



PONDEROSA PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

Greetings:

I would like to introduce myself to our Ponderosa Property Owners Association neighbors. My name is Kit Korf. I have been nominated to be the President of the PPOA. I have served as a Director on the Board for the last two years.

I'll tell you a little about myself. Our Ponderosa vacation home is a third generation home that we built on Summit Drive in 1967. My wife, Betty, and I live in Newbury Park (Thousand Oaks) and I am 'mostly' retired from a Quality Control career. We are usually enjoying Ponderosa about 5 or 6 days a month and volunteer part time on the Ponderosa Fire Brigade. In Thousand Oaks I have been the Treasurer of the Conejo Valley Fly Fishers for the last 25 years....but never enough time to fish!

We had our nominations for the board on September 4th and four positions were agreed to be filled by the current board, Gail Lack, Richard Thomas, and John Kracik. Our newest board member is John Ennis.

At this meeting, Michel Witherow has graciously accepted to be the Editor for the PPOA Newsletter. Our community can help her out by providing mountain related articles or news, ads, even recipes. This newsletter is mailed to all homeowners and property owners and is a source of interesting and important information for our beautiful mountain.

We also had Margaret Jewett volunteer to coordinate our annual PPOA Thanksgiving Day weekend potluck party.

We welcomed the Cohen's back to the mountain on a snowbird basis. Paul offered to fix our weather beaten street signs and to follow up on our fire siren that will be mounted on Summit Drive in the future.

I would like to request our PPOA neighbors to attend our meetings; we welcome a source of new ideas, spirit, and enthusiasm. This is what makes a community comprised of volunteers survive.

Kit Korf

PPOA President

NEEDED!!!

For Snow Day

A social chairman and a place to hold the event.



We have lots of fun at the PPOA Snow Day with snowshoeing, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, and munching on goodies. This event is for the novice and the expert alike—the knowledgeable will teach the rest of us the joy of SNOW!



If you'd like to volunteer your place or volunteer yourself to help set up the Snow Day activities in February, please contact a board member or ppoanewsletter@gmail.com

(If anyone has a hankering to do the newsletter as well, loaves of bread are included!!)

Mary Brewer was the only one to graciously volunteer to host the community holiday party. So this will be a good opportunity to support the lodge and have fun at the same time!

*Ponderosa Property Owners Association
Members and Houseguests are invited to the*

PPOA Annual Holiday Party

Saturday, November 26, 2011

Starting at 5 pm

At The Ponderosa Lodge

Bring an appetizer to share





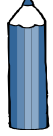
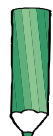



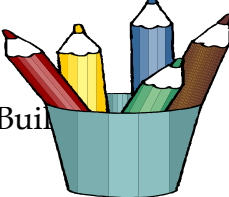
Any questions, call Margaret Jewett at 542-2821

PPOA Volunteer Fire Brigade



We have had 6 brigade trainings this year and we will have our last one on **Saturday October 29 at 2:00 PM**. Our last training was well attended with 10 brigade members attending. We did a simu-late structure fire on the Summit loop where we have poor water pressure. We ran the exercise twice under the watch full eyes of Capt. Derek Bontrager. Our next training will again be a simulated structure fire in our community. We will cover truck operation with emphasis on the pump panel. Please plan on attending this last training session for the 2011 season. For those of you that are not brigade members but would like to be involved, please come to our trainings!

CALENDAR

				
November	24	Thanksgiving Holiday		
	26	Annual PPOA Holiday Party - 5 pm, Ponderosa Lodge		
	27	Ponderosa Property Owner's Association Meeting - 10 am, PCSD Building		
December	9	Ponderosa Community Services District Meeting - 1 pm, PCSD Building		
	22	Winter Begins		
	25	Christmas		
January	1	New Years Day		
	14	Ponderosa Community Services District Meeting - 1 pm, PCSD Building		
	18	Martin Luther King Birthday Holiday		
				



Ponderosa Lodge

Winter

Hours

Thursday thru Monday 9-6 (If weather is really bad, we may close early, or open late, or take the day off.) Please feel free to call us at 542-2579.

Schedule of Events

Saturday October 29 Halloween Camo Bash. Come in your favorite camo attire. Spooktacular Dinner, and scary goings on. 4pm-10pm

November 23, closing early 4pm. Closed Thanksgiving Day.

