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Idle Times

A Publication for the Greater Idlewild Communities

As you can tell, the Idle Times has been through a makeover. Throughout the years the Idle Times has proven to be an excellent forum to our Board of Directors. With the support of our Community President and the Board of Directors, our newsletter will take a new direction. Board information will continue to be a major portion of this publication; however, we would like to include you in the news. Our most recent editor, Helen Hyams, has done an excellent job providing Idlewild with a publication that addresses the issues thoroughly and with great enthusiasm. Helen has been wonderful in guiding my passage as the new editor of the Idle Times. Thank You Helen!!! If you see anything out of wack, it's my fault. If something is missing, let me know, I will make sure to include it next go round.

We will continue to advise you on community events, but we are also interested in you, and your family and friends. We have a new section called "What's Happening?." If you have events that have occurred or are upcoming, let me know. Will you be having a family reunion at your cabin? Do you have a new member in your family; by birth, or marriage? Send pictures and names. Do you have a recipe that works well in our altitude? Check out "The Alpine Chef". What plants will actually grow up here? See our section "The Alpine Garden".

Do you have any day trips you like to take? See "All in a Day". Let me know if you have recommendations for your neighbors. Do you have a question you would like answered?? Have you ever wondered, "Just what is Camp Cupcake"? These are some of the important questions we will try to answer. Put your question in "Idle Gossip".

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I hope to hear from you soon!!

Sandy Jefferson
Idle Times, Editor



The Smith's, Klondike October 2008

Great things are done when
men and mountains meet.
William Blake

The Caretaker's New Diggs



The Gang's all here !



One last look !



Delivery Day !



Parts is parts!



Two becomes one !



Home Sweet Home

Letter From the President: Don Woolsey

First I want to thank the people of Idlewild for allowing me the great opportunity to serve our wonderful community. The entire board is made up of a group of members that are truly working hard for your community. I am surrounded by the best.

Wow, what a summer. God blessed us with much needed rain. We also had enough good days to get the caretaker's new house in, and keep the workers on the job most of the time. We are staying within budget, and hope to have the building complete, and the furniture in, before too long. What is too long? Well, this is my thought on it; the house is set, the stem wall is finished, the water connected, and the electrical is complete. That leaves us with dirt work, touch-up, and painting the gable ends. Then we will be able to finish the dirt work around the house, the covered deck in front, the cover from house to garage, and lastly, update the siding and roof on the garage to match to house. When you return for your summer vacation in 2009 the new cabin will be a beautiful site.

Idlewild is a volunteer community, which is primarily funded by the dues that are paid each year. Our dues are a very nominal fee

for all the community does for each of us. The dues allow us the following:

- A caretaker who watches over our cabins winter and summer.
- Roads that are maintained in the summer and winter (this has helped to keep the snow from doing major damage).
- A small portion of the dues are donated to the Eagle Nest Firefighters and Ambulance in honor of the IWCC Community.
- Idle Times is paid by your dues, including postage, and
- Much, Much more than can fit into this news column.

Please keep these thoughts in mind when the community requests contributions later this autumn.

I have received many questions on the fee that Idlewild community members are charged each year for waste disposal. I met with Eagle Nest Mayor, Billie Odom, to discuss the solid waste disposal fees. Eagle Nest assesses IWC property owners a yearly fee that allows them to use the dumpsters.

For disposal of large items, each property owner is also given a punch card to be used at the transfer station. Each punch allows 1 cubic yard to be disposed, with a total of 6 cubic yards per year, at no additional fee. With all the changes in regulations, there will be no dumping in the former slash pit. All trash and debris must go into the roll-offs and hauled off to a dumpsite.

The costs and regulations are growing. The Mayor expressed her growing concern on the cost of solid waste disposal. Eagle Nest cannot continue to absorb the cost of dealing with the waste generated by surrounding communities that contribute to their costs. She also advised that liens would be placed on properties for non-payment of Solid Waste fees. If you have any other questions or concerns relating to the Solid Waste fees levied by Eagle Nest, please contact Mayor Odom.

