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KLAMATH SPORTSMANS PARK
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THE QUEST FOR GRANTS

The Board of Directors is working to assemble two grant applications. Both grants would directly impact the motorized vehicle area and would indirectly benefit the entire Park. Under consideration are two restrooms, a new electric power line, extending our current water system and a new pump for the well.

One restroom would be a waterless, dry septic unit. You can look at the website www.romtec.com to get an idea of what the unit might look like. It would be placed very near the motocross track. The second restroom would be on the east side of the road where it goes from the track to the west gate. That facility would be complete with four toilets, two showers and handicap access.

The new power supply would serve the restrooms, the Flightmasters airfield and the motocross track. It would be of a capacity that would allow for future expansion if it becomes necessary.

The pump in our well is 20 years old and is not of sufficient capacity to meet the needs of the park. Because of the growing use of the motorized vehicle area, we will need to upgrade our water system.

In order to qualify for the grants, it will be necessary for the Members to contribute their labor to the construction projects. We can assess that labor and use it as 'matching funds'. Most grants require that the recipient provide a portion of the money and 'sweat equity' is one way to meet the requirement.

IMPORTANCE OF THE TWICE YEARLY RAFFLES

Twice each year the Park holds raffles. The prize for the April 5th drawing is a 42 inch flatscreen HD television. Dave at NELSON'S AUDIO/VIDEO REPAIRS 3004 Altamont Dr. has arranged to provide the unit. He has agreed to allow the value of the set to be applied to a larger set if the winner chooses.

The money from the raffles is applied to the loan payment to Klamath County. The County loaned us \$50,000.00 to complete the purchase of the Park. The seven year payoff requires a \$6,200.00 payment each July 1st.

If you have not purchased tickets, please contact anyone on the Park BOD. We will get tickets to you. The last day to purchase tickets is the first day of the Sports Show which the Jefferson State Shooting Association conducts to benefit our Park. If you miss this one, the next raffle begins now. The number of tickets is limited at each raffle so your chances of winning are pretty good.

Be sure to attend the Sports Show and to stop by the Sportsmans Park booth. Tom Robison built the backdrop, had a banner made and got the pictures done to show off some of the activities that make our park such a great facility.

THINGS WE NEED TO GET DONE

Many of the improvements in the park have deteriorated over the years. Take a look around next time you're there. We have always relied on the energy of our members to take care of the park. After all, it's our park. Besides that, we don't have the money to hire contractors for everything that needs attention. Please contact the Board if there is something you can attend to. We do have funds for materials.

1. Near the Motocross Track and on the Sporting Clays range there are two piles of dirt. They are causing drainage problems and both need to be leveled or consolidated.
2. The road that serves the Sporting Clays course needs repair
3. The main road through the Park needs repair
4. The perimeter fence is down or in need of repair in several places
5. The garage adjacent to the Host area needs to be cleaned out so that Park equipment can be stored securely and out of the weather
6. Repairs to the pavilion at the Archery area, new floor, pressure wash
7. Repair the rain gutter on Bill Cooley's RV cover

DONATIONS OR GOOD DEALS NEEDED

Look through this list. If there are any of these items that you can help to get done or you have or know someone who has equipment we can borrow, contact the Board.

1. 2 inch gravel for road repair, tons and tons of it
2. A small tractor with a 3 point to operate a brush hog, scraper and a blade
3. Use of a crawler tractor with a dozer blade
4. Use of a truck with a man bucket for maintenance of the Host's shelters
5. Used or new T posts for the perimeter fence
6. Two riding mowers of 14 horsepower or larger, mower deck not important
7. 3 inch PVC conduit for the new electric service
8. Use of a trenching machine for laying conduit
9. 40 feet of 12 inch or 14 inch culvert

NEW BUILDING AT THE RANGE

A storage building has been erected near the 50 yard pistol range. It's 60 feet long and 48 feet wide with roll up doors at each end. The Jefferson State Shooting Association funded the construction of the basic structure. Interior improvements will consist of several storage bays for the many shooting props that JSSA and the Klamath cowboys use in their matches.

The contractor for the building is Henry 'Dobi' Stork. Mike Monciardini is the project coordinator. Both are Park Members and both donated time and labor to the project.

BUILDING cont.

The next phase is installation of a meeting room within the building at the northeast corner. It will be 16 feet wide and 38 feet long. Steve Hall successfully applied for a grant from The National Rifle Association which will go part way toward completion of the room. Lanny Fujishin and Dick Wickline are working on another grant for the room. It is intended to be used by any of the Park Member Organizations for meetings and instruction sessions. Additionally, any other Park users will be able to reserve the room for their functions.

A NEW FEATURE AT SPORTING CLAYS

The Sporting Clays Organization will be unveiling a new feature in the spring. An automatic clay pigeon thrower will be available full time. It will be possible for shooters to practice shotgunning any time. The Range Host will have charge of the setup. He will collect the fees for use and will make sure the machine is ready to go. Watch for a new sign board at the Clays range for instruction on how to access the machine.

KLAMATH BASIN OHV JOINS THE PARK

The Klamath Basin Off-Highway Vehicle Club has joined the Park Association as a Member Organization. They are an active group, most recently involved in the Winema/Fremont National Forest Transportation Plan.

Their Board Delegate, Walter Haupt, tells us that they plan to be conducting safety classes for OHV riders at the park. Additionally, Walter is working on an endurance event to be scheduled this summer.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Your 2008–2009 park membership will expire on May 31, 2009. You may pay your 2009–2010 dues at the Gun & Sports Show on April 4 & 5 at the Fairgrounds or at the Park. Membership renewal forms will be sent out in mid April. Dues are \$60.00 per year for you and your family. There is no grace period. On and after June 1, 2009, if your dues are not paid you will be required to pay a day use fee of \$6.00 per person

The success of this facility depends on its membership. Get your friends to join. **NEW** members who join at the Gun & Sports Show will get a special rate and an extra 2 months of membership.