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Letter from the President by Lee VanHarn

In April, 2007, as Secretary of the Board, I urged adoption of some internal Board rules to strengthen communication with the membership. These changes included postings of notices and agenda, publication of minutes, information, member participation at meetings, committee appointment procedures, instructions to committees, etc. These were successfully used throughout the remainder of this year and I believe they were welcomed.

At our last Board meeting (October 10), I also presented illustrations to clarify two subjects:

1. Although the Board has the authority to determine policy, it is prudent and advisable to continue making major policy decisions at open meetings where members are present to listen and comment.
2. At work sessions, when "General Consent" (a nod of the head or silence to indicate individual approval) is used for operational directives or minor policy decisions, a single "No" by a Board member

denies such consent and elevates the issue to a higher level; i.e. additional consideration, a vote, or delayed action to a formal Board meeting.

I changed this last Board meeting from a final work session of the year, to a special meeting, because one Board member felt that 2007-08 advisory committee appointments should be at an open meeting. The majority of the Board determined that discussion of potential appointees included an expectation of privacy, and we then made such appointments at a work session at the end of the meeting.

Again, our new rules provided procedures to follow for the committee appointment process. We specify that appointments be from the various Park phases, if possible, and that committee members have varying opinions, plus knowledge and the ability to function in a group setting. Because we have only one short month (September) to complete this work, the President must facilitate the process, but the Board of Directors rejects, modifies or approves each step of the process of selecting committees, appointing committee chairs, and appointing

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PARK DIRECTOR UPDATE by Max Gibbs



The busy season at Sandy Pines has come to an end. Now begins the work to upgrade and improve your Sandy Pines! The planning for the future, and the

work that it takes to keep Sandy Pines one of the best RV Parks in the Country, becomes our priority.

The Golden Onion has been re-roofed and this will stop the water from coming in when it rains. We enlarged part of the water system in Phase Two that kept the members from having an adequate supply of water.

Dead trees are being removed, and we hope you will continue to plant new trees on your sites.

The final work is being completed at the Recreation Station. A Grand Opening is being planned for Memorial Day Weekend. Please mark your calendar, so you can be here for that festive event!

The Board of Directors has put together the committee structure for the coming year. Thanks to the new members of these Committees who put their name forward to serve. Our Park is becoming younger every year. We are losing many 'old timers' and younger families are purchasing

memberships. We need this group to continue to come forward and serve on committees, and the Board of Directors. To continue to improve and grow, we need the new members to participate in the governing structure of your Park.

All of us on the staff wish all of our members a Happy Holiday Season. Thanksgiving and Christmas are great family times.

Please take time to spend with your family. The family is the backbone of our country, and of course, Sandy Pines.

May God Bless you and your families.



Member Service Information by Mary Cooper

Convenience Centers open this winter:

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- Recreation Station
- CC#4 - Open weekends only

First Class Mailing:

Our Footprints are mailed out bulk rate. You can get your Footprints faster by having it mailed direct to your winter address for just \$1.50 a month.

Flea Market Dates for 2008:

May 3, May 24 (Memorial Day), June 7, July 5, August 9 (Christmas), August 30 (Labor Day) and October 4. You can sign up now at \$22 per space, or all seven flea markets for just \$18 per space.

Holiday Hours:

Administration offices will be closed on Monday, December 24th, Tuesday, December 25th, Monday, December 31st & Tuesday, January 1st.

Friday, December 21st, we will be closing at Noon.

Reminder: In January, April and July, you will have quarterly electric charge on your account. This is an estimate. It is based on $\frac{1}{4}$ of your total electric usage in 2007. In the fall of 2008 when your meter is read, those payments will be deducted and you will be billed the difference.

Welcome New Members:

- Jerome & Suzanne Slenk, Ada
- David & Tara Kilburg, Lincoln Park
- Harrol & Michelle Beebe, White Lake
- Jeffery & Michelle Regan, Kentwood
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committee members. In 2008, we plan to make an application/questionnaire available. Thank you to all our Advisory Committee members - you are needed and appreciated! (A list of 2007-08 committee members appears elsewhere in this issue of the Footprints.)

Once again, some Park members saw our actions as an erosion of what they view as their personal rights. To the contrary, I view them as important tools to strengthen the relationship of the Board, Administration, and the Membership, providing even more assurance that Sandy Pines members' rights are being respected as a whole, and that our members' welfare is our sole objective.

I will continue to stand by a basic principal. Because the right of an individual to do as he or she pleases is incompatible with

the interest of the group, there must be rules, that to some degree, restrain the individual. We enjoy the **least** of real liberty when there is no law, and everyone acts without regard to others.

