



The Springs Communicator

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Raising the first flag in 1990
Were you there?

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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.

Bobby Godfrey
Mel Johnson
Wayne Lunsford
Charlie Powers
Sibyl Wilson

You will be missed..

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2008 Annual Meeting Scheduled

The Annual Owners Meeting, in this our anniversary year, will be held on September 20, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. During this meeting, the final results of the election of two directors to

the Board will be announced. Enclosed with this newsletter is the Official Notice, Ballot, Certification Form for voting and copies of the applications submitted by each of the three

candidates. The terms of Ronald Brett and Beth Griner are expiring and each has chosen to run again.

"The Choice is Yours"

One of the most important ways that owners participate in the operation of the Resort is by voting and electing competent Directors. The By-Laws and Covenants provide for the Resort to be operated by a Board of Directors which carries with it a tremendous responsibility when you consider that our annual budget exceeds one million dollars. Admittedly, most owners will not be personally acquainted with the applicants

for the Board, so we have a "Meet The Candidates" meeting scheduled for August 16, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. Enclosed with this packet is a personal resume' on each candidate offering for election. In the past only about 1/3 of the owners have taken the time to vote, so we're taking this opportunity to urge you to just take a few moments and study the resume's, and vote your choice for two directors to serve for three year

terms. Help us to help you to become more actively involved!

Each candidate will be given about five minutes to tell about themselves and why they would like to serve on the Board. The purpose of this meeting is strictly to meet the candidates. No other business will be transacted. Make plans to attend this very important meeting.

Unicoi Springs Featured in Coast to Coast Magazine

Once again, Unicoi Springs has been featured in the Coast to Coast Magazine "Member Matters".

Our twenty-fifth anniversary was the focus of the story with full color photographs of both the Chapel and the lower swimming pool in a prominent position.

Although there was an error in the final text, a correction was made and noted in the August issue.

Unicoi Springs has been a long time affiliate of Coast to Coast and has maintained a five-star rating with them every year.

Many of our owners were introduced to Unicoi Springs by making reservations as Coast to Coast members and loved it enough to take the next step to purchasing an ownership.

Becoming a Coast to Coast member is a side benefit to Unicoi owners. If you like to

travel with your RV, a classic membership costs less than \$90 per year and allows you to camp at nearly 300 resorts all over the country for approximately \$10 per night.

If you want to join, just stop by the Office and pick up an application. Unicoi must submit it for you to verify that you are an owner in good standing.

It's a great deal which will defray the cost of traveling.

Gentle Reminders

♦From now until October 1st, the cost of an ownership is \$2838 which includes the current year's maintenance fee. On October 1st, the price returns to \$3,000 and the maintenance fee will be paid through 2009. If you refer a new owner, you will receive a \$100 referral fee. Check with the Office for further information.

♦Handicap signs to display on your golf cart are available in the Office for \$10.00 each. A handicap permit is required to purchase and display the sign.

♦Should your address and/or telephone number change, please make the Office aware so that your records can be updated. Also, please provide your cell phone number if you have not already done so.

♦Golf carts and other 4-wheel vehicles are allowed in the Resort as long as they are no longer than 110" long and 52" wide and two-wheel drive. Only those persons with a valid driver's license can operate them in the Resort. Learner licensed drivers must be accompanied by a licensed driver. A tag with the owner's U number must be displayed.

♦No food or drinks are allowed in the pool areas, however pure, unflavored water in plastic bottles will be allowed.

♦If you bring a second vehicle or have a guest who needs to park during a visit to

you, a 24-hour parking pass must be obtained from the Office or Security to assure that someone does not park on a reserved site.

♦Parking spaces in front of the Laundry are strictly for persons using the Laundry for their convenience..

♦The outside water ban usage will remain in effect until further notice. The Office has information on two outside companies who will come into the Resort, bring their own water supply and wash your camper.

♦Please be aware that no more storage facility will be built. If you are on the waiting list, you will move up when a current owner relinquishes his/her spot.

♦The cost of transferring an ownership from one person to another has been reduced to \$75 from \$100. The transfer fee will be waived if the transfer is involving an immediate family member (defined as spouse, parent or child only).

♦A system of red flags has been installed to make you aware of "no outside fires permitted" warnings. Flags will be placed at the entrance, at the playground and at each fire ring. Charcoal grills will still be permitted, with owners being encouraged to use caution while grilling outside.

♦Reservations can only be made between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, 7 days a week with the exception of holi-

days when the hours are temporarily changed from 9:00 am until noon.

♦Once a reservation for a site has been made, even if it was cancelled, the same site may not be reserved again within 60 days.

♦Owner, John Carver has created and is moderating a Unicoi Springs Owners Yahoo Group where owners can share discussions, photos, items for sale, etc. Go to www.yahoo.com and click on Groups to find it and join in!

♦The Activity Building is available for individual use if reserved no further ahead than 7 days and during non-holiday periods. Major holidays and holiday weekends are reserved for planned activities involving all owners. Please remember to leave the facility clean and trash-free for the next owner.

