

# MT. LEMMON ECHOES

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## RETURN OF THE SUMMER MOUNTAINEERS

"When it's Springtime on Mt. Lemmon, We'll be coming back to you..." or words to that effect. In the April 5 issue of the Mountain Echo was a lovely picture of pussy-willows blooming in juxtaposition with a background of cold, white snow - a charming shot indeed. It reflected vividly the mixed emotions we felt when we got up to view our cabin for the first time this year - in the sun warm and lovely and in the shadows, muy fria!! Although we had seen the pictures published in the Citizen and the Star and had talked at length to those of you who lived through the 'Winter of '78-'79' we couldn't believe how independent Sabino Creek had become - no longer one gentle stream flowing through a peaceful valley, but had greedily cut two chanel's in many places and what had once been a shallow ditch on the west side of the Sabino Parkway was now a full-fledged mini-valley. Washed out crossing and approach notwithstanding we are nevertheless looking forward to returning for another Mt. Lemmon summer.

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## VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT NEWS

The Mt. Lemmon Volunteer Fire Department is the number one priority with the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association at this time and from all reports issuing from the mountain things are going full tilt. We are going to have the biggest little Fire Department anywhere arong. Reports our Fire Committee:

"Our March 17th Spaghetti Supper netted us \$214.77 and our March 31st Mexican Food Supper netted us \$379.00. We also had a donation of \$500.00 from the Bob Murphey's.

We have a thermometer on the firehouse indicating our goal of \$5,750.00 by Sept 30, 1979 and we now have over \$2,000.00 and are working hard on some more projects for more money.

We have made \$139.88 on smoke alarms and we are taking orders for alarms for the summer people. If you would like one please call us at 791-9779 and put in your order as we would like to have plenty on hand at all times. Or if you come to your cabin anytime just come to the store and buy one as they are always available in the store for the fire dept.

We are having another supper of Chicken and Dumplings, home made biscuits and slaw on April 21. We also raffle smoke detectors. (Words has reached us that this dinner netted \$303.01-Ed.)

Pens are still available and we are on our second order and more are on the way. We have approximately \$40.00 net so far on this order. The pens can be bought at the Lodge, the Vine or the Ski Valley Lodge for 25 cents each or 5 for \$1.00. They have 'Honorary Member of Mt. Lemmon Fire Dept.' engraved on them. (Get in on the ground floor - these may be collectors items one day - Ed.)

All residents have been registered to vote, and the fire district is being approached as rapidly as possible."

Madonna Miller  
Fire Department Chairman

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Two more dinners are being planned to further the Fire Fund. A delicious Chinese dinner will be served from 6:00-8:00 PM on May 5th, Saturday and the last dinner will be served from 6:00-8:00 PM, May 19th - also a Saturday. This dinner will be a real down South affair with hamhocks, beans and cornbread. The

cost of the dinners are \$1.50 for children, \$3.50 for adults (this is for all the food you can eat) and for \$2.00 you can have all the draft beer you can drink. The roads are being repaired and it is hoped that many of us from the valley can make at least one - preferably both - of these last two dinners. All proceeds from these gala occasions goes to the Volunteer Fire Dept Fund.

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The Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association would like to take this opportunity to thank Madonna and John Miller for their more than generous efforts on behalf of the Volunteer Fire Department. Not only for the time Madonna devotes to the cause but also for letting the dinners benefitting the department be held at the Vine. On those nights indicated above and the two remaining feasts May 5th and May 19th, the business at the Vine stood aside for the Fire Fund affairs. For this we are most appreciative.

We would also like to thank the girls at the Vine for the extra time and work they have put in to make these occasions special - setting things up, cleaning up afterwards. Our hats are off to you

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At the last Board meeting the Board of Directors of the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association voted to buy four complete new fire fighter outfits. To vote is to act and the Fire Dept now has four new complete outfits (helmets, coats with liners, hip boots and gloves), a new 100' hose, a new nozzle, a fire extinguisher, a First Aid Kit, an axe and the necessary fittings for the hose and nozzle. Also a resuscitator has been ordered and we will have it in about two weeks. Approximately \$2,000 was spent to upgrade the Department.

Donations and volunteers are urgently needed. If you have a large itch to work, we can certainly scratch it for you!

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A special nod to George Davies who paid for dinners for his employees at Ski Valley so that they might join in the Fire Fund fun. Thanks a million, George. This is a marvelous example of the whole mountain really pulling together.

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Mayor Billy also lent the majesty of his office to help the cause. One entire day he spent at the Vine giving out 'Mt. Lemmon Volunteer Fire Dept' pens - which he had bought himself - to one and all. Good work, Mayor Billy!!

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Mt. Lemmon Security reports.....

