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## **Turning Timeshares into Dream Vacations**

*National Timeshare Owners Association Working to Protect Consumers*

(Baltimore, MD - July 13, 2010) -- As timeshare owners continue to enjoy the summer months of this vacation season, the [National Timeshare Owners Association \(NTOA\)](http://www.nationaltimeshareownersassoc.com) cautions consumers to avoid scams, surprise expenses, and hidden restrictions associated with companies who want to buy, sell or rent their vacation properties. The NTOA, created exclusively by and for [timeshare owners](#), provides support, education, and advocacy services to people who own timeshares and who are exploring timeshare ownership.

"I purchased my first timeshare in 1988 and spent the next 10 years studying the industry and gathering resources to answer questions that come up regularly with relation to my timeshare," said Ed Hastry, Founder and President of the NTOA. "We turned our experiences and knowledge into an organization for those members who seek the most valuable information, resources and services available."

The NTOA helps [consumers](#) recognize the difference between buying a timeshare from the developers versus buying on the resale market. The organization works with owners to help them understand the exchange options and important methods for working with home owner associations (HOAs). Additionally, the NTOA strives to individually help owners avoid resale scams that could cost them thousands with no sales.

According to Hastry, the timeshare industry has earned a reputation of scams, high-pressure sales, and companies taking advantage of consumers not familiar with the product. The NTOA helps members avoid common scams and spiels and recognize legitimate timeshare deals. Powerful timeshare information resources from the NTOA include one-on-one service, members-only educational and networking seminars with national timeshare experts, an information-packed manual, and a subscription to the only timeshare magazine specifically written for owners and by owners.

“An educated and informed owner -- is a happy owner,” says Hastry. “Timeshares are a wonderful and cost-effective way to have a dream vacation every year. We provide the manual on timeshare that you don’t get when you purchase.”

For more information, visit [www.NationalTimeshareOwnersAssoc.com](http://www.NationalTimeshareOwnersAssoc.com).

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