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HLA Annual Picnic

It was a beautiful day, not too hot, although a bit smokey. Over 60 people attended the picnic this year. The expert BBQers did a great job with the meats and the potluck dishes were gourmet. There are some very talented cooks around here! The silent auction featured some very creative items and raised over \$400. Pretty good for our little ranch.

Thanks to Kendra Bainbridge, Diane Blakely, Wilma Dibelka, Jack Howard, Linda Klokow, Terry Lathrop, Linda Richter, Sandra Tye and Erich Ziller for their generous donations to the auction. Also, many thanks to Sylvia Crandall for the use of her property. Our BBQ chefs deserve appreciation too. They cooked up a storm. Many thanks are due also to our volunteers who set up and broke down the picnic. Pictures are on the fourth and fifth pages.

Pacific Power Smart Meters

Pacific Power is in the process of installing Smart Meters for all customers. At this time, Pacific Power is installing meters in the Klamath Falls area. These meters have several advantages:

- Meter readings will be transmitted to a satellite or a tower and will not need the services of a personal meter reader.
- Also, Hammond Ranch residents will no longer have to notify Pacific Power when the power goes out because the Smart Meters will let Pacific Power know that.

Hopefully, that actually works and the local Pacific Power linemen are notified to respond. You can go to <https://www.pacificpower.net/va/smart-meters.html> for more information.

Another new innovation in our power distribution system is new power poles are being installed to replace old, damaged power poles. Old poles have insect, water and woodpecker damage. When these new poles are installed, they will last twenty years longer than the present ones. The old poles last about forty years, while the new poles with a fiberglass cross beam will last about sixty years. The installation crews have reported they once had ten workers installing new poles but now only have five, so that may be slow going.

Bob Keyser, HLA Board



Welcome Baskets

The Welcome Basket Committee, Sally McGraw and Pam Scott, delivered a welcome basket to Dave Becker and Esther Tan at their property on Red Fir Loop. They just moved in early in May of this year and are loving their new home. They are the third owners of this geodesic dome house. It has a rushing creek off their deck and a gorgeous view of the mountain. They live there with their therapy dog.

Recently moving from Lodi, both Dave and Esther are now retired. Dave worked in Manufacturing Engineering, in Real Estate and lastly as a substitute teacher. Esther was an executive administrator to a bank president. Esther has a daughter living in Chicago and Dave has 2 sons, one in Fontana, CA -- with Dave's two grandsons -- and the other son is a Social Worker in San Jose.

Dave and Esther are loving their new surroundings as they want to "get back to basics."

Welcome to Hammond Ranch, Dave and Esther.



Our Mission Statement: To provide information, to assist in the coordination of group actions, to determine guidelines and make suggestions in matters relating to development and use of property on Hammond Ranch.



Run Report

For the 2nd Quarter 2018, the Hammond Ranch Fire Company responded to 11 calls: 1 vegetation fire, 1 unattended debris burn pile, 1 debris pile check, 4 medical calls, 1 fire alarm sounding, 1 smoke check, 1 structure fire and 1 vehicle fire.

Lori Luddon

From the Fire Chief

A few things are new at the firehouse this month. The 10,000 gallon water storage tank and hydrant are in service just in time for peak fire season.

The long-awaited storage shed has arrived. It will be used to house the rescue snowmobile and sled.

A citizen volunteer has been doing building repair and maintenance on the firehouse in preparation for exterior painting next year. If anyone is interested in helping with this project, please contact me.

The Klamathon Fire is an example of how we all are vulnerable to the most careless amongst us. If you see unsafe fire behavior, do or say something. In this case, the first fire units on the scene could not contain the fire because of 35 mph winds. The result is loss of life, property and tax dollars.

Thanks to Mark Dibelka and Ryan Dudley for responding to this fire on initial dispatch.

