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## ANNUAL MEETING PROPOSED FOR

JUNE 6

Moisture problems that plague homeowners (cabin owners also) during winter are a sure sign they need to ventilate or add moisture barriers on interior walls, mildew, musty odors, rotted wood, warped windows and doors and blistering paint or siding, or rusted metal.

If you have moisture problems or want to prevent them when building, you have many ways to control the amount of moisture that enters or is generated.

**Vapor Barriers.** These usually are large plastic or metal foil sheets attached to the studs on the inside of the walls. They can be installed only during new construction or extensive remodeling.

**Insulation.** An older method for new construction is the installation of a 3 1/2-inch-thick blanket or batt-type insulation with a vapor barrier backing. The insulation has tabs that are nailed or stapled to the studs.

**Special Paint.** In older houses, the inside of exterior walls can be coated with a primer of aluminum paint or a good quality oil-base paint before applying the finish coat. However, since these paints block the escape of moisture, they may intensify the problem of excessive inside moisture.

Suggestions for removing moisture from inside a house include:

**Airing.** Although some people object to this practice because they think it will increase their fuel bill, airing actually raises the bill very little especially if done on warmer days.

**Open Fireplace Flue.** Leaving the flue open will provide additional ventilation. But don't leave it open continuously because this will cause heat loss and cold air sinking into the house through the chimney may carry objectional odors.

**Button Ventilation.** Small screened button ventilators can be installed in the siding at the top and bottom of each stud space to ventilate the inside of the exterior walls.

**Vents.** Vent clothes driers and gas-burning appliances directly to the outside since both give off moisture.

**Exhaust Fans.** An exhaust fan venting to the outside will remove excessive moisture caused by daily household activities such as cooking, laundering, and bathing. One in the kitchen and one in every bathroom with a shower will remove most of the moisture from these sources.

## SPRING FIRE DANGER SEASON

The spring fire danger season started Sunday, March 1. Please adhere to the regulations governing the fire danger season. These regulations provide a certain amount of protection for cabins, trees, vegetation and wildlife. But if there were no regulations the protection would be nonexistent and our trees, cabins, vegetation and wildlife would soon be part of yesteryear. I have included an insert with the regulations for the spring fire danger season. These will also be enforced in the fall season. Please take care.



# BOARD AND COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

## FROM THE TOP

It's Newsletter time again and as usual I'm running late. Don't know why it's such a chore to put things on paper, I never have a problem talking about them.

First of all, there may be some new information about our telephone service requests. I won't elaborate and get your hopes up by explaining in detail. But I should find out soon and will have some definite information available for you at our annual meeting.

I regret to report that we did have two break-ins this winter. Cabins belonging to the Gruhn's and the Skillmans' were broken into in December. We have had no other incidences since then.

An ice storm in January caused a few trees to come down throughout the subdivision. As far as we could tell they were mostly standing dead trees. Ted did go up and clear the roadway where a couple of them were across the road. Gave Ted a chance to try out his new 4 wheel drive vehicle, there was at least 13" of snow the day we went up. A small tree did come down on one of the cabins but as far as we know the damage was minor.

Mr. Whitacre has done another outstanding job of keeping us informed of events on the mountain. Ken Kisling has worked closely with him all winter. I'm not sure if Mr. Whitacre will be able to continue to work for us again next year. If you hear of anyone in the area that might be suitable for the job please let the Board know. We would like to stay with someone who lives in the area. That seems to work well.

We need people who are interested in serving on the Board. There will be two vacancies in November. These vacancies will be filled at the annual meeting. My term expires and so does Tommy Thompson's. If you are interested please call K. Roach or myself. Its been very interesting being on the board and I've really enjoyed it, I hope that it interests some of you too.

Plans for the annual meeting are in progress. We will give you the details as soon as definite arrangements are made. In the meantime, please note your calendars for Saturday, June 6. We are trying to set up a place in Berkeley Springs this year.

We will be having another board meeting on April 25. Please contact me if there is anything you wish to have brought up. Hope to see you on the mountain this spring.  
Shirley DePaolis  
Chairman

## KEN KUOTES

Well, spring is just around the corner and activities on the mountain will be increasing. In addition to the peace and quiet that the mountain offers, there are a variety of interesting recreational activities within a short distance of the mountain that can be shared by everyone. The following list provides some ideas but is not all inclusive:

- Wading, fishing and canoeing on the Cacapon and Potomac Rivers

- Cacapon State Park which offers a variety of activities including: golfing, swimming, horseback riding, game rooms, etc.

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# FIRE DANGER SEASON REGULATIONS



The spring fire danger season will begin March 1 and continue until May 31 inclusive. The danger of wildfire is extremely high during this time of year. Abrupt weather changes, more common during this period, such as high winds and warm sunny weather can cause extreme burning conditions in a short time. Many wild fires are caused each spring by careless burning of debris.