November 26 PPOA Holiday Party 5-9pm, Potluck

December 17 5pm Community Christmas Party, Potluck, White Elephant Gift Exchange, Sing 12 Days of Christmas With Bill D.

December 24 & 25 Closing Early on Christmas Eve, But am thinking about being open on Christmas Day. Possibly from 10-5 - ask or call

December 31 Saturday Night New Years Eve Dinner and Party. Ring in the New Year with us. Special Dinner Selection! Reservations Please. 542-2579 5-8pm Party Favors supplied.

January 3,4,5 Super Bowl Party Weekend. Pirates theme, Wine and Cheese tasting, Dinner and Games. All in one weekend. Super Bowl Sunday...Buffet, Drink specials, and a treasure chest.

Recurring Events

Friday Nights

Dinner and a Movie on Friday nights (4:30)

Thursday Nights

Happy Hour (5pm) with munchies

Saturday Nights

Alternating between Poker and Pool Tournaments

Sundays

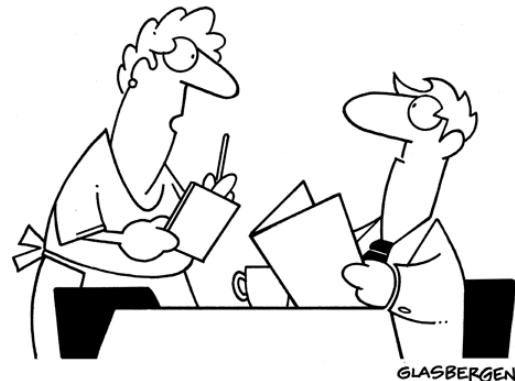
And on Sundays, there is always football



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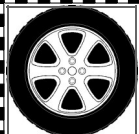


"How would you like your alphabet soup...
Helvetica, Courier Bold or Comic Sans?"

The PPOA has purchased a fold-up medical stair chair called the Stretchair!

The Stretchair is used to quickly transport victims from in which multiple steps create problems when removing patients. It can carry in excess of 1,000 lbs (per independent laboratory testing), and is constructed of lightweight 18 oz. vinyl-coated polyester that is easily washed with soap and water, highly resistant to acids and alkali, and unable to be penetrated by liquids. Hardwood slats positioned between two (2) layers of fabric provide strength and rigidity. Four (4) ergonomically-placed handles, constructed of polypropylene webbing with foam inserts are built for comfort. Two (2) two-inch adjustable polypropylene web straps with plastic buckles are placed in strategic locations to secure the patient for maximum safety.

The chair is located in the Brigade Fire Bay at the PCSD building. It is hanging in a black nylon bag on the right side when you enter the bay.



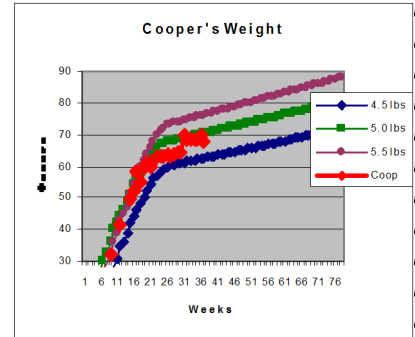
The PPOA Fire Truck is in need of new tires!

Anyone knowing of a good deal on 6 7.00x15 10-ply tires, please contact John Kracik at 559-542-2639 or mountaintop@lightspeed.net



Cooper's Corner

Hi, I'm Cooper – a 4.5 lb Yorkie who is an avid mountain-loving dog. (See my weight chart below-I should top out at 5 lbs!) I love digging in the meadow, barking at squirrels and raccoons, and hiking. I've gone almost 6 miles on one trip to Peppermint Creek! (I did need carrying part of that way).



I have some safety tips for all the Pondo dogs out there: if you encounter a bear, do NOT run away from it. It will think you are prey and give chase. It's an instinct, just like we have to chase when we see a cat running. If you are Rusty-sized, you don't need to do much besides bark some to scare the black bear off. (If it's a mommy bear—all bets are off!) But if you are Cooper-sized, get your owner to pick you up so you look bigger! Then you can woof your head off safely and your owner will be proud of you for being so brave!.

Thank You!!

The PPOA would like to thank three local groups for their generosity in donating money towards our fire truck fund:

The Camp Nelson Women's Group has donated \$500!

The Amvets 542 have donated \$868!

The Ponderosa Lodge has donated \$270!



