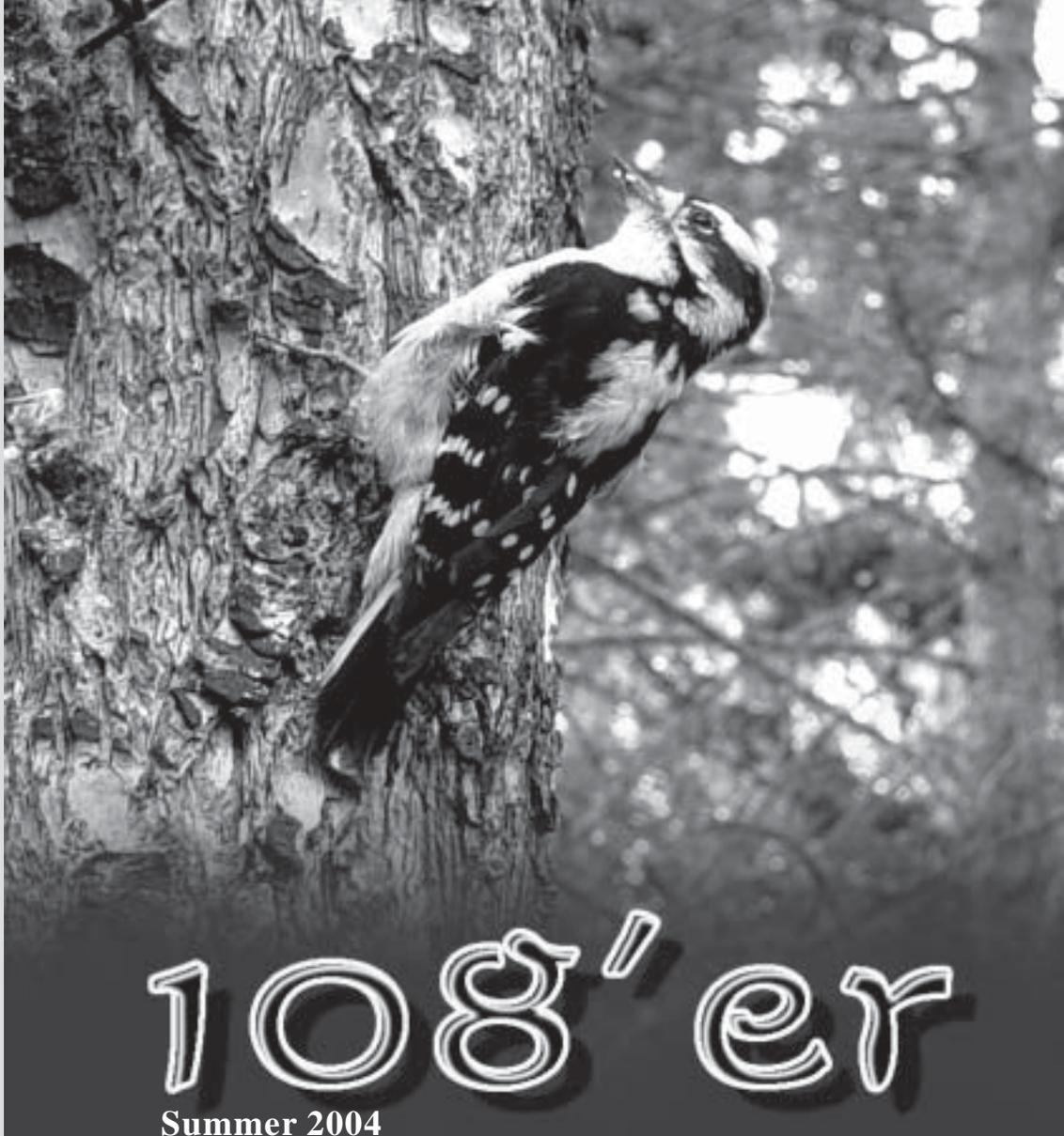


Newsletter of the 108 Ranch Community Association

Articles, news, invitations, humour, all from your
neighbours on the 108.



