



# POW MOW NEWS

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## Feature Families...

### Sunshine State visits Beehive State

This issue we're featuring two families who make their primary residence in Florida. Grady and Velma Jacobs of Amelia Island and Jim Cromer of Naples.

Dr. Jim Cromer was born and raised in Newark, Ohio. He attended college and dental school at Ohio State University; then worked as an orthodontist for 26 years in Cincinnati. "I knew I wanted to be an orthodontist when I was in the 9th grade," Jim stated. He himself wore braces at that time and thought it would be a good profession. Jim retired 25 years ago from the dental world and has lived in Naples, Florida, ever since. Even though he was a very successful orthodontist, he said the dumbest thing he ever did was build his own cabin!

Jim discovered Powder Mountain in 1990. He was talking with a gentleman on an airplane and mentioned he was looking for ski-in, ski-out property. The man suggested he check out Ogden Valley.

Not even knowing where or what the Ogden Valley was, he and his kids found themselves skiing at Powder Mountain several months later. Powder Mountain met Jim's three criteria for the perfect ski retreat:

- 1) No night life (He wanted quality time with his family; two sons, one daughter and seven grandchildren)
- 2) Ski-in, ski-out property
- 3) Driving distance to a major airport.

After some wheeling and dealing, Jim purchased his lot for \$5,000 (yes, that is correct; there are only 3 zero's after that 5!) There were only three other homes here before Jim built his cabin. Steve Ericson's (owned by another couple at the time), Vern Vice's and the Moison's.

Jim remembers skiers skiing off his roof and "flying" onto Slow Poke -- something he said he never attempted. One of Jim's favorite memories was hosting 16 people at his cabin for one week. "It was a real riot." But his most cherished memory of Pow Mow is "...no question, the unbelievably nice, All-American people who live here." Back at ya, Jimmy!!!

The past 25 years have been busy for Doc. He plays tennis daily and enjoys sharing his culinary talents with countless others. He volunteers at a High School 2-3 days per week as a cooking instructor and participates on a culinary scholarship committee. His greatest accomplishment, however, (in a rare moment, he boasts about himself) has been his commitment to raising monies for several charities through the years. Jim auctions off gourmet dinners prepared by him and served at his home. He estimates in the next two years he will have personally raised over \$500,000! Way to go Jim!!!



## Luxury Townhomes

### Break Ground

Located on the old Bachelor's site, digging for the new townhomes began this week.

Plans are to complete the underground parking this summer. Construction will continue summer 2008.

Due to the new construction site, temporary access to our homes will be located behind the maintenance shed in the near future. Watch for signs to the Timberline Connector to access Aspen Drive.

Electricity and water will be temporarily interrupted at some point, too. The owners will contact us with details.

Rumor has it that the foundation will be dug for a new home between the parking lot and the Skabo's home, as well, this summer.



## Susie the Snake Killer!

Susie Gordon killed a 3-4 foot rattlesnake behind their house with a big rock and a 2x4 on July 11th. Amazing due to her fear of snakes! First snake she has seen in six years on the mountain...so, BEWARE!!!!



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## Moose dies on Sundown

Powder Mountain recently lost a young moose due to unknown causes. It was seen roaming the lower part of Confidence in the morning; early that same evening, a hiker stopped to take a picture only to witness the moose start shaking and fall over dead in the grass. Unfortunately, the moose was left on the mountain, thus the new run dubbed "Dead Moose Run".



## Kidz Korner

Ben Moisen attended an elite ski camp at Mt. Hood this last week.

Way to go!!!

Good luck to new pre-schoolers and kindergartners this Fall!

Jim's passion for cooking started out of necessity. During WWII, his mother started working double shifts at a local fiberglass company to support the war effort. By doing this, the question was raised within his family, "Who's going to cook?" Jim's dad and 15-year-old sister refused leaving 10-year-old Jim to become the family chef! With a little help from Julia Childs and years of cooking through college, many of us still have the pleasure to indulge in one of Jim's delicious feasts.

So, now another chapter begins in Dr. Cromer's life. He recently put his cabin on the market (see **Powder Homes For Sale**) and hopes to buy a condo on the mountain to simplify his life. After over 40 years of skiing, Doc is starting to slow down. "I've noticed a big difference in my knees...they aren't real tight", Jim confesses. Thanks for being such a great part of our community, Jim! Bon Appetit!!!

## The Jacobs

Velma and Grady Jacobs grew up in the booming town of Quitaque, Texas, population 600. "The word Quitaque means End of the Trail", Velma commented. And apparently it's just that! After Grady returned from 3 1/2 years in the Marine Corp and a short courtship, he and Velma were married on May 10, 1963. Together for over 44 years, Velma says the secret to marriage is "agree to disagree".

Is it really that simple??

Their family has grown through the years; they have two daughters, one son and six grandchildren.

So, now looking back, what a life they've had together!

**1963** -- Grady joins the Air Force.

**1966** -- Grady graduates with a Bachelors degree in Business from Colorado State University in Ft. Collins, Colorado. This was part of the Air Force Education and Commissioning Program.

