

MT. LEMMON ECHOES

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Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

GOOD NEWS!!!!!! We have bought the van (Ambulance) for the Mt. Lemmon Volunteer Fire Department, and it has been painted in the appropriate colors. It lacks the printing (decal, really) to tell what it is----- any donations PLEASE !!!???? Our own past President, George Sheldon, has at his own expense, completed training as an Emergency Medical Technician and now those persons who are very ill or injured can be safely transported to the nearest heliport. The vehicle still needs some more equipment inside. If you have \$10- \$50- \$100.00 you would like to give, your life just might be the one you might help save.

Credit is long over due Madonna Miller for her part in the Volunteer Fire Department. In October 1978 she agreed to be chairman (I don't like the word chairperson!) of the Volunteer Fire Department. Under her leadership and at considerable sacrifice both in money and time she led all of us (The Mt. Lemmon Homeowners and the Volunteer Fire Fighters) to heights we didn't know we could reach. As a result, ten months later the Volunteer Fire Department was no longer under the sponsorship of the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association, but had become a fire district, now financed, in part at least, by Pima County. At our annual meeting in October 1979 she was presented with a plaque for her outstanding achievements; your President thinks recognition should be given her in the Echoes.

We are moving ahead with helping the Mt. Lemmon Cooperative Company Inc. Isn't that an impressive title?

Three of your Board members, Madonna Miller, Fred Keers, and I also serve on the Board of the Water Company. Madonna, Fred and Fran Zimmerman form the Board of the Fire District. So you can see your Homeowners people are busy up here, but we need more leaders--- and followers too--- to make and keep Mt. Lemmon one of the beauty spots of Arizona. If you want to help, call me at 791-9739 or Madonna Miller at 791-9779. Again I tell you, you can help enormously by each bringing in at least one new member. A member is usually more interested than a non- member in the general well being of the mountain.

JOYCE HOWELL,
PRESIDENT OF THE MLHOA

MT. LEMMON WATER COOPERATIVE

The good news is that the new pump system and that the new water transfer system is working well and Miners Ridge tank is 75% full and filling. The bad news is that there is a great deal of confusion regarding who owns what in springs in Upper Sabino Canyon.

Gary Mitchell has reported that with a few exceptions the transfer pump is steadily filling the 500,000 gallon Miners Ridge Tank. In a few weeks, for the first time in years, Miners Ridge will be filled assuring us all with uninterrupted service.

Both the Forest Service and City of Tucson are protesting an application by the Co-op taken out in 1975 for a Certificate of Water Rights. I asked the lady representing the City why they were interested in terminating water sources for the residents of Mt. Lemmon. Her answer was to the effect that the City is quite disturbed about the pollution in Sabino Canyon and cutting off water in Summerhaven is certainly an effective method in terminating the pollution problem. I was quite surprised at this response and received no answer when I ask her why didn't the City of Tucson go after the real culprits, Pima County, the government agency which is responsible for the pollution in Sabino Creek. In any event, this matter and other problems concerning water rights, have been turned over to Charles Giddings, the attorney, who has been working with the Co-op for a number of years.

The Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club and the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association have both pledged their support if needed should a long legal battle result from the current investigations.

In the next monthly billing there will be an appeal for work. The first project needed to be accomplished are to fill in old meter boxes and to insulate the new ones. These are important projects to be accomplished prior to winter. Next project will be to build an enclosure for the newly installed pump station. Please make it a point to attend one of these work sessions-picnic.

Bob Zimmerman, President

WOMAN'S CLUB NEWS

The LADIES of the Mountain you might say are moving right along. You might say we are playing hard and working hard. Francie Morse, Fran Zimmerman and Katherine Lovett cleaned the library, put it in order, and now have it opened to serve the needs of the Village. Freda Botkins and Mabel Boerger have contributed nearly 10 cartons of books to be added to your reading pleasure.

Plans have been made to maintain a voters registration in the Village during the Labor Day week-end. Also we hope to have some of the money making booths opened that week-end.

Betty Mobley and Barbara Quaid hosted the membership tea and amana, as the British would say, A HIGH. Barbara's lovely cabin was the perfect sitting for a Tea, with beautiful fresh flowers, and arrangements. Silver serving set, tiny cucumber sandwiches, and the most supicious of small French Napoleon, apricot filled tarts and petit-fore.

One week later we went to Florence Wilhoite's cabin for our Charter membership ceremony. (We are 7 years old this month). Charter members present were Eden Hackney, Chriss Sheldon and Madonna Miller. The starting Charter membership was 12.

A potluck salad luncheon was held. 15 different salads and a unique banana pudding, plus a huge birthday cake decorated in the colors of the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club, donated by Freda Botkin's and Maude Stowe. This tells the story. Our next meeting will be held on Sept. 3, at Katherin Lovett's cabin. If you missed your chance to display your culinary talents. at the luncheon you still have another chance. Katherine has once again offered her cabin for a Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club FAMILY POTLUCK PICNIC on Sept. 23rd. at 12 noon. So all you ladies bring a covered dish and your family and come for an afternoon of food and games for children of all ages, and a lot of fun an laughter.

Regina Rhind, President

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Alot has been accomplished this month to the betterment of the Fire Dept. As you were told last month, the Homeowners Association donated \$2,500.00 to purchase a first aid vehicle---- Well we now have a 1977 Dodge, 1 ton Maxivan, with a new paint job, and a bright orange stripe around it. The decals are being picked up today and by the time this is printed will likely be on the Van, Saying "MT. LEMMON V.F.D., EMERGENCY". It sure is a sharp looking Van, so if you haven't seen it drive to the Village next time you are up and see it. We are PROUD of it. George Sheldon has it now getting it ready on the inside with the equipment we now have. It will take approximately \$2,500.00 to equip it the way it should be, just the necessities.

