



MT. LEMMON ECHOES

AUGUST, 1981

Clean Those Closets!!

GRANNY'S ATTIC RUMMAGE SALE, PART II

Summerhaven, Saturday, September 5, 1981 from 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. is the time and place of the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association Bi-Annual (or whenever we get around to it!) Rummage Sale. Our last endeavor on the Labor Day Weekend in 1979 was very successful and we hope this will be equally so. PLEASE help us to make this one a success!!!

We need donations of jewelry, books, kitchen gadgets, baking utensils, china, glassware, cutlery, linens, good arts and crafts, small appliances (clean and in working order), clothing - especially for children (sweaters, coats, caps, etc. - clean and wearable), toys (workable), games and puzzles (all pieces, please), lamps, small radios and generally attractive bric-a-brac that make a house a home. Just remember that a clean item sells better than a dirty one. Please no shoes and no furniture or other large item as presale storage is a problem.

Donations may be left with Francie Morse at the Alpine Lodge General Store in Summerhaven Monday thru Thursday (not Fridays, Saturdays, or Sundays) and at a location near the Fire Station in Summerhaven staffed by the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association on all Saturdays in August from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. If you will not be on the mountain before September 5 but have an item or items you would like to donate, please call 791-9833 on the mountain or 325-1190 in the valley, and we will arrange for collection of your contributions.

BETTY MOBLEY, CHAIRMAN



Homeowner News

We are in a waiting period now as far as Forest Service fees are concerned. I trust that you permittees sent in your appeals before the deadline. Copies of mine, which was made as President of the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association as well as on behalf of all permittees, were sent to the Chief of the Forest Service, the Secretary of Agriculture, and Senators Goldwater and DeConcini. Both Senators have been very helpful, and we are assured that they will continue to help us. We would like to see the National debt reduced but do not believe permittees should be the only ones contributing!

As you may have noted last month, Liz Hardy is our new editor. Our thanks to Madonna Miller for the time during which she was our editor.

Fran Zimmerman is our new Membership Chairman, replacing Madonna, who told me she needed to give up everything. During Madonna's years as Membership Chairman, our membership numbers really climbed. Please try to give Fran the same kind of cooperation by helping to bring in new members. Every cabin owner in the Catalinas is eligible for membership; every renter is eligible for associate membership.

We will keep you posted on Forest Service News.

JOYCE HOWELL, PRESIDENT

Skiers Aid Handicapped

The Mt. Lemmon Ski Club, which has supported skiing on Mt. Lemmon since the early 1940's, has recently become inactive. In an effort to disburse the funds in the club's accounts, the former officers and members have pledged a sizeable donation to a program for handicapped skiers.

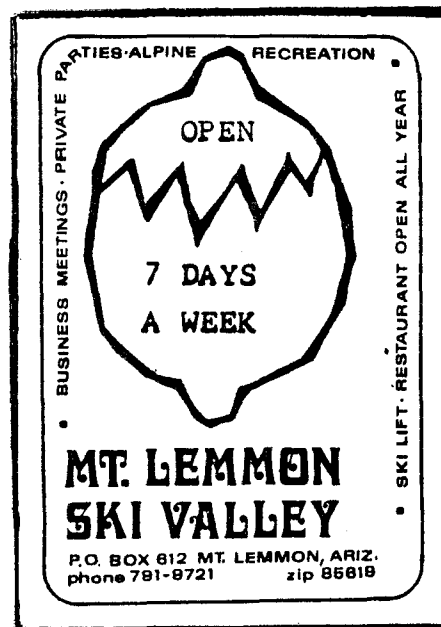
A check from the club for \$5,000 is on its way to the Winter Park Handicapped Skiers Program in Winter Park, Colorado. Mr. Hal O'Leary is the founder of the ten year old program of three hundred instructors, which outfits and teaches children and adults. Seven thousand participants from all over the United States with twenty three types of disabilities from blindness to loss of limbs are involved each year.

The Mt. Lemmon Ski Club was founded in the early 1940's by Lowell Thomas. Bear Wallow was the site of their first rope tow and ski area. In addition, the club members, many years ago, aided in building the roof of the present ski area lodge at Mt. Lemmon Ski Valley.

EDEN HACKNEY

running fever

If you are a jogging enthusiast in Tucson during the week and are transported to 8000 feet on weekends and still wish to pursue your avocation but look despairingly at the steep hills, take heart... There are some nice long stretches on the Lemmon where you can run virtually on flat ground or even downhill!!! A very picturesque run begins in the village and winds its way into upper Sabino to nearly the base of Ski Valley slopes approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Another nice jog takes you from the village down to the bottom of the Marshall Gulch picnic area and back up as far as your legs and lungs will carry you - the downhill run is nearly $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles, also. So get out those running shoes and run the Lemmon!!!



