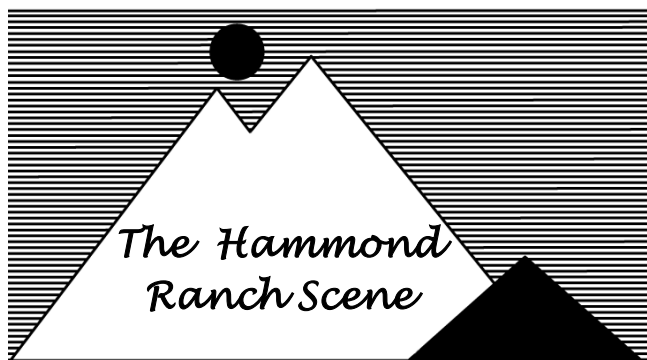


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Message From the President

I hope everyone is enjoying another beautiful Hammond Ranch summer. So far, we have been fortunate to have clear skies with little smoke from fires in the north state area. Let's hope that continues.

I would like to commend all of the road groups for the quality of the Ranch roads. Those of us who have lived here for 30 years have jolting memories of what it used to be like.

Please drive slowly, for safety and to keep the dust down. Ask your guests and service providers to do the same. And remember, a portion of your HLA dues assists with these repairs and improvements. Working together on common goals always leads to a stronger and safer community.

Erich Ziller

"Summer afternoon—summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language."

— Henry James



This year is the newsletter's 50th anniversary, founded in 1975!

Run Report

Hammond Ranch Fire Company made 17 runs the 2nd quarter of this year: 10 medical calls, 4 debris burns, 1 vegetation management call and 2 public assist calls! It was certainly a busy quarter. Their hard work is very much appreciated.



From the Chief

Fire season is upon us here in the Ranch, and I hope it finds all of you safe and well prepared.

Hammond Ranch Fire Company had a small dedication ceremony for Ed Litizzette, who was the gentleman that started the Hammond Ranch hose company in 1989.

The building has been dedicated to him for all the hard work he did while living in the Ranch. There is now a plaque mounted on the corner of the building in dedication to Ed.

On another note, I have submitted for a few equipment grants through the State of California but we will not hear back till, potentially, the fall sometime.

There has been an uptick in people wanting to volunteer with our fire company, which has been very welcoming. New Captain Jack Sweet joined our department and recently moved just south of the station. Jack comes to us with a plethora of knowledge in the fire service and his time and energy will be greatly appreciated.

I have been working with some dedicated members of the Ranch on creating our Firewise community. We are just getting the ball rolling on this endeavor, but once completed, it should help all of our insurance costs.

As always, stay safe this summer, drive slowly and mind the wildlife. After all, that's the reason we all call this place home.

Kyle Lunsford, Chief 4200



Annual Members Picnic

What a great picnic this year! About 70 people attended, some new members and many returning members. The food was great. A few volunteers brought canopies, so there was some shade to enjoy.

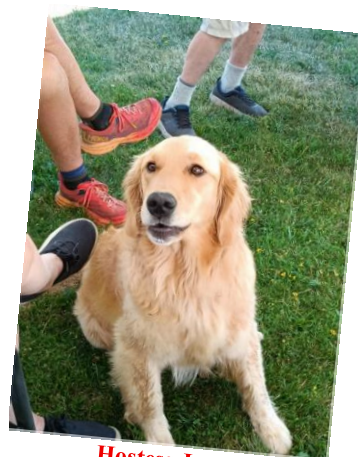
Many thanks are due to the tireless volunteers that helped pull it together: Valerie Baake, Susan Brennan, Tricia Elberts, Larie Wearing, Erich Ziller, Doug Lathrop and Neera Paine. Thanks to Evan Hadfield and Stephanie He for greeting the members. Photos are courtesy of Tricia Elberts and Nancy Ziller. And an extra big thanks to the cooks, Paul Elberts and Dave Scott. It was a hot day and not an easy job.



