

HAWAIIAN ACRES ROAD CORPORATION

NEWSLETTER FALL/WINTER 2005

Notice: Separate from HACA is HARC - *Hawaiian Acres Road Corporation*. If you aren't already a member helping to maintain your roads, you can send \$60.00 per year (January—December) to:

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY BILL KELLY

Hello friends and neighbors:

Last week as I was pulling out of 7 Rd onto C, some young man on a dirt bike very nearly crashed into the rear of my pickup. As he almost crashed into the ditch on the other side of the road, he sticks finger at me as he goes wobbling by on the right; we all know which finger. I would think he would be more concerned with keeping the handlebars in front of himself. I get to the bottom of C Rd at 8 and the young man's waiting to give me a piece of his mind. When he realized I was bigger than he, we had a cordial conversation. He seemed to think that 35 or 40 mph on our dirt roads was a safe speed. When I pointed out that the sight distance for me from that uphill corner is only 150 feet and even at 35mph it probably only takes him two seconds to cover that distance, I suggested that perhaps HARC's speed recommendation of 20 mph on our dirt roads would be more practicable. I inquired why he had no license plate? And I went on to ask him if he lived in Hawaiian Acres (HA) or was he just passing through? The young man was non-committal. Please, let's share the roads.

Which leads me to the reasons I moved to HA. There are many; here are a few: it's zoned agricultural, it has sufficient rainfall, its elevation is conducive to subtropical fruit cultivation and importantly it has dirt roads. I envisioned that in my senior years I would be riding my mountain bike or my horse around these dirt roads.

We all have our reasons for wanting to live in HA. I would hope that dirt bikers and horseback riders could co-exist. Our roads are not a dirt track for racing of any kind. Also I would like to remind dog owners that it is the law to pen or chain your dogs at all times. This is especially important in ag land for the safety of farm animals as well as your neighbors' enjoyment of jogging, bicycling, horseback riding, motorcycling, etc.

We've had a boom in growth the last three years, which has put new burdens on not just the roads but our drainage as well.

I would like all our new neighbors to know that it is illegal to change the course of this drainage. In other words, water that flows must continue to flow into and out of your property at the same places that it did before you bulldozed your land. The water flows were aerially

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VICE-PRESIDENT & G RD REPORT

"KAILA'S CORNER"

It's time again for another update on what's been happening in the acres. "G" rd. has seen a lot of good changes, lots of gravel, asphalt strips repaired & some new ones put in with the help of Mike & his boys. "Thanks again for all your help." It goes to show you how anyone can make a difference in our community. A couple of days of work on his/her road, and your travels in & out of our subdivision seems so much nicer.

I've had some problems with people dumping their junk cars on "G" rd. But what's new? They're everywhere! "It Stinks!" We (HARC board) have allotted money from the emergency fund to help ease this problem. Each lettered road can remove 2 cars per year, the only problem with that is which one?

The gravel that was put down from 1 to 6 (on "G") in the beginning of the year has held up well, we haven't had heavy rains & I'm thankful. I just put some gravel down in the rough spots between 6 & 9 and now in the process of working my way back up to 1.

"F" rd is looking great Thanks to Devra & her Ohana.

Another 50 ft pavement strip was put in at 8 & F to help with the traffic going up & down that busy intersection.

We are still looking for more volunteers to help us maintain our roads. Still looking for an "F" road chairperson & secretary. Come-on people put some time into your community, we can't do it alone. I work, have 4 "moopuna's" (grandchildren) along with all the other things I have to do in my life, but I still find the time to help in my community. It's so rewarding Physically, spiritually, mentally. I am running again for the HARC board and would appreciate your vote of confidence.

Mahalo to all who have graciously donated monies to HARC, you have my gratitude, for without your support we would all need 4-wheel drive vehicles & a family member who's a mechanic & owns a tire company.

Aloha, Kaila

NOTICE:

This is the HARC Election issue. Only paid HARC members have received the Ballot insert.

Our apologies if you receive this late.

You may fax the ballot to 808-966-9892.

To keep more money for the roads, we have decided to continue use of "bulk mail" rates even though delivery of the newsletter and ballot can sometimes be delayed, depending on the post office in your area.