Your Board continues to work and communicate throughout the winter. If formal actions are required, telephone votes are used. Any such actions taken are available on the member's web site, and are subsequently confirmed at an open meeting next season. I hope that each of you, if you remain in the area, will enjoy the cold, wintry weather to come. I, for one, am already longing for the time when we can all be together again for another enjoyable season of life and fun at Sandy Pines. In the meantime, Happy Holiday Season to All!

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PARK RANGER NEWS by Steve Deyarmond

Snow load:

Porch enclosure roofs in the past have become damaged from the weight of snow load. Although rare, some trailer roofs have also been damaged by snow load in the past. Please check, or have a friend check, the amount of snow on your porch enclosure roof. Remember that Sandy Pines commonly has lake effect snow. As a result, the Park normally has more snow than inland areas.

The Ranger Station will have phone numbers of persons that clean the snow off roofs. Please contact the us for those phone numbers.

In the past, Ranger staff has noticed golf cart roofs and golf cart shelters bowing from the accumulation of snow. Don't forget to check your golf cart roofs if stored outside.

Lake Ice:

As the days begin to get colder, ice will form on the lake. Please use great caution when going out on the ice.

A general guideline of four inches of new, clear ice is the minimum thickness for travel on foot. A general guideline of five inches of ice is required for snowmobiles. Remember, these are general guidelines, and many factors besides thickness determine the safety of ice. The lake does have a constant current and under water springs. These can make the ice weaker in various areas. Don't risk your life to get out on the lake to fish or snowmobile.

The water is cold, and hypothermia can place your life at risk should you fall through the ice.

Snowmobiles usage of the Park:

Please operate snowmobiles on Park roadways and abide by the 10mph speed limit.

Operators must have a State driver's license or State issued

snowmobile safety certificate.

Please do not cut across member sites or drive in green areas.

If driving along the lake, be careful not to run into a dock or boat stake along the shore.

Snowmobiles trails are nearby Sandy Pines, and connect with the nature trails. Local trail maps are available at the Ranger Station and local retailers.

Park Roads and winter conditions:

Maintenance does a very good job of plowing the roadways in the winter. However; winter storms and lake effect can cause Park roadways to be filled with snow.

If you decide to come to the Park, be aware of the weather forecast and contact the Ranger Station to check current conditions. Lake effect snow can accumulate quickly, and blowing snow can fill roadways.

Maintenance is not in the Park 24hrs per day. If the weather changes, you may want to decide to leave before heavy snow or snow storms, or plan ahead to stay until roadways are cleared. It can be a few days after severe storms that County roadways or Park roadways are cleared.

Please do not park in the roadways within the Park. This prevents our plow trucks from getting through to plow the streets. If you come out to the Park and plan to clear your driveway, park at the nearest convenience center, at the core parking lot, or Golden Onion parking lot.

Plan ahead if you have health conditions that will prevent you from walking distances, or prevent you from shoveling snow. Don't over exert yourself.



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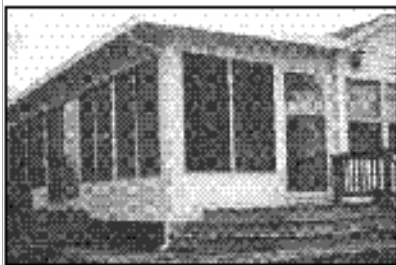
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Unapproved - October 8, 2007 - Board Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: President, Lee VanHarn called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: Lee VanHarn, Mike Young, Tom Aldrich, Jim Schipper, Jean Richards, Stan Robbins, Harvey Alderink, Terry Derks and Dick Valone. Staff present: Max Gibbs and Kathy Brott

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Sept. 7, 2007, minutes were approved, as presented.

APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBERS: Motion made by Tom Aldrich, seconded by Mike Young to approve the New Members (31). All Ayes.

CLARIFICATION OF HOT TUB ISSUE: The August 10, 2007, Board Minutes state, "Jean Richards reported for Member Outreach on the hot tub update/survey. 535 were submitted with 57% voting yes, and 43% voting no. Further research will take place before deciding whether or not to go ahead with a hot tub project. It will be brought to the members as an official vote once the decision is made to move forward." Stan Robbins motioned that the issue be referred to the Rules Committee for the possibility of looking into making a change to allow members to purchase their own hot tub for their deck. Jim Schipper seconded the motion. Yes votes: Robbins, Schipper, Young. No Votes: Alderink, Aldrich, Derks, Richards, Valone and VanHarn. Motion Defeated.

