

HUMMER

Campground of the Rockies

July, 1997

Run for the Board!

Or at least VOTE!!

And BE Involved!!!

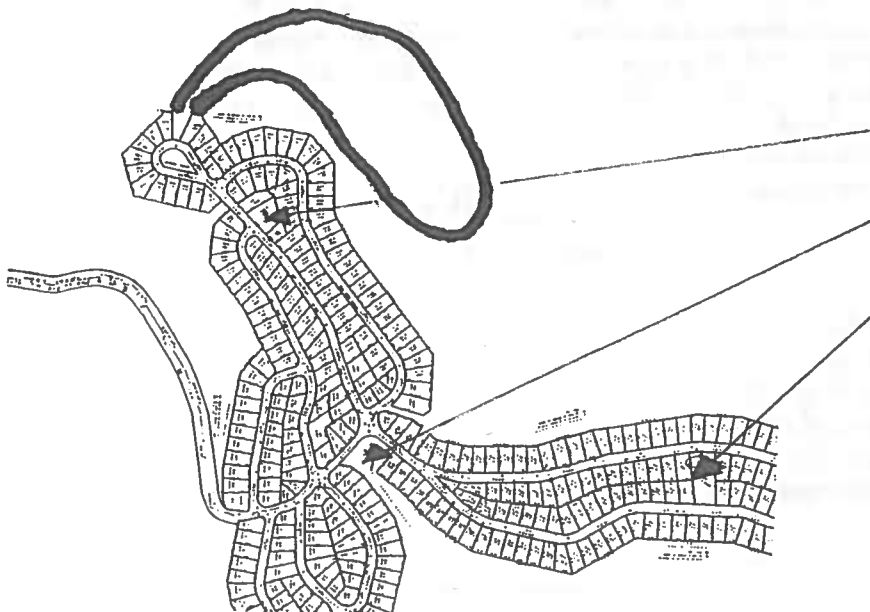


The above was drawn by Dick Smith, whose art you've seen previously. In a note accompanying the drawing, Dick wrote that Lori has completed her chemo and is now on a course of radiation. He mentioned that they may be out for a couple of weeks in August.

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Fire Safety Area

Here is an outline of the common ground that has been set aside as a Fire Safety Area. It's recommended that those of you members who overnight or have occasion to frequent the Silverton Northern campground familiarize yourselves with this. A vehicle can be driven into the area, for those who find walking difficult. ***There are now some fire restrictions***, meaning that if we don't get some rain soon, the potential fuel for a wildfire will become even more dry. Any precautions we take may save a life.



Service Center B

Service Center A

Service Center C

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Tag-Along

A very informal tripping takes place on sporadic (not spastic) Thursdays. When someone has the time and a (typically) 4-wheel drive location, he or she sets up the trip via the CB and folks queue up at around 10 AM to head out.

A few of the past trips include Mosquito Pass, Weston Pass, the Fouteeners in Chaffee County, the area around 11-mile Reservoir.

The area between Methodist Mountain north along the Fourteeners to Mt. Harvard has the most off-highway activity within the 60-mile radius surrounding CORA. Lesser used areas that are potential for enjoyable future trips include Chubb Park, Lost Creek and Lost Park, and the area between Highway 9 south of Hartsel and 285 between Johnson Village and Salida.

Anyone is welcome to set-up and lead a trip. It's best to know a bit about the route in advance, though. This insures that only appropriate vehicles head out on a specific route. For example, I've seen trails where the long wheelbase of a Jeep Scrambler or a Toyota Landcruiser 60 is a tad too much to navigate some narrow passages. One such is Chinaman's Gulch.

There are a lot of available trails out there, with challenge and views to satisfy everyone.

Board Candidates

The highlight of next month's **Hummer** will be interviews of all individuals who have announced their candidacy for the Board.

The format will be to ask each candidate the same questions, so that there is some measure of consistency in the information provided to you, the voter. This should give each of us members an opportunity to better evaluate the qualifications of those wishing to join the Board.

Of course, this may be a moot point if there are fewer candidates than open positions.

If you have a specific question you'd like to ask the candidates, please write it on a postcard to arrive no later than July 24. Better for me, from a time standpoint, is to call and leave a voice mail at 303-575-1176. Be very specific in your wording with whichever mode you use to communicate your question. Give your name and phone when you contact me.

And look for the results in the August **Hummer**!

Events in the Area

Summer is the time when most of the outdoor, tourist-type activity occurs in South Park. If you've spent time here during the months of October through April, you understand why this is so: the weather is totally unpredictable during the late Fall to mid-Spring.

As mentioned in the June **Hummer**, **Burro Days** is just a few weeks away, over the weekend of July 26. The burro race over Mosquito Pass to Leadville is the first of three races which crown the professional Burro Racing Champion. The next race of the Triple Crown is during Leadville Days, the following week, while the third leg is part of the Buena Vista celebration still another week later.

There are several **Rendezvous** scheduled, for those into the history and lifestyle of the mountain man. Both Como and Hartsel feature separate rendezvous in August, with other, less-formal ones taking place throughout the summer.

For the off-highway aficionado, there's plenty of action in Chaffee and Gunnison Counties. Buena Vista hosts an annual hill climb for the motorized 2-wheeler, while Gunnison is the site of the 31st annual All-4-Fun week, sponsored by the Mile High Jeep Club.

