

Timberlake Times

March 2013



Timberlake Ranch Landowner's Association

President's Ponderings

By Steve Wills

As my first "pondering" as President of the TRLA Board, I thought I would share a personal experience of mine from last fall. Hopefully, it will provide you with some insight of the capability of our local Volunteer Fire Department, the area's emergency response units, and the available PHI helicopter service.

On Sunday morning, October 21st, I had a severe table saw accident. I cut my thumb in half lengthwise, almost severed my index finger off except for some minimal skin, and severed over half the tendons on my middle finger, all very tragic, to say the least. Luckily, my wife and several friends were close by. My wife, Nancy, wrapped my hand in a clean towel holding it tightly to minimize the bleeding, and called 911 to give our location.

The 911 operator alerted our local Volunteer Fire Department, and dispatched Pine Hill's ambulance service. The first responders from our Volunteer Fire Department, Andy Wilson and his two sons, were on the scene within five minutes. He did a quick examination of my hand and asked me how I was doing. Within ten minutes the rest of the Volunteers and the ambulance were on scene. They checked all my vitals and determined I was stable for transport. I was loaded in the ambulance and we headed out of Timberlake, all within a half hour of my accident.

I should note here that our Volunteer Fire Department can only administer first aid, no drugs or IV's; and they can only transport out to Highway 53. No problem though, we met up with the Pine Hill ambulance just past Timberlake South's Shorecliff Drive. I was transported over to Pine Hill's ambulance and the trip to Gallup's RMCH Hospital continued. I was checked for vitals again and given an IV of saline to keep me hydrated. We arrived at the emergency room about 45 minutes later.

The emergency doctor quickly determined my injuries were past her expertise and recommended transporting me to Albuquerque or Flagstaff. She immediately started contacting hospitals in Albuquerque, but could not find a hand surgeon on call. She then contacted Flagstaff Medical Center, which did have a hand surgeon on call. She described the injuries to the surgeon, who requested X-rays of the injuries. These were forwarded to him for his analysis.

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Winter in Timberlake - MJ Wallen

Upcoming Events

May 14, 2013 - Neighborhood Volunteer Meeting Noon @ TCC Ranch House

May 26, 2013 - Annual Landowners' Meeting and Potluck Registration begins at 9 am @ TCC Ranch House

**Inspiration Series
Creative Project Demos
Tuesdays 1-2PM @ TCC Ranch House**

**June 4 - Fused Glass
June 11-Handmade Cards and Stamping
June 18 -Stained Glass:
Copper Foil vs. Lead Came**

June 22, 2013 - Ranch House Breakfast 9-11 am @ TCC Ranch House

July 6, 2013 - Timberlake Annual Ice Cream Social 3-5 pm @ TCC Ranch House

August 3, 2013 - Annual Yard Sale - location TBD

September 1, 2013 - Annual Labor Day Barbeque and Silent Auction 5-7 pm @ TCC Ranch House



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In the meantime, my wife, Nancy, and our friend, Sharon, arrived at the Gallup RMCH Hospital. Insurance details and PHI membership number were provided. With being a PHI member, they were dispatched for my flight to Flagstaff without question. This flight was over \$50,000; but with membership, our cost would be nothing. The PHI staff arrived within the hour. Minimal paperwork was required because of our PHI membership and I was loaded into the helicopter and we took off for Flagstaff.

The flight took approximately two hours due to strong headwinds. After landing, I was moved to the emergency room. I was promptly attended to by the staff and checked out by the emergency doctor on call. He then admitted me into the hospital. At that point, I met the hand surgeon who was going to repair the damage I had done. He explained to me that he was going to attempt to fully rebuild my thumb and index finger and repair the severed tendons on my middle finger. He was optimistic, but would not promise how successful the thumb and index finger rebuild would be. I was then prepped for surgery and off we went.

As I was regaining consciousness after surgery, Nancy and Sharon arrived in Flagstaff. We were told the operation went well, but the next few hours would determine if my thumb and index finger would remain vital. I spent the night in the hospital with Nancy by my side. I was checked out of the hospital the next afternoon. We went by the surgeon's office where he rewrapped my hand and examined his repairs. He said the thumb and index finger were pink and had a good chance now of surviving.

