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Chairman's Chat

I am fortunate to be writing this edition of Chairman's Chat from the comfort of my deck in Swains Creek. As I look out at the amazing place that we live I think about how fragile it is. That one simple mistake, one flick of a butt, one person not paying attention to an open flame can cost all of us everything. We worked too hard to be here. We all know what happened in Brian Head. I do not want people ever saying, it happened in Swains Creek.

As most of you know, we are under severe

drought conditions and **NO FIRES** of any kind are allowed outdoors. One mistake can turn our heaven into hell, in a blink of the eye. Please, adhere to all posted signs and warnings regarding fires.

Those that have been to their cabins have also noticed how low the water in the pond is. We are currently losing three inches of water a day. The good news is that we are entering monsoon season and a few good rains can get the pond level back up. July 13, the rain brought the pond back up two feet. However, the pond

may continue to drop, therefore, we have put the third fish stocking of the pond on hold until conditions improve.

The new website is up and running. Special thanks to Janna Colman who worked extremely hard putting the new website together - amazing job!

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Newsletter Summer 2018

**CHECK OUT THE NEW
SWAINS CREEK PINES
WEBSITE**

www.swainscreekpines.com

**ANNUAL LOT
OWNERS MEETING,**
Sunday, September 2
at 1:00 pm, MDT
Pavilion



Summer Celebration

TREASURE'S TALES

Lauren Patt-Kirby, Board Treasurer

The 2018 budget was approved with total revenue of \$149,482.95 with \$4,638.95 being transferred to the reserve to preserve at the end of the year. As of May 30, SCPLOA total income is \$135,307.00, with the majority coming from dues. The profit is

\$75,659.29; however, we still have expenses to be paid throughout the rest of the year.

There was \$126,796.80 in the General Account, \$5,199.66 in the Playground account, \$1,832.91 in the Pond Restoration account, \$2,134.23 in the Fire Fund

Account, \$1,000.00 in the Petty Cash-Debit Card account, \$500.00 in Cash on Hand and \$146,159.01 in the Reserve to Preserve account.

We are on track to meet the budget. Have a safe and cool summer up on the mountain.



Utah OHV Laws and Regulations

- **WEAR YOUR HELMET:** For riders and passengers under age 18, it's the law, but we advise everyone to wear a helmet. It can save your life. Helmets must have at least a "DOT Approved"
- Gloves, abrasion resistant clothing, and over the ankle boots are also highly recommended
- Youth, 8-15 years of age, **must possess an ATV education certificate** before operating an ATV on public land and be under direct supervision of a person who is at least 18 years of age.
- A child **under 8 years of age may not operate** and an owner may not give permission to operate an OHV on any public land, trail, street, or highway.
- Ride only on designated routes and areas open to OHVs
- Ride on the right side of the road and in single file
- Be alert to oncoming traffic, especially on blind curves or in dips and crests of hills
- It is illegal to drive an OHV while under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Stay off paved roads.
- **Swains Creek Pines**
- Motorcycles and ATVs operated within the confines of Swains Creek Pines must have a muffler or other noise-reducing device.
- Speed of no more than 25 miles per hour or at a slower speed – Swains Creek Pines is not a racetrack!

More Information

[Utah Code – OHV Laws](#)

[Utah OHV Safety Course](#)

www.swainscreekpines.com

Ready. Set. Go! Know your role in wildfire preparedness

Take steps to improve your safety and potentially reduce damage to your property by taking personal responsibility and action!

READY: Get ready. Dispose of or relocate combustible material from around your cabin. Trim tree and bushes to allow ample space between your home and landscape vegetation.

SET: Be prepared. Arrange your

'go kit' with prescription medication, emergency supplies, important documents, and other essential items. Create your own wildland fire action plan and involve your

2018 Chip Fest

Sign up for participation for by
August 25
Last day for piling August 26

For more information
CMFPD Station or www.cmfpd.com

family and practice exit plans. Be sure you are familiar with local emergency notification systems and evacuation systems.

GO: Act early. Get your 'go kit' and leave well before the threat approaches. Stay aware of the situation and follow your wildland fire action plan. Cooperate with local authorities during evacuation and re-entry process.

Word From the Barn

For those who have not stopped by the Barn this summer, you will see that the Barn now has seven day coverage. Clint Malburg or Bob Chapman will be there should you have any question or just want to say, "Hi." The beginning of May, the roads were graded and treated with Mag Chloride. Although the rain was good for many reasons, the roads sustained a fair amount of damage. The pond has been stocked twice with a total of 1200

pounds of fish. There are still fish being caught and hopefully with all the recent rain, the water level will stay up a bit. The runway has been sprayed for weeds, rolled flat

and we already have had a few planes land. During business hours, one can call the Barn for conditions. Please remember to stay off the runway – you never know when a plane might be landing or taking off. We have been painting and replacing road signs. Horse pastures are setup and ready for visitors. If one would like to reserve a pasture or schedule an event at the pavilion, please contact the Barn.