TEEN CENTER: Jim Schipper motioned that the Teen Center be razed and additional golf cart parking be added. Dick Valone seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion carried.

BOARD COMMITTEE SELECTION: The Board discussed appointments for chairs of the 2007-08 Board committees and appointments for membership on the 2007-08 Board committees.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 4:10 pm.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Friday, May 9, 2008, in the Pavilion, at 7:30 pm.

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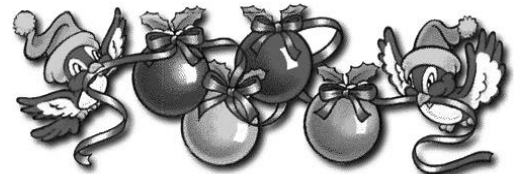
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For Sale from Site 307: 25 hp Mercury 4-stroke boat motor for sale - \$2,250 - OBO.

For Sale - Site 413 - Phase 1: Water view, nicely landscaped lot. '86 Oakland Park, one bedroom + two bunks, partially furnished, Westhouse sunroom, shed, Cover-it, paver fire pit, 1 golf cart - \$39,000. Call: 586-707-5437.

For Sale - Site 454, Phase 1: Excellent location with lake view, close to amenities. Well maintained, comfortable, one-bedroom 1986 Oakland Park with sleeper sofa and large enclosed porch. Large deck with water view in front, small deck to private patio in rear with large shed. Front patio and fire pit. Creative and maintenance free landscaping. Two golf carts included. Dues paid. Asking - \$44,900. Call: 616-794-3193 or 616-862-6855.

For Sale - Site 657: 1989 Quailridge Park Model w/beautiful lake view. 3-season room w/heat and air - includes most furniture and accessories; deck and roof (2 yrs. old); newer carpeting and window treatments. Also includes boat stake, 2007 - 15' Pontoon boat, 2007 25 hp Mer-

cury motor, 2007 boat trailer, Easy-Go gas Golf cart in excellent condition, Golf Cart Shed, Storage shed w/electricity. 2008 Dues are paid - \$79,900. Call: 616-723-2744.

For Sale - Site 673: 2002 3 bedroom Park Model w/32' glass porch all new in '03. Great for large family w/5 actual beds and a sofa sleeper. Fully furnished. Air. Deck, shed, large patio around firepit. 2000 elec. golf cart w/double garage. Boat stake within walking distance. All on a quiet cul-de-sac lot. REDUCED - \$57,900. Call: 616-887-5760 or 616-915-3733.

For Sale at Site 923: Double lot! 2003 Dutch Park, two bedroom and loft. Yamaha Golf Cart - good shape. New Brick Fire pit - close to CC - \$50,000. Call: 269-207-2184.

For Sale - Site 977: 2004 Heritage Park w/3-season porch on lot and one half. New - used one season - furnished. One minute walk from the CC, beach and playground. Must sell - \$52,500. Call: 616-893-2396.

For Sale - Site N-279: Oakland Park, A/C, 1 bedroom plus built in bunks, new windows and siding, open floor plan, 2005 storage shed, golf cart and golf garage. boat stake and dock - \$47,500. Call: 616-885-7205 or 616-667-9405.

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For Sale - Site K-327: Spectacular view of the lake! 1995 Park Model, two-bedrooms, full size loft, full size porch, all furniture included. All new decking and sea wall, dock (fishing right off the dock), 4 Winds Boat, boat slip, golf cart, golf cart garage, shed. On shaded

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We're always looking for information for our What's Happening page. Remember to let Kathy know of important events that are taking place in your life. We love to hear about the great things that are going on!



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More Information

Senior Adult Activities by Bill Meyer, President

As I'm writing this article, I realize that the 2007 Season is really over. We finished the season with a pancake breakfast, free bingo and a soup supper the OctoberFest. We had a great turn out at all of our events, and we want to thank you for your continuing support. Because of your support, we were able to purchase a flag and flag pole for Phase 3,

a music license for the Rec. Department, fifty (50) chairs and twenty (20) chaise lounges for the Recreation Station, two (2) benches for the island, two (2) swings by the Golden Onion, four (4) benches along the dam, and a swing set and bench for Phase 3.

Senior Adult Activities thanks YOU for all of your great support this year. We

hope that you have a safe and healthy winter, and we look forward to seeing you at Sandy Pines in 2008!

I would also like to thank all of the volunteers that contributed their time and energy, helping to make the 2007 season such a great success. We couldn't have done it without you! Thank you for a wonderful year.



