



Arrowhead Improvements Association Newsletter

April/May 2014

GCEA Changes

Gunnison County Electric Association has changed its long-standing policy in regard to connecting to electric service, including transformers, at Arrowhead. Please read their letter on pages 14 & 15.

Arrowhead Mock Evacuation Exercise

Saturday, July 26,
2014

Save the date!
See full story on
page 13.

Introducing our 2 new AIA Board Members

Two new Board members were appointed at the March, 2014 Board Meeting to fill midterm vacancies, Tim Carlson and Don Gladwell.

Tim Carlson

For those who don't know me, a little background. Over the past three years my wife, Kathy, and I have been building our cabin and have learned to love our summers at Arrowhead as well as the many fine people who call the area home. As we both move into retirement we'll be spending much more time at Arrowhead. Since 2012, I have also been part of the design review committee and, as such, gained experience with the AIA building standards, regulations, and covenants.

My 40 years as an environmental engineer working with communities and town/city/county/state administrations of all sizes has provided me with the experience that should prove valuable as an AIA Board member. This includes adhering to approved guidelines and regulations to develop pragmatic solutions on difficult community issues that resulted in reasonable and responsible decisions. One significant capability that I'll bring to the Board is my ability to work with diverse personalities and positions to reach consensus on difficult issues.

Don Gladwell

Most everyone knows me! I have owned in Arrowhead over the last ten years or so, cabin and lots. I was part of Arrowhead Ranch Real Estate for several years.

I have lived in Montrose for 42 years and was a banker. I have been on the Montrose City Council and was mayor in 1990. Around that same time I was on the Project 7 Water Authority board. For the last 15 years I have been on the Montrose Memorial Hospital board. My term ended last November and I am now retired and am not currently serving on any boards.

My desire would be to help bring our mountain community to a better state of unity. I am a good listener and try to find solutions to problems that serve the best interest of all.



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President's Message

Dear Owners,

At the March 15, 2014 AIA Board meeting, Tim Carlson and Don Gladwell were appointed to fill vacancies on the board. Tim was in attendance and was sworn in and seated during the meeting. Don was unavailable due to a previous commitment. However, he will soon be sworn in and assume his board position. I would like to thank Don and Tim for volunteering their time and expertise to our association. They both bring qualities and experience to the table that will benefit Arrowhead. We are looking forward to working with our new members!

I would like to share with you that the grooming dilemma the board and community faced has been resolved for the remainder of this grooming season. We have agreed to a modified agreement with the Arrowhead Snowmobile Club to continue grooming. Going forward, the board will be actively considering grooming options for next winter and beyond.

Please note that the next scheduled board meeting will be at 2:00 PM on May 17, 2014. This meeting will be at the Arrowhead Fire Department meeting room. Please plan to attend.

Spring will be coming to the mountain soon and we can all look forward to another wonderful Arrowhead summer. If you have the opportunity, consider taking advantage of the great spring time snowmobiling and cross country skiing conditions before the spring melt.

Lastly, with the passing away of longtime resident, volunteer and AIA employee Glen Isbell, I would like to express my condolences to his wife Carolyn and the Isbell family on behalf of the Arrowhead community. Arrowhead is a better place because of Glen.

Mike Wigent
Board President

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Glen F. Isbell

**Glen F. Isbell, 77, of Montrose, died Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2014,
at Valley Manor Care Center in Montrose.**

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Isbell, of the family home.

**At Glen's request, cremation has taken place and
private family services will be held at a later date.**

*May he be a part of our
Mountain and live on
in our hearts forever.*

**Glen and his lovely wife, Carolyn where very loved and valued part
of our Arrowhead Community.**

Glen will be remembered with love and missed by us all.

**Glen and Carolyn were the much deserved recipients of the John Krall Award in 2008.
To see more go to: http://www.arrowhead1.org/pdf/comm_news/comm_krall/08-10-12_krall.pdf**

Wow, what a busy past two months our Club has had!

In January, our Club hosted a GPS class and field exercise presented by our Fire District's Fire Chief, Kevin Stilley. Thank you Kevin for helping us be better prepared for any search and rescue on the mountain.

We also hosted two moonlight rides with Mother Nature's cooperation. The weather was also perfect for our group ride and bonfire at Willow Park.

