

SLIPPERY ROCK CAMPGROUND

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Winter Hours: Tuesday through Saturday 8 AM-4:30 PM

CLOSED: SUNDAY & MONDAY



OFFICE WINTER HOURS:

The office is open from Tuesday through Saturday from 8 AM to 4:30 PM (closed on Sunday and Monday) until April 1, 2010.

BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE:

The Board Meeting that was originally scheduled for January 17, 2010 has been changed to January 24, 2010 at 1:00 PM in the Rec Hall.

SRCA WEBSITE: Admittedly, not everyone embraces technology, but I think I can safely proclaim that this “Internet” thing is not just a phase. It’s here to stay, so let’s use it. In August, we introduced a new version of the Slippery Rock Campground website at www.toursrc.com. This version was presented with two objectives in mind.

First, we wanted to provide a picture of our campground to a visitor who wants to learn about SRCA. To accomplish this, we have included pages and images that describe our facility, along with pages that present information on how a member-owned campground operates.

The second objective is to expand services currently provided to members. To accomplish this, the following are contained on the website:

- Maintain a current calendar of events. A tentative schedule for the 2010 season has already been posted.
- Provide a Message Board where members can post topics and other members can respond.
- Maintain a current listing of trailers/lots/memberships available for sale.
- Provide a process that allows members to record issues that require action by the SRCA staff. This process will document the issues and the ultimate resolution of those issues.
- Distribute newsletters, events schedules and announcements by email.
- Provide a Bulletin Board for timely announcements.
- Allow the member to maintain accurate email addresses and telephone numbers. If the member provides valid cell phone information, we will be able to send text messages to announce emergency issues.
- Make available information related to SRCA operations including such things as treasurer reports, committee activities, and future projects.

So, how’s it going? Well, in the past two months, we’ve had almost 2,000 visits to the website. With this newsletter, we’re beginning our email distribution of newsletters. And the Bulletin Board activity continues to grow. However for us to maximize the impact, it is essential that we have accurate information on each member. Do your part and make sure your profile information is correct. To update your information, visit the SRCA website at www.toursrc.com and follow the instructions on the Bulletin Board for updating your profile.

Jim McClintock B-110

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Phone: 814-786-7959 Fax: 814-786-7031
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Type of Business: Roofing, Trailer Repair
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Butler, PA 16001
Phone: 724-865-9006 Fax: 728-865-9842
Type of Business: RV & Mobile Home Supplies

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Slippery Rock, PA 16057
Phone: 724-794-5040 Fax: 724-794-6378
Type of Business: Supermarket

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1356 Porter Rd.
Harrisville, PA 16038
Phone: 724-290-1757
Type of Business: Concrete, retaining walls
skirting, landscaping

Powell's Trucking and Excavation

680 Springfield Church Rd.
Grove City, PA 16127
Phone: 724-290-5556 Fax: 724-748-4541
Type of Business: Excavating, Hauling

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19 Grant Ave.
Butler, PA 16002
Phone: 724-282-1759 Fax: 724-282-1348
Type of Business: Propane Sales

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428 Glendale Rd.
Beaver Falls, PA 15010
Phone: 724-843-0983 Fax: 724-843-0983
Type of Business: Propane Sales

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Type of Business: Sales & Service of golf carts

FOR SALE

Sweatshirts ~ T-Shirts ~ Golf Shirts ~ Jackets ~ Hoodies
Several styles ~ Colors ~ Sizes

Choose from the different logo styles of the Slippery Rock Campground



in the Office and buy yours today! Makes a great gift for
birthdays, anniversaries, holidays or just buy it for yourself!
You deserve it!



CHECK YOUR EMAIL: Beginning with this newsletter, SRCA will email newsletters, schedule of events and announcements to those members who have provided a valid email address. If you received the newsletter by email, then anticipate receiving all future newsletters and correspondence by email. If you didn't get the newsletter by email, then a valid email address is not on file with the Office. If you provide us with a

valid email address, two things happen. First, we can reduce significantly the cost of newsletter distribution. Second, we can provide you with timely information by email at no cost. To update your email address, visit the SRCA website at www.toursrc.com and follow the instructions on the Bulletin Board for updating your profile.



TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:

July 10, 2010 will be the actual anniversary date of forming S.R.C.A. By Now, you have received your invoice for membership dues and you probably noticed that there is a line to add a donation for the Anniversary Celebration. We know that money is tight right now. But if everyone could donate a couple of dollars, it will help us to provide a great day of celebration. We also are asking for any ideas in helping to plan for this special day. If you would please send me a note with any ideas, it would truly be appreciated. Thank you for your help.

