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KEEPING YOU POSTED IN THE ELKHORNThe Vice-President's Report – Mike Flower

I thought that I would fill in for Bob this issue as Bob and Ann have been a bit pre-occupied with other matters. In case you haven't heard, Bob recently had a medical scare while visiting in Denver. Bob and Ann were recently in Denver to see a grandson's football game. During the visit, Bob started having severe abdominal pains. After being rushed to Swedish Medical Center, he underwent emergency surgery for a condition related to his small intestine. This was followed a few days later by another major surgery for an unrelated condition. Because of post-surgical complications, Bob spent three weeks in the hospital with Ann constantly at his side. The prognosis is good and Bob and Ann returned home recently to relax and recuperate. All of us are praying for Bob and wishing him a speedy and complete recovery.

I hope that everybody had a chance to travel through South Park to marvel at the wonders of nature. The weekend of September 27-28 was perfect for viewing the aspens during the peak of their fall color. The weather was perfect and the colors were magnificent.

Not all the weather has been good. We recently had the first recorded tornado in Park County, touching down near Eleven Mile Reservoir. A few articles later in this newsletter provide further information and insight into this meteorological oddity.

Regards, MIKE

Remember...

Veterans Day is November 11 so count your blessings, embrace your lifestyle and thank a Veteran for the freedom you enjoy.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Due to the lateness of this newsletter, we will not be publishing another before the New Year so the Elkhorn Board of Directors would like to wish everyone a season of peace, joy and prosperity.



A FUN DAY IN THE ELKHORN

The EROA Members Annual Picnic on August 30th was a great success with a total of 81 attending. The EROA furnished the hamburgers, hot dogs, buns and condiments, and members brought delicious side dishes for the "pot luck". Thanks to all of you good cooks for the variety of food we all enjoyed. The picnic is an opportunity to meet and visit with families who live in the Elkhorn. As organizer of the picnic, I would personally like to thank Barb Sallee and Jean Kramer for their help and hard work in putting flyers out to remind owners about the picnic, and getting fun prizes for the games. I couldn't have done it without them. Thanks, too, to Tom Sallee, Jack Kramer, Denny Nall and Dan Money for "sprucing up" the grounds area around the pavilion, and Paul and Kathy Hlad for their help during the picnic. The EROA members are the reason Elkhorn Ranches is a wonderful place to own property. Thank you to everyone who came and made the picnic such an enjoyable event.

JoAn Nall

To avoid confusion with our July Annual Meeting and Picnic, we have renamed our member picnic the Members' Labor Day Potluck. Mark your calendars as we have already set our next Members Potluck for Saturday, September 5, 2009.

Elkhorn Ranch Owners Association Board of Directors Meeting Bridgewater Residence October 4, 2008

(draft minutes)

Board members present:

Bob Bridgewater President
Mike Flower Vice President
JoAn Nall Treasurer
Debby Van Gundy Member at Large
Art Burnham Member at Large

EROA members present:

Dan & Chris Money; Denny Nall; Ann Bridgewater; Ken & Julie Coffey

The meeting was called to order at 10:00a.m. by President Bridgewater.

Approval of Minutes

Secretary Gharst did not have copies of meeting minutes on hand to present. In summary, the meeting minutes of the regular meeting on April 12, 2008; the special meeting on June 21, 2008 and the annual meeting on July 5, 2008 were provided to members at the picnic and included in the newsletters. The Board requested the minutes for the annual meeting on July 5th be amended to include the discussion and desire of the EROA members to continue having guest speakers at the annual picnic and to have an additional members picnic in the fall. The minutes, with amendment, were approved.

Treasurer's Report

JoAn Nall presented the Cash Flow report for the period April 1, 2008 through September 30, 2008. She advised the Board that the Certificate of Deposit renewed. The Board discussed bookkeeping the water augmentation activities separate from the general activities of the association. JoAn also reported that the expenses of \$202.31 for the member's picnic were lower than expected.

Debby Van Gundy moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.



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OLD BUSINESS

Save Our South Park Water

Bob Bridgewater advised the Board that SOSW08 is now a legally registered non-profit with the State of Colorado. This group previously solicited funds to support opposition to in-situ mining in South Park. Due to little activity on this topic recently, the Board agreed that there was not an urgent need to donate any money for this. Instead, the Board requested that Bob should find out more information about the organization, its mission, etc.

Water Court

Due to history with water issues in Indian Mountain Subdivision, the Board agreed it was prudent to review activities in the EROA area at Water Court in Greeley. Lee Phillips recommended Dan Brown, a water attorney who can provide this review on a regular basis on behalf of EROA. The cost is \$50/month; there might be a slightly higher cost in the first month for set-up processes.

