

**ELKHORN RANCH OWNERS ASSOCIATION
P.O. BOX 106, COMO, COLORADO 80432
AUGUST 15, 2005 NEWSLETTER**



**ANNUAL MEETING & PICNIC
DRAWS BIG CROWD**

**130 PROPERTIES REPRESENTED
190 EAT!**

A little wind and a little rain on Saturday, July 2 didn't bother about 190 owners and families as everyone enjoyed getting together and eating another of Lyle Hetterley's great picnic meals, accompanied by some luscious desserts brought by members. After eating, the process of electing new EROA board members was accomplished in fairly short order, and the annual meeting was held (see Annual Meeting Minutes at top of next column, this page). To wind up the event, prizes were awarded to those who had matching prize tickets. All in all, a good time was had. Thanks to all who assisted in making it a wonderful event!

PCSO CAUTIONS:

ATVs ILLEGAL ON COUNTY ROADS

By Sgt. Mike Brown
Park County Sheriff's Office

FAIRPLAY, Colo. -- As we know, Park County is a great place to live and recreate. In recent years, the population of Park County has increased dramatically. Throughout the year, mostly in the summer, the Park County Sheriff's Office has responded to numerous complaints about ATVs being driven on county roads. This year alone, there have been four ATV accidents on county roads, two that have involved children.

The Colorado State Patrol has investigated these accidents. In some cases, there was extensive damage to licensed motor vehicles. If the ATVs had followed the law, these accidents would not have occurred.

Here are some guidelines to follow. If you own an ATV or off-highway vehicle, you must register the vehicle with Colorado Parks and Recreation. You must either trailer or haul your ATV to public lands that allow use of off-highway vehicles such as the U.S. Forest Service (National Forest) or Bureau of Land Management.

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ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

President Stearns called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

A big "thank you" to Lyle Hetterley (303-838-5215) for providing a nice barbeque and fried chicken lunch with the entire fix'n's to go with it.

President Stearns announced who was running for the 2005-2006 board and what length of term they were running for. Also, he announced that Jon Yeagley and Cecelia Wallace would count the ballots. Thank you to both of them for their help.

Terry Shumaker, our security patrol, was introduced and his truck identified. He patrols all roads and outlots in the Elkhorn.

Deputy Joe Huffman from Park County Sheriff Department was introduced and gave a short talk on how the Neighborhood Watch Program works, along with a reminder that ATVs cannot be ridden on county roads.

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Everyone who operates an ATV in Colorado must be a licensed driver to operate an ATV on public property. You must have current registration displayed on your ATV. Out-of-state ATVs must display current registration from that state of registration. If a state does not require registration, you must register with the Colorado State Parks and obtain a Colorado registration per Colorado revised Statutes 33-14.5-112.

PCSO will respond to all complaints about ATVs being operated on county roads. If a deputy makes contact with the operator of an ATV on a public road, the driver will be summoned into court under Colorado Revised Statutes 33-14.5-108. If an ATV operator does not comply and there are numerous complaints about the same operator, he/she may be deemed a nuisance. If an operator of an ATV is deemed a nuisance, the ATV may be towed and confiscated per Colorado Revised Statute 33-15-104.

PCSO deputies are and have been patrolling subdivisions. We will not only be investigating the use of ATVs on county roads but also registration violations and Driving Under the Influence of alcohol or drugs. It should be noted you can be cited for a DUI while operating an ATV on private property.

If an operator of an ATV is involved in an accident, he/she is required to report the accident to the Colorado State Parks or Sherrif's Office. A report must be filed within 48 hours if the damage is greater than \$15,000 in damage or if there were any injuries involved per Colorado Revised Statutes 33-14.5-113.

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Paul Mattson from South Park Ambulance Service with several crew members spoke on all the services that they provide.

The following reports were given: Financial-JoAn Nall, Secretary-Jean Kramer, and committee's reports: Architectural Control-Gary Hart and Neighborhood Watch Program -Rhonda Garrett.

Vice-President Tom Sallee spoke about the EROA trash day. Many did not know that the EROA has a clean-up day the week before the open trash day that is held in Fairplay every summer. This is the time you can get rid of old sofas, refrigerators and metal, etc. Look for the date next summer on the web page and in the newsletter.

President Stearns talked on what you can take to the Indian Mountain Burn Pit. If rules are not followed Indian Mountain will close the burn pit. This will be a great loss to all.

President Stearns announced who had won the three open board positions. They were Julie Coffey-3 years, Jean Kramer-3 years and Bob Bridgewater-1 year.

Vice-President Sallee thanked Fred Stearns and Jill Boice for their time and work that they had done for the EROA board. Also, thank you cards were given to several members that had helped the board throughout the year.

President Stearns adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Submitted by

Jean Kramer
Secretary

**ELKHORN RANCH OWNERS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
(1st MEETING OF THE 2005-2006 BOARD)
July 2, 2005**

NOTICE

Any member who wishes to submit a bid to cater the 2006 EROA Annual Picnic, please supply the following information:

- 1) Food to be served: this should include beverages, desserts, plates/cups/plastic ware
- 2) Price (per person)

Send bid to EROA, P.O. Box 106, Como, CO 80432, no later than February 1, 2006.