♦Effective November 1, 2008, Area 2 and Area 6 will be closed for camping to facilitate the beginning of upgrades and repairs for next season.



OWNER SPOTLIGHT



What name comes to mind when you think of the patriarch of Unicoi Springs? A soft-spoken man who delivers a powerful message with both humor and wit; the man many owners feel brought Unicoi's Chapel back to life? Elton Beasley and his wife and childhood sweetheart, Winnie have been owners since 1991. They married right out of high school after they graduated in 1943. They raised a son, a daughter and a granddaughter and boast of having 3 great grandchildren.

Elton, who will be 83 on August 21st has been preaching since he was 25 years old. In the beginning, he held a sales position while he was pastor at his first church in Florence, Alabama. His services result in standing room only here at the Resort. While many clergy have

been retired for 15-20 years, he maintains his post as Associate Pastor at First United Methodist Church in Gadsden, Alabama where he speaks nearly every Sunday (except for the times we can pull him away to conduct services in our Chapel!)

Elton has never taken his calling lightly. He studies and prepares for each sermon where he has delighted the congregation by occasionally breaking into song in the middle of his sermon. (He is known for never needing to look at the hymnals because he knows all of the hymns by heart.) A little bird disclosed that he sings all the way to the campground and back home again!

The duty closest to his heart is home visits to shut-ins. He has organized a visita-

tion team to that end. Performing many funeral services, he takes both the time and care to learn about each person and say just the right words to honor their life and comfort family and friends.

Described as an "energetic fireball", Elton Beasley is a beloved owner here at Unicoi Springs. In mutual admiration, Elton has said that camping and Unicoi Springs have become his life and in return, one owner has been quoted as saying "We don't care who comes or goes, just so Elton doesn't leave." Amen.

Correction:

The April Owner Spotlight stated that Carl and Sybil Simpkins were only married 37 years. They have actually been married for 57 years and proud of it!

Severe Weather Warning System in Place at the Resort

A seed planted by Board member, Doug Waters has brought to fruition a project to make Unicoi Springs even more safe and secure. Due to the fact that Unicoi Springs is a private resort, there was no early warning system in place other than a vehicle siren system and microphone speaker in the Security vehicle.

Doug, who has spent 27 years as the Director of Emergency Services and Director of 911 for Jackson County is our resident expert on the subject of safety and evacuation in emergencies. He brought his knowledge of the system and his research to the Board of Directors who passed the motion to purchase the FEMA/GEMA approved warning siren.

David Murphy, Emergency Services Director for White County offered their assistance in placing the Warning Alert System in the White County 911 Center which has a county-wide warning system.

A cooperative agreement between

Habersham Electric Membership Corporation, White County and Unicoi Springs, the system was installed on the hillside behind the Maintenance Building making this project a community effort which will impact everyone within a 1-mile radius of the siren. In that spirit, Todd Pealock, CEO of HEMC made the decision to donate the installation, labor and expertise to Unicoi Springs Camp Resort.

The warning system has three tones which are important to recognize. The sound will cover a one mile area radius affecting Helen, Innsbruck. The first sound is a Westminster Chime which is a test tone. The second and most important tone is a Tornado Warning which means that a tornado warning has been issued and verified by the National Weather Service to the White County 911 Center. This is a continuous oscillating tone which means to take cover. Owners are advised to vacate their campers and come to a nearby bathhouse or the Clubhouse bringing protective

clothing. The third tone (high pitched, short interval tones) notifies cancellation of warning, to stand down and resume normal activity.

Owners are urged to purchase a battery operated weather band radio and keep an emergency kit of clothing and essentials items within easy reach if weather conditions warrant so that you are prepared to evacuate quickly and easily.

A system test and familiarization test will be conducted by the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA), White County and Unicoi Springs Camp Resort which will be announced. There will be subsequent monthly tests on the system will take place on the first Wednesday of each month between 10 and 12 on clear days when there is no severe weather threat. This will be a 3 minute test. If the test is cancelled due to weather, there will be no test for that month.

Unicoi Activities Well Underway with More to Come!

The Spring and Summer activity schedule has been jam packed with something for everyone nearly every day of the week.

Jessica Iverson, our new Children's Activity Director has spent endless hours planning and implementing enjoyable projects for the young people of the park. Everything from craft projects, to swimming pool games, card games and scavenger hunts have been a hit this season. Jessica is a student at North Georgia College majoring in History Education. She has been a substitute teacher, an active member of Mission Georgia, an outreach volunteer organization. She has also worked with pre-schoolers in Atlanta. With all the different assignments she has had, she tells us that this is her most enjoyable job to date.

Labor Day is our next big holiday. Plans this year include a BBQ Cook-Off Tournament. If your recipe is the best,

let's put it to the test. There will be three prizes: \$100, \$75 and \$50. Rules and details will be posted in the Clubhouse. Clay Christie will return to emcee a dance and entertainment in the Clubhouse. Watch for more details to come.

