

MT. LEMMON ECHOES

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Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association MAY-JUNE 1979

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THE WONDERFUL, WACKY WORLD OF MT. LEMMON

When it comes to variety it would be hard to beat the machinations of the Mt. Lemmon Volunteer Fire Department on gimmicks and gadgets to raise funds for the department. The various schemes would throw the whirling dervish out of whirl - pens, T-shirts, Christmas trees, ornaments, a "Date with Mayor Billy Contest", weight-loss contest between Madonna Miller and Mary Ann Chilson, rummage sales, community dinners - on and on ad infinitum. And they have only begun. The goal of \$5,250.00 by November will be matched by an equal amount from the federal government. Approximately \$4,000.00 has been raised so far by the above mentioned ploys. Let us all get in there and get behind the M.L.V.F.D. They have shown their mettle on several occasions lately including the recent and lamented fire at the Mt. Lemmon Post Office, but that is gone into by people who were here on the mountain at the time further on in the 'Echoes' as well as the media, so we will not go into it here.

An excellent article, complete with pictures of Chriss Sheldon (who won the "Date with Mayor Billy Contest") and Mayor Billy, and of the Fire Station showing the fire truck, Mayor Billy, Madonna and Mary Ann drawing attention to the thermometer on the Fire Station keeping the public apprised of the current status of the fund drive, appeared in the 'Neighbors' section of the Arizona Daily Star, Thursday, June 14. If you have not already read this, try to get a copy from a friend or neighbor and do so.

Thanks to the singing hammers of Bob Zimmerman, George Sheldon, Scott and members of VisionQuest, the Post Office will be back in full swing soon - possibly next week.

MILE-HIGH PLUS FIREWORKS

What would the Fourth of July on Mt. Lemmon be like without the Annual 'Do' by the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club? Because they were uncertain for a time as to whether the road would be torn up and the sewer project in full swing they could not plan the usual three-day affair. Now that things are somewhat at a standstill constructionwise the women have planned a truncated version of the usual festivities. The events will be held on the big day itself - the 4th of July and will include the 'World's Greatest and Possibly Shortest Parade' which will be held at 12:00 Noon. Following the parade booths will be open for your enjoyment and refreshment - Arts & Crafts booth, a food booth with delectable goodies, T-shirts, etc. There will be games for the children to help make their Fourth a memorable one.

For answers to any questions you may have regarding the booths call Fran Zimmerman at 791-9758, or if your inquiry has to do with the parade please call Francie Morse at 791-9882 for particulars.

Regina Rhind who is in charge of the Arts, Crafts and White Elephant booth is on the lookout for housewares, jewelry and white elephants that are suitable for resale as well as any handcrafts you may wish to offer. She asks that anyone in Tucson having desirable items for the booth call her at 326-1267. The things can be left at her home at 3232 E. Flower and if she is not at home they may be placed on the porch. Please, no clothing.

Fran Zimmerman requested that we remind the club members that there will be a meeting of the Woman's Club to finalize the plans on June 27th at 1:00PM at her home. It is hoped that all in charge of the various activities will attend to coordinate the many little details that have a way of popping up at

at the last minute.

Y'ALL COME!!! HEAR!!!

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MT. LEMMON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT REPORT

The Mt. Lemmon Volunteer Fire Department is still going at full speed. The fire at the Post Office May 31, gave the volunteers an opportunity to show what they had learned and our fire fighters did a great job. The first call came in at 4:15AM and the fire was out by 4:45AM. Twelve volunteers responded. Madonna Miller and Mary Anne Chilson kept the coffee going at the Vine Restaurant to keep the fire fighters on their toes. Both men and women were manning the hoses and proved what a great job teamwork does. Fire Chief Jack Chilson gives a lot of the credit to the new nozzle recently purchased.

