
TIMBERLAKE TIMES

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PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

By Don Parry, President

As many may have heard, I have become the new President for 2012-2013. It is very humbling to follow in the footsteps of Linda Pedersen. I will try to keep up and follow through with the duties I have accepted.

Presidents have begun their terms with a State of the Union address, so here is mine. "Four score and seven years ago..." Abe Lincoln gave an unforgettable speech; mine is "***Just the Facts***".

We have, as a Board, the responsibility to enforce the CC&R's, maintain the Commons and Roads, plus the daily duties of being responsible for the "good" of the Association's requirements. We have seen the challenge of collecting the dues increase because of the tight economy. That being said, if you are struggling, contact Eileen Domer, Treasurer, and see what we can do for you to catch up. Jerry Toellner has continued to do an excellent job of getting the roads graveled and maintained, with more to follow.

The monthly Board meetings are always open, so stop in and let us know what we can do for the good of Timberlake. The minutes are always posted on the website.

As a Board, we have been elected to look into many suggestions for improvements. Last year, members of the Board looked into a suggestion of building an RV dump station. We weighed the pro's and con's including

the cost
and

requirements of having such a system. After all was said and done, it was just not a feasible project due to the expense, monitoring and environmental requirements. Someone asked why we did not let the landowners vote on it? The answer is: That is the job of the Board to look into and present if it is feasible. We will continue to look at many issues and deal with them as they come up.

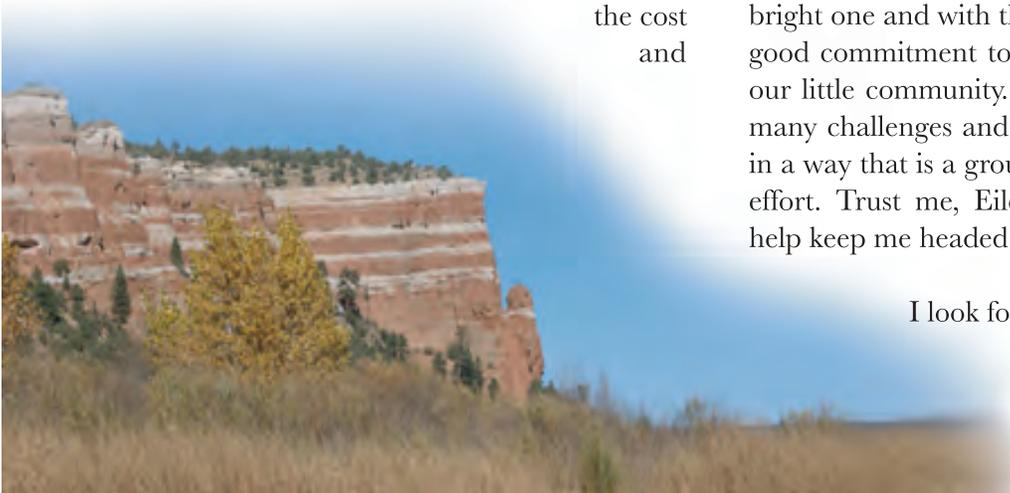
Wow, it is super dry and the State Marshal has issued a no open fire ban for all forests and their surrounding communities, including Timberlake. Propane is ok for now; no pit or charcoal. Let's help in these efforts to have a safe summer. Our Volunteer Fire Department is growing with new equipment and will soon have a new water tank that is sorely needed. Thanks to Andy Wilson and Wolf (Bill Wolford) and the rest of the members for all they provide for us.

Our Volunteers have many activities planned and we always need help. The funds raised by the Volunteers help cover the cost with items like the new round picnic tables and the window treatments for the Ranch House. The Ranch House is a great asset and meeting there is for your use. Come and see the new Historical Room that Linda Pedersen and the other Volunteers put together for us. We are receiving many great items and the pictures tell the history of our area.

What does the future hold for Timberlake? I think it is a bright one and with the new Board members, we have a good commitment to continue to work for the good of our little community. The past Boards worked through many challenges and so will this one. I promise to lead in a way that is a group effort as this is not a one person effort. Trust me, Eileen Domer and Mary Jo Wallen help keep me headed in a good way.

I look forward to meeting and serving you.