Dave Jenkins, Chief
938-4200



Klamathon Fire



CalFire & HRFC Watertender

Wildlife on the Ranch

You never know what is growing around the yard. The lovely plant to the right was found on the north side of the house. After some research, it was discovered to be a helleborine (*Epipactis helleborine*), a non-native terrestrial orchid. It is also known as Broadleaf Helleborine, Eastern Helleborine, Weed Orchid, Broad-leaved Helleborine and Helleborine Orchid. According to one source, this genus was originally called hellebore, which apparently refers to a milk-curdling property claimed for some species. It is an escaped orchid of Eurasian origin. This plant was first reported near Syracuse, New York in 1879. It has since spread throughout much of the northeast United States, south to Tennessee, along the western seaboard, including California and British Columbia. It is viewed as an invasive species in some eastern states.

Helleborine grows in shaded woodlands, mesic forests, along roadsides and on disturbed sites. It prefers well-drained sites, often under hardwoods and along trails.



This nest was discovered locally. It ended up having 11 eggs. The quail are still sitting on the nest at this point! We can't wait to see the hatchlings.

Proposed Love's Truck Stop

The draft EIR for the proposed Love's Truck Stop is now available for review at www.weedca.govoffice3.com/ and go to "Announcements."

This project would be located on the west side of I-5, along Sugar Pine Road. It would encompass 17.61 acres and is designed to handle 600 trucks and 1200 cars every day, including 97 overnight truck parking spaces. It directly borders Hammond Ranch and would greatly increase wildfire danger, lower property values, increase homeowner insurance and create many other negative impacts for Hammond landowners.

Please review the EIR and notice that there is a superior alternative in section 6.3-3 located on the east side of I-5 along with the other commercial properties.

Spread awareness of this project and send your comments to stock@ci.weed.ca.us, or mail to:

City of Weed
Ron Stock, City Manager
550 Main Street
Weed, CA 96094

Comments are due **no later than July 30** at 5:00 p.m.

Also, please, plan on attending the Planning Commission meeting on August 15 at 5:30p.m. at Weed City Hall.

Wildlife on the Ranch

You may have noticed we have not only California quail in this area but Mountain Quail as well. Mountain Quail are often overlooked because they keep to dense cover; when approached, they often sit motionless in the brush, where they are very difficult to spot. They become more conspicuous in spring, when the rich call notes of the males, given at long intervals, echo across the slopes.

In courtship, male faces female, fluffs feathers, droops wings. Nest sites are on the ground in dense cover, usually sheltered by a shrub, log or grass clump consisting of a shallow depression lined with grass, pine needles, leaves and feathers. They usually lay 9-10 eggs, sometimes 6-15. They're creamy white to pale buff instead of the spotted California Quail eggs. Incubation is apparently by both sexes (female may do more), about 24 days. Usually one brood per year; sometimes two at low elevations or in very good conditions. Diet includes seeds, bulbs, green leaves, berries, acorns, also some insects and fungi that varies with the season. Unlike other North American quail, they regularly migrate in some areas, but only short distances, on foot, moving to lower elevations for winter.



CalFire Chipping Program

Exciting news!! CalFire is currently providing limited chipping services for Hammond Ranch residents. Residents can now apply for CalFire chipping assistance to reduce wildfire fuel. The chipping service should be used for 100-foot defensible space around a residence and reduction of wildfire fuel along evacuation roads.

The CalFire chipping service works as follows:

1. The landowner cuts and stacks material to be chipped (See Program Instructions);
2. The landowner notifies CalFire-Weed Fire Station (Wyatt Tanner at telephone number 530-938-2322) that material is ready to be chipped. The landowner should provide their name, telephone contact number, address and the approximate amount of material to be chipped (i.e., a stack about ___feet long by ___feet wide by ___feet wide);
3. CalFire will inspect the landowner site and confirm the material is ready to be chipped;
4. At a later date (depending upon availability of CalFire equipment and personnel), the landowner will be contacted and given a date/time for the chipping. The landowner must be ready as the notification could be very short (same day);
5. At the designated time, CalFire will transport the chipper to the landowner site. The landowner must be present but will not be allowed to operate or directly feed the chipper. The landowner must follow the instructions of the CalFire crew. The landowner should have personal safety equipment, such as noise protection and work gloves;
6. The CalFire crew will chip and spread the material back onto the landowner's property; and
7. The CalFire crew will remove the chipper from the landowner's work site.

