

Memories...

It has been said that oral family history fades in just three generations – something most of us never really think about. Here, at our resort, we have a wealth of family history...unknown connections, owners with talents, heroism, creativity and beautiful stories they may never have shared.

Over the years, we have attempted to archive the creation and growth of this wondrous place to camp. Our newsletters are a small part of that effort, minutes to Board Meetings, another. Ronald Brett once sat down and hand wrote as much of the history as he could gather – an admirable effort and the solid foundation for a remembrance project. Our newsletters, dating back from the beginning to present day give us a glimpse into Unicoi

Springs from the original dream, but to truly experience the heart and soul of how we came to be, your memories hold the key.

If you are moved to share a short story of your own, with or without names, perhaps one day, we can complete this beautiful ‘quilt’ of our history. Here are some ideas: What made you come to Unicoi Springs? Who is the most interesting person or unforgettable character you have ever met here? What is something no one knows about you that would surprise and delight them? What is the most exciting thing that ever happened to you while at the Resort? You get the idea...we all have a story, sharing with family makes it live on. You can mail them in, email them

Any Unpaid Fees???

The first portion of the 2018 maintenance fees was due January 1st. The second portion is due April 1st. If the first portion has not yet been paid, you will not be allowed to make reservations. If you share an ownership with someone else, all ownerships associated with your name are affected if even only one is past due and the others are current.

All maintenance fees must be current as of May 1st. If they are not, normal collection procedures will be initiated, including, but not limited to, placing a lien on your property. Any equipment you have stored in RV Storage or Golf Cart Storage may not be removed if there are past due balances on your account. Please keep our costs down by

paying your maintenance fees in a timely manner.

Storage is billed at the beginning of each month. Everyone pays differently and their time periods begin at various times. If you owe storage fees for that month, you will receive a bill with the status of your account for both RV storage and Golf Cart storage. It is imperative that these accounts also remain in good standing as we have a long waiting list of owners wanting that same storage.

As you know, paying a year in advance has its rewards for storage fees. RV storage for a year is \$325.00 giving you two free months. Golf cart storage paid

Looking Forward To Our First Holiday

Saturday, March 31st will be the official Easter celebration focusing on our children with games, an Easter Egg Hunt and the traditional fun of the holiday. If you are interested in volun-

teering to help with this popular and busy day, please let David Stover or Tommy Walker know. This is one of those “all hands on deck” days and everyone who can help would be

or drop them off when you are here. If it is important to you, it is important to us.

While we are on the subject of history and memories, one of our beloved owners who recently passed away was responsible for creating and maintaining huge photo albums containing pictures of owners. Pat Carver set aside time to photograph and catalog hundreds of owners. This is just one of her legacies to the Resort. Until, and if, someone else steps up to continue this project, please send in or bring your own “selfies” if you wish to honor her labor of love.

for an entire year gives you one free month in your storage area.

Sometimes an owner will leave without paying their on/off fee, lp gas ticket or incurred a levy for not cancelling 24 hours in advance , etc. Reminders are sent for these fees as well. Your cooperation in paying these in a timely manner is also requested.

As always, we accept all major debit and credit cards with the exception of American Express. Personal checks are also accepted and, of course, you can make arrangements with your bank to do an automatic draft.

appreciated. Note: The Chapel will re-open on April 8th. Watch the website for more activities as details emerge.

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Happy 35th Anniversary, Unicoi Springs!

It is very hard to believe that Unicoi Springs has reached "middle age", but here we are stronger and more beautiful than ever. We will be formally celebrating the occasion on Saturday, April 21st. Lots of planning and preparat-

tions go into making this a memorable time for everyone. If you have any special talents, ideas or time to spare to volunteer to make this day special, please contact David Stover or Tommy Walker, your Activities Directors. Even though the for-

mal anniversary celebration will take place on April 21st, we can celebrate this entire year, so all suggestions are welcome. Now put on those thinking caps and dig out your dancin' shoes...LETS PARTY!!

In Memoriam

- Elmer Ray Avery
- Patricia Carver
- Windell Duncan
- James Haynie
- Glenn R. Haverstock
- Wayne Higgins
- Joseph H. Holcombe
- Lunell P. Holcombe
- Jeanette Loggins
- Herman “Bud” Miller

You will be missed...

