



TIMBERLAKE TIMES

Timberlake Ranch Landowners Association

Spring 2022

Greetings from the President

First of all, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to all our new neighbors. I hope to meet you at one of our monthly Board meetings, and especially encourage you to attend our Annual Meeting and Cookout on May 28.

If you haven't checked out the TRLA website at <http://www.trnews.info/>, I hope you take a few minutes to visit and explore—it's the best resource available for TRLA events and information, including photos and an interesting slideshow history of Timberlake. There's a link to the website on page 5.

It's been a little over a year since the last *Timberlake Times* went out, and I'm happy to announce its return. What would you like to see in future issues? Your input and suggestions are not just welcome, they're heartily encouraged. Please let us know what you think at (email address).

Wishing you health and happiness,
Mary Ann Armijo

Timberlake Bereavement

We have lost a beloved members of our Timberlake community.
Don Ouellette, TRLA President and Neighbor
He is greatly missed.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 23

Monthly Board Meeting

Ranch House, 10:00 am

Saturday, May 28

**Annual Board Meeting
and Cookout**

Come meet your neighbors!
Enjoy grilled hotdogs
and hamburgers at the
Ranch House. Hang out on
the patio or enjoy the
sheltered patio area.

Wi-Fi is available.

TRLA BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED!

Do you have a desire to help make Timberlake a better place?

If you said 'Yes' to this question, please consider becoming a member of the TRLA Board of Directors! Contact Sharon Axtell, the Nominating Committee Chair, at 520-405-0659, or email at trlasecretary@gmail.com . There are four Board positions available.

Applicant requirements:

- ❖ Member in Good Standing
- ❖ Ability to communicate through email/internet and respond in a timely manner
- ❖ Actively and objectively participate in decision making
- ❖ Be willing to chair a Board Committee and other activities as necessary

Please write a few biography paragraphs about yourself and how you'd like to help as a Board Member. Things to include could be your personal history as a Timberlake landowner, thoughts on goals and objectives that promote the betterment of TRLA, and how you can help achieve them.

The voter packet will be mailed out by May 1 will include biography statements from all candidates.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, May 28, 2022.**



IMPORTANT: To all interested candidates, please submit your bio and photo **by or before April 15th** to Sharon Axtell.

"The vision of TRLA is to protect and enhance the value and enjoyment of Timberlake Ranch and to foster community spirit and stewardship of the environment."

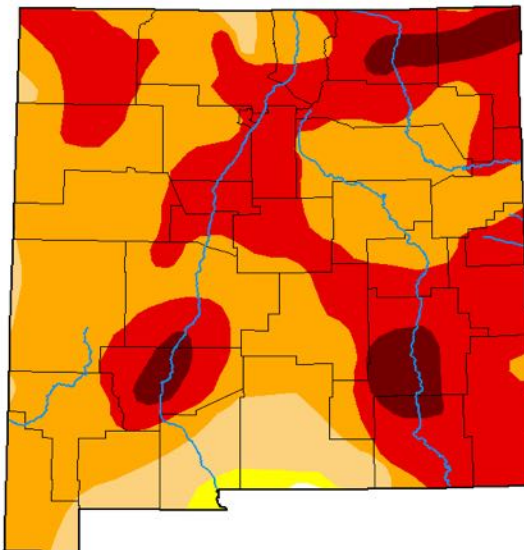
Drought and Fire Safety

Timberlake is still experiencing severe drought conditions. With peak fire season quickly approaching, the dry conditions are only expected to worsen. For this reason, there will be no burn permits issued until conditions are safer for burning. Exceptions and more detailed information from the Timberlake Fire Department are available on the TRLA website here: <http://www.trnews.info/fire.html>

Timberlake Emergency Evacuation Procedures

With the fire season upon us, please review the Evacuation procedures located on the TRLA website. <http://www.trnews.info/forms/EmergencyEvacAndNeighborhoodWatchInfo.pdf>

U.S. Drought Monitor
New Mexico
March 29, 2022



Intensity:



Use the Burn Pile, it's free!

Wildfires are a year-round issue. If you have tree trimmings or dead wood to burn, please bring it to the Burn Pile down at the Ranch House. It's free of charge.



PLEASE NOTE

IMPORTANT! When calling 9-1-1 from Cibola County, PLEASE make sure to tell the dispatcher you need **Timberlake STATION 55** to be dispatched.

Otherwise, first responders could be coming all the way from Grants!

Neighborhood Watch

If you experience a break in or vandalism of your property, **PLEASE be sure to notify the police and make a report!** Reporting illegal activity on the ranch is the only way to ensure our law enforcement teams know we need their presence and support.



