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# TIMBERLAKE TIMES

Fall 2022

Timberlake Ranch Landowners Association

## *President's Ponderings*

What a lush, green summer we've had! After last winter's disappointing snowfall, we welcomed a wonderfully wet monsoon season, with brilliant flowers and surprisingly frequent rainbows.

The TRLA monthly meetings will resume in February 2023. Things are winding down at the ranch house, as the crafters and stitchers end their season. However, the brush pile remains open and there is a new ranch store that has opened to serve the community.

As we head into the winter months, the snow that we need for Spring has already started to fall. Please remember that the roads will get icy and slippery, especially around the "S" curve. Your TRLA road committee is working hard to make our roads safe for the winter. Please do your part by slowing down and keeping a safe distance.

May you all enjoy a blessed Holiday season,

*Mary Ann Armijo*

## Upcoming Events

**2023:**

**Board Meeting**

**February at 2 pm**

Offsite attendance via Zoom is now available, please visit the TRLA website for signup details.

*"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness."*

– John Steinbeck

*"Ah, the "S" curve.  
Blind curves, steep inclines,  
never-thawing shade, and a  
drop-off, all at once. Love it!"*

– No One Ever

## Labor Day Brunch Smorgasbord and Silent Auction



Timberlake Neighborhood Volunteers shook it up a little this year, with an extensive brunch menu featuring ham & egg casserole, burritos, bacon, sausages, sticky buns and more.

The silent auction was a huge success! Along with the auction, the Timberlake Stitches held a raffle for a handmade quilt and two lap quilts and sold a ton of raffle tickets. Winners are named on the next page.



## Mystic Bluffs Fly-in

The annual fly-in was cancelled due to heavy rain and mud, but this year's rain was far from the heaviest. These photos are from the "storm of the century" in September 2009.



## Timberlake Ranch House Stitchers & Crafters

### Year 2022 in Review

The amazing ladies of the Stitchers/Crafters group had a busy summer. The beautiful card trick quilt, and two lap quilts were finished and raffled off at the annual Labor Day Barbeque. **Thank you, Timberlake, for your wonderful support!** The lucky winners this year were **Sharon Axtell, Diana Ramm, and Donna Lunde.** We are already busy working on next year's quilt.

The crafters side of the group had a great summer doing a variety of fun crafts, everything from iris fold cards, mandala painting, bottle cap art, stained glass angels, and kindness rock painting. Thank you to those who shared their talents teaching us paper folding art, mandala painting, and stained glass.

We finished our year with a potluck brunch at the end of October, to plan for next year. **Anyone interested in sewing or crafting is welcome to join us, we meet on Thursdays at 10:00 am.**

If you would like to join the fun, or just receive email notifications regarding our meetings, please **e-mail Barbara Stevens at [sestevens1@gmail.com](mailto:sestevens1@gmail.com).**



## Timberlake Volunteer Fire Department: Station 55

**[CLICK HERE](#)**  
for **TRLA Forest**  
**Restoration & Wildfire**  
**Mitigation information**



### ! PLEASE NOTE

When calling 9-1-1,  
remember to tell the  
dispatcher you need

**STATION 55.**

Otherwise, first responders  
could be dispatched all the  
way from Grants.

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**Sign up** to automatically  
be notified of fire and  
emergency evacuation  
info by the incident/  
unified command  
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email. All types of  
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alerts, power outages,  
etc.) are included.

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fastest and most  
efficient way to  
communicate to all  
landowners.**

Please register by  
clicking on your county:

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The burn pile is open! Last year's burn pile was so large it grew into two burn piles and it took weeks to burn out completely.  
Brush and branches only, no tree trunks, boards, or other materials.