I pray each of our Idlewild members has a happy winter and a safe return to Idlewild next year.

God Bless,

Don Woolsey
Idlewild Community President



Out with the old!



In with the new!



What's on the inside counts too

Road Committee Report: Chair Person Jim Herman

Idlewild's roads fared the summer season fairly well. Mainly due to the generosity of Lynn and Jim Hatfield in allowing the use of their tractor, as well as the efforts of our caretaker, Frank Dodge, who took it upon himself to use the Hatfield's tractor to keep snow off our roads during the winter months, and keeping abreast of repairs during the spring runoff.

The tractor, and the time and effort put in by Mr. Dodge, were so effective that it was deemed unnecessary to have Johnny Johnson do his usual annual repairs. Another realization was that Idlewild and the associated communities would be well served to arrange for continued road maintenance of this sort.

This development spawned considerable conversation in this year's Board of Directors meeting, as well as Sunday's general meeting. At issue, was the question of whether the communities should consider the purchase of a tractor and implements? Lynn and Jim Hatfield have graciously offered the continued use of their equipment, and Mr. Dodge relates that he enjoys the time he puts in. Their remarks led to the consensus that we will continue to accept their offer.

The Road Committee would also like to acknowledge and thank Frank Dodge, who purchased with his personal funds, a blade implement that attaches to the rear of the tractor that facilitates snow removal and general repairs. The I.W. C.C. Board of Directors made provisions to reimburse Frank for his expense, along with arranging an hourly rate to reimburse the Hatfield's for the time their tractor was used. The hourly rate form of reimbursement will continue until modified.

In another matter, the Road Committee was tasked with identifying locations which are inadequate for passage of emergency vehicles, especially fire trucks and ambulances. This work will be done in coordination with the Eagle Nest Volunteer Fire Department, along with our Maps Committee, and our Forest Health and Safety Committee. Both of which are chaired by Frank Ray.

If your property is near a tight corner, or has a narrow road section, or similar difficult circumstance, you may be contacted to provide your input as to a potential solution. Another reminder will appear in the spring, 2009, edition of Idle Times. Thank you in advance for your assistance

Property Committee Report

Chair Person Mark Jefferson

Committee Members: Jim Hare, Debra Herman, and Dale Stanford

The Property Committee is currently reviewing three requests to purchase property owned by the Idlewild Community. Of the three requests under review, two are from current community members wanting to expand their existing plots; the other is a family wishing to buy lots and build a cabin.

We have one previously approved request for three lots. We are waiting to close.

The Property Committee continues to review land sales in Moreno Valley to ensure that lots owned by Idlewild Community are sold at fair market value.



Map Committee Report: Chair Person Frank Ray

A new edition of the Idlewild community map was completed and published in June. All residents who paid dues before January 1st was promised a map set. The map committee distributed sets during in July and August, and will continue this program next summer. If any resident needs a map set before then, please contact me and I'll send it to you. Mailing address: Frank Ray, 8703 Granada Hills Dr, Austin, TX 78737, Email: frankray@swbell.net, landline: (512) 301-8667.

I will also be taking orders for the larger maps, 18 x 24 inches and 24 x 36 inches, so that I can fix a number of copies to be produced by Paul Fahrenthold in late May or June. The larger maps sell for \$15 and \$20, respectively, plus postage if mailed. All net proceeds go the Idlewild general fund.

Margaret Putnam and my wife Helen Hyams accompanied me to Colfax County's offices in

late August to check our list of possible errors, "lost sheep", historical land trades, original survey markers, and other data pertinent to our directory and map objects. Since the map and directory data are related, I've established a spreadsheet of current changes for this and subsequent years. This is archived in a Google Group currently shared by Jim Herman, directory chairman, and myself, to make data access readily available without the need for Email transfers. Colfax County sends deed information to me as they record property transfers, and many of those transactions will affect maps, directory, or both.

Thanks to everyone who supplied information relevant to directories and maps.

