



# MT. LEMMON ECHOES

April, 1982

## Homeowner News

The Mount Lemmon Homeowners represents three primary groups of people: the residents who live on the mountain all year, vacationers on deeded land and vacationers on leased land. It is important to remember that the problems of any group affect the rest and anything which benefits one benefits all. The fact that the Forest Service has raised lease fees, set cabins for termination and would like to acquire a great deal of deeded land represents serious problems for many, many people. Further, the zoning problems and crummy streets are examples of ongoing difficulties for residents.

The articles of incorporation state that the Homeowners Association is supposed to "do all things necessary... for the welfare and general improvement of Mt. Lemmon..." Keeping this in mind and realizing that the difficulties on Mt. Lemmon are political in nature, the Board believes that grass roots political organizing is necessary to improve conditions which have plagued Mt. Lemmon for years. The annual meeting and potluck picnic is on June 20th - please plan to attend. Many people working together can make a difference.

Joyce Howell, who has diligently corresponded with many agencies of government, reports that permit fees will be the same for Willow Canyon and Soldier Camp - \$546.00. Also, since Senator Goldwater will be unable to help, she will now be writing to the Secretary of Agriculture.

JUDITH MAXIMOV, President  
Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association

## VOTE HERE

Progress has been made. Mt. Lemmon is now Precinct 240 and we will have our own polling place on the mountain. The first election will be in September of this year. Probably by the next issue, I will have the new material to register or re-register all of you, as there are new forms to be filled out this time. Let's have 100% voter registration. I will post the dates and times.

MADONNA L. MILLER,  
Deputy Registrar

## Fire Dept. News

We haven't much news other than we have had no fires. The Forest Service put on a training class for the "Basic 40" for anyone who wanted to participate and twelve passed the final test.

Anyone wishing to have their cabins fire inspected before using it this season can contact Donald Miller and set up an appointment. There is no charge.

We have received \$50 in donation toward the building fund, which is very much appreciated.

MADONNA L. MILLER, Chairman  
Mt. Lemmon Volunteer Fire Dept.

## Animal Anecdotes

Life on Mt. Lemmon has introduced us to a variety of forest wildlife and this is one of our favorite encounters.

Some years ago, a story was circulating in the village that a resident had rescued two young owls and brought them to the mountain where he set them free. We didn't expect to be lucky enough to spot them.

One morning my husband and I came out of the back door of our log cabin to take a break from remodeling. In the tree above us we noticed a pair of large eyes observing us and in a classic pose on top of the outhouse we saw a second owl. The latter was perched at the apex of the outhouse roof, a scene reminiscent of Halloween and a grand joke.

"Hey, kids," we called, because we'd heard the story and knew the code words. Much to our delight the two flapped downward, and we knew we'd found the man's Great Horned Owls, now large and fully matured.

The two flew to the ground. The braver one walked up to us and being only two feet tall did not look us in the eyes but rather in the knee caps. Their heads spun around in turns of 180° as they inspected the surroundings. The leader spotted a pink little toe (a morsel to him) peeking out of a hole in my worn tennis sneakers, waddled closer, spread his menacing talons and wings and jumped on my foot ready for a snack. Fortunately, a few flaps of my arms sent him retreating a couple of feet. I covered my toe and we were able to resume our curious introductions unruffled.

The owls came to visit several times that year. They answered our calls and investigated our food offerings. They remained free but we captured them in pictures. We remember their social calls with fondness and laughter.

Footnote: Great Horned Owls grow to 18-25 inches high, have a wingspan of 35-55 inches, and weigh from 3 to 5 pounds. They are found nearly everywhere in North America and thus have the broadest range of any species. This owl is the dominant raptor by night. There is terrible power in the beak and talons. The Great Horned Owl has exceptionally sensitive organs, can see well on the darkest nights and has binocular vision to pinpoint his prey with the greatest accuracy. Their diet may consist of any of the following: gophers, rabbits, birds (including bluejays and woodpeckers), skunks, raccoons, snakes and mice. A standard clutch for the species is 2 eggs. They nest early in the year, often when snow is still falling. His call "hoo, hoo hoo, hoo, hoo" is associated with harvest moons and the chilling frosts of Autumn.


