

Timberlake Times

July 2015



Timberlake Ranch Landowners' Association



TRLA Annual Meeting

2015

Photos by Danny Montoya



Upcoming Events



July 9, 2015 - Law Enforcement Forum - Thurs 5pm @ TCC Ranch House

July 18, 2015 - TRLA Board Meeting - Sat 10am @ TCC Ranch House

July 24, 2015 - Game Night - Fri 6pm @ TCC Ranch House

August 1, 2015 - Timberlake Neighborhood Volunteers Annual Yard Sale - Sat 8am -1pm in Ramah

August 15, 2015 - TRLA Board Meeting - Sat 10am @ TCC Ranch House

August 22, 2015 - Mystic Bluffs Fly-in - Sat 7am

September 6, 2015 - Labor Day Picnic and Silent Auction - Sun 5-7pm @ TCC Ranch House

September 19, 2015 - TRLA Board Meeting - Sat 10am @ TCC Ranch House



More Annual Meeting Fun

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Timberlake Commons Report

By Don Parry

•Work will begin soon on installing barb wire on fence between Commons and Bond land.

•Work will begin soon on re-plastering closets in Crafts room.

Architectural & Maintenance Report

By Steve Wills

- One active complaint / violation in progress
- One set of house plans approved
- One set of garage plans approved
- One set of well house plans approved



At TRLA's Annual Meeting, Lt. Hall of Cibola County stressed the importance of landowners having their property identified with **Rural Address** numbers. Law enforcement, EMTs and firefighting teams rely on these numbers to locate your property in an emergency - where time is of the essence. These red numbers are supplied by the county, but only by landowner's request. To request the county post your rural address number at the entrance to your property, contact the county in which your property resides.

Off-Highway Vehicles must be registered to legally operate on public lands and roads. NM residents can register with the NM Motor Vehicle Division. Nonresidents must obtain a permit, even if the vehicle is registered in another state.

For more information go to:
www.B4uRide.com

Rural addressing for
Cibola County
Darryl McCulloch
515 West High St.
Grants, NM 87020
505.285.515

Rural addressing for
McKinley County
Tim Larson
207 West Hill St.
Gallup, NM 87301
505.863.9517

Preparing Your Home For Fire Season

- Remove dead vegetation from under your deck and within 10 feet of your home.
- Clear leaves and debris from gutters, eaves, porches and decks.
- Remove items stored under your deck and porch.
- Cover exterior attic vents, soffit vents and areas under eaves with metal screen or mesh to prevent ember entry into your home.
- Replace or repair shingles or roof tiles to prevent ember entry.

For more information visit: www.nmda.nmsu.edu



Check out TRLA's new official web page at www.trnews.info
Look for upcoming events, ranch notices and the latest information from our TRLA Board.

TRLA Landowners

Please remember to notify the TRLA Board when your address, phone number or email changes OR when your property is transferred to another owner.



Timberlake Times can be viewed or downloaded from www.trnews.info

IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE OR WHY DO I LOVE LIVING HERE!

By Mary Jo Wallen and friends

Previously, we've talked about how landowners found Timberlake since it's in a remote area. As my brother told me when he visited from the Midwest, "YOU LIVE IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE, IN THE MIDDLE OF NO WHERE". I love it and would not consider living anyplace else. We've been living here full time since 2005 and enjoy the peacefulness, altitude, the weather (except when the spring winds stay too long), the beautiful nighttime skies where you can see the Big Dipper, Milky Way, etc. with no city lights or sounds. An occasional vehicle or ATV may go by several times a week so we only hear the birds and the swish of their wings as they fly by, a coyote howling off in the distance, frogs in the summertime and owls hooting high up in the ponderosa pines.

When I first drove down Canyon Road and passed the cliff dwellings, then the lake and I saw the beautiful valley and the sandstone cliffs I knew this was where I wanted to live for the rest of my life. Our home is situated across from the cliffs with Common Land in-between, so I can go horseback riding right outside our yard and within 20 minutes can be riding in the Cibola National Forest. Depending on the amount of moisture we have different types of wildflowers bloom every year. It's our dream come true to be living in the mountains!