Pleasure working with all of you.

The Alpine Chef

Have you tried to cook something up here only to find that the recipe just wasn't quite right? The altitude can make your "perfect" recipe, not so great. To get it right, sometimes you have to raise the oven temperature by 25° F and extend your cooking time.

Here's a tried and true recipe that is perfect for the cooler weather.

Debra's Easy Chicken Pot Pie

Preheat oven to 375°F.

2 (10 oz) cans Cream of Chicken Soup or

Cream of Celery Soup (I prefer the cream of celery)

2 (about 9 oz) packages frozen mixed vegetables (or frozen soup vegetables), thawed

1 medium onion, chopped and sautéed until clear (optional, but worth the effort)

2 cups cubed, cooked chicken

1-cup chicken broth (or milk) combined with 2 tablespoons flour

½ teaspoon Poultry Seasoning (or rosemary, thyme or sage)

½ teaspoon salt

Pepper to taste

2 Pillsbury pie shells

You can add any leftover meat or vegetables. Potatoes work well also.

Mix soup, veggies, onion, chicken, and broth. The mixture should be sort of thick. Place in pie shell. Cover with the second crust. Cut large vent holes to prevent the pie from bubbling over. I recommend cooking on a cookie sheet to catch any spills that might occur. Bake for 45-50 minutes or until bubbling and golden brown. (Cover pie edge if it begins to brown too quickly).



Forest Health and Safety Committee Report: Frank Ray & A.J. Berretta

"There are some things every cabin owner can do to reduce the chance of a serious fire on their property."



"Check out the Forest Health and Safety bulletin board at the National Firewise Communities web site at: www.firewise.org."



There are some things every cabin owner can do to reduce the chance of a serious fire on their property.

Here are several general areas of concern in our community:

1. The relationship of combustible limbs to grassy fuels on the ground. Prune lower branches on trees to a height of 8 to 10 feet, then the likelihood of a grass fire igniting the tree will be reduced.
2. Remove all dead and diseased trees from your property especially those with 30 feet of your cabin. These trees can make good firewood but please store firewood well away from your cabin. Thin the remaining stunted and overcrowded trees to promote forest health. Please remove the slash.
3. The relationship of combustible building materials to forest litter. Keep pine needles and other litter away from combustible materials such as house siding or firewood. This will reduce the chances of ignition from an ember or small ground fire. Replace low-lying wood siding with non-combustible materials. Consider a non-combustible masonry product rather than wood. Another option is using gravel or other nonflammable groundcover for several feet out from your foundation around the perimeter of your structures. This will help in preventing accumulated litter from being ignited by a floating ember.
4. Look for places where forest litter can accumulate. Most houses have particular nooks and crannies where wind-driven litter tends to accumulate. Tending to these spots with regular cleaning. Consider using metal flashing to cover combustible materials (such as house siding) to reduce the possibility of a fire spreading to the structure. Prevent debris and combustible material from accumulating beneath decks and elevated porches. Screen or box in areas below decks and porches with screening or wire mesh no larger than 1/8th inch. Placing gravel in these areas can be helpful too.
5. Spark arrestors for chimneys and smokestacks. If your chimney doesn't have a spark arrestor, burning embers can be carried up the flue and out into the forest. In the open air, these can fly for a surprising distance to start a small fire in loose debris. Help yourself and your neighbors out by installing a proper spark arrestor with mesh no larger than 1/2 inch. Frank Dodge can recommend local businesses that can install arrestors and sweep your chimney if needed.
6. Metal roofs are less likely to catch fire from burning embers. The next time you replace your roof, consider a metal one. Remove any tree limbs that are close or touching your roof, chimney or structures.
7. Ground fuels (grassy plants) should be cut back from buildings, and not allowed to accumulate into a fire hazard.
8. Install reflective house numbers so emergency vehicles can find your place with a spot light, if needed at night or when the power is off.

