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In Memoriam

To the family and friends of these owners, we send our condolences. Please help us recognize anyone whose name has been inadvertently omitted.

Fred Blackburn
Wilbur "Bud' Cross
Billie Manterfield
Alvin E, Morris
Paul Mumper
Lydia Pool
Douglas Ray
J. B. Standridge
Esther Stanley
Grace Wallace

You will be missed..

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2011 Annual Meeting Set

The Annual Owners meeting is scheduled for September 17th at 1:00 p.m. Each board member will address the owners in regard to their area of responsibility and discuss any future plans for the Resort. The highlight of the meeting will be the announcement of the results of the election. All ballots submitted by the deadline of 11:00 a.m. that morning will be verified, certified and tallied by the Election Committee. After the new board goes into session following the meeting, they will post the new directors and areas of responsibility..

Upcoming Election

Seven owners will be running for the two open positions on the Unicoi Springs Owners' Association Board of Directors.

The terms of Ronald Brett and Diane Phillips are coming to an end. Enclosed with this newsletter are the resumes for the candidates. Please read both sides of each resume. Ronald Brett, with five years of dedicated service has chosen to seek re-election. Beth Griner, former Treasurer with three years of exemplary service has chosen to run again. Thurman Carpenter, Bob Harber, Marvin Hill, Herman (Bud) Miller and Arlon Maddox, long time owners, are each running for the first time.

Each candidate gave a short introduction and speech at the "Meet the Candidates" meeting in the Clubhouse on July 16th at 1:00 p.m. These owners have stepped up to take on a tremendous responsibility. They deserve your appreciation and your support.

Also enclosed in this newsletter is the Official Notice, Ballot and Certification Form. Complete instructions and a self-addressed envelope are provided for your convenience in returning your votes to the Resort. Ballots must be submitted by 11:00 a.m. on September 17, 2011.

The future of Unicoi Springs lies in your hands. Please vote, knowing that every vote counts – even the one you DON'T make.

Kind Words

Recently, we received an email from one of our Coast to Coast visitors. Linda Greene wrote " *Wanted to let you know what a wonderful time we had. We are Coast to Coast members and stayed at your park, beginning 5/22/11 until 5/26/11. We had reservations, but decided to head home a day early. We wanted you to know that the Resort is wonderful. All the employees were helpful and FRIENDLY. The other campers were especially nice. You do your organization PROUD! THANKS for a GREAT visit."*

Gentle Reminders

♦From now until October 1st, the cost of an ownership is $3,312.50 which includes the current year's maintenance fee. On October 1st, the price returns to $3,500 and the maintenance fee will be paid through 2012. If you refer a new owner, you will receive a $100 referral fee. Check with the Office for further information.

♦If you need to reach the park by telephone after office hours, the Security Officer is on duty from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. when the Office staff returns. If the officer is out making rounds, you can leave a message. (The Security Office is now staffed 24/7 from Memorial Day through Labor Day.)

♦Should your address and/or telephone number change, please make the Office aware so that your records can be updated. Also, please provide your cell phone number if you have not already done so.

♦The posted speed limit within the Resort is 10 miles per hour. For your own safety and that of other owners, please use care in not exceeding this speed limit.

♦Stop signs must be recognized. Even though you are not riding or driving on the open highway, the Resort traffic can be just as perilous and running a Stop sign can cause the same damage to a child on a bicycle, a person driving a golf cart or to another owner in a car or truck, not to mention someone with a large camper in tow.

♦Unless you want bears for dinner guests, please remember not to leave out any food or garbage.

♦Children on scooters and bicycles must wear helmets.

THE 30 AMP BLUES

EVER WONDER WHY YOUR 30 AMP BREAKER TRIPS SO OFTEN? IN ORDER TO EFFECTIVELY UTILIZE A 30 AMP ELECTRICAL SYSTEM YOU MUST KNOW HOW TO "ADD". HOPEFULLY THIS CHART WILL HELP YOU KNOW HOW MANY AMPS YOU MAY BE USING AT A GIVEN TIME.

If your electric appliance lists its input in watts, you will need to convert this to amps. Divide the watts by the volts that are being supplied (normally 118 to 122 volts) to get the amps it draws. [example: a 1500 watt hair dryer – 1500 watts divided by 120 volts = 12.5 amps] Remember, you only have 30 amps maximum that you can use at one time.

