



# MT. LEMMON ECHOES



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## FOREST SERVICE LAND EXCHANGE TEMPORARILY HALTED

Summerhaven and Mt Lemmon land has been deleted from Forest Service Land Exchange A 7344. Protesters were notified the first of this month by letters from Regional Forester's Office in Albuquerque.

The Yavapai Indian Tribe which was purchasing the land in the Coconino National Forest requested that the Mt Lemmon land be deleted because of their urgent need to have this land conveyed to the Tribe before May.

The exchange which was published in the Arizona Daily Star in July 1973 has been consistently delayed because of the protests led by Gerry Hackney and Jim Morse.

This is definitely an unexpected victory, but the letters did stress that the land would be offered again at a later date. So continue to watch the legal notices in the Star for any exchanges concerning Mt Lemmon. We'll try to keep our readers and members posted when one is published, but if you come across one, give us a call in case we miss it.

## THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

The events which have transpired over the past few years recall to mind the discouragements faced by George Washington before the birth of our republic. We, too, have

had our winter of discontent and hardship. I can vividly recall the many meetings the few of us living in Summerhaven would doggedly attend in an attempt to understand our plight, much less reach resolutions that would preserve the community on Mt Lemmon. Since these times we have found that we were not alone. Other communities had their hardy few who were determined to find constructive alternatives to abolishing single family, private development on Mt Lemmon.

Although the way has been long and arduous, it has been fruitful. We are coming to grips with our problems, understand them and are well on our way toward becoming the responsible organization we must be. We have formed 20 committees to set goals and are organizing to achieve them. Those of us who have been involved with Mt Lemmon Homeowners Assn., are excited and encouraged by the strong upsurge in membership.

Soon we will have a Sheriff's Office Substation located on the mountain for better year around coverage. We are also far down the road in realizing a volunteer fire department. These are only two of the exciting endeavors we have undertaken. We are now entering into negotiation with the Forest Service to mutually discover and take a constructive look at our differences in goals for land use in the Coronado. I am convinced there are attractive alternatives that far more than single family dwellings being a detriment to effective multiple use of our forests, they can be an asset. I am optimistic that if the Forest Service will meet with us with an open mind, we can find novel means for the integration of communities into the Forest Service goals.

These measures, I am sure, will require us to do our part willingly, both on deeded land and leased land. Your part now is to give the Mt Lemmon Homeowners Assn. your full support. We know our course, but need the support of all the communities to realize our goals. Send us your membership now and join the rapidly growing numbers who are proudly wearing our emblem on their windshield. And don't forget to volunteer your help to the committee of your choice.

Sincerely,

Robert T. Zimmerman

### MADERA CANYON NEWS

Tom Wilson, attorney for Madera Canyon, reports that they are still waiting for the Forest Service to make a decision on Madera Canyon's future. Kenneth R. Weissenborn, District Supervisor, has not yet announced his decision.

"It looks hopeful," is the attitude of most cabin owners in Madera Canyon. As soon as Madera Canyon gets a decision, we will notify our readers.

Madera Canyon originally was an area much like Mt Lemmon. Both deeded land and leased land cabins stood side by side. Several years ago an out of town real estate broker offered to buy the deeded land at a fair price for eventual exchange to the Federal government. No one protested. It was not until the government controlled 75% of the deeded land that the permittees got their ten year notices.

Because of what happened in Madera Canyon, the people on Mt Lemmon, both permittees and deed holders, saw what could eventually happen here and started protesting. Now, working hand in hand, we will continue fighting until we convince the Forest Service that a Multiple Use Program should include both private land development and permittees. We hope to work with them for the improvement of Mt Lemmon, and the mutual benefit of all parties concerned, including the public.

### MEMBERSHIP

Orchids to Madonna Miller who reports that we now have 128 members in the Homeowners Association. She and Joan Choate

have been sending out statements to every property owner on Mt Lemmon. We are hoping that many more will respond to the statements as we need every possible member if we are to stand together to keep our cabins and homes on the mountain.

If for any reason you did not get a statement, just mail your check for \$10.00 to Mt Lemmon Homeowners Assn., Inc., P. O. Box 77, Mt Lemmon, Arizona.

Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Choate have tried to send the window stickers to everyone who has paid their dues, but if they missed you or if you would like additional stickers, please call Madonna Miller at 624-0739 or Joan Choate at 623-6570.