The 25th Anniversary Celebration will take place on the same day as the Annual Meeting on September 20th. Numerous door prizes will be awarded by drawing. A grand prize of a year's maintenance fee will be given. One entry per family and you must register at the meeting and be present to win. Recognition will be given to the person owning the longest; the owner who lives the furthest and many other categories. An outdoor concert and a street dance is on the agenda. Also planned is a Pig Roast with all the trimmings. There is no charge, but donations will be accepted. The Activity Committee

requires that reservations be made so that adequate food can be purchased and prepared. Please mail or bring a reservation by the deadline.

PIG ROAST RESERVATION	
Name	_____
U#	_____
Number of People	_____
Reservation required by 9/8/08	

SURVEY

If you are interested in building a Billiard Room, please let it be known by placing your thoughts in the Suggestion Box located in the Clubhouse.

The Art of Making Reservations

Rising fuel prices have not put a dent into the number of owners coming to stay at the Resort, in fact, many have rediscovered that the grass actually is greener on this side of the fence.

The more popular our Resort becomes, the importance of making reservations as far ahead of time as possible becomes necessary. Just as you would plan to book a flight, reserve a table at a special restaurant or make reservations for accommodations during peak seasons anywhere else, the same planning and forethought will secure a favorite site or rental here at Unicoi Springs. Each owner has the right to make reservations as far ahead as 60 days. Non-emergency cancellations will be accepted as late as 24 hours in advance. Two changes per reservation are allowed before the reservation must be forfeited.

This article will serve as a primer for our new owners and a reminder for our charter owners.

When you are ready to make a reservation, please have the basic information ready: your owner number, the size of your camper and the dates you are requesting. If you have more than one ownership, know which one has available time. Keep a map nearby so you can communicate your location requests. Remember...during a busy reservation time, the

seconds you lose hunting for this information can cost you the site you wanted to someone else who is prepared.

If you are making reservations in person, numbers will be placed in the Clubhouse each morning at 8:00 am. You may take a number and return to your camper until 9:00 am when the Office opens and reservations begin. The first phone call and the person with #1 will be taken care of first and reservations will continue by alternating between the counter and the phones until all owners have been helped.

When you call for a reservation, your completed reservation will be read back to you noting the dates, the site and a confirmation number. Please listen and also jot down the information for yourself.

When you arrive, you are given a check-in sheet to read and sign. Your signature is the final acceptance of the dates and site you have reserved.

You can email the Resort with your reservation requests by going to our website at www.unicoisprings.com. Email is checked first thing in the morning and reservations are made once the Office clears out later in the morning. You will receive your confirmation with a reply email.

Only those persons named on the deed may

make reservations. Immediate family members (parents and children 21 years of age) may stay with a letter of authorization signed by the owner. Copies of this form may be picked up in the Office or downloaded from the website Library.

To make things easier for you, the Resort has prepared a Reservation Calendar which shows the "60-day out" date of each day the Resort is open. A map showing the sizes of the sites and any pertinent information is also available in the Office. A color version sells for \$3.00 or a black and white version is free. A companion piece to the map which many laminate to the back of the map is the Condensed Site Information chart. A color version can be purchased for \$3.00 or printed from the website Library. This is the same information used by the Office in helping you find the right site for your camper and needs.

A fact sheet on all rentals gives you complete information on each of our 21 rentals. Our on-line store actually has a t-shirt with a complete map on the front! All of these tools can be found on our website and in the Office. It is to your benefit to use these tools and inform yourself about sites you wish to reserve.

Remember...knowledge and preparation are the keys.

Appreciation Luncheon Held for Employees

The Board of Directors, along with Joyce and Steve Tallman hosted an appreciation luncheon here at the Resort for the staff on July 18th.

The Office closed from noon until 2:00 p.m. for this once-a-year event. The purpose of this luncheon was to thank the entire staff for a job well done. The Office staff has processed just under 5,000 new reservations plus hundreds of changes and cancellations deriving from those reservations to date.

These reservations have been made while answering numerous phone calls, checking in and out owners, running the store, sending invoices,

preparing reports and assisting owners.

More than 1600 campers have been moved by the Maintenance crew to date, all the while completing a full schedule of repairs, ground work, equipment upkeep and daily pool and well maintenance and the required documentation as well.

The hardworking Housekeeping ladies have been keeping the bath houses, Clubhouse, Activity Building, pool houses, common areas and every rental in tip top shape during this very busy season.

If you appreciate the efforts of this dedicated group of employees, please let them know.

Did you know....

that the photo albums in the Clubhouse have been updated each winter by our resident photographer, Pat Carver? This winter, alone, she spent more than 45 hours matching information with the many photographs she took during the season and placing them in the proper order and the right books. Pat has undertaken this huge task asking for neither help nor payment so we can preserve a precious history.