for recommendations on what work should be done on your property to reduce the fire hazard and improve forest health.

Douglas fir beetles will continue to attack small groups of trees and spruce beetles have the potential of killing all of our spruce trees over the next five years. Individual lot owners have ordered 8820 MCH packs to put up this spring and an additional 2000 will be put up on community property. As we have done in the past, Douglas fir beetle traps will be put out in problem areas and 24 new spruce beetle traps will be installed.

In addition to making plans for the spring and summer, winter is a key time to watch for spruce beetle activity with the help of woodpeckers. Spruce beetles are one of the few sources of food for woodpeckers in the winter. The birds will

flake off the thin bark of spruce trees to get at the beetles. A few days after a fresh snow is a good time to look for loose bark on top of the snow. If you see that activity anywhere at Arrowhead, mark the tree and provide the information to Bill Conway.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — FOR THE BEETLE CREW

With the increased threat of spruce beetles, there is even more work to be done in May and June. Forest Manager, Bill Conway, is looking for **volunteers** to assist him with this effort. Some of the areas where volunteers are needed are:

- Searching for beetle infested trees
- Timely removal of beetle infested trees from community property
- Installation of MCH packets on community property (2000)
- Installation of MCH packets on private lots with donations by lot owners to the AVFD
- Installation of beetle traps – 29 in 2014
- Weekly collection and documentation of beetles from beetle traps

Complete training and directions will be provided. If you are interested in helping, contact Bill Conway by email at bbconway1967@gmail.com.



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ARROWHEAD SNOW REPORT – WINTER SNOWFALL 2013-2014

By Linda Dysart

DATE MEASURED	TIME MEASURED	TEMP.	AMOUNT	TOTAL	BASE DEPTH	Conditions
Dec. 4	5:00 PM	8 deg.	13"	58"	20"	snowed all day
Dec. 5	8:00 AM	- 3 deg.	1 1/2"	59 1/2"	21"	low overcast
"	9:00 PM	1 deg.	trace	59 1/2"	20"	
Dec. 7	5:00 PM	15 deg.	2"	61 1/2"	21"	light snow all day
Dec. 8	10:00 AM	8 deg.	5"	66 1/2"	23"	snowing & blowing
"	5:00 PM	6 deg.	1/2"	67"		light snow
Dec. 9	9:00 AM	-1 deg.	1/2"	67 1/2"	20"	overcast/sun
Dec. 20	8:30 AM	27 deg.	1"	68 1/2"		lightly snowing
"	5:00 PM	25 deg.	1 1/2"	70"	17"	light snow all day
Dec. 21	8:00 AM	18 deg.	1/2"	70 1/2"		lightly snowing
"	1:00 PM	20 deg.	1/2"	71"		"
"	5:00 PM	17 deg.	1/2"	71 1/2"	18"	light snow all day
Dec. 22	8:30 AM	18 deg.	4"	75 1/2"	22"	severe clear!
Dec. 23	7:30 AM	17 deg.	1/2"	76"	21"	clear
Dec. 24	5:00 PM	23 deg.	trace	76"		

Comparison:

Snowfall for December 2012 = 51 1/2"

Snowfall for December 2013 = 31"

Cumulative snowfall at end of Dec. 2012 = 71 1/2"

Cumulative snowfall at end of Dec. 2013 = 76"

DATE MEASURED	TIME MEASURED	TEMP.	AMOUNT	TOTAL	BASE DEPTH	Conditions
Jan. 1	7:30 AM	24 deg.	trace	76"	18"	lightly snowing
Jan. 4	2:30 PM	14 deg.	3	79"	21"	snow has stopped
Jan. 5	7:30 AM	4 deg.	2 1/2"	81 1/2"	22"	clearing
Jan. 7	5:30 PM	25 deg.	trace			
Jan. 8	5:00 PM	24 deg.	1/2"	82"		
Jan. 9	7:30 AM	18 deg.	1 1/2"	83 1/2"	21"	clear
"	5:00 PM	25 deg.	1/2"	84"	21"	lightly snowing
Jan. 10	7:30 AM	15 deg.	1 1/2"	86"	23"	lightly snowing
"	2:30 PM	21 deg.	1 1/2"	87 1/2"	24"	snowing & blowing has stopped
Jan. 12	11:30 AM	21 deg.	1 1/2"	89"	23"	very windy
"	4:00 PM	18 deg.	1"	90"	24"	snow has stopped