We had six days of snowfall during March this year compared to two in '77. One to two inches of snow fell on April 8, 1977, while the 9th, this year, yielded about  $\frac{1}{2}$  an inch, HOWEVER, the 19th brought us about 8 inches! Don't know what the rest of the month will produce, but the final snow storm of '77 was on May 6. These are not official records (Keers logs) but when you're out in it, it's official enough.

Up until the 10th of April, we had a pretty fair "melt" going. Things were emerging that were long ago forgotten - like the sight of a DIRT road! Upper Loma Linda had cleared (except for mud) almost to the top; middle was fair from the Highway all the way through; lower was also drivable up to the "red rock", then became strictly for hikers. We tell you this now because if it warms up quickly there won't be that much to thaw this time. Still no hope for those of you who would like to try Carter Canyon or Upper Sabino in your car; ditto for Bear Wallow and Soldiers Camp. And if you feel "dodge-em" is your game, you'll have a delightful trip up the Highway - the potholes are plentiful from top to bottom!!

Just a reminder - when you start making out the list of food that you want to bring up with you, "REMEMBER" the large can of Tomato Juice for the unexpected encounter with Mr. Skunk! He's on the prowl again. It may not be the kind of bath either you or your dog dreams about, but at least you'll be able to breathe again.

If any of our customers are planning on coming up soon, don't forget our

number for up-to-date weather and road conditions - 791-9804.

Fred Keers  
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(We understand that road conditions are back to where they were before the 10th.) Fred gets his material to Ye Editor on time and for this we thank him very much, just sorry the 'Echoes' is coming out a bit late in April. But what the heck, give Fred a call anyway!! - Ed.

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"LET BY-LAWS BE BY-LAWS"

The Board of Directors of the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association is in the process of checking back through and revising the by-laws of the organization, bringing them more up to date. A copy of these By-laws will be sent to each and every family belonging to the Association before the Annual meeting in the Fall so that you may look them over and see what changes have been made and if you have any questions have them ready for the meeting. It is a little early to know just when and where the Annual meeting will be held, but you will be notified at least two weeks in advance. Some changes have been made in the Association over the years - as happens in all organizations such as this and the Board is making every effort to bring things in line.

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A hearty welcome to new first time Association members - Howard Dawson Franklin Eldridge, B. Wayne Randall, John Sprietsma and Ray Zukowski.

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!!DUES NEW REVISITED!!

Membership for 1979 is currently at sixty-two families. There are approximately one hundred past members who have not paid for 1979 yet. If you have not paid, please mail in your \$10.00 today. Printed below is another form for your convenience. If you are not sure whether or not you have paid, call Francie, Marry Ann or Madonna at 791-9779 and we will be glad to check for you. We can save your Association \$15.00 by not having to mail out statements to past members. We will have to start mailing statements soon, so please send in your money for dues now.

The address is Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association, P.O.Box 99, Mt. Lemmon, AZ, 85619. As stated in the last issue of "Mt. Lemmon Echoes", you will be sent a 1979 sticker for your automobile windshield indicating that you are a member in good standing of the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association. The 15¢ we save in this manner on statements to each member can go a long way toward the fire department, insurance, utilities, equipment and other necessities. As the Mt. Lemmon Volunteer Fire Department is our main thrust at this time, every penny we can raise toward the betterment of the department is all to the ultimate good. This, in truth, benefits everyone on the mountain.

Membership in the Association also brings you six times a year the Newsletter 'Mt. Lemmon Echoes'. This publication is put out every two months to keep you posted on the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association and other happenings on the mountain.

Here's to seeing P.O.Box 99 stuffed to overflowing with dues money real soon.

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MT. LEMMON WOMAN'S CLUB

The Installation of new officers for the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club will be held Wednesday, May 2, at the home of Casey Murphey, 4787 N. Via Entrada. The new officers for the year will be President; Fran Zimmerman, 1st Vice Pres; Mary Ann Arford, 2nd Vice pres; Regina Rhind, Secretary; Florence Wilhoite, Treasurer; Chriss Sheldon and Parliamentarian; Vernelle Force. The Installation will be conducted by Mrs. Henry Dupes, President of the Southern District.

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Katherine Lovett, Chriss Sheldon, Mary Ann Arford, Regina Rhind, Francie Morse and Fran Zimmerman attended the State Convention at the Del Webb Towne House in Phoenix. The club took 1st and 2nd places in several of the departments that they entered. So what else is new? This Club is terrific.

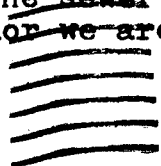
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Due to lack of space the 'Bit of History' series will not be in this issue but hopefully next time. Also on tap will be an item on cabin protection for those of you who are spending your first summer on Mt. Lemmon in that 'dream' cabin you have always wanted. We carried this article before, but it is always well to refresh the memories of the long-time residents as well as lend a helping hand to newcomers on the mountain

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It is rumored that Pima County is going to begin work on the sewer and restroom facilities in the village on May 1st. This is one rumor we are only to happy to hear and pass along.

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