



# The Springs Communicator

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## Annual Board Meeting and Election Results

The Annual Owners Meeting was held on September 18, 2010. The Unicoi Springs staff was introduced prior to the official meeting. Each director presented a final summary in their area of responsibility to those in attendance.

2,228 owners qualified as eligible to vote. 14 ballots were cast on the day of the meeting. A total of 880 ballots were cast. Four candi-

dates tossed their hats in the ring. The results were as follows: Mark Cook: 554 votes; Kathleen Davis: 538 votes; Bob Harber: 254 votes; Doug Shaver: 313 votes.

The new and current board and their responsibilities are as follows: President- Gary Bryan; Vice President and Grounds-Ronald Brett; Secretary and Rules & Regula-

tions- Douglas Waters; Treasurer and Finance- Diane Phillips; Buildings- Aileen Connor; Owner Relations and Equipment- Mark Cook; Activities- Kathy Davis. Congratulations to our newest board members and many thanks to the departing members for volunteering your time and effort to our Resort.

## Winter Projects and Upgrades

The plans and pricing are now in place for winter upgrades in the continuing effort to keep Unicoi Springs the foremost RV resort in Northeast Georgia.

Area 6 will be the main focus of the winter improvement schedule this year. Sites 275, 276, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282 and 283 will be given full facelifts including frost free faucets, 50 amp electrical service, new site lights, site enlargement, if space allows and deck repairs where necessary.

Deck repairs will continue throughout the Park. Rotated eaves will be replaced in Bath Houses 2, 3, 4 and 5.

New and more comfortable

mattresses will be purchased for the rentals. The rockers on the porch will receive new caning.

Another three-station computer desk will be built and placed on the upstairs level of the Clubhouse. The first such desk was built last year and is enjoyed by several owners. Inside and outside Clubhouse fans will be replaced, as needed.

The Upper Pool concrete deck will be resurfaced and the wooden deck and rail replaced.

The Front Entrance will be refurbished. The old railroad ties will be replaced with landscape timbers. This first

impression of the Resort has always been impressive, but now it will be even more beautiful.

Sites 56 and 57 will receive new site lights and frost free faucets. The railroad tie wall will be removed and a new retaining wall built. The wooden decks will be removed and replaced with cement decks.

Each year, when the Park closes, the building, repairs and refurbishing take center stage in anticipation of the next Spring opening and the return of the owners.

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## In Memoriam

To the family and friends of these owners, we send our condolences. Please help us recognize anyone whose names which has been inadvertently omitted.

- Dorace A. Ake
- Elton Beasley
- Jewell E. "Jeb" Bramlette
- Jean Brand
- Jack Carter
- Horace Galloway
- Horace Jiles
- Thadys Mixon
- Joseph Perkins
- Marvin Pierce
- Merlene Pierce
- Bob Pinson
- Carol Pinson
- Margaret Turner

*You will be missed..*



## Gentle Reminders

•The new gate system only permits one vehicle to pass under the automatic arm at a time. It operates the same way that the old gate did. The arm will come down on a second vehicle.

•Mark your "To Do" List now to make sure your golf cart liability coverage will be up to date when you return in the Spring. A few of you who have left for the season no longer have current coverage. You will want it upon your return.

•During the winter closing of the Resort, the Office will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Office will be closed on the weekends during this time. Reservations for the new season starting March 1, 2011 can be made on January 2, 2011 because the Office will be closed for the holiday on January 1st. As always, reservations will be taken from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

• If you need to update your Christmas card list before you leave, you can check the owner address list in the Office. Phone numbers are not included due to privacy issues.

•Your Unicoi Springs on-line store is a great place to Christmas shop. Contact the Office if you would like to have an even more personalized product prepared for you at no extra charge. Just click on the Unicoi hoodie on the home page of our website to see your store.

•Need some extra holiday cash? Refer someone to purchase an ownership and you can make \$100 to go into your Santa Fund. Check with the Office for more details.

•As stated in the Rules and Regulations, pets are to be on leashes no longer than 6'. Retractable leashes must be confined to 6' for the safety of owners as well as the pets.

### **FLORIDA UNICOI REUNION**

February 10, 2011

11:00 am until ??

