

Smoke Signals

Arrowhead Improvements Association Newsletter

December 2015 / January 2016

Election Results

NEW 2016 AIA BOARD MEMBERS

Dalby Wendland & Co has certified the election results for the 2016 Arrowhead Improvements Association Board of Directors to be as follows:

Dale Breckenridge 320

Bridget Isle 291

Tim Carlson 276

Kathy Krohn 241

Dale Breckenridge and Bridget Isle will be sworn in at the January Board meeting. Congratulations!

Annual Community Christmas Party

The Annual Christmas Party this year is Saturday, December 12th.

Arrowhead Mountain Lodge is hosting the event.

Happy hour at 5:30 (cash bar.)

Dinner at 6:30 (Residents potluck)

Please call Sally Burrichter to RSVP and to let us know what you will be bringing. She will have a list of what is needed. Sally's phone is 862-8424. (Please call by 12/9—but if you don't get a chance all are welcome!)

Menu:

Appetizers

Turkey and Ham

Salads

Mashed Potatoes/Gravy

Green Bean Casserole

Dressing

Pies, Cakes, Desserts

And if you have a favorite dish that says "the holidays are not complete unless you get to eat it," let Sally know you want to bring it to share!

We will top off the evening with our annual White Elephant gift exchange so bring a wrapped gift if you want to participate.



What do YOU love about Arrowhead Winters?

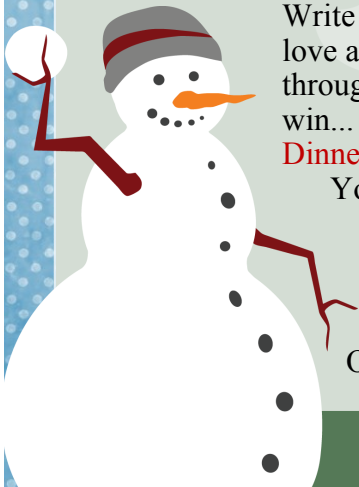
Write a short paragraph describing something you love about winter in Arrowhead and submit it through the link below and you will be entered to win...

Dinner for Two at Arrowhead Mountain Lodge!

You may submit a specific memory or just a general thought.

We will publish some of the entries in the February/March issue of Smoke Signals. One entry per person. All entries will be entered into the drawing.

[Click Here To Enter](#)



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www.arrowhead1.org

The *Arrowhead Improvements Association Inc.* is a state non-profit organization. The purpose of the Arrowhead HOA is to unite the property owners of the Arrowhead subdivision in Cimarron, Colorado; to encourage civic improvements within said area, to encourage community activities including, but not by way of limitation, the beautification, maintenance, and general appearance of vacant and improved lots, filing roads, winter parking lot, entrances, open and recreational areas situated within the area and used in common by its residents; enhance the safety of Arrowhead; facilitate enforcement of any and all building restrictions, protective covenants, and to otherwise act in the interests of the members of the Association. Appearance of an advertisement in the Smoke Signals Newsletter and AIA Website does not constitute a recommendation or endorsement by the Association of the goods or services offered. The opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the individual authors and not the Board of your Association. Neither, the Board, the publisher, or the authors intend to provide any professional service or opinion through this publication.

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The deadline for news articles is the 15th of the month before the next bi-monthly issue. Please email news articles to aiasmokesignals@gmail.com. All letters or articles need to include your name and a daytime phone number. All articles must be approved by the editors for publication, or as space permits.

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2015 Arrowhead Mountain Christmas

*Gather with your family and friends!
Everyone is Welcome at the following events:*

Dec 1 - 25th Kids Winter Art Exhibit

Draw a picture of "What you love about Arrowhead" Ex: Animals, Sledding, Mountains, Family, Snowmobiling, etc. **Let your imagination and creativity flow!** Take your finished drawing to Arrowhead Lodge to be displayed. Awards presented @ the Parade of Lights.

Dec 19 - Jan 2nd Get in the spirit! LIGHT UP YOUR CABIN!

Awards for the top Decorated Cabin! Go to www.ArrowheadMountainLodge.com to register your cabin to be sure it will be included on the tour route.