"What's Happening"

This summer brought about many changes in our community. We have a new President, and a board with many new faces. The caretaker's new house has been delivered and will soon be ready to move into. Several cabins are receiving facelifts.



Idlewild had a wonderful Fourth of July. The parade in Eagle Nest was great! So were the fireworks. Alongside of Idlewild's community band float, were the many Rangers, Mules, and four-wheelers of our residents who participated in the parade, and other events in town.



There was a Silent Auction at the July 3, 2008, hot dog feast that raised funds for our community.

Thanks to all who donated items. Our new President was present with his wife and six grandkids in tow. Make sure you are here next year to participate in our Independence Day celebrations!



With all the snow last winter and the spring rains, Eagle Nest lake is up, and the wild flowers were beautiful and abundant all summer long. I hope you had a chance to enjoy them.



On Saturday October 4th the second annual "Wood Week-end" took place in Idlewild. This year the group concentrated on removing the logs on the Community land next to the

worship center and the downed trees around the Preacher's cabin.

The community land next to the worship center will be developed into a rustic parking area for use during worship and community activities. The group also went to Paige Hill's and pulled her huge fallen Ponderosa Pines out of her circle driveway. The group then worked on Jim and Debra Herman's downed trees. Their landscaping efforts have set the bar really high.

Many thanks to Lonnie Busey, Gordon Fore, Jim Herman, Matt Herman, Chris Herring, Mark Jefferson, Bill Kshir, Paul Timberlake, and Ron Wells, for all their hard work.



As of now, no one has signed up to organize Game Night next summer. If you are interested in giving some of your time, we would love a volunteer.



This Fall brought the most beautiful color change I have seen in 25 years. If you had a chance to visit, you were truly blessed.



The purpose of life is not to be happy – but to matter, to be productive, to be useful, to have it make some difference that you have lived at all.

- Leo Rosten

American teacher and humorist



In Memoriam

*Joe Anthony
Madalyn Boulware
Vincent Brown
Charles Clark
Bill Griffith
Sandra Herman
Don Myers
Louise Waters
Jerry Wetmore
Pat Wetmore*



The Idlewild Website Report : www.idlewildcommunity.org

On September 9, 2008, Tim Ray and Craig Sutton began a redesign and new emphasis for our website. What they have developed is an extensive resource for information pertaining to Idlewild and the surrounding communities.

It is now possible to find almost anything you might want to know about our communities, or Eagle Nest and the Moreno Valley area, in a single place.

Visitors to the new website -- www.idlewildcommunity.org -- will find links to public services available from the Village of Eagle Nest, the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, the Colfax County Sheriff's Office, and much more. It is now possible to get information on weather forecasts, and actually observe current Eagle Nest weather conditions from any internet connection. There's even a link to receive real-time information on New Mexico road conditions.

Also to be found, area a variety links related to community business and activities. The website makes it possible to view past editions of the Idle Times newsletter. You can keep current with the I.W.C.C. Board of Directors, and the various committee chairs.

Clicking on the "Idlewild Notices Log" will display information and announcements of community-wide interest. A particularly convenient feature is that Frank Ray's maps are now available to be viewed or printed from anywhere, any time.

History buffs will no doubt enjoy the links to information on Elizabethtown, old Eagle Nest, and the Klondike mine -- not to mention further information that can be accessed from these links. And of course, we can all enjoy the beautiful photographs of our mountain paradise.

Speaking of photographs... If you have created a digital photo album you would like to share, you can get in touch with Craig Sutton to have your pictures included on the website. His contact information is provided below.

Our communities owe a great debt of thanks to Tim Ray and his wife, Sheri Garner, for their initial efforts to establish our website; and now, to Tim Ray and Craig Sutton for their ongoing efforts and improvements. Webmaster duties have passed from Tim Ray to Craig Sutton, who can be e-mailed at casutton@aol.com, or by clicking the word "Webmaster" on the website.

Please plan to make regular visits to www.idlewildcommunity.org to use and enjoy what Tim, Sheri, and Craig have provided.

