

Escape

a chronicle of the christie lodge owners association

Avon and the Vail Valley Share Exciting Growth

From antiques to welding supplies and everything in between, Avon has it! But that wasn't always the case in the 27-year history of Avon. Around the time of the Christie Lodge's inception, there was little more to the Avon business district than the Boat Building (the one directly south of the Lodge), Benchmark Plaza, Cassidy's Hole in the Wall and a trailer court (now Riverfront Village.)

Long-time owners may have more of a sense of appreciation for the amenities available today than new owners, and most marvel at the explosion of building activity that has occurred during the quarter century of the Lodge's life.

Who would have ever thought that the government would actually add two new exits to busy Interstate 70 to accommodate the growth? This happened in the early 2000's just after Wal-Mart built a SuperCenter and Home Depot built a large home materials center in east Avon, near the location of the old STOL airport sight.

That's right - there once was a Short Take-Off and Landing airport just east of the Lodge!

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This picture reflects what the town of Avon looked like in 1950, just the old Nottingham farm. You can see the bald spot that is above Beaver Creek Ski area presently, along with the cliffs that are still visible nowadays on the left.

Riverfront Village to Host Avon Gondola

The Westin® Hotels and Resorts company is building a new resort just across the way from the Christie Lodge that will be an exciting addition to the Avon and Beaver Creek areas.

In particular, they are just now completing the long-awaited gondola that will run from Avon to Beaver Creek in an estimated 3 minutes!

The gondola will be appropriately named *The Riverfront Express - Beaver Creek Lift Number 7.*



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The construction projects, shopping additions and even housing construction have been beyond most residents' imaginations these last few years. Many remember, just over a decade ago, when the post office was in the Avon Center, before building the "new" modern facility it now enjoys.

One of the most exciting additions for skiers is the new gondola (see the companion article for details). Of course, the Eagle County Airport (EGE), located just 27 short miles west of Avon, is in a constant state of expansion and improvement. New carriers and new routes are always in the limelight and recent plans are most exciting as they call for a light rail mode of transportation between Avon and the airport!

Non-skiers like their snow melted and for over twelve years summer vacationing owners and guests have enjoyed the excellent swimming and other recreational facilities provided by the City of Avon.

These Avon Summer vacationers, especially the young ones, will thrill to the recent ribbon cutting by the Avon Recreation District of the new Avon Whitewater Park on the Eagle River! The waves and rapids make it especially attractive to kayakers and it is the location of the Westin Whitewater Rodeo Series which is open to male and female paddlers of all skill levels.

The Avon Whitewater Park includes: a new boat ramp, a spectator terrace, wetlands planning, kayaking clinics



Summer or Winter? Thanks to the Avon Whitewater Park summers in Avon are even more fun.

for all skill levels as follows: Baby Bob which is basic kayaking, Bob Jr. which is intermediate freestyle kayaking, Bob Sr. which is advanced freestyle kayaking. The name "Bob" comes from the park's proximity to the famous "Bob the Bridge" in Avon. If you're not familiar with Bob, the next time you're in town, drop by the Concierge Department for a great explanation on Bob's history.

So, what about the next 27 years? We don't know about that but what we do know is that there will be plenty of growth and excitement for our humble "little" Avon. Come often and enjoy it with us!

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The *Riverfront Express* will have eighteen cars. Each car carries eight passengers and the ride over Highway 6 to the bottom of the Lower Beaver Creek Express lift should make it easier for skiers and visitors to reach the Beaver Creek Ski Area without having to drive or ride the bus. This will make the entire trip from Avon to Strawberry Park at the top of the mountain only seventeen minutes.

This project has been made possible by the resources of the new Westin Resort, pictured at right under construction. It will require an investment of \$500 million and will cover 19 acres to become the *Riverfront*



The Riverfront Express is a reality.



The 19-acre Riverfront Village facility will tower 130 feet into the air. Village. You can compare that to the nearly 7 acres the Christie Lodge occupies. In addition to the 515 hotel rooms and suites, condos and timeshare units, the *Riverfront Village* will include restaurants, shops, retail space, a sports medicine clinic, spa and other commercial space. This will truly be an exciting addition to the town of Avon.

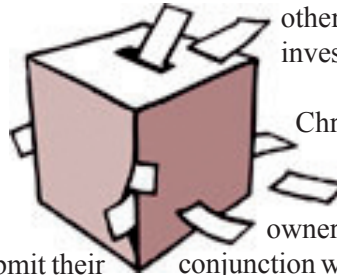
Annual Meeting to Elect Two CLOA Board Members

The 2007 Christie Lodge Owners Association's Annual Meeting is scheduled on October 6, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. CDT, in Irving, Texas. The location of the meeting will be at the Wyndham DFW North – also known as the Holiday Inn Select, DFW North. Their official name change occurs on July 2, 2007. The address is 4441 Highway 114 @ Esters / 4441 John Carpenter Freeway, Irving, Texas 75063.

Owners will have the opportunity to elect two owners to become members of the CLOA Board of Directors. All owners interested in becoming candidates in this election should submit their resume to the CLOA Executive Office, P. O. Box 1196, Avon, CO 81620-1196. All resumes must be submitted and received by July 31, 2007.