Dec 23rd Moonlight Ride to Willow Park with the Arrowhead Snowmobile Club

Great Campfire with Hot Chocolate, Marshmallow, s'mores or BYO "treats". Depart from the Lodge at 6:30pm

Dec 24th Christmas Eve Dinner at Arrowhead Mountain Lodge

Call 970-862-8206 to make your reservation

Dec 25 Enjoy your family!

Take a ride, venture down the sled hill, snowshoe through the woods. Then come on down to the Lodge for a warm-up! Open Noon to 5pm

Dec 26th 14th Annual "Parade of Lights"

Come out, see, and vote for the best lit cabin. Choose your tour times: 5:30pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm AND a 30 min quick tour @ 5:00pm. Afterwards warm up at the Lodge with a Chili Buffet and to find out the winners of the Kids Winter Art Exhibit and for the Best Decorated Cabin. Go to www.ArrowheadMountainLodge.com to sign up for your preferred tour time.

Need more info? Go to www.ArrowheadMountainlodge.com or Call Arrowhead Lodge at 970-862-8206

Thank you to
Joanie Aufderheide
Arrowhead Mountain Lodge and
Arrowhead Snowmobile Club
for Hosting Our Community Events

President's Message

Dear Owners,

As we close out 2015 I would like to share some association information and updates with you.

Our annual election for two board seats has been certified. The two successful candidates in this election cycle are Dale Breckenridge and Bridget Isle. They will be seated at the January meeting. I would like to thank the election committee consisting of volunteers Lindy Lindner, Linda Dysart, Kathy Koeltzow and Al Hale (who was the board liaison to the committee.) The committee worked very hard for our community to ensure a fair election

I am happy to report that your association ended the year in good financial shape regarding the budget. The board takes our fiduciary responsibilities seriously and works diligently to make best use of owner HOA contributions.

By now I am sure all of you are aware that the filing roads are closed for the season. Our groomer operator, Ron Corder, has been over the roads to establish a good base for future grooming. He reports that the groomer is in good operating condition and ready for the snows we all hope will come.

Please remember that the Arrowhead Patrol land line will be disconnected as of 12/31/15. All calls for Arrowhead Patrol will need to be made to the Patrol cell phone (**970-209-6335**). If a patrol officer does not answer, leave a message and the on duty officer will contact you as soon as possible. **Please call Gunnison 911 if you have a medical, rescue, fire, or search and rescue emergency.**

We are pleased to announce that we have recently hired Dave Reddish as a patrol officer and Ryan Waddell as a reserve officer. We also have another application in process. If you are interested in being employed as a patrol officer, please contact a board member or Dave Tobler at the AIA office for more information.

The new blade that the association purchased for the front of the maintainer is now operational and ready for the winter snows. The community owes a big thank you to board Vice President John Moseman and his son-in-law Grant, for volunteering to deliver the 3,400 lb. blade to Arrowhead at no cost to the association. They drove from Grand Junction to Sterling, Colorado, to Arrowhead and back to Grand Junction in one very long day to deliver the blade. When you see John and Grant, please thank them for their efforts.

I would also like to wish each and every one of you a wonderful Christmas and Holiday season wherever you celebrate it. Hopefully, you will be able to experience an Arrowhead Christmas and holiday season with family and friends.

In closing, as we have all transitioned to tracked vehicles for the winter, I would like to remind you that the 20 MPH maximum speed limit is in effect on all filing roads. Also, PLEASE stay on the groomed filing roads and trails. Do not create ghost trails or cut across corners for safety and trespass reasons. Ride safe and have a fun winter!!

Sincerely,

Mike Wigent, AIA Board President
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Next AIA BOD Meetings: (held at Arrowhead Mountain Lodge)
Special Board Meeting Friday, January 15th—9am, Executive Session, lunch, Main Meeting at 1pm.
Board Meeting Saturday, January 16th—2pm.
See www.arrowhead1.org for full schedule and more information.

Black Friday in Arrowhead...



...no better place to be!



The Groomer ready to go and Will with the new blade! Hello Snow! We are ready!



Remember... stay on the groomed filing roads and trails. Do not create ghost trails or cut across corners for safety and trespass reasons. While we wait for snow, early season conditions apply. Be cautious.

For more information on snowmobile safety, go to <http://www.saferiderssafetyawareness.org/>.

ARROWHEAD SNOW REPORT WINTER SNOWFALL 2015 - 2016

Thank you Linda Dysart!