To finish this saga, I am continuing to go through physical therapy and am slowly regaining movement in all my fingers and thumb. I have truly been blessed.

My point with all this detail is to illustrate the overall rapid and coordinated effort that was put in place to save my hand. I truly believe that an additional few hours of delay would have cost me my thumb and index finger. I could not believe the service and attention I received throughout this ordeal. I was never waiting long for the next decision or moving to the next step. Everyone seemed focused on getting me put back together. I am eternally grateful to all; our local Volunteer Fire Department, the Pine Hill ambulance service, the emergency staff at the Gallup RMCH hospital, the PHI helicopter staff, and the emergency staff and surgeon at the Flagstaff Medical Center.

Hopefully, I have conveyed two points for you to ponder. 1) Despite being in this rural area, good and well trained people are around to provide emergency service equal or superior to what might be found in much larger metropolitan areas. 2) Being a PHI member is a life saver. Every landowner should have it. The annual fee through the TRLA group is a mere \$40. Without it, we could not have afforded the helicopter ride and probably instead, would have been transported by ambulance to Flagstaff. As I stated earlier, I believe the outcome would have been much different.

Till the next time.....



To become a member of PHI Air Medical, visit the TRLA website for details and the application form. The cost is \$40, under the Group Name of Timberlake Ranch Landowners Association

For more information on PHI go to phicares.com

Architectural & Maintenance Report

The Architectural & Maintenance Committee is charged with the architectural review of any house plans or other construction in Timberlake to insure that it meets the Bylaws and CC&R's. Please submit your plans to Steve Wills, Chairman of the Architectural & Maintenance Committee, so a review can be conducted before construction is started.

Since last fall two new home plans have been approved. One covenant violation was turned over to legal counsel.

Timberlake Commons Report

- We are looking into the costs of new cattle guards.
- Screen door for Rock Room purchased and ready to install.
- Parking at CCT 74 is in planning stages.
- Grass seed for Ranch House to be planted this spring.

Alerts!

Animal Issues - Who Do I Call?



For issues with wildlife, such as bears, deer, mountain lions or poaching reports, contact NM Game Warden Craig Sanchez at 505.379.5340. After Hours Dispatcher number is 505.827.9376 or 505.222.4700 (M-F 8 a.m.–5 p.m.)

For issues with domestic animals, such as dogs and cats, contact
Gallup Animal Control - 505.756.1453 or 505.726.1453
Grants Animal Control - 505.285.4012

**To Report A Game Law Violation Call
OPERATION GAME THIEF
1.800.432.4263**

Important Notice

Cost Saving Effort

In an effort to control costs, we would like to reduce the number of printed copies mailed out to Landowners. If you do not have access to the Internet or an email account and would like to continue receiving the newsletter via the US Postal Service, please send your request to TRLA by June 2013.

- ☉ 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
- ☉ If you wish to continue receiving a hard copy of the newsletter, please send your request to:

**TRLA
HC 61 Box 767
Ramah NM 87321-9611**

Special Thanks!



To: Rusty Richardson and Jack Mansperger for their diligent work snow plowing this winter.

To: Dan St. Charles for helping to spread salt at the mail box area.

To: Linda Pedersen who continues to provide advice to the Board and for her continuing efforts in improving the Ranch House, especially the Historical Room.

To: Julie & Rick Farrell for their donation of a couch for the Rock Room.

To: Roger Irwin, Tim Amsden and David Skinner for their continued efforts in keeping us all informed via the website, www.trnews.info.

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

Notes

**Beginning May 7th
the Book Room will
be open on
Tuesdays from
1-4 PM**

Get to Know Your Neighbors

The Timberlake Neighborhood Volunteers is a social organization designed to bring unity and beauty to our wonderful little mountain community. The money raised allows us to host entertaining landowner gatherings, as well as provide funds for making Timberlake safer, more enjoyable and to better protect our wilderness environment.

Volunteer as little or as much as you wish. Pitch in and support Timberlake Ranch. Come and join the fun! First meeting this year is May 14th - Noon - TCC Ranch House

Landowners – PLEASE notify the TRLA Board of any change of addresses before April 30th.