We were very proud to receive a A++ report card from all State and Federal Agencies that rode our trail system with us on February 25th.

At the upcoming April meeting, we will be holding a drawing to give away a \$500 Shell gas card to a lucky member! Thank you, Gary and Lori Dean for your generous donation.

Our last group ride took us to Electric Mountain Lodge and the Grand Mesa the weekend of March 14th. It was a great time of year for some great snowmobiling. Thanks to Guy and Debbie Thomas for all their hard work.

A big thank you to our groomers; Ron Corder, Mike Bartlett, Toby Ezell and Gary Broughton, for keeping our trails groomed and safe. We couldn't do it without you!

Our thanks to all of you for an incredible year!



Arrowhead resident and cover girl, Rea Baxter, graced the latest Snow Scoops issue! Photo by Mary Cockes



Join us April 5th for our final meeting of the season!

By Joyce Boulter

HEALTH on the MOUNTAIN

I have several of my Health on the Mountain articles that I repeat, because it is easy, but more important the information is pertinent for the season. We have no idea when the roads will open and we can get out and start cleaning and clearing. One of my best friends, Glen Isbell, passed away in March. We will always remember his stories and humor. When asked when the roads would open he would say, "The second Saturday of next week."

Chain Saws

- #1. Know your chainsaw, READ the manual and understand its operation.
- #2. Personal protective equipment
 - Hard hat**-use when falling timber. The hard hat can also protect from saw kickback.
 - Chaps** – these are made for chain saw use and protect the legs from cuts.
 - Footwear**- cut and slip resistant boots should be worn when using a saw.
 - Safety goggles, glasses**-always wear eye protection when using saws of any type, especially chain saws.
 - Ear plugs**- necessary when using any loud equipment.
 - Hand protection** - gloves, especially leather will protect the hands from cuts and weather.
 - Refueling** – Use care with storage and the refueling of gasoline operated chainsaws
 - Use proper outdoor electrical cords and take care that you don't trip over cords when using electric power chainsaws.
- #3. Equipment Maintenance - Sharpen, lubricate and adjust the chain according to directions. Always turn saw off after a cut and before setting it on the ground.
- #4. Use safe cutting techniques – avoid cutting with the saw above shoulder height. The manual will also outline safe cutting techniques. There are several good web sites that give good information on chainsaw safety. Remember, always ask first before you cut! Bill Conway our Forest Manager, can review your lot for defensible space and tree thinning.
- #5. Emergency reminder – There is an emergency phone located in the winter parking lot and a phone at the telephone terminal about halfway down the Alpine. Do not hesitate to call for emergency help. Call 911 for medical or fire emergency.



TICKS

Ticks are more active from April to June. When out in the woods, wear protective clothing. Light colors allow you to see the tick. Wear long sleeves and long pants to discourage ticks. The tick is usually in low foliage and waiting for you to walk by. It usually takes a few hours for the tick to find skin to attach and up to 24 hours to transmit infection. Use repellants containing DEET carefully, especially on children. Insecticides, containing permethrin, should be used on clothing only. Conduct regular check for ticks while in the woods and complete body check when returning home.



Rocky Mountain wood tick
(*Dermacentor andersoni*)

Colorado Tick Fever is carried by the Rocky Mountain wood tick. CTF is a viral illness causing fever, headaches, body aches, nausea, abdominal pain and lethargy. The symptoms last 4-5 days, complete recovery often takes 2-3 weeks and may result in future immunity. Rocky Mountain spotted fever and Lyme disease are rare to non-existent in Colorado.

Remove the tick by grasping it as near to the skin as possible and pulling slowly straight out. Small tweezers or gloved hands will work. Do not use matches, Vaseline or other folk techniques to remove the tick.

Last, you need to be aware of mosquito borne viruses and protect yourself. The mosquitoes usually feed more actively at dawn and dusk. Wear long sleeves and long pants when out at these times. Insect repellants with DEET are effective. Always follow label directions. Make sure screens are in good repair and remove sources of standing water. West Nile Virus infection usually occurs from May to September. The incubation time is 5-15 days. Symptoms include fever, headache and malaise and last 2-7 days. If fever develops after mosquito bite, check with your physician. Treatment is generally supportive.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

By Kevin Stilley

On February 25th, of this year, we lost a piece of Arrowhead when Glen Isbell passed away. Not only was Glen a long-serving member of the community, he was a friend to all of us, a one of a kind character and an active Arrowhead Volunteer firefighter. At one point with the fire department he served as Fire Chief. If you were not fortunate enough to know Glen, I suggest you go to the fire house where you will see a picture of Glen along with the other fire chiefs Arrowhead has had throughout the years. I'm sure this will not be the last you hear of his name. It will be nice for you to place a face to the name when you hear "Glen stories" from his Arrowhead friends. Rest in Peace, Glen; we will all miss you!



