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THE START OF A SECOND DECADE WITH 31 "CABINS", ELECTRICITY AND PHONES

NOVEMBER ON TOP

The month of November has probably brought out more pleasant days, chain saws, construction, etc. than any previous month on record. This fall has also provided a first in that we now have two full time residents living, breathing, splitting wood and thoroughly enjoying the everyday pleasures of the mountain out of doors. With the completion of yet another cabin, we now have 38 percent of the property owners who are also cabin owners (This place is getting so crowded I might have to move again). For those of you who are unable to visit the mountain on a regular basis, this November would have been the time to make a visit. Okay, you say why didn't I tell you in September. (I won't say anymore about it.) The road up the mountain (above the Landfill) has been prepared with a superb stone base that makes it as nice as asphalt paving. This has been accomplished from the Landfill turn off to the beginning of our subdivision. It makes the trip up the mountain 100% better come on up and try it.



HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING

Gifts need not be expensive to be valued and cherished by the recipient. Some great gifts don't involve money. Some great gifts can't be found in any store. And some great gifts are gifts only you can give.

Think about your skills and talents, and then think about the people on the gift list. What kind of needs do they have that can't be purchased in a store? How do their needs and your talents match up?

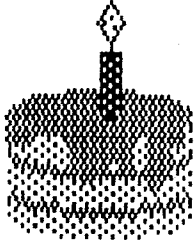
A gift of time often has more value than anything you could give from a store. Here are some "effort and time" gift ideas that you may be able to give: babysitting, garage cleaning, wallpapering, pet care, yard work, meal preparation, grocery shopping, oven cleaning, laundry and ironing, general housework, or window washing.

Another possibility is to share your own special creations. This list is just a sampling of kinds of handmade gifts people appreciate: breads muffins, jams or jellies, Christmas wreaths, throw pillows, doll clothes, stuffed toys, quilts, framed needlework, or cakes and pies.

So, pull your mind away from the traditional gift aisles and begin to explore your own imagination and talents. You'll find a wealth of gift possibilities.



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENT

We WILL NOT be sending a separate mailing for the road maintenance fees this year. This article will serve as a reminder for all property owners that all payments should be received no later than January 31, 1991.

The fee remains \$50.00 per lot. Any payment received after January 31, 1991 should include late charge of \$5.00 per lot as authorized in the association Covenants. Last year there were several property owners who sent there payments in months after the due date and failed to include the \$5.00 late charge. Collections were not completed until September for 1990, so you can see it can take a great deal of time. This year late charges and other penalties will be strictly enforced.

We are still trying to compile a list of properties that are for sale. If you wish to be included in the list, please indicate below and include the following information with your payment. We will do our best to have a list available at our next annual meeting. Please make all checks payable t CHPOA. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Your treasurer,
Shirley DePaolis

----- Yes, I would like to sell my property
----- Address correction

Name:----- Lot #-----

Address:-----

Telephone Number:-----

Asking Price:-----

Mail Payments and information to:
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Further comments for Bd of Dir. or Newsltr Ed.:-----

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LOOKING FOR A BEAR

by Linda Buzzerd

I've seen antelope and elk in Colorado, mule deer, moose and mountain sheep in Montana. Alligators in the Everglades, whales in the Pacific, and buffalo in Yellowstone. But I've never seen a bear in the wild.

Seeing a bear in the woods has been one of Life's Elusive Goals, much like getting into a size 12. Or getting Buzz to put the commode lid down.

My old pap knew I wanted to see a bear and, before he died in 1982, he told me, "Don't go messin' around in something you don't know nothin' about." So I read up on bears. It said, If a bear comes after you, (1) Run or (2) Play dead. I took the first.

Pap also warned me, don't get between a sow and her cubs. I promised him I wouldn't.

So, knowing as much as I wanted to know about bruins, I went looking for a bear again last week.

Now the best way to find a bear is to go where the bears are. Recently, they've been sighted up on Cacapon mountain on property our neighbors own. I phoned the owners for permission to look for a bear on their land.

Bob Kerns was encouraging, "Linda, you have my blessing. You are one woman who deserves to meet up with a bear." Jay Lawyer allayed any fears, "Don't worry, Linda. You and I are so big, bears are afraid of us." Dick Gay was more helpful, "I'll tell you exactly where there's a bear."

And that's where I spent most of the next three days.

I never saw a bear and each day I came home relieved: I remembered something Sparky Dawson told me 15 years ago when I was looking for a bear on his land. "Looking for a bear is a whole lot better than finding one."

SECURITY NOTES

As landowners we all have a responsibility to each other and ourselves for the security and wellbeing of Cacapon Highlands. Listed are some of the items necessary to achieve this:

1. Gate is to be kept locked at all times, if you see it opened or unlocked, close and lock it!

2. If you have a contractor coming, it is your responsibility to provide him/her with a key and see that it is returned.

3. If you are having company, make arrangements to meet them. DO NOT leave the gate open.

4. If you rent or lend your property, your guest must be informed of the rules and regulations as well as common courtesy.

5. If you see damage or a problem, report it to the Board and/or the property owner.

6. If you see trash or refuse discarded improperly, remove it with your trash when you leave.

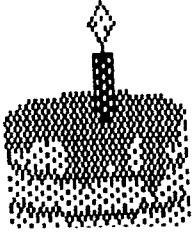
7. If your neighbors cabin is open or the door is ajar, take time to secure it to prevent weather or animal damage.

When the gate is left open several things can and have happened, such as the lock thrown away, and it cost all of us, unwanted people driving around and possibly causing problems. SOMEONE WITHOUT A KEY getting locked in and damaging the lock or gate.

If you should find a lock missing check with DePaolis(D-23), Thompson(C-1), Wyman(C-29) or Whittikers (Security-Dec 1 thru Mar 15)

And finally if you see a problem or have a solution contact me, Bud Wyman 1-301-963-0232 "Enjoy"

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