Barn's Information

Hours: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. MDT
Phone: 435.682.3127
Email: manager.swains@gmail.com

Clint Malburg & Bob Chapman

Swains Creek Fire Council

Here we are well into the 2018 season and enjoying our BEAUTIFUL MOUNTAIN. I would like to remind everyone there are certain things to do as a community to safeguard our homes and property. SCFC goals remain the same as last year:

Becoming A Firewise Community !!!

In-Kind Dollars Program - By logging your hours and any expenses you spend working toward cleanup or fire protection, we can log up to \$35.00 an hour toward in-kind dollars. This includes meetings, training, moving your firewood and trimming trees. Any rental equipment or

professional company charges will count, too. This is not a reimbursement program, however, these totals will show the Forestry Service what we have done and will go toward getting a grant funding approved for Swains Creek Pine. Please be sure to take a before and after picture and log your time.

Address Signs - Each lot is required to have a Kane County approved address sign. In conformance to the Kane County ordinance numbers must be a **minimum** three inches and reflective. John Colman is making address sign with five inch, reflective numbers (at cost) for \$15.00.

Lot Cleanup - The Fire Council is here to help. We will be sending out information within the next two weeks about becoming a Firewise Community and how to accomplish these goals. Feel free to contact me for more information and don't forget to email your before and after pictures to duvalc111@gmail.com.

Order signs on the SCPLOA website
<http://www.swainscreekpines.com>



WHY CAN THE WILDLIFE POOP IN THE WOODS, BUT MY DOG CAN'T?

Because, the diet of the wildlife in the area is likely berries, Chokecherry and other native plants. Wildlife "droppings" mixed with fertile soil, produce seedling that are likely to germinate into other native plants.

However, our dogs likely aren't eating berries, Chokecherry, or other native plants from the ecosystem. Instead they are eating nutrient heavy pet-foods designed to give them a complete and healthy diet.

Today, dog feces are understood to have dangerous levels of *E. coli* and salmonella, not to mention untold parasites.

Responsible pet ownership means doing our "doody" to pick up our pet's waste. Pet

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waste can be bagged and packed out, or in backcountry environments, can be deposited in a 6-8" deep hole at least 200 feet (70 big steps) away from any water sources.

When taking your dog for a walk or fishing around the pond, take along a baggie with you to pick up waste with and then dispose of it properly. Also, when walking your dog, remember that it must be leashed.

Architectural Review

Every time I drive around the community I'm surprised by all the work being done, a new cabin being built or just general improvements being made!

The Facilities and Architectural Committee has been busy, as well, reviewing applications and ensuring compliance with our SCPLOA Architectural Standards. As all of you know, approval is

required for almost all improvements. The standards and applications are both located on the CAM website, SCPLOA website under the Architectural tab and at the barn. The application needs to be reviewed and completed BEFORE starting any project. Committee members are more than willing to review the information with you, if needed,

and answer any questions or concerns you may have. Please keep in mind projects need to comply with all local codes such as Kane County Building and the necessary permits issued. As a reminder, the maintenance of all driveway culverts is the responsibility of the lot owner. Please clear out debris to ensure proper drainage is maintained.

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The Mountain Story

A son and his father were walking in the mountains. Suddenly, the son falls, hurts himself, and screams: "AAAHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!"

To his surprise, he hears the voice repeating somewhere in the mountain: "AAAHHHHHHHHHHHHH!"

Curious, he yells, "Who are you?"

He receives the answer, "Who are you?" Angered at the response, he says, "Coward."

He looks to his father and asks, "What's going on?"

The father smiles and says, "My son, pay attention." And then he shouts to the mountain, "I admire you!"

The voice answers, "I admire you!"

Again the man shouts, "You are a champion!" The voice answers, "You are a champion!"

The boy is surprised, but does not understand. Then the father explains, "People call this an ECHO, but really this is LIFE. It gives back everything you say or do. Our life is simply a reflection of our actions. If you want more love in the world, create more love in your heart. If you want more competence in your team, improve your competence. This relationship applies to everything, in all aspects of life; life will give you back everything you have given to it."

Chairman's Chat cont.

We have had a tremendously fun and successful Chili Cookoff, Annual Stop, Shop and Swap, and Summer Celebration. For those that were there, thank you for attending and supporting the community. I want to give a special thanks to **Bobbie and Turk Cobell**. The Cobells went out of their way to not only organize the Chili Cookoff; they spent a good amount of their own money and time making it happen. The Board offered to reimburse the Cobells and they wanted all proceeds to be

donated to the community. Hats off to Bobbie and Turk!

We would also like to thank **Rod and Shirley Burke** for the time and personal funds that were spent making the Summer Celebration a success. It is the help and support from families like the Burkes and Cobells that make Swains Creek the best community on the mountain. The Stop, Shop, and Swap had a large turnout with 33 tables of crafters and traders. Shot-out to **Dawn Lord-Clements** for volunteering at the raffle table for the Stop, Shop and Swap.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Spaghetti Fundraiser on August 11th
- Camp Golder Eagle on September 1st
- Annual Lot Owners Meeting and Pot Luck on September 2nd.
- Volunteers Needed: If you have the time and can help out, please reach out to a member of the Board to let them know and we will put you in contact with the event leader.