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South Cariboo Airport

– by Al Richmond

A number of improvements have been made at the Airport over the past year. The height of the fencing around the airport was increased to prevent the deer from roaming the runway. Before the fence height was increased approximately 14 deer roamed at will in and around the airport, creating a safety hazard for both the deer and aircraft. Airport staff have managed to herd all but two out of the airport area. The remaining two who seem reluctant to leave are being encouraged by the airport manager and his ever-patient staff to move on to greener pastures. The automated weather observation station was relocated and now enables pilots to get current 108 weather information from the airport.

May was a busy month for Air Ambulance traffic at the airport with 12 patients needing to be quickly transferred to other hospitals. The Airport Commission is currently examining options for the possible construction of hangars at the airport. A shortage of available hangars has been evident for some time and many pilots have expressed an interest in having more hanger space available at the airport.

September 1st is the day slated for Airport day this year. Set the day aside and plan to attend the festivities, meet the airport staff and learn more about your local airport.

SPA School Attracts International Students

Spa practitioners & directors upgrade their knowledge

108 Mile...The recent 6-day Spa Directors Course in the Erica Miller Spa School at The Hills Health Ranch has gained a growing interest internationally, with students of the up-grade course traveling from Ireland, Trinidad, Greece, & across the United States & Canada.

The programs of the Erica Miller Spa School feature the Spa Directors Course, plus upgrade programs in various spa treatments ranging from advanced facials, to hot rock therapies, to Spa Super Host Customer programs. The Spa Director's Course is led by Lynne Kirkpatrick, from Tyler, Texas, where she operates

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leading pioneer in North American Esthetics, was the author of many books used in esthetics schools across the continent, and lectured at all the primary spa conventions world-wide.

Erica Miller selected The Hills Health Ranch as the center of learning and excellence due to the caring attention to detail for the health and healing spa experience found at The Hills. The programs are designed to integrate the formal learning of a classroom setting, while experiencing Canada's largest destination spa & health resort.

The 100 Mile House area and the 108 Ranch area, in particular, benefit greatly from this world wide exposure. This expansion of The Hills into the training field will continue to attract international clients who in turn will tell others of the area and promote our tourism capability.

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We invite submissions and letters for future publications, however, we reserve the right to edit submissions and letters for accuracy, space and clarity. We request that all submissions and letters be signed by the author and contain an address and telephone number.

Be A Member:

To become a member of the 108 Ranch Community Association, you must be a landowner or renter in the 108 Mile Ranch. Members can submit and vote resolutions in accordance with the RCA Constitution. Absentee landowners/ members are permitted one vote per property owned. Members can serve on the Board of Directors of the RCA.

Annual memberships cost \$6.00 per household. Please contact Al Blannin at 791-5757 to register your membership. Or complete the form, enclose your membership fee and mail to 108 Ranch Community Association at the above address.

108 RCA

Membership Request

Cost: One Yr. family	\$6.00
Five-Yr family	\$25.00
Lifetime family	\$50.00

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

From The Lion's Den

– by Graham Allison

Keith Booth was the lucky winner of our **Ice Off** contest. The Ice melted on April 6th and the boat sank on April 7th. I thought I must have forgotten to insert the plug, However, after Lion Barney and I broke through 3 inches of ice around the lake edge and rowed out there, the plug was in. I think the weight of the bucket that pulls up the flag and stops the clock was too heavy and lowered the back end enough to allow the boat to take on water.

Congratulations Keith.

Our semi-annual Flea market/pancake breakfast held this past May, despite the rain, was a great success. About 90 mothers were blessed with a free breakfast and almost \$700.00 was raised to go back into the community. Thank you to all who donated items or bought a breakfast.

May the 12th was the round-up of the Wednesday evening shuffleboard games night with Lions Graham and Horst, ending up the winners of the round robin contest and taking home the money. We will be playing again in the fall.

Congratulations also go out to Scott McClusky and Jordan Inglis, They are the recipients of our PSO high school scholarships this year.

Finger prints kits were given to the Mile 108 School so parents could have an identification package on hand for their children.

Soon we will be distributing flags to the grade 1 children at



OUT

of the lion's DEN

the school. This helps them understand this great country of ours and to feel proud to be Canadian.