(Measurements taken on deck at 504 Snowshoe Lane)

As of 11/26/15

DATE MEASURED	TIME MEASURED	TEMP.	AMOUNT	TOTAL	BASE DEPTH	CONDITIONS
Oct. 22	6:30 PM	35 deg.	4 1/2"	4 1/2"	Base depth varies due to settling, melting, blowing, etc.	First snowflake of season; wet, heavy snow all day; some melted; difficult to measure correct amount; my estimate is 4 1/2" - some still on ground
Oct. 30	8:00 AM	32 deg.	1"	5 1/2"		light snow
Above totals melted; new totals below						
Nov. 4	8:00 AM	34 deg.	3 1/2"	3 1/2"	3"	snowing
"	5:00 PM	30 deg.	4"	7 1/2"	6"	overcast
Nov. 5	7:30 AM	24 deg.	2"	9 1/2"	8"	overcast; lightly snowing
Nov. 6	8:30 AM	24 deg.	1"	10 1/2"	8"	overcast; lightly snowing
"	12:00 PM	30 deg.	1/2"	11"	8"	clearing
Nov. 11	9:30 AM	19 deg.	5 1/2"	16 1/2"	8"	clearing
Nov. 16	8:30 AM	28 deg.	6"	22 1/2"	12"	overcast; lightly snowing
"	12:30 PM	27 deg.	1 1/2"	24"	12"	not snowing at this time
Nov. 17	8:00 AM	21 deg.	7"	31"	19"	lightly snowing
"	1:00 PM	22 deg.	1"	32"	20"	overcast

Filing roads officially closed on 11-18-15

Backhoe Service & Handyman

*-To All at Arrowhead-
I would like to wish everyone
a Happy & Safe Holiday
Season*

*Thanks for your support
throughout the year!*

- Nick Garreffa



Nick Garreffa

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FORESTRY MESSAGE



The Arrowhead forest continues to hold its own against the Douglas fir beetle, but the problem has gotten significantly worse all around us in the last year. The State Forest Service has declared Douglas fir beetle to be at epidemic levels in our part of the state. As you leave Hwy 50 on the Alpine Plateau Road, I am sure that you have noticed many more dead trees on the slope across the creek in the last year. These trees are not on Arrowhead, but are getting very close on adjacent BLM and private land.

Within Arrowhead we have made good progress in a few areas that have had beetle problems for the last 6 years. Unfortunately a few additional “hot spots” developed in 2014 and 2015. Extra attention will continue in those areas in 2016 by putting up additional MCH packs and removing dead beetle infested trees in early in the spring before the beetles fly to nearby trees.

The best and by far the cheapest way to deal with this problem is by putting up MCH packs. Individual owners can place their order with me from early November to mid-February. By accumulating this large order (over 11,000) we are able to get the MCH packs at less than half of the retail price. Packs are distributed to owners in mid-May. Traps are put out by the Forest Manager at that time to determine when the beetles start to fly. Owners are then notified that it is time to put up the MCH packs that repel the beetles from the trees. The timing is important as to hit the prime flight time of the beetles because the packs will only last about 8 weeks. I can arrange to have the packs put up if you are not available.

If you have Douglas fir trees on your property it is highly recommended that you put up MCH packs to protect your trees. I can provide you with information on how many packs you have ordered in the past. If you are new to the process, check out the article on the AIA website [“How Many MCH Packs Should I Order?”](#) If you have additional questions feel free to contact me.

The final price on the MCH packs is the same as last year at \$1.21 each. (There will not be any extras based on a price adjustment as there has been in previous years.) Make your check out to “AIA” and send to Bill Conway at: 1734 SE 52nd Ave., Portland, OR 97215. Please do not send checks to the AIA office, which just confuses the ordering process. Please include your email and phone number with your order so that I can send you an email confirmation and also send emails in the spring to arrange pick up and to notify you when to put up the packs.

MITIGATION AND DEFENSIBLE SPACE

With the wet fire season that we had in 2015 it is easy to become complacent about fire concerns in the wildland urban interface that we live in at Arrowhead. This winter is a good time to start planning to do mitigation and defensible space on your property this summer. Owners are getting more and more scrutiny every year from their insurance companies in this regard. I will have more information in the next Smoke Signals on how to get assistance from me in planning that work and how to apply for grants or contract with local contractors. A good start for now would be to read the article titled [“How Homes Are Lost to Wild Fires”](#) located on the AIA website. This article matches very closely with my recommendations for defensible space and mitigation and also matches up with how the Arrowhead Fire Department trains to protect your house from wildland fire.

