

Spruce Creek Trails Association

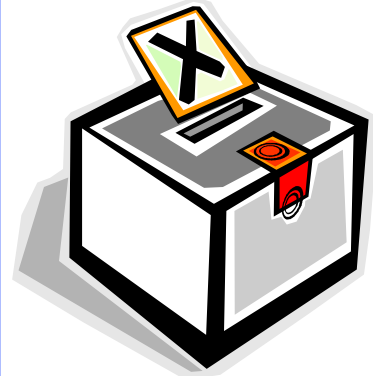
July 2011

Board of Directors Election

Three seats for the SCTA Board of Directors were up for re-election in May. After the ballots were counted, Ned Helm, Laurie LeRoy and Beverly Chase were re-elected.

Three more seats will be up for election next May, 2012. So if you are interested in running for one of the vacant seats, please contact a board member in April 2012 to get your name on the ballot.

A notice will be sent out prior to the May 2012 meeting.



New Trail Coordinator Co-Chairman

Roger Williams has graciously agreed to join us as the Trail Coordinator Co-Chairman. He will be assisting Danny Hatcher, our Trails Coordinator. Roger has a lot of experience in trail maintenance and will be a great asset to our association. If you have an issue with one of our trails call Danny Hatcher or Roger. See contact information for all board positions on the last page of the newsletter

YEARLY DUES—NEW OPTION !!!!

Still haven't paid your 2011 dues??? Well, here is a new option - Life Time Membership!

SCTA Board of Directors voted to offer life time memberships. Pay one time and never have to worry whether you've paid your yearly dues! One time payment of \$250 will guarantee your membership in the Spruce Creek Trails Association for life. The yearly dues are \$35 (\$39 if you want the newsletter delivered by snail mail). This adds up to quite a savings in the long run.

So if you still haven't paid yet....send in your \$250 and you won't have to make another dues payment again. SCTA P.O. Box 564 Jamestown, TN 38556.

Spruce Creek Cabin Burns



Fire May 2011

On Monday May 30, a cabin on Lonesome Pine burned to the ground. The probable cause of the fire is thought to be electric. Although the police/ fire department response was less than 20 minutes, the cabin could not be saved. They were able to protect the barn and contain the fire from spreading to other properties.

This is the second cabin in three years that has burned. December 2008's fire was caused by embers being fanned by high winds.

Please make your home as fire safe as possible.



Fire December 2008

Atticrest Fire Department's need for Support

It was brought to the attention of the SCTA Board of Directors at their meeting on June 13, 2011, the need for support for the Alticrest Volunteer Fire Department. Leslie Helm sent out an email on June 12, 2011 outlining the need for community support. A few highlights from her email:

“Alticrest would like to have a barbecue to get to know the community and gain our support. Shawn and Donna Martin, owners of True West Campground have offered the campground's facility as a venue for a barbecue and Jeff and Carolyn Leek, who own a lot in Spruce Creek, have offered to cook for the barbecue. A date has not yet been set for the barbecue.

J.D. Watson is the Captain of Alticrest Vounteer Fire Department. Under his command, Alticrest has 3 trucks: Tanker 11, Pumper 11 and Brush 11. They can respond to brush fires, house fires and can act as First Responders in a medical emergency. “

Maintaining the fire house, vehicles and equipment takes more than what the county gives them in funding. So, Spruce Creek being a remote community, needs to be able to rely on the department's fast and professional response to our emergencies. If we all pull together we can help our fire department and in turn we are helping ourselves.

Donna Drochak was instrumental in bringing this issue to the forefront. If you have any ideas on fundraising contact Donna at 931-752-8388 or contact Leslie Helm and she can get the info to Donna or J.D.

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The Hitching Post will donate 10% of all sales for the next two weeks to the Alticrest Fire Department Fund. THANK YOU HITCHING POST!

National Trails Work Day at Timber Ridge.

National Trails Work Day at Timber Ridge was a great success. There were about 20 people that showed up to help. The Panther Branch Trail was re-opened. We have a lot of old trails that have not been used and have become overgrown. These trails are ones that the NPS will focus on IF we the riders take the initiative and start using them. So put small clippers, saws, any small hand tools that can fit in your saddlebags and take them with you to help 'explore' those old and forgotten trails. We can never have enough trails to ride!