Centennial Continues

DON'T SHAVE! Work on those muscles! And practice your spitting! Mt. Lemmon's Logging Jamboree is coming right up.

Sunday, September 6, the Mt. Lemmon Centennial Celebration will continue by honoring the logging industry.

Competitions are open to the public and will include a tobacco spitting contest, competition for the longest, most unusual and most attractive beards; and several logging contests. Jim Von Dell from the Mt. Lemmon Sawmill and the ladies of the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club will be working together to make the day something special.

In addition, the Women of the mountain will be selling "Lemmon-ade," "Lemmon cookies" and sun tea. The Mt. Lemmon Home Owners Association will also be holding their annual Labor Day White Elephant Sale.

Summerhaven and Mt. Lemmon owe much of their early development to the logging industry. Summerhaven, itself, was settled as a timber homestead several times before the homestead was surveyed and deeded to Frank Webber around 1905. A sawmill was definitely one of the earliest industries on the mountain.

FRANCES MORSE



Many members of the Cooperative sent in their \$50.00 special fee, but many more have not. At the recent general membership meeting, it was unanimously voted that all members would contribute \$50.00. In order to make it official, the Corporation Commission must make a ruling. At present, the matter is being pursued by Charles Giddings, Attorney, through the channels of the Corporation Commission. Hopefully, in a short period of time, the official approval will be granted.

However, the Cooperative needs money now. Please send in a check with your next monthly payment. If you are a little short, send in what you can. If you do, be sure to use a separate check and be sure to mark the memo "special fee."


All water tanks are full and the system is working relatively well, although there are still some "bugs" to be worked out in the Miners Ridge transfer system. Apparently lightning struck the Miners Ridge tank, as some of the associated electrical equipment has failed. No major water conservation awareness among the cabin owners. I have noticed that when a meter is installed on an existing user's cabin that the first month is relatively high, but each month thereafter shows a decrease.

Last month, I mentioned a few methods of reducing water consumption in the shower. Another high consumption area is the toilet, which accounts for 30-40% of consumption. Water saving kits have devices which reduce the amount of water held in the tank thereby reducing the water used each flush. To accomplish the same purpose, some individuals have placed solid objects in the tank such as rocks or bricks. Reducing the volume of water in the tank works if the toilet bowl is the proper design, but in some cases, it actually will increase the water used. A few of you who have tried this method have discovered that two flushes are frequently required to clear the toilet. Very often, better results can be obtained by reducing the number of flushes. A better method yet is to obtain a low flush toilet. Some toilets require as little as 2 to 4 quarts, but before installing these low volume toilets you must determine if your plumbing will clear properly under low volume. Even though the toilet is one of the higher water users, caution must be used before making changes. Advice from a plumber is advised.

Mike Stanley asked me to tell everyone that not to worry about the water being a little off color. This condition is typical during the Monsoons.

BOB ZIMMERMAN, PRES.
MT. LEMMON COOPERATIVE WATER

If you have a telephone in your cabin on Mt. Lemmon, you may have noticed that it has been an unusually quiet summer. That is because for several days in July you could only make outgoing calls on your phone, and your set would not ring if people were trying to reach you. How pleasant for many of us who delight in the thought of a world without phones!! BUT, alas, Mountain Bell has corrected the problem and is working on the source of the problem so phone service should not be interrupted any more.



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Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club

It could only happen on Mt. Lemmon. An afternoon tea is almost always a festive event but a tea on Mt. Lemmon that takes you back to 1881 is an elegant one. If one did not look at the transportation we all arrived in, you could have just pictured yourself back in time.

Kasey Murphey's home on Mt. Lemmon reflected a century ago with her patch work needlecraft and ceramics everywhere, complimented with an antique sled on one wall and on the ceiling above the tea table was a huge wagon wheel holding lanterns, an old wringer-type washing machine, quilts and hand crocheted afghans completed the picture. Hummingbirds, potted petunias and marigolds set the outside scene.

The tea table was covered with an Irish Linen cut out cloth made in 1880 with small linen tea napkins. Silver tea and coffee services were at each end of the table and all the serving dishes were of silver, cut glass, carnival glass and china of the last century. Kasey, with the aid of Mrs. John Murphey, had spent a lot of time researching and collecting recipes of that era and I cannot even begin to tell you of the array of delicacies. They not only reflected the cooking of 1881 but also the food of the different cultures of the Southwest of that time. Chinese tea with small sesame cookies, date nut bars, chocolate meringues, tiny berry tarts and mince meat empanadas, lemon bread, lemon cookies, molded french mints and, of course, no tea would be complete in those days without little cucumber bread and butter, and chicken salad sandwiches. Even the bread and crackers for the sandwiches had been made by Kasey.

