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Welcome to our first mailing list only newsletter. If you are reading this, you will be assured to continue receiving every issue of the newsletter. This month we have some really exciting stuff for you. We have a tremendous fall hardware sale flyer inside as well as a Yarnell-Hoffer rental flyer. Sit back and enjoy. Also, a special thanks to all of you who bought supplies from us during the FRAN disaster. We appreciate the opportunity to serve. Sorry the lines were so long.

### MIKE AND CRAIG GO CAMPING...AND SURVIVE

I thought it would be appropriate to tell a little story this month about a camping trip that Craig and I went on last year since it is fire prevention month in October. As many of you know, Craig and I are both Eagle Scouts and grew up going camping in troop 39 here in Chapel Hill. I always have to say that we have the oldest troop in the nation right here in Chapel Hill. Our awesome Scoutmaster, Jim Mackorell, is still teaching boys how to grow up right and be responsible. Of course, he has had several near failures over the years. He taught me, Craig and Mike E. so you can decide on the job he did on us. We're trying to convince Jim to hold out until the second generation can come through. All three of us have boys that are only four to five years away from Boy Scout age. I think Jim's hair will be all gray by the time our kids get in the troop. Anyway, back to the story...

We both love to go camping and

backpacking, so we decided to camp out one night on the way home from the hardware show last year. As Craig will tell you, my favorite part of camping is building a fire. Craig always says I could easily become a pyromaniac because I like to catch things on fire so much. Maybe that's why my kids like to catch the marshmallows on fire when we go camping.

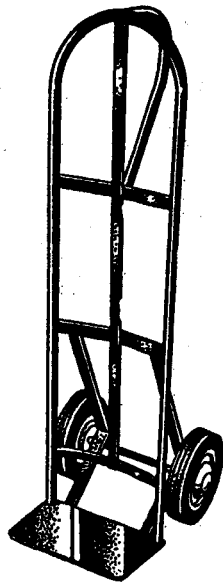
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Most people like to cook them just enough so they're a light brown before they eat them. But not the Hoffer kids. They like to see who can make the biggest flaming marshmallow.

Well, Craig and I had driven all afternoon and night after leaving Indianapolis from the hardware show and we finally found a campground to stop at for the night (or what was left of it). We checked in and drove in to the campsite. Before we got to the campground, we stopped for take out at Pizza Hut. Our plan was to set up camp, eat and go bed. You know, just the things you tell your kids or your mother tells you not to do

before you go to bed. Well, none of those people were present so we were safe. Now, it was already about 11pm and we hadn't even put the tent up. We were used to putting up our tents in the dark because it always ended up that way when Jimbo took us camping with the troop. Heck, we even got to be experts at putting up our tents in the pouring down rain. It was good character building Jim used to say. After the tent was up, we moved onto the really important task. No, it was not eating. It was time to **BUILD A FIRE.**

Now, there's some excitement! Craig tried to convince me all we needed was a little fire since it was so late, but I wouldn't hear of it. He says the only fires I know how to build are bonfires that could be substituted for Carolina National Championship victory celebrations. We walked through the woods with a dim flashlight because we didn't bring any extra batteries (imagine that!). Finally, we had enough wood for a fire. Both of us had learned how to start a fire with wet wood and two matches when we were little but we came better prepared this time. Remember I did mention that we were safe from our responsibilities. Craig whipped out the blowtorch and lit that baby right up. He



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had the automatic kind that are much nicer because they light by squeezing the trigger. We had a fire within seconds. I must admit that we cheated but it was late and we were tired and hungry. We sat down on the ground and ate our pizza. I couldn't stand it though. I just had to make the fire bigger. I went out to the woods again and got some bigger sticks. Pretty soon, the fire was roaring and we had to move back a couple of feet. You should have seen it! That fire was so awesome it would have kept 15 people warm. Craig kept reminding me that it was just me and him but I was having too much fun. After another few minutes, it was so hot we had to move the tent back because the flames were too close. That's when Craig put his foot down and told me to stop putting more wood on. Reluctantly, I agreed that we were't going to be there for three days (the amount of time it would probably take the fire to go out by itself) so I showed some self control. We sat up by the fire until well after midnight and decided to go to bed.

We woke up the next morning to chirping birds, fresh mountain air and of course, a fire that was still going!

## LET'S GROW GRASS...AGAIN

I hope you're not getting tired of seeing articles about growing grass but I think it's important to republish them every year to refresh your memory. Please keep in mind that it takes about three years of proper care to ensure a beautiful yard every season with not much effort. My yard has finally reached the point where all I have to do is fertilize, water and lime to get my yard looking right. For those of you who haven't redone your yard lately, how many times have you begged the grass to grow as you were getting in your car to go to work in the morning? Well, worry no more! Below are the foolproof

Yarnell-Hoffer grass growing tips that have proven to be a sure fire way to get a beautiful deep green lawn for those fall lawn parties. As a matter of fact, if you follow our instructions step by step, your lawn will probably even be green all the way until Christmas.

We'll do this in two groups. We'll call Group A "The Annailalators" because they're going to do it all from bare dirt. We'll call Group B "The Bald Spots" because they just have some areas of grass to fill in with (sort of like what Craig and Mike E. need to do with their bald spots on their heads). Pick your

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