The Alpine Garden

Having a yard or garden in the higher elevations can be difficult. If you don't want to worry about mowing or watering, but want a green property, try *Mountain Pass* grass mix. It is specially mixed just for our altitude. Just spread it on the ground and let nature do the rest. If you want a more manicured lawn, lay the seed then cover with a light mulch using hay. You can see the results at the Herman cabin off Road 9.

This Alpine mix is available in Clovis, New Mexico at Curtis & Curtis Seed & Supply, (575) 762-4759.



STONOR P. BYRONA GALLERY ©

Directory Committee Report

The Idlewild Community Directory, as we currently think of it, was the brainchild of Max Helen Harrison for several years until she passed the responsibility to Helen Hyams and Frank Ray. Under their direction (all 3 of them), a variety of layouts, data elements, and other modifications have been used. As it is with most other community endeavors, the Directory has been a "work in progress".

Because of Helen's and Frank's other community responsibilities, and their outside interests, they issued a plea for someone to relieve them somewhat, by taking responsibility for the Directory. That someone, at least for now, will be Jim Herman.

It is only proper that we all take this opportunity to recognize Max Helen, Helen, and Frank, and thank them for their hard work and dedication, which has given the communities a publication that benefits each of us every time we visit our cabins.

A quick look at the 2008 edition of the Idlewild Community Directory reveals a new layout with enriched information. To be specific, each listing now indicates more precisely the community (Donel Heights, Klondike, etc.) pertinent to the listing, as well as Block and Lot information for residents of Idlewild proper. Another addition is the resurrection of GRID coordinates that correspond to Frank Ray's maps, making it easier for emergency services, contractors, utility companies, and others who are unfamiliar with our communities to navigate.

For the immediate future, Jim Herman will continue to collaborate with Frank Ray on the Directory due to the interwoven relationship between it and the community maps. For corrections or comments, please contact Jim Herman by calling (575) 762-9621 or emailing jh1008@gmail.com.

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Idlewild Community Annual Meeting July 27, 2008

CALL TO ORDER & OPENING PRAYER at 12:47 p.m. o'clock by President Ron Wells

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS by Ron Wells.

MINUTES of last meeting on July 29, 2007: M/S/C approved as published in Fall Issue of *Idle Times*.

TREASURER'S REPORT: M/S/C approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DIRECTORY: Jim Herman reported that he is taking over the Data Base from Frank Ray. He also offered a gracious thank you to Helen Hyams and Frank Ray for their work on the directory over past years. Current (2008) directories are on site and may be purchased for \$7 each.

ROAD: Jim Herman reported that Johnny Johnson, who has kept up our roads for a number of years, has moved from the valley so other arrangements had to be made. Herman and Frank Dodge inspected the roads in April, and were able to deal effectively with the April runoff, thus eliminating much of the usual rutting. The roads have been in better condition than in many years.

The Hatfields generously allowed the IW to use their tractor, with Dodge as the operator. Herman recommends using this method of upkeep in the future. The cost with Johnson doing the work has been running \$6,000 to \$7,000 per year, whereas the method used this year has cost about \$4,500. Lynn Hatfield said that they are more than happy to let the use their tractor.

There was a short discussion about the possibility of Idlewild (IW) purchasing a tractor. A bid of \$30,133 for a unit had been considered by the Board, but because this would not be the only cost, and other complications of upkeep, it was thought wiser at this point to accept the Hatfield's generous offer. There was discussion about who in IW can operate the tractor. Because Dodge is an experienced operator and knows where various installations are that are vulnerable to being run over and damaged, and because whoever operates the tractor is responsible for fuel and for any broken parts, it was recommended that Dodge be the operator. Dodge is willing.

There was a question about the rutted Maxwell area of Highway 127. Jim Herman has a contact with the supervisor of roads in our area and hopes to improve our road service. The Highway Department is aware of our problem, but is not always able to schedule work as we would like.