Mike Flower moved to give Bob Bridgewater authority to negotiate the review at \$50/month (including up front costs and quarterly reporting to EROA). The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

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Board of Director minutes - Oct. 4, 2008

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Architectural Committee

Art Burnham presented the Board with a sample letter used for members going through the Architectural Committee. He reminded the board that the oversight is primarily via Park County regulations, unless it is relevant to EROA covenants. He will send a copy of the letter to Denny Nall to put on the website.

Maintenance Committee/Security Patrol

Bob Bridgewater reported on behalf of Terry Shumaker that the concrete work at the dam has been completed. There was also discussion about replacing or repairing main sign into the subdivision on Remington Road and Elkhorn Road. Bob will get estimates for a new sign from Sunshine Signs.

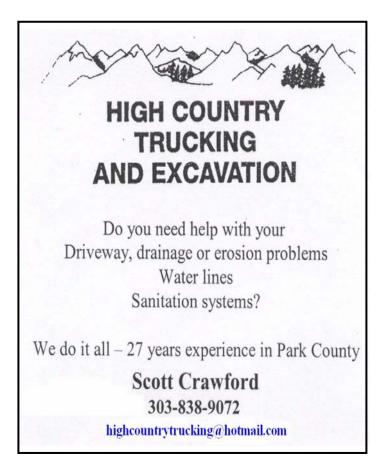
For the security patrol, Terry has reported that there have been some break-ins on Kite Court.

Neighborhood Watch

There was no report.

Welcome Committee

Debbie VanGundy sent 6 packets this year. She still has \$52 in her budget from last year plus stamps.



Social Committee

Ann Bridgewater reported that the attendance at the annual meeting/picnic was about ½ of last year's attendance. She advised that the reason included gas prices, probably, and the fact that the newsletter was not sent prior to the picnic. The Members Picnic held in September was very well attended. Ann suggested calling the picnic something else because some members were confused between it and the annual picnic. One suggestion was "The End of Summer Picnic". Discussion followed about feedback from members about the fliers, bringing potluck, being held on a holiday weekend and previous member's picnics. Dates for both picnics were discussed. The word "Annual" should not be used for fall picnic.

Art Burnham moved to set the date for the 2009 Annual Meeting/Picnic for Sunday, July 5, 2009 and the Labor Day Potluck for September 5, 2009. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Newsletter

Mike reported that the upcoming newsletter would be ready to go as early as the following week, if the minutes for this meeting get submitted to him quickly. There was discussion about political cartoons, which might be offensive to individuals. Those types of cartoons will not be used again in the newsletter. Discussion then followed about whether or not a newsletter is needed or reducing the number of newsletters each year, whether advertisements have been valuable for the newsletter, the website, and content; but still being able to provide election information and other EROA business in a timely to all members. Any changes would have to consider advertisers through the year-end.

Debby Van Gundy moved to change the newsletter production to only 2 per year, spring and fall with the details to be worked out, allowing business card size print ads. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no changes in the Board positions

The dates for the regular meetings will be posted on the website. Board voted to accept two grills from Paul Hlad. They will be stored in the shed but not put out without another vote.

"Leash Law Enforced" will be added to main sign at Remington and Elkhorn Rd when new sign is made

Bob will contact Environmental Control and Animal Control about published regulations. He will send a copy to Indian Mountain requesting it be put in their newsletter.

The word "Annual" should not be used for the fall picnic potluck.

A strongly worded article to be in the newsletter for owners to abide by the leash law when their pets are off of their property. With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Gharst, Secretary

DOG CONTROL REMAINS AN ISSUE

We continue to have problems with dogs running loose and acting aggressively around neighbors, hikers and others traveling through the Elkhorn. In a recent incident a homeowner was required to shoot and kill a stray dog when it became aggressive towards his wife and pet. This action was entirely legal.

Please remember that dogs must be under control at all times, including being on a leash when off your property, and even on your property if they tend to wander off. You can report uncontrolled dogs to Animal Control at (719) 836-4380.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUIZ

Here is a quiz to test your knowledge of the U.S. Constitution.

- 1. Which was the first state to ratify the Constitution?
 - a. Pennsylvania
 - b. Delaware
 - c. Massachusetts
 - d. Rhode Island
- 2. Which state's ratification put the Constitution into effect, according to the provisions of Article VII?
 - a. Virginia
 - b. New Jersey
 - c. New Hampshire
 - d. New York
- 3. What did the Constitution replace as the framework for the government of the United States?
 - a. Articles of Confederation
 - b. Magna Carta
 - c. Monroe Doctrine
 - d. Declaration of Independence
- 4. How many amendments to the Constitution are there?
 - a. 10
 - b. 31
 - c. 27
 - d. 17
- 5. How many amendments have been repealed?
 - a. 1
 - b. 3
 - c. 4
 - d. 7

