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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I am honored to have been selected by the POA Board of Directors to serve as its president during the 2008-2009 term. While I don't expect this year to be as demanding and hectic as last year, there are a number of very important issues still before the POA Board of Directors, and I pledge to you members to do my best to lead the Board through those issues and achieve the best possible outcomes given our limitations and abilities as volunteers.

Out of 112 POA members, 91 were represented at the 2008 Annual meeting in late June, either in person or by proxy. That is a very impressive representation of our membership, and reflects both the importance of the issues facing the POA and the level of dedication of our members to voicing their opinion about, and voting on, those issues.

I was very proud of how POA members conducted themselves during the annual meeting. Those who have attended POA annual meetings in the past several years know the level of dissent, loud voices, and disrespect that has prevailed at times. Certainly the 2008 meeting had the potential for the same, if not worse, behavior. But thankfully almost everyone who participated was polite, civil, and respectful of their fellow members. This is the way it is supposed to work, folks, with individuals feeling free to speak but also not being ugly or rude when someone with an opposing viewpoint speaks. I hope that the 2008 annual meeting represents a turning point for the POA, such that future meetings will be similarly civil and respectful. Personally, I

hope that in the not-so-distant future, we can once again have annual meetings with some social time (i.e., BBQ lunch) and we will all feel that we can bring our families and children without fear of them hearing "a discouraging word."

**Jim Greenwood, President
South T-Bar Ranch POA Board of Directors**



WEATHER WORDS

After a dry spring and early summer, the southern Colorado monsoon season has hit in full force.

We had a great rainstorm on July 4 that turned into a deluge of hail! It lasted long enough to pile up about two feet deep on our deck where it slides off the roof. It also made a lot of noise on our metal roof and was large and powerful enough to break a spotlight bulb that sits at the peak of our roof!

The ranch had warm temperatures and only occasional rain most of the rest of July. The real rain started just after August 1, and we've had more than our share – sometimes in downpours that lasted hours and continued into the night; sometimes just slow steady rains off and on all day;

and sometimes accompanied by lightning and thunder. And I don't think it's done yet!

As a result the fields are greener, the shrubbery looks healthier, and there is even water in some of the normally dry stream beds around the ranch. Of course, the scent of the air after one of these rainstorms is heavenly. Several beautiful pictures of a double rainbow were captured by some of our residents.

If you come to the ranch anytime soon, don't forget your rain gear!

Anelladee Spencer

in one side. Following a similar incident about a year ago, which affected the other side of the gate, a surge protection device was added to the power line during the repair. That device appears to have done its job during the recent strike, as that side of the gate survived unscathed. Additional similar protection was added to the remainder of the gate's electrical components as the recent repair was made, and several ground rods were installed as well. Hopefully, the additional investment of about a hundred dollars will mitigate future replacement of expensive operating devices, at least due to lightning strikes. We all owe Curtis Eulert a big THANK YOU for the hours he spent on both research and labor to repair the gate.

Joe Price

GATE CODES
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Entrance Gate

You may have noticed changing color schemes on the front gate over the last few months as various parties modified the paint in the interest of a more aesthetically pleasing format. Unfortunately, as the saying goes, "beauty is in the eye of the beholder". Suffice it to say that not all were happy with the new "look" of the gate, resulting in over-painting of previous artists' efforts by those who disagreed. As much as we all appreciate the protection offered by the multiple layers of new paint, the Board has received numerous complaints and will consider if a return to the original black/gray color pattern is in order at a future meeting. Further unauthorized painting of the gate will be considered vandalism and may be referred to the Fremont County authorities. The Board is responsible for STB infrastructure, including the gate, so any modification(s) must be considered and approved by the Board before they are made.

On the evening of 23 July, lightning struck near the gate, destroying some of the electrical components

Did You Know?

Registered users may now submit their own photos on the South T-Bar Web Site (www.southtbar.com). You can use the "User Submitted Photos" album for a non-personal area and use the "Copyright Text" to identify yourself as the photographer. Also, if you have several pictures to share, you can contact webmaster@southtbar.com to have a personal album created for your pictures

The file size of your photos is restricted to 200K each. For information on ways to reduce the file size of a photo, click the link on the **Photo Albums** page, or contact the webmaster if assistance is required. The webmaster reserves the right to reduce the size of photos so that there is enough web space for all users.