Look forward to these upcoming events:

- The 3rd annual Sucker Derby in August.
- The 4th annual Walk for Guide Dogs in early October.
- Our fall flea market and pancake breakfast in September.
- See us at the Cariboo Country Heritage Celebration September 18th.
- The Children's Christmas party in December.

The 108 Lions Club continues to sell the break open tickets every Friday night in the alcove of the community hall on behalf of the RCA bingo committee.

Did you know the 108 Lions have 28 tables that are available to rent for weddings or whenever you have a big crowd? Two shelters measuring 10 feet by 20 feet can also be rented in case of

inclement weather during your family gathering.

Your local Lions Club collects used eyeglasses and hearing aids. These are reconditioned and sent to 3rd world countries where they are given to the needy.

The pull-tabs off of pop or beer cans are collected and funds generated will be used to supply a wheelchair to the local Red Cross Loan Cupboard. Please contact a member if you have some tabs you would like the 108 Lions to recycle.

If you would like to give something back to your community consider joining the largest service organization in the world, just ask any lion's member how you can help by joining the 108 Mile Ranch Lions Club.

We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday in the Lions Den, downstairs in the community hall, at 6:30 pm. Supper begins at 7.



– by **Graham Allison,**
Chairman, 108 Greenbelt
Commission

The Greenbelt Commission has been very busy these last few months. At the main beach two outhouses were replaced and the 2 old ones were installed at Sepa and Stewart beaches. These are all sitting on tanks that can be pumped out as required.

Lower tree limbs were removed in the treed area at the corner of Block Drive and Gloinnzun Drive. This was to reduce the fire hazard and now local horseback riders are riding through this area.

Three separate areas were selectively harvested to remove mountain pine beetle infested trees and the funds generated

covered the cost of cleaning up.

The treed patch in the Block drive pasture still remains, however it's mostly Aspen now. With the pine removed it's more open and horses are able to use this area for grazing and shelter from the sun.

The second area behind the Eazsee Drive pump house and extending behind the properties along Eazsee Drive was also selectively harvested. This was the biggest area and it now is partially contained with permanent fence. Walk-through gates have been installed to allow pedestrian traffic to continue. Monical's cows will be allowed to graze this area to reduce the fire hazard.

The third area is south of Scotty's complex on Eazsee Drive. This was machine piled and these piles will be burned in the fall. The Boy Scouts, PSO basketball team, local workers and the 108 Fire department all

helped to pile and/or burn the logging waste in the other 2 areas. We are looking at a couple of other areas to graze to help reduce the fire hazard, however fencing is required.

The chain gate to the West beach was replaced with a metal gate to help reduce vehicle traffic and a culvert was placed across from West beach to allow better access for the fire trucks.

Again for the summer the pastures are filled with horses from 108 residents. Their grazing will help reduce the fire hazard.

Many local residents who are concerned about greenbelt fire hazard have obtained permission to remove dead downed wood and lower tree limbs.

Remember that no fires are allowed on greenbelt so if you see one please call the Fire department, (791 5252)

Perhaps the best strategy to prevent a fire in the 108 is to go talk to all your neighbours who have children who like to play in the greenbelt and explain the dangers of playing with matches.

www.108ranch.com/

108
RCA
Web
Site

by Jeffrey Newman

What's new on the RCA web site:

Home page, now includes

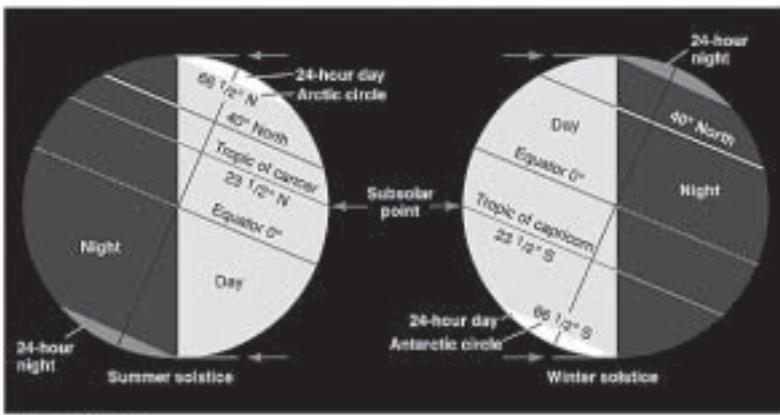
- Today's weather
- Today's date
- 108 Mile emergency numbers
- Links to:
Weather forecast
Cariboo road conditions
Fire threat level