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

Check the website for current board meeting notes, activities, announcements and much more.
www.unicoisprings.com

What We Did Last Winter...

You know the old saying “A woman’s work is never done.” That same truth applies to this busy camp resort. In our third year of full time camping, the owners are slowly adapting to heavy equipment driving by their campsite, buckets and mops more in plain view as annual deep cleaning is in full force.

The annual “deep cleaning”...the bare-to-the-walls, furniture-moving, floor-stripping, closet-purging, ceiling and stair-scrubbing back-breaking work that our Housekeeping Department performs every winter takes more time that the daily and even mid-season deep cleanings. The same concentrated and time-consuming effort goes into each bathhouse, every rental and the Activity Building.

Once you see what a beautiful job they have done to make these spaces sparkling and comfortable for your stays, you will agree that they are worth the wait.

On the other side of the coin is our Maintenance Department responsible primarily for the exterior repairs and rebuilds of our Resort. Just when you think a major project is completed, another one pops up and they rise to the occasion every single time..

This year, you will find that Sites 14, 24 and 26 have been completely rebuilt and additional work, a lot of it, has been performed in Area 6.

Area 2 and Area 6 have been closed down for most of the winter to facilitate this work.

The rentals in that area have also been closed for deep cleaning and as a cost-saving measure during the bitter cold days.

On March 15th, Area 2 and all rentals will be available. On April 1st, Area 6 and Sites 14, 24 and 26 will re-open with their new look.

Finally, two brand new Grand Design campers will arrive in the near future replacing Rentals #66 and #167. At the time of this writing, they are being built. Board Director, Tommy Walker, traveled to the RV Show and represented the Resort in these purchases.

We can’t wait to add them to your rental choices and show them off.

Gentle Reminders

●If you are interested in reserving the Activity Building for your own personal special event, you may do so no further ahead than 7 days. (Count the day you want as Day 1; count backwards to Day 7.) Day 7 is the earliest you can reserve it IF the Resort does not already have it booked.

●Remember that if you are experiencing a problem with your site, a rental or any issue that you are unable to resolve yourself, you need to inform either the Office or Security immediately. Don't wait and suffer in silence wondering why your problem was not addressed. As soon as you report the issue through the proper channels, it will be handled efficiently. Flagging down a board member or a staff member in the parking lot does not assure results; calling or coming to the Front Office or Security allows us all to document and resolve the issue for you.

●Are you a crafter, artist or just interested in making some money from items you no longer need? Keep an

eye on the Special Events to reserve a table for the craft show/yard sales in the spring and the fall. Tables are \$10.00. The event is publicized and advertised to shoppers outside the Resort so your sales will definitely be better.

Space is limited in and around the Clubhouse, so don't wait. These events now include a meal and entertainment, making them enjoyable for all concerned.

●No matter how long you have been a member, it's always a good idea to make sure you have the most current copy of our Rules and Regulations. They are always available in the Office and you can access and print them out from our Document Library on the website. You will notice that some of the text is in red. That is an indication of the most recent additions or modifications to the rules for your convenience. If you come across something you don't quite understand, just pick up the phone or come on down to the Front Office and ask.

Three Board Positions Opening This Year

The terms of three board members, David Stover, our current president, Arlon Maddox and Frank Ward, directors, are coming to an end this year. Our sincere thanks to all three of these gentlemen for their volunteer service to the Resort. Their exits open up three positions for the 2018/2019 Board of Directors. Any owner, in good standing according to the mandates in Article III, Section 8 of the By-Laws, can submit an application. (The By-Laws are available in the Office and in the Document Library on our website.) The Board will select those to be nominated from the applications received.

Application forms may be obtained in the Office. The applications of those nominated will be considered the formal resume' and will be duplicated and sent out to all current owners for their consideration prior to voting. The completed form must be received by the Board no later than June 8, 2018 by 5:00 p.m.

If you've ever thought "I can make things better for everyone." If you have a sincere desire to take a "hands-on" approach to maintain our mission, protect and represent the interests of all owners; please consider submitting your application.

●Would you like us to mail a friend or family member an information package showing where you are having such a good time? Just provide a name and address and we will do just that. If any of your referrals actually buy from the Resort, you will receive \$300 cash OR one year free maintenance OR a three-year membership in Coast to Coast.