The County has put \$6,200.00 in our account. We don't know how long this is to last, but should know something after the 23rd. of this month.

Loma Linda has appropriated money to have 6 fire connection installed in the Loma Linda area, so the Firemen can connect to them without the truck. This will be done before winter.

On July 21st Mr. & Mrs. Ken Gavitt's cabin in Middle Sabino was struck by lightning and caused considerable damage to the cabin. Our dept. responded in 11 minutes and kept it from burning. The cabin was badly damaged by smoke.

Well at last the siren has been completed and is it loud. Thanks to John and Donald Miller for the wiring of the staff and box outside and Harry Martin, Bob Jaquith, Fred Keers, and Donald Miller for the hook up on the inside and to the siren. We now have to get the telephone system hooked up, but we have to have more money than we now have to get it, but we can operate it manuelly for now.

Thanks to John and Donald Miller for installing a new generator in the tanker. Also the transmission for the tanker is still being repaired.

For all the people who have been asking for T- shirts this summer and couldn't get them --- well we will have them for you in about 10 days. The money will go for more purchases. The first being a light bar for the van which cost \$630.00. So buy plenty of shirts. The cost of shirts is \$7.00 ea.

CHRISTMAS DINNER AT WHISPERING PINES

On July 17th. John, Madonna and Donald Miller were guests of the Supervisor, Counselors and Girl Scouts at Whispering Pines in Organization Ridge for a Christmas Dinner in which was cooked by the Counselors and served by both Counselors and the Girl Scouts. Turkey and all the trimmings were served. A Christmas tree was decorated and a gift for each scout, counselor, and guest was under the tree. Guess What? Santa Claus was there to give the gifts out to each. The gifts were all made from what is available on the mountain. It is amazing what young minds can perfect from Mother Nature and at hand. Christmas Carols were sang throughout the evening. It might of been July, but the Spirit was there. The dinner was in appreciation for the services that the Miller's had given the Sahuaro Council of Girl Scouts, through the years they were in the Alpine Lodge and Vine Restaurant. These counselors will make some guy a good wife if he is looking for a good cook.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT!!!!!!! OUR SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Are we not residents, law abiding citizens, taxpayers and in Pima County???? Yup, we shor R. Then why do we not get the same consideration other parts of the county gets???? On June 22nd. at the Soldiers Camp Homeowners Association picnic, a statement was made by the Deputy to the

group, QUOTE, " I am on duty 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, if you have a break-in just call me, not communications, and gave them his phone number. If I am out, I have a recorder on my phone, just leave a message and as soon as I get in I will respond."

After checking, it was found that he is really on duty 4 days a week, 10 hours a day. There are 2 Deputies on the mountain, but one lives in Tucson and commutes on his working days. NOW----

On Aug. 2nd. a break-in was reported in Willow Canyon, the owners had not been given the deputies number, so called communications and were told that the deputy would not and did not come on duty until noon (this being 9 A.M.) and that they, under no condition would they send a deputy from Tucson to investigate, that the owners would just have to wait until the deputy came on duty at noon. SO THEY WAITED.

On Aug. 4th. another break-in. Soooo---- THE SAME THING AS ON AUG. 2nd.

On Aug. 7th. Gunshots in the Village, a call to the deputy, not at home, so communications were called to see if there was a deputy was on the mountain. YOU ARE SO RIGHT, NOPE, NOT UNTIL TOMORROW. But when contacted again they said they would send a deputy from Tucson. NEVER SAW HIM. Maybe he came I don't know.

On June 30th. a business man from Tucson whom had never been on the mountain made an appointment with the Board of Directors of the Fire District for 8 P.M. Having never driven the mountain before and having considerable rain in Tucson that afternoon, he called the Sheriff Dept. at 6 P.M. to ask about road conditions and was told under no circumstances should he drive up the mountain, that the road was hazardous and the visibility was 0. He called to report to the Board his findings. The sky was clear here on the mountain and was told to start up and if he ran into these conditions to turn back. To the gentleman's surprise THE MOST BEAUTIFUL TRIP AND SUNSET he and his wife had ever encountered.

FOLKS THIS IS FACTS NOT FICTION, these are only 4 instances, if you want more contact the residents on the mountain. DON'T WE DESERVE MORE THAN THIS FOR OUR TAX DOLLARS??????????? Did these instances happen on the 8th. day and the 25th. hour??????

MEMBERSHIP FOR 1980

We are below the goal set for our total membership. Our membership to date is 210 and 102 of these are new members. This is great, but there are so many more with cabins that should be members. If each member would bring in 1 new member this would just about get the majority of cabin users in, not all owners. There is so much to do as a group that we need 100% membership. Willow Canyon is working to get things going there now. Let's all see what we can do to get more members. O.K.???

We got another new baby on the mountain on July 28th. Mr. & Mrs. Steve Palmer now have a 6lb. 13oz. baby boy, named Adam. Another firefighter. Congratulation!!!!

SEWER

I suppose you all read in the paper what the County says is going to be done by October 1981. Do you suppose we can believe it?? I guess we'll have to wait and see.

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SPECIAL REPORT JUST ARRIVED

Gary Mitchell and Donald Miller, our Fire Chief and our Assistant Chief are now Deputy State Fire Marshalls. Another 1st, and GREAT for the MOUNTAIN.

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