#### MT. LEMMON WOMAN'S CLUB NEWS

Our mountain women are having a membership drive now. Their goal is a minimum of 40 members with no maximum number. They now have 29. Mrs. Joan Choate, Vice President in Charge of Membership, stresses that they are interested in women who are on the mountain only in the summer as well as year around residents. The minimum age is 18 with no maximum age. Dues are \$10.00 per year.

Also scheduled in the future is a mountain pot luck dinner for Wednesday, April 24. Anyone not able to bring a dish can make a dollar donation at the door. Proceeds will go toward financing our library and our litter barrels stationed in Summerhaven.

If you are interested in joining our Woman's Club, call 624-0739, 624-2290, 623-6570, or 793-7030.

#### U. S. POSTAL SERVICE NEWS

Vesta E. Pfligler, our Postmaster, and her substitute, Eleanor K. Dyer, who has been filling in during Vesta's illness, announce that the Post Office on Mt Lemmon has now leased out 120 boxes. This is the most ever in the history of Mt Lemmon.

There are now approximately 200 people being served through our little community post office, with plans for a newer and bigger facility to be started sometime this summer.

In case you have forgotten, rates for the boxes are \$1.80 per year with rates to go up after June 30. If you need a box, stop by the office between 9:30 and 4:30 Monday through Friday to fill in an application. The best hours are between 3:00 and 4:30 because mail comes in at 10 a.m. and leaves at 3:00, so our Postmaster is busiest between those hours.

### ZIMMERMAN SCHOOL NEWS

By Melinda Bell

Our unique one room school has recently changed its name to Zimmerman School in honor of Tony Zimmerman.

The children have several advantages, so does the teacher. The children are in different grades and they can do their work individually. If they have trouble they just ask the teacher. The teacher can get to know each child more. The biggest advantage is that when we go on a field trip, we do not have to call a volunteer. We just jump in the teacher's car and go.

We just went on a very interesting field trips to the fire station and the Anthropology Museum.

We also go skiing twice a week, and we can rent the boots, poles, lift and get lessons free.

We are very comfortable here and Miss Gerhard is a good teacher.

## SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS

We have two new deputies on the mountain in two new 4-wheel drive trucks. The deputies are Max Clark and Bill Weiss.

These deputies are looking for cabins in which to live on the mountain. If you have a nice cabin and would like to make it available to the Sheriff's Office for a deputy, let us know rightaway. Each deputy needs at least two bedrooms and can pay \$100 per month for rent. They would like to place at least one deputy in an outlying area such as Willow Canyon, so if you can help, either contact us or call the deputies through the Sheriff's Office in Tucson.

### THE WATER HOLE - "HIGH & DRY"

As many know the Mt Lemmon Water Coop has been beseiged with multiple problems resulting in drastically reduced winter service in their franchise area.

The problems started around Thanksgiving with massive disruptions of service, and continued through February of this year. The lack of a reliable, continuous supply of water jeopardized fire control, inconvenienced part-time users, caused many fulltime residents grave problems and resulted in financial loss for businesses in the Summerhaven area.

When verbal and written protests failed to adequately remedy the problem, a class action suit was brought by Summerhaven Development Corp. The Plaintiffs were backed by a petition demanding court intervention signed by many coop members representing both residents and summer users, and by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors of the Mt Lemmon Homeowners Assn. The purpose of this suit is to replace the existing Water Coop Board with an entirely new one. The Superior Court has been asked to place the Coop under Court control if a new Board cannot be installed. The first hearing was held in Judge Fenton's court on

March 6, 1974. The next session was postponed pending the outcome of the Mt Lemmon Water Coop annual meeting on April 16, 1974 at 7:30 p.m. at the YWCA.