Timberlake Neighborhood Volunteers

The 2013 kickoff meeting of the Volunteers will be held on May 14th at noon at the TCC Ranch House. Although it seems we have been in hibernation for the winter, we were actually purchasing items that were on our wish list last fall. These items included two propane stainless steel barbecues, two 18 quart roaster ovens, plastic picture frames for notices, multi-plug extension cords, stainless steel pans with lids, two 10'x10' pop-up canopies and a tri-crockpot.

We are in need of your stuff – articles for the Yard Sale and Silent Auction. These can be stored at the Ranch House. Notify 505.783.2465 or 505.783.2457.

GAME NIGHT?: Now that the Ranch House renovation is complete and it is becoming a great place to gather with friends and neighbors; some of us have been wondering if other landowners would be interested in getting together during the summer for an evening or two of playing games. There are so many great board games and card games-Scrabble, Monopoly, Pictionary, Mexican Train (dominos). Of course there are card games like Poker, Rummy, and for those of you from the Midwest, Euchre.

The Ranch House is our Community Center, a place for landowners to gather and get to know one another and enjoy living in the "middle of nowhere". Whether you are a full time, part time or weekend resident this could be a lot of fun. You are not committing to an every week attendance. We are just trying to get an idea if this is something others would enjoy and if so, what nights would work.

Submit your ideas & suggestions to
lovintimberlake@hughes.net

NEW

Inspiration Series Sharing Our Creative Inspirations

Timberlake Ranch is well-known for its artisans, whose creativity spans a diverse cross-cut of talents. Beginning in June, your Timberlake Neighborhood Volunteers are sponsoring FREE demos and discussions with our local talented artists, chefs and creative innovators. The "Inspiration Series" are one hour presentations with different topics each **Tuesday at 1:00PM** at the TCC Ranch House. The presenters will show a sampling of the type of items that can be created with their medium, they'll discuss materials and tools needed to create the projects and where you can purchase them, and of course, they'll answer all of your questions. Unless noted, these are not hands-on classes, so no experience is needed to enjoy the creativity-inspiring presentations.

Zuni Mountains Trail Partnership

Ramah Trail System

On November 7, 2012, several landowners and Board Members attended an open house sponsored by the Mount Taylor Ranger District at the Ramah Middle/High School along with two people from the Box S and quite a few people from Ramah. Matt Reidy, District Ranger for the Mount Taylor Ranger District, and Larry Winn, owner of Connections (organizes work crews to build trails) informed us of their recent progress.

- ⌘ Cultural studies are almost done (Zuni, Navajo, Acoma & Hopi).
- ⌘ Proposed map indicated that all trails will be located in Forest property. Originally, 300 miles of trails were proposed. Now, it has been reduced to 236 miles of non-motorized single-track trails in the Zuni Mountains with six trailheads to serve these designated trails. The Forest District is also proposing to close approximately 131 miles of roads and decommission approximately 31 miles of roads.
- ⌘ The only Forest Service Trail in our immediate area will be up on the hogback to the west of Timberlake.
- ⌘ Trailhead (parking and toilet facilities) in Ramah are now planned to be constructed this spring/summer since the Grant money will run out at the end of 2013 if not used.

The interest to pursue a trail up the hogback to intersect with the Forest Service in conjunction with *Adventures Gallup & Beyond* was not sufficient to proceed. However, Clint Burleson, one of our Board Members, has had experience in building trails and has offered his assistance if any landowners would like to pursue clearing some trails thru our Common Land. Please contact Clint at 575.382.8869 or cburleso@yahoo.com.

Inspiration Series

Tuesdays 1:00-2:00PM @ TCC Ranch House

June 3rd - Inspiration-Fused Glass w/Nancy Ramm
June 11 - Inspiration-Handmade Cards and Stamping w/Nancy Wills
June 18 - Inspiration-Stained Glass: Copper Foil vs. Lead Came w/Linda Pederson

More to Come...