Board member services include attending about 3 or 4

meetings per year. There is no remuneration for Board member services, but travel, meals and lodging expenses are reimbursed for attendance to Board meetings. Board members must review periodic financial information and be available for input on other various issues. Officers of the Board invest additional time.



Christie Lodge Management is currently arranging with the Wyndham discounted room rates available to owners interested in booking a stay in conjunction with this Annual Meeting.

More detailed information will be included in the Official Notice and Agenda to be sent to all owners, closer to the meeting date. Please plan to attend and take part in this important meeting.

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As Always . . . Prompt Payment Brings Great Rewards . . .

Geez, how many ways can we say this? We love our owners! Every issue we give away an exchange week and every issue we try to dream up a new way to tell you about it. But it all boils down to the following facts . . .

One of the ways we say, "Thank you!" to our owners who pay

promptly, is our exchange week giveaways. Locations available are all the properties through RCI and II.

We hold these drawings twice a year, just after each billing period. We draw names of three owners from this group. Then we pick up the exchange fee for each winner's week!

The lucky winners for this period are:

William & Deborah Gadd
 Fullerton, California

Don & Charlene Dorsey
 Arlington, Texas

Eugene & Lydia Sydor
 Franklin Park, Illinois

Two New Rules of the Christie Lodge Owners Association, Inc.

With regard to a very small number of instances, the Board felt compelled to pass the following two rules. Please review this important information and save it for future reference.

Rule F.6 is revised to read as follows:

Employees of the Association or the Manager shall not be sent off the Project Premises by any Owner or Occupant at any time for any purpose. No Owner or Occupant shall direct, supervise, or in any manner attempt to assert any control over the employees of the Association. No Owner or Occupant shall verbally or otherwise abuse or harass employees of the Association.

Rule F.12 is revised to read as follows:

Complaints regarding the operation and maintenance of the Project or performance of Association employees shall be made in writing to the Manager, as long as any Management Agreement is in effect and thereafter to the Board. Any complaints by Association employees about the conduct of any Owner or Occupant, including: (i) any improper attempt to direct, supervise or assert control over or (ii) verbal or other abuse or harassment of Association employees by an Owner or Occupant shall be made to the Manager.



Exchange and Other Tips from the Reservations Dept.

Did you know that you are not limited to using a week within the color season or size of unit you own? Or that it is possible to roll your week over from year to year and use multiple weeks at one time?

Some timeshare owners need assistance in making the most of their ownership at the Christie Lodge. Take heart in knowing that we are here for you to help you in this process. You may be a new owner in need of learning the ins and outs or a long time owner that wants to do more than just come for your week.

There are many benefits of Christie Lodge ownership like bonus nights for owners at special rates, special one time purchase weeks, an internal exchange program for owners and becoming a member of either or both of our affiliated exchange companies RCI and II, where you can create greater flexibility in when and where you take your vacations.

Timeshare is simply that. Owners “share time” in each season, at your resort or within the exchange industry with other owners. It all works if everyone agrees to take a week that is available but often everyone wants the same week. Difficulties arise when a week goes by and some of the units were not reserved. Then owners compete for space that is available and as each week goes by the competition is compounded. Reservations are booked on a first-come, first-served basis.

Our condominium documents are specific when it comes to using your week in your designated season each year and do not allow weeks to be rolled over to the next year. To avoid the “use it or lose it” syndrome Christie lodge owners do have options. One option is to become a member of RCI or II and then bank your week. This requires a membership and an exchange fee with your company of choice. By banking the week you have greater flexibility of when you use your week and where you vacation.

Another option, if you only want to come to the Christie Lodge, is to participate in the Christie Lodge Internal Exchange program, called INEX for short.

INEX operates on the same basic principle as exchanging through a third party company, but it is handled completely by the Christie Lodge reservation staff. There is still a minimal fee starting at \$89 and this exchange fee stays with the association. You start by

booking your normal week within the parameters of your ownership, then giving it up into the INEX program. You then request a new date for any time of the year.

Your exchange “deposit” can give you a period of up to 3 years to re-book your week. By giving up your week to the internal exchange program this provides an available week for another owner to come at a different week or season or even unit size as well.

Does the program work? With any exchange program there is a risk that we would not be able to accommodate an inflexible specific request and the original deposit will be forfeited. If you are trying to book during a high demand time and past history indicates that we may not have the availability then we may encourage you to try an exchange company. In 2002 this program came alive with 45 completed INEX stays. In 2006 we had 92! The more activity by owners in the internal exchange program, the easier it is to secure your requested internal exchange week. All signs point to INEX as not only a successful program, but one that has had promising growth every year! Keeping the exchange fee here at the Christie Lodge is an added bonus. Give it a try!

If you have any questions on the specifics of the program, would like to examine the options for trading your week, or need help in any other aspect of using your ownership, please don't hesitate to call or email the reservations department, 888-325-6343 or reservations@christielodge.com. There is also a lot of great information of our website at www.christielodge.com.