Janice Moore-Chairman, Anniversary Celebration Committee

THANK YOU: After the board voted to increase the rental sites by five (5), a challenge was issued to clean up and prepare a sufficient number of sites for rent or sale. Thanks to the volunteers, we were able to clean ten (10) sites with the money allowed.

Yogi Bear Blvd: Lots A-017, A-019, D-046
Buffalo Pass: Lots A-204, A-250, B-194, B-204
Butterfly Blvd: Lot C-130
Jellystone Ave: Lot D-007
Ice Cream St: Lot D-281

Thank you Chuck Caro, Ralph Deemer, Tom Eble, Bob Forney, Mary Jane Gieche, Don Gregory, Ann Gross, Bill Gross, Don Kathary, Jim McClintock, Barb Moore, Janice Moore, Tom Stewart, Rich Vogel, and the maintenance staff for their time and the use of the dump truck, excavator and tractor.

Tom Stewart D-134 / 135

STOLEN PROPERTY: Will the person that removed my Basset Hound and Kitten that said "HI" from my Lot B-239 please return it. Thank you. "Thou shall not steal."

Willavene Dobson B-239

CONGRATULATIONS: On the birth of a new granddaughter on October 23, 2009 at 3:20 PM - Megan Lynn Messick - parents are Dennis and Debbie Messick. Megan weighed 6 lbs. 14 ozs. and was 21 inches long.

Dennis & Elaine Messick – B-296

A SPECIAL THANK YOU: A very special thank you to my neighbors and friends; also to Chris, the maintenance crew, and ambulance service when I fell at my campsite. Thanks for all the cards and phone calls I received while in the hospital for three weeks.

Jo Bucker D-018

THANK YOU: I would like to thank the members of C section who voted for me. If there is any member that may have questions or concerns, please stop by to see me and I would be glad to talk to you.

Warren Moik C-212

THANK YOU: On August 22, the annual S.R.C.A. craft show was held in the Rec Hall. We had over 20 crafters participating with a great variety of items available for purchase. A steady flow of shoppers made it a wonderful event! A big thank you is extended to all who helped prepare, organize and participate in the show. Your enthusiasm and cooperation was very much appreciated.

Ginny & Howard Allen D-095

IN OUR THOUGHTS: On the recent passing of the following members.

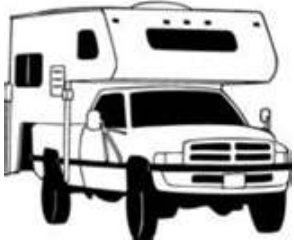
Roy Bacorn, Jr.	A-124
James Derbish	B-295
Pat Wiles	B-046
Mary Jane Orsky	D-219
Ruth Kent	D-067
David Roberge	B-023

Paul Bour (Son of members Dee & James Bour) B-093

WHAT'S A SIG?: Do you have a hobby or something you just really enjoy doing. Well, if you enjoy it, chances are other members enjoy it as well. So why not get a few of those members together and enjoy it as a group, thus a Special Interest Group (SIG). SRCA already has few such groups: the *Golf League*, *The Yogi Gang*, *Aquatic Aerobics* and the *Red Hats*. Our most recent SIG is *The Garden Group*. These are the people who have a green thumb or just like playing in the dirt.

If you have an idea for a SIG, we can set up a page on the website and advertise in the newsletter and emails to promote your activity. So let us know what your idea is and let's get started. Contact the Office directly or send us a message through the *Contact Us* page on the website.

ELECTRIC CARS: Recently, the electric car has become available for sale. This has become a concern to members of the Association due to the amount of electric usage required to charge these automobiles. Therefore, until the Rules Committee can meet to discuss this issue, electric automobiles are not permitted in the campground.



2010 RV SHOW: The 2010 Pittsburgh RV show will be held at the Convention Center from January 9 through January 17, 2010. Days/times as follows: Sat. 10-9 PM; Sun. 10-5 PM; Mon. through Thurs. 5 PM-9 PM.

I want to thank all the people who have volunteered to work at our booth during the show. Letters will be mailed to the volunteers in late December giving you information about the show.

Judi Olack, Membership Committee, A113



HDTV SETTING TO SAVE ELECTRICITY: A few basic tweaks on your HDTV's picture settings can save you up to \$50 a year on your power bill, and you'll get a better-looking image in the bargain, according to the A/V experts at THX.

High-Def Digest spotted this new survey from THX, which took more than a dozen plasma and LCD HDTVs and compared their pre- and post-calibration energy consumption.

What the researchers at THX found was interesting: namely, that a "properly" calibrated HDTV uses anywhere from 15 to 50 percent less energy than a TV that's still using the factory picture settings—and typically, that means the "Vivid" or "Dynamic" picture presets, which look great on a brightly lit showroom floor but garish in a dark living room.