THANKS...Don Parry, President



Dedication to Linda Pedersen

By TRLA Landowners

On May 26th Linda Pedersen conducted her last Annual Meeting. During the meeting Vice President, Don Parry, presented Linda with a beautiful plaque in appreciation of her six and a half years on the Board. The plaque reads as follows:

In Appreciation Timberlake Ranch Homeowners Association President Linda Pedersen

Linda, your excellent guidance brought T.R.L.A. to a new level of cooperation and success. Key to everything was your pursuit of a common set of homeowner rules and regulations.

With help from your husband, Danny Montoya, and many great volunteers, your hard work, perseverance and vision, saved a great asset to this community, The Timberlake Ranch Community Center. The community of T.R.L.A., your many friends and the past, present and future board members wish to thank you for all you have done for us.

Presented May, 26, 2012

We would like to share some of the notes that several friends wrote about Linda. Knowing Linda, she'll be embarrassed with all these kind and sincere thoughts. But, Linda, it's "Our turn to compliment YOU!"

Linda's time on the Board will always be remembered by us. She came along at the right time, with the right attitude and personality to improve Timberlake. Her endless devotion to improving Timberlake and trying to work with and satisfy the landowners was never ending. She will always be the Little Pink Bunny President, with a whip in one hand and negotiator in the other. In many ways she brought us together as a team and instilled, a Timberlake Team Spirit within many of us. We don't want to take away the fact that Linda had many Board members that were serving with her that were instrumental in her success; they were equally as qualified and were in many ways, responsible for her success as an outstanding President.

Hang in there Danny; she is diving head first into the Timberlake Volunteers Group!!!

Pat and Allen Burnam

Madame President

Dirt in the eyes from all that blowing dust, with 30 MPH gust?... Yeah right, nice try at a cover-up, but it was tears. I think we were all more that a little teary eyed at the annual meeting on May 26th as we listened to Linda Pedersen chair her last board meeting and then when she was presented with an appreciation plaque from the board. As I sat and listened to her speak, I had this slide show going on in my head.... One of my first memories of working with Linda, was on the CC&R and Bylaws rewrite committee. I still chuckle when I think back on one of our first email correspondence, I signed off as Linda Sue, a little more personal than using my sir name, and working with two Linda's is a bit confusing at times, so thought I'd use my middle name, she came right back at me "I'm also a Linda Sue" oh great! Okay... now I'm LS2.

So Linda Sue, here is to you.....



You have touched more lives than you will ever know. And your ability to truly listen to people, not judge, just listen, is one we should all take a lesson from.

When you took the helm six years ago we were financially broke, our roads were a mess, the ranch house and bath house were in decay and in dire need of repairs, and our annual meetings usually ended in a shouting match.... We were a divided community.

Linda, you stepped up and took on a challenge that most would have walked away from, no run from! The changes you brought over the last 6 years is staggering to me.... You listened, truly listened to all complaints, big and small, it was a concern to you and each was respectfully addressed. The CC&R and Bylaws rewrite was an enormous under taking, and to this day I can't believe we actually did it. But we would not have, was it not for Linda, she kept us going over those two years, we kept plugging along. This is where I learned what a remarkable lady we had here, one that had the ability to truly listen, not to scoff or be judgmental at an suggestion by a landowner no matter how ridiculous it might have sounded to me, she acknowledged it, and we as a committee discussed it.

You told us on that windy day in May, "I'm not going anywhere" well thank goodness, we hope to see you for many years to come (as in previous) organizing a "Timberlake Volunteer" fundraising event such as the annual yard sale, Chile cook off, ice cream social... even picking up trash along the roads! And then in her spare time she manages to do some beautiful stained glass pieces, one of which she donated and I was lucky enough to purchase at the silent auction last year....

I can not end this without giving a huge thank you to Danny, you are an amazing man to have kept up with this lady all these years, and I'm still trying to figure out how you hide your roller skates under your normal footwear?!?!?! Also you have done so much over the years for us, I can not even begin to acknowledge all them all.... So please don't go anywhere either!

Linda wrote recently in her last letter in the Timberlake Times that she had “walked the talk”..... And yes my friend you have done just that! She also wrote that “History teaches us that it repeats itself, unless we learn from it”..... And learn from it, I hope we have. You left us with a solid foundation to build on, may we continue to do so!

A grateful resident of Timberlake Ranch,

Linda Shoppe
LS2

I think this has been the best board we've ever had. The driving force from the beginning has always been Linda. It seems to me that everything about the ranch is so much better because of Linda's hard work over the years. We hate to lose her but hopefully her influence will continue for years to come. Thanks so much, Linda.