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TREASURER'S AND E ROAD REPORT

BY ROBERTA BRASHEAR-KAULFERS

Mahalo to all of the Hawaiian Acres lot owners who cared enough to pay their dues to help us maintain **your** roads. We now have approximately 1400 paid members for 2005. Remember, you can send your dues in at any time and the money is designated to be spent on the roads that you use.

To all E Road users:

Two large capital improvement projects have been done in your area in 2005. The dangerous hill, which had a large lava air bubble, was taken down and leveled between 7 and 8 Road on E. It was widened, then graded and graveled. This has made it much easier and safer for people to pass, and for heavy equipment to get through. Thank you Charlie Okano for your expert bulldozing skills!

The second large project was completed this summer, a very high spike on E rd between 3 and 4 Roads. Rod Ackerman did this work. Although 10 feet of height was removed from this hill, it still has quite a rise to it. It has been widened and graveled, so cars may pass. This past week of incredible rains has created a lake at the bottom of this hill. We will work on keeping it graveled so it can be made passable during heavy rains.

The rest of E Road will be graded one more time before the end of the year. The remainder of the E Road funds will be used for gravel. Some matching funds may be available, up to \$300.00 per project. Remember, the person requesting the matching funds must be a paid member of HARC, the Hawaiian Acres Road Corporation. Feel free to call me at 966-7002.

It has been a privilege serving you these past 2 years. I regret I will not be running for re-election to the Board in 2006. Anyone interested in running to be the E Road representative, contact Laurie at HARC 966-9892. Aloha and Mahalo,
Roberta Brashear-Kaulfers

B RD REPORT

BY NICKY RAPOZA

We have graveled and graded 9-11 Rd on B. Also had some gravel put down between 9 & 8, from 7 up to 4 Road, some drain rock and a box scraper was used. A flail mower was used to mow both sides from 3 rd to 11 rd. Also some cold patch was put on strips going from 8 to 7 rd.

Please feel free to contact me at 966-7738 if you have any ideas or concerns for B Road.

Thank you for your road dues.

Current HARC Board of Directors 2005

(till December 4, 2005)

President & C Rd Chair	Bill Kelly	808-982-8700
Vice-Pres & G Rd Chair	Kaila Dehmer	808-966-4276
Treasurer & E Rd Chair	Roberta Brashear-Kaulfers	808-966-7002
Secretary		position open
Pavement Chair		position open
B Rd Chair	Nicky Rapoza	808-966-7738
D Rd Chair	Paul Shrift	808-968-7593
F Rd Chair		position open

HARC Monthly Meetings are held at the Community Center on the 4th Thursday of each month 6:00 PM

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photographed years ago and you wouldn't want to make the mistake of being liable for a flow change. Also, it is a requirement to get a grubbing permit from the county for any bulldozing over 10,000 square feet.

I would like to take this time to extend a welcome to all our new neighbors and may you love our community as your predecessors do.

The county and HA have come to terms on the Puna Emergency Access Road (PEAR) or 8 Rd, as most of us call it. They have agreed to maintain the road and to up-grade the drainage and safety, with HA lot owners remaining the owners of our section of the PEAR. They have agreed that their improving of the road makes them liable for safety issues.

I believe the future remains bright for the community of HA as long as we steadfastly maintain our ag-3 zoning. Our ownership of all 75 miles of the roads gives us, as a private community, a say-so in the future development of HA. I believe our policy of voluntary road dues and our allocation of the dues by the lettered roads continues to do us justice. Most monies are spent maintaining individual lettered roads, yet if you want to improve your numbered road there are matching funds available (see the requirements on page 3 of the HARC blue pages).

On a lighter note, I get to retire from the board this year, as HARC's by-laws prevent anyone from reigning more than 3 years in a row. We do need several more volunteers to run for the board. It's a non-paying position, but being on the board is a chance to meet all the community's equipment owners. As well as learn what individual equipment pieces are capable of accomplishing.