**1966-69** -- They're stationed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio.

**1970** -- Grady earns MBA at University of Southern California.

**1970-74** -- Back to Wright-Patterson with Grady teaching contracts and finance at the Air University.

Velma finishes Associate Business degree, which she started at Loyola Marymount when living in California.

**1974-76** -- Taiwan adventure; Grady serves his country while Velma teaches English conversation at the Chinese Air Force Academy and raises three small children.

**1976-80** -- The Pentagon; Grady is Special Assistant to Deputy Secretary of Defense. He retires from the military at age 37.

The next few years, Grady and Velma move from Washington, DC to Florida to Illinois where Grady is a Director for contracts and finance at various corporations.

**1988** -- Grady becomes Corporate Vice President for Thiokol (now ATK) here in Ogden.

**2000** -- Grady retires from managing billions of dollars as Thiokol's CFO and becomes Powder Mountain West Landowners Association's treasurer in 2005 managing 60-70K.

Do you think he's qualified for the job???

How lucky are we??

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## Dyer's Wode Update

Spraying for Dyer's Wode took place the end of June. A county wide ordinance was issued this season to control this disastrous weed.. Due to this wide spread problem, there will be more discussion at this winter's landowner's meeting as how to control and stop dyer's wode in our community.



## Powder Ridge Construction

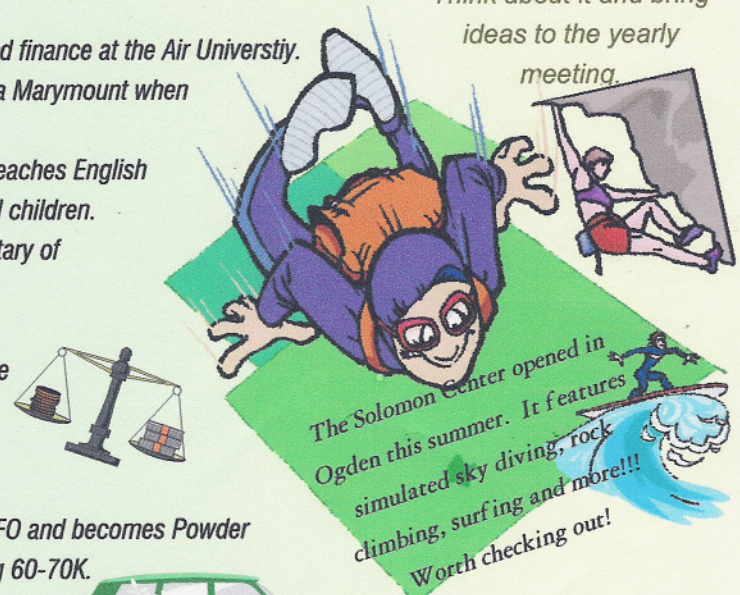
Powder Ridge began construction this summer on 30 new condos adjacent to the existing recreation center. Scheduled completion date is October 2008.

## Community Cat???

No not as in feline...

A few neighbors have been discussing purchasing a small community cat to assist with visitors and their luggage in the winter.

Think about it and bring ideas to the yearly meeting.



## Parking Committee Seeking Solutions

Vern Vice, Craig Colgate, Jim Hoffman and Steve Gordon have met several times over the past six months to discuss possible solutions to our inevitable parking challenges. They have all been given assignments and will report their findings at our December landowners' meeting.



## **The Jacobs continued...**

*Now on to Velma...*

*Besides raising three children through the years, Velma has become an exceptional cook (Grady cooks, too!) She honed her skills through the years cooking for her family, as well as Grady's and her participation in gourmet clubs since 1974. Velma prides herself even more with her devotion to various charity organizations. She was President of FISH for three years, which provides social welfare services. She has been actively involved with their church teaching Sunday school to keeping the books. She has also been on the Salvation Army Board for the past seven years here in Ogden. What seems to be nearest and dearest to her heart, though, is her 10 year elite membership with the Philanthropic Education Organization (PEO.com). This unique organization gives scholarships to young girls and single mothers to help attend colleges in the United States. Wow!!*

*But what about Powder Mountain???*

*Grady and Velma have skied at Pow Mow since 1988. They purchased their lot at a tax sale in 1991 for...are you sitting down?...\$1,250!!!! And you thought Doc Cromer made a great deal!*

*They built their beautiful home in 2002 and spend approximately five months a year here enjoying the amazing view. As we all know, they enjoy entertaining family and friends, especially, during the Holidays. So far, the most they've filled their home with is 20 guests for one week!*

*When not at Powder Mountain, you will find Velma and Grady at their home in Amelia Island, Florida, or at their timeshare in Spain.*

*So where is home, you may ask? "Home is where you hang your hat", Velma says quoting her mom.*

*When asked what one thing they would want people to know about them, Velma replied with her usual contagious smile, "We enjoy life!" What a simple, but inspiring goal for all of us!*

## **Powder Mountain Homes For Sale**

**Contact Doug & Jaime Lythgoe at REMAX for more info**

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**Jim Cromer's  
cabin  
\$1.1million**



**Newly built  
closest to  
Sundown lift  
\$1.7million**