NOTE: The ability of the CalFire crew to provide chipping services is dependent upon availability of the chipper and CalFire personnel. There is no guarantee that CalFire will have the time or resources to chip all identified material. The landowners must work with CalFire to make this program a success.

As a "Thank You," the landowner could offer drinks (bottle water/soda) and possibly lunch (pizza) to the CalFire crew.

If you have questions, please contact me via email: rklokow@gmail.com.

*Randy Klokow
Hammond Ranch FireSafe Council*



Taken on the Ranch in June

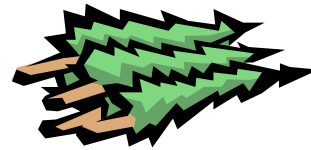
Landowner Chipping Program Instructions



PREPARING THE MATERIALS TO BE CHIPPED

DO'S—PLEASE:

- LOCATE MATERIALS FOR EASY ACCESS TO THE CHIPPER;
- STACK MATERIALS ON LEVEL GROUND OR UPHILL SIDE OF THE ROAD;
- MINIMIZE SMALL (LESS THAN 1" DIA) MATERIALS.
- PLACE CUT ENDS IN ONE DIRECTION FACING THE CHIPPER; and



DONT'S--PLEASE DO NOT:

- NO ROCKS, MUD, STUMPS, OR ROOTS;
- NO POISON OAK, BLACKBERRIES OR VINES;
- NO PILES OF LEAVES, PINE NEEDLES, OR YARD CLIPPINGS;
- NO NON-VEGETATIVE MATERIALS (GARBAGE, PLASTIC, METALS...);
- NO TREE LIMBS GREATER THAN 8" IN DIAMETER;
- DO NOT STACK MATERIALS DOWNHILL OR IN A DITCH; and
- DO NOT STACK MATERIALS HIGHER THAN 5 FEET.

Note -- Chipped Materials will be spread back onto the owner's property adjacent to the chipper.

Once Upon a Summer Day

Once upon a summer day,
Birds chirped in a musical way,
Grass drenched in the morning dew,
The sky covered in a vast color of blue.

Once upon a summer day,
Flowers bloomed in full array,
Bright rays of sunlight spilled
Upon my garden on the hill.

Once upon a summer day,
Thunder rumbled and prolonged its stay,
but after the rain tumbled down,
this summer day wore a glorious rainbow crown.

by Joseph T. Renaldi

Wildfires - What's Happening??

Here are some useful resources to find out what's going on in case of fire:

- **Telephone:** For a wildfire in the Hammond Ranch Area, call the CalFire Siskiyou County Public Information Officer (PIO), Telephone #: 530-842-2266.
- **Smart Phone:** Download the CalFire "Ready-for Wildfire" app from the App Store or Google Play Store. Search for CalFire and install on your phone. Once the app is downloaded and you sign up, you will be automatically notified of wildfires that are greater than 10 acres and located within 30 miles of your home. The app also provides a useful checklist of home, wildfire safety items. For more resources visit <http://www.readyforwildfire.org>.
- **Internet: Siskiyou County Facebook Page** -- Log onto and sign up on the Facebook site, [Sis_Q_Scanner](https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=sis-q%20scanner), <https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=sis-q%20scanner>. This site is an "unofficial" source of fire and police information. The information is obtained by local residents who listen to fire and police communications (by using scanners). The Facebook site currently has about 12,000 members. Residents add additional information based on observations of the incident.
Another useful Facebook site is Siskiyou County Scanner, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/388137084675936/>. You have to be a member of Facebook and the Scanner site to get the updates.
California Wildfires -- Log onto the CalFire internet site, http://www.fire.ca.gov/current_incidents. This site includes an interactive map that shows wildfire activity in California. Detailed wildfire information is available for each wildfire.
Western States-US Government Forest Lands -- Log onto the federal wildfire site, www.inciweb.nwcg.gov. This site includes an interactive map that shows wildfire activity in the western United States.
Public News Information -- Log onto an internet search engine and type in the name of the wildfire. Select a listed source to provide updated information as provided by newspapers and TV stations.
General Wildfire News and Information -- Log onto <http://www.wildfiretoday.com>. This site contains general wildfire news and information including the status of wildfires. The site also provides references to additional wildfire information.