Jo and Robert Garcia

THANKS, LINDA

Linda Pedersen was as close to perfect a President of TRLA as a person can be. We are going to skip lightly over the obvious things that make that true, such as the unbelievable number of hours she and her husband, Danny, contributed to this place during her long tenure. We will focus instead on her ability to operate in an open-hearted way, which allowed her to accomplish many things, including two we believed to be impossible.

The first is that she led the successful effort to rewrite the TRLA Codes, Covenants, and Restrictions (C.C. and R's). When we were on the Board several years ago we knew it was important to update and improve our CC and R's, but we also knew it was impossible because no Board had ever gotten even close to half of the landowners to agree to anything, much less the 75% required for this task. We told Linda it was impossible when she began her efforts but she went ahead, and not only got the rules changed but did it with close to 90% landowner approval.

The second is that she led the effort to totally refurbish the Ranch House, something that previous Boards had avoided because it had been estimated to cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. She did it for, we believe, less than \$40,000, with volunteer labor and donated materials and some kind of mojo magic. We don't know how else it could have been done.

The smooth sailing we have enjoyed throughout Linda's tenure and the accomplishment of the two miracles just mentioned are due to one unique factor, her ability to listen and talk to every landowner in such a way that they felt their feelings and concerns were important and being considered. She never said, “We aren't going to do it that way,” or “You are wrong”.

For those of us who remember the terrible times, when Timberlake was divided into opposing factions and TRLA was almost destroyed, Linda's tenure as President was a sweet smooth ride. We thank her gratefully for that, and admonish every incoming Board member, especially every future President, to cleave to her non-judgmental attitude, and to listen to each landowner with the belief that their opinions and concerns are valid and important. It is key if we want to

continue as a happy and successful community.

Tim Amsden
Roger Irwin

OUR TRIBUTE TO LINDA

In the years we've known and served with Linda on the Board (Duane as a Board Member and both of us as Timberlake Times publisher-editor for five years), we have known her to be selfless in all that she does. Giving of herself freely and oftentimes when fatigue and complete exhaustion have been overwhelming, Linda has forced herself onward. And whenever she could manage the time, she wrote articles on the history of this area to help inform us of the past as many questions were asked.

To our knowledge, Linda has done nothing for praise and is quite uncomfortable with it. When the Ranch House/Community Center was refurbished, it began for several reasons. The place was falling apart. We needed a place to store all of TRLA's historical records in one place and needed an office. The copier needed to be there instead of someone's basement--and inaccessible if someone was out of town. With the now completed office, we have that capability, as a Board, as volunteers, as landowners.

We were informed that we could not prepare or serve food from the Ranch kitchen as it was unsanitary and forbidden by the health inspector. Since as a community we relish the times we get together and yes, join for meals, this was a hardship for the community. To our knowledge, volunteers purchased the kitchen equipment, and sundry other things through various fund-raisers, including the annual yard sale held in Ramah. Other volunteers donated necessary items to help in restoration and providing equipment. Many of the professionals needed, and paid, charged only their cost for the jobs provided. Board members provided countless hours of labor at no charge, as they've always done, and volunteers donated more hours to help in various projects. All without grumble or complaint--and little thanks, we might add.

In addition, Linda has been the go-between with the attorneys involved with property dispute (if applicable), liens on properties where owners refused to pay dues, and spent countless hours contacting state and county representatives, as well as members of Congress, to see what could be done to improve our ingress-egress issues and more. Much of this time spent took away from her projects as it involved often up to 60 hours or more of time per week. Let us not forget the years it took to finally rewrite the CC&R's and get them passed to improve the ample “thou shalt not” clauses in the old CC&R's that were far too stringent for this remote, rural area.

When no one else would step up to the plate to assume a leadership position and volunteer to fill an empty position and become a Board member, Linda reluctantly ran again because we must have a certain number of positions filled in order to enable us to do anything as a Board legally.

Being part of the Architectural Committee (AC) necessitated tromping through backwoods with other AC members to follow up on complaints filed by landowners of some illegal activity on an adjacent lot. Sadly, even in this tiny community, some

landowners feel the CC&R's apply to everyone but them.