LISTED BELOW ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF RV AMP USAGE

APPLIANCE	AMPS DRAWN	ON FULL TIME?
Power Converter	1.5 – 6	Yes
Refrigerator	2.8 (avg.)	Yes
13,500 BTU Air Conditioner	17 (when compressor starts) 12 (when comp. & fan running) 5 (when fan only is running)	No
Water Heater Electric Element	11.5 – 12.5	Most of time, if available
TV	3 – 5	No
Coffee Maker	10 – 12	No
Electric Skillet / Fry Pan	10 – 12	No
Toaster / Toaster Oven	10 – 12	No
Microwave Oven	8 – 10	No
Hair Dryer	10 – 12.5	No
Curling Iron	6 – 9	No
Heater (small floor)	7 – 12.5	No
Heat Strip in Air Conditioner	10 – 12.5	No
Electric Cooktop	10 – 12.5	No

AS YOU CAN SEE, IT DOESN'T TAKE MANY ITEMS FOR THE TOTAL TO REACH "30". PLEASE STAY AWARE OF THE AMPS THAT ARE CURRENTLY BEING USED BEFORE SWITCHING "ON" ANOTHER APPLIANCE. THE MOST FORGOTTEN ONE IS THE WATER HEATER.

Information contributed by Mike Arrington *(This document is a permanent part of your website Library.)*

It's Your Own Fault...

...if you don't have a good time during your stay at Unicoi Springs, especially during a major holiday. There is "no rest for the weary" because even as the last few cleanup details were completed from the Independence Day Celebration, plans were underway for the next and final major events for the 2011 season.

Before we get into the details, we would like to say "Thank you" to all the volunteers who helped with the July 4th activities. The BBQ was assembled and distributed with military precision. Tickets were sold in advance, making pickup a breeze for all concerned. The recipients of the meals probably had no idea just how much groundwork and time was spent in buying the supplies, preparing the ingredients to cooking and packaging each meal perfectly, not to mention long and tedious cleanup after the fact. You got a steal of a deal for $5 a dinner!

In spite of the fact that the Activity Building was buzzing with the final preparations, a wonderful plan evolved so that the ice cream social could still be scheduled. The entire operation moved to the Activity Building porch and the only difference was that this one became a "Carry Out" social. They could have taken the easy way out and just cancelled, but our dedicated group made it all possible.

After all that good food, the evening dance with DJ Clay Christie gave everyone an opportunity to dance off those extra calories. Clay has been a favorite entertainer for the past several years who makes every effort to get all ages to their feet and dance to the beat of some great music. The dance and a "Movie Under the Stars" completed another enjoyable Independence Day at Unicoi Springs.

The next big weekend will be the Labor Day holiday, which begins on Friday, September 2nd. If you have not yet made your reservations, get on the phone or come in to the Office and make your plans.

The month of October, one of our favorite times of year, is not that far away, so start checking your schedules! The unbelievable heat of this summer and the summer storms have worn out their welcome. The crisp days of Fall and the beautiful colors they bring are just around the corner. The Fall Craft Fair and Yard sale kick off the month on Saturday, October 8th. The Hiawassee Country Fair opens on October 7th and runs through the 15th. Our famous Halloween Celebration will be on Saturday, October 29th. Don't miss this memorable event. This weekend takes you right back to the innocent times when the kids could safely trick or treat in the neighborhood, hilarious costume contest, pumpkin carving, games and prizes for the children, great food and another famous street dance. The last big event is the early Thanksgiving Dinner, originally scheduled for November 19th, has been changed to November 12th at noon in the Clubhouse. The Resort provides ham, turkey, dressing, tea and lemonade. Utensils are provided. Those who attend are asked to bring two side dishes and/or desserts to share. (You have not lived until you taste the cooking of our owners and there is always more than enough to go around.)

OWNER SPOTLIGHT

We are focusing the spotlight on another dynamic duo here at Unicoi Springs. Married for 52 years, boasting of 4 sons and crowing about their 7 grandchildren, the man with the beautiful shock of white hair and his wife with the gorgeous blue eyes are known for their love of gardening and ways to share that love with the Resort. Evidence of their work can be seen throughout the Resort when you enjoy the colorful flowers and plants gracing our surroundings. They are members of an elite club of owners who take it upon themselves to "dig in", get down to business and walk that walk rather than just talk about it.