EDEN H. HACKNEY

## WATER CO-OP

At the annual meeting several lively debates occurred concerning the special fee and membership. Two motions were passed: the membership fee/hook-up fee was raised from \$25 to \$200 and another \$50 special fee was levied on the membership. The Budget for 1982 was accepted which was based on an across the board increase of 10% over the expenses sustained last year.

Five directors were elected to the Board: Jack Rappeport, Neil Kleinman, Phil Kislak, Wendell Hardy and Bob Thorsen. Election of officers will be held the first Sunday in May.

BOB ZIMMERMAN, President  
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## Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club

Eleven members attended the Southern District Convention and once again our Dean of Departments, Freda Botkin, led all her chairmen right down the Glory Lane. Can you believe five first places, four second places and three third places. Then we won three complete department awards, third place with our Press Book and first place with our scrap book. Nell Copeland did the Scrap Book again and once more the compliments were terrific. In the arts and crafts show, Doris Harris, Shirley Ewell, Kasey Murphey, Linda Brookey and Midge Swanson won all the first and second places in everything they exhibited. Twas a great day for the mountain.

Several of us went down on Sunday afternoon and attended the Open House held at the Casa Grande Club House, meeting with other ladies from Southern District, having dinner together and then spent the night in the motel there so all in all the whole weekend was just wonderful.

Linda Brookey spent a week gathering cakes and then held a cake Walk at Pioneer Days during the Festival Season for the Tucson Festival Society. Once again, we made money, assisted in a civic event and all had a good time.

The Library is finished in the club house except for the painting which has to wait for prettier weather so that it can dry. Plans are under study right now for the rest of the building and hopefully before the month is over work will be started on the overall construction.

We plan now to attend the State Convention in Scottsdale on May 2, 3 and 4th to see how all our reports do with the rest of the State and to pay honor to our new President, Linda Brookey, who will participate in the State Presidential Procession during the Convention.

Our April meeting was held at the home of Betty Mobley. The whole house was decorated for the Easter Holiday and the dessert table was beautiful. There must have been eight different cookies and cakes arranged. Most of the business conducted as finishing last of the year business and preparations for the new officers' installations.

REGINA RHIND, President  
Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club

## HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL

If you have happened to make a Spring trek to Mt. Lemmon, you cannot help but notice the signs of Spring abounding everywhere: trees in bud, croccus peeking their welcome blooms through the last steadfast patches of less than white snow, brown grasses trying to turn their summer green, wildflowers adorn the bottom half of the Catalina Highway, the return of the colorful hummingbirds and Grossbeaks, the melodic sounds of streams teeming with last winter's melted snows and Spring's Harbinger, the Robin, trying to pluck a tasty worm from the earth's soft Spring muds.

For those of us who have enjoyed and endured winter atop Mt. Lemmon, it is the season to put the screens back on the doors and think about planting a summer garden of beautiful flowers or of luscious vegetables. Do not be foolhearty, Mt. Lemmonites!! A garden is next to impossible to sustain on Mt. Lemmon. We are blessed with a phenomenon here known as hail. This hail tends to strike when your petunias are almost at their peak, your pansies the prettiest, and your long cultivated geranium has finally begun to produce multiple blooms. The hail season here tends to start around the first of May and runs sporadically throughout the summer. Only the heartiest of plants can survive a good Mt. Lemmon hailstorm, and if you should happen to be on a hike when a hail storm begins, run for cover or grab your hard hat(that you surely brought along suspecting just such an occurrence) for if left uncovered, your head will sustain some mighty blows and have some interesting new configurations by the end of the storm. If you are determined to have some flora this summer, I recommend placing your plants under the eaves of your cabin, or try fruit trees, such as apple, peach or cherry. They seem to thrive on Mt. Lemmon.