2018 Annual Members' Picnic



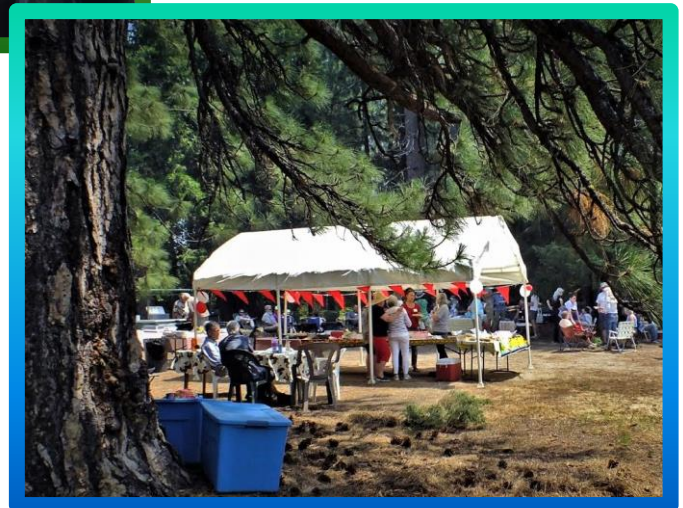
The Whole Picnic Gang Photo by Jack Howard, Mejak Photography



The Cooks



Lunch is Served!





2018 Board Members

President	Erich Ziller	938-4993
Vice President	Paul Elberts	938-3835
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	Betty Leas	926-2149
	Pam Robinson	707-217-1309
	Tom Wearing	859-0991

The Hammond Ranch Scene Editor
 Larie Wearing 859-0990

The HLA Board of Directors cares about and wants to hear members' opinions, suggestions and ideas. Members are welcome to attend any of the board meetings. If you plan to attend, please let the host know in advance so that accommodations can be made.

We also encourage members to write to us and create a dialogue on topics of interest to Hammond Ranch landowners. The Board members can be reached by phone at the numbers listed above, by snail mail c/o HLA, P.O. Box 795, Mount Shasta, California 96067, or via email at hla@hammondlandowners.org.

Emergency Contact

In the event of an emergency affecting the Ranch, particularly fire, call 911 and then, if there's time, please call Katie LeBaron, Emergency Phone Tree/Alert System coordinator, at 831-246-0123, so she can activate the Hammond emergency phone tree to alert all members.



Calendar

- HLA Board Meeting – Second Tuesday of every month, 7:00 p.m. The location is available on the website or from any Board member. The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at the residence of Erich Ziller. Members welcome. Call Erich or Nancy at 938-4993 to confirm before attending.
- HLA Annual Picnic – Saturday, July 6, 2019. Location and time to be determined.
- HLA Members' Annual Meeting and Luncheon – Saturday, November 3, 2018, at the Tree House Shasta room, 11:30 a.m.
- Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors – First, second and third Tuesdays of every month, 10:00 a.m., County Courthouse, Yreka. Call Clerk at 842-8081 to confirm the meeting.
- Hammond Ranch Fire Safe Council -- Meetings are scheduled by Randy Klokow. He can be contacted at rklokow@gmail.com.

Ranch Service Providers

A listing has been compiled of those available for hire with heavy equipment to provide services to the Ranch, including snow removal. You will find it by going to the website on the "News and Events" page: www.hammondlandowners.org.



Moving or changing email address?

Please send changes of address to:
The Hammond Ranch Scene

c/o HLA
 P.O. Box 795
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