All-4-Fun is a week-long gathering of 4-wheelers. You don't have to drive a Jeep to participate; you do have to register very early, however. Last year, the event was held in Salida; folks who had not registered by February were disappointed, as the 370 spots were filled within 2 weeks of the announced location.

Most of the days are filled with trips in the back-country. These range from half-day to overnights, usually within 100 miles of the base camp. One day is devoted to a parade in the nearest city of any consequence (Salida? Gunnison?) and events sponsored by manufacturers, such as BF Goodrich, Warn, BestTop, and others.

Camp Jeep is an annual event held at Camp Hale, just outside Leadville. Sponsored by Chrysler, this event is primarily for folks who've been bitten by the Jeep bug, but others attend as well.

And of course there's the ever-present **Cripple Creek** just 75 minutes down the highway. For those with a few extra coins in their pocket, the drive is pleasant, the surroundings cool, and the price of lunch (often free) is right.

Whatever your interest, CORA is the place to be!

Calendar of Events

- 7-18 ... Official Annual Meeting Notice, proxy, ballot, & nominee mailing
- 8-2 ... Drop Dead date for **Hummer** submissions
- 8-10 ... Facilities Committee meeting, CORA Clubhouse, 2 PM
- 8-20 ... Board Meeting @ ACT - 7 PM
- 8-31 ... Annual Meeting @ CORA - 9 AM
- 9-14 ... Facilities Committee meeting @ CORA, 2 PM
- 9-17 ... Board Meeting @ ACT - 7 PM

Managers' Corner

Whew, we made it through another July 4th holiday weekend!!!!

We had twice as many people here this year as we did last. We counted between 450-500 this year.

Friday the Fourth started with opening the gate at 2:45 AM for guests who had forgotten their code. This went on all day, coupled with answering the phone to let people know how things were going, to monitoring the lower bathrooms. The latter became necessary after a blockage in the sewer lines caused us to close the upper service centers. Wayne spent the rest of the day on that project, with a lot of welcome help from members. Thanks!!

The blockage was found the next day with the help of a sewer camera from a business in Buena Vista.

The pool was used to overflowing, and with the upper service centers closed, so were the Clubhouse facilities. We replaced 30 rolls of toilet tissue on Friday and Saturday, giving you some sense of the number of people present. Paper towels went just as fast, and the floors were impossible to keep dry.

Heavy use of the pool has been paralleled by an equal volume in the Clubhouse shower rooms. Major renovations will be needed there in the near future.

It's great that so many people find the enclosed pool inviting, but with so many taking advantage of this good thing, please keep in mind that you aren't the only one using it.

Wayne is spending a great deal of time on the water pumps this year. The booster that pumps from the lower level to the top went out, as did one of those on the main wells. Cause of the failure is unknown at this time; it's probably a combination of age and high levels of usage.

We want you all to have a wonderful time while you're here at CORA, so please, everyone, be patient and considerate with the other members and facilities.

Eva & Wayne

PS - Please take care with what you put in the toilets and dump stations. Garbage goes in the dumpsters.

PPS - Share the recreational space with others; Read and follow the rules. No food, drink or smoking permitted in the pool area.

Social Activities Committee

Marge Moore

Grill nights are held on Saturday each week during the summer, unless another event is scheduled. Grilling begins @ 5:30, eat @ 6. The theme is varied each week, such as Italian, Mexican, etc.; check the bulletin board in the Clubhouse and the service centers for the theme each week. Bring your own meat to grill and a side dish to share. Drinks and table service are provided. When the Committee provides the dinner, there is a small charge.

Birthday Night is celebrated on the second Saturday of August in conjunction with Grill Night. Three additional months are celebrated with the current one, to cover those birthdays when most folks are not at CORA. Of course, we also have a party when someone is here on his or her birthday during the non-summer months - just an excuse for another celebration. Plastic babies are cooked into the birthday desserts to identify who will bake for the following month.

Movie Night We're trying this out to see how much interest there is. Check the bulletin board for dates and titles of shows.

Christmas in August is a time to celebrate a holiday that most of us don't have together. Bring a gift for each person in your group - marked appropriately (girl, boy, woman, man) for the gift exchange. Santa and elves will be there!!

Soup N' Sew is held Tuesday, and is open to anyone. Look for the notice on the bulletin board as to what is being taught and when.

- Aug 2** Finger Foods Pot Luck - bring anything that can be eaten with your fingers. Try your favorite recipe. Grill is optional.
- 5, 12 etc Soup N' Sew
- 9 Birthday Celebration - for August, October, November, December.
BINGO follows the dinner.
- 16 Christmas in August @ 4 PM
Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings. Holiday salad or desserts. \$2.50 for adults, \$1 for kids under 10.
- 23 Homemade Ice Cream Social - with cookie bars. NO grill.
Followed by MOVIES.
- 30 Highway Cleanup. Breakfast afterward for cleanup crew.
Grill Night followed by DANCE, with Nancy Schriener, DJ

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All members are encouraged to attend Management/Planning Meetings on the first Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November; and Regular Board Meetings every third Wednesday of every month except December. Meetings are held at 7:00 PM in Suite #120 7400 E. Arapahoe Road Phone 303-779-5151

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