Our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for all of the hours and time expended to help make our community a better place--one in which we can all be proud--goes to Linda Pedersen. Thank you, Linda, for your dedication, values and integrity. The world is a better place because of people like you. Again, thanks.

Duane and Fran Barbano

WHAT CAN WE SAY ABOUT LINDA THAT HASN'T ALREADY BEEN SAID?

We met Linda in May of 2005, which was the first time she ran for the Timberlake Board of Directors. We all know what happened that year. Enough said about that.

Linda is a person you can depend upon to get the job done, or just to be there if you have a question. If she doesn't know the answer, she will not stop until she finds the answer or someone that does know the answer.

One of my favorite stories about Linda occurred a few weeks after a fund raising event for the Timberlake Neighborhood Volunteers. She found a \$20.00 bill in a pocket and it just bothered her so much that she could not remember what category, or which fund raiser the money was raised. Linda spent a lot of time trying to figure which category to put this money in. Most of us would have just put it in one of the events and go on. But not Linda. After much thought and re-thought, she finally figured it out. What happened next? She found \$5.00 and started all over again.

Linda is one of the most conscientious, reliable and honest persons we have the pleasure to call our FRIEND!!!

Thank you, Linda and Danny, for all that you do!

Nancy and Steve Wills



“Great thoughts speak only to the thoughtful mind, but great actions speak to all mankind”.

Theodore Roosevelt

How Did I Get Here?

At the end of May, 1996, the dogs and I were camping on our land in Candy Kitchen. We decided to explore and saw on the map there was a place called McGaffey Lake. The dogs agreed that might be a fun drive, so off we went. Several miles into the National Forest the road became very muddy. Even with 4WD the dogs and I decided to turn back. If you know the road, it is no easy task to turn around in some places.

On the way back towards Ramah, I decided to turn toward Timberlake. Before that day, I had never heard of Timberlake. After a short drive around the area, I saw a car with a Real Estate sign on the door. I flagged the driver down and we talked about land and what was on the market. I think his name was Curt. After seeing several properties over two days, I put \$500 down on a lot in the NW corner of Cottonwood Loop. The understanding was that he would hold the lot for 60 days, till I could show it to my wife. Joellen was back in California.

On the 4th of July weekend, the whole family camped at Candy Kitchen. The first day I suggested we go look at Timberlake. Jo was not interested. Of course, I had never told her I put \$500 down on a lovely piece of 5+ wooded acres. The second day was the same story. On the 3rd day, I admitted that I had put money down on a piece of land.

While talking to the real estate agent, Jo suggested we look at other property. After half a day of looking at other lots, we were shown what is now 974 Timberlake Road (more trees, taller trees and on a main road). The real estate agent told us most folks do not want to put up with the traffic and dust of the main road. The dust and traffic have not been a problem. In the middle of the winter we can always get to Shadowcroft. By the way, a croft is a small cabin. We like being in the shadows of our tall trees.

This is how the Kirchners came to Timberlake.

Regards, *Bill and Jo Kirchner*



more stories on "How Did I Get Here?"

How Did I Get Here?

A Horse, of Course!!!

(By Mary Jo Wallen)

Back in the summer of 2004, Dick and I were camping over at the Bluewater Lake Horse RV Campground. Trish, the owner, and I decided to drive over to Timberlake to find out where the Baca's were going to have an annual meeting of the Horse of America's group. Once we got off of the highway and saw the cliff dwellings, we were just in awe. As we continued our drive, the views just got better and better. Once we could see the valley with the lake to the left and all of the beautiful cliffs, we knew we had arrived in Heaven. Of course, we took Forest Road 157 by mistake and since the road was quite muddy, we decided we must be on the wrong road. We turned around and finally ended up at Ted's house asking for directions.

Ted showed us his house and gave me some literature about Timberlake. When Dick and I came back for the Horse of America event at the Baca Chica, Ted allowed us to camp by his place and the horses stayed in his corrals. On Sunday before going back home to Moriarty (east of Albuquerque), he took us on a tour of the Ranch and showed us several lots for sale. We fell in love with a lot on Culebra and told him we'd come back the next weekend so we could look around some more. When he called back, he said the lot wasn't available anymore. We were just devastated! So, Annette Gonzales (one of Joty Baca's daughters) gave me Anita Davis' phone number.