Vice-President Tom Sallee called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

First order of business was to elect new officers:

- Tom Sallee - President
- Bob Bridgewater - Vice President
- Jean Kramer - Secretary
- JoAn Nall - Treasurer
- Julie Coffey - Member-at-Large
- Gary Hart - Member-at-Large and Architectural Control

Open discussion was held on several topics:

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1. Research the cost of adding new Elkhorn signs at Pinto Trail, Pronghorn, Hawk Way, and the lower part of Remington Road. This is to let everyone know when they are entering "the Elkhorn." JoAn Nall made a motion to talk to Paul Hlad on having the signs made, and Julie Coffey seconded. Motion passed.
2. Jean Kramer motioned and Julie Coffey seconded that Tom Sallee and helpers would build a moveable shed for EROA storage, with a budget of around \$800.
3. JoAn Nall motioned that Julie Coffey work with Bill Arbogast on the Finance Committee this coming year and Jean Kramer seconded.
4. Rhonda Garrett will do the Welcome Committee this year. Gary Hart wanted a set budget given to her. Gary Hart motioned and Bob Bridgewater seconded that she would have a \$100 limit. Motion passed.
5. JoAn Nall reminded the board that there are 2CD's coming up for renewal. It was decided that if we could combine them and get a better interest rate to do it but if interest rate is still the same to leave them alone.
6. Bob Bridgewater will check on prices to add more picnic tables to the Pavilion, also stain for the tables and to add new canopies.
7. Ann Bridgewater will present a bid to cater next year's annual picnic at the October meeting.
8. Gary Hart will scout a place in Denver for the January meeting. It may be a luncheon meeting with everyone paying for their own meal.
9. Fred Stearns gave the new board papers that have to be filed with the Secretary of State, State of Colorado, done yearly.
10. Gary Hart wants the board to have a farewell dinner for Fred Stearns and Jill Boice in Denver. He will find a place to have it and time when Fred and Jill can come.
11. All meetings of the EROA board and members have been schedule for the coming year. They are as follows:

October 8, 2005, 10 a.m., Jefferson Community Center, Jefferson.

January 14, 2006 The meeting will be held in Denver. The place and time will be announced at the October meeting; also it will be on the web page and in the newsletter.

April 8, 2006, 10 a.m., Jefferson Community Center.

July 1, 2006 (at Annual Picnic, after Annual Meeting) Picnic starts at 12 noon. At the Picnic Area (Remington and Pronghorn).

President Sallee adjourned at 4:15pm with Gary Hart motion and Tom Sallee seconded.

Submitted by Jean Kramer, *Secretary*

The Neighborhood Watch Program was welcomed with much enthusiasm at the July 2nd, 2005 Annual EROA Meeting. Members inquired about the program and reported activity they felt might have been suspicious. There were an estimated 130 lots represented at the meeting and 100 of those members volunteered to post 5x5 signs in all filings.

During my drive around, I counted 40 signs that have been posted by property owners. Thank you for posting them so quickly.

The EROA Board voted to purchase 20 9x12 aluminum NW signs and 100 5x5 gate signs. These signs have been ordered and will be posted in the upcoming weeks.

Members that were not present at the Annual Meeting who would like to participate in the Neighborhood Watch Program to keep the Elkhorn Ranches a safe place in which to own property may call the number below and I will make sure you receive a sign. These signs need to be posted at the road on your gate or address marker. Some members expressed that they did not have an address marker. Park County Sherrif's Department and the Fire District require that you post your physical address on the road for the purpose of safety and quick response. If you don't have the address posted please do this as soon as possible. Vacant land needs to be properly marked also. Lightning strikes can cause a fire on these properties and the Fire Department could be notified immediately with an address if you have it posted properly.

Deputy Joe Huffman was present to address any concerns or questions anyone had concerning the program. He also brought 100 gunlocks; members took them all with requests for an additional 30. He will be dropping off additional locks in the near future. Check the web site - I will post when and where to pick them up when they arrive.

For more information, call me, Rhonda Garrett at 303-766-2647, or e-mail me at rota4951@msn.com .

WILDFIRE: ARE YOU PREPARED?

2005 brings more people to the mountains. They are building in or near the forest, rural areas, or remote mountain sites. The Elkhorn Ranch is growing at a rate of 10 or more new cabins or homes per year. As landowners we enjoy the beauty of the environment but face the very real danger of wildfire. Wildfires often begin unnoticed. *People and Mother Nature start most wildfires.*

Create a 30 to 50 foot safety zone around your home and clear your land of downed timber.

Within this area, you can take steps to reduce potential exposure to flames and radiant heat. Homes built in pine forest should have a minimum safety zone of 100 feet. If your home sits on a steep slope, standard protective measures may not suffice. Vacant land can be improved to help prevent wildfire from destroying your land or your neighbor's. Contact your local fire department or forestry office for additional information.

Rake leaves, dead limbs, and twigs . . . Clear all flammable vegetation . . . Thin 15-foot spaces between tree crowns and remove limbs within 15 feet of the ground . . . Remove dead branches that extend over the roof . . . Prune tree branches and shrubs within 15 feet of chimney outlet . . . Mow grass regularly . . . Clear a 10-foot area around propane tanks and barbecue pit . . . Stack firewood at least 100 feet away and uphill from your home . . . Identify and plan your emergency water needs.

(Suggestions from FEMA and US Fire Administration)