Lakeside Village Condo Clubhouse

1130 No. Lake Parker Ave.

Lakeland, FL 33805

**POTLUCK**

*Bring your own table service and games to play. Plan on a lot of fun and fellowship! RSVP please.*

Duane or Ethel Brown

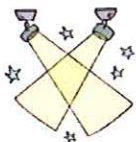
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Jack or Mary Wise

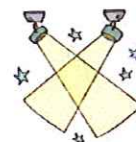
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•Enjoy your time away from the Resort with your family and friends. We wish you a wonderful holiday season, good health, happiness and prosperity in the coming year. See you in the Spring!



## OWNER SPOTLIGHT



You've heard the saying "double your pleasure, double your fun". How about a double dose of dedication, reliability and loyalty with easy going good humor as icing on the cake? Anyone who knows this couple enjoys all of this, times two.

This Owner Spotlight shines a little brighter as it focuses on two owners who have enjoyed sharing a single heart and mind since they met in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Forrest and Kathy Rice married in 1952 and spent their honeymoon in Bradenton, Florida where Forrest got a job as a typesetter for the newspaper and they decided to stay.

Five years later they relocated to St. Petersburg, Florida, where they still live in the same home and continue the honeymoon to this day.

Forrest held the position of Branch Manager for V.E. Anderson Windows and Doors where he received an award

for 25 years of service. He decided to take early retirement in 1983. A year later, his secretary missed his presence in the office so much that she decided to retire as well – two guesses as to who that secretary was! Kathy always said the pay wasn't that great, but the fringe benefits were the best because she could go home with the boss!

The Rices had three children, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren with a fourth on the way. Go ahead, "make their day" ask to see pictures!

Theirs is another multiple ownership family who share their love of camping. Over the years they have visited every state except North Dakota. A membership in Coast to Coast brought them to Helen where they fell in love with Unicoi Springs and became owners.

Forrest and Kathy don't let much grass grow under their feet whether they are

here or at home. The Unicoi water aerobics classes are opened and closed by these two "polar bears"; they rule the ice cream socials and the Election Committee depends on their participation as well. Kathy compiles and coordinates the busy activity schedules during the season here at the Park. They are always here, quietly helping while simultaneously enjoying each and every day.

The Rices have invested a lot of time in their family, friends, church and youth groups, always looking for ways they can help.

Forrest enjoys carpentry and has helped with many different projects. Kathy shares her love of cooking by bringing meals to those who need cheering up. They bring true meaning to the phrase "it is better to give than to receive" They live their life this way, never looking for anything in return. Forrest and Kathy Rice...twice as nice!



## And the 2011 Season Begins...

On March 1, 2011. Unicoi will begin its 28<sup>th</sup> camping season. The 2010 season will end on January 3, 2011.

Several owners have winterized, packed up and headed home or to warmer temperatures for the winter.

Many of you are planning to stick around for the last weeks of camping and even celebrate the holidays here in Unicoi Springs. Formal activities have been suspended, but you can always

pull out a puzzle, bring a book or your computer, circle up for your favorite card game or enjoy a game of pool – our comfy Clubhouse is the place to meet!

## Winter Storage for RV's and Golf Carts

If you want to leave your camper and/or your golf cart here during the winter, space will be available to do so. Temporary winter storage will be available beginning November 15th until March 1st.

The cost for campers will be \$1.00 a day. Maintenance will be required to

move your camper in and out of the designated storage area at a total cost of \$20.00. There is a possibility that your camper will be relocated during the winter closing depending on construction projects taking place. RV storage will be determined by the Maintenance Manager.

Golf cart winter storage is also available. The cost is \$10 monthly. Golf carts will be stored at the Pavilion by the Upper Pool and will be moved as needed. Neither of these storage options includes electric.

## Outside Vendors and Services

If you require the services of an outside vendor to do repairs, wash your camper or make a delivery to your site, please notify the Office of their impending arrival by signing them in the Guest book and instruct them to stop to pick

up a visitor's pass. If someone is washing your camper using the Park's water, this can only be done on allowed wash days and you must check out the red bucket for them. Unicoi Springs neither endorses nor

guarantees any company you have chosen and recommends that you are prudent in your choices to assure that those services are sufficiently guaranteed and covered for your own protection.

## Numbered Golf Cart Storage Spaces

There is a total of 55 numbered golf cart spaces under the shed next to the Laundry and on the outside perimeters of the shed. These spaces are clearly marked and owners reserving these spaces are given the space number for their golf cart.