Two weeks later Anita showed us several pieces of property for sale and THIS TIME, we fell in love with an even better piece of property and gave her deposit money right then because we didn't want to lose out again. In the summer of 2005 our logs were set and we moved in over Thanksgiving. Our lot on Yucca really is perfect for us because Common Land is right across the street; so I can ride right out our driveway onto Common Land. Or, I can ride 20 minutes to the east and ride in the National Forest. My two horses have the best life too because at least half of our property is fenced in for them and they can run up and down the hill and hide in the trees when they don't want to be found. In other words, they can be a horse and not be penned up in a small area. Then, there's Diablo and Katie (our two dogs) who have the whole 5 acres fenced in for them.

Our views of the cliffs are especially nice when it's snowing outside and campfires in the summer are so much fun, especially when sharing with our Timberlake neighbors. There's millions of stars at night all year long with no city lights to cause interference. We've had two bears, rabbits, chipmunks, squirrels, deer and turkey in our yard with an occasional visit from a skunk (Diablo just never learns!) Diablo has also been bitten by rattlesnakes 3 years in a row when he was younger. The hummingbird feeder always needs to be refilled every couple of days and drives our cat crazy. Coyotes, fox, elk and mountain lions are also seen around the Ranch.

LIFE JUST COULDN'T BE BETTER ANYPLACE ELSE!!!

WE ARE LIVING OUR DREAM AND LOVE EVERY MINUTE IN OUR MOUNTAIN HOME

How Did I Get Here?

Several years ago we started looking for tall pines to escape the Arizona heat in the summertime. We found Arizona pines real estate too expensive and saw a Timberlake Real Estate ad in a newspaper. We took a day trip from Arizona to Timberlake and fell in love with the surroundings. We met with a realtor who sold us a lot off of Cottonwood Loop (south). Since then, we have shared the property with friends and family and have since had family purchase property in Timberlake. We have no plans for construction at this time and get up there maybe three times a year. We've noticed that cell phone service is stronger each time we arrive. We'll have to ignore that advancement. We enjoy the solitude, quiet nature and wildlife. We've been fishing on the lake and have explored the backroads numerous times. We appreciate the efforts of all who live and visit to keep the area beautiful. We especially want to thank Board members and volunteers for taking care of the roads, Bath and Ranch House. Additionally, the newsletter is eagerly anticipated and a very helpful resource that keeps us advised on a variety of issues, along with the website. We plan on being property owners for a long time and look forward to meeting new friends in the community.

Regards, Paula & Craig Gibson, Cottonwood Loop (south) currently in Mesa, AZ.

ANNUAL TRLA MEETING • May 26, 2012

The Board's End of the Year Report was presented by the Board. A copy is published on the website; however, if anyone needs a copy, please contact Mary Jo Wallen at mrsdw19@aol.com, or 1-505-783-4207. The 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes were approved and also available on the website. Eileen Domer presented the highlights of the financial reports as of April 30, 2012 (also located on the website). The most important news concerning the 2012-2013 Budget is that Association dues will remain at \$230 per lot/year.

The strong winds almost blew everyone away during the meeting. As a result, most everyone found a spot inside the Ranch House or Rock Room for the lunch break except for a few brave souls who ate on the new picnic tables. As usual, the Volunteer Group and landowners provided a wonderful feast for everyone to enjoy.

The three new Board Members were introduced: Clint Burluson, Steve Wills and Don Parry (signing on for his second three-year term). Since there were three openings on the Board and three nominees, voting was not necessary. Jo Garcia moved that everyone be accepted and the motion was carried.

Several people stayed on for the Question & Answer session which lasted 30 minutes. Most importantly, the need for volunteers is greater than ever. The Board also welcomes your feedback on what needs to be done.

The new Board then convened to determine Officer and Committee assignments. Don Parry agreed to be our new President; Steve Wills as Vice President; Eileen Domer will continue as Treasurer (her last year) and Mary Jo Wallen will continue as Secretary (also her last year).

TCC Ranch House History Room Taking Shape

Four years of gathering Timberlake history came to a crescendo on May 2nd. Sixty-seven framed pictures and documents are now hanging in the Historic Room which details the Mormon settlement of Savoia, Duane Hamblin who built the original Ranch House, the period of the Cebolla Cattle Company (Box S) and General E. A. Carr, the Dent Ranch (Cloh Chin Toh), and subsequent land changes before the Ramah Lake Venture Development. A few days later a beautiful lighted display case was installed which exhibits antiquities found in Timberlake and other items of interest.