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More News

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to:

Laurie Cowart, Site K-209, on the passing of her Grandfather, Wayne Teerman, who passed away on August 21st. Laurie's name was inadvertently omitted in the last Footprints.

Floyd & Andrea Timmer, Site K-277, on the passing of Floyd's father, Floyd, on September 27th.

Dick & Shirley Carlon, Site D-156, on the passing of Dick's mother, Wilma, on October 2nd.

Gerald & Theresa Williams, Site K-429, on the passing of Theresa's brother, Jerome Weber, on October 10th.

Darryl "Derk" Duhrkoff, Site D-37, on the passing of his wife, Mary Beth, on October 14th.

Joe Vondrash, Sr., Site N-444, on the passing of his wife, Eleanor, on October 23rd. Sympathy is also extended to Eleanor's children, **Vicci and Larry Montgomery**; Site N-13, **Lori and Terry Emelander**, Site N-91 and K-28; **Patricia & Rick Klingenberg**, Site N-452; **Joe & Margaret Vondrash**, Site 514; and grandchildren **April & Ryan Powers**, Site N-467.

Look What's Happening!

Florida Winter Gathering info

The Winter Gathering in Florida has been scheduled for March 4, 2008, at Homer's, in Sebring. All members and former members are invited to join us for good food and fellowship. Ron Schuitema has great prizes again this year! Cost is \$9/person. Please send reservations to Ardith Matthyse by February 20th, at 132 Crestview Terrace, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Questions - call Ardith at 863-465-2190. Hope to see you there!

Michigan Winter Get-Together info

For those who do not go to a 'warmer climate' during the winter months, we will again be getting together for dinner and good conversation on the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 6 pm, at Old Country Buffet. Our next get-together is December 20th which will find us back in Kalamazoo; January 17th Grand Rapids; February 21st Kalamazoo; March 20th Grand Rapids, and April 17th back to Kalamazoo. Join us for an evening of fellowship together, a chance to see old friends, and perhaps make some new ones! Everyone is invited - hope you can join us!

Your Questions Answered

"Where are members allowed to take their pets (dogs)? Please address beaches, lake and buildings."

According to the Handbook: Section XIV-C-5 (Beach Regulations) "Pets are not permitted in designated swimming beach areas." Section VI-E-6 (Pets) "No pets will be allowed in Sandy Pines buildings unless by special permission." Section VI-E-7 (Pets) "No pets are allowed in designated swimming areas or restricted areas."

What does this mean? What areas are included as designated swimming beach areas? What about picnic table areas by the Dairy Dip and the Recreation Station?

As per Steve Deyarmond, Safety Director the following applies:

Beaches: Pets are not permitted at designated swimming beaches. Designated beaches are the beaches that have Lifeguards. Buoy location width determines guarded beach areas. Phase 1 Beach and Phase 4 beaches are Park designated swimming beaches.

Pets are permitted in areas around the lakeshore, provided the owner has the pet on a leash. Pets are also permitted in the lake, provided they are on a leash.

Pets must be staked or tied on the members site. They may not be tied up or staked in green areas on other sites. Shoreline along the lake would also be considered green area. Pets are not permitted at Flea Markets.

Pets are not permitted in Park buildings. Commonly, the only pets permitted in Park buildings are working dogs, such as a seeing-eye dog or other type of dog assisting persons with a handicap.

Restricted areas: A restricted area is an area in which the Park may have a special event or activity in which pets would not be permitted. The term "Restricted Area" reserves the right for the Park to establish areas in which pets are prohibited at locations, activities or events.

Pool areas: Pets are not permitted in pool areas. Pool areas are the Indoor pool, the Phase 3 Outdoor Pool, and the Recreation Station pool areas.

Picnic areas, Dairy Dip or Recreation Station Picnic areas: The Park Rules Handbook has not defined these areas specifically as areas in which pets are prohibited.

If you have a question you would like us to look into, please contact the Member Outreach Committee by leaving your question at the Administration Office.

Walking and Singing Our Way Across the USA

Weeks 18-25 had us walking almost 1900 miles! We cleared "By the time I get to Phoenix," Abilene, my Abilene," "Big D, little A, double L, A, S (Dallas), and "I'm walking to New Orleans" by 59 miles, for a total walk of 6165 miles.

As I indicated in the last article, I was hoping we would get at least to the half-way mark of 4,716 miles, and we surpassed that and are just short of the two-thirds mark of 6,288 miles.

Thanks to the 83 walkers who joined me on the trek by taking the time to stop by the Ranger Station and record their distance walked. We will pick up the trek next spring with a mere 3,267 miles to go.