Assuming four hours of daily use at 11.36 cents per kilowatt hour, switching your HDTV from the Vivid or Dynamic picture settings to "Standard," "Cinema," or "Custom" along with properly tweaked brightness and contrast settings, could save you up to \$40-\$50 a year—not a king's ransom, exactly, but hey, it's something. (Apparently, plasma HDTVs manufactured before 2008 will see the most savings, followed by LCD sets. Also, the bigger the screen, the bigger the savings, according to the THX report).

So, what's involved in getting your HDTV calibrated? Well, you could spend hundreds of dollars on a professional, in-home calibration, but you can also get solid results from an inexpensive HDTV calibration disc. My favorite: Joe Kane's "Digital Video Essentials," available online for \$25 (DVD) and \$29 (Blu-ray). Just follow the instructions, which step you through the basic picture settings and test patterns. Once you're done, don't be surprised if your picture "pops" a lot more than it did before.

Don't want to bother with a calibration disc? At least check your picture settings and make sure you're not on the "Vivid" or "Dynamic" presets. Trust me, your picture will look the better for it, and a few extra bucks in your pocket never hurts.

FROM OUR MANAGER DIANE: “LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS”

I am trying to see if we have enough volunteers to work at the pool for the upcoming season. If possible, I thought that we could run it like we do our volunteers at the gate – 2 hour shifts the same day each week. You would be a Volunteer “Pool Attendant”. The following is a brief job description:

To enforce the “Pool Rules” as follows:

- A. Children under the age of 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult.
- B. No Running or Horseplay.
- C. No Diving or Cannon balling.
- D. Inflatable devices will be permitted at the staff’s discretion.
- E. Bathing suits only (No cutoffs) required in pool area except those adults watching children under 12.
- F. No food, gum, or glass containers.
- G. No pets.
- H. Suntan lotion only – NO OIL.
- I. No Eating and No Smoking in fenced area.
- J. Adult Swim will be held at 15 minute intervals every two hours.
- K. Pool hours are 12:00 – 8:00 PM.

Pool personnel have the authority to enforce the above rules and shall eject anyone for non-compliance of these rules or refer to the proper authority. If the campground members or their guests give any pool attendant a difficult time about the rules, procedures, etc., you are to contact Security, Diane or Maintenance for assistance.

Inclement weather procedure: If there is a thunderstorm approaching, Attendants must be vigilant. At the first sound of thunder, attendants must blow their whistle and ask everyone to get out of the water and the pool area. Members are allowed to leave belongings in the pool area, but must leave the area. All gates should be locked (Attendants must leave the pool area as well). The pool may be reopened 30 minutes after the last thunder.

In case of any emergency: Please contact Security immediately using the CB radio in the Pool Attendant’s Shack. Please clear the area that the emergency is taking place in. Security will contact the medical team in the campground. Once the medical team and security arrive at the scene, they will take over. In the event of minor injuries incurred at the pool – there is a first aid kit in the shack. Unless you have First-Aid or First Response certification, you are unable to administer any of the ointments to the members or their guests. However, you are allowed to give them the medication. If ever you feel incapable of dealing with the situation, please contact Security, Diane or Maintenance.

Cleaning/General Maintenance: Sweep Deck (any foreign materials on the deck - grass, leaves, etc.). Hose deck as needed. Test Pool using testing kit. Organize chairs at closing and close and store umbrellas. Chairs must be placed along the fence so that general maintenance and cleaning is more efficient the next day. Clean filters and any other maintenance requested by staff.

If this sounds like something that you would be interested in, please contact me at the Office this winter.

Diane Falvo, Manager

Maintenance Report: The water treatment building is almost complete. The walls and ceiling have been insulated with spray foam insulation. The existing structure over the storage tanks has been removed allowing the staff to check our water without crawling around on their knees. The concrete floor has been poured, expanding the filter area. With a little more straightening up of the plumbing, electric and water testing area, the project could be completed by the end of this year.

We are still updating and replacing sewage lines throughout the campground that have been crushed or clogged with roots. Please be patient with the maintenance staff when they come onto your lot. This is a temporary inconvenience for a permanent fix.

Regarding fallen tree branches and branches cut by you: if you can please cut them in to small pieces and burn them in your fire ring, this will allow our staff time to work on other projects throughout the year instead of cleaning up your tree trimmings. If you have an independent contractor come into the campground and cut down a tree, he is responsible to remove all branches from the campground. Our maintenance staff will not be permitted to clean up after another outside vendor.

Kevin Brunner, Maintenance Chairman C-154/155