

"Alone our voice is small. — Stand together and we will be heard." Barbara Bowen, NAM
"Many voices make a platform on which all of us can stand" - Murna Lindsey, NAM

Iowa Attorney General's Office Goes after Novelli Companies for Harassing Former TAI Members

A letter from the Iowa Consumer Protection Office dated November of 2007 warns Travel America, First Nationwide Resorts, their owners, employees, agents, representatives, etc., that they must STOP harassing former Iowa members of Thousand Adventures or face monetary and other penalties.

The letter instructed the offending companies to refund any money collected after they were first notified that the (victim) did not want to be a member, to send the (victim) a letter confirming the cancellation of the membership within 10 days of the cancellation, etc...

Complaints against these companies have been filed with AG offices in several states, the US FTC, the US Postal Inspection Service, and others.

Timeshare Resale

"NO UP-FRONT FEE"

NAM has been contacted by several campground and timeshare resale organizations that promise that they will take their fee out of the proceeds of a completed sale — "No Up-front Fee"!

This is a refreshing new trend that we think is the beginning of the end for the rip-off schemes of the past. Those schemes were devised to extract money from hopeful sellers with little or no effort to actually sell the memberships.

Here is the latest addition to our list of sales organizations that have pledged to take their fee from the proceeds of the completed sale"

Andreas Rossler, Managing Broker
 contact info: (818) 510-4581
 Timeshare Village (866)-712-2742
 Tujunga, CA 91042
 email: sales@timesharevillage.com

The current list of resellers who have made a similar pledge is on page 2 of this newsletter.

If you have reason to believe that any of these resellers are not on the up-and-up please send us a letter, email, or telephone call and we will investigate and update our list.

Dan Hopper, NAM

Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year

May God bless you and yours
 this holiday season
 and throughout the coming year.

May He bring you
 health, happiness, peace and security.

May YOU be an instrument of God and help
 bring these same things to those around you.

Amen



Thank You for Your Donations

We try hard to help people who would otherwise feel they are all alone. Your donations make this possible. This no-battery "Forever Flashlight" is our latest thank you gift for your donations.

Thank you.

New 5 Star (MS) Scheme

We received the following information via e-mail from a former member of the subject camping club:

"If we pay a one-time fee of \$995, we will no longer have to pay yearly dues nor will our kids. He claims it is a 3-generation contract."

We (NAM) note that this kind of "Grab for Cash" has often preceded a change in ownership or campground management to the detriment of members.

We are reminded that 5 Star has a history of trying to demand annual fees from its members UNTIL THEY DIE! They have also alleged (falsely) that members do not have the right to cancel the membership.

Timeshare Resale Companies that advertise a "NO Up-front Fee" policy.

WARNING! - NEVER pay money "Up-Front" to sell your timeshare or campground membership.

	<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Phone</u>
1	Sedona Timeshare Resales	Sedona	AZ	(800) 344-3763
2	Timeshare Resale Brokers	Sedona	AZ	(800) 6709707
3	Timeshare Wholesale Bargains	Sedona	AZ	(928) 204-2799/(866) 887-1005
4	Grand Pacific Resorts, Inc.	Carlebad	CA	(760) 434-9421
5	Timeshare By the Sea	Carlsbad	CA	(800) 331-5988
6	Timeshare Resales Worldwide	Carlsbad	CA	(760) 729-8550
7	Shay's Timeshare Realty	Escondido	CA	(800) 543-SHAY
8	Timeshare Resale Alliance	La Jolla	CA	(800) 677-5010
9	Hotel Timeshare Resales	Palm Desert	CA	(800) 808-5651
10	Timeshare Resale Gallery	Palm Springs	CA	(866) 4-GALLERY
11	Beach & Town Realty	Solana Beach	CA	(800) 282-3302
12	Timeshare Locators	Solana Beach	CA	877-774-2737
13	Paradise Timeshare Resale, Inc.	South Lake Tahoe	CA	(800) 996-2001/(800) 878-4045
14	Vince Murdock Real Estate	Torrance	CA	(310) 540-0072
15	Timeshare Village	Tujunga	CA	(866)-712-2742
16	Jovan Realty	Breckenridge	CO	(800) 866-1228 or (97Q) 453-1228
17	Keen Realty Group	Casselberry	FL	(800) 425-5416
18	Timeshare Professionals, Inc.	Kissimmee	FL	(800) 533-9552
19	It's About Timeshare	Orlando	FL	(800) 421-4614
20	The Timeshare Store. Inc.	Orlando	FL	(800) 550-6493
21	Timeshare Resales of the Americas. Inc.	Orlando	FL	(800) 789-2718
22	Timeshare & Campground Clearinghouse	Cornelia	GA	(800) 863-1770
23	All Islands Timeshare Resales, LC F Tic	Honolulu	HI	(800) 860-4177
24	IVS Realty	Hyannis	MA	(508) 790-7911
25	Resort Realty Group Ltd.	Hyannis	MA	(800) 774-5539/(401) 246-7846
26	Defender Realty Inc.	Ocean City	MD, NC	(866) 5-RESALE/(843) 4973393
27	Timeshare Resorts Unlimited, LLC	Lake Tahoe	NV	(877) 586-8252
28	Paradise Timeshare Resale, Inc.	Stateline, and Round Hill	NV	(800) 996-2001/(800) 878-4045
29	Timeshares Best	Tannersville	PA	(800) 555-1353
30	Defender Realty Inc.	Myrtle Beach	SC	(866) 5-RESALE/(843) 4973393
31	Vacation Timeshare Resales Inc.	Hilton Head Island	SC	(800) 248-2897
32	Defender Realty Inc.		TN	(866) 5-RESALE/(843) 4973393
33	Timeshare Wholesalers. Inc.	Mercer Island	WA	(800) 764-2486

- If you have problems with any of these companies we will immediately remove them from this list!!
- NAM does NOT endorse these companies. Let us know if they give you problems.