Stay healthy this winter - keep walking and we'll see you in the spring! If anyone has an idea for a future walk, or how to get others involved, please let me know.

Jean Richards



We would like to thank our neighbors and friends for the cards and gifts on our 50th Anniversary.
Guy and Dee Bassett



Not sure if all of this is true but ...
VERY INTERESTING STUFF

Many years ago in Scotland , a new game was invented. It was ruled "Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden"...and thus the word GOLF entered into the English language.

Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

It is impossible to lick your elbow.

The State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: Alaska

The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28% (now get this...)

The percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%

The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven: \$ 16,400

The average number of people airborne over the U.S. in any given hour: 61,000

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

Q. Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of what? A. Their birthplace

Q. What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers all have in common? A. All were invented by women

Q. What is the only food that doesn't spoil? A. Honey

Q. Which day are there more collect calls than any other day of the year? A. Father's Day

In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts... So in old England , when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them "Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down." It's where we get the phrase "mind your P's and Q's"

Many years ago in England , pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim, or handle, of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service. "Wet your whistle" is the phrase inspired by this practice.

At least 75% of people who read this will try to lick their elbow!



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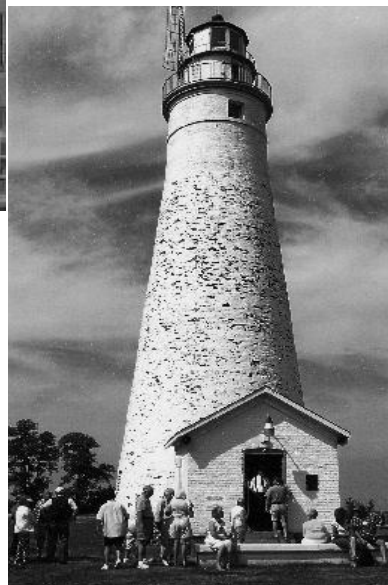
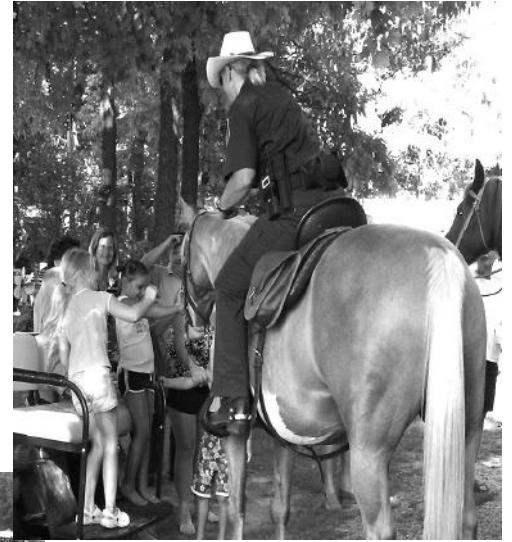




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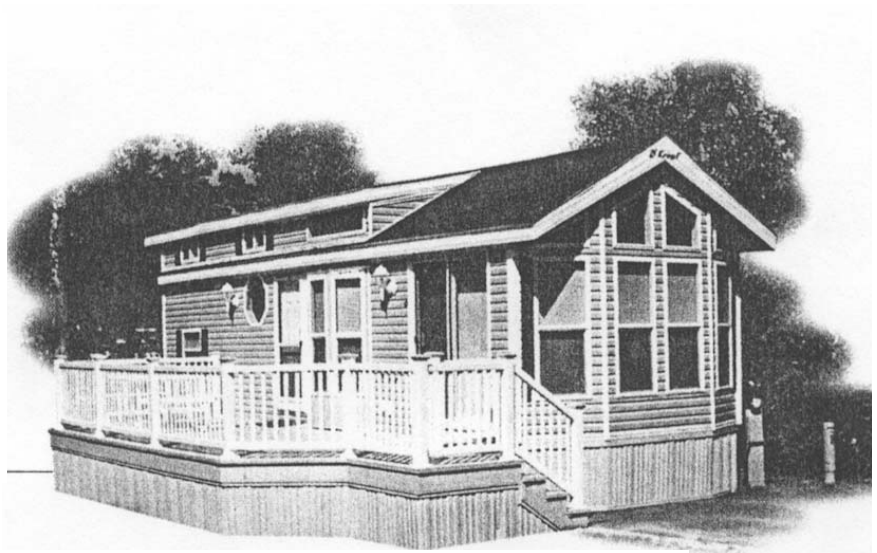
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