Spring has sprung and it won't be long before the roads are open and we are busy preparing for summer. Every year most lots in Arrowhead require some mitigation, even if you did a great job of it the year before. Please clear out any newly fallen and dead trees.

There are many great reasons to stay on top of your lot mitigation as shown by the YouTube clip on the Black Forest fire of last year <http://youtu.be/L1ensNMzFg0>. This film, along with other reports I have read, stress the importance mitigation could have done to prevent this fire from becoming the most damaging forest fire in Colorado's history. Please contact Bill Conway, our local forester, for mitigation ideas. Bill can be reached at home at (970)862-8228, his cell at (541)-729-6259, or email him at bbconway1967@gmail.com. If you feel Bill's ideas are more ambitious than you want to tackle yourself, then contact one of our local forest mitigators to obtain a quote. The local mitigators are very reasonable and many advertise in the Smoke Signals.

Lastly, by now you have probably heard that we are doing an evacuation exercise of Arrowhead on July 26th, 2014. This evacuation is strictly voluntary. In the next *Smoke Signals* I will explain more about the evacuation and how it will work.

Thanks for being a part of this community and making Arrowhead the wonderful place it is today.

The Arrowhead Book Club usually meets at 11:30 at the Inn.

Everyone is welcome! For more information or to be put on the Book Club email list, contact Linda Dysart, 862-8287.

Arrowhead Book Club

Date:

June 13
July 11
Aug. 8
Sept. 12
Oct. 10

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FORESTRY MESSAGE BY BILL CONWAY

Spruce beetles will be of primary concern this summer. Approximately 350,000 acres of spruce trees were killed by the spruce beetle in Colorado in 2013. That level of attack is expected to continue in 2014. MCH packs and traps continue to be our primary defense. MCH packs will be available for distribution to owners at the May 16 and 17 board workshop and meeting and by contacting Bill Conway directly. Notification will be posted on the web site when owners should start putting up MCH packs.

Additional volunteers will also be needed starting in mid May to put out traps and MCH packs on community property.

Thinning of trees to provide fire mitigation and defensible space continues to be very important. Those actions also maintain the vigor of the forest which makes the trees more resistant to insect attack. Property owners should contact Forest Manager Bill Conway to set up an appointment to review their mitigation and defensible space or any questions involving forest health. Home phone 970-862-8228, Cell 541-729-6259, or email bbconway1967@gmail.com.

The Arrowhead Fire Department in cooperation with Gunnison County Emergency Management will be conducting an evacuation exercise at Arrowhead on July 26. Many other County and State agencies will also be participating. As part of this exercise some arriving fire departments will be assigned specific houses for structure protection. This will be a verbal exercise to review mitigation and defensible space at each location and to discuss tactics on how they would protect the property. They will then report these assessments back to the Arrowhead Fire Department. Permission will be obtained from each property owner in advance for this part of the exercise.

Logging has stopped for the season on the Forest Service Timber Sales because of the thawing road conditions on the portion of the Alpine that goes through Arrowhead. The Ridge Stock Timber Sale has been completed but the Long Draw Sale was not completed this winter. As I write this, the Forest Service and the Timber Purchaser are discussing the work that needs to be done to the roads as log haul is completed. The remainder of the Long Draw Sale may be logged in the summer of 2014. We will keep you posted.

Design Review Message



By Joyce Boulter

Although we still have several feet of snow on the ground and snowmobiles are the mode of transportation, there are several property owners that are already thinking about the summer building season. I have plans for three new houses, 2 garages and a shed. We are anxious to help owners with plans. Please read the information on the Design Review page on the AIA page. Call me at 970-862-8449, or email me at mailto:joyce.boulter@gmail.com for any problems or information. The Committee meeting dates are also on the web page.