Keep friends & relatives in touch:

- Colin Campbell's Community reports– thanks to the *100 Mile Free Press*
- The current newsletter

Also:

- Printable RCA membership form
- Updated Greenbelt information



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Summer Solstice

In 2004, summer begins June 20, 8:57 P.M. EDT

Solstice, from the Latin for *sun stands still*, in astronomy, [is] either of the two points on the ecliptic that lie midway between the equinoxes (separated from them by an angular distance of 90°).

At the solstices the sun's apparent position on the celestial sphere reaches its greatest distance above or below the celestial equator, about 23½° of arc. At the time of summer solstice, about June 22, the sun is directly overhead at noon at the Tropic of Cancer.

In the Northern Hemisphere the longest day and shortest night of the year occur on this date, marking the beginning of summer.

At winter solstice, about December 22, the sun is overhead at noon at the Tropic of Capricorn; this marks the beginning of winter in the Northern Hemisphere. For several days before and after each solstice the sun appears to stand still in the sky, i.e., its noontime elevation does not seem to change from day to day.

Source:

<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/summer.html>

Dog Days of Summer

The origins of the name for the most sultry days of the season

"DOG DAYS" is the name for the most sultry period of summer, from about July 3 to August 11.

Named in early times by observers in countries bordering the Mediterranean, the period was reckoned as extending from 20 days before to 20 days after the conjunction of Sirius (the dog star) and the sun.

In the latitude of the Mediterranean region this period coincided with hot days that were plagued with disease and discomfort.

The time of conjunction varies with difference in latitude, and because of the precession of the equinoxes it changes gradually over long periods in all latitudes.

– Source: Columbia Encyclopedia

rca@jnweb.com

Do You Have a Submission?

- Service and recreation clubs contact information. This is a new feature. Contact me to have your 108 club listed here.
- Be sure to let us know if there is a 108 public event you'd like listed.

For More Information:

or to add your name to the e-list notification service, e-mail Jeffrey Newman at rca@jnweb.com



Make our RCA home page as your browser's home page – a good place to start from!

Lake News

– by Ann Swann

If you've been anticipating a rise in lake levels with the spring run-off, wait no longer. We've had it. That's all we're going to get this year. From this spring's draw down, 108 Lake gained 0.1m (equal to 3.9", or 135 acre feet).

On May 18th I traveled the watershed with Bill Klopp and Ken Kvist from Land and Water B.C. Our purpose was to inspect the flow at the various control points from Tubbs Lake, near the top of the watershed, to 108 Lake.

Actually, we went upstream, beginning with Sucker Creek, which feeds 108 Lake. Here the volume coming through the culvert was calculated. Although the creek level was down from former highs, there was still a good flow and fish were splashing - spawning in the culvert. A lovely, lush, spring scene, with sparkling water and green, grassy banks.

Our next stop was Express Meadows, where there was a little water flowing over the weir. Again the amount was calculated – but the level was at the bottom of the gauge, and there didn't appear to be any water lying in the meadow itself.

We stopped at the dyke between Sucker Lake and Goose Pond. There had been an impressive amount of work done to

secure the bank at the spillway. However, there was no water coming through the weir.

We crossed the dyke and found the spillway from the pond. There was a little water running over and between the logs of the dam. Once again the volume of flow was calculated. The logs have been in place for so long it would be difficult to remove them, without destroying the structure, to let water down – and then the amount of water gained would be negligible and at expense of the aquatic life of the pond. A very idyllic scene, for now, but "once it's gone it's gone."

At Tubbs Lake there was no water at the outlet. Nor was there any water as far as we could see in the lake. There was, however, a little standing water below the dam – no more than a puddle, really.