BEAUTIFICATION: Chair Mary Lib Thornhill reported that

Idlewild is flourishing after the Spring rains, and she sees many tidy cabin grounds. Everyone is looking forward to our new Caretaker's Cabin and a beautiful entrance to our community.

CARETAKER'S CABIN; Many men of IW have put in numerous hours, especially Chris Herring, helping Dodge with the demolition of the old cabin, for which we are very grateful.

Three bids on a new cabin had been entertained. The Redman house was chosen. It will have a green roof, and horizontal Hardy Board outside. Inside will be three bedrooms, two baths, kitchen, and dinette. Two bedrooms will be carpeted; one will serve as an office and it, along with the remainder of the rooms, will have vinyl flooring.

WORSHIP: Donna Porter had done a great job of getting ministers and worship leaders. Remember that you are invited and urged to submit nominations for ministers.

NEWSLETTER: Sandy Jefferson has enthusiastically taken over the creation of *Idle Times*. She anticipates using color pictures, and solicits articles from IW members, not only about mountain happenings, but also about things "back home." She would also appreciate items of general interest submitted by our own members. Sandy plans to make the letter available on e-mail, thus saving mailing cost, funds which may be used for the upgrades mentioned above. The letter will still be available by U.S. Mail, as usual.

FOREST HEALTH/SAFETY: A 3-panel bulletin board, donated by Chair Frank Ray and Helen Hyams, has been added to the south outside wall of the Community Center building. The purpose of the board is to keep IW apprised of the FIREWISE program, a statewide program concerning the health and safety of the forest and people who live in it. The people who were in Idlewild during the nearby fire last October urge that everyone read and heed the items posted on the board. Every chimney should have a Spark Arrester. Fire resistant materials should be used wherever possible. Dead trees should be removed, and twigs and branches cleared away. Please refer to the bulletin board for details and helpful suggestions.

In cooperation with the Road Committee, an escape plan is being organized. All IW roads should be 2-way to allow emergency vehicles access while allowing cars to pass in the opposite direction. The War-Chief from the Pueblo has given permission to use Indian Lands in emergency situations.

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES: Chair Jerry Middleton suggested we maintain an "as is" status of the CC buildings. A new closet known as the Paula Weidenmaier Project, has been added to the CC building. For the parsonage, the Jack Davis family has donated a queen-size bed with all linens, including bed spread.

HISTORY PROJECT: Chair Ann Knupp requested that everyone who has not written their cabin history and turned it in to her, please do so by the end of the Labor Day celebration - August 31 this year.

PROPERTY RENTAL: There have been no property rentals this year. However, a wedding is scheduled for July 4, 2009 at our Community Church.

CARETAKER REPORT: Frank Dodge continues to do a myriad of things for our Community, and for individuals. We are grateful for his attention to our various needs.

PROPERTY SALES: Chair Don Reavis reported that two blocks of lots have been sold. These sales have made it possible for us to proceed with the Caretaker's Cabin project. A survey is yet to come and \$3,500 is still in escrow. The Board is developing a new set of guidelines on sales of Idlewild owned lots. There was a question about covenants that may go with the sale of lots. There is one permanent covenant or restriction that goes with lots in the Dickerson Survey - there may be no fences that restrict grazing. When lots are sold, one may place additional restrictions on the deed. Restrictions may be made in perpetuity. One should keep in mind, also, that the State requires 12 lots to issue a permit for a septic system and a well. Already existing wells and septic systems, and locations of creeks may also be considered.

WEB SITE: Work is underway to improve the web site.

MAPS: Production of the 2008 2-map edition is complete, and the set will not be revised again for two years. Property owners who paid dues are receiving free maps. list of people and things they have done for the Community during this past year. Additional copies may be purchased for \$10. Other larger map sets are available. Paul Fahrenthold has produced an 18x24inch glossy set

which may be purchased for \$15 and a 24X36-inch set for \$20. He donates the time and supplies to the IWCC, and proceeds from these map sales go to the Caretaker's cabin fund.