Before



Setup



Hostess Jessie



Balloons were a big hit



And the hanging lanterns





Wildlife on the Ranch

The Konvalins on Dogwood would like to share an event. One morning earlier this year they discovered that something got into their chicken coop and killed eight chickens! They eventually trapped the culprit and relocated it. Turns out it was a fisher. Evidently, this has happened a couple times before. The last time was ten years ago.

A Google search says that "Fishers, also known as fisher cats, kill chickens primarily because they are predators that see chickens as a food source. They are opportunistic hunters and will take advantage of easy prey, such as chickens in unprotected coops. While they are omnivorous, their diet often includes small mammals, birds, and poultry. They are known to raid chicken coops and can kill multiple chickens at once."

The Konvalins would suggest chicken owners be vigilant. They discovered a small hole in their fence and think it may have gotten in there.



Local Service Providers

| | Rate/Hour | Equipment/Service |
|------------------|-------------------------|---|
| Mike Laurer | 530-918-8158 | Electrician |
| Matt Kosenko | 530-859-8065 \$100 | Plowing & fuel reduction tractor. Will buy plow blade if has regulars |
| Gary Scott | 530-859-5644 | Snow plowing |
| Larry Tadina | 530-598-5094 \$160 | 4x4 backhoe |
| Darren Turner | 530-859-2122 Negotiable | Gen. engineer/contractor: earthwork, road work, land development, septic, excavation & all phases of tree work – has various piece of large equipment |
| Thad Wallace | 530-859-5817 | Bobcat & plow |
| Russel Willis | 530-772-7515 | RGP Roofing |
| Cache St. Pierre | 208-369-3812 | cachestp@gmail.com – plowing & excavation |

Calendar

HLA Board Meeting – Second Tuesday of every month, 5:00 p.m. Call any board member or send an email to hla@hammondlandowners.org for meeting location and/or Zoom link. Let us know of your questions or concerns so they can be included on the agenda.

- The Annual HLA Picnic is usually scheduled for the Saturday after the 4th of July.
- HLA Members' Annual Meeting is the first Saturday in November. It will be November 1 in 2025.
- Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors – First, second and third Tuesdays of every month, 10:00 a.m., County Courthouse, Yreka. Call the Clerk at 842-8081 to confirm the meeting.
- Siskiyou County Fire Safe Council – Meets the second Wednesday monthly at 5:30pm. Check their website for dates, <https://firesafesiskiyou.com/>
- Hammond Ranch Fire Safe Council -- Contact a Board member about participating.

2025 Board Members

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| President | Erich Ziller | 530-261-0683 |
| Vice President | Larie Wearing | 530-859-0990 |
| Secretary | Evan Hadfield | 214-620-7434 |
| Treasurer | Valerie Baake | 925-788-9875 |
| At-Large | Neera Paine | 530-859-1924 |
| | Tricia Elberts | 530-859-1036 |
| | Doug Lathrop | 530-219-5332 |
| | Mahroushka Papazian | 415-307-9709 |

Community Liaison - Neera Paine & Tricia Elberts
The Hammond Ranch Scene Editor - Larie Wearing

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.

Helpful Links and Numbers

HLA Membership form:

<https://hammondlandowners.org/>;

Previous newsletters and Landowners Usage of Ranch Roads Newsletter Articles:

<https://hammondlandowners.org/newsletters>;

Road maintenance reimbursement:

<https://hammondlandowners.org/road-work-reimbursement>;

Hammond Ranch CC&Rs:

<https://hammondlandowners.org/hammond-ranch-cc%26rs>;

Trespass Authorizations and Landowner Handbook:

<https://hammondlandowners.org/news-and-information>;

Emergency Alerts:

<https://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/ReadySiskiyou>

Burn day information number: 530-842-8123.

Firewise: cristan.firesafecouncil@gmail.com.



Moving or changing email address?

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c/o HLA

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