

CUMMINGS VALLEY PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

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*** VIX COMMERCIAL PROJECT**

To date no construction has started at John Vix's mini mart/gas station on the northeast corner of Hwy. 202 and Cummings Valley Road. Mr. Vix said recently that "everything is in place" for the mini mart, but no gasoline company has been found to put in the gas station. He was recently seen at the site with several other men looking at plans. We don't know if he was preparing to proceed or just promoting.

*** BILLBOARD ABATEMENT PROGRAM**

With the exception of for sale signs and signs offering farm produce, billboard advertising is prohibited in Cummings Valley without a conditional use permit. When CVPA was first organized, illegal billboards and oversize realtor signs dotted the landscape, marring the beauty of our valley. We wrote letters to the advertisers and property owners asking that illegal signs please be removed. Where cooperation was not forthcoming, we filed formal complaints with the County.

In general, our efforts have been highly successful. Realtors have been cooperative, the County Building Department has pursued violators and the result is that only one illegal sign remains: The Country Cable TV billboard on Bear Valley Road. We have contracted Richard Lubic, of Country Cable, who promised last fall to remove the sign by the end of last year. We urge members, particularly those who live in BVS to call or write Mr. Lubic to urge his cooperation. The phone number is 821-1541.

*** FEBRUARY MEETING**

Our speaker, Ted James - Kern County Director of Planning, focused on the effect of State and County budget cuts on his department. He is having to make substantial staff cuts and to streamline procedures while trying to maintain the integrity of the planning and review process. He told us that organizations like CVPA and others may have to pay a subscription fee to be sent notices which we have been receiving without charge. Attendance: 40.

*** MARCH MEETING**

This meeting, put on by seven Cummings Valley horse breeders, was a huge success. Our Treasurer, Dorothy Woods, of the Flying D W Ranch, led off with a talk about Appaloosas, which she raises. John Johnson, Lazy J Ranch, told us about the virtues of his smooth riding Foxtrotters, Dorie Kline, Harem Arabians, spoke on his and Pat's Arabians, Cheri Briscoe, Misty Mountain Farms, discussed Arabians and their place in endurance riding, Bob Gooch, of Prelude Thoroughbred Farms, showed a video of their winning horse, "Buchanan Hollow". Kathie Alonzo told us about the precision training of Dressage which she highlighted with a short video. Ed Alonzo talked about the sport of team penning which drew some fun comments from Dorothy Woods who has been "breaking in" on the sport.

Overall, the participants expressed a great love for their horse breeding activities in spite of the trials, tribulations and hard work. Also expressed by several, is that Cummings Valley with its 4000 - foot elevation, clean air and open space is an exceptionally good place to raise horses. Attendance: 45 including presenters.

*** CUMMINGS VALLEY AG NEWSLETTER**

Work is continuing by Les Hansen, Lucy Gaglione and others on the Ag Newsletter. A current favored name is CUMMINGS VALLEY COUNTRY LIFE. Other names are still being considered. More help is needed to get this publication up and running. Anyone with an interest in helping with this is asked to please call Lucy Gaglione at 823-9195.

*** WILDFLOWER WALK**

Attendees at the February meeting expressed considerable interest in a spring wildflower walk in Cummings Valley and also in a driving tour of the valley narrated by someone like Jon Hammond, who can give historical as well as current information about people, places and events. The wildflower walk has been scheduled for Sunday, May 16 at 1:00 PM. Our telephone committee members will have more specifics on where to meet when they call you for the May 6 meeting.

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