If you would like to present an Inspiration project, contact nancyamm@wildblue.net or submit your ideas to lovintimberlake@hughes.net

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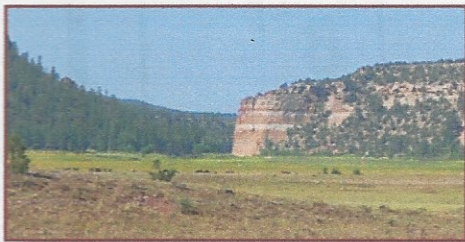
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Request From The Roads Committee

The rapid decline of the road conditions after grading is due in great part to speeding. The posted speed is 30 mph. This speed limit was set, not only to ensure your safety, but it's the optimum speed limit to protect the conditions of our roads. In addition to causing road conditions to rapidly deteriorate, the dust created by speeding can cause health problems.

Please slow down and enjoy the natural beauty of our Timberlake Ranch. Your fellow travelers, your neighbors and our road workers will appreciate it. Thanks!



Common Land Acquisition

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that TRLA has acquired an additional 16.218 acres of Common Land. This process has taken slightly over two years and required more effort than initially thought. The goal was to have contiguous Common Land bordered by US Forest Service Land on the north side of the road past the North Lake gate to the boat ramp. This effort required a Title Search, legal filings, an official resurvey, Title Insurance and Claim of Exemption application from the requirements of the McKinley County Subdivision Ordinance.

The Board would like to sincerely thank Jerry Reidhead, Carol West and Tim and Lucia Amsden for their generosity, Richard Tresise and Mary Villanueva for their expertise in respective fields of surveying and land title work.



ROADS REPORT

- Justin's Earthworks spread a total of 60.5 tons of gravel on Sunrise and Shorecliff late last fall.
- Several requests for gravel have been received for spring/early summer. **Please remember** that all requests for gravel should be submitted in writing to the TRLA Board or Roads Chairperson. Preference is given to full time landowners and then part time landowners.
- Stumps on Cottonwood Loop were removed last fall; however, bad weather prevented a total clean up in the area. Finish grading and widening of the road will be completed as soon as weather permits this spring/summer.
- Rusty Richardson, our Ranch Hand, fixed flats on the Zetor and grader last fall.
- From Christmas thru the end of February, the Ford 550 was used 39.5 hours snow plowing and the grader was used 63 hours. Both Rusty and Jack did a great job for us.
- We're happy to report that the final payment on the Ford 550 will be in April, 2013.
- Since it is difficult to continually monitor road conditions on the 38 miles of side roads, the Board would like to encourage landowners to contact us when there are concerns, especially after severe weather. Pictures of damage would also be helpful.
- As a reminder to new landowners, you should be aware that Timberlake Road is maintained by both Cibola and McKinley Road Maintenance crews. TRLA tries to grade the BIA section at least twice a month when weather permits.



Rusty Richardson & Jerry Toellner with huge stump from Cottonwood Loop in backhoe bucket



A Piece of History



Conversations with the Past The Dent (Cloh Chin Toh) Ranch

On June 22, 2011 Dale and Audrey Bond stopped by the TCC Ranch House and took time to share much of their recollections and experiences living on the Cloh Chin Toh Ranch.

Dale first came to the ranch in 1934 when he was only two years old. His father Jimmie Bond had been hired by Mr. Dent to help manage the cattle and daily ranch work. Dale left when he was around five or six when Cal Clawson came. When he and Audrey were married in 1950, they moved in with Dale's folks Jimmie and Nancy, sisters Cybil and Zora who were 6 and 12 years old at the Upper Ranch House. The Upper Ranch House had been built in the early 40s during the war. Between Jimmie and Dale, they spent nearly 30 hard years running mostly cattle and some sheep through good and bad years – drought and floods. Dale and Audrey leased the CCT Ranch from Mrs. Dent for four years before it was sold in 1965.

Mr. Dent had several ranches. Madison Ranch east of Colorado Springs that they called the "White House" near the Garden of the Gods, Z Bar Ranch in Arizona, The Rockin D Ranch near Canadian, Texas and Atarque Ranch on the way to Fence Lake. Most of the sheep were at the Atarque Ranch. They ran around 250 head of cattle and leased land near EL Malpais for grazing in the summer, but would winter them in Timberlake. Cattle were branded with CCT brand and the horses with the Rockin D brand, which was used on the Texas livestock. The cattle were Registered Herefords Domino bred cattle. They would be herded to Thoreau for shipping.