Our hostess and the members of the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club were attired in the Pioneer dress of the 1880's. Our guests included many ladies of the Lemmon; Mrs. Joyce Howell, President of the Home-owners Association, Mrs. George White, President of Southern District AFWC, Mrs. Joseph Cordora, Third Vice President, and Mrs. Veronica Arnold, Corresponding Secretary.

On August 5th at 12:00 Noon, there will be a Pot Luck Luncheon at the home of Barbara Quaid on Mt. Lemmon. This will be our Charter Membership Meeting and Mrs. Dean Wagher, President of Arizona Federation of Woman's Clubs will attend with other members of the Board. We also hope to have several Southern District Board members present also. All members are urged to attend this meeting as we will be discussing plans for the Labor Day Celebration.

REGINA RHIND, PRESIDENT



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IT'S A DOG'S LIFE

During a recent conversation with Deputies Duffy and Merrick of the Pima County Sherrif Department, I learned several bits of interesting information regarding dogs, humans and the laws regarding same.



For instance, it is law that every dog must be licensed if over six months old or has resided in Pima County for 30 days. Not only must John Doe Doggie obtain a license annually, it must keep said license on his per...dogson at all times. Failure to do so can result in its master being fined, but, even worse, doggie can easily end up at the pound. Not only must your pet pooch have a current license, but he must have a current distemper shot every year and a current Rabies vaccination every three years.

You should know that Animal Control can pick up any dog whether it is wearing a license or not. It is not unusual for Animal Control to pick up a suspicious behaving dog. That could be why one never sees a dog hanging around used car lots smoking cigarettes! If your dog is picked up and everything checks out then the owner will be contacted. If the license or shots are not current, the owner will be required to have them brought up to date at his expense in addition to boarding fees before the dog can be sprung out. The impoundment fee is \$20, which includes fee for temporary distemper, Parvo and tick dipping for each dog. An additional fee of \$4 per day is added for each day your dog is impounded. If poor mut does not have any license, he will be kept for a short period of time and then be put to sleep.

In Pima County, and Mt. Lemmon is in Pima County, there is a leash law requiring every dog to be fenced in or tied up. So, if you let your dog run loose, it stands an excellent chance of your having to bail it out from time to time.

I have discovered that Animal Control does its best to stay away from Mt. Lemmon, maybe because the folks on Mt. Lemmon make them really feel like dog catchers. Whenever the Animal Control vehicle is seen, everyone grabs the closest dog and shoves him in the house while glaring at the potential dog nabber. According to the Deputies, Mt. Lemmon is one of the few areas left in Pima County where it is common to see dogs wandering about.

If you have questions and concerns about your dog, contact Darrell Raburn at Pima Animal Control (743-7550).

Next month..."When the Dog Bites"

BOB ZIMMERMAN



If you or any member of your family took a special trip this summer, drop me a line about it, and I will include it in our summer wrap up in September. If you or your child happen to be a poet, artist or short story writer, please share your art with the "Echoes." This paper makes a very personal forum for your child or for you to express yourself. This is your newspaper, and all contributions of creative endeavor will be gratefully accepted. Please send your items to:

Liz Hardy

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OR give me a call at 791-9897.

Animal Anecdotes

One of the more colorful and interesting animals that calls Mt. Lemmon its home is the squirrel. To fulfill my own curiosity about these mischeivous little rascals, I decided to do abit of research on our particular kind of squirrel - the Abert's Squirrel of the Tassel - Eared Squirrel family.

Thousands of years ago tassel-eared squirrels were isolated by the formation of the Grand Canyon, and by warmer climates following glacial periods that caused the ponderosa pine forests to flourish at higher elevations. There are two varieties of the tassel-eared squirrel; one being the Kaibab Squirrel restricted in range to the yellow pine forest of the Kaibab Plateau, which rises on the northern side of the Grand Canyon. The extensive range of the Abert's squirrel begins on the south rim of the Grand Canyon and extends into all ponderosa pine forests. Both squirrels, however, did evolve from the same ancestor and often appear to have like characteristics.

These squirrels are the only North American squirrels that have long ear tufts. During the summer, theses tufts are missing, but by early fall the short black hairs begin to appear and grow to a winter length of nearly two inches. Abert's Squirrels usually have a grayish tail, white on the underside and white underparts. The squirrel is rather heavy bodied and can measure up to twenty one inches long.