Time ran out before the Annual Meeting to identify all the pictures and how they relate to Timberlake. This will be an on-going project. Each picture and document will be numbered in the near future with a catalog of who, what, when, and corresponding pertinent narratives. With the

help from talented landowners we hope to have the recorded “conversations with the Past” in a digital presentation for listening and possibly even a virtual tour on the website.

We hope to gather more pictures and more historical data in the future, but this will require traveling to Midland, Texas and visiting the Nita Stewart Haley Memorial Library and the J. Evetts Haley History Center. If anyone is going that way or lives close and can help us out, please contact Linda at 783-2465. Timberlake is a special place and its historical roots emphasize that.

Thank you Nancy, Pat, Allen, Carren, Alice and Don for “pushing the envelope” to try and get as much done before the Annual Meeting. Those who have contributed to this endeavor are also listed in the newsletter’s Note of Thanks.



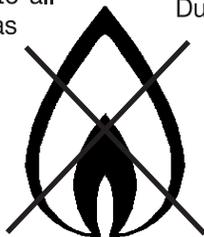
FIRE RESTRICTIONS UPDATE

Effective June 26, 2012, the NM State Fire Marshal imposed a “NO BURN OF ANY KIND” that applies to all State Forests and to the immediate surrounding areas (includes Timberlake) until further notice. Only propane grills are allowed. No campfires, trash burning, fireworks, charcoal/wood grilling, etc. For more details on wildfires in NM and AZ, please click on the red box on the front page of the www.trnews.info website.

On July 13th, the Statewide ban was lifted. However, everyone in Timberlake is encouraged to always have a water hose handy while having a campfire, trash

burning, etc.

During the ban three illegal campfires were reported and thankfully, there were no negative effects. We would like to remind everyone to be more observant of the signs that are always posted during the fire ban. Large white signs are located at the entrance to Timberlake and by the cattle guard just past the Forest Road 157 cutoff when you’re coming into the area. Flyers are also posted on the two bulletin boards (Bath House and by the mailboxes next to the Volunteer Fire Dept.).



Roads Report

- 98.5 hours was devoted to grading Timberlake Road and side roads with the Zetor tractor.
- 15.0 hours was devoted to grading and cutting ditches on Aspen Loop, Cottonwood Drive, Deer Run and Pinon with the grader.
- Burn pile was cleaned up with the grader.
- Justin's Earthworks spread 805.19 tons of gravel on Elk, Oak Drive, Cottonwood Drive, Pinon, Shorecliff and Yucca.
- Backhoe and grader were used to install an 18" culvert in diameter (40' long) on Elk near Roadrunner with 22 tons of dirt being used. Ditches were cleaned and three trees had to be dug out.
- The grader needed two new batteries and normal maintenance consisting of air/fuel/oil/hydraulic filters.
- The Zetor tractor needed a new light; switch installed, recharged the AC and normal maintenance consisting of power steering/fuel/hydraulic/oil filters and greased fittings.



Commons Report

- Cattle guard has been cleared out and the road graded on both sides for a more level passage.
- Fence at the cattle guard was rebuilt with a "farmer gate".
- Fence to Shorecliff has been repaired.
- Fence across the Commons between Bond's cattle and us has been repaired.
- Fence at the North Lake Gate area was topped off and painted red for a much cleaner look.
- Area to the north of the Ranch House alcove area has been graded.

Treasurer's Report for Timberlake Times July 2012 End Fiscal Year 2011-June 2012

Totals for fiscal year 2011-2012:

Income: \$179,571.00

Expenses: \$124,456.00

Carry Forward: \$55,115

Spreadsheets and pie charts can be viewed on the web site.

As we enter the 2012-2013 fiscal year the financial condition of the Association is good. The carry forward will be saved in the contingency fund. With this carry forward the goal of having a year's worth of operating expenses in savings has been achieved.

Our largest increase in expenses was legal fees, which rose 360%-- from \$3,256 in FY2010-2011 to \$12,031 in FY2011-2012.

Wages decreased \$2,971 from FY2010-2011 to FY2011-2012.

We collected \$158,921 of the current year dues--1% over projected.

The accumulated unpaid dues in June 2011 were \$21,323. By June, 2012 that amount is down to \$13,601. Thank you to all who have paid their back dues.