Dale recalled several individuals that dealt with the Dent Trust Co. coming and going during his time here. Billy Duckett, son of Mr. Dent's sister, was at the CCT Ranch when his dad first came. Billy and wife Betty divorced and Betty married Mr. Federer, partner of Mr. Dent in the Westland Theatres throughout Texas, Oklahoma and Colorado. (Note: Betty's name appears as Secretary-Treasurer of the Dent Trust Co. on land deeds). Grant Fraziers was at one time a manager for the Dent Trust Co. out of Colorado Springs. The most notable individual and a good friend of the Dents was J Evetts Haley (Historian). He wrote the books *Charles Goodnight* and *XIT* and founded the Haley Memorial Library and History Center in Midland, Texas. Mr. Haley managed the Z Bar Ranch in Arizona and Atarque Ranch for Mr. Dent. He bought the cattle when the Artarque Ranch was sold.

Mrs. Dent confided in Dale one day that her family actually had the money. Mr. Dent borrowed \$10K from her dad to start the theatre business. Mrs. Dent claimed that it was her money that bought the Cloh Chin Toh Ranch. Dale believed that originally Mr. Dent worked in Utah as a surveyor platting the state sections for the government. The investment of \$10,000 paid off and at one time Mr. Dent was a part- owner of the NY Yankees. Mr. Dent divested himself of the theatres in 1929 just before the crash of 1930. Since Mr. Dent died in 1948, Dale recalls only a few things. He was a tall thin man and very nice - more laid back than the more formal Mrs. Dent. He had a carpentry shop which is the furthest south facing shed of the TCC Ranch House. His office was the first room on the furthest north side which is now the well room. There, he would draw up plans and conduct business. Mr. Dent did not believe in insurance. He would put the money in the bank of what the insurance would cost him so he could draw interest on his own money. Dale never saw any pictures of Mr. Dent in the Ranch House – only an oil painting of the Dent's son Frank.

Frank Dent arrived in Timberlake in 1945 after the war and brought with him a lot of furniture from China. He was going to run the ranch and stayed in the Upper Ranch House. He only lasted one year. He did return later and his family built a three story one room summer place and stayed there when visiting the ranch. Frank and his wife Arrieta had five children, Becky, Skippy, Poupe', Danya and Beenie Boo. Frank would bring his hunting buddies in the fall and use the summer place as a hunting lodge. This structure was torn down in the late 70s by the Developers, but the stone foundation can still be seen across the road from the old corral on Pinion Rd.

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Louis Dent fell ill the summer of 1947 and he and Mrs. Dent went to Phoenix for medical care. He died February 8, 1948 at the age of 64. During this brief illness Mr. Dent was impressed with the care given to him by a French Canadian nurse from Toronto, Canada. Her name was Angeline King. He and Mrs. Dent contracted with Angeline to be Mrs. Dent's companion until her death. Angeline and Mrs. Dent would come each spring to the ranch and leave in late fall to winter on the Dent Farm in Paris, Texas.

Dale and Audrey mentioned several other informative tidbits:

- There were no elk in Timberlake when he was working the ranch. They came later after the ranch was sold, but there were a lot of deer and coyotes.
- The CCT Ranch ran all the way from the top of the mesa to the Zuni Reservation.
- The coldest temperature he remembered was 40 degrees below zero.
- They had to tear down the 7' high 100' wall across the adobe corral in the 40s that was built in 1939. It was just too hot to work in and if something got after you, you couldn't get out.
- Dale worked for a brief time at the steam engine sawmill by the lake, which could be seen from the Ranch House.
- There were huge stands of old Ponderosas coming into the ranch area that were lumbered after he left.
- He and his dad spent a lot of time on the back of a horse!

The Timberlake Times staff and TRLA Board of Directors would like to sincerely thank Dale and Audrey for helping with the preservation of this historical data and sharing several old pictures from the 1940s now placed in the TCC Ranch House.