Major changes for the 2008 map edition include the following:

- (1) use of Colfax County deeds and tax records to increase the accuracy of ownership,
- (2) use of original plat and deed materials to add and correct all of the free plats (not in a subdivision) to scale as represented by Colfax County surveyed plats,
- (3) correct naming and boundary delineation of the J. W. Dickerson and Donel Heights subdivisions, and the various free plats, using Colfax County terminology for location,
- (4) relabeling the entire area as "Idlewild Community" to reinforce the notion of unity and to be consistent with county and other map notations which have existed for many years. Legally "Idlewild is two things: it is a place name used on many maps and it is part of the name of our neighborhood association, a corporation registered in New Mexico. Idlewild is NOT the name of a subdivision.

A grid overlay was added to the IW map, based on a suggestion by A.J. Beretta that 911 calls could be more easily serviced using a course grid to find cabins and routes. This in turn prompted a formatting revision of the Directory to include the grid coordinates.

TARTER PAINTING RAFFLE: It is hoped to reach a figure of \$2500 for this raffle. In any case the drawing will take place during the Labor Day celebration.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ROAD SIGN AGE: Lynn Hatfield reported that we are waiting for the State of NM to finalize regulations on signage. In the meantime she is working on a contest for all residents to "Name Your Road." Details will come later.

AUTO STICKERS: Stickers are to be placed on the back window, driver's side. Additional stickers are available.

NEW BUSINESS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: President Ron Wells read a long list of people and things they have done for the Community during this past year. All were thanked profusely.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Chair Jim Herman gave the report which nominated the following persons to serve a 3-year term on the Board: A. J. Beretta - Lisa Henthorn - Jim Herman - Mark Jefferson

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS:

M/S/C that these candidates be elected by acclamation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALENDAR: Lisa Henthorn announced that many pictures have been submitted for the Idlewild Calendar. One picture will be chosen for each month. The calendar will sell for \$25 each, plus shipping. The calendars are large enough to serve as a diary of events for the user. Proceeds will go to improvements in the parsonage.

WASH-DRY FACILITIES: The Golden Eagle establishment on the SW corner of Highways #127 and #64 sent word that they have four new stackable, solar powered, washer-dryer machines, the use of which they are offering to a limited number of people, Idlewild residents included. A wash cycle will be \$1.75, a drying cycle, \$1.50 with 25 cents for additional drying time.

SPEED ON PAVED PORTION OF #127: It was suggested that we cut our speed in this area to a maximum of 25 mph, for the comfort of the parents who have children playing in that area. We continue to thank everyone who cuts speed

as they approach the Caretaker's cabin curve to keep down dust.

RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS: President Ron Wells thanked retiring Board Members Frank Ray, Max Helen Harrison and Earl O'Steen for their service.

COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO WISHED TO SPEAK (5-minute limit) UNAUTHORIZED CUTTING OF TREES: Father James McGhee reported that seven trees had been cut on their property, without permission, and the wood hauled away. Dodge offered to replace a like amount of wood.

MISSING WOOD: Virginia Myers reported that 6-8 cords of wood is missing from her property. President Ron Wells asked Frank Dodge to be especially on the alert for thieves who may be targeting IW for wood, so that proper action may be taken.

It was pointed out that Kit Carson Electric may on occasion cut down trees should they be interfering with electric lines. This is done without notification to property owners.

NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be on July 26, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Max Helen Harrison, Secretary

All in a Day

Are you an avid off-roader? Have you been looking for a great place to ride to your heart's content? Hook up your trailer and check out Forest Road 76, just south of Angel Fire off Highway 38/434. Follow the road until you find the gate. Through the gate you will find areas to park and access to miles of OH (Off Highway) roads.

Spend the day exploring. Enjoy the vistas of Moreno Valley and beyond. Have lunch at Garcia Park beside the stream. The roads to Osha Pass and the Elliot Barker Trail are a great ride too. You will leave tired, but in awe of the beauty that is New Mexico.

Get a Forest Service map for Carson National Forest in Eagle Nest before leaving. You will need it to track the miles of roads.