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CONSTITUTIONAL QUIZ

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- 6. Amendments must be ratified by how many states before they become part of the Constitution?
 - a. Two-thirds of the existing states
 - b. Three-fourths of the existing states
 - c. 51 percent of the existing states
 - d. All states
- 7. What series of essays were written to support the adoption of the Constitution?
 - a. The Federalist Papers
 - b. The Articles of Confederation
 - c. The Age of Reason
 - d. Common Sense
- 8. The U.S. Constitution is the oldest written national constitution still in force today.
 - a. True
 - b. False
- 9. Who was the first person to sign the U.S. Constitution?
 - a. Benjamin Franklin
 - b. John Hancock
 - c. Thomas Jefferson
 - d. George Washington
- 10. How many constitutional amendments make up the Bill of Rights?
 - a. 10
 - b. 12
 - c. 27
 - d. 36
- 11. The vote for ratification of the Constitution was unanimous in how many states, out of the 13?
 - a. 13
 - b. 9
 - c. 1
 - d. 3
- 12. Where and when was the Constitution signed?
 - a. Philadelphia; September 17, 1787
 - b. New York; March 4, 1789
 - c. Boston; July 4, 1776
 - d. Williamsburg; July 14, 1789



- 13. In which city did the first U.S. Congress convene, on March 4, 1789?
 - a. Boston
 - b. New York
 - c. Philadelphia
 - d. Washington
- 14. In the Connecticut Compromise, which state's plan served as a model for the U.S. Senate?
 - a. New York
 - b. New Jersey
 - c. Massachusetts
 - d. Pennsylvania
- 15. Which state's plan was the model for the U.S. House of Representatives?
 - a. Connecticut
 - b. Georgia
 - c. Rhode Island
 - d. Virginia
- 16. Which of the following Revolutionary-War heroes and patriots argued against the Constitution?
 - a. Samuel Adams, Patrick Henry, and George Mason
 - b. Benjamin Franklin and James Madison
 - c. Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton
 - d. Aaron Burr and Sam Houston

(answers on page 6)

TORNADO HITS PARK COUNTY MINOR INJURIES REPORTED

(reproduced from The Flume -8/29/08)

Mike Potter Staff Writer

Minor injuries were reported after the first **tornado** in Park County recorded history spun through Eleven Mile State Park in southeastern Park County on Saturday at around 2:15 p.m.

Park County Undersheriff Monte Gore said the tornado went over Eleven Mile Reservoir, formed a water spout, and ran ashore near Witcher's Cove, where it picked up one camping trailer and threw it on its roof.

"This thing was pretty powerful as far as the damage," he said.

He said the worst injury was a laceration on a woman's arm.

"We were very, very fortunate," he said.

Kyle Fredin, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service office in Boulder, said the twister formed five to six miles east of Eleven Mile Reservoir and officially touched down on the northeast corner of the reservoir.

He said the Weather Service didn't have any estimates of wind speed.

EXCERPTS FROM A RECENT LETTER

Experiencing the Park County Tornado

Recently, my brother-in law and his friends from Southern California used my Elkhorn cabin as a base for their semi-annual fly fishing, male bonding trip. On this visit, they got more than they bargained for. Since my brother-in-law Greg is such an elegant writer, I thought you might enjoy this excerpt from the e-mail letter he sent me after his departure.

"And lastly, but certainly not least or to be forgotten in this missive, **THE TORNADO!!!** that hit South Park and 11 Mile Reservoir Saturday, August 23rd. As we later found out, it was the first reported, authenticated tornado **ever** in Park County. And Ron and I just happened to be there on the South Platte River when the whole surreal event took place, exactly in the middle of the River between the two Reservoirs.

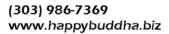
"There was, of course, a massive super cell hanging overhead. But nothing particularly out of the ordinary experience one runs into out there during the day. However, as we were being driven off the river by high winds, pelting rains and electricity, Ron says "Hey Greg look up, there's a tornado in the sky." Sure enough, I look straight up and darn if there wasn't that stark and unmistakable formation of gray ice cream cone descending from the black cloud. With a 360 degree doughnut trench surrounding the base of the cloud cone dagger, feelings of amazement, wonder, and what the hell do we do now - rush the brainpan.



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"Mouths now fully agape, eyes the size of pancakes, we watched as it went through various growth and connection-to-ground scenarios. And realized - that we were really close to this beast. From where we were on the river I thought for sure the cars were in jeopardy in the parking area about 1/2 mile away. Just a matter of time before there goes all my goods. As people were fleeing to vehicles I got myself up on a nearby higher ground perch. Whereupon I could see this rather nicely formed tornado now on the surface of 11 Mile Reservoir, and picking up huge amounts of water. This spotting was good news for us because it put the thing now some miles from our location. Still, we beat feet to the vans as large pea-sized hail spanked us the whole way.