I'm Mad as Hell

and

I'm Not Going to Take it Anymore!

There comes a time in the life of us "Geezers" when we've had enough.

Someone harasses us until we're not afraid anymore. We fight back...

Some jerk is telling me I have to send his company money every year - until I die. How very absurd!

Does my membership contract say that I have to? NO!

What does my contract say they can do if my annual dues are not current? Says that I can't use their facilities. That's all!

The camping club is harassing me now - threatening me. Trying to "extort" money from me unfairly. Demanding that I send them money every year "Until I Die"!

They are making their threats over the phone, via the US mail, etc. They are making their threats and working their scheme across state lines. Doesn't each of these suggest that the Federal Government might have the jurisdiction and responsibility to stop their schemes?

They seem confident that their support for local politicians and affiliations with national lobbyists will isolate them from prosecution.

They seem confident that their assets are sufficiently hidden/protected - if someone DOES win a "Class Action Lawsuit" against them.

At what point does their "Abuse" become not just a civil offence - but a "Criminal" act that requires time served?

Perhaps it's time now to "Fight Back"?

— Call to Action — YOU ARE THE KEY.

SEND US YOUR INFORMATION NOW...

Send us the following information — even if you've done so in the past:

1. The name and phone number of the company that is harassing you
2. What are they demanding (Money for life?)
3. Permission for us to add your name and information to a possible class-action and/or criminal complaint

We will let you know in this newsletter and on our web sites when this activity leads to formal action.

Dan Hopper, NAM

Campground Host Needed

by the US Forestry Service — in Colorado

Volunteers needed as a Rocky Mountains, Flat Tops Campground host with the United States Forest Service

Available dates Mid June — End of September and all days in between

Responsibilities:

- Visitor contacts,
 - general campground and site cleaning and maintenance,
 - possibly some facility painting and/or
 - building sign construction
- if you are interested in it.

They reimburse the following:

1. Propane use,
2. Generator gas use,
3. on duty mileage,
4. mileage for supplies (one trip per week),
5. RV Dump when required.
6. Plus we offer a subsistence of \$33 per week which includes \$8 for Gas + \$25 for basics.

Located near the Town of Yampa, Colorado (about 30 minutes from Steamboat Springs).

Contact Info:

Jason R. West
Developed Recreation (Seasonal employee)
Yampa District, Medicine Bow-Routt NF
970-638-4516
email: jasonwest@fs.fed.us

Between November and April contact:

John Anarella
Wilderness Coordinator
Yampa Recreation
(970)638-4516
Email: janarella@fs.fed.us

NOTE: NAM is not compensated for posting this notice. It is provided here as a service to RV campers and the US Forestry service.

This free newsletter is published quarterly for the benefit of all RV campers and timeshare owners. See page 4 for instructions on how to subscribe.

We also maintain 2 web sites for this same purpose. They are:

www.natlassoc.org
www.natlassoc.com

Your Donations Help



This "Thank You Gift" does not need batteries. Just shake it a few times and it will stay lit for several hours - then just shake it again.

Easily carried in your purse, pocket, or tool box. (Grandkids can hide it under their pillows if they are afraid of 'night goblins'.

Please send a tax deductible donation to:

NAM
4740 Silver Oak St.
Dayton, OH 45424-4650

We will send you a receipt for your donation and one of these amazing, no-battery, "Forever Flashlights" as a **Thank-You gift**.

Bill of Rights for Campground Members

We believe that campground members:

- Are entitled to the use of campground facilities in accordance with the terms of their membership contract as long as their dues/maintenance fees are current.
- Should expect the campground owner and the operator to live up to all the terms of the membership contract.
- May terminate the membership agreement and dues obligation at will by notifying the owner or operator of their intentions to do so.
This assumes that you do not intend to use the campground facilities.
- Note: The contract may specify the method to be used to cancel the membership.
- NO ONE has the right to force you to pay annual dues "for the rest of your life" for a campground membership!
Such a notion is absurd!
- The only reasonable penalty for non-payment of dues is denial of use of the camping facilities.
- Are NOT required to sell the membership to someone else in order to escape annual dues payments.

What is NAM ?

NAM was organized to advocate for ALL people who use campground resorts, condominiums, and timeshares. We want to stabilize and improve the rights of members. Many of us, speaking with one voice can make things change for the better. NAM is that voice. We will work with government agencies, campground resort owners/developers, and others to stabilize, improve, and enforce your rights.

There is no fee for our newsletters nor any service we provide. We do, however, depend on donations from people who believe in what we are doing. We are registered with the government as a nonprofit organization and your donations are tax deductible.

You can help. Join the NAM — Make a Difference. Send us the following information, it will not be provided to any non-government organization and will not be used for commercial purposes by anyone.

Note: NAM may "not" obligate you in any way to pay money for any purpose without your explicit consent.

JOIN THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR MEMBERS (NAM) [FREE]

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

email address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

I am interested in supporting the NAM. I want to:

Receive the NAM newsletter.

Reproduce/distribute my copy of the newsletter.

Make a donation to support NAM activities.

I am enclosing a check for \$ _____

Report on issues related to
RV campers or timeshares

Please send your comments and suggestions to:

NAM Treasurer
4740 Silver Oak Street
Dayton, OH 45424-4650

Include 5 or 6 Self-addressed, Stamped, size #10
(Business Size) Envelopes if you want this free newsletter.
or

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