

**Autumn  
2009**

# Alpine Ranch Gazette

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### Work Day Report

On Saturday, April 18, 2009, Alpine Ranch held it's annual workday event. With some 14 members present along with Lynn, Denise and Freddie, a good days work was accomplished. We put out 100 bales of pine straw and pruned the juniper trees and other plants around the units. With the handy blower, Freddie blew off and cleaned the parking lot and other paved areas.

A good lunch with good fellowship was enjoyed by all.

A big thank you to each owner who participated. We had some first time worker bees who said they would be back next year. It is always great when this day is done and you can see the great work accomplished.

Bill Newsome and Freddie Hart also finished up the repairs on several doors and some floors. Thanks to all who participated for a job well done.

### Annual Meeting Recap from the President, Jack Ballard

The annual meeting of the Alpine Ranch Association was held on Saturday, May 2, 2009. It was determined that we had a quorum. Discussion took place on financials by Mrs. Jean Lockhart, Treasurer, owners and guest services by Mr. Bill Walters, Vice President, and building and grounds by Jack Ballard, President, in the absence of Board Member, Marty Jones.

A short meeting of the directors was held immediately following the annual meeting to elect officers. Congratulations to your 2009-2010 officers:

- Jack Ballard—President
- Bill Walters—Vice President
- Jean Lockhart —Treasurer
- Pat and Brian Dennis—Secretary
- Georgia Brown—Assistant Secretary

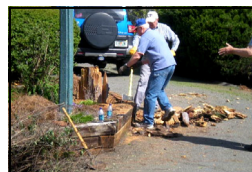
*We thank each of you for balancing your lives so that you find time to handle the affairs and business of your Alpine Ranch Association.*



### Alpine Ranch Association Officers

- Jack Ballard - President
  - Bill Walters - Vice President
  - Jean B. Lockhart - Treasurer
  - Pat Dennis - Secretary
  - Georgia Brown - Asst. Secretary
- ### Members of the Board of Directors
- Monte Cater
  - Brian Dennis
  - Rick Hawkins
  - Marty Jones
  - Craig and Loreen Overstreet

### Work Day 2009



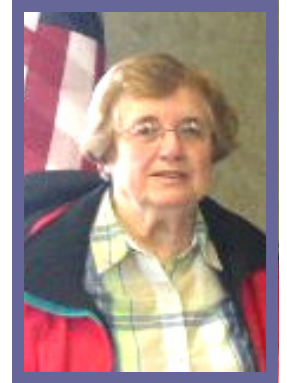
The newsletter for Alpine Ranch owners.

# Featuring: Jean Lockhart

Jean Ballentine Lockhart has been a member of the Alpine Ranch Association Board of Directors since it was organized in 1996. Presently she serves as the Treasurer of the BOD. She was widowed in 1996 and married Mr. Ed Lockhart in 2006. Ed and Jean grew up in Bullock County. As life would have it, they were friends throughout their school years and rode horses together. Ed even rode one of Jean's horses in a horse show. Ed was widowed in 2005 and decided to look Jean up to renew their friendship. They

have a great life together! It seems they are always "on the road again." Ed maintains his home in Rincon, where they spend time; as well as at their place on Lake Lanier with their pontoon boat, Alpine Ranch, and her home in Decatur. Needless to say, they enjoy traveling. For their honeymoon, they took an Alaskan cruise, and the following year a Hawaiian cruise. This year, they are heading out west to visit the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone National Park, the Grand Tetons, and whatever the Creator blesses them to see along the way.

Jean and Ed enjoy fishing, gardening, and almost any activity that takes place outdoors. It is a unanimous vote: the Alpine Ranch Association is very blessed to have Jean serving on it's BOD. She always has the best interest of all of the Alpine Ranch owners at heart.



Mrs. Jean B. Lockhart



**When you spread joy to others, it comes back to you.**

## New Maintenance Fees:

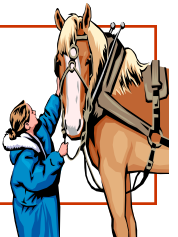
The 2010 maintenance fee assessment has been established by Alpine Ranch Board of Directors and will be \$385.00. Invoices will be mailed prior to October 1, 2009. If you do not receive your invoice by October 15, 2009, please contact Lynn or Denise at 706-865-7666. The maintenance fees are due January 1, 2010.