The Design Review Committee members will be available to help new owners develop their property. If you are coming up to check out new property, you will need a driveway walk in or driveway identification. Please call a few days ahead so that I can have members of the committee ready to meet with you. The Design Review Committee can designate trees to cut for driveways and house or shed locations. To get an evaluation of lot for mitigation or defensible space, please call Bill Conway, Forest Manager.

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ARROWHEAD SNOW REPORT — By Linda Dysart

DATE MEASURED	TIME MEASURED	TEMP.	AMOUNT	TOTAL	BASE DEPTH	CURRENT CONDITIONS
Feb. 1	8:00 AM	16 deg.	8 1/2"	119 1/2"	43"	lightly snowing
"	12:00 PM	19 deg.	1"	120 1/2"	43"	not snowing at this time
Feb. 2	7:30 AM	0 deg.	1/2"	121 "	43"	low overcast
Feb. 3	8:00 AM	8 deg.	1/2"	121 1/2"	39"	high clouds
Feb. 4	9:00 AM	18 deg.	4"	125 1/2"	40"	lightly snowing
"	12:30 PM	18 deg.	2"	127 1/2"		lightly snowing
"	5:00 PM	15 deg.	2 1/2"	130"		lightly snowing
Feb. 5	7:00 AM	8 deg.	4"	134"	45"	high cirrus
Feb. 7	7:30 AM	20 deg.	2"	136"	40"	snowing
"	11:00 AM	26 deg.	1"	137"		overcast
Feb. 8	8:00 AM	23 deg.	1"	138"		overcast
Feb. 9	7:30 AM	33 deg.	trace	138"	38"	overcast
"	5:30 PM	32 deg.	2 1/2"	140 1/2"		snow has stopped
Feb. 10	9:00 AM	31 deg.	5"	145 1/2"	42"	light snow; windy
"	2:00 PM	30 deg.	1 1/2"	147"		not snowing at this time
"	5:00 PM	28 deg.	2"	149"	42"	low overcast
Feb. 20	7:30 AM	8 deg.	4"	153"	36"	high overcast
Feb. 21	7:30 AM	22 deg.	1"	154"	37"	mostly clear
Feb. 27	5:00 PM	32 deg.	2"	156"	37"	snow has stopped
Feb. 28	7:00 AM	27 deg.	5"	161"	39"	some sun & high clouds
Mar. 1	9:30 AM	30 deg.	1 1/2"	162 1/2"	36"	lightly snowing; windy
"	1:30 PM	32 deg.	1"	163 1/2"	36"	snow has stopped
"	6:00 PM	29 deg.	2"	165 1/2"		snowing
Mar. 2	9:00 AM	29 deg.	1 1/2"	167"	39"	high overcast
Mar. 4	6:00 PM	32 deg.	1"	168"	35"	snowing
Mar. 5	7:00 AM	21 deg.	4"	172"	39"	severe clear!
Mar. 7	10:00 AM	32 deg.	3"	175"	38"	snowing
"	3:30 PM	30 deg.	1"	176"	40"	snowing
Mar. 8	8:30 AM	25 deg.	1"	177"	40"	clearing
Mar. 12	8:00 AM	15 deg.	1"	178"	37"	clear
Mar. 15	8:00 AM	23 deg.	1"	179"	36"	snowing
Mar. 18	7:30 AM	14 deg.	trace	179"	35"	lightly snowing; windy
"	10:30 AM	24 deg.	1/2"	179 1/2"	35"	clearing
Mar. 22	4:30 PM	29 deg.	4 1/2"	184"	38"	snowed from 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM
Mar. 23	7:30 AM	17 deg.	1 1/2"	185 1/2"	38"	low overcast
Mar. 27	9:30 AM	29 deg.	10"	195 1/2"	42"	not snowing at this time

Comparison:

Snowfall for March 2013 = 23 1/2"

Snowfall for March 2014 =

Cumulative snowfall at end of March 2013 = 181"

Cumulative snowfall at end of March 2014 =

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Arrowhead Mock Evacuation Exercise

Saturday, July 26, 2014

Please be aware that the Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department (AVFD) along with various Federal, State, and County Agencies will be conducting a **Mock Evacuation Exercise** for the subdivision of Arrowhead. This will be a valuable learning exercise for the AVFD, Gunnison County Emergency Management, as well as for property owners of Arrowhead. Planning and preparation for this exercise began in the Fall of 2013. Your participation is a valuable part of its success.

