



# The Hummer

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## President's Message

My name is Richard Cade and I have been chosen as your CORA Board President. My wife, Kris, and I have been CORA property owners for about eight years. Since our retirement in 2004, we have been able to spend our summers at CORA. We spend the winters in Texas and the summers at CORA. We feel we have the best of both worlds. Summers at CORA are perfect as far as we are concerned. The weather is great, the scenery is even better, but the best part of CORA is the people. We have so many wonderful friends at CORA and we enjoy playing games, riding ATVs, and, of course, eating all the fantastic meals at CORA. I think we have some of the greatest cooks in the world right there at CORA. If you haven't joined in at a Friday potluck supper, you are really missing out.

As your President, I hope to continue to keep CORA as a wonderful place for family and friends to come and enjoy the beauty of Colorado in a fun, affordable, and safe environment.

This past summer it was determined that a welcome sign at the entrance gate was necessary. We would like to have your input in the design of this sign,

so we are going to have a sign design contest. It needs to be in a simple shape, for example, a bear or moose. It needs to be large enough to display notices of our various activities or warnings of fire danger, etc., that can be read from your car as you drive into CORA.

We would also like your ideas for a CORA vision statement. This statement should be limited to 2 to 3 sentences that express your views in simple terms regarding what you expect CORA should be for you now and in the future. For example, a place where all feel welcome, kept affordable, not fancy, run primarily by volunteers and work campers, etc.

Please send your vision statement and your design ideas for the entrance gate sign to Carol at [carolc877@msn.com](mailto:carolc877@msn.com) or mail them to the following:

Carol Clark  
CORA Secretary  
12103 E. Dakota Ave  
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Thanks for giving me the opportunity to serve all of you as President.

Richard Cade



## F. Y. I

### New Officers for 2008-09

Richard Cade, President  
Tom Farrell, Vice President  
Carol Clark, Secretary  
Janet Dickerson, Treasurer  
Doug Vaughn, Facilities  
Lee Hartley, Member at Large  
Phil Lobb, Member at Lar



### Office Hours

**Winter** 9-10 am and 3-4 pm  
Closed on Wednesday and  
Thursdays.

**Summer** 9-11 am and 3-5 pm

### Overflow area:

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.

### From the Managers Corner:

Hi everyone!

We had an interesting summer with the gun range, cell tower and hungry bears. These things kept us very busy. We also had four friendly bears that loved CORA as much as we do. They enjoyed some snacks like brownies, soda, chips, beer, fish, fishing tackle, and of course, the very tasty Trash. We had a lot of rain, which made everything green and wildflowers galore. The wildflowers are still blooming. We had three sets of workampers; Jim and Karen Holley, Dick and Rita Brown (who both bought a lot so I guess it's back to the drawing board for next year) and Jim and Iris Clubb. They all did a great job, so I would like to thank them for their help. We had some road damage and drainage problems but we had water and sewer working all season. I think this is the first time ever. We went to the cell tower meeting this week and they approved it so hopefully we will have cell service starting this fall. Some of our winter projects will be to put in culverts and walls to stop the rain from ruining the clubhouse bathrooms, laundry as well as the roads. There will be the usual painting and cleaning. Hopefully we won't get a repeat of last year so the roads will be open all winter. Hope you have a great winter! See you in the spring. Paul and I signed a three-year contract to continue to be your managers. We love CORA.

See you soon  
Debbie and Paul Gentry



## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

First we would like to give a great big Thank you to Coreen Watson for heading the Social Committee these past 5 years. Suzie Snyder has graciously agreed to take over that position.

We had a busy 2007 season starting with Highway clean up in June. Suzie Snyder did her Pizza night and it was a huge success again. The Roadhouse Café was again open and putting out their usual fantastic food. Wine & Cheese, Birthday Parties, Red Hat Luncheons, A Red Hat Fashion Show, A Dance Night, Bowling in Fairplay, Friday Grill nights rounded out the season.