2008 – 2009 Contact List

Ambulance	911
BLM, Royal Gorge Office (Cañon City)	719-269-8500
Change of Address, phone number, or e-mail address	Ann Eulert – secretary@southtbar.com or 719-275-1765
Colorado State Forest Service	719-275-6865
Covenants – Request Building Plan Review or Report Covenant Violations	Dean Cornella – covenants@southtbar.com or 719-269-3407 or mail to: South T-Bar Ranch POA ATTN: Covenants Committee P. O. Box 1431 Cañon City, CO 81215-1431
Fire - Report Wildfire or get Fire Ban Status	Tallahassee Rural Fire Protection Association – 719-275-3058
Mailbox Problems or Questions	Dean Cornella – deanc@cornellabrothers.com or 719-269-3407
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Post Office – Cañon City	719-275-6877
Road Problems	Curtis Eulert – curtis@eulertdomain.net or 719-275-1765
Sale of Parcel - request Statement of Assessment	Betty Sue Cornella – treasurer@southtbar.com or 719-269-3407
Sale of Parcel – report new owner	www.southtbar.com > About the Ranch > Realtor Info > Sale Notification , or Ann Eulert – secretary@southtbar.com or 719-275-1765
Ranch Security – report problems with gate, request hang tag or gate remote, report suspicious activity	Curtis Eulert – curtis@eulertdomain.net or 719-275-1765
Sheriff - Fremont County	Emergency Only – 911 Non-emergencies – 719-276-5555
Trash/Dumpster Questions	Dean Cornella – deanc@cornellabrothers.com or 719-269-3407
Web Site Problems or Questions	Curtis Eulert – webmaster@southtbar.com or 719-275-1765
Wildlife Problems - Emergency	State Patrol - 719-544-2424
Wildlife Problems - Non-emergency	Bob Carochi - 719-276-8844 (daytime only)

ASK THE BOARD

Q: How can I find copies of the most recent board meeting minutes?

A: Board meeting minutes are posted on the STB web site (www.southtbar.com) in the **Documents** section under **Board Meeting Documents**. The meeting minutes are sorted by date, so the most recent minutes are at the bottom. Please note that the meeting minutes are not posted until after they are approved at the next regular board meeting, so the most recent version available will be at least a month old.

Q: I want more recent information than what is posted on the web site. What's the best way to stay informed about what's going on with the POA?

A: You are welcome to attend any regular or special meeting of the POA board. If you are not able to attend in person, you can call in to the conference call number for that meeting. The conference call numbers are posted on the STB web site before the meeting begins in the **Forums** section under the **Communication from the Board of Directors** forum.

Q: How can I find copies of minutes from board meetings that were more than a year ago?

A: Minutes from board meetings that were more than a year old are posted on the STB web site in the **Documents** section under **Archives**. Select the **Board Meeting** archive to see board meeting minutes back to 2006, which is a year before the current web site was implemented.

Q: How can I see board meeting minutes from before 2006?

A: Board meeting minutes from any meetings prior to 2006 are made available upon request from secretary@southtbar.com. Requests for access to POA documents need to use the form provided in the POA's document inspection policy. This policy can be found on the STB web site in the **Documents** section under **Policies/Procedures**, in the **Access to POA Records** document. Please note that many of these older meeting minutes are not available in an electronic form.

Q: How can I find out who the current board members are?

A: The names and e-mail addresses of the current board members are posted on the STB web site (www.southtbar.com) in the **POA Leadership** section. The information on this page is typically updated with the names of the new board members shortly after the Annual Meeting every year – committee assignments are updated periodically throughout the year.

Q: How can I get a copy of the newest STB member roster?

A: Click on the **Directory** link, sign in, and use the print icon at the top of the document. If you have trouble, contact the webmaster.

The names of the new board members are also published in the September edition of the newsletter every year along with a "Contact List" containing information about who to contact for specific questions. For your convenience, a list of the current board members is provided here:

2008-2009 STB POA BOARD

Officers:

President - Jim Greenwood

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Vice President – René Suarez

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Dogs Chasing Wildlife

Every year the Division of Wildlife receives hundreds of complaints of dogs chasing wildlife. Owners don't believe that their pet would chase wildlife. But given the chance, they will follow their instincts and run after deer and elk. Dogs evolved as predators and it is their natural instinct to chase other animals. Deer, fawns and elk calves are especially susceptible to attack shortly after they are born in the spring. Pet owners are legally responsible for damage to wildlife caused by their dog. Owners can be fined \$274 if their animal is harassing wildlife. If a dog kills or injures an animal, an additional fine of \$500 can be levied. All Colorado peace officers are authorized to shoot dogs that are chasing wildlife or livestock. Pets running loose are more likely to be dinner for mountain lions and coyotes. If you see dogs chasing wildlife, contact the local DOW office or any law enforcement agency.

Mark Sobczak

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RANCH ROUNDUP

Hangtags - Remember the hangtags for your car when you visit South T-Bar. It makes it easier for residents and law enforcement to identify owners versus trespassers.

Front Gate – Report gate problems to Curtis Eulert 719-275-1765.

The POA Board – There are many things to be done for STB. Please help by volunteering your time, skills, and energy. Distance is not a disqualifier.

Suspicious activity - call the Fremont County Sheriff's Department at 719-276-5555. To report a fire, call the Tallahassee VFD at 719-275-3058

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****Numerous References Available****



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