

# MT. LEMMON ECHOES

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Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association

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## "WHERE THE MOUNTAIN MEETS THE SEA"

'Come to the mountain' and help celebrate the good ole summer season with a flair - seafood amongst the pines?? John and Madonna Miller are journeying to San Diego and personally selecting some of the most delectable delicacies to come from the briny deep for your enjoyment.

The Date:	Friday, May 12th
The Time:	6:00 PM
The Place:	The Vine
The Price:	\$6.95 for adults \$3.95 for children

For additional yumminess salad, garlic bread and soft drinks are included.

For those who do not, or not able to, eat seafood there will be super-tender T-bone steaks with all the trimmings for the same price as the Seafood Dinner and for the young ones who have not yet acquired the seafood palate, there will be hamburgers available for \$1.25.

This is such a great way to kick off the summer activities so be sure to circle the date on your calendar as the summer water will be on by then we shall be off and running for another great Mt. Lemmon season. Y'all come!!!

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## HOW TO ENJOY A SUMMER ON MT. LEMMON EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE A CABIN ON IT

Once more that most magical time of year is upon us, when those of us in the valley can look forward to living in the pine-scented country once more, but unfortunately it is also the time of year when the ever present FIRE DANGER rears its ugly head. 'The Echoes' is trying to help things along by listing some of the safeguards one might take to help eliminate the possibility of fire. The Forest Service has recently issued a booklet entitled 'Guidelines for Owners of Recreation Residences' and while it is aimed primarily for the cabins located on leased land, John McKelvey, Fire Management Officer for the Catalina Ranger District very kindly have us permission to use excerpts that apply equally to cabins on private land and we thank him most sincerely. In addition some tips outlined by former cabin-owner and MLHO Board member Jim Bronniman and several ideas from Regina Rhind are included.

We are sure the tips will be lacking and if you would like to suggest an idea please write to us - Mt. Lemmon Echoes, 4051 Calle Chica, Tucson, AZ 85711 - and we will be happy to share your idea with other members. We all love our cabins and the mountain and anything we can do make it prettier and safer is always helpful.

Forest Service Booklet: "Each year many recreation residences are damaged or destroyed by fire. Many of these fires can be prevented by taking a few simple preventive measures. (1) You must have a spark arrester on each chimney and stovepipe. This is a device designed to reduce fire-carrying particles to fragments small enough to prevent them from igniting combustible materials beyond the chimney outlet. (2) Use proper fuses in the fuse

boxes and do not overload the circuits. ((3) Electrical lines between buildings should be buried wherever feasible. (4) Be sure the electric meter box is grounded. (5) Replace frayed electrical cords and never place cords under rugs. (6) Neatly stack your firewood in piles at least 50 feet from the main building and at least 10 feet from smaller structures. The reason for this separation is that a large concentration of fuels would increase the severity of the fire, if one should occur. Clear away all dead flammable fuels (excluding pine needles) to a radius of 50 feet around the main building and 10 feet around woodpiles and other small structures. (7) Outside lights needed for safety should be mounted on buildings (trees were not made for this purpose - Ed.) (8) Excessive, unnecessary noise is a form of pollution. Be a good neighbor." Although this last statement is not a fire prevention tip, it is a very good point for an enjoyable summer.

Jim Bronniman: (1) Remove flammable paint thinner or such from under the house where vandals can easily get to them. (2) If you have water, a hose bib under the house with a completely drained 50 ft. garden hose and nozzle is a great fire fighter. (3) In order to have an extinguisher large enough to do some good, get a 10 lb. size all-purpose unit. Folks with 2½ lb. size won't put out much of a fire with it. (4) For those of you who need a new chimney arrester, a very good and inexpensive quarter inch arrester can be gotten from Myrmo's Welding, 2901 N. First Ave. Bring your measurements of the open hole. (5) Of course, matches should be in a mason jar to keep mice from them, and the power should be left off when you are a weekender. (6) Let's also have a First Aid Kit around for all those axes, saws and hammers.

Regina Rhind: (1) Never stand a broom on the wooden floor or carpet after you have swept around the fireplace - there is always danger of a spark being in the straw. (2) Observe every caution when building a fire - never throw kerosene on live coals. Do not let a fire get too big.

These are only a few suggestions to help keep our cabins safe. As started above, any helpful idea you have we will be glad to pass along to our readers. While the enclosure accompanying the Echoes does not deal with cabins per se, still the ever present danger of Forest Fire affects us all - homeowners, backpackers, campers and picnickers alike. Please read the 'Smoky the Bear' message and pass it along to a friend.

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On April 27, 28 and 29th, the Forest Service conducted classes on Fundamental Fire Suppression and fighting Wild Land Fire for the people of Summerhaven. Because this was before most summer people were on the mountain, they have offered to do this again if there are enough people interested and we can find a suitable weekend. If you are interested, please call 791-9881 - The Sawmill number - and leave your name and telephone number. If there is sufficient response to warrant pursuing this further we will contact you and see if we can find a time and date agreeable to most.

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### BE PREPARED!!

"Here we go awandering, along the mountain track...", as the famous old hiking song goes. Now Cub Scout Troop #208 may not be the largest in the Catalina Council, but they certainly are the most enthusiastic with four boys and five adults so far and sure to grow. The Troop is sponsored by the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club and the boys comprising the troop are Ken Littler, Chris Hayes, Jimmy Morse and Ken Rinella. Adults participating are Fran Zimmerman - Treas. and Ass't Den Mother, Francie Morse - Den Mother, Jim Morse - Scoutmaster, with Pete Littler and Bob Zimmerman rounding out the Board.