Burning during the fire danger months should be avoided when possible. If burning must be done most wildfires can be prevented by following a few simple rules of safe burning.

1. Check with Forestry Division to determine if permit is needed. Tel. 304-229-5828.
2. Clear area around material to be burned of all inflammable material.
3. Don't burn during windy weather (Check weather forecast).
4. Have help, tools, and water available at site of burning.
5. Notify the Fire Headquarters, local Fire Department, and neighbors before burning.
6. Obey the following burning regulations which are in effect during these fire danger months.

"No person during any fire season (except between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. prevailing time) may set on fire or cause to be set on fire any forest land, grass, grain, stubble, slash, debris, or any other inflammable material. Any fire set during this time shall be extinguished prior to 10:00 a.m. prevailing time. Such prohibition of fire between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing time shall not be construed to include small fires set for the purpose of food preparation, providing light or warmth around which all grass, brush, stubble or other debris has been removed for a distance of ten feet from fire and burning which may be conducted at anytime when the ground surrounding the burning site is covered by one inch or more of snow. Any person who sets or cause to be set on fire permitted by this section shall not leave such fire unattended for any period of time."

Escape of any fire at any time to the lands of another shall be in violation of the provisions of this section.

A landowner must take all practical means to suppress any fire on his property, if he fails to do so, the state shall collect from him the amount expended by the states for such purpose.

The state shall recover from the person, firms, or corporations whose negligence or whose violation of any provision of this article cause any fire at anytime on any grass or forest land, the amount expended by the state.

The director or his designated appointee or employee may issue permits authorizing fires prohibited by the preceding section. Burning permit application forms will be available at the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office, Tel. 304-258-1550, in Berkeley Springs. All burning sites and material must be checked for safety before permit can be issued. When permit is issued, person burning should notify Fire Headquarters, local Fire Department, and neighbors when burning.

Persons desiring to burn at any time should check with Air Pollution Control to make sure the material being burned is permitted by regulations. Wildfires should be reported as soon as possible in Morgan County, Tel 258-9111, Philip Hofe, Morgan County Patrolman, Tel 258-4027, Forest Ranger Ralph L. Ludwig, Tel 229-5828 or in Great Cacapon Arthur Haszard, 258-1327; Philip Hofe, 258-4027; Wayne Spring, 258-4011; Larry Mann, 258-3147.



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- Rocky Gap State Park with activities including: fishing, boating, etc.

- Walking and biking along the C&O Canal.

While this is partial list, there are probably other activities which are your favorites. If you would like to share yours with the other property owners, call one of the Board members and it will be added in the next newsletter. Ken Kisling

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture will be conducting a gypsy moth cooperative suppression program during April-May, 1987.

The purpose of this letter is to provide citizens with the opportunity to comment on the program. Specifically, we would like to know what concerns West Virginia residents have that should be addressed in the Environmental Assessment (EA) to be developed for the 1987 Cooperative Suppression Program.

If you have any concerns that you wish to address, please send them in writing by March 13 to: Plant Pest Control Division, West Virginia Department of Agriculture, Capitol Building, Charleston, West Virginia 25305.

Meetings will be held on:

March 25 @ 7:10 p.m. at the Martinsburg-Berkeley County Public Library.

March 26 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Volunteer Fire Hall in Capon Bridge.

These meetings are not designed to discuss the pro and cons of gypsy moth control or suppression, but rather to inform the public of the areas we plan to treat.

The spray will be Dimilin.

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Excerpt from a letter by Gus R. Douglass, West Virginia Agriculture Commissioner.

Our Annual meeting will be held on June 6 the location has not yet been determined. Please make plans to attend for two very important reasons. One, so you may make your voice heard on matters of the budget. And two, to vote for two board members. If you are interested in serving as a board member or as a committee member please call or drop a line to the Board Secretary K. Roach.

During this cold snowy and windy winter there was damage caused to one of the cabins. This damage was caused by a falling tree. Our security man, Shannon Whitacre, reported the fact, as he does whether there is damage or not, but the trouble was that we did not have a phone number on record to notify the owner of the damage so it had to be done by mail. Please let us know how to get in touch with you in an emergency, particularly those who have a cabin or other property on the mountain. You may either call a board member or write. This information is used only by the Board and is not sold or released to anyone outside the Board without prior permission. Also, if you are changing your mailing address please inform the Board of the new address so we may update the treasurers' and the Newsletter files.

Two double bed mattresses one good one soiled. Stop in at the Stahl's D6

Sale - Lot 27C, 5 acres and cabin. "Great room" has wood stove. Kitchen has oak cabinets with ceramic counter tops. One bedroom. one full bath. Wall to wall carpeting throughout. Deck with spectacular view. Partially finished. \$30,000 Call (703)442-8531



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