Another Full Timer, friend and neighbor had this to say about living in Timberlake – 15 years ago I purchased a property in Timberlake Ranch and built a lovely home on 5 ½ acres. My view was of red bluffs and distant national forest. The lighting on those cliffs is ever changing and more beautiful and peaceful than Sedona, AZ, noted for its red cliffs. The Timberlake area gathers people from all over the USA for its beauty, tranquility, rural lifestyle and sense of community. For horseback riders there are trails throughout the area, both in and outside the subdivision with history going back to the 1200's and ancient ruins attracting interest in the heritage of the area, right off our main road. The geology is striking and since we are at 7,000 ft. there are a variety of trees such as ponderosa, pinion, cedar/juniper and even a few fir trees. After a good snowfall in the winter, the Savoya Creek brings water from the Zuni Mountains and fills the reservoir and then boaters and hikers can enjoy that scenic area actively. Since we haven't had much snowfall the last two years, the reservoir has been dry, but it's coming back this year. There are hiking trails now above the Ramah Lake Reservoir which are easy to climb with gorgeous views and accessible all year long.

Want to see a starry sky, with a milky, Milky Way? This is the place. I love sitting in the hot tub at night with an unobstructed sky, and not a sound except a coyote or owl screech in the distance. In the morning I wake up to the bluest skies you will ever see and meadow larks singing away. There may even be a herd of deer or elk in my yard, which is not fenced and full of wildlife. Sunflowers amass in August/September so that I think I have a yellow carpet outside my windows. Speaking of sun, where can you get so much lovely sunshine? Even in winter, with the snow on the ground, I can be in a tee shirt during the day because of its warmth.

Why do I live in Timberlake? Because it is one of the most beautiful places on earth (my neighbors tell me every time I see them that they think they live in an undiscovered national park), there are people of like mind and yet eclectic backgrounds who live a sense of community and yet respect privacy, the history is remarkable (I still find arrow heads when I take my walks through the area), because my drinking water is cold and pure, and because I have a sense of peace and a desire to care for this lovely area. Cheers!

One of our Part-Timer/Recreational landowners said, "The main reason I like coming up year after year is the friendships that are here. The weather, the beauty of the trees, hills, clouds and the blue sky are huge draws, but it's the friendships made up here that is my drawback every year".

Another Full Timer said, "There are so many things I love about living here. One is the people. We are a community and all have something in common, the love of this place. One of my greatest loves of living here is the wildlife and being able to live among them and seeing them almost daily. Last, but not least, the appreciation of rain and how everyone and everything needs it to survive. After living in the Tucson Desert for over 30 years you have a new appreciation for a rainy day. Everything is so dependant of this precious gift from the skies. It helps our water table, lets our trees grow and allows our wildlife to exist."

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(IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE OR WHY DO I LOVE LIVING HERE! - Continued)

Our last Part-Timer/Recreational landowner said, "About 16 years ago, my husband and I had already been searching for a second home/vacation property. Since we live in Tucson, we started our search closer to home – Show Low; Flagstaff; Silver City, NM and Reserve, NM. Then, one day I was looking in the newspaper and saw a tiny three line ad that talked about Timberlake with Ted Broderick's name and phone number. I called and requested a brochure. We were impressed with the pictures. We planned a trip and met with Ted. He showed us around. It was beautiful, a little slice of heaven. The only downside was the distance from Tucson, about an 8 hour drive. We returned another time and looked at lots. We returned a third time and found the perfect spot on Cottonwood Loop, and signed the papers on New Year's Day.

Some long-time friends came up and camped on our lot and they quickly found their little slice of heaven. The best part of Timberlake is the people. We have made so many friends. These are genuine people who are caring and helpful. I love our home there. I'm confident that we will always be "part-timers", but it is like never having left home, both from the comfort of our home to the warmth of our friends. Another awesome fact is the difference in the environment: from cacti to pines. How **cool** is that!

We have consistently developed the property each time we came up and now have a "Tiny House" and lately a one car garage/workshop. It is such a pleasure to be in God's beauty, watch the deer, turkey and many other wild critters. It is peaceful and I count my blessings for the joy of this place. I tell people that when you go to a national part you say, "Wow, I wish I could live here." Well, this is as good as it gets.