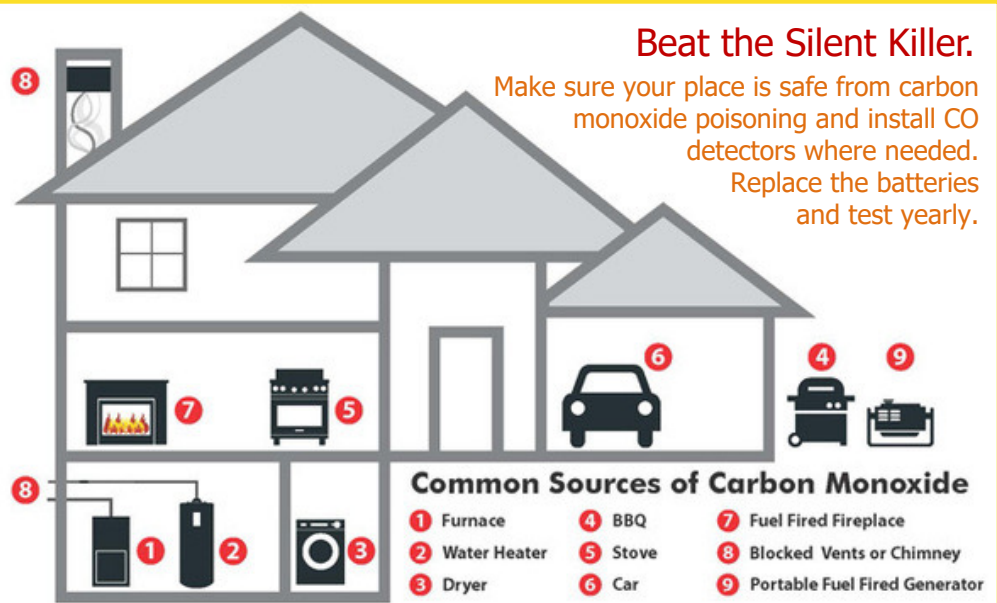


Apparatus & equipment  
training with the  
El Morro Volunteer Fire  
Department, Sept 24



### Beat the Silent Killer.

Make sure your place is safe from carbon  
monoxide poisoning and install CO  
detectors where needed.  
Replace the batteries  
and test yearly.



## GET READY FOR WINTER, THE SNOW IS ALREADY HERE.

Tis the season to be freezin! Our hands may be cold, but at least our hearts are warm.

**1**

### FIREPLACES AND GAS APPLIANCES

Give your fireplace a thorough inspection to mitigate risks. Over time, soot and creosote can build up in your home's chimney, increasing the risk of a fire.

If you have a gas fireplace, the pilot lights should be relit according to manufacturer instructions. Gas fireplaces should also be cleaned and inspected.

**2**

### CHECK SMOKE DETECTORS AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

Proper ventilation is especially important in the winter months when you are using the furnace and fireplace. It's important to check the batteries in your smoke detector and carbon monoxide detectors routinely.

**3**

### PREVENT PIPES FROM FREEZING

Don't turn the heat below 55 degrees in your house. To prevent frozen pipes, insulate pipes near windows, doors and in unheated areas of your home.

**4**

### GET YOUR EQUIPMENT READY.

Check all car and equipment batteries. Make sure shovels and snowblowers are easily accessible. Start up generators to be sure you can depend on them when power is lost.

**5**

### STOCK VEHICLES FOR EMERGENCIES.

Your winter emergency kit should include basic survival supplies, safety items, car maintenance tools, and winter clothing to help you stay comfortable and safe if you get stuck on the side of the road or need to wait out a storm.



Kitty litter



Bleach



Deicing fluid



Shovel



Multi-tool



Hand warmers



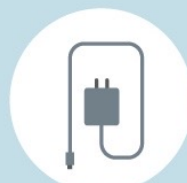
Sleeping bag



Hand-crank  
flashlight



Books



Cell phone  
charger



Nonperishable  
food and water



First aid kit

## Makers of Timberlake

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### Emily Richmond, the Maker of Her Life

*"I wanted to sail out of my old life into my new life."*

**R:** What made you want to do solo around-the-world trip in a sailboat?

**Emily:** What's better than that? I was obsessed with *National Geographic* as a kid, the old ones where they had true adventures.

**R:** I love *National Geographic*.

**Emily:** When I was at UCLA I was living on a houseboat, because a houseboat is better than a dorm, and I had neighbors on either side that were outfitting voyaging sailboats, and I was young and impressionable. They gave me books about long-distance voyaging during the Fifties and Sixties. That, obviously, blew away anything that was happening in school.

I graduated a year early and thought I earned a year that I could just do as I please. So, I got this little tiny boat when I graduated. I didn't even know how to sail.

