

# Cacapon Highlands



## Property Owners' Association

December 1, 1982

SUBJECT: Mutual Protection Plan  
TO: All Cottage and/or Trailer Owners, Cacapon Highlands, W.Va.  
FROM: A. W. (Gus Gruhn) Cottage Owner (and Trustee-Chairman)

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

You and I have a problem in common: the security of our properties during the winter months, on "the Mountain".

Our best efforts to date have included security gates, bumper stickers, letters and other appeals to local and state authorities and still vandalism has continued in the months "when no one is there".

On Monday this week, the sheriff informed me of yet another break-in nearby; this one our "nearest neighbor" in the green cottage on County 18, immediately before entering our Common Area. His report: "They cleaned out everything, even the wood stove". These are not "just kids in search of shelter"--they're professionals, with vehicles.

In the past two winters, we cottage and trailer owners had 16 reported break-ins with losses of several thousands of dollars. Thefts included a deep-well electric pump, three total ransacks of all furnishings, building materials and tools, Coleman lamps, heaters, wood stoves, cut firewood, a new refrigerator, food and liquor supplies, kitchen utensils, etc. The destruction of doorways and breakage accounted for even more, but also two set (forest) fires; one that narrowly missed destroying a completed two-story cottage.

Isn't it about time that we did something effective--and affordable?

Here's a plan to which I believe we all can agree:

This week I have received commitment of Mr. Earl Whisner, Sr., (the father of the Deputy Sheriff) to live on the Mountain in our community, December 15 to April 30, for the purpose of securing our properties on a 24-hour basis through observation and patrol operations, at the financial rate of only \$125.00 per week. He will be furnished professional CB's both within