"We drive down to the Bridge parking lot to watch what was left of the tornado - now obviously dying. Finally disappearing completely. With rain and lightening still continuing all around we witnessed probably every emergency vehicle in the county and beyond racing to the South shore of 11 Mile. Where, before moving onto the lake, the tornado had apparently destroyed a campground site in the State Park. RVs tossed like straw, the whole destruction nine yards. So sez the newspaper accounts.

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NEXT EROA BOARD MEETING

The board of Directors has set the schedule for quarterly Board of Directors meetings for the remainder of this fiscal year. The schedule is as follows:

Date	Time	Meeting	Location
Sat. Jan. 12, 2009 Sat. April 11, 2009 Sun. July 5, 2009		Board Meeting Board Meeting Annual Meeting	Nall Residence Flower Residence Picnic Grounds
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Nall Residence 145 Rhea Road Flower Residence: 246 Bufflehead Circle

All members are welcome to attend. This is your association. For information or directions contact Bob at (719) 836-2298 or by email at babridgewater43@yahoo.com. We welcome your participation and need your suggestions and ideas for the Elkhorn.

EDITOR

Mike Flower informed the Board that he would no longer be able to edit the EROA newsletter due to other time consuming commitments. Mike has always produced a well-planned, informative and interesting newsletter; his writing skill and wit will be missed. Denny Nall and Debbie VanGundy have agreed to share in the production of the newsletter with Mike's help on the next issue. More details will be provided in the next issue.

EXCERPTS FROM A RECENT LETTER

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"Anyway, Ron and I decide this day is shot. At least for a period of time. So we go to Hartsel for a burger/beer and contemplation of what we just saw. As we park at the cafe with the locals all outside still looking toward 11 Mile, I notice a late model maroon-colored vehicle that looked strange, somewhat out of sorts. Actually a lot so. Except for the windshield, all the windows were gone. Blasted and smashed to bits with most of the glass displayed inside the car itself. A woman soon emerges from the cafe, and bleeding at the left arm above the elbow.

"Long story short. She and her boyfriend, while vacationing for the weekend at the campground hit by the tornado, had actually been forced to the car as the tornado suddenly descended upon them. The twister came so quickly they barely made the car. As they folded over each other on the front seat, the tornado destroyed the windows upon them. Some glass collected in a pile on the dash against the windshield at the passenger side corner. Along with dirt and weeds - all in the direction of the blasting swirl. The rest of the vehicle and contents were a trashed mess. What a ride that must have been. At least they didn't get overturned - or worse.

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"Still panicked after it stopped for the moment (there was still observed threat), they had immediately bailed for Hartsel in search of relief and first aid. Which later resulted in the emergency workers at the campground desperately wondering where they and the car were - as there was record and knowledge of them camping there. Believe it or not I was part of the communication that made the rescue workers aware of where they were.

"Quite a show Mike and Sandra. Really. Another thank you in order? A tornado right on top of me while fishing the South Platte, and getting to watch this, I-cannow-die-having-seen-a-tornado, form/connect to ground. And wonder what happens next with us being on an open river savanna. After all I don't run like I used to. But at 9,000 feet altitude I guess it wouldn't have been so far a travel up to kiss the sky. Maybe I (the body) lands in the river? Or the reservoir? "

Greg

(submitted by Mike Flower)



THE OLDER CROWD

A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office. 'Is it true,' she wanted to know, 'that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?' 'Yes, I'm afraid so,' the doctor told her. There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, 'I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition because this prescription is marked 'NO REFILLS'.'

An older gentleman was on the operating table awaiting surgery and he insisted that his son, a renowned surgeon, perform the operation. As he was about to get the anesthesia, he asked to speak to his son. 'Yes, Dad, what is it?' 'Don't be nervous, son; do your best and just remember, if it doesn't go well, if something happens to me, your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife.'

Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

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our property in the Elkhorn). Only used twice. Front wheels were replaced with heavy duty wheels. Paid \$208.98 from Ketelsen Campers in 2001. Have installed septic system since, so no longer need the holding tank. Asking \$75. Call Fred Spoor at (303) 659-9997 for info or picture.

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Don't forget to visit the web site at **www.elkhornowners.org.** Any web site suggestions should be sent to Denny Nall at **djnall@djnall.com.**

Answers to Constitution Ouiz

- 1. b. Delaware
- 2. c. New Hampshire
- 3. a. Articles of Confederation
- 4. c. 27
- 5. a. 1
- 6. b. Three-fourths of the existing states
- 7. a. The Federalist Papers
- 8. a. True
- 9. d. George Washington
- 10. a. 10
- 11. d. 3
- 12. a. Philadelphia; September 17, 1787
- 13. b. New York
- 14. b. New Jersey
- 15. d. Virginia
- 16. a. Samuel Adams, Patrick Henry, and George Mason