The tall ponderosa pine provide food and shelter for these squirrels. Rarely do they travel down into the oaks below. Sometimes they are conspicuous by the groups that they seem to travel in. As many as five or six may be seen chasing each other over a single tree. A year or two later, it may be hard to find even one. It is believed that there is a connection between the squirrel population and the size of the acorn and pine seed crops.

Abert's squirrels make large, bulky nests usually situated high in the branches of a pine tree. Baby Abert's Squirrels are born anytime from early April on. When the three or four baby squirrels in the liter are old enough to leave the nest, they follow their mother and gather their food from the ponderosa pines. Families of these squirrels can be seen running together. They are most active in the



early morning or late afternoon. The staple in the diet of this squirrel is the bark of the ponderosa pine tree. One can spot an eating area, because the ground below will be littered with needles, stripped twigs and pieces of gnawed bark. The seeds of the ponderosa pine and other conifer trees, mushrooms, berries, roots and tubers, and seeds of many kinds are also favorite fare.

Enemies of the tassel-eared squirrel include hawks, coyotes, foxes and bobcats. When a squirrel senses danger, it will scurry up the tree and keep itself behind the trunk, where it can sit motionless for hours if necessary.

During the winter, the Abert's Squirrels avoid snow storms or the extreme cold by remaining in their nests, often for as long as a week to ten days at a time.

Abert's Squirrels are not particularly adept at hoarding their food. For this reason, you may find numerous squirrels on your doorstep during the winter on Mt. Lemmon. They will quickly come to depend on you for their daily handout of nuts, seeds, peanut butter sandwiches, or whatever you are willing to give them.

(Abert's Squirrels, cont.)

The Abert's Squirrel is, indeed, a destructive animal. We have found that they particularly like the jute from macrame hangings on my deck to line their nests. One misfortunate nest builder took one strand too many recently and wound up with a severe headache, I'm sure!!! I wound up with a broken pot and a plant to repot. Although they are destructive to the trees in the forest, it is hard not to be taken in by these creatures, with their frisky little personalities and their beautiful winter coats. And when they line up at your front door for their daily handout of goodies and half your grocery list is for squirrel food, you know you're hooked! We have even found it difficult to take a walk near our cabin without nuts in our pockets, because they follow us and will climb up our legs to get their nuts. It really is fun to have a relationship with these squirrels, and we have found that, in general, they do not bite unless they are embroiled in a territorial battle with another squirrel. We have quickly learned when it is wise to pull our hand away. It's a real thrill to give your children the experience of hand feeding a wild animal.



MT. LEMMON REALTY

Sales in most areas are still strong. Best selling cabins are priced at \$40,000 to \$50,000 range with favorable financing. Accessible, buildable lots are commanding highest prices. Forest Service properties are bringing good prices! I see more and more families living on Mt. Lemmon and commuting. Another trend is toward multiple ownership. Poor access and financing are the two biggest detractors on selling.

I am still receiving a fair number of calls from people looking for rentals. If you desire to reduce your ownership costs, let me know and I will refer calls to you.

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hot tamales

One of the most joyous aspects of residing in Southern Arizona is that we have the good fortune to tempt our palates with some of the finest Mexican food in the world. August is an especially favored time for Mexican food devotees because the white corn comes in, and that can mean only one thing - GREEN CORN TAMALES!

It takes many years to pry away those precious recipes from your favorite Mexican chefs. But here is a time tested recipe for tamales and the sure bet that if you follow it you'd best get up at dawn, invite a few friends over for a tamale making fest, and settle in for some serious good eating.

20 lbs. Longhorn cheese
8lbs. oleo
22 lbs. cottage cheese
16 dozen ears white corn(available
at all fruit stands now)
8 26 oz. cans green chile strips
salt

All corn must be taken off the cob and corn husks washed and saved to wrap up the tamales. If you have an electric grinder, make your masa by grinding the corn with cottage cheese, cheese, and oleo until your masa is the texture you desire. Mix it all in a giant container(a great excuse for a new kitchen garbage can) Wrap masa by the tablespoonful in corn husks, adding cheese slivers and chile strips. Place tamales in large roasters lined with corn cobs and the bottoms filled with water. Roast for 2-3 hours checking regularly for doneness and to make sure that you don't steam them dry.

....By the way, this recipe makes about 500 tamales. You may wish to adjust it for your needs. But tamales do freeze well, and you can enjoy your day's efforts for the year to come. They also make treasured gifts for special friends.

Please send your special recipe to me at:
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postscript

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