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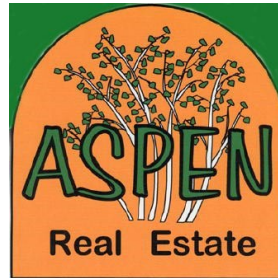
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Lynn & the Horse

By Kent Lowry



Okay let's get the rumors straight. Lynn is strong, but she can not lift a bale of alpha which weighs 135lbs. The horse did not fall, sit, step on or look cross eyed at her. The only thing he did do was to say get off my food.

The true story is. You put a coin in the slot to hear the rest of the story! Oops there is no slot so you get a freebee.

Lynn went up to the c-train to feed the horses at about 4:00pm. She had filled one of the feed bins and was starting the other one. Lynn 3 flakes in her arms (not a bail) and was just stepping out when Blaze took a mouth full and pulled and twisted his head. This caused her spin and then her foot hit the ground and continued to spin with all her weight on the one leg. At this point Lynn went down and was screaming because of the pain. Blaze was standing there looking at her.

I was up there also but on the tractor and could not hear her. I just happened to turn and look at her. I drove over to Lynn and she said that she had broken her leg. At this time the U.P.S. driver came up and got down to Lynn. I went down the hill and drove the car up to Lynn. During that time Lynn had called Carl & Paulette. We loaded her in to the car and drove to the house to get some pillows to support her leg.

Carl & Paulette pulled up to the upper corral, but we were at the house, getting ready to leave for the hospital. They came down and put a make shift splint on the leg. Then we took off for the hospital. We stopped at the 3 transformers on 190 and met the ambulance and Lynn was able to get happy juice for the pain as the ambulance took her to the hospital.

After 2 surgeries, one in Porterville and the other in Fresno and 1 plate, 3 screws and 2 stabilizing screws joining the Fibula and Tibula together and over 900 plus miles she is home. But she is not a happy camper because she has to be in a cast for at least 12 weeks.

Winter Hours and Events At Local Eateries

Pierpoint Springs, open 9am-7pm daily, Fri&Sat 9am-8pm, Thurs 9am-3pm. Tuesday is family night 6-8pm
Ponderosa Lodge, winter hours Thurs-Mon 9am-6pm (weather permitting). See ad on page 3 for events!
Mo's Diner, 9am-3pm daily, Thursday is family night at 6pm, Fri 6-9pm appetizers, hamburgers, hot dogs
Papa Murphy's, If you are tired of taking a hot Pizza up the hill and then putting the cold Pizza in the oven to get it hot again., I have good news for you! There is a new Pizza place in our town. It is over by Lowe's, next door to the subway. When you get home, you cook it, as you pick it up uncooked. They have 3 styles of Pizzas, original crust Pizzas, Thin crust deLITE and Stuffed Pizzas. They also have salads and cookie dough. They have a veggie pizza, which Lynn say's is great! You can call your order in at any time and it will be ready to go when you are ready come home. Their phone number is 789-9965; this place is family run and really tried to make it an enjoyable visit! Kent

Hello, I am your new PPOA newsletter editor. I am Michel Witherow, from Bakersfield and have a cabin in Ponderosa where I try to spend as much time as possible in the summer. I usually bring up 3 cats, Cotton, Cashmere, and Corduroy, and our mountain Yorkie, Little Mini Cooper III. First, I want to thank Susan for all her hard work for many, many years on the newsletters and all the help she's given me. You'll see this edition looks a lot like Susan's work—because I'm learning MS Publisher from trying to figure out what she did. I'm afraid you'll find I'll never learn as much as Susan knows, nor am I as nice as she is (more below).

[Resume: I have a BS in Metallurgical Engineering and teaching credentials from CA and TX in math, physics, and chemistry (although a monkey could 've passed the education classes I took). However, I worked at China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station for 15 years designing & implementing avionics software in C++ for the AV-8B Harrier and prior to that, designed & wrote data analysis software for Environmental Engineering and for the Supersonic Naval Ordnance Research Track on AIM-9 Sidewinder and Rolling Airframe Missiles (yes, literally rocket science).]

This is intended to let you know you WILL see the occasional chart or graph plus equation derivations in the newsletter. It's second nature to me; I can't help it. But all the great editing and cute stuff Susan did is NOT! You know those lovely designs Susan did on the ads and announcements? Those days are gone. And the cute clipart she added? Also gone. And all the editing she did of articles people submitted, correcting grammar and spelling? Long gone. I'll correct any math you may submit, but that's about it. So please make sure anything you submit is in the format and terminology you are happy with.