## Group Events:

Looking for a place to host your next group event? THINK ALPINE RANCH AND MOUNTAIN LAKES. Benefit from our slower time periods by booking your family reunion, class reunion, scouting event, wedding, RV club, church group, etc. In conjunction with Country Hideaway, Horseshoe Trails, Timber Ridge and Mountain Lakes Resort, we can offer a variety of overnight accommodations, meeting rooms, pavilions, campfire area, recreational activities, food service and much more. *There is something here for everyone!* Please call Lynn or Denise at 706-865-7666.

## Happy Trails To You:

During the winter season, trail rides are available on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday if weather permits. Be sure to check the website @ [www.mountainlakesresort.us](http://www.mountainlakesresort.us) or call Mountain Lakes at 706-865-4742 for more information on winter hours of operation and daily activities.



## Owner Guest Services:

Owner guest are required to purchase **daily** guest passes for club amenities prior to arrival at the resort. Contact Rhonda or Virginia at the Mountain Lakes Club office (706-865-4742) or email ([rrhodesmlc@windstream.net](mailto:rrhodesmlc@windstream.net)) to purchase **daily** amenities passes. The cost of trail rides is not included in the purchase price of a **daily** guest pass.

### Price of Guest Pass

Who	Age	Cost
Adult	16 years and older	\$4.00
Children	6-15 years old	\$2.00
Children	5 years and under	Free

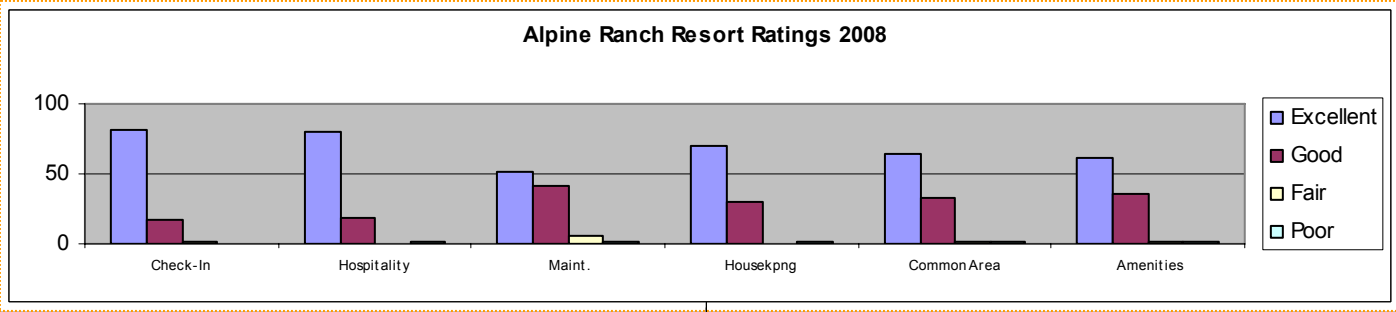
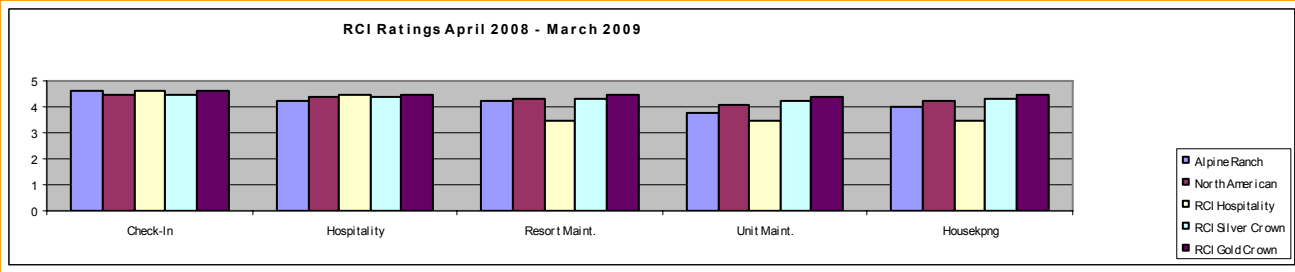
## SAVE THE DATES:

Remember that the following Alpine Ranch Association meetings will be held at Mountain Lakes Resort. For additional information, please contact Lynn or Denise at 706- 865-7666.

Date	Title
Mar 13, 2010	Board of Directors
Apr 17, 2010	Annual Work Day
May 1, 2010	Annual Meeting
Aug 7, 2010	Board of Directors
Nov 6, 2010	Board of Directors



## Resort Ratings by Bill Walters



**Alpine Ranch** has earned the **RCI Hospitality** designation for 2009-2010. This award is presented in recognition of outstanding hospitality service. This award program demonstrates RCI and Alpine Ranch's commitment to strengthen our partnership to meet and exceed the vacation expectations of owners, guests, and RCI members. We encourage members when traveling to other RCI destinations to take time to complete the RCI comment card and return to RCI. The information gathered by RCI provides resorts with valuable data which in turn improves owner and guest services.