Reportedly, the largest hailstone observed in the United States fell at Coffeyville in southeast Kansas on September 3, 1970, measuring 17.5 inches in circumference and weighing 1.67 pounds. So, if during a hailstorm, you or your children should experience cabin fever, try to find a match for this record hail stone. We've definitely had some grand ones on Mt. Lemmon and I have had the bumps on my head to prove that!!

## SAY CHEESE

There is none finer. That is the only way to describe every mouth watering bite of Susan Garcia's cheesecake. Now that Spring has arrived and we are all out jogging and exercising, just one tiny little piece of this outrageous cheesecake couldn't hurt too much (keep talking, Liz). Susan is renowned on Mt. Lemmon, among both the children and adults, as a very fine baker. This month, Susan shares her Best Cheesecake recipe:

**Crust:** 3/4 cup graham cracker crumbs

1 tbsp. sugar, 1 tbsp melted butter or oleo,

**Filling:** 3 pkg (8 oz. size) cream cheese at room temp., 4 eggs, 1 tsp. vanilla, 1 c. sugar

**Topping:** 2 cups dairy sour cream, 1 tbsp. sugar, 1 tsp. vanilla

**Method:**

1. Preheat oven to 375
2. Make crust: In medium bowl, combine crumbs, sugar and butter, mixing well.
3. Spread evenly over bottom of 9" spring-form pan, pressing lightly with fingertips. Refrigerate while filling is prepared.
4. Make filling: In large bowl mix at medium speed, beat cheese until light.
5. Add eggs, vanilla, and sugar; continue beating until creamy and light.
6. Pour into crust in pan; bake 35 mins.
7. Meanwhile, make Topping: In medium bowl, with wooden spoon, beat together sour cream, sugar and vanilla.
8. Remove cheesecake from oven. Spread topping evenly over surface; bake 5 mins.
9. Cool in pan, on wire rack. Then refrigerate at least for 5 hours.
10. To serve: Remove side of spring-form pan. Cut into wedges.

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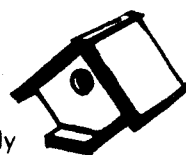


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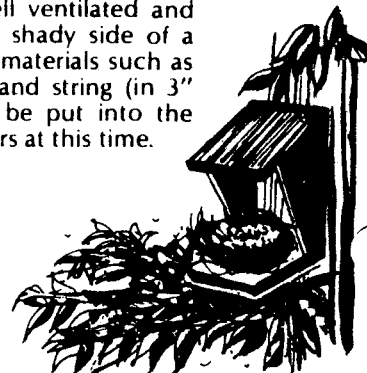
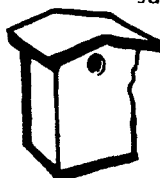
I have been at it nearly a year now, and I hope that you are finding the "Echoes" to be of continuing interest to you. However I am sure that many of you have ideas that you would like to see included in the "Echoes", perhaps something in another small town paper that caught your interest. Please forward all such ideas to me. There is plenty of room for flexibility in the "Echoes". I welcome your contributions. As a matter of fact, there is a rousing cheer heard all over the village of Summerhaven when I open my mailbox to find contributing articles! Please keep them coming - my sincere thanks to all who have contributed. YOU make the "Echoes" live!!!

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## The Nesting Season



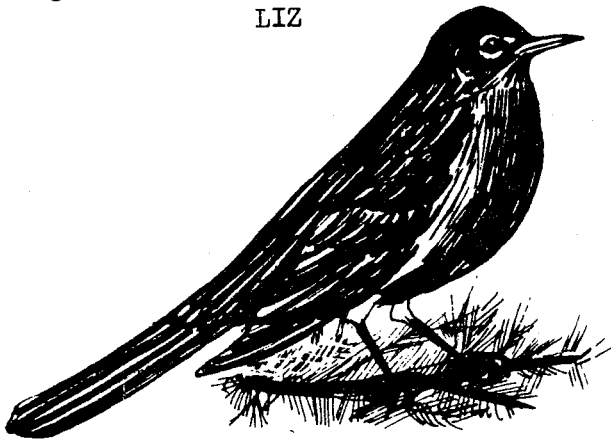
The nesting season usually begins in May. This is the time when birds no longer depend upon man for food. Entice them into nesting on your property by providing houses and nesting materials. Houses should be made of natural materials, well ventilated and hung on the shady side of a tree. Nesting materials such as twine, wool and string (in 3" lengths) can be put into the suet containers at this time.