Your participation in this Mock Evacuation Exercise is strictly voluntary. The Evacuation Exercise will take place in the Arrowhead Subdivision, Saturday, **July 26, 2014** between the hours of 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM. The morning of the exercise you will receive several notifications as to when and where to evacuate.

In appreciation for your voluntary participation in this Evacuation Exercise, food will be provided by the AVFD at the reception/evacuation site.

Please **register your cell phones** to assure that you and your property receive "Code Red" calls (previously known as "Reverse 911"). Go to the bottom of www.arrowhead1.org home page and click on the yellow emergency notification link to register your cell phones.



HOUSE FOR RENT

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March 5, 2014

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Re: Arrowhead Subdivision Service Connections

Dear Members of the Board:

Gunnison County Electric Association (GCEA) has provided free service connections to the owners of lots in portions of the Arrowhead subdivision for many years. This unique and unusual situation arises from an agreement dated November 1, 1984 between GCEA and the developer.

GCEA has recently reviewed this arrangement and has determined that it violates section 40-9.5-106(2) of the Colorado Revised Statutes, which provides in pertinent part as follows:

No cooperative electric association, as to rates, charges, service, or facilities or as to any other matter, shall make or grant any preference or advantage to any corporation or person or subject any corporation or person to any prejudice or disadvantage. No cooperative electric association shall establish or maintain any unreasonable difference as to rates, charges, service, or facilities or as to any other matter, either between localities or between any class of service.

The provision of free service connections to owners in the Arrowhead subdivision constitutes the granting of a preference or advantage to the Arrowhead subdivision owners that GCEA does not and cannot provide to the other consumers it serves. Under GCEA's line extension policy, consumers who require a service connection are required to pay the actual construction cost of the service connection in excess of a construction allowance.

Although the 1984 Agreement allowed GCEA to terminate it any time after December 31, 1993, GCEA continued to provide free service connections to owners of the designated lots of the Arrowhead subdivision for twenty years beyond that date. In light of state law, however, it is apparent that a different line extension policy for the Arrowhead subdivision cannot be maintained.

However, rather than implement an immediate change, GCEA is willing to offer a transition to the standard policy as follows:



1. A construction allowance of \$3,000 per service will be available until March 31, 2015.
2. A construction allowance of \$1,500 per service will be available thereafter until March 31, 2016.
3. Thereafter, GCEA's line extension policy will apply, which currently provides an allowance of \$550 for construction of a year-round service.
4. Where a suitable transformer currently exists, the property owner will be responsible for the cost of running a line from the transformer to a meter pedestal at or near the lot line including all labor and materials less the allowances noted above. In many cases, the meter pedestal can serve two lots and the property owner would only pay half the cost. The property owner will not be charged for the transformer in this situation.
5. Where a suitable transformer does not exist, GCEA will determine the location of the transformer such that it can serve multiple lots and the property owner will pay a pro rata portion of the primary line and transformer based on the number of lots it can serve – usually four. The property owner will also be responsible for the cost, or shared cost where applicable, of the secondary line and meter pedestal. Construction allowances will apply.
6. The property owner, through his/her electrician will be responsible for connecting from the meter pedestal to the building. In some cases, the property owner may be able to save money by having his/her electrician place a meter on the building and connecting directly to the transformer.

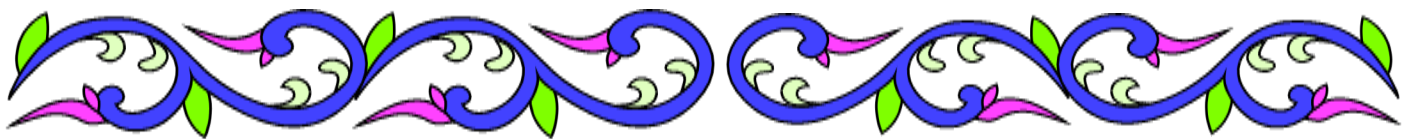
GCEA appreciates the opportunity to serve our members in Arrowhead and, in addition to the transition plan described above; we will work with property owners to help them connect to the system at the lowest possible cost.


If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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