There have been several instances of

owners parking their golf cart in another person's space. When this happens, this golf cart and any others affected by this have to be moved and re-arranged by the staff which is both time consuming and unnecessary.

In consideration of other owners and

the Staff, we are reminding you to use the space you have contracted to use. Disregard for the storage agreement can result in the maximum fine and/or rescission of the storage space. The vacant space will then be offered to the next person on the waiting list.

## Correct Contact Information is Crucial

In nearly every issue, under Gentle Reminders, we ask for updated contact information. Unfortunately, there are still many records with invalid and outdated information.

A letter is returned without a forwarding address. A call to the number in file is unsuccessful because the number is no longer in service. The worst case scenario happens when an owner has left something behind or due to a repair problem, their camper cannot be

moved. There is no way to contact the owner who is traveling miles down the road, oblivious to the fact that they will need to drive all the way back to the Resort or pay someone to take care of the problem for them.

Reliable information is also crucial should an emergency arise when family at home needs to be contacted about a family member here at the Resort who cannot speak for themselves.

This is not a "gentle reminder", this is a plea to make sure that your contact information is correct. If you have a cell phone instead of a land line – we need to know. If you have a new mailing address, make sure we have it. We cannot keep you informed if we cannot reach you.

Your phone numbers will not be shared with anyone in accordance with privacy guidelines.



## 2011 CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS

- April 23 **EASTER EGG HUNT** and games for children.
- May 15 **UNICOI CHAPEL HOMECOMING DINNER** After chapel services. (Ham, Turkey, Tea, Lemonade And utensils provided.) Bring two side dishes to share.
- May 28 **MEMORIAL DAY** Activities with a Movie Under the Stars, Evening Dance.  
**COOK-OUT:** Sign up required. Tickets \$5.00
- June **SUMMER DAY CAMP** for children ages 4-12 , Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Activity Building. Wednesday Family Night Programs.
- June 4 **SUMMER CRAFT FAIR** and YARD SALE (9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)
- July **SUMMER DAY CAMP** for children ages 4-12 , Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Activity Building. Wednesday Family Night Programs
- July 2 **INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION.** Camper and Golf Cart Decoration Contests, Children's Parade and Evening Dance. **COOKOUT:** Sign up required. Tickets \$5.00
- September 3 **LABOR DAY** Activities including Movie Under the Stars  
**COOKOUT:** Sign up required. Tickets \$5.00
- September 17 **ANNUAL OWNERS' MEETING** in the Clubhouse.
- October 8 **FALL CRAFT FAIR** and YARD SALE. (9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)
- October 29 **HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION.** The fun starts Friday evening. Saturday morning - Children's Activities. Camper, golf cart and post decorating, dog and people costume, pumpkin decorating (bring your own pumpkin) contests. "Trick or Treating". Dance Saturday evening. (Bring a snack to share at the dance.)
- November 19 **THANKSGIVING DINNER** Ham, Turkey, Dressing, Tea, Lemonade and utensils provided. *(Bring 2 side dishes to share.)*

### A Good Time Was Had By All

The weather was perfect, the leaves were at peak color, the Park was filled with families and friends ready to celebrate a traditional Halloween Unicoi has become famous for.

Pat Carver, a legend in planning activities for children and Joyce Stump, another superstar of activities who returned with a giant bag of tricks and ideas to share, planned the non-stop festivities with Kathy Davis, our newest board member and Activities Director.

The fun began on Friday night with games, music and snacks in the Club-

house Saturday morning, owners awoke to the aroma of freshly baked biscuits in the Activities Building.

The all day schedule commenced bright and early in the Clubhouse with games, crafts and treats for the children. The rest of the day was filled with contests and events for every family member, including pets, hayrides, a cake and dessert walk with lots of lucky winners, Trick or Treating throughout the Park at dusk followed by a dance with entertainment back at the Clubhouse. Age was not an issue...this kind of fun is timeless.

None of this would have been possible without the positive spirit of the many volunteers who freely gave of their time and talents to make this happen.

As you reflect back on your time at the Resort and the activities you've enjoyed the most, give some thought to other programs you would like to see implemented and/or ways to improve the current schedule. Additional volunteers are always welcome.

"The more, the merrier" is more than a cliché when it comes to planning Unicoi's weekly and yearly events.