●Please remember to come into the Office on the day you move and/or have your LP tanks filled and be prepared to pay any fees owed at that time. It makes things less confusing for you and the office to pay as you go.

●"No kind action ever stops with itself. One kind action leads to another. Good example is followed. A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees. The greatest work that kindness does to others is that it makes them kind themselves."

Amelia Earhart

If you are unable to commit to this responsibility, please encourage someone who does fit the bill to run and make sure to give the ultimate opinion...VOTE. Don't assume that one vote won't matter; you know better.

The new 2018-2019 Board will assign positions at their first executive meeting on September 15, 2018 after the Annual Owners Meeting.

Mark your calendar for the "Meet the Candidates Meeting" on Saturday, August 4, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse.

Break the Reservation Code....

This tutorial is especially for our many new owners and to serve as a refresher for current owners. We often hear "I can never get the site that I want...what is the secret???" There are no secrets and no one has more of an advantage than another. The procedures are simple. Your success depends on you.

Just as you would plan to book a flight, reserve a table at a special restaurant or make reservations for accommodations during peak season 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. If your plans change the night before, a call to the Security Office leaving a complete message will make that cancellation valid. Failure to cancel 24-hours in advance results in a one night rental fee or a \$50.00 fine for sites. (*Shrinking down the length of time in a rental must occur a day ahead of time or you will be responsible for the entire stay.)

Two changes per reservation are allowed before the reservation must be forfeited for a different site. 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.

When you are ready to make a reservation, please have the basic information ready, your owner number (s); the size of your rv, including the number of slide-outs; your arrival and departure dates. (If you share an ownership with another owner, be aware of the shared owner number and the time

Unicoi Springs at the 2018 RV Show

The largest all-indoor RV show in Georgia was attended for the 7th year by Unicoi Springs Camp Resort. The show was held from January 26 through January 28, 2018 in Jonesboro. This year's show resulted in one new ownership sold, lots of people

interested in our little corner of the world and, hopefully, some residual interest and complimentary stays. Our thanks to David and Diane Stover, Doug Jackson, Kathy Davis, Ed and Mary Hill, George and Vicki Petty, Jeannie and Danny Maddox and

frame you can use knowing that the sites reserved by anyone on the ownership affects all owners linked to that same ownership.) Remember...during a busy reservation time, the seconds you lose hunting for this information or having the Office find it can cost you the site you wanted to someone else who was prepared and ready to book.

If you are making reservations in person, numbers will be placed in the Clubhouse each morning at 8:00 a.m. You may take a number and return to your camper until 9:00 a.m. when the Office opens. The first phone call and the owner with #1 will be waited on first. Other phone calls and counter visits will be alternated in fairness.

Neither has priority over the other. Email reservation requests are addressed after the initial 9:00 a.m. counter and phone calls have been completed. The email request form is on www.unicoisprings.com. If you do not receive a confirmation or response from the Office within a day, call to make sure that your request arrived.

When you call for a reservation, your completed reservation information 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 reserved.

Once you have occupied a site, you may not change to another site without a \$50 fee unless that site is not functional for your camper. This rule was created some years ago to prevent people from reserving and tying up a site until they notice a "better" one is

available, thus tying up two sites for others who may have wanted the original site for the full time.

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. You can find this form in the Document Library on our website or pick them up in the Office.

To assist you in making reservations, the Resort has prepared a Reservations Calendar which shows the "60-day out" date of each calendar day. A map showing the sizes of the sites (not including your vehicle parking area). The reverse side of the map contains a detailed chart showing the size of the pad, the number of slide-outs and if there is additional overhang allowance beyond your back tires.

Since everyone has different needs and styles of campers, it is your responsibility to use these basic tools and personalize the information for your reservations. A fact sheet on all 21 rentals gives you complete information about them. Ultimately, you are choosing the site, so it would benefit you greatly to inform yourself about the sites you wish to reserve. These items are on the website and available in the Office.

The Office staff is always ready and willing to assist you in planning your schedule. The more you know, the better they can help you. Remember...knowledge and preparation are the keys to making successful reservations.

*Check the special ruling on the cabins found on the back of the map or on the Rental Rates Sheet.

Johnny and Carolyn Simmons for setting up, breaking down and manning the booth this year.