**R:** Whoa!

**Emily:** I only knew motorboats, so I phoned up a childhood friend and coerced him to come sailing with me. I spent two weeks learning how to not get hit in the head with a boom. He went back and continued with his life, I continued to the southern end of Costa Rica. My boat was a joke. It had no ballast, so if you're in any big waves, it's like a tennis ball basically. My sails were about as thick as tissue paper.

Anyway, I get through this three- or four- day storm and come to a river. I went ten miles up, to this resort that's completely abandoned except for a lone hotelier, who counseled me about all the things in my life that were going wrong. Another guy turns up one day, this rich El Salvadorian guy with a pink polo shirt

and gaudy silver chains. I ended up having a meal with him. We were talking about boats and how this had been his dream when he was young. Then later that night, two planes came down and out came the king and queen of Spain. It was just us, in a room this big (looks around).



Emily on her sailboat.



Pitcairn Island

**R:** Oh my God. You met the king of Spain...

**Emily:** It gave me the idea that anything was possible. I went back to L.A. and got a nice big boat, they call them blue water boats, with a big lead keel so when they tip over, they right themselves.

Then I left for many years.

## Makers of Timberlake

*continued*

**R:** You left for where?

**Emily:** I wanted to go to Borneo and Papua New Guinea. To me, the most beautiful thing about a sailboat, as opposed to getting on an airplane or what have you, is let's say you leave Los Angeles, you sail for months to a completely different shore. It's like waking up from a strange dream; the customs are different, the language is different, it just feels surreal. I like all the strange places like Easter Island and Pitcairn Island. Do you know Pitcairn Island? It's this tiny little island, 1200 miles past Easter Island, one of the most remote places in the world. It's populated by the descendants of the mutineers of the *Bounty*. Fletcher Christian, who stole the *Bounty*, went to Tahiti and then decided to go to Pitcairn so they wouldn't have to face punishment in England. Their descendants and progeny still live there. There's 7th or 8th generation; 43 people there and only three or four last names.

I had a rigging issue when I got there, so I went up to the old rigging station to look for parts, and Fletcher Christian's great-great-great granddaughter helped me fix my rigging. You can't get to that island any other way. There's no airstrip, there's no helicopter landing pad, it's just this crag in the middle of the ocean. It was very foreboding, and full of these strange people who just do their own thing. They only got supplies two to three times a year. I only stayed a few days—there's no harbor so as soon as the wind shifts around, you've got to go.



Pitcairn Island

**R:** You've got to go with the wind. What were your most memorable moments?

**Emily:** I broke my mast in the middle of the ocean, 600 miles away from land. I put up a jerry rig on the little nubbin that was left of the mast, with a small little sail, and just kind of crept along.

**R:** Was that your biggest challenge?

**Emily:** Hardly, no. I almost starved, that was *really* bad. I got stuck in the Doldrums for week after week, then the propane went dry so I couldn't cook my rice or beans.

**R:** I was wondering how you eat on a sailboat.

**Emily:** I made a cardboard solar oven. I had a little spear a friend had made for me, with bamboo and some metal shrapnel. When the boat is sitting in the middle of the ocean, it becomes a reef, so after a few days stationary, the fish like to come and sit in the shadow of the boat. I never thought I'd be able to catch them because fish are clever and all I had was this spear. I got one and I was shocked, it was a small one and all the fish momentarily scattered and then they came back, and I got another one, and I caught like ten of them. I didn't have a way to cook, so I had to eat them raw. The solar oven is not a great way to cook fish; they get warm but don't cook. I did manage to make some little scones, little tiny ones that took all day to cook, three bites basically.

**R:** How do you feel about documenting your journey in some form?

**Emily:** Ambivalent for sure. I was a big reader of the transcendentalists when I was young, Emerson more, also Walden. Everything is constantly telling you what to think, so I wanted a year of not having noise in my head. I didn't want to record it, because then you're performing life in a way. I was doing radio reporting for awhile, there's a lot of writing in that. I got invited to a writer's festival in Australia, and all these really good writers were telling me I had to write a book. So, I wrote a book. I'm just finishing it; I've been working on it for years.

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Both McKinley County and Cibola County auctions have resumed after a long hiatus due to COVID. To view the list of properties scheduled for auction, use this link:  
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