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## From the General Manager's Desk

Dear Arroyo Roble Resort Homeowner,

I want to take a moment and thank you for your continuing ownership of our beautiful resort and express my personal gratitude to you. The continuing support of all the homeowners makes the Arroyo Roble Resort a very special place indeed for all to enjoy while they visit the Sedona area.

This issue of your newsletter includes a ballot for the upcoming 2015 Board of Directors' election. Please be sure to complete your ballot and return it to the Arroyo Roble Resort prior to October 16, 2015 in order for the staff to complete the election count before the annual homeowners meeting on November 4, 2015. This year we have two candidates running for election as your Board of Directors; current Vice President of the Board – Mr. Gary Loveland and homeowner Mr. John Biggers. Both individuals desire to ensure the Arroyo Roble Resort remains as one of the premier resort properties in the world. The candidate with the most votes will serve a three-year term on the Board and the candidate with fewer votes will serve an additional two-year term.

Mr. Pat Hickson, current Board of Directors member and past Treasurer of the Board will be retiring from his position on the Board effective November 4, 2015. Mr. Hickson was first elected to the Board in 1999 and has worked very effectively with the other Board of Directors, the resort staff, and the General Manager to improve the Arroyo Roble Resort while maintaining effective cost controls as the resort BOD treasurer. Thank you to Mr. Hickson for his 16 years of service to all the homeowners.

All Arroyo Roble Resort homeowners are invited to attend the November 4, 2015 annual meeting of the Arroyo Roble Resort Council of Co-owners, Inc. The annual meeting will be held in the Rojo Roca room at the resort and will start at 1 pm. Minutes of the annual meeting will be sent to all homeowners in December. The agenda of the annual meeting will include the financial status of the resort, projected year-end financials, a re-cap of the capital expenditures for this year, the approved budget for 2016, the results of the Board of Directors elections, and any changes in operations for the upcoming year. A question and answer session will also be held. The individual department managers will be available at the meeting for one-on-one questions.

Sincerely,

Ralph Woellmer,  
General Manager/Director of Resort Operations and the entire staff at the Arroyo Roble Resort



# Resort Updates

## New Phone Numbers

The Arroyo Roble Resort has recently upgraded the telecommunication services in order to comply with the latest guest safety regulations. As a result of the changes, we now have direct phone numbers to the following resort departments for your convenience. You can call directly to Reservations, the RCI desk or the Owner Services director at the numbers listed below; or you may still call the resort directly at 928-282-7777 and follow the phone prompts.

Owner Services 928-239-3331

Reservations 928-239-3330

RCI 928-239-3332

A critical addition to the telecommunications services is **e911** telephone service. This means that if you have an emergency (medical/fire etc.) and you call 911 during your stay from your villa telephone, the 911 dispatcher will know which villa you are calling from. This will expedite the emergency services response to you. The resort staff will also be automatically notified of the emergency.

## Activities!

There are many fall and winter activities planned for the Sedona area this year. Please visit [www.holidaycentralsedona.com](http://www.holidaycentralsedona.com) and [www.visitsedona.com](http://www.visitsedona.com) for the most recent calendar of events.

## What a difference 20 years make...

Here is a comparison picture of the resort in 2015 vs. 1995. Pictured below you can see the Arroyo Roble Resort van, parked next to a flower bed with a newly planted tree in approx. 1995. Today, the tree is just a bit larger and the van is long gone.



## New Tables!



JoEveryone pitching in putting together and installing the new coffee tables, end tables and sofa tables. They look fantastic. You will be impressed on your next visit

## A note from Debra Dudley's desk

If you have any unused 2015 time left, please do not wait to get it booked. You very well could be disappointed. The last part of the year (including the January and February grace period) is always so busy and books up very fast.

When booking a year ahead a year to the day and want to leave a midnight message, please remember that it is midnight Arizona time. Not midnight your time zone, but midnight Arizona time. This ensures fairness to everyone. Call the new reservations direct phone number of 928-239-3330 or email if you prefer to [res@arroyoroble.com](mailto:res@arroyoroble.com).

## Ramblings from Randy

### Director of Grounds and Landscape

In my role as Director of Grounds I have had the opportunity to speak with a number of our owners; most of them long time owners. Some have seen the property annually for 30 years; needless to say things have changed.

Here are a few of the questions that I am frequently asked...

**Q:** Why have you cut down some of the trees?

**A:** Sightlines and insect infestation are the only reasons we would take a tree out. Some of our trees were planted over 30 years ago and have grown too large for their placement and views from decks or windows become obstructed. The original Cottonwood and Sycamore trees on the property are "self-shedding" and continually drop off limbs. There are times that we need to trim or cut these trees to ensure the safety of everyone while visiting the Arroyo Roble Resort grounds.

**Q: Why are there not more flowers or plants around our villa?**

**A:** We have a large population of Javelina that roam the property nightly and devour most flowers. On several occasions, we have planted flowers only to arrive the next day and they were completely eaten. The Javelina never even leave a note of thanks for the new "snacks". We have tried to replace plants with blooming plants that don't attract the Javelina. We have also planted "Society Garlic" which omits an odor that repels Javelina. On the rare occasion when the Javelina are not active, we always have the joy of having many skunks enjoying the plants and seeds as well. These wonderful creatures are always best enjoyed from a distance while they eat the flowers and plants. Digging on the resort grounds to add new planter beds is a challenge as well because the majority of the trees on the grounds have very shallow root systems which makes it a difficult process to dig in many areas of the property.