One group of interested property owners have proposed the following slate for a new Board:

President:	Ted Choate (623-6570)
Vice President:	Gerry Hackney (793-7030)
Secretary:	Jim Morse (622-3741)
Treasurer:	John Miller (624-0739)
Board Member:	Bill Rhind (326-1267)

These men have pledged to serve all members equally on a year round basis. Also, they intend to:

1. Immediately repair the Loma Linda and Carter Canyon tanks. Loma Linda tank for quite some time has had a leak. Carter Canyon tank apparently has a stuck valve on the stand pipe, causing the bottom 15,000 gallons of water to be continuously trapped and of no benefit to anyone.
2. Fill as quickly as possible the 500,000 gallon Miners Ridge tank.
3. Turn the financial records over to a C.P.A. for audit and improved bookkeeping procedures.
4. Complete the Sabino Canyon catchment basin after getting a full engineering report on the situation.
5. Start a massive (as money permits) improvement program on the Coop lines.
6. Hire a local contracting firm to do maintenance and have a telephone number where service problems can be reported for quick action.
7. Streamline the entire records, including the by-laws, keeping all members informed as to what is happening.
8. Repair the arc welder owned by the Coop which has been broken for well over a year, thus saving the Coop money now being used to rent a similar machine. All tools and equipment will be stored in a secured area to avoid further vandalism and theft, such as occurred when a large amount of valuable heavy duty copper cable disappeared.

All Coop members are urged to either attend the annual meeting or give their proxie vote to John Miller, Alpine Lodge, 622-4977 or 624-0739. If you have any questions on the water problem, Mr. or Mrs. Miller will be glad to explain.

Incidently, a regular article pertaining to water service will appear in this paper every month. It is not restricted to Mt Lemmon Water Coop news. We welcome information pertaining to turn on dates, improvements, or problems of the water services in Soldier's Camp, and Loma Linda.

### MT. LEMMON'S HISTORY

Mrs. Katherine Lovett is working hard on compiling a history of Mt Lemmon. She has been sending out questionnaires to the property owners.

If any of you know stories about the history of Mt Lemmon or something about the history of your cabin that would be of particular interest, she urges that you write to her in care of the newspaper or call her and she will take time to talk to you and write it up herself.

Some of the cabins on Leased Land were among the original buildings on the mountain. These cabins are very historic and are full of mementos of the mountain history. Mrs. Lovett is trying to create a display case to be placed in Summerhaven, full of mementos which are symbolic of the history of Mt Lemmon. She has already received the gun that was always on display in the old Ponderosa Lodge before it burned in 1970, but she needs more things typical of the cabins. Please, won't you help her to compile this written and visual history of Mt Lemmon. Her telephone number is 326-5340.



## FIRE FIGHTING

On March 20, Don Miller and members of the Fire Prevention Committee are to meet with Bruce DeVault, Supervisor of the Arizona State Land Department, concerning aid for volunteer fire departments offered through their department.

On March 6, Don Miller also met with Chief Ronald Butler, Vice President of the Rural Fire Department, concerning rural fire protection for Mt Lemmon. Working with rural fire, they would do training, furnish equipment, etc. and each cabin would be charged \$15.00 per year. In addition, volunteer firemen would be paid \$2.50 per hour while in training and \$2.50 per hour while fighting fires.

Currently Mr. Miller is gathering names of interested parties for volunteer firemen so he will have an idea of the number to go through training.

## PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Jim Morse, Chairman, and John Miller, Vice Chairman, met with Mr. Garcia, Zoning Director for Pima County, last month. With Mr. Garcia's enthusiastic help they were able to get all the necessary facts regarding the background, problems and technical information which went into the original county designed Summerhaven Neighborhood Plan of 1967.

Basically, according to Mr. Garcia, dissention and topography were our greatest problems in getting the 1967 plan implemented. The records revealed many of the objections and problems then presented no longer exist or were made by persons no longer owning property on Mt Lemmon. Also there was no effective Homeowners Assn. to work out details and make as unified a presentation as possible. We might also add that there appeared to be no chance of losing the entire community through Forest Service Land Exchange at that time.

One major problem relating to replatting the road easements does remain. The information pertaining to this important problem has been turned over to George Davies, Chairman of the Roads and Access Committee.