Furthermore, from now on, I have to be able to **cut and paste** any submissions (ie., I won't format or type in any articles or ads— other than to rearrange or shorten them only if space is lacking.) I have repetitive stress injuries and have to limit my typing—and although my voice recognition system works great in other Microsoft products, like Word, Excel, and Internet Explorer it's not supported in Publisher at all. (I didn't know this until I already volunteered!). So I'll need everyone to help me out. Also, I have sent out multiple and early deadline notices, so the earlier articles and ads are submitted, the better (I can't do everything all at once at the last minute w/o a lot of pain!). Most have already been doing all of this and I REALLY appreciate it! Thanks so much.

That said, this is OUR newsletter, so I'm hoping you will share information with your neighbors. Anything at all you find interesting, I'm sure the rest of us will as well. Please submit to: ppoanewsletter@gmail.com



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Due to space constraints, the PPOA Change of Address Form and PPOA Membership Form have been temporarily removed and will be in the next issue. They can be accessed online at Carl's website at <http://www.ponderosaca.com/pondo/> or email ppoanewsletter@gmail.com or call 661-589-0026 to be sent the forms. Sorry for any inconvenience.

PCSD News.... The PCSD board is presently working on the details of our loan-grant. 4 Creeks Engineering has been chosen as our engineering firm for the improvements of our water system. Surveying of the project is already in progress and they are beginning tests to determine the soil compaction for the additional water storage and tank expansion at the Summit water tank. We anticipate improvements of water storage, electronic sensors, and replacement of street lines to begin no later than June 1, 2012 with completion before snowfall 2012. Our new PCSD website should be up and running by November 1, 2011, which will allow all property owners to access information on the activities of the PCSD on both water and snow issues.



2010 - 2011 PPOA Treasurer's Report



The PPOA has finished another year as of August 31, 2011, so it is time to tell you what we have done with your annual dues and donations.

The dues received from our members totaled \$4,095. We also received \$200 in newsletter ads, which helps offset the printing and mailing costs. These monies were spent on general liability insurance (\$570); power for the mail building (\$247); printing and mailing membership invoicing (\$188); the newsletter costs (\$569); and social functions that do not generate revenue, Snow Day and the Holiday Party (\$97). We also spent \$454 through the Sunshine Committee for members who suffered a family loss or some type of major medical condition.

Betty Korf updated our member's directory for \$69. The PPOA purchased paint for the community's fire hydrants for \$124. We are grateful to Grant Innis (and his girlfriend) for applying said paint on all the fire hydrants. The mail boxes generated \$920 in income and paid for \$380 of liability insurance covering the mail room as well as \$9 in postage for mailing out box rental fee notices. The July 4th BBQ and auction brought in \$549 with a cost of \$336.

The donations received for our Light Fire Engine totaled \$2,500 and we received \$1,000 from Tulare County. Our thanks go out to all the supportive members that have included donations with their annual membership dues and to Mike Ennis, our Tulare County Supervisor, for his support of our Fire Truck. Our greatest expense for the fire truck is \$1241 for insurance. Other costs were a new AED battery (\$248); printing an informational binder for fire truck use (\$195); routine maintenance (\$127); and last September's Thank You for your Support BBQ (\$140). The PPOA also agreed to pay the cost of 7 fire brigade members to attend a CPR class last June (\$175).

The PPOA had one unforeseen, large expense this past year. Through a series of misunderstandings and misinformation we wound up with a huge, unmanageable pile of tree debris at the PCSD building. The PPOA had no choice other than to deal with this unsightly fire risk. After receiving bids we awarded the contract to Mobray Tree Service to chip and spread the pile of debris. This was cleaned up right after the July 4th BBQ. The cost to the PPOA was \$4,000. Thankfully, we did receive donations for this clean up from some of those that contributed to the pile in the amount of \$275. Be assured, another pile of tree debris will not be allowed to be created again. Please plan on taking responsibility for removal of your own debris and needles after the snow melt this next spring.

Overall, the PPOA brought in a total of \$9,539 and had expenditures of \$9,170. We ended the fiscal year with \$21,789 in the bank and of that \$8,619 is reserved for our Light Fire Engine. The PPOA thanks and appreciates the support of all 164 members during the 2010 -2011 year.

Submitted by,
Gail Lack
PPOA Treasurer

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