Timberlake Neighborhood Volunteers

Timberlake Neighborhood Volunteers Annual Yard Sale

The Volunteers are planning their annual Yard sale in August. If you have things stored away in boxes, closets, storage room, or on shelves that you haven't used in two years, do you really need it? Proceeds from the yard sale in the past years have funded the Community Bulletin Board, TCC Ranch house flag pole and flags, new stove for the kitchen, picnic tables, fire sign, etc.

If you have items that you wish to give to a good cause, call **505.783.4058** or **505.783.2457** or leave on the porch at the Ranch House. We can store the items until August. Sorry, we can't take any large appliances.



TIMBERLAKE VOLUNTEER SUMMER EVENTS 2015

July 4th Ice Cream Social Sat. 2-4 pm TCC Ranch House

August 1st 8am - 1 pm "Timberlake Annual Yard Sale" in Ramah

August 22nd 7 AM Mystic Bluffs Fly-In

September 6th 5-7 pm "Labor Day Barbecue/Silent Auction"

Game Night
The next
Game Night is
Friday July 24th
@ 6:00pm
Join Us!



ROADS REPORT

by Don Parry

- The new budget will start on the first of July and we will prep Woodland Road and upper parts of Buttonwood and Copperweed for one inch base rock.
- Black Bear will receive rock as well as Bluebird and then we will look at others for improvement.

Great news and PLEASE have patience!! As many have seen there is road construction by McKinley County going on Timberlake Rd. from the mailboxes for two miles (Aspen Loop North). WATCH FOR HEAVY EQUIPMENT AND TRUCKS!!!! There may be some wait time for passing thru (not very long!) McKinley County will be bringing in red rock soon. It will be the same as the first mile off of the 53. This will take several weeks as they plan on putting soil stabilizer on afterwards. The rest of the road, approximately two miles MAY be done on the next years County budget.

The Attack of the No-See-Ums

By Nancy Wills

Part of this article is from the March of 2013 Timberlake Times, but I felt it is a good thing to run it again for those of you who did not see it the first time plus there is some new information.

This year the no-see-ums have been late in their arrival but they indeed are here and biting away. Over the last few years I have noticed a lot more pods in unusual areas.

They always seem to be on non-living items such as wood pallets, inside drop-down shade covers, that had only been in place for a few weeks, as well as the items listed in the previous article. So please be careful if you come across these pods. When I come across one I will spray it with some insect repellent or spray oil. After I have done that I will take a plastic sandwich bag placing my hand so it is protected by the bag and pick up the pod and immediately encase it in the plastic and zip the bag closed, then dispose of it. Be very careful when doing this because they will attack in a matter of seconds and can create quite a large area of swelling and redness. I estimate that there are several hundred no-see-ums on a single pod.

I have made several inquires online and with some longtime residence of New Mexico and no one has been able to give me an answer if the bug inside the pod is the queen or not. If anyone had any knowledge of these insects or knows someone who does please contact me at 505-783-2457 (Nancy Wills). The following is the previous article.

These little pests come with many names. Some of the ones I can put in print are cedar gnats, biting midges, punkies, biting gnats and of course **no-see-ums**. The official name of this pest is Ceratopogonidae and the adults are about 1/16" in length and look like a very small mosquito. What I would like to share with you is an experience I had with the **no-see-um** last June, so no one else will make my mistake and thereby avoid the attack of the **no-see-ums**.

I had placed a cardboard box next to the trash can where it sat for several days. My daughter and family had come to visit for a few days and as they were loading up to return home I picked up the cardboard to place under the tricycle so the mud on the wheels would not get onto the suitcases. When I opened up the cardboard there was a small pod or cocoon inside the box that fell to the floor of her van. I reached in to retrieve the pod and was immediately attacked by two to three hundred **no-see-ums**. They were completely covering this pod and when I picked it up they started their attack on my arm just under my shirtsleeve. I had so much swelling and itching to the point I had to take some Benadryl.

I have since found many of these pods in unusual area; inside concrete blocks, between two pieces of lumber and even on a lid of stacked plastic containers inside my shed. I believe this has been the first year I have ever noticed these pods. In some of the pods I have collected and placed in a bag there has been an insect that comes out of these pods that is about 1/2 to 3/4 inch in length and look like a large, dare I say, **no-see-um**.