Aloha, and again, please share our aina with the dignity it deserves, and let's keep the country country. Bill Kelly

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D RD REPORT

BY PAUL SHRIFT

It's been one rainy year so far this year. The date is Sept 2, 2005. To date, I have spent about 85% of the donations and have done a few matching funds to help with the perpetual lakes and wash-out river zones. I have tried to maintain D rd in a timely fashion but getting the correct materials & coordinating contractors has at times been a slow process with everyone so busy and also waiting for dry days. Now comes the rainy season, so bear with this volunteer as I know the rds get a bit uneven. As a resident that also drives D rd daily I have to contend with the bumps and water run-off areas just as every one else does.

I am running again and ask for your vote as it's a slow process to take care of all the worst spots from Rd 1-11 on a regular basis.

Still having a problem with quads, dirt bikes and cars spinning tires, all creates divots which then turn into major holes in the rainy times. If the rds are dry and dusty please slow down as 15mph is a reasonable, safe speed. A reminder to people in the intersections. Please creep thru them, as many intersections are over grown and blind. Cars entering D rd from most numbered rds should give right of way to any vehicles on D rd. This fall for the 1st time in eons we are doing side mowing of over grown areas.

A reminder to all lot owners: Tracked equipment MUST be trailered to and from any LOT. Not walked on the rds. When people drive and contractors are working on the roads the contractors have right of way. They can not always see vehicles, so extreme caution must be given while they work to maintain a safe passage for one and all.

Mahalo, Paul Shrift

WHEN ROADWORK IS BEING DONE

Please find other ways or roads to take home if you see roadwork being done. It takes valuable time to stop heavy machinery every time a car needs to pass. Sometimes I see the same car many times.

Thank you, Warren (heavy equip. operator)

Hawaiian Acres Road Corporation MATCHING FUNDS

What are matching funds? This is a question on the minds of many Hawaiian Acres residents and property owners. Here is your answer!!

The HARC Matching Funds Program is a program in which one-half of desired road work costs are paid for by HARC, and the other half paid for by persons requesting the road work. There are certain rules and regulations regarding the procedure in which matching funds are obtained and dispensed. The following are general guidelines:

1. At least one person of the group requesting matching funds must be a member of the Road Corporation.
2. Before work commences, the person or persons requesting matching funds must come to a monthly Board meeting to pay for half of the project, or be in contact with their Road Rep.
3. The proposed work must be approved by the HARC Board.
4. There must be matching funds available for the Road Area in which the work is to be done. Currently, there is a \$600.00 total per project, of which HARC will pay half.
5. This program is generally for the numbered roads, not the main ingress & egress roads.



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CANDIDATE'S LETTER

Aloha Hawaiian Acres! I will be running for B Road Rep again and would very much appreciate your vote. It was great working with the HARC Board and B Road members. I would really like to do it again. Thank you, Nicky Rapoza

CANDIDATE'S LETTER

Aloha. I am new to Hawaiian Acres and just like all of you, have fallen in love with the beauty of the community as well as all the people. I feel there is no better way for me to contribute back to my community than to serve on the Board of Directors for the Hawaiian Acres Road Corp. I have sat in on one of the board meetings and have seen where the current reps need more help, and I would like nothing more than to contribute my time and efforts to making a difference in the place that I now consider my home. I hope to win your vote.

Mahalo, Diane Gonzales

CANDIDATE'S LETTER

It is once again time to select the Road Chairs for HARC. My previous experience on the board was primarily spent learning the do's and don'ts of Acres road repair. This past year I took the mandatory year off as required in the by-laws although I have been volunteering road work on my tractor, Bloosie Loo. Some may think I am a glutton for punishment, but for some reason, I actually enjoy doing the road work and the challenge F road presents. I hope you will vote for me in the upcoming election. Mahalo, Devra

"MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY"

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2005

8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

Come on out and "make a difference" in your community!

We will be weedeating and picking up rubbish in selected areas of the Acres.

Meet at the HACA Center, Rds 8 & C at 8 am
Bring gloves and, if you like, a potluck dish to share.

Supplies, snacks and water will be provided.

Call 808-966-9892 for more info.....



1 RD SHOULDERS BEING MAINTAINED

HARC

Annual Membership Meeting

Sunday, December 4, 2005

2:00 PM

At the Hawaiian Acres
Community Center
Roads 8 & C

Potluck to Follow

For more info call 808-966-9892