**Q: What is that noise??**

**A:** The Grand Western Cicada or sometimes called the Bush Cicada is what you may be hearing. Annually the larva of this noisy bug feeds on the sap in the roots of trees until it becomes an adult then it comes out of the ground climbs a tree and starts its love call. That buzzing that drives us crazy is actually "all the rage" if you're a female cicada. The adults actually don't feed; they just are looking for love. They emerge and make that sound you hear. It is their mating call. Their above ground life span is about 4 to 6 weeks, during that time they mate and lay their eggs before they die. Then the cycle begins again. The name Cicada is Latin for "tree cricket". And our bush cicadas are considered to be harbingers of the monsoon season here in Sedona. That's probably because they sense the increasing levels of moisture and crawl up out of the ground for their brief season of making cicada whoopee.

The large Cottonwood and Sycamore trees that shade the property and keep the creek side area cool are native to the Sedona area. There are a number of different fruit and nut trees that provide food for the squirrels, skunks and javelina and of course the black birds and the large variety of birds including cranes and eagles. We have even seen otter in the creek. In summary, our task in the grounds department is to maintain the property as naturally as possible. This task provides for a unique experience for all our guests on the Arroyo Roble Resort grounds, both human and animal. We strive to accentuate the natural beauty of our surroundings while maintaining ease of access and beauty for all to enjoy.

There is something special about Arroyo Roble. I have learned this in my five years here, but most of our owners have known this all along. Come and enjoy!

**TRAIL NAME: MYSTIC TRAIL**

**DRIVING DISTANCE ONE WAY: 3.15 Miles**  
(Time 10 minutes)

**ACCESS ROAD: All vehicles, all paved**

**HIKING DISTANCE ONE WAY: 1 miles** (Time 30 minutes)

**HOW STRENUOUS: Easy**

**FEATURES: Views, easy to reach, all weather**

**NUTSHELL: This trail, new to the Sedona trail system in 1998, takes you from the road to the Chapel of the Holy Cross to the Sedona Cemetery.**

**DIRECTIONS:** From the Y in Sedona go south on Highway 179 (toward Phoenix) for a distance of 2.8 miles to Chapel Drive, which is the road to the world famous Chapel of the Holy Cross, one of the most important cultural landmarks of Sedona. Turn left (E) onto Chapel Drive and follow it until you are just east of Antelope Drive, the 3.15 mile point, where you will see the trailhead to your left (N), at a gate in the fence. Park along the shoulder.

**TRAILHEAD:** At gate.

**DESCRIPTION:** This path is part of the Bell Rock Pathway project, sponsored by the Sedona Kiwanis Club. Our thanks to Kiwanis for its participation in this worthwhile enterprise.

This trail starts at the base of Twin Buttes, a lovely redrock formation, one of the largest buttes south of Sedona. The Chapel of the Holy Cross is built on the south face of this butte "around the corner" from the trailhead. (The Chapel is only 0.5 miles from the trailhead-worth a side trip). We enjoy looking at the sheer cliffs of the buttes at the start of the hike, with a deep red base, with lighter colored cliffs and spires at the upper levels.

This trail is much used by mountain bikers, so keep an eye out for them as you hike. From the markers encountered along the way, it seems that this trail follows a natural gas pipeline easement.

From the starting point, the trail heads north, hugging the base of Twin Buttes. There are no major elevation changes, and the trail feels almost level, though it does slope downward from the south to the north end. As you hike, you soon emerge from a screen of trees and see many homes as well as Highway 179. Airport Mesa is to your left (W). This is not a trail for someone seeking a wilderness experience, but it is just the ticket for someone who wants a nice little walk near town.

At the halfway point you come around the buttes to a point where you can see into Sedona and enjoy pleasant views to the north. Then you move more noticeable downhill, toward Battlement Mesa, finally ending at the north end of the trail, at a cul-de-sac in a little subdivision adjacent to the Sedona Cemetery.

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*For area weather, road conditions  
and other local information, set your  
AM radio dial on **KAZM 780**.*

Reports are broadcast on each hour, after  
the news, and again on the half-hour.

It is possible to start the trail from the north end, but we  
hesitate to park our car there, because it feels as if we are  
parking in a homeowner's front yard.

## HIKING TIPS:

- ▲ Bring 2 liters of Water (minimum)
- ▲ Wear hiking shoes/boots (grippy outsole)
- ▲ Tell someone when/where you will be hiking
- ▲ Sun Protection/Sun Screen
- ▲ Hiking Stick or Trekking Poles

## Books needed .....

The Arroyo Roble Resort library is in need  
of books. Please feel free to donate any un-  
needed books in good condition you might  
have.

## And....

We need your articles for the newsletter. Send us your favorite  
Sedona/Arroyo Roble experiences. You can mail them to  
PO Box 2264 Sedona, AZ 86339 Attn: Newsletter.

## Calendar of Events:

For information on daily events in the area visit:

[www.visitsedona.com](http://www.visitsedona.com)