Want to help on trail work days but not physically able? Or don't live here full time?

There is a solution! You can donate to the Trails Work /Materials Fund. This will help us hire the labor that we need and purchase materials to maintain the trails in our community. A big Thank You to Earl Ridolphi for his donation.

Upcoming Events

July 9th NASCAR NIGHT AT TRUE WEST 7:30 pm; pot luck-bring a dish to share and watch the race from Kentucky Speedway

September 10th BEST FRIENDS HORSE SHOW @ EAST FORK STABLES

October 7th -10th SADDLE VALLEY RIDE THROUGH BIG SOUTH FORK
email with more information coming



Over the Memorial Day Weekend we had a great turnout at the pavilion to hear Lee Allen and his band. We have Ricky Roe and Paul Crockett to thank for the night's entertainment.

If you would like to have more music and dancing, please send a donation to SCTA mark it "Music". As soon as we know that we will have the funds, we will get Lee and his gang to return and entertain us!

We would really like to have a big blow-out for Labor Day so let us know what you like in the way of fun and festivities!

Send your ideas/requests to sprucecreek.trailsassoc@yahoo.com

PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF YOUR NEIGHBORS!



Most of the roads in Spruce Creek are not paved. And when we don't have rain for a few days (or especially weeks) the roads tend to get very dusty. PLEASE REDUCE YOUR SPEED !

Yes, it means going slower than most of us would like, but a number of our older residents have breathing problems that are exacerbated by the dust created by every car and truck / horse trailer that goes by. On nice days people would like to open their windows or sit on their porches but can't because of inconsiderate drivers.

If you are having construction work done, please ask the workers to slow down when driving in Spruce Creek.

Now that we have a few days without rain, look in your rear view mirror and see how much dust your vehicle is making. Slow Down! Your neighbors will thank you!

Most of us moved here for the peace and quiet and to enjoy what nature has to offer. There are a lot of retired residents that have the luxury of not having to get up at the crack of dawn. So hearing gun shots before 8 AM in the morning is not being neighborly.

There are exceptions—like killing a venomous snake or warding off an attack by a coyote on your pet or livestock. But discharging large caliber firearms daily to just scare away varmints is not only dangerous but discourteous to your neighbors, especially if they are asleep.. Not to mention it scares the heck out of people who may be out walking or taking a ride on their horse down the road.

If you are planning to target shoot, let your neighbors know ahead of time. And shoot safely!



REMINDERS

Monthly pot luck dinners at the pavilion—6:30pm last Saturday of the month.

April through October

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

June 25, July 30, Aug 27, Sept 24, Oct 29

Don't forget, our Spruce Creek Trail Association has been asked to volunteer every Thursday to help the Park department maintain and improve our horse trails.

Call Laurie LeRoy 931-752-7716 if you can work any Thursday morning from 8:00am until noon.

DOG OWNERS; The Park Service wants to remind all of us that they will be strictly enforcing the rule that **all dogs must be on a leash when in the park**. This is for the safety of all those who use the hiking/biking/horse trails. The first offense is a \$100.00 fine. The second offense is an appearance before a Federal Judge.

CLASSIFIEDS

Aussie 2 burner portable gas grill, used once. Cost \$100. asking \$55.
Pro-Tech table saw----\$60
13" Emerson color TV with built-in VHS player/recorder. Runs well \$20.
Call Gerry at 752-9568

SADDLE FOR SALE—handmade, new, never used. Bought while on a trip to Peru. 16" seat, no horn, will fit a wide body horse. Valued between \$1200-1500. Asking \$795 OBO

Contact Roy Sillman 931-879-0508

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Western 17" wide tree
Endurance 16" reg. tree

For info and prices call Brian 931-879-5312 (home)
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FOR RENT: Charming 2 bedroom, 2 bath furnished log cabin with or without barn and paddocks.

Located in Spruce Creek

Call: 931-707-7623

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