Specifically, your Zoning Committee is working hard to present a fair, workable zoning plan based on the 1967 county proposal. Hopefully, the new plan will improve property values, protect our community from undesirable, uncontrolled development situations, and be acceptable to the majority of property owners. The committee hopes to have this plan ready for a special membership review meeting sometime around the first half of July. With luck, we could have county approval by the end of this calendar year. If you have any questions or suggestions, please call either Jim Morse (622-3741) or John Miller (624-0739)

#### BOARD NEWS

Bob Zimmerman has announced a change in the Board of Directors meeting schedule for the year. The schedule is as follows:

Date	Place	Time
Mar 17	Mt Lemmon Inn	2:00 P.M.
Apr 10	Wilmot Inn	6:30 P.M.
May 19	Vine Restaurant	2:00 P.M.
Jun 12	Wilmot Inn	6:30 P.M.
July 21	Mt Lemmon Inn	2:00 P.M.
Aug 14	Wilmot Inn	6:30 P.M.
Sept 15	Vine Restaurant	2:00 P.M.
October	Annual Meeting in Tucson, Arizona	

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# SPOTLIGHT

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"GEORGE V. DAVIES"

"To be happy and content on Mt Lemmon" is the sole ambition of our Spotlight personality for this month. And he is doing all he humanly can to make our community one in which everyone can be happy and content.

In case you haven't met him, George V. Davies is the muscular, attractive owner and manager of Mt Lemmon Ski Valley. In addition to this full time occupation he is Chairman of the Roads and Access Committee for our Homeowners Assn., active in the Mt Lemmon PTA, a good husband, and father of two adorable little girls and one baby boy - Heidi, 6; Hollie, 3; and Graham, 16 months.

As a matter of fact, George was responsible for the fresh paint job for the school last summer, donated and repaired school playground equipment, and generally is there with his crews whenever he is needed.

Although he was born in Youngstown Ohio, George moved to Tucson as a young boy and lived here until after graduation from the University of Arizona. It was while he was in college that he met and married Jay.

Upon graduation, George and his new bride moved to New York where he was an art teacher. While living there, he and Jay started skiing in New England.

As soon as they got the opportunity George and his family moved back to Tucson where he taught first at Palo Verde High and then at the University of Arizona. Later he opened up the Ski Haus in Tucson, and in 1970 bought the Ski Lodge on Mt Lemmon.

If you haven't been to the Ski Lodge since he took over, you will find it a very pleasant surprise. With his art background, George has done wonders with the Restaurant and Bar at the Ski Valley. Named the "Iron Door" after

the lost mine on the mountain, George has kept the atmosphere of an old mine, even naming his Bar "The Shaft".

And the greatest improvement to the area has been the new chair lift, called a Heron Poma Lift, which was installed a little over a year ago. Designed four tons stronger than could ever be used, and with four braking systems for safety, total cost for installation came to \$250,000. The lift, which is made in Denver Colorado, took 2½ months to construct and two helicopters to install.

Future plans for Mt Lemmon include expanding the restaurant operation and enlarging the facilities. He would like to develop more recreational possibilities, maybe an ice skating rink. The success he has had with his new chair lift has been very encouraging.

As one who has ridden the lift many times, I can only recommend that anyone who has a cabin on the mountain and has not taken one afternoon off to ride this new lift, has missed one of Mt Lemmon's greatest attractions.

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#### EDITOR'S MESSAGE

As you can see this month, our paper is growing. We've had real good interest among our readers and many of the articles were turned in without any urging on my part.

Anyone can submit an article and we will try to print it. We would especially like articles about what other organizations on Mt Lemmon, such as Willow Canyon Permittees Assn., are doing. Call in articles or mail them in to us. We would like to get them around the first of the month.

We didn't have any information for our "LEMMON DROPS" column this month. Surely someone on the mountain is having a baby or grandbaby. Keep us posted so we can keep the readers informed.

Again this month the paper is going to everyone who owns property on the mountain. The reason for this is in the form of an attachment this month. We are asking each of you who own property on Mt Lemmon to sign the attached petition and get at least ten of your friends and relatives to sign. The only requirement is that all who sign be at least 18 years of age and reside in Pima County.

When you have all the signatures that you feel you can get, mail it back to Mt Lemmon Homeowners Assn1, P. O. Box 77, Mt Lemmon, AZ 85619. Please try to get them back before the end of April.

If you live outside the county, don't give up. Just pass your petition on to a friend or relative who will circulate it for you. We need all the signatures we can get.

And don't forget the ads. Whether you own your own business, or work for someone else, surely you can get an ad for us. Just call the ad in, and we will bill you. If you can't reach us at the above number, try Edon Hackney at 793-7030 to leave your ad.

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Please do business with the following people. They are what makes this newspaper possible.

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