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President's Message

I was born and raised in the Great Lake State of Michigan in the tiny town of Bancroft. My family still owns the 23 acres where I spent my days growing up.

Now, you would think that a little 'ol midwest girl graduating with very high marks would have known immediately to move straight to Colorado upon graduation. But, the steering wheel headed south stopping in Houston, Texas for a mere seventeen years. I spent a good part of those years developing a career beginning in the oil business. Those were the big boom days when the money was easy to come by. When the boom went bust, I stayed; having started married life and home ownership, eventually having two boys, Aaron and Adam, both born on May 11 in 1988 and 1991. How's that for planning!

Along the way, of course, I became a certified public accountant, moving from industry to public practice.

After a divorce and while my children were small, I found it advantageous to work independently, thus creating a niche in the Houston market for part-time corporate controllers. My clientele, although very diverse, entailed working with many law firms in several different fields of law. I guess you might say, we were able to learn a great deal from each other.

Then, along came Delton & Jean Moody's son, David. A shy fella at first, but determined to kick up his heels on the dance floor. We learned the good old Texas two-step and made it all the way to Seattle, Washington to say, "I do" in 1996.

In 1998 we moved from Houston to Colorado Springs for the fresh air, mountains, and skiing, not to mention our careers. David is a Designer for El Paso Energy and I am a Certified Public Accountant in public practice. We love CORA, and want to see that it is maintained as the beautiful get-a-way that it is.

Denise Moody
President

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New Officers for 2005-06

Denise Moody, President
Gloria Metzger, Vice President
Susann Beckham, Secretary
Cindy Pruitt, Treasurer
Phil Lobb, Facilities
Loren Buzick, Member at Large
Doug Anderson, Member at Large

Office Hours

Winter 9-10 and 4-5 pm
Closed on Thursdays and
Fridays

Summer 9-11 am 3-5 pm

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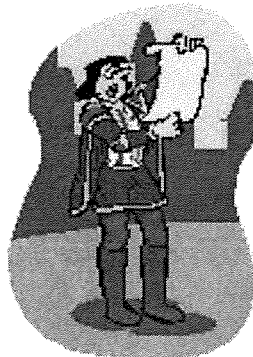
First come first serve basis.
Can be used from May until
October.

R. V.'s and boats will need to
see the managers for a form
and key to get in.

Announcements

We're on the Web!

You can go to
www.campgroundoftherockies.com
and click on the Newsletter
button to get your copy down-
loaded



Dues Increase

The Board had to
raise the dues by
3.5% for 2006
because of increased
fuel and propane
costs.

From the President's Corner:

Since September 3rd's annual meeting, the new board members have been busy learning about on-going issues at CORA. At the last board meeting it was discussed and agreed to support a CORA website. If you have access to a computer, I encourage you to take a look at us. www.campgroundoftherockies.com If you wish to advertise your lots for sale on the site, there is a \$20 charge for six months. Contact the CORA office for information. It has been brought to the Board's attention that lot owner's are using other lots without permission. As a reminder, you must have written permission from the owner of the lot you wish to use, specifically listing utilities, if applicable. This written notice must be dated with specific usage dates and on file in the CORA office.

If you would like to send me an e-mail, my address is: DeniseSMoody@msn.com.

Denise Moody, President

Summer Happenings at CORA

The Social Committee (which is open to all CORA members) has had a successful spring and summer season. Meetings of the committee occur monthly for planning and discussing activities. They are then calendared for the month and publicized by way of flyers in the clubhouse and at the upper service centers. The summer began with the social committee organizing and celebrating with all dads a Father's Day breakfast. The committee was also responsible for the Hwy #285 Cleanup three times this summer. A wonderful breakfast was provided for the workers afterward. Good things run in 3's so it seems since that was the number of fun Wine and Cheese parties that occurred this summer. The CORA roadhouse diner served a breakfast for 75 folks on July 23. Where else can you eat eggs, ham or bacon, hash browns, juice and coffee for \$3.00 per person in the greater South