The boys have been working on Indian Lore, kite-flying and are doing ecology study as well as collecting aluminum cans for recycling. They are also selling tickets for the Annual Scoutarama being held May 6th & 7th at the Pima County Fairgrounds. The tickets are \$1.00 per adults, said adult being able to bring as many youngsters under 12 with them as the care to.

In addition, the boys are going to conduct a Flag Ceremony for the Fourth of July Festivities - more about that further on.

### MT. LEMMON HOMEOWNERS MEMBERSHIP

We realize that with Christmas bills, the IRS forms staring you in the face and Spring Fever, some of you have overlooked paying your Homeowners Dues for '78. We would appreciate it very much if you would check and see you have not as yet paid and if that is the case, please send the dues (\$10.00 per year) to Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association, P.O.Box 99, Mt. Lemmon, AZ, 85619. If you are not a member and on reading this copy of the 'Mt. Lemmon Echoes' would like to become one, please write to the above address or call me at 325-1190 and I will be happy to take your application.

Starting with this issue, the Mt. Lemmon Echoes' will be coming out every two months instead of the three as in the past. In this manner we will be better able to keep you informed of upcoming attractions and activities; more up to date as to what is happening on the mountain. As this Newsletter goes to Homeowner members only we want to keep you on our mailing list. This one is 'On the House' because of change in policy and also, we know that you have very likely just overlooked your dues.

Betty Mobley  
Membership Chairman

### MT. LEMMON WOMAN'S CLUB NEWS

The Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club will again sponsor another big July 4th Celebration on Mt. Lemmon - July 2nd, 3rd & 4th. The Chairmen - Leslie May, Kasey Murphey and Regina Rhind met and made tentative plans:

Sunday, July 2, 1978

Flag Ceremony - Boy Scouts from Camp Lawton  
Church Services - non-denominational  
Fiddlers Contest!!

Monday, July 3, 1978 - Childrens Day

Flag Ceremony - Mt. Lemmon Cub Scout Troop #208  
Games and events for all ages

Tuesday, July 4, 1978

Flag Ceremony - Girl Scouts from Camp Whispering Pines  
Parade

The Woman's Club will sell Mt. Lemmonade and ice Suntea, baked goods, paperback books and better crafts on all three days. So, Woman, start planning for this big celebration!!

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Madonna Miller and Kasey Murphey plan to organize a big Mt. Lemmon Clean-up in Mid-June. They will need many volunteers. All residents are urged to join in this big project. Let's all strive to keep Mt. Lemmon beautiful. Call 791-9882 to get information on the exact date and time, it is all much fun and very worthwhile!!

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Anyone for Cards? Bridge? Canasta? Pinochle? Contact Katherine Lovett, 325-5340 or 791-9770

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Second in a Series

\*\*\*\*WHISPERING PINES\*\*\*\*

A Bit of History

### Mt. Lemmon Fire Guard - 1919 Style

After high school was out in the summer of 1919 I was wondering what to do. I was junior in high school and 17 years old. Two young ladies were rooming at our home - one of whom worked for the Forest Service.

On about the 10th of June a messenger boy came to our home with a note for me to come to the Forest Service office. I went down and introduced to Mr. C. W. McKenzie and I was asked if I would like to work as a fire guard on the Catalina Mountains. World War One ended in November 1918, but the soldiers had not been discharged as yet so there was a shortage of help. The pay was \$90.00 a month, but I would have to buy my own groceries and pay 5¢ a pound to have them packed up the mountains. Mr. Knagge had about 15 burros which he used to pack supplies up for the Forest Service and the summer residents.

I was told that it was 21 miles by trail up to Soldier Camp - there was no road up to the top of the mountains. My father gave me money to buy groceries at Steinfelds grocery store and have them packed for Knagge to pick up. There was no electricity nor any way to keep perishable food, so everything had to be able to be kept for some time without spoiling. Mr. McKenzie told me not to leave the trail under any circumstances. If I was not able to continue walking, I was to sit down on the trail and wait for the pack train. I was to go up the day the supplies were to be taken up.

My father took me out to Lowell station where the trail started. I had sandwiches and a canteen of water. The first 7 miles were not too hard walking because it was not too steep. There the trail crossed Sycamore Canyon which had a small stream of water except in extra dry weather. Then the trail started up hill. 7½ miles from Sycamore Canyon I came to Mud Springs - which never dried up. It was the beginning of brush and pine tree country. The trail from there on was not too steep, but I was beginning to tire. The trail went up what is now known as Organization Ridge - that is where the Boy Scout and Girl Scout and several church camps are located as well as the Palisades Ranger Station.

About ½ mile above I came to Alder Spring, so named because of alder trees growing around it and the water in the spring was nice and cool and tasted fine. I was pretty tired but kept walking and soon the trail started downhill. I could hear a dog barking and I knew I was getting near to some ones home - it was Soldier Camp and the dog was tied to the porch of the Ranger Station. (To be continued.)

\*\*\*PINE NEEDLES\*\*\*

Help Wanted: Madonna Miller is interested in hiring young people who will be living with friends or parents on the mountain this summer. If you are interested go to the Vine and make your application. If you are planning on only spending a week or so and then leaving the mountain - don't apply. This is a great opportunity for young people who will be here most of the summer.

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Beginning next issue we hope to have a series, by Ted Choate, on some of the trails around the mountain. He has done much hiking and says he will have to re hike a few to bring himself up to date, but think it will be a fun feature.

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A/B Bryon Bell, who has been stationed at Biloxi, Mississippi, will be be stationed at Davis-Monthan starting in July - know Gloria and Roger are very thrilled and it will be nice to see him around again.

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