The July invoices have been mailed. If you have not received an invoice, please contact us ASAP.

If your invoice has an outstanding balance greater than \$230.00 the dues are delinquent. This fiscal year a late fee of \$23.00 was added to cover mailing and filing fees, for those Landowners who had not paid their previous years dues and do not have a lien in place.

The Association dues are the Corporation's only income and in spite of these difficult economic times, TRLA finances remain stable due to the dedication of the Landowners. Our roads and Common areas are maintained and safe.

Thank you again!

Eileen Domer, TRLA Treasurer



Architectural/Maintenance Report

- One home building plan submitted and approved in June.
- One covenant violation being investigated and solutions being reviewed.

Note of Thanks

To *Chris and Steve Railsback* for their contribution of salt and pepper shakers and kitchen serving pieces that will certainly be used for social activities at the TCC Ranch House.

To *Allen Burnam and Tim Domer* for their barbecuing expertise at the TRLA Annual Meeting in May and to their right hand man, *Charley Haverstick*.

To *Linda & David Shoppe and Jack Mansperger* for cutting the railroad ties and painting the fence at the north Lake gate.

To *the safety conscious landowners* who placed a “t” post marking the culvert at the mailbox driveway.

To *the following known contributors of antiques, pictures, stories, artistic talent, academia expertise, antiquities, and decor to the Historic Room: Lucia and Tim Amsden, Pat and Allen Burnam, Jack Mansperger, Don and Joleen Parry, Cindy Crawford, Barb Haller, Carmen Johnston, Luella Clawson, Kirk Clawson, Dale and Audrey Bond, Anita David, Ted Broderick, Shirl and Mike Henderson, Mary Villanueva, Nancy Dobbs, Harriet Lawrence and Harry Hutton, Billy Sanders, Carla Van West, Ray and Karin Brunner, Alice Bybee, Chris and Steve Railsback, Randy Eoff and those unknown.*

To *the selfless stewardship souls* who pick up litter along the roadside.

PHI Cares

PHI Air Medical continues to be a great benefit to have for the low cost of \$40 per year. Several residents in the Timberlake/Ramah area have had to use the emergency medical transportation (helicopter) service that was implemented two years ago in our area. Some of the highlights of the program are as follows:

- If you receive a medically necessary transport from PHI, you are responsible for payment, but relieved of any financial responsibility for amounts not reimbursed by insurance. They accept what your insurance pays, as “payment-in-full”.
- Medicaid participants are not eligible.
- If you do not have insurance, membership covers any amounts not paid by any third party insurance, provided the transport is determined by their medical director to have been medically necessary.
- Transport is to the closest appropriate facility within 200 miles for a helicopter and 600 miles for an airplane.
- www.phicare.com is their website.

Contact Wolf at 783-4112 for an application form or further information.

BEAR STORY

On July 12, 2012, a Bear was trapped and subsequently killed because it was looking for and finding food at three of four residences in Timberlake. Paw prints were found on windows, it opened a horse trailer door to get dog food and when it couldn't get into the trailer the next night, it left its mark of frustration with lots of scratches. Hummingbird feeders were also knocked down to get the yummy sugar water and it also smashed plastic garbage cans at two residences that were left outside. At the last location, the Bear broke a window screen and was attempting to get into a house with the owners sleeping just a few feet away. **SCARY!!!** Thankfully, a German shepherd barked at the Bear and scared it away. (Thank you, Cindy, the dog). However, it was only temporary. An hour later the Bear broke a garage window and rummaged through the garbage and took a 12 lb. bag of dog food out through the window and proceeded to eat it on a nearby hill.

The Bear was trapped the next evening at the same location. I went over to see the Bear and talk to Mark Bundren (our local NM Game & Fish Officer) and the landowners; but because it was dark we really couldn't get a good look. However, the low moaning and growling sounds from the Bear was soooooo sad. We all knew that he was going to be destroyed the next morning and everyone involved feels really bad that the Bear had to be put down. Some people may find it hard to believe that “tears were shed for this Bear”. I'm not ashamed to say that I shed a few tears because I love all animals.

So what can we learn from this sad event? We all moved out to Timberlake because we love nature and the peace and quiet that exists in our area. But, the Bears, mountain lions, fox, deer, elk, etc. were here first and we should all try to respect them and their attempt to live in an area that gets smaller and smaller as more people move into the area. Drought conditions, certainly have not helped the situation.