No new snow since Jan. 12

(as of January 23, 2014)

Health on the Mountain

by Joyce Boulter

There is a group of residents at Arrowhead that function as First Responders. We have just completed a 3 day recertification. This required us to be at the firehouse for training at 8:00 am or 8:30 am. Everyone knows this was a real sacrifice for me as that is my usual getting up time or later. This group is mainly full time residents, but many summer residents are also qualified. Erik Forsythe, Paramedic and Emergency Operations Supervisor for Gunnison Valley Hospital EMS, has taught two courses and has been up here for one refresher and this recertification. He loves coming to Arrowhead and usually brings his wife and two children. He plans these classes in the winter so the family can snowmobile. Erik and family along with the rest of us enjoyed the wonderful lunches provided by Billie Ellis and her great group of cooks, Sally Burrichter, Kathy Ezell and Becky Stilly.

Wilderness Medical Associates have provided this instruction for nearly 30 years. This instruction is designed for the wilderness or rescue setting where medical care may be delayed. Yes, we qualify as a wilderness because we are over 45 minutes from medical care. The First Responders are a part of the Fire Department and have a large variety of medical and rescue supplies, provided by the Fire Protection District. As everyone should have noticed, there are defibrillators located over the whole community in red boxes. They are for cardiac arrest and designed so anyone can use them. Please notice where these are and note the one near your property. We also have supplies that each of us carry and supplies that are in our new First Responder car. These include a backboard, splints, hypothermia bag, rescue wheel, oxygen and our newest tool, a stair chair. This is really very important as most of the houses have basements or lofts. Campers and RV's usually have 2 or 3 steps. Our winter response is hampered by snow. We have our medical equipment on a sled hitched to a snowmobile. The snow cat is very useful in transporting and the cab is heated.

When you have an emergency or medical problem, it is important to call **911**. If you call one of the first responders, we will call 911. This call goes to the dispatch center in Gunnison. They then send an ambulance and call our firebar which rings in 20 houses. We respond with the appropriate team and equipment. We will also respond to calls up county when the county asks us to respond. The county also sends the emergency response team from Elk Creek visitor Center, Curecanti National Recreation Area. If the situation is determined to need helicopter transportation, we can also get the helicopter response in 20 to 30 minutes. It is important to note that if the ambulance or helicopter do not transport there will be no charge. There may be a charge for treatment from EMS.

We are prepared to work with medical problems and injuries. We are not prepared for some specific problems. If you have emergency medications, you must bring them with you. If you have allergic reactions and use epipens, you need to have them with you. There is also a form to list your medications and doctors that is supposed to be placed on your refrigerator. I will try to get that form on the web page. Another thing to remember is to put your family contacts in your cell phone directory as **ICE - IN CASE OF EMERGENCY**.

“When you have an emergency or medical problem, it is important to call 911.”

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GPS CLASS

What a great GPS class Kevin Stilley taught!
We all learned a lot about using our GPS
and had a great time doing it!
Congratulations to Rich Krohn,
our 1st place winner!



More Photos of the Parade of lights



Thank you for the photos Lori Dean!



ARROWHEAD SNOWMOBILE CLUB

OUTDOOR SPORTS &
ACTIVITIES



ASC Website: arrowheadsnowmobile.org

ASC FB Page: Arrowhead Snowmobile Club, Outdoor Sports & Activities



UPCOMING EVENTS

- FEB 8- Club Business Meeting @ The Inn at Arrowhead - 4:30 PM
- FEB 22- Presidents' Day Ride to Willow Park Bonfire and Brats-meet @ the Inn - 11AM
- MAR 8- Club Business Meeting @ The Inn at Arrowhead - 4:30PM
- MAR 14-16 Snowmobile Club Trip to the Grand Mesa & Electric Mountain Lodge (see Website for more info!)
- APR 12- Club Business Meeting @ The Inn at Arrowhead - 4:30 PM



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