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Back at 108 Lake, the gauge near West Beach was checked, to find that the level had dropped slightly since the April 17 reading. A new set of readings was established at the spillway near the boat launch. You may well ask, "What spillway?" since there's been no water flowing out of 108 Lake in many years. The readings were taken at the old weir, rusted and chained and padlocked. The readings, using a surveyor's level, enabled the crew to determine that the 108 Lake is about two feet lower than when the weir was installed in the late 1960's.

It was a warm, sunny day in May – unseasonably warm, perhaps, but seductive in its loveliness. It was tempting to simply enjoy the summery temperatures and ignore the nagging thought that we could be running dangerously low on water. However, the experience firmed my resolve to be careful with my domestic use. There are so many others, besides myself, who depend on this precious resource – from householders and ranchers through all of nature. Quite simply, as Bill Klopp said, "Once it's gone, it's gone."

Al Richmond / CRD Web Site

You can now easily stay up to date about issues and items your CRD representative is working on – on your behalf. Here are a few items from this web site

<http://www.crd-director.com/>



Delayed

Excerpt
2004-03-19
*Full Story
on Web Site*

Williams Lake, March 19, 2004 – The Cariboo Regional District (CRD) Board today was advised by the Regional District of Fraser Fort George (RDFFG) that it will not be possible to implement 9-1-1 emergency services in the South Cariboo, Central Cariboo and Chilcotin until September 21, 2004.

“The Cariboo Regional District’s number one priority is to implement 9-1-1. As of today, we were confident that our portion of the work would be completed for the Spring 2004 target date,” said Ted Armstrong. “To say the CRD Board is very disappointed in this delay would be an understatement. We wish to express our commitment to providing the best service possible for our residents and will continue to cooperate with all parties involved.”



2010 Olympic Representation

2004-05-21

The Cariboo Regional District (CRD) will send a letter to the Honourable John Les, Minister of Small Business and Economic Development, stating the CRD’s position on the importance of appointing an Olympic Committee regional staff member to work specifically with rural/northern BC for economic development.

The CRD is following up on the Olympic Committee’s promise to consider the appointment of an Olympic Committee regional staff member to work with northern communities.

A letter will be sent to John Furlong, President, 2010 Olympic Bid Committee, requesting a meeting with Mr. Furlong to discuss the appointment of a regional staff member for the northern communities.

108 UPCOMING EVENTS

BC Lake Stewardship Society
7th Annual Spring Conference
June 11-13. 108 Resort &
Conference Centre. For more
info contact
bwinter@bcinternet.net.

Canada Day Celebration July 1.
Heritage Site.

Yoga Classes. Resume in
September: Cindy Wickingstad.
Phone: 791-5308.

REGULAR 108 HAPPENINGS

- **Bingo** every Friday evening at the Community Hall. Doors open 5:30; Bingo starts at 7:15.
- **RCA Executive:** 1st Tuesday each month
- **RCA Public Meeting:** every 2nd month (if possible)

BINGO

We all know the Friday bingo raises money for the community. We owe great thanks to our bingo volunteers without whose commitment and hard work many things on this ranch wouldn’t happen.

Note: *Volunteers are needed who will commit to one Friday evening a month. Please call Pat Babineau at 791-6411.*

Ambulance 395-3288

Police 395-2456

Fire 791-5252
Non-emergency: 791- 5715

Wildfire: 1-800-663-5555

Put these on Your Reading List — Best Sellers

“The Human Brain” by Sara Bellum

“Please Don’t Hurt Me” by I. Bruce Easily

“Life Through the Eyes of a Drunk” by Al Coholic

“Thirty yards to the outhouse” by Will E. Makeit (illustrated by Betty Wont)

“The Proper Use of Sunscreens” by Justin Casey Burns

“How To Cure Scratching” by Ivan Awfulich

“Discount Alternatives” by Robin Stuff

“How To Save Time” by Terry A. While

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Walt Sherry	791-5786	Secretary
Joy Silk	791-5790	Green Belt

Responsible Disposal – Read up on it!

Waste Exchange brochure

http://www.crd-director.com/reports/Waste_20Exchange_20brochure.pdf

Recycling brochure

<http://www.crd-director.com/reports/recycling.pdf>