For the month of May the Volunteers raised \$1,046.00 giving a total to date of \$3,582.00. The Woman's Club has agreed to continue holding dinners during the summer for this fund. Hopefully there will be one each month. In addition, each weekend a table is set up in front of the fire station where the Volunteers are selling pens, T-shirts, fire extinguishers, and smoke alarms. Members of the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association who are on the mountain for the weekend are being asked to help on this project. If you could just sit at the table one afternoon, call the Vine and let someone know, or just be there!!!

The Board of Supervisors has approved the fire district for Mt. Lemmon. This is to include all structures from Willow Canyon to and including the top of Mt. Lemmon.

Fire Fighters held a rummage sale June 16th and 17th from noon until 6 PM. No end to their resourcefulness.

Madonna Miller
Fire Department Chairman

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Mt. Lemmon Security Reports.....

The news has probably reached you already, but we feel it's worth repeating; our Volunteer Fire Dept. has come through with flying colors! On May 26 they put out a car fire at the Loma Linda Turn-off within a matter of seconds. We lost our Post Office to fire on May 31, but not due to any fault of theirs. It was about 4:15AM when "Papa John Miller's" smoke detecting nose woke him up and the Miller's sounded the alarm. The Dept. arrived only to find the P.O. was too far gone, but had it not been for them, Zimmerman's Realty Office would also be a pile of ashes...and who knows what else. We salute you V.F.D. for a job well done!

Watch those hands when reaching into dark places. We killed a Scorpion on our kitchen floor the other night. Unlike most people think, we do have them up here.

About a week ago, we spent some time assisting the Deputies in looking for an attempted Rape suspect. A road block had been set up at the foot of the Mtn. He was finally apprehended about Windy Point by Deputy Himes. It was another case involving hitch-hiking. Please, unless you know the person, let them hike - leave the "hitch" to someone else!

The advent of spring brings us the wild flowers, budding trees, birds, delightful weather, and, unfortunately, vandals, burglars and some very "un-funny" pranksters. Rather than worry about the latter when you're not up here, why not subscribe to our Patrol Service...it only takes a phone call. We're here when you're not!

Fred Keers
791-9804

P.S. If you enjoy a "4-wheeler" you can now take on Upper Sabino and Carter Canyon roads, otherwise, I'm not sure it's for everyone. On our "Miracles Never Cease" list, it appears the County is about to resurface "OUR" Highway! That's what we heard.

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BEETLEMANIA

Unfortunately, this does not refer to John, Paul, George and Ringo, but rather the pesky beetles that are infesting some of our lovely pines. Some mountaineers have noticed these villains in the trees surrounding their cozy ins. The following is a bit of information that appeared in the March 1978 issue of Sunset Magazine that might possibly be of interest. Although the article was written about Monterey and Ponderosa pines in California, the unwelcome intruder has appeared on Mt. Lemmon as well:

"The first step is learning the signs that bark beetles are in a tree."

One of the most aggressive and harmful is the California five-spined engraver beetle which attacks the tops of pines and then works down. Boring holes in the limb of a tree where beetles enter the tree. The entry hole of the red turpentine beetle is surrounded by pinkish-white sap. This latter beetle usually does not kill pines but does put stress on them. It enters the roots and trunk nearer the ground than the engraver beetle.

Identifying trees in trouble: The first signs in the case of the engraver are small boring holes about the size of a pencil point in the upper trunk and larger limbs and reddish, powdery sawdust from beetle burrowings. These are difficult to see from the ground, but the next and last sign is foliage turning from green to yellowish to reddish-brown. When this happens there is no change for recovery. In the case of the red turpentine beetle the entry appears much nearer the ground where it is more easily spotted and is surrounded by the pinkish-white sap - almost looks like parafin.

Preventive measures: If possible, remove dead trees quickly to prevent adult beetles from migrating to neighboring healthy trees. To protect small pines from bark beetles, spray bark with 20 percent solution of Lindane using a garden hose-end sprayer. Mix 1 pint of this concentrate with 5 gallons of water. This Lindane treatment works only as a deterrent to engraver beetles entering the trees. Lindane is a long-life chemical from the DDT family and it can be harmful to the environment. If you choose this method to protect larger trees, have a licensed operator do the job.