They are high school sweethearts who found their way to each other, even though they attended different schools. She was the basketball star and even though he vehemently denies it, he looks like he must have been the "surfer dude". Waymon Crosby (affectionately known as "Cotton Top" and his wife, Joanne both retired as civil servants from Robbins Air Force Base after 36 years and 25 years, respectively. Waymon was a supervisor in Aircraft Scheduling and Joanne worked in Quality Control. Joanne is a certified Master Gardener and her certificate is "gathering no moss". Their home and their "home away from home" both receive the fruits of her labor and dedication. Her talents even extend to home building design. She drew up the plans for the last two houses she and Waymon had built. The two of them worked side by side creating a stunning oasis for their family and even the neighbors to enjoy. Their landscaping at homes includes a beautiful coy pond surrounded by lush vegetation. Fruits and vegetables from their home garden make their way to the Resort while they are here. Waymon often pitches in with the cooking and has even begun canning and making jams and jellies to share.

Waymon and Joanne forged friendships with some of the other Unicoi Springs owners more than 40 years ago when they all camped at Lake Jackson and Lake Sinclair. Their friends share fond memories of

Pontoon boats, roasted bananas, apples and boiled peanuts. Many of that same group bought ownerships here at Unicoi Springs. Now they are making another generation of memories with their grandchildren here at the Resort. The general consensus about the Crosby's... good people and good friends. (...and , just for the record, we know Cotton Top is hiding a surfboard somewhere!)

The Basics of Making Successful Reservations

Just as you would plan to book a flight, reserve a table at a special restaurant or make reservations for accommodations during peak seasons anywhere else, the same planning and forethought will secure a favorite site or rental here at Unicoi Springs.

Each owner has the right to make reservations as far ahead as 60 days. Non-emergency cancellations will be accepted as late as 24 hours in advance.

Two changes per reservation are allowed before the reservation must be forfeited. Once a reservation for a site has been made, even if it was cancelled, the same site may not be reserved again within 60 days.

This article will serve as a primer for our new owners and a reminder for our charter owners.

When you are ready to make a reservation, please have the basic information ready: your owner number, the size of your camper and the dates you are requesting. Keep a map nearby so you can communicate your location requests. Remember...during a busy reservation time, the seconds you lose hunting for this information can cost you the site you wanted to someone else who is prepared.

If you are making reservations in person, numbers will be placed in the Clubhouse each morning at 8:00 am. You may take a number and return to your camper until 9:00 am when the Office opens and reservations begin. The first phone call and the person with #1 will be taken care of first and reservations will continue by alternating between the counter and the phones until all owners have been helped.

When you call for a reservation, your completed reservation will be read back to you noting the dates, the site and a confirmation number. Please listen and also jot down the information for yourself. When you arrive, you are given a check-in sheet to read and sign. Your signature is the final acceptance of the dates and site you have reserved.

You can email the Resort with your reservation requests by going to our website at www.unicoisprings.com. Email is checked first thing in the morning and reservations are made once the Office clears out later in the morning. You will receive your confirmation with a reply email.

Only those persons named on the deed may make reservations. Immediate family members (parents and children 21 years of age) may stay with a letter of authorization signed by the owner.

To make things easier for you, the Resort has prepared a Reservation Calendar which shows the "60-day out" date of each day the Resort is open. A map showing the sizes of the sites and any pertinent information is also available in the Office. A color version sells for $5.00 or a black and white version is free. These documents are two sided with the map on the front and a detailed chart on each site on the back. A fact sheet on all rentals gives you complete information on each of our 21 rentals. All of these tools can be found on our website and in the Office. It is to your benefit to use these tools and inform yourself about sites you wish to reserve.

Ultimately, you are choosing the site and it is your responsibility to know if your camper will fit properly. Once you have occupied a site, you may not change sites without a $50 fee unless that site is not functional for your camper.

Remember...knowledge and preparation are the keys.

Covered Golf Cart Storage

There has been a request by owners who currently have golf cart storage in uncovered areas to be able to get on a waiting list to take a vacated space under the covered golf cart area next to the Laundry. An additional waiting list will be created for those owners who are presently in the outside electrical storage area. It was decided to wait until this list was announced in the newsletter to make sure everyone was informed about it. The list will be available for sign up on August 15, 2011 so stop in or call to have your name added.

The Golf Cart Shuffle

In the last issue of the Communicator, we wrote about the problem of golf carts being parked in incorrect numbered spots, causing a major inconvenience to both owners and staff trying to sort things out and make room for owners to return their carts to storage they are paying for. Not only are carts being parked in the wrong designated spot, they are being parked in such a way that they are taking up more than one space which compounds the problem. Due to the fact that this problem is still occurring, the Board has passed a motion to charge a $20.00 fine when this happens in the future. In consideration of others and for the sake of your pocketbook, please use diligence in parking your golf cart in the assigned space and make sure that your owner number is visible even if the cart is covered.