



# THE MOUNTAIN MEMO

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## MAY THE HOLIDAY SEASON BE GOOD TO YOU AND YOURS

### THEY SOLD MY LOT!

The following legal notice was published in the Morgan Messenger on Wed, Nov. 25 1987:

Sheriff's Land Sale

List of Real Estate sold in the County of Morgan, in the month of November, 1987, for non payment of taxes thereon for the year 1986, and purchased by individuals or by the State of West Virginia.

Charged with Taxes, Smith, Douglas L. ETAL

Description of Land, Cacapon Highlands Sec. B Tr. 4

Purchaser, Bill Moeller

Paid, \$1,175

The owner of any Real Estate listed above, or any person entitled to pay taxes thereon, may redeem such Real Estate as provided by law.

### TIME FOR A CHANGE

It is time for re-keying the gate locks. It's been over two years and the number of outstanding keys is enormous, plus the fact that locks have had to be replaced which may lead to unauthorized entry. Locks should be re-keyed after the first of the year and those who have payed their maintenance fees will receive keys. It is requested that if and when you have keys made for other than personal uses, i.e. builders, construction people, well diggers etc. please inform the board. This little consideration may help keep the mountain security just a little bit tighter.

### DO YOU REALLY CARE?

AMERICAN AS APPLE PIE! Not quite. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Research Service apples came from somewhere south of the black sea. In fact, except for blueberries, cranberries, sunflowers and Jerusalem artichokes, most U. S. food plants are natives of other lands.

Lettuce was served to Persian kings in 550 B.C. and was a favorite salad of Romans. Cucumbers were cultivated in India 3,000 years ago. The walls of 5,000 year old Egyptian tombs include pictures of laborers eating onions. Remains of peas have been found in prehistoric Swiss lake dwellings, and on plates of finicky children ever since.

Olives, usually associated with Greece and Italy, are now believed to have originated in India, along with oranges, blackeyed peas, and rice. Rice native to China??? No, but the Chinese did give the world peaches, apricots, and rhubarb. Ancient Egyptians besides eating onions, ate such familiar American foods as asparagus, cabbage, radishes and (ready for this?) watermelons.

Many of the food plants cultivated today in the U.S. are native to the southern part of the western hemisphere: Avocados were grown in Central and South America 9,000 years ago. Corn, tomatoes, squash, peppers, peanuts, pineapples, pumpkins and many kinds of bean come from Latin America. AND - last but not least, strawberries are native to Chile.

How about that!



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THE MOUNTAIN MEMO is published four times a year (March, June, Sept and Dec) and is the Cacapon Highlands Property Owners official newsletter. All material for publication must be submitted by the 15th of the month prior to publication.

With the end of the year parked on our doorstep along with the approaching holidays our property owners' association will see some changes.

Effective with our next board meeting I will be stepping down as Chairman and continuing the duties as Treasurer. I have been doing "double duty" so to speak for the last several months. Carol Thompson was elected Chairman at our last board meeting and she will be assuming the duties in January.

I had hoped to wrap up all of the unfinished business by the end of the year but I'm afraid it just is not possible. Our telephone service is now in the hands of Judge Greene. They tell me it may take a while for all the necessary legal work to be completed. Once that is out of the way C & P will start their construction work. I have been assured that there will only be the normal installation charge applied.

The other unfinished project is establishing the ownership of Firetower Road. Actually, all we need is a legal agreement between our association and Potomac Valley Vista S/D to jointly share the road maintenance. Unfortunately the local attorneys in Berkeley Springs were less than helpful so we are now back to square one. Perhaps Carol will be more successful than I have been.

I would like to say a little something about the board members. The help and support that I received while in office has been outstanding. Tom Wright gave me much guidance in the beginning, Tommy Thompson continues to be reliable and dependable. Although he is no longer a board member he has agreed to continue being editor of our newsletter. Kay Roach has been a good secretary and very supportive in making arrangements for the annual meetings, etc. Ken Kisling has taken our security problem and turned it around to a well working program. I want to welcome Gerry Suznevich to the board, she and PEPE love the mountain and will act in its best interest. I feel Carol will adapt very easily to board duties as she has been exposed to it for a long time with Tommy's involvement.

In closing I would like to thank everyone who has supported me in the past. I would especially like to thank my husband Ted for the many times he has gone out of his way to do things when things have gone amiss on the mountain. He also makes a good "road commissioner"!

The job was a real learning experience for me, I learned a lot!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ONE AND ALL!!!!

Shirley DePaolis Chairman

## NEW NEIGHBORS

Tom & Patti Wright recently sold their cabin to Howard & Dee Smith of Frederick, Md. Welcome to the Smith's and their family. We hope they enjoy many happy moments on the mountain.



## SECURITY PROGRAM

We have again hired Mr Shannon Whitacre as our security observer for this winter season. Mr Whitacre has done an excellent job for us the past two years and there is no doubt that he will do another good job this year. He will start December 1 and go through March 31.

In addition to the services that Mr Whitacre performs, each property owner must take an active and responsible role in making the mountain as secure as possible. As additional cabins are built on the mountain, our security-awareness has to be ever increasing since the mountain will become increasingly attractive to 'outsiders'. As you know, this is the time of year when we begin to experience the problems of break-ins and vandalism.

To reduce the number of incidents, the following points should be considered:

**DO NOT** cut additional vehicular paths onto the mountain. Remember, if you can gain access so can everyone else. Also, you could incur the expense of having the path restored to an impassable state.

**DO NOT** leave valuables in your cabin. If you do keep them in your cabin, keep them out of sight or locked away.

**DO NOT** keep alcoholic beverages in your cabin.

**NO NOT** leave firearms in your cabin

**DO NOT** store flammable liquids or matches in your cabin

Please remember that the issue of security is very important. When you are on the mountain, take time to check out your neighbors' properties and promptly report anything that is not proper. Also, if you have any suggestions for improvements to our security program, call me at 1-301-437-4096.

Ken Kisling  
Security Chairman

## EDITORIAL

In all my associations with the board, working with board members or as a board member myself, I have never witnessed the positiveness and the drive of Shirley DePaolis. No board member (and we have had some splended examples: Tom Wright, Steve Biegel and for his short stint Mike Sullivan) has taken the bull by the horns and hog-tied the problems like Shirley. One area in which Shirley tried desperately to succeed - and almost made it this year - was increasing the attendance at our annual meetings. She tried meetings on the mountain, with no success, and meetings including paid meals at an accessible motel, with minor success. Last year at the Appalachian in Berkeley Springs there was moderate success, but nowhere near the turnout she and we had hoped for. Since Shirley is not leaving the board, we know that the drive will remain and the excellence that Shirley brought to the association is still there. Thank you Shirley for jumping into a position that I know was not only challenging for you, at first but also a little scary. I hope that the future boards will be aware of the accomplishments of your tenure and strive to equal or surpass them.



## CLASSIFIED

Anyone wanting standing dead or recently fallen trees removed from their property please contact Ted DePaolis, 101 Woodside Ave., Thurmont, Md. 21788 1-300-271-4000. He will remove the wood free of charge in exchange for the wood.

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