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Meet the Carley's, Joel and Teresa



Joel and Teresa (Tweet) moved to Grants Mountain in the summer of 2004. They moved from Goldsboro, North Carolina where Joel retired from the military after spending 30 years serving his country in the United States Air Force. Joel is originally from the upper peninsula of Michigan but has lived in Europe, Arizona, Alaska and Las Vegas. Teresa is originally from the State College area of Pennsylvania and moved to North Carolina and moved to Goldsboro when her brother who is stationed there while serving in the Air Force. Joel enjoys almost anything high tech, working with wood and traveling. Teresa enjoys her vegetable

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POA Presidents Corner

Bill Hawkins

Greetings, I welcome this opportunity to tell you what the POA officers have been up to on your behalf as well as any other updates that I can think of ☺

Budget

We have adopted a budget and have been trying our best to stay within the guidelines some places with success and some not so successful. We will talk more about this issue at our January meeting, please plan on attending.

Ditches

We have either had all the ditches cleaned or have gone out and manually cleaned the ditches on the mountain. We were having some serious water drainage problems which we hope will be cured now.

Dead Trees

We have gone through out the neighborhood and identified dead trees we felt were in danger of falling on the road thus creating a hazard. The owners of those lots with identified trees have been notified and most are cooperating in getting the trees removed.

Banking

We have moved our savings out of our local bank into a bank that was paying 5 percent interest. Our old bank was charging us \$10 a month to maintain our savings account because the balance was less than \$20,000; the new bank has no such restrictions.

By-laws

We have been making steady progress on the new by-laws, hopefully they will be ready to present to you at the January meeting.

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garden, Arts & Crafts and working out at the YMCA.

What you should know about Joel:

His bark is bigger than his bit and he is not as grumpy as he seems.

What you should know about Teresa:

She is just as sweet as she seems

Mountain Events

* Rich and Joan Messner started their new log home in May and hope to be in by the January Meeting. They will be full time residents and we are looking forward to having them on the mountain

As always our roads have been giving us problems, the exceptionally dry summer has done nothing to help with the dust situation, in addition the constant maintenance has been a drain on our resources and has produced less than satisfactory results.

You can bet that this will be an agenda item at the January meeting, please make plans on attending!



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Kudzu

As you may know there are several lots on the mountain that have kudzu. The owners of those lots have been informed and we are monitoring the situation trying to ensure that the situation does not get out of control. Some owners are responding well and making an effort but we are having to try and persuade other lot owners to take action.

Water Tower

We are making every effort to secure a place to put our emergency water tower. The lot we wanted to put it on was the lot the towers on top of the mountain are on. It would have been a nice location however that land is owned by Colombia Paper, they least the spots that the towers sit on. The county owns the big tower but does not have enough room for the tower on the space they rent. Colombia Paper wants \$300 a month to rent a 16 by 16 foot space for our tower. Needless to say we didn't jump on that deal and are still looking for an alternative.

Roads

We have been watching with interest our sister community in Morganton (High Peaks), they are just a little big bigger than us and were developed by Landstar about 2 years before us. This spring they voted to pave their 8 and a half miles of road. Needless to say, learning from their lessons could be very beneficial to us so we will continue to keep an eye on them.

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