Please take my advice and if you find any of these pods, spray them with insect spray before picking them up. Then destroy it.



Fiscal Year 2014-2015	JUNE	YTD	Budget 2014-2015
TOTAL INCOME	1,214.58	177,399.94	160,068.00
OUTFLOWS / EXPENSES			
Board	19.00	5,201.12	7,610.00
Communications	0.00	849.00	600.00
Financial	860.50	18,887.28	13,591.00
Legal	803.37	95.66	18,000.00
Insurance	0.00	10,778.00	9,600.00
Wages	637.00	5,116.25	11,000.00
Taxes	54.63	467.22	642.00
Buildings & Commons	0.00	4,509.54	18,500.00
Equip Maint. & Repairs	3,085.25	5,656.05	6,000.00
Fuel, Oil & Grease	999.19	3,551.88	6,200.00
Roads	67.30	94,784.22	65,000.00
Utilities	1,048.68	3,775.71	3,975.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	\$7,574.92	\$153,742.18	\$160,718.00
Bank Balance 6/16/2015			
Deposit	\$38,763.18		
Checking	33,590.68		
Reward	1,522.65		
Reserve	129,981.70		
Total	\$203,858.21		

TREASURER'S NARRATIVE REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015

MONTH: June, 2015

Income: \$1,214.58

Expenses: \$7,574.92

Bank Balance as of June 16, 2015 = \$203,858.21

COLLECTIONS: June 2015

-Incoming Association Dues received - \$ -25.77 - due to write offs

-YTD collections for prior years going back to 2008 amounts to \$916.52

-\$7,270.16 still owed for prior years.

-Association Dues still owed for current year - \$11,508.30

Ended fiscal year 2014-2015 - \$6,975.82 under budget

TRLA association dues will remain at \$230 per property for 2015-2016 fiscal year

Monthly financial reports, including line by line details, can be found on the TRLA website.

<http://www.trnews.info/TRLAindex.htm>

If you need a copy mailed to you, please send your request to:

TRLA Treasurer
HC 61 Box 767
Ramah, NM 87321





Association Dues

Please **do not** send your association dues to the Ramah address. Your invoice shows a mailing address of:

**PO Box 264
Corrales NM 87048**

To avoid delays, please send your dues to the Corrales address.



Important Notice

Cost Saving Effort

In an effort to control newsletter costs, we would like to reduce the number of printed copies mailed out to Landowners. Our preferred method is to send them out via email. The electronic version is in full color and saves, not only considerable money in printing, but also the volunteers' time in prepping the hard copies.



☉ If you have been receiving a hard copy of the newsletter, but now have an email address **or** if your email address has changed, contact: **Nancy Ramm** at nancyramm@wildblue.net

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Have You Ever Asked?

Questions and Answers About Timberlake

Q: Does my quad have to be registered to drive it on Timberlake Road?

A: Yes. All off-highway vehicles, such as quads, ATVs, dirt bikes and snowmobiles must be registered to legally operate on public roads.

- New Mexico residents can register their vehicles at the state Motor Vehicle Division. The cost is \$50 every 2 years (\$53 for initial registrations and \$50 thereafter)
- Nonresidents, whose off-highway vehicles are registered with another state, must still obtain a use permit to legally operate on public lands and roads. Permits cost \$48 for 2 years or \$18 for 90 days
- Permits and additional information are available at www.B4uRide.com or www.wildlife.state.nm.us or any Department of Game and Fish office or by calling 505.476.8140

Q: What other information do I need to know about driving my off-highway vehicle?

A: Please check the web sites listed above for complete information, but it is illegal for any person to use an off-highway vehicle:

- while under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- while in pursuit of and with intent to hunt an animal or bird
- in pursuit of or harassment of livestock that negatively affects the livestock's condition
- unless in possession of the person's registration or nonresident permit
- when darkness or limited visibility to 500 feet or less, unless the vehicle is equipped with a headlight and tail light

Operators and passengers under the age of 18 yrs. must wear safety helmets. If the vehicle is not equipped with a protective windscreen, approved eye protection must also be worn.

Fines for noncompliance range from \$71 to \$450.



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