## Bon Appetit— Bird Style

I must confess that I am an avid bird lover and moving to Mt. Lemmon has afforded me and my family with many hours of entertainment, such as the occasion last summer when a mother hummingbird was trying to teach her babies to fly and eat from our feeder. She and her brood chose the top of my head as their landing strip, perhaps because I had a red sweater on, and they seem to be attracted by that bright color. Such moments with birds are historic treasures. I love to comb bookstores trying to find something on birds new and different that I have not yet read. One such book, My Recipes are for the Birds, by Irene Cosgrove is something new and different, a cookbook for your backyard birds with delights ranging from "Bluebird Betty" to "Nuthatch Nibble." So amused am I by this ingenious book, that I have usurped some excerpts just right for your Spring birdfeeding and birdwatching! Let me know if you enjoy these, and I can run some more throughout the summer.

LIZ



### Robin Russe

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| 1 Medium apple                    | 1/4 Tsp. sand   |
| 1/2 Cup raisins                   | 1 1/2 Cups suet |
| 1 Cup cooked noodles or spaghetti |                 |

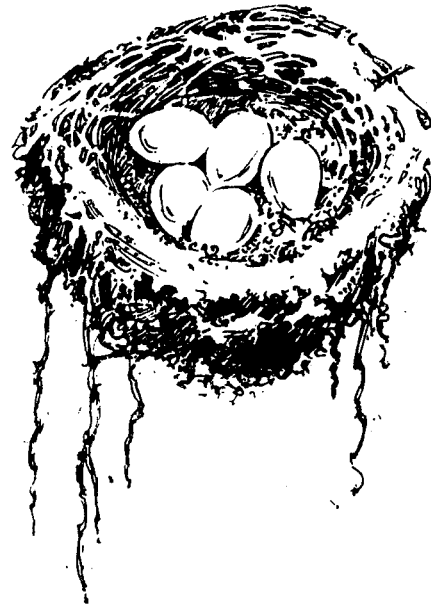
In an 8" x 8" cake pan, put 1 medium apple, diced, including skin and seeds, 1/2 cup raisins, 1 cup cooked noodles or spaghetti and 1/4 tsp sand. Set aside. Put suet through a meat grinder, then melt down in a double boiler. Allow suet to cool and harden slightly. Reheat and while in liquid form, pour 1 1/2 cups over ingredients in pan. Refrigerate to harden, cut into pieces and serve on tray or ground feeder.

### Nuthatch Nibble



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| Raw beef suet       |                       |
| 1 Cup popcorn       | 1 Cup sunflower seeds |
| 2 Cups bread crumbs | 1 Tsp. sand for grit  |

Combine 1 cup popcorn, 2 cups bread crumbs and 1 cup sunflower seeds in medium size bowl and set aside. After putting suet through meat grinder, melt it down in a double boiler. Remove from heat and allow to harden slightly. Reheat and while in liquid form pour 1 1/2 cups over dry ingredients. Sprinkle with 1 tsp. sand. Stir mixture with a fork until well coated. Turn out onto wax paper, 16 in. Bring paper up around suet, pressing to form a ball. Refrigerate until firm. Place in netted suet bag.



