

LA CRESTA NEWSLETTER—October/November 2002

Welcome to the first La Cresta official Newsletter. This publication will appear in those months opposite the Plateau Perspective. It is the goal of the Communications & Protocol Committee to provide you with news of interest and a vehicle for reader input. Please send your comments regarding current topics to Joanne New, either at rjranch@pe.net or Newsletter, 38833 Via Vista Grande, Murrieta, CA 92562. Letters will be published as space allows, and/or will be posted on the web site www.twmc.com/lcpoa.

ELECTION RESULTS: Keith Card and Howard Ogden became the two new Board of Directors members elected at the annual LCPOA meeting September 29th. The vote totals are as follows: Keith Card—428 (47.7%), Ben Conatser—221(24.6%), Howard Ogden—246(27.4%), Rod Fowler (write-in)—1, Gidget Thompson (write-in)—1. New officers are as follows: Fletcher Satterwhite, President. Keith Card, Vice President. Dave Flynn, Secretary. Howard Ogden, Treasurer. Jeff Gati, Member-at-large. Newly elected directors' quotes: Keith Card: "I am humbled and grateful for the number of votes I received in our recent election. I thank all of my supporters, people continually asked me during the campaign –(and why would you want to continue serving on the Board?) My answer has been provided by the election results – apparently enough of you feel that my past deeds as a contributing Board member and my sincere commitment to the future of this great community warrant my serving another 2 year term." Howard Ogden: "Thanks for your support at the September LCPOA election. The almost even voting shows there is desire for change. I look forward to serving the association for the next two years and improving the fiscal control of our funds and vendors."

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Safety is one of the most important considerations here on plateau for all of us who live here. Yet it seems that there are some residents who forget that there could be very serious unintended consequences for the activities that they either participate in or allow. I cite the following example: We continue to see unlicensed drivers/children driving their off road vehicles/dirt bikes on our roads. There is only one way to eliminate a potentially fatal occurrence that might occur and that is for the parents of these children to assume that responsibility and forbid them from doing it. What more do we need to know than, it is against the law. The same riders, as well, continue to trespass on other people's property and ride their vehicles with abandon (even on their own properties) with the risk of starting a fire that could have devastating results to our plateau (flame arrestors are not perfect). Additionally, they create the nuisance of dust and noise, which is unwanted by all neighbors. Let's face it; it is up to the parents to curb this activity and be accountable for their children. Insist that they use only the facilities that are authorized for such off road recreational use. Ever see a "bonfire" during high-risk fire season? Three weeks ago a resident had one, not knowing that a "burn permit" is required from the Fire Department (all permits have been temporarily suspended until the fire risk is reduced). Investigation showed that the fire was not even "attended" and the property owner was not even aware of any permit requirement.

Please use common sense. Don't endanger our community and your neighbors, and by all means ask questions if you are not sure. Call Bear Creek Fire Department (698-8338) for information and instructions before having an open fire of any kind, at any time, regardless of the season! We all have a duty to help protect this wonderful place we live in. I urge you to share in that responsibility. No man/woman is an island. – Fletcher Satterwhite.

SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE (9/18/02): Subjects discussed included the "Safe Streets Now" program with Barry Blythe, which details techniques that could be used to clean up La Cresta's migrant camp problem, moving forward on the Via Vista Grande and Chaparro gate/barricades that would help control teenage "rave" party locations, and road safety issues. In the last 2-1/2 years, there have been 16 serious accidents recorded on Avenida La Cresta between the Visitor Center and Ave Castilla. The Committee is asking the Roads Committee to review and consider design of passing lanes on Avenida La Cresta for safety concerns. These passing lanes end together, creating a potential for head-on collisions. The entire details of the committee meeting can be found at www.twmc.com/lcpoa.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (10/01/02): Major actions included: election of new officers, a request by the Roads Committee for \$25,000 to institute a traffic engineering study of Avenida La Cresta, a delay in contract approval of the \$200,000+ Avenida Castilla and Suenos road project, and discussion and debate regarding the state of the LCPOA's reserve accounts. Unofficial meeting minutes can be found after the next Board meeting by going to www.twmc.com/lcpoa.

Survey: We are conducting a survey about our web site, its use, and electronic distribution of minutes, financial reports, and the newsletter. Please take a moment to review the following questions and respond to either the email or address given above. Thank you.

1. Are you a homeowner/resident, homeowner/non-resident (landlord), or a non-resident of La Cresta?
2. Which of the following would you like to receive via email? The La Cresta Newsletter, urgent bulletins, meeting notification, financial reports, election information, and community happenings.
3. How often do you visit our web site at www.twmc.com/lcpoa ?
4. Would you like to be listed in the new La Cresta Directory?

La Cresta Fiesta & Country Fair: Plans are well underway for this year's family event. Gate opens at 11 a.m. Some of the new rides include a mechanical bull, 40' slide and a carousel. The food court will be open all day to serve you delicious foods and desserts. The always popular silent auction will include some unique items including a hand made saddle, bronze foal sculpture, faux painted buffet, and a lithograph by Fred Stone depicting an exhausted firefighter and his dog at the Oklahoma City bombing.