I'm including a note from Mark Bundren, our NM Game & Fish Officer who lives here in Timberlake. It was posted on the website July 7, 2012. *Please* remember that **“all your trash”** must be put in garbage cans in a basement, garage or locked building. Hummingbird and other feeders should be put up at nighttime and when there *“is”* a Bear alert, you should ***not*** even have them out during the day. As Mark mentions in his note, **“Anything that has a food smell will attract them”** and **“The only reason you will have a Bear at your house is because it smells food”**.

Howdy Landowners,

I just wanted to give some insight into why we (Game & Fish) handle the Bear complaints the way

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we do. When the Bears are out in the forest doing what Bears do, they will catch the scent of bird feeders, trash, pet food, etc., from miles away. The Bear will follow that scent to its source (our houses). We ask folks to remove all the food sources because the Bears will not stick around if they don't find any food. Things you would not consider food sources will attract Bears. Compost piles, grease, burned trash piles, empty bird feeders, etc. Bears can smell the traces of food from old cereal boxes, cans, and plastic sacks. Anything that has a food smell will attract them.

I know it is a pain to do this but it is for a good reason; it saves the Bears life. Trapping the Bear and relocating it means dropping off that Bear in another Bear's territory. The trapped Bear is usually a sub-adult Bear 150 to 200 pounds. This "Small" Bear will have to fight the full grown Bear whose territory we just dropped the Bear off in. This means the small Bear will likely be killed.

If we don't relocate the Bear I will most likely have to kill it. So either way, trapping a Bear usually means killing it. So I am asking that everyone please remove anything that is a possible food source from your yard in an effort to prevent the Bear from being killed. If the Bear does not smell/find food at your house he will go away. The only reason you will have a Bear at your house is because it smells food.

Last year we were lucky, we did not have any issues with Bears in Timberlake but I had to kill six Bears that I trapped out of El Morro Ranches. If anyone has any questions, please call me at 505-783-4882 or on my cell at 505-331-4872.

Thanks, *Mark*

If you want more information about wildlife in New Mexico, please go to this website: www.wildlife.state.nm.us. There are quite a few interesting facts and videos about bears.



"Sarah the Bear" rescued from mountain range fire in central New Mexico, near Ruidoso area. Resides at Carlsbad, NM Botanical Gardens.

What Else Can We Do?

We've gotten a couple of suggestions from landowners concerning proper garbage storage for landowners who don't have a garage or basement.

- A hot wire/electric fence could be easily installed around your garbage cans using 2-4 wires.
- 55 gallon drums with a lockable lid. Used barrels should cost around \$15.00. You can obtain the lockable lid from Industrial Container, 640 Baseline Road, Brighton, CO 80601. Their telephone number is 888-424-0244. Cost is \$8.55 plus shipping. – One part time landowner has been using two barrels with lockable lids for many years and has not had a bear problem even though one bear did wander through their property several years ago.

• If you're going on vacation or live close to Lake City, CO, you can contact Cindy Nelson, Clerk/Treasurer, Town of Lake City, Colorado at 970-944-2333. They are selling a 55 gallon drum with the lockable lid for \$40.00 (their cost), plus shipping. Email is www.townoflakecity.us.

- Another landowner is checking into the availability of the drums/lids in Phoenix. If you have information that we can keep on hand, please pass it along to Mary Jo Wallen at mrsdw19@aol.com or 505-783-4207. We'll post information on the website and include in future newsletters.



Volunteer Activities Update

The United Tastes of America event was a great success with lots of delicious treats being consumed. The olive oil and salt on top of vanilla ice cream was just "out of this world". If you would still like to order olive oil, please contact Pat Burnam at 783-4439. The Annual Yard Sale was another big success and around \$950 was raised. Don't forget the Labor Day Weekend Barbeque and Silent Auction is September 2nd at 5 pm. The bidding at the auction is always very competitive.

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South end of Ramah Lake - Nov-2011

Timberlake Neighborhood Volunteers

★ 2012 Summer Events ★

- ★ July 7th @ 5 pm ~ Spice'n Ice & Chili Cook-off
- ★ July 28th @ 5 pm ~ United Tastes of America
- ★ August 4th @ 9 am ~ Annual Yard Sale in Ramah
- ★ September 2 @ 5 pm ~ Labor Day Weekend Barbeque and Silent Auction