# **Bare Mountain Retreat**



# The Bare's Roar







## November 2022

MEMBERS CORNER: As was discussed in the Member's Corner, in the October Roar, it takes a lot more than the dues we pay to run our club. That is why we have the fund raising activities. However, it takes a whole lot more than dollars we get from our parties, dinners and casino nights, etc. Have you stopped to appreciate the service that is done each and every day, many times without anyone saying thanks, or good job.

Brainstorming came up with a method of tracking these donated dollars and hours - whether it is for miles driven or hours painting, weeding, cleaning and etc. Many many hours or supplies are donated without a request or even a desire for reimbursement. However, WE AS A CLUB need to be aware of these donations.

It has suggested that we find a way to track these donations. It will take all of us to be aware of of twhat we do for our club but do not a reimbursement. So, we are creating our pink papers - a stack of them will sit in the clubhouse waiting for YOU to pick up and fill it out anonymously - how many hours or \$\$ you donated to the club activity. These pink papers will not be signed, will hold no NAMES OR DESCRIPTIONS that would identify the donor. Examples: non-reimbursed items to be listed would be miles driven, hours cleaning rentals, hours vacuuming the clubhouse, time sweeping the deck, time cleaning the pool, time clearing and improving trails, time pulling weeds, and raking pine needles, etc.

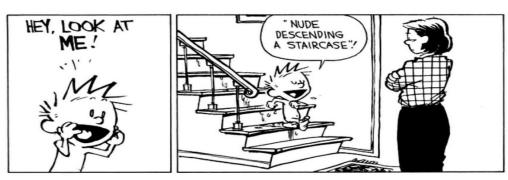
Whatever you donate, write it down on the pink papers and drop it in the box. If you don't access the clubhouse regularly, then drop an email to Susan@willden.org with the subject line listing "pink papers". I, (Susan) will not share names and emails of individuals emailing me these pink papers amounts.,

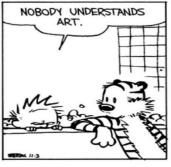
I will take over the responsibility of tallying these hours (estimating \$15 per hour) and the mileage at the government rate of  $55 \frac{1}{2}$  cents per mile driven plus the total of items purchased for the club without reimbursement requested. We hope to track these amounts for all 2023.

So, starting January 1, 2023, send me your hours, miles and non-reimbursed donations - so that we as a club can see what it REALLY takes to run our club. Our club cannot exist without these unsung heroes - so let us learn how much is truly donated.



# I JUST REALIZED THAT THE PAPER TOWELS BY THE GAS PUMP ARE FOR WIPING YOUR TEARS AWAY AFTER FILLING YOUR GAS TANK





# **Beautifying our Mountain Home:**





Our beautification committee has been hard at work this whole summer. When they weren't working on the clubhouse, they were busy on the tire hill at the entrance to grounds. First we watched the removal of tires and weeds and then the placement lots and lots of rocks. One rock was moved into place by a member who is fearful that his back will never be the same! We watched as a cute river made of rock was created. This fall Ann took advantage of the pile of bark that was left behind as neighbor Frank cut up the huge tree on the hillside above Teds cabin to use to heat his home this winter. Ann gathered huge amounts of the bark to cover the east side of the hill.





The most fun aspect of the beautification project shows up at night ... Ann has tucked in hundreds of mini lights that bring the river to life as it twinkles down the hillside. Ann saw the beauty in this bark then treaked up and down the old tree area to provide this beauty.



The rock creek at night.

#### **Member Information:**

Pat and Ron G are recovering from knee surgery. Susan Wi had shoulder surgery. All of you have a great recovery this winter.

### **Larrys Stair report:**

The construction phase of the NEW staircase is finished. The remaining thing to do is to stain or paint the railings. Which I plan to do next summer. The cost so far \$2708.00 and I estimate the stain to be \$50.00 to \$100.00 depending on how many gallons I need.

#### Before:







**Construction Phase** 

## **Completed Staircase**





A few pictures of the critters we enjoy here on the mountain











I call these pictures Sky's Skies ... she takes beautiful photos wirh her phone

#### Note from a member:

Thank you, Larry for building the beautiful steps.

Thank you, Rick for all the hauling of old wood and clearing the dead limbs.

Thank you, to whomever committed to donations and completed that commitment.

This mountain takes all members to make it work. We have a lot of maintenance needed on the mountain so be ready for the busy year of 2023 especially the spring.

By the way as of this writing it has snowed at the mountain this week and Larry reported 26-degree morning temperatures.

We had a safe trip to AZ and wish everyone safe and wonderful winters. Cherie

In closing enjoy this photo that Ann took as she and Eric left the mountain for the season on Tuesday, October 18, 2022

Have a great winter Y'all!!