Calendar of Events

October – November 2002

Wed	Oct 16	Community & Public Safety Meeting – 6:00pm – 36275 La Cresta (Dave Flynn)	600-9294
Mon	Oct 21	SW Riverside Cnty FireSafe Council – 7:00pm – FS#75 (Jack Henz)	676-5736
Sat	Oct 26	SR Plateau Riding Club's Stewart Ranch Ride – 9:00am (Elin Motherhead)	677-9849
Thur	Oct 31	Happy Halloween - Assessments Delinquent after today.	
Tue	Nov 5	LCPOA Board Meeting – 6:00pm - Fire Station#75 (Walters Mgt. Co.)	296-1588
Sun	Nov 10	Fiesta & Country Fair – 11:00am – Corner of La Cresta & Felicidad (Joanne New)	698-0365
Mon	Nov 11	Friends of the Forest Meeting – 7:00 pm – Fire Station#75 (Elin Motherhead)	677-9849
Tue	Nov 12	SR Plateau Riding Club's Potluck Mtg – 6:30pm (Elin Motherhead)	677-9849
Wed	Nov 13	SR Plateau Ladies' Luncheon – 11:30am – 39000 Calle Bandido (Millie Faherty)	677-0306
Sat	Nov 16	Sun 11/17 Brush Dump tentatively at 38195 Calle de Lobo (Cap. Ed McOrmond)	698-8338
Mon	Nov 18	SW Riverside Cnty FireSafe Council – 7:00pm – FS#75 – (Jack Henz)	676-5736
Wed	Nov 20	Community & Public Safety Meeting – 6:00pm – 36275 La Cresta (Dave Flynn)	600-9294
Thur	Nov 28	Happy Thanksgiving	
Tue	Dec 3	LCPOA Board Meeting – 6:00pm – Fire Station#75 (Walters Mgt. Co.)	296-1588
Mon	Dec 9	Friends of the Forest Meeting – 7:00 pm – Fire Station#75 (Elin Motherhead)	677-9849
Wed	Dec 18	Community & Public Safety Meeting – 6:00pm – 36275 La Cresta (Dave Flynn)	600-9294
Wed	Dec 25	Merry Christmas	

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The LCPOA Newsletter – Dec '02 and Jan '03

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: I suppose everyone will get tired of hearing about this issue, but here I go again! We have youngsters continuing to use our roads as their playgrounds. Nearly everyday we see off-road vehicles, motorcycles, and four wheelers careening down the streets with youngsters obviously under licensing age driving them. Not only is this illegal but the vehicles themselves are not legal and they are so low to the ground they are difficult to see. Someday we are going to have a serious accident involving them. Then what—won't we feel bad!

I keep asking myself "where are the parents". I don't mean where are they physically I mean where are they in terms of responsibility. Have they told their children that it is OK to not obey the law? Have they told them to "scoff" at right and wrong and to simply do as they please, flagrantly disregard rules and ignore what is honest and correct (not to mention safe). Have they told them that it is OK to drive on other peoples property?

Please folks—keep your youngsters off the streets until they are properly licensed to drive and have an appropriately licensed vehicle. Finally, take them to the facilities and areas that provide them with a safe, regulated environment for their "off road" activities.

AS A REMINDER: The speed limit in La Cresta is **45** mph or less. Next time you are in your car, check your speed. How much over that do you drive? Remember that your children learn from you. Please slow down. And now a child will not be born because someone was speeding on Clinton Keith. Could have that been you?

LA CRESTA FIESTA & COUNTRY FAIR

The La Cresta Fiesta and Country Fair was a HUGE success. The fair itself raised \$8,500.00 for Bear Creek Fire Company #75. Combined with the donations made directly to Bear Creek, checks totaling \$10,130.00 were presented to the volunteers at this year's cadet graduation on December 3rd. These funds are for the rescue squad purchase. A special thanks to every one who helped make this happen. Sweatshirts are still available. Please call Joanne at 698-0365.

FRED STONE POSTER DONATED TO BEAR CREEK FIRE STATION

A very special donation from Mark and Angie Mohr of Furniture and More was given to Marie Ogden for this year's fiesta. This was a framed poster of the Fred Stone picture done for the ASPA Canine Search and Rescue. The picture is of a fire fighter and his search and rescue dog at the Oklahoma City bombing. This was purchased by a group of La Cresta residents for the purpose of donating it to Bear Creek Fire Company #75. This group includes Bill and Martha Brady, Dave and Diane Flynn, Dan and Jackie Hoffbauer, Ron and Joanne New, Howard and Marie Ogden, and Eileen Sarace. The picture will hang in the station lounge as a tribute to all fire fighters.



HOLIDAY DECORATION WINNERS



1. Hamilton residence: 20455 Avenida Castilla 2. Thompson residence: 39075 Corte de Ollas 3. Glassman residence: 20990 Avenida Castilla 4. Blomsterberg residence: 19860 Avenida Castilla 5. Winn residence: 21410 Avenida de Arboles 6. Weaver residence: 21321 Paseo Montana 7. Wells residence: 39195 Calle de Companero 8. Nickerson residence: 38850 Via Cantaviento 9. Varker residence: 37990 Avenida La Cresta 10. Pirritano residence: 38830 Calle de Companero.

COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC SAFETY: If you've been to any of the last few Board meetings, or read the newsletters, you will have noticed that there has been substantial discussion relative to road projects. Although some may view these discussions as signs of stress and disagreement within the community, they really aren't. Any time there are large expenditures to be made, it is imperative that the Board of Directors make certain they are doing the best job they can. Discussion is how this comes about.

These discussions have resulted in positive actions, some still being worked on. You should see us moving forward with the Avenida Castilla project in the near future. We have hired a Civil Engineer to work with the Roads Committee, and are consulting with a hydrology specialist to ensure that drainage on our roads meets our requirements. Safety concerns are also being addressed in the form of striping, road-side markers on curves and advance warnings of lane mergers. We are reviewing the lane designs on Avenida La Cresta near Insook and you may see changes designed to slow traffic earlier and make drivers more aware of their downhill speeds and upcoming curves. The Board of Directors has also approved hiring an engineering firm to design changes to intersections where increased traffic may be affecting safety.

Expect more discussions about road reserves. The board members are trying to determine what is the best path to take, and to make certain we are within state requirements for reserves. Your Board of Directors will study this closely and make decisions that are in the best interest of the community.

You may have noticed the counter near the entry. We are trying to determine what are the current traffic loads. This data will aid the Roads Committee and the Safety Committee. We will be moving this counter around the neighborhoods to determine traffic loads for all La Cresta roads after we complete our initial study.

Please come to the Board of Directors meetings and let us hear from you. Your input is valuable.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The fiscal year end 2002 showed revenues totaling \$634,865.36 and expenses totaling \$660,073.54 resulting in a deficit of \$25,208.18. Overbudget items for the fiscal year were Contingency, \$8,045.82, Administration expenses, \$6,120.25, Collection expenses, \$2,276.30, and other miscellaneous, \$8,765.81 for the total of \$25,208.18.

HIGHLIGHTS OF DECEMBER BOARD MEETING: The Roads Committee recommended and Board members present approved unanimously that the Association retain the services of a licensed Civil Engineer—on a consulting basis—to assist the Roads Committee in planning, repair/maintenance and development of our road system.

This was a very important decision and it shows that both the Roads Committee and the Board clearly understand the value to the Association of having a “third party” look at our implementation and forward planning issues—including our reserves requirements. Having a licensed engineer helping, gives us a perspective that can provide substantial “value added” to both our Roads Committee and the Board. The work on Avenida Castilla will proceed after the review of the plans. Our roads mirror our community and as such reflect on our property values. It is important that we care for them aggressively.

The Board continued to discuss the "Reserve Problems" and how best to plan for the future and meet state requirements for association reserves.

TOWN HALL MEETING: The next Town Hall meeting is at 6:00 p.m., January 14, 2003, at the Bear Creek Fire Station #75. There will be two presentations.

At 6 pm is Diana and Walt Kilmer. Their topic is rose care and pruning tips. Walt is the president of the Temecula Rose Society and Diana is a rose care specialist. They own and operate 'The Rose Doctors', and also do landscape design.

For people interested in more information on pruning and a hands-on demonstration, there will be one on January 4th and 5th at Wine Country Flower Farms from 12:00 to 1:30 and again from 2:00 to 3:30 pm.

Following the Kilmers, we will hear from Bob Hewitt. Bob is an erosion control expert from the Natural Resource Conservation Service. Topics will range from temporary control during grading to permanent erosion methods addressing landscaping to agricultural grading in vineyards and groves. Mr. Hewitt is available for on site consultation at no charge through the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

The format is as before with a question and answer period following each presentation.



SANTA ROSA PLATEAU RIDING CLUB: The new president for 2003 will be Cheryl Searer. Membership dues, \$60 family and \$45 single, must be in by 1-30-03 to avoid a late fee. Call secretary Nancy at 696-1971 for application forms to join this organization. We have many social and equestrian events. Our first event of 2003 is a Sweethearts' Day Ride in February.



FRIENDS OF THE FOREST AND THE SANTA ROSA PLATEAU: Our organization was formed to protect the Cleveland National Forest, the Plateau, and surrounding private properties from the installation of a 500 kv transmission line and any other projects that might be detrimental. Our fund raising committee, CAUTION, is an **Intervener** in the San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E)/Wine Country process. Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (EVMWD) has attempted to impose the "Enron/Forest" route as an alternate. We have utilized the existing environmental laws to curtail some of the activities of EVMWD/Nevada Hydro. FOF & SPR is constantly active in keeping all the associations and affected property owners informed.

FOF & SRP has been successful in becoming a 501c3 non-profit organization. Donations are now tax deductible. Visit our new web site at www.FoFandP.org.

The County Board of Supervisors recently passed a "Resolution" stating that Riverside County supports the ruling by Administrative Law Judge Cooke that the power line is "not necessary".

PUC delays need ruling again. Check our web site for the latest details.

MOUNTAIN LION INFORMATION FORUM: Call Carole Bell for date and time, 677-6951.

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