

# SPECIAL GHAVFD NEWSLETTER

Summer 2011

**How many of us have experienced the overwhelming relief of seeing this rescue unit pull up at our house and trained Glen Haven Area Volunteer Fire Department EMTs and firefighters jump out to save our lives?**

**There are presently 18 members of the fire department, including 3 EMTs. The average response time in 2010 was 6.5 minutes! Check out the photo and information on page 3 to get an idea just how extraordinary that speed is.**



*In April 2011, the rescue unit was parked on the rough, overgrown lot (above) where the Horseshoe Café and GlenCrofter Country Store (p. 2) burned down in December 1991.*

*The GHAVFD acquired this land last fall, for \$80,000, and volunteer members of the Fire Department cleaned it up this spring, hauling two truckloads of trash away. Zack Marshall voluntarily painted the back retaining wall. Now the property looks neat and attractive, as shown at left.*

**And, with your help,  
it will soon  
look like this!**

*Note the charming glass panes on the right-hand side, reminiscent of Old Glen Haven.*



*Rendering © Michael Tavel, AIA*

## A Temporary “So Long” to Bob Lindsay

Since the 1980s, Bob Lindsay (second from left below) has been a neighbor of The Retreat (his and Lita’s property abuts Retreat land), an invaluable member of the GHAVFD, and a beloved member of the Glen Haven community. He said goodbye to his fellow members of the Fire Department—*temporarily!*—at the August 3, 2011, Training Session. Bob and Lita are moving to southern Arizona, where he won’t need an oxygen tank,

*GHAVFD members at the August 3 Training Session (from left): Sue Keefe, Bob Lindsay, Jim Broomfield, Matthew DeWitt, Fire Chief Jason Gdovicak, Chuck Reynolds, Mike Keefe, Bob Smallwood, John Sullivan*

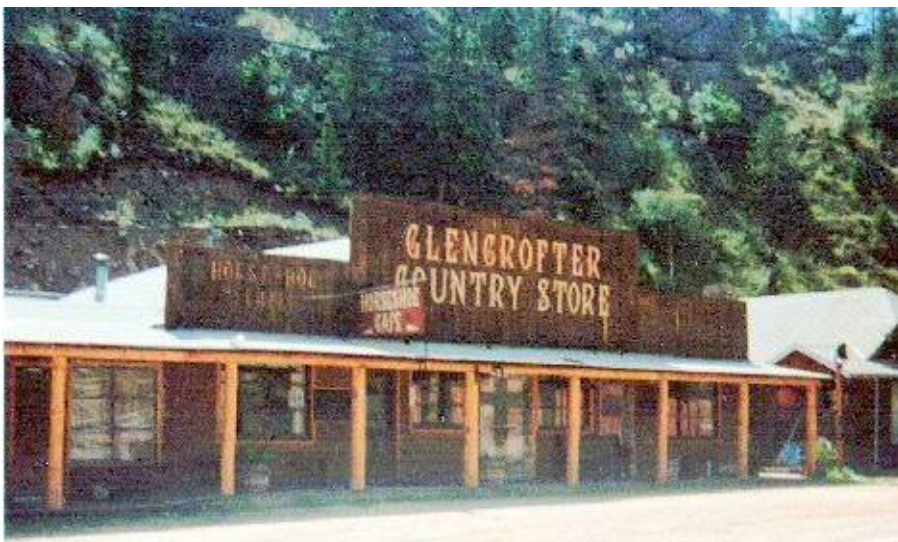


but they’ll be back every spring, to stay in their camper van and visit their children in Loveland.

Bob reminisced about his two most memorable adventures here.

#1: In the late 1980s, a motorcycle rider skidded on a CR 43 curve and “tore the top of his head off”! He fell in the North Fork of the Big Thompson and floated down the river. Bob and Lita and their children were having a picnic and saw him. They pulled him out of the river, Bob pushed down on his chest and water shot out of his lungs. Bob, Lita and the cold water saved the man’s life; he went on to work at the hospital in Fort Collins.

#2: Bob and former Fire Chief Tom Housewright were the first GHAVFD members to reach the Storm Mountain (aka Bobcat Gulch) Fire. (For new property owners and non-residents, the Storm Mountain fire, about 6 miles east of Glen Haven, started on June 12, 2000; it destroyed quite a few houses and filled the air around Glen Haven with smoke and ash for several days.) Bob and Tom rescued other firefighters by clearing a path through the flames!



*The Horseshoe Café (at left end of building) and GlenCrofter Country Store before they burned down in December 1991.*

*Revered GHAVFD firefighters **Greg Martin** and **Steve Childs** fought that fire 20 years ago. This is where the new GHAVFD firehouse will be built.*

Photo courtesy of Duke Sumonia

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Look carefully at the end of the ladder; it's **touching** the plastic bottle, which is there to protect the back wall of the firehouse. And the grab bar on the fire engine is **touching** the shelf. This total absence of space means the volunteers can't even put their equipment on till the engine is moved out of the building.

In addition, the fire engines can't be driven directly out onto County Road 43 and toward the emergency; they have to be maneuvered, backward and forward, before they can start off.

**Despite both those serious problems, the response time is presently an incredible 6-7 minutes!**

As if that weren't enough, there's no room to keep equipment or records on hand; they're now stored in several different places.

But the new firehouse, with adequate space inside and out, will solve all these problems—and reduce the response time!

As Tony Fink, M.D., chairman of the fundraising committee, puts it, "A home can be replaced; a life cannot."

**It's of vital importance for all of us to support our volunteer fire department by contributing as much as possible to the new firehouse project.**

Please print this page, cut out the form at right and mail it to the Fire Department with your donation.

## GLEN HAVEN FIRE HOUSE DONATION & PLEDGE FORM

The Glen Haven Area Volunteer Fire Department (GHAVFD), is a 501(C)(3) non-profit Colorado corporation. All contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law. Your donation is greatly appreciated!

My check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed. (Please make your check payable to GHAVFD Building Fund)

I would like to contribute to the new Glen Haven Fire House, and I pledge a gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per year for the next \_\_\_ years (maximum 2 years).

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