Rez Hotline
1-888-325-6343



Our Lodge is well-known for its beautiful flower presentations.

Calendar of Events - Summer '07

July, 2007

Vail Farmers Market	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Gypsum Outdoor Movie Event	1
Rochester Philharmonic	1
An Evening with Eileen Ivers	2
Betty Ford Alpine Gardens Guided Tour	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Betty Ford “ Horticultural Therapy .	3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Bud Light Hot Summer Nights	3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Something Fun Summer Day Camp	3, 8, 13, 18
Showdown Town, Various Artists	5, 12, 19, 26
Edwards' Farmers Market	7, 14, 21, 28
Chamber Music Classics	10, 17, 24
Music at Midday	11, 18
An Evening with Judy Collins	18
Active Minds, the CIA	18
New York Philharmonic	20, 21, 22
Children's Hospital Courage Classic	21, 22, 23
Los Lonely Boys in Concert	25
Kenny Loggins in Concert	26
Avon's Lakeside Cinema	27
Cordillera Home Tour	28
Beaver Creek Eagle Ride	29
American Dance Spectacular	29
Balanchine Celebration	30

August, 2007

Festival Soiree IV	1
Modern Masters (dance)	1
Betty Ford Alpine Gardens Childrens Programs	1, 8, 15, 22
Betty Ford Alpine Gardens Guided Tour	2, 9, 16, 23
Chamber Music Classics V	2
Something Fun Summer Day Camp	2, 7, 12, 17, 22
Avon's Lakeside Cinema	3, 10
Edwards' Farmers Market	4, 11, 18, 25
Writing Workshop with Pam Houston	4
Pam Houston Reads	4
Vail Farmers Market	5, 12, 19, 26
Kris Kristofferson in Concert	5
Evening with Savion Glover (dance)	6
Morphoses: the Wheeldon Company (dance)	8, 10
Avon Antique Show	10
Ballroom's Best (dance)	11
Bud Light Hot Summer Nights	14, 21
Gordon Lightfoot in Concert	18
Avon's Dunk-N-Dash	24
Tower of Power in Concert	26
Vail Jazz Festival	31
Gourmet on Gore	31
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A Touch of Class Shown at the Lodge

The Christie Lodge is well known in the area for its beautiful summer flower presentations as witnessed by Larry Brooks, the Avon Town Manager, who proclaimed that the Christie Lodge is a great example of what the grounds of an Avon business should look like!

This awesome responsibility falls under the auspices of our Engineering Department. Each year these employees transform the snow-covered dormant gardens and grounds into the vivid colorful flower gardens that our owners and visitors enjoy. Accolades like those of Mr. Brooks are numerous and are well appreciated by the Grounds Crew of the Engineering Department, led by Gonzalo Vizcaino, a 15-year employee.

Planning for the summer presentations begins during the heart of ski season in January when, believe it or not, many of the summer flowers are ordered. A

design for the flower beds is drafted and revised until our professionals

decide upon a theme that reflects a particular goal for that year. Themes from past years include, “eye catching moments”, “Colorado wild-flowers” and “colors of fire”.

Once we have a theme the homework begins to bring it to the final desired look. Flower research can be tricky in a microclimate like that in which the Lodge is located. Our plants must endure extreme temperature changes, severe storms, a periodic heavy rain or hail storm, bright sunshine and even an occasional late-season snowfall. Sometimes several of these conditions



The planters showcase the Grounds crew's talents

occur in a single day! We carefully select the plants and flowers that we believe will achieve our theme's desired effect while withstanding the environmental conditions.

Many of our choices are not indigenous to the area and are not handled by local nurseries. That's one reason we order them early, which allows us to begin planting in February. Made to our specifications, the hanging baskets

arrive by Memorial Day weekend for our guests to enjoy and can be protected from freezes with protective covering bags.



Hanging baskets show great pride!

(see 'Flowers - Pride & Joy' on back page)

Flowers Are Our Pride and Joy - cont. . . .



Tremendous amounts of work go into the actual arrangements. The flower beds are meticulously laid out and the grounds crew carefully plants each individual flower into its specified spot that helps achieve that year's theme. This year we have chosen our theme to be "a touch of class". We have many flowers not seen in the Vail Valley and these will feature burning reds, oranges, yellows, purple and other brilliant colors.

We hope you will take pleasure in this years' eye catching labor of love through the summer and well into the fall.

When visiting the Christie, don't forget to use our full-service Concierge to enhance your visit! We can help you find that special attraction, restaurant or just give you some great tips on enjoying the area!

Don't Forget

Colorado State Parks kicks off its 2007 *Tour de Fleur* with 21 parks participating. This program highlights the beauty of Colorado's wonderful wildflowers such as the columbine, scarlet paintbrush, Pasque flower, mariposa lily, prickly pear cactus, penstemon, shooting star and mule's ear.



Living or traveling in Colorado provides outdoor hiking and photography opportunities superior to anywhere else in the world. So come out and experience Tour de Fleur lasting through the spring and summer at Colorado State Parks. For more information on the Colorado State Parks and the 2007 Tour de Fleur please visit <http://parks.state.co.us>



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