Some Like It Cold - MJ Wallen



Wild Turkeys - Bera Dordoni



Signs of Spring - Bera Dordoni



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The Attack of the No-See-Ums

By Nancy Wills

It has been a nice winter here in Timberlake with over 67" of total snow fall and possibly more to come. But as the snow melts and the roads are suffering from the spring thaw, we soon will be turning our thoughts to the inevitable return of the *no-see-ums*.

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 areas; 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. The following photo is of a pod I have found.

TREASURER'S REPORT JULY, 2012 THRU FEBRUARY, 2013

Monthly financial reports, including line by line details can be found on the TRLA website. If you need a copy mailed to you, please send your request to the TRLA Treasurer, HC 61 Box 767, Ramah, NM 87321.

DESCRIPTION	YTD \$	ANNUALIZED BUDGET \$	COMMENTS
INFLOWS			
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 167,616.45	\$ 158,857.00	\$ 10,557.14 has been collected for previous years dues.
OUTFLOWS/EXPENSES			
Board	\$ 3,869.06	\$ 7,860.00	Includes Annual Meeting, Director's Insurance, Office Supplies, Postage, Dues and Mileage. Should be on budget.
Communications	\$ 400.00	\$ 700.00	Will be \$100 better than budget.
Financial	\$ 10,189.75	\$ 11,069.00	Includes Real Estate Taxes, Income Taxes and Bad Debt Expenses.
Legal	\$ 2,512.92	\$ 18,500.00	Four Foreclosure proceedings didn't start until March. Should be around \$5,000 under budget. \$3,326 was re-classified from an expense to an asset category for Woodland property.
Ranch Operations Insurance	\$ 5,705.06	\$ 8,800.00	Worker's Comp and Liability & Bond – right on target.
Ranch Operations Wages	\$ 6,903.90	\$ 21,900.00	Grader time, snow plowing, Ranch Hand wages under budget by around \$6,000.
Ranch Operations Taxes	\$ 528.00	\$ 2,224.00	Should be under budget because of less hours/wages.
Buildings & Commons	\$ 2,257.21	\$ 4,500.00	Bath House & Common Land Maint. to be finished this spring – on budget.
Equipment Maint & Repairs	\$ 2,066.50	\$ 5,800.00	Grader and tractor maintenance under budget, although some repairs needed this spring. Also, present Ranch Hand is capable of performing some maintenance instead of local shop or dealer resulting in savings.
Fuel, Oil & Grease	\$ 3,106.04	\$ 6,000.00	Fuel prices didn't rise as much as planned. Will be closer to budget by year end.
Roads	\$ 16,019.21	\$ 65,000.00	Gravel budget should be in line by year end. \$5,000 could be saved if no emergencies occur between now and the end of the year.
Utilities	\$ 1,994.41	\$ 2,700.00	Should be under budget by year end.
Notes Payable – Ford F550	\$ 7,146.15	\$ 10,720.00	Should be under budget by approximately \$1,800. Truck will paid off in April.
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 62,698.21	\$ 165,773.00	Should be approximately \$30,000 under budget at the end of the year without any emergencies.

OPEN BOARD POSITIONS

There will be three open Board positions that need to be filled at the Annual Meeting on May 25, 2013. Applicants wishing to run for a vacant three-year Board position should contact Clint Burleson at 575.382.8869 or cburleso@yahoo.com, or any of the other Board members. You must be a Member in Good Standing to be considered. Communication skills, ability to work well with others, financial and secretarial skills are a plus. At least eight Board Meetings are held each year and interim communication is via email or telephone.

A Board member should adhere to the Vision of TRLA, which is *to protect and enhance the value and enjoyment of Timberlake Ranch and to foster community spirit and stewardship of the environment.*

We need all interested landowners to contact Clint or another Board Member no later than April 15th. Material to assist applicants in preparing their resume and the duties required of a Board Member will be sent out so information can be included in the Annual Meeting packet that will be sent out near the end of April.

Landowners – PLEASE give us any change of addresses before April 30th.



Wilderness Wiles



The Unique Challenges of Life in the Mountains By Nancy Ramm

Living With Large Predators:

Life in the mountains can be spiritually rewarding and a source of never ending discovery, but with Nature's inspiration comes a unique set of challenges. One of these challenges is the necessity to coexist with the creatures of the mountains, such as large predators.