To Do:



### The New FOG

Fats, Oils and Grease

Nature's fog we can't do anything about, but the new **FOG** we **can** do something about. Just as in our bodies, **fats, oil, and grease** can build up in pipes and cause clogs and severe sewer backups. Please do your part to keep our pipes and sewers running smoothly. Let's manage the new **FOG** together.

### 63½ The New # in Retirement Planning

At age 59½ you can tap into your qualified retirement plans without penalty. At age 62, you can claim early Social Security benefits. At age 65, you're eligible for Medicare. Now the new number is age 63½. At age 63½ you can retire early and continue in your employer's health insurance plan under COBRA until you're eligible for Medicare. COBRA allows workers to continue coverage under their employer's health insurance plan for 18 months after ending employment. Developed by CUNA Brokerage

## Oktoberfest 2009

<b>Dates:</b>	Sept 10-27 (Thru - Sun) Oct 1 - Nov 1 (Everyday)
<b>Time:</b>	Mon-Thu: 6:00PM - 10:30PM Friday: 6:00PM - 11:30PM Saturday: 1:00PM - 7:00PM Sunday: 1:00PM - 7:00PM
<b>Place:</b>	<b>Helen Festhalle</b>
<b>Admission:</b>	Weekdays: \$7.00 Saturdays: \$9.00 Sundays: \$Free



Beer, brats, German-style bands from around the world and Lederhosen - the Helen Oktoberfest has them all. Grab your partner and take a spin on the dance floor to the timeless tunes of the Polka. Join the longest running Oktoberfest in the USA, which runs from mid-September through the first weekend in November. The Festhalle is setup with rows of long tables so you can eat, drink and be merry while watching the show. Bring your friends and make some new ones. For more information, contact the Alpine Helen Chamber of Commerce at 706-878-1619 or [office@helenchamber.com](mailto:office@helenchamber.com)

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Loreen Overstreet*

Be sure to bring your laminated card with current year's sticker. Mountain Lakes Club charges \$20 to replace the card. It is required to enter the grounds. Call 706-865-4742 with questions or concerns.



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*Love your neighbor.*

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**DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO ALPINE RANCH/MOUNTAIN LAKES RESORT**

**FROM I-85 NORTH ATLANTA, GA**

Take I-85 North to 985 to Exit 24 at end of exit ramp turn left and go to the third traffic light Turn right at traffic light onto Limestone Pkwy At the end of Limestone Pkwy turn right onto Hwy 129 North Continue on Hwy 129 N to Cleveland (approx 23 mi) In Cleveland continue north on Hwy 129 for 3.1 miles

Turn right onto Hwy 75 Alt Continue 2.5 miles on 75 A to Mountain Lakes Resort on left

**FROM 400 ATLANTA, GA**

Drive north on GA 400 to the end (approx 49 mi from I-285) At the traffic light at the end of 400 continue straight ahead on Longbranch Rd (4.5 miles)

At first traffic light turn right on 52 & 115 to Cleveland At first traffic light in Cleveland turn left onto Hwy 129 North Continue north on 129 for 3.1 miles Turn right onto Hwy 75 Alternate Continue 2.5 miles on 75 A to Mountain Lakes Resort on left

**FROM GREENVILLE, SC**

Take I-85 South to Hwy 17 (Lavonia/Toccoa Exit #173) Turn left at end of exit ramp toward Toccoa onto Hwy 17 Travel approx 12 miles. Turn left which is still Hwy 17, which will turn into Hwy 365. Approx 11 miles turn right at first Exit to Clarkesville/Helen Continue on Hwy 17 (Historic 441 to downtown Clarkesville) At the traffic light in the center of Clarkesville turn left onto Hwy 115 West to Cleveland At first traffic light in Cleveland turn right onto 129 North and continue north for 3.1 miles

Turn right onto Hwy 75 Alt Continue 2.5 miles on 75 A to Mountain Lakes Resort on left

**FROM DAHLONEGA, GA**

Take Hwy 52 & Hwy 115 West to Cleveland, GA At first traffic light in Cleveland turn left onto 129 North and continue north for 3.1 miles Turn right onto 75 Alternate Continue 2.5 miles on 75 A to Mountain Lakes Resort on left