Do systemics kill larvae and beetles inside the tree? Tests conducted by the Univ. of Calif. seem to indicate they do not..."

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SABINO DAWNS WHILE ASPEN DRAWS

The above nonsensical heading is just our way of letting you know that Ski Valley has thrown off it's winter cloak and things are in full swing for the summer visitor. The Chairlift runs from 11:00AM-5:00PM Monday through Friday, and 10:00AM-6:00PM Saturday and Sunday. Both trails - Sabino Dawn and Aspen Draw - are open with brochures available at the trail heads to give you information on the area through which you will pass; flora, fauna, geologic formations, watershed explanations, etc. Later in the summer these trails may be manned by the Forest Service and nature walk-talks given, but at the moment they are self-guided trails.

The Iron Door Restaurant has undergone some changes, but the menu remains as good as ever. The patio has been redecorated for the summer and there is now a TV lounge in the Shaft. The hours for the restaurant are 10:30AM-5:30PM Monday through Friday, and 10:30AM-6:00PM Saturday and Sunday.

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MT. LEMMON HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The Board of Directors of the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association has set the date of the Annual meeting for October 11, 1979 and it will be held at the Moose Lodge. Further information as to time and items to be covered will be furnished in the October-September issue of the 'Echoes'. High on the priority list, however, is the matter of the changes in the By-Laws. Please circle this date on your calendar. Things have changed since the Association was formed in 1969 and the Board wants to bring the By-Laws up to date in order that they may be more relevant to the organization of today.

Important: If you have paid your Membership dues by check since May 20th and before May 31st, please be advised that some of them may have gone up in smoke when the Post Officer burned. If your check does not show up in your statement this is the reason. If you wish to check your status call 791-9779.

Seventh in a Series *****WHISPERING PINES***** A Bit of History
MT. LEMMON FIRE GUARD - 1919 (Con't)

After the summer rains had soaked the mountains I was laid off, but as I did not want to leave and go back to Tucson because of the heat I managed to get odd jobs cutting fire wood and doing pick-and-shovel work to earn enough for part of my meals. There was an old one room log cabin that had been built years before to be used as a hunting lodge. It was very crude and the owners were not using it so I had a place to sleep. I stayed up there until just before Labor Day when the residents left the mountain and I had to go down and get ready for school.

The road from Oracle was built through to Soldier Camp in the fall of 1919. Jim Reid wanted to build a small cabin so he asked me if I would level the ground where he was planning to build. I agreed to do this as I was going to work for the Forest Service again in 1920. I took up my equipment in a Model T Ford touring car with Mr. Reid. We went up about the 25th of May. He had permission and the key to use the Stanley Kitt cabin. We were the first persons on the mountain so I wanted to drain the radiator of the Ford as there was no anti-freeze in the car. The weather had been mild and Mr. Reid thought this unnecessary, but although he became a little angry with me he finally let me drain it. (There was no water system then and all water had to be carried up from Bear Wallow.) I agreed to carry water up to the radiator if he wanted to use the car.

That night it turned cold and froze everything including our eggs and potatoes. Mr. Reid wanted to know how I knew it was going to get cold and I told him I didn't know, but I wanted to be ready for anything because we were the only ones up there. (In those days the ranger used to live in a ranger station at Oracle during the winter months because the road became blocked with snow.) Needless to say, we were eating eggs and potatoes three times a day to keep them from spoiling - monotonous but necessary.

*****PINE NEEDLES*****

The Library will soon be open for the summer. The hours will be posted on the Bulletin Board at the PO, so all you summer bookworms keep your eyes open for exact days and times. It may be tiny, but there is a wealth of good reading within those four small walls.

The Mt. Lemmon Water Cooperative has advised us that the new Water Maintenance Man on the mountain is Ray Zukowski - 791-9733. If you have water problems - he is the man to call.

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