Feel free to contact me if you have any forest or wildland fire questions.

Bill Conway

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and the on duty officer will
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possible.

Please call Gunnison 911
if you have a medical,
rescue, fire, or search
and rescue emergency.



HOUSE FOR RENT

Modified A frame. LL has family room
with 2 sleep sofas and a laundry room.
Main Level has living/dining room combo,
kitchen with dishwasher, 2 full baths, and
a master bedroom with a double bed.
Upstairs loft has 2 twin beds and a cat
walk leading to a small upper deck.

Living room has wood stove.

Phone line & WIFI.

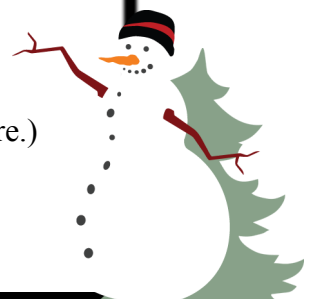
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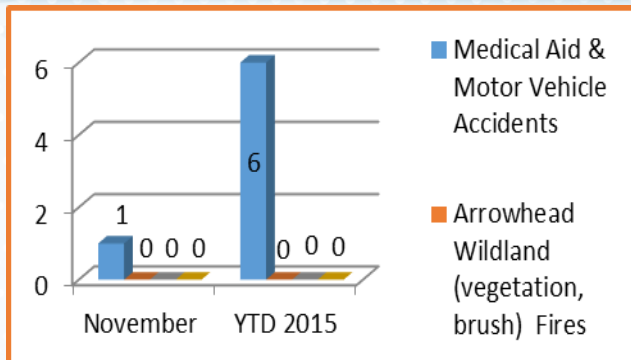




Fire Chief Report ≈ By Jim Gelsomini

Part-I Emergency Events

Description	November	YTD 2015
Medical Aid & Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	6
Arrowhead Wildland (vegetation, brush) Fires	0	0
Structure Fires (Commercial & Residential)	0	0
Interagency Assistance	0	0
2015 YTD Total		6



Part-II Training:

2015 Training			
Groups	Resources	YTD Training Hours	YTD Training Sessions
Patrol	1	3.00	2
Awhd Dispatch	10	109.75	8
First Responder	13	184.50	12
Firefighters	20	431.50	13
AVFD Combined	44	728.75	35



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- *MITIGATION

Fire Chief Report Continued.

Acknowledgements & Appreciation

AVFD thanks the Higgins and Pat Ostrom for the use of their garages for the 2015/2016 winter season to stage the Fire Trucks and EMS vehicles.

A special thank you to Susan and Frank DeSantis who facilitated the donation of a new windsock, used during landing/take off activities for helicopter transport throughout the year. Frank leveraged his relationship with the Board of Directors for Saint Mary's in Grand Junction for the donation. The new windsock will replace the existing windsock located between the winter parking and Alpine Road.

First Responder & Firefighter Monthly Training Sessions

AVFD training schedule – Second Tuesday, Firefighters; Third Tuesday, First Responders; (once a Quarter a fourth Tuesday, is set aside for collaborative training, Firefighters, First Responders, and Patrol).

The department thanks Dale Erickson (retired Assistant Chief, Montrose Fire Department) for the numerous training classes he has conducted throughout 2015. Dale uses the knowledge and skills learned during his tenure with the Montrose FD, to teaching our volunteer's the use and capabilities our Arrowhead equipment and apparatus. Dale plans to conduct further classes as we enter the winter season and the unique challenges winter presents to our volunteer department.

Kathy Koeltzow, coordinated a 3-day, instructor led First Aid training class, focused upon basic First Aid skills, CPR, with special considerations for the unique environment in Arrowhead and surrounding environments. Arrowhead First Responders assisted the instructor's in leading the class attended by nine volunteers from the community. The same 3-day First Aid will be offered in spring 2016 as we transition from the snow season to the summer. Dates, times, and fee's for the spring session will appear on the AIA Facebook page and AIA website. The class is open to those interested in learning new skills or sharpening current knowledge. The fire department plan is to offer the First Aid class twice a year, focusing on the changing seasons, snow (winter) and non-snow, with their unique challenges.