Though mostly gone unseen, Timberlake Ranch does have its share of these magnificent animals. Black bears, mountain lions, coyotes and bobcats have roamed these forests and valleys for eons, playing an important role in the area's ecosystem. But conflicts can arise when humans and animals reside near each other's domain.

Here are a few suggestions to keep everyone safe:

-If you encounter a wild animal, back away slowly. DO NOT approach them. You are not *Grizzly Adams* or the *Mountain Lion Whisperer*. These are unpredictable, wild animals that can severely injure or kill you, particularly if they believe you are a threat to their young. Make sure your children and teens understand this potential danger.

-Pets can be seen as prey to predators. Bring your pets inside at night and do not feed them outside. The smell of their food will lure animals close to your home. Store your pet's dry food in an airtight container in a secure location.

-Clean BBQs and grills thoroughly to remove any smell of food or grease.

-Store all garbage securely, including recyclables, such as aluminum cans and bottles.

-If you have livestock, fruit trees or gardens, please call the NM Department of Game and Fish **505.222.4700** for advice on how to best protect your property BEFORE you receive wildlife damage.

The NM Department of Game and Fish has a great website full of important information. Visit it at www.wildlife.state.nm.us.

To download the brochure "*Living With Large Predators in New Mexico*", visit this link: www.wildlife.state.nm.us/publications/documents/predator.pdf

Have You Ever Asked?

Questions and Answers About Timberlake

Q: Who sells the keys for the Bath House and Lake Gates and what's the cost?

A: At the present time, call Mary Jo Wallen at 505.783.4207. You must be a member in Good Standing. Each Landowner is allowed to have two keys. The present cost is \$5.50 per key. Lost keys cost \$15.00. A request form can be found on the TRLA website.

Q: Who do you contact when erecting a shed, or building a home? What about size restrictions?

A: Check out the CC&R's and send your plans to Steve Wills, Chairman, Architectural & Maintenance Committee.

Q: What Internet provider should I use?

A: Wildblue and Hughes seem to be the most popular. Check with your neighbors before making a decision. Find out if a vacation mode is available if you're a part-time resident. If you are already a DISH customer, you can add Wildblue to the package and save at least \$10 a month.

Q: Where can we hike or ride horses?

A: Contact Mary Jo Wallen at 505.783.4207 or mrswd19@aol.com. She'll be glad to provide you with information about the best places to ride and is always available to ride with you until you're familiar with the area.

Q: Can we ride ATV's on Common Land?

A: This is a big "NO". ATV's should only be driven on the main and side roads in Timberlake. If you ride in the Cibola National Forest, remember that all off-highway vehicles (ATV, dirt bike, UTV, mule type vehicle, recreational off-highway vehicle or snowmobile) must be registered with the State Motor Vehicle Division. Registration is \$50 every two years. If you are a non-resident, Permits are \$48 for two years or \$18 for 90 days. Permits can be obtained online at: www.B4uRide.com or www.wildlife.state.nm.us or by calling 505.476.8140.

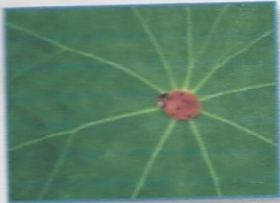


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- A discussion was held regarding the CC&R's related to the time restrictions on RVs residing on properties on which there is no permanent residence. It was clarified that RVs on vacant lots will continue to be allowed for 6 months as identified in the CC&R's unless the landowner actively building their residence.
- Ms. Henderson voiced her concern over the new street signs placed along Timberlake Road and the potential for additional "city" signs being placed on the side roads of the Community. The concern over losing the "quaintness" of a rural community was discussed. It was identified that prior to action on additional signage be purchased or installed a vote of the landowners may be prudent.
- Mr. Shali asked about progress on the Commons Use Policy that had been discussed in the past as there appears to have been some unapproved wood cutting being done. An informational document was distributed that included suggestions on working with the Fire Department and board committee on cutting dead trees in the Common areas, permits for wood cutting in NM, and the current use of the Common areas as outlined.

Adjourn

Ms. Farrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Murphy seconded, and the motion was approved at 11:30 a.m.