P.S. This area is also great for snowmobiling in the winter.

Treasurers Report for 2008

	Deposits (Bank Interest)	Contract Services	Utilities	Repairs & Maintenance	License & Fees	Supplies	Road Expense	Taxes	Insurance
August	\$1,710.00	\$1,325.00	\$161.10	\$165.95	\$823.68	\$464.43	\$5,872.42		
September	\$925.00	\$825.00	\$128.51		\$788.69	\$450.98	\$680.87		
October		\$825.00	\$115.58	\$589.84	\$299.99				
November		\$825.00	\$764.71	\$165.95			\$22.22	649.94	
December	\$24,925.00	\$825.00	\$585.98		\$57.87	\$912.24			
January	\$1,220.00	\$825.00	\$885.57		\$20.00				
February	\$637.50	\$825.00	\$1,290.01	\$214.13	\$162.52				
March	\$300.00	\$825.00	\$138.04		\$173.58			3,741.00	\$831
April	\$740.00	\$825.00	\$545.85		\$40.00			1,560.00	
May		\$825.00	\$110.45		\$100.00				
June	\$1,687.00	\$825.00	\$198.68			\$204.36			
Sub Totals	\$32,144.50	\$9,575.00	\$4,924.48	\$1,135.87	\$2,466.33	\$2,032.01	\$6,575.51	5,950.94	\$831.00
Total	\$65,635.64								
Checking Account	Balance		Fund Balance 07/1/2008			CD's			
			General	\$11,058.03		Renewed	Matures	Value	
6/30/2004	\$32,064.00		Road	\$11,719.84		10/29/2007	10/28/2008	16,381.31	
7/17/2005	\$24,736.00		Church	\$6,873.31		11/10/2007	11/9/2008	12,908.88	
7/27/2006	\$26,390.16		Building	\$129,315.78					
17/22/2007	\$29,353.14		CD's	\$29,290.19			Total	29,290.19	
7/1/2008	\$29,651.18								
			Total	\$188,257.15					



Experience taught me a few things. One is to listen to your gut, no matter how good something sounds on paper. The second is that you're generally better off sticking with what you know. And the third is that sometimes your best investments are the ones you don't make

Donald Trump



Idle Gossip

Our own Frank Dodge is one of the Enchanted Circle Gateway Museum board members featured in the Sangre de Cristo Chronicle in the Thursday Oct. 16-22, 2008 issue. Frank serves as the Museum Board Secretary. The purpose of the museum is to provide both historical and educational information on Northern New Mexico. The focus of the museum will be the mining and railroad in our area. Another important goal of the museum is to record the oral histories of early residents of Moreno Valley and the Enchanted Circle.

This project is the culmination of many fund-raising activities, and more are planned. Dinners, garage sales, and personal donations have been instrumental in getting the project off the ground and continued contributions will insure this project will provide a rewarding experience to visitors.

Thanks Frank for your continued service to the residents of both IWCC and Eagle Nest!!!

Idlewild Community Center Use IWCC Property Rental Policies

IWCC's Chapel and Community Center are both available for use by members and nonmembers. All events using either, or both, facilities should be scheduled with Sue Dorr or Frank Dodge. There is no fee for members of the community, or their families, for use of the chapel and Community Center; however, donations are appreciated. If you require help setting up or cleaning up, please determine the appropriate fee with the caretaker. IWCC members may use the tables and chairs at no additional cost. If you require sound, you will need to provide your own, as the community does not have sound equipment available.

Nonmembers should also schedule with Sue Dorr or Frank Dodge, with payment due on the day of the event. The fees are as follows: \$50 for use of the chapel, \$50 for use of the Community Center, and \$75 for the use of both facilities.

Arrangements and fees for setup and cleanup must be determined and scheduled with Frank Dodge prior to using either facility.

Please remember that no alcoholic beverages are allowed on either property.

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The Herman's!



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*Linda Sudduth & Chris Herring
near Osha Pass*



We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.idlewildcommunity.org