Platte area? And last but not least, the highlighted event of the year was the July 16th Chili Cook-off. There were 3 categories for entries—red chili, green chili and vegetarian. We had approximately 15 entries and 100 + folks tasting. Prizes were awarded to the top three finishers—Paul Gentry, Debbie Gentry and Barbara Ball. The evening concluded with our CORA musicians leading us in an old fashioned sing-a-long. Due to the success of the Chili Cook-off we have decided to sponsor additional activities on Saturday evenings so that our weekend CORA friends will have an opportunity to participate. The Social Committee welcomes all to join in for the 2006 happenings. The meetings will be held in the clubhouse of May 23, June 27 and July 25, 2006. See you there!

School Donations



Photo: Corene Watson, Cindy Peratt and Ellie Payne

In August 2005, the CORA Social Committee was able to purchase much-needed supplies for the Edith Teter Elementary School in Fairplay, Colorado. Basic school necessities for pre-school through fifth grade included writing materials, notebooks, paper and art supplies. The donated materials will be given to students who are unable to provide their own supplies.

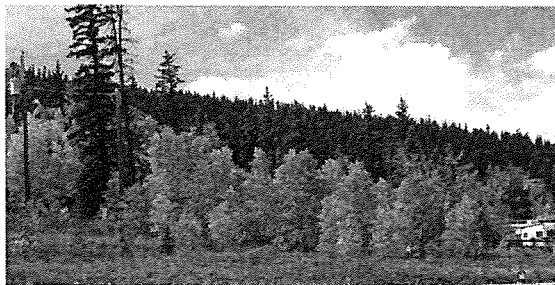
Principal Cindy Peratt accepted the supplies on behalf of Teter's students and expressed her appreciation for the donations.

The Social Committee, through the sale of ice cream and serving meals to CORA residents, provided the funds.

Are You Aware?

Editor's Musings

Bill and I have agreed to do another semi-annual newsletter for C.O.R.A. We received positive comments from you so why not keep getting strokes any way we can in retirement. This was our second year of experiencing fall foliage since retiring and we chose to spend it right here at C.O.R.A. What a treat we received! The picture below is out of our 5th wheel door towards RGS. If you have not traveled to C.O.R.A. in the fall I encourage you to try and make this one of your "fun" priorities for next year. Many of you will receive this color version of this newsletter via email. If you have not received your electronic version of this newsletter or would like to be on the list, please email us at: rags2000@mac.com Peggy Ragsdale DSP #81



That some of the gals of CORA have started a Red Hat Society? Our official name registered with the National Association is

Jean Snyder models her finds.



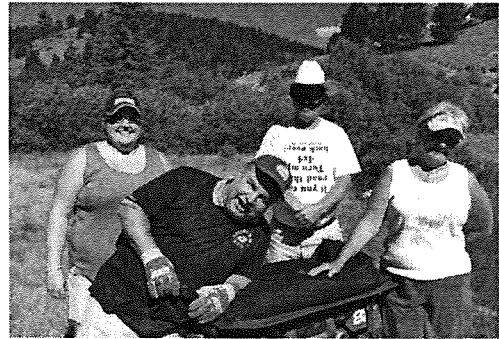
Camptown Girls. The usual activity is to meet every 2 weeks to go out to lunch but this year the Camptown gals also had a pajama party at the clubhouse. Breakfast was served.

The Red Hat ladies also had a rummage/second-hand fashion show. All of the models ensembles were purchased at some of Colorado's finer second-hand boutiques.

These groups will continue next year so why not come and enjoy the camaraderie.

Rumors are spreading that a quilt group and a book club might also be added to the summer of '06

An ATV group met every Friday morning for some wonderful touring along Colorado's National Forest Service areas.



We had a water volleyball group that met for fun and frolic in the CORA pool on Monday evenings.