After reporting to the police, please notify the Neighborhood Watch Group at timberlakewatch@gmail.com

- Get to know your neighbors and have them check on your place when you're away.
- Put a fence around your property. A gate or chain across your driveway can also be a deterrent (unless someone can drive around it, which has happened here).
- Install a security system or game camera that you can check remotely. Most have apps that make it easy to monitor, record, track, and report activity.

If you see something, say something.

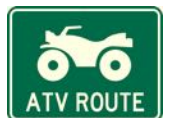
- Whenever possible, get pictures and descriptions of vehicles or suspicious people if something doesn't seem right—but remember not to enter private property.
- Call 911, never confront anyone by yourself.

Driving ATVs in Timberlake?

We strongly suggest that ATV owners put some type of ID in the paperwork compartment with owner's address and phone number.

Drive Safely!

Please remember:



- ❖ **ATVs are not allowed on Common Land or electrical easements.**
- ❖ **As a landowner, it is your responsibility to make sure you, your family, and guests follow all state-mandated rules on ATV and side-by-side safety.**
- ❖ **All riders under the age of 18 MUST wear a helmet at all times.**
- ❖ **Please advise your guests never to drive on another landowner's property or driveway without permission.**
- ❖ **Timberlake roads are monitored by both McKinley and Cibola Counties, and violators will be ticketed.**

Makers of Timberlake

By Rachel Schali

This month's interview is with Don Thomas, who is a multi-talented painter and raw edge furniture maker.

Q. When did you start painting and who or what inspired you?

A. I started painting in the early seventies in high school. My art teacher said I had a knack for painting. I tried ceramics and stuff. The paintings seem to click with me a little better. I started doing it at home just for something fun to do.

Q. You work in three dimensions too, the wood carvings, the furniture...

A. Yes, I like to keep busy now that I'm retired, you know?

Q. I know the feeling. Has living in NM influenced what or how you paint?

A. Well, not really, I was a big science fiction reader. That inspires me a lot with my paintings. I knew a lot about Roswell and everything, the E.T. form of it. (Laughing.) I just like it here. We passed through all the time when we were on vacation. My family lives in Missouri, and her family lives in Pennsylvania, so we would pass through this area. We liked it and decided this would be a nice place to retire someday and that's what we did.



Q. Can you tell us what your process is for painting? You read science fiction?

A. Yeah, I'm a big science fiction reader. I have a ton of books downstairs. So the process is maybe taking my characters out of it. Sometimes I look at the jacket cover, and I get an idea from there. Sometimes I look at other artists and put my own spin on it.

Q. What artists do you like to look at?

A. Roger Dean, he was a big influence. He did a lot of wild stuff I liked so I used some of his blending techniques, stuff that he uses, in my paintings. It's just for fun, especially in the winter; I usually do two or three.

Q. Who was the character with the gold armor?

A. He was a guy who was trapped in space, and he had to go into android mode so he could survive, he couldn't use oxygen. That was a novel I read, called *Out of Time*.

Q. I love that painting.

A. Yeah, he was stranded in space and had to survive somehow, so he was doing half bio. The spacesuit was cut off and his hand was out there living, but I don't think he was all there yet.

Q. He's in transition in the painting?

A. Yeah, he's in transition, living hundreds of years out there in space.

Q. Your paintings remind me of hero stories. Are there any other hero paintings you want to tell us about?

A. That one I just did that Kent and Sandra Younger liked. He was a hero; they would call him up as a special agent and he would go out and save the universe. He was an escape artist. He knew how to get out of everything. The agency recruited him, he used to be a criminal. There was nobody who could catch him. There was one guy that could, and he went to work for him.

Q. Do you remember the book?

A. I think it was *To The Stars*, it was in three segments, a trilogy. Harry Harrison wrote that. He's one of my favorite authors. That one inspired me. There's other ones I'd like to do too.



How Can I Contact.....?

Each member of the Board of Directors has a generic email account for their specific roles. These email accounts will remain in place, even as Board members change.

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Note from the newsletter admin:

You may have noticed that some reports and features that were in the old newsletter are missing from this one. I hope to include more information in future issues; this issue of the Timberlake Times is a fledgling effort. The Summer 2022 issue should be bigger, at least somewhere in the Young Adult stage. It's still growing.

So please, tell us what you'd like to see in future issues, what you miss from the old ones, or if you have ideas for future interviews, send an email to trlatimberlaketimes@gmail.com.

In the meantime, if you want to see the latest financial reports, road reports, or just about anything else, please visit the TRLA website at <http://www.trnews.info/>.

Thank you for reading!

For budgetary reasons, we will no longer be printing and mailing hardcopies of the Timberlake Times. This version is in printable format for most devices.