The quilting group sent 10 quilts to "Quilts of Valor": to be distributed to our wounded soldiers. Several women worked on quilts during the winter and will do so this next winter and hopefully next year we will be able to send more.

We have decided to get serious about putting together a CORA Cookbook. We will be using Morris

Press and we will be able to submit recipes on-line. We have a web site set up for this so that it will be easier for the cookbook committee to submit recipes. Go to: [www.typensave.com](http://www.typensave.com) or [www.campgroundoftherockies.com](http://www.campgroundoftherockies.com) where there is a link to the login. To contribute a recipe:

1. Click on: login (for established accounts)
2. Contributor Name: your name
3. Group login: corarecipes
4. Contributor password: zc265
5. Click on: add recipe

The committee will then be able to send the finished recipes to Morris Press. In order for us to keep our cost down we need at least 150-200 recipes. The recipes have to be submitted no later than April 15, 2008. We would like to have the cookbook ready for sale by July 4th, 2008. If you have any questions you can e-mail me at: [paulnmarge1984@yahoo.com](mailto:paulnmarge1984@yahoo.com).

Thank you  
Marge Pierce  
CORA Social committee



## Bears in the Campground



In late spring, bears started coming to the campground. They were in Silverton Northern, DSP, C & S and RGS, sleeping on and under people's decks. The bears broke into a trailer in Silverton Northern while the owners were fishing and ate freshly baked cookies. Mostly, they got into the trash containers. A trap was set in Silverton Northern and one bear was trapped. The bear was taken about 3 miles west of the campground and released. The bear came immediately back to the campground and continued feeding in the trash bins. The Division of Wildlife told CORA folks to take down all hummingbird and seed feeders since they felt that those things might be attracting bears or they would be fined \$1,000. CORA management has requested Bear-proof trash containers from CSS, the trash company and we are waiting for their arrival.

# Are You Aware?

## Editor's Musings

Bill and I had a wonderful summer in Alaska. If you ask us, we will share our pictures with you for hours and hours. The only thing wrong was how we missed all of you at CORA. If we could have taken you with us, it would have made the trip even better. We hope to spend most of the summer next year doing the "normal CORA things". If you have given us your email address, you will get an electronic copy of the Hummer. We accept email addresses all year. Also, if you would like to see different pictures and things on the website, send pictures and suggestions to us and we will see what we can do.

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Bill Ragsdale  
DSP #81

## Calendar of Events

The tentative calendar is as follows:

**May:** Social Comm. Meeting, Highway clean-up

**June:** Road House Breakfast

**July:** Highway clean up, Road House Breakfast, Social Comm. Meeting.

**Aug:** Road House Breakfast, Social Comm. Meeting

**Sept:** Highway clean up, Social Comm. Meeting.

We will have our Friday night Grill nights, and fill in with Red Hat Luncheons and other fun filled events.

As always check in the Clubhouse for more up coming events.



Marge Pierce has a green thumb and beautiful flowers

## Gate Code Changed

Gate Code will be changed on an annual basis beginning January 2008 and each year thereafter. The notification will be mailed with the Assessment Bill. This was changed so that we can put a new control box replacing the old one that was struck by lightning and destroyed. It was much cheaper to have the same gate code for everyone then to have individual codes.



## Regarding real

**estate:** If you are planning on selling your property or quit claim

deeding it to a relative without using a Title Company, please be aware of two things. 1. There is a \$35.00 transfer fee due to CORA to properly record the transfer, which merely covers the administrative time involved. 2. If you have electric on your lot, you need to advise your buyer that the electric is only billed once a year and work out an arrangement with your buyer. When a Title Company is used, we collect the minimum usage charge of \$27.54 for the year from the seller. However, for those with individual electric, if you have been using your site, obviously the expense will be greater. If you have any questions, I'm just a phone call (or e-mail) away! Thanks

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