Volunteer Staff

The department encourages anyone interested to become a member of the Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department, no experience is necessary. The Fire Department will provide training in variety of potential scenarios unique to the Arrowhead environment. Members find it a rewarding way to serve the community and meet dedicated, like-minded people on the mountain. Our volunteer staff continues to grow with the addition of new residents, who enjoy the challenge of learning new skills while supporting the community. Please contact Jim at (970) 862-8456 or email avfdchief2014@gmail.com, if you are interested.

Winter Preparations

Firefighting and First Responder winter vehicle transitions are complete. Two First Responder snowmobiles are outfitted with medical and Search and Rescue equipment and have successfully completed required operational readiness checks. All Firefighting tools and apparatus have transitioned to the 500-gallon trailer with required operational readiness checks successfully completed.

Season Change Additional Demands

Winter at Arrowhead presents new challenges for residents and visitors with the use of Snowmobiles and a variety of tracked vehicles. Snowmobiles with electric starting mechanisms should be checked out for the demands of cold morning and evening temperatures. For those with track vehicles, batteries and electric systems, along with drive systems, should be verified operational to ensure reliable operation. Just like our vehicles, residents and visitors need to be alert to our body's requirements to remain hydrated and moderate physical exertion as we venture into the backcountry and higher elevations.

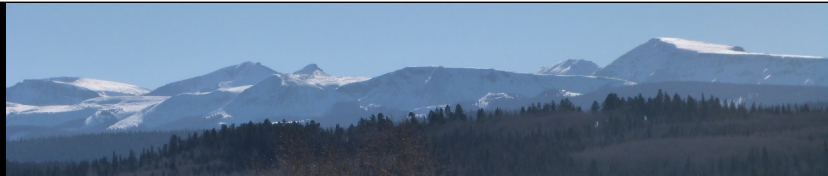




Arrowhead Patrol

By John L. Moseman

Co-Chairman for AIA Patrol



Personnel:

- Staff preparing for winter transition.
- We are attempting to staff for winter operations.
- We are seeking to establish a person to oversee daily operations.
- We are currently working on out staffing issues. We have hired two additional staff, with a third being explored.

Equipment:

- The new radio equipment is being installed in our summer vehicle as of this report.
- A new Pro Tab will be available at the January training session. This unit will be used to streamline daily activity, and expand into a useful database.

Current Management issues:

- We want all owners to understand that if you desire to have winter cabin checks, you must flag around your cabin for a clear trail. Driveways do not need marking. However, regardless a liability release needs to be signed. Please contact the Patrol for the needed forms.
- All owners with homes must fill out a Liability form for driveway or trail break-ins. The break-ins are to ensure AVFD can access both for fire and EMS services, and the trails again are for access around the structure.
- The board will have a training session in January for the database operations.
- As of 2016 data of activity will be recorded in real time.
- As we transition into our snowmobiles please observe where to ride, and prevent ghost trails.
- Respect private property.
- The filing roads are now closed. AIA is not responsible for vehicles getting to the parking area.
- Please observe the parking area rules.

The Patrol wishes to wish you and yours, a wonderful and safe Holiday Season.



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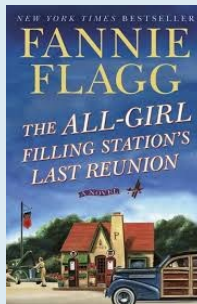
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Arrowhead Book Club



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at the Arrowhead Mountain Lodge
at 11:30 on dates below.

Everyone is welcome!
Call Linda Dysart 862-8287
for more information.

Date	Book and Author
*Jan. 8	<i>The All Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion</i> by Fannie Flagg
Feb. 5	<i>Blessings Among the Battles</i> by Terri Chilcote
Mar. 4	<i>The Friday Night Knitting Club</i> by Kate Jacobs
No meeting in April or May	
June 3	<i>Still Life</i> by Louise Penny
*July 8	<i>Eva's Story</i> by Evelyn Julia Kent
Aug. 5	<i>Serena</i> by Ron Rash
*Sept. 9	<i>Pigs in Heaven</i> by Barbara Kingsolver
Oct. 7	<i>Snobs</i> by Julian Fellowes
Nov. 4	Read a "banned" book
No December meeting	

Happy Reading!





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