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ANNUAL MEETING MAY 5 / LOCKS CHANGE MAY 19

The annual meeting is scheduled for May the 5 and will be held at the Appalachian Restaurant in Berkeley Springs. You will be receiving further details in the mail. However, those attending will receive new gate keys; those not in attendance will receive theirs in the mail before the May 19 deadline.

FIRE SEASON APPROACHING

The brush fires have already been cropping up in the area and have caused concern to the local volunteers. Please try to use common sense when dealing with fire on the mountain and during the fire danger season there are regulations which are enforced. Most of those that visit the mountain regularly are well aware of the regulations and automatically and routinely follow a safe procedure when dealing with fire. The main regulation deals with open fires. During the fire danger season no open fires are allowed between the hours of 7 am and 5pm with the exceptions for those being used for cooking and those who obtain permits. GIVE A HOOT

CLASSIFIED

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Time again, to upgrade our security system by changing the locks on the entrance gates. This has been done approximately every two years to keep the number of people with keys to as few as possible. This does not mean that you should restrict the number of keys you personally provide your friends and family, it attempts to negate the use of keys by those who would use them for purposes of criminal entry. Again, I remind you that it would be most prudent for you to be available to open the gate for your contract personnel rather than give out a key. It is realized that this cannot be accomplished 100% of the time, but please consider mountain security when giving out keys. Try to keep a record of those you have issued. We will all be grateful.

The initial issue of the new gate keys will be at the annual meeting on 5 May 1990; the remainder will be mailed to the remaining property owners by the 19 May when the locks will be officially changed.

TAX PAYMENTS PAST DUE

March 1 was the date your second half tax payments were due if you hadn't already paid them. This may be the last year in which you may pay your property taxes in two payments without a penalty. The county is going to a new computer system for taxing and will require all property owners taxes to be due and payable at the September date. So save up the other half before then.



BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT

We have received over 86% of the annual road maintenance fees. I will feel much better once all the payments have been received. Thanks to all of you were so prompt in sending your payments. The last two years I have received payment from one of our property owners before I have had a chance to mail out the bills. I am listing the properties that are still outstanding. Please send your payment as soon as possible. If you have any questions please feel free to call me.

Lot No.	Fee	Penalty	Total
A-12	\$25	\$5.00	\$30.00
A-17	\$50	\$5.00	\$55.00
B-4	\$50	\$5.00	\$55.00
C-2	\$50	\$5.00	\$55.00
C-6	\$50	\$5.00	\$55.00
C-16	\$50	\$5.00	\$55.00
C-17	\$50	\$5.00	\$55.00
C-18	\$50	\$5.00	\$55.00
C-20	\$50	\$5.00	\$55.00
C-23	\$50	\$5.00	\$55.00
C-24	\$50	\$5.00	\$55.00
D-11	\$50	\$5.00	\$55.00
D-18	\$50	\$5.00	\$55.00
D-21	\$50	\$5.00	\$55.00

NOTE: Lot D-8 Holly Sanchez. We have not been able to find a good address for her in three years. If anyone has any information to help us locate her please contact me.

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WELCOME NEW PROPERTY OWNERS

Mr/Mrs Meredith P. Reynolds (A-9)
Mr/Mrs Barry Stahl (C-21)
Mr. David Klaas (C-22)
Mr/Mrs Mike Sims (D20)

The Board would like to welcome our new property owners. If any of the Board members can be of assistance to any of you please feel free to call on us. Board members are listed in the newsletter.



SLEDDING REPORT

Guilty as we felt for not babysitting the grandchildren so the parents could party New Years Eve, my wife and I nevertheless set out for a long weekend of sledriding, drinking Bloody Mary's and wine and taking naps in West Virginia.

What A Great Time We Had!!!

I will describe the six hills "we" (mostly "I") covered on this weekend.

1. Hill road towards the gate.

The fastest one. I made it to halfway between Tommy's property and the gate. It was a long walk back up, though.

2. The little hill between Nick's cabin and Ted's cabin on Ridge road.

Saves steps only.

3. The big hill from Ted's to Nick's

Excellent. Good speed, almost made it up the hill to my beer cooling in the snow.

4. The big hill past Ted's cabin towards Kay's property.

Killer---a loooooong walk back. Not worth it.

5. The hill from Nick's around the corner to the cul de sac past my driveway.

Outstanding! Made it past Steve's second driveway. Moderate walk back (made easier by the glass of wine sitting in the snow at the halfway mark)

6. The hill from Nick's to Pepe's

Unusual speed---easiest walk back. I made it with my wife and I both on the sled to the utility pole at Pepe's.

These rides were all taken on our daughter's ten year old runner sled. I modified it with some bent nails put in to replace broken rivets.

Bud Wyman

A WINTER REPORT

Because of the pleasure my wife and I have had on the mountain during the winter of '89 (so far), I thought I might offer the following tips to you. I hope they help you.

Trying to purchase tire chains in our area (Gaithersburg) was somewhat of a problem. I have a small two-wheel drive pick-up, (the worst vehicle in snow there is). Very few places carry chains and the ones that do are \$60 and up. However, I found them through the Sear's catalog for \$34.99 to fit my truck. When you order, make sure you have your tire size with you. For example, my tires are 205/70R-14".

Secondly is style--which is strickly your preference. I purchased cable style. Chain style-chain style would have cost an additional \$5. However, my ordering was not according to cost, it was a boo-boo because I was intrigued with four columns of tire sizes.

When the chains arrived three to five days after I ordered, they were in a nice carrying case and were very light weight-- and then I discovered my error. I meant to order item number 2 or 3, instead ordered item number 1. After careful examination, I decided to keep them and have had no regrets so far.

On the long New Years weekend the snow was packed and we had freezing rain and sleet, and I couldn't be stopped. I was up and down every hill inside our gate with no load on the truck. Incidentally, it took less than six minutes to install the chains.

The good news is--- now we have use of the mountain without having a four-wheel drive vehicle.

Bud Wyman

DO YOU USE A TOOTHPICK?

The earliest implement for cleaning the teeth was the toothpick. In 3000 B.C. the Sumerians carried gold picks attached to rings.

The Greeks and Romans picked their teeth with quills and with wooden toothpicks cut from the mastic tree. Pliny the Elder claimed that porcupine quills firmed up the teeth but warned against vulture quills, which he believed soured the breath. The Muslims carried toothpicks for a second, unusual purpose- to repulse the Devil. And young ladies in Spain, who seldom took the toothpicks out of their mouths, could use them to ward off unseemly kisses.

The Japanese sold toothpicks at temples famed for dental healing. Each season required a different kind of wood: willow in the spring, cherry in the summer, chestnut in the autumn, and mandarin orange in the winter.

In 19th-century Boston, wily toothpick manufacturers drummed up business by sending well-dressed gentlemen to expensive restaurants, where they created terrible scenes because toothpicks were not available. Today 20 billion toothpicks, mostly manufactured from the wood of the white birch, are sold each year in the United States.

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Forewarding and Address
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