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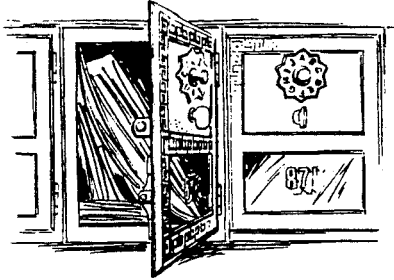


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The following is a copy of a letter forwarded to the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association. Mrs. Arthur J. Faul, Association member and owner of the property contingent to the proposed sewer site, originally addressed her concerns to Morris Udall, with copies sent to us, Senator DeConcini, Governor Babbitt, Carolyn Warner, and Katie Dusenberry. Congressman Udall explained that the matter was a County one and he was unable to help. Governor Babbitt's office also replied to Mrs. Faul's concerns and reprinted here are her original letter and the response from the Governor's office.

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Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter as a protest against Pima County Wastewater Department with regard to the placing of the new sewer disposal tank on Mt. Lemmon next door to the Mt. Lemmon Accommodation School. Surely, we all know no matter how much we are told, there are odors arising from such a tank and particularly when the canyon is so narrow with mountains high on both sides creating a natural pocket. Surely somebody "smarter" can figure out something "better."

I am also at a loss as to why only 47 properties are to be accommodated when there are several hundred more cabins on the mountain. This turmoil has gone on for years, now I learn that PAG is helping the brains in Pima County and apparently this is their easiest solution since the County already owns the property; hang the kids and the close neighbors!! Hopefully smarter heads can prevail over such a smelly situation.

I am enclosing all information that we have received in the last few days and I hope you will look into this business.

Sincerely,  
Mary Alice Faul  
(Mrs. Arthur J. Faul)  
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Dear Mrs. Faul:

Governor Babbitt has asked me to respond to your March 30 letter to Congressman Udall regarding your concern about the proposed sewer treatment plant on Mt. Lemmon.

Over the past few years, the old dilapidated sewer system now serving the 47 properties you mention in your letter has been discharging partially treated wastewater to Sabino Creek. It has been creating health risks to both the inhabitants of Summerhaven and visitors to the Mt. Lemmon recreational area. The specially designed new system will not discharge any wastewater to Sabino Creek, thereby eliminating all pollution

caused by the existing system.

The reason the proposed new system will not serve the other properties on the mountain is that the purpose of the project is to remove the pollutants caused by the existing system. Serving other properties would promote additional flows from the area and would be beyond the economic scope of the proposed project.

As to your concern about odors affecting the Mt. Lemmon School, a properly operated and maintained sewer treatment plant of the type proposed has minimal odors associated with it. In addition, the plant will be housed in a wood frame building designed to blend with the surroundings. The specially designed building should prevent any odors from migrating to adjacent areas. The proposed project meets the Department's setback requirements for this type of treatment facility.

The Pima County Wastewater Management Department (PCWWMD) has informed me that all your concerns have been thoroughly considered during their design of the system. They believe a visit to their office to view the plans for the project and to talk to their staff should allay any fears you have about the project. Also, a public hearing on this project will be held in Pima County on April 23, 1982. If Pima County leaves any of your concerns unanswered, you will have the opportunity to voice your objections to the project at that hearing.

If you have any further questions, please call David H. Woodruff at (602) 255-1272.

Sincerely,  
James E. Sarn, M.D., M.P.H.  
Director, Arizona Department  
of Health Services

PLEASE send all you letters or articles of concern regarding issues that face Mt. Lemmon to Liz Hardy, P.O. Box 727, Mt. Lemmon, Arizona 85619.

# FIRE DEPARTMENT REVIVAL:

Well, as everyone knows, the Fire Department has a new fire engine and an emergency vehicle(ambulance). It also has a number of involved people, with varying levels of interest, training, and experience. We members may all be deficient in one or more of these areas, but it does not even compare to the deficiency of funds that is steadily diminishing.

Training and interest are relatively easy to obtain. We have access to training and need only to keep each other interested. The new equipment has helped immensely in the interest department but has the opposite effect on the treasury department. Experience will come with time, but the fund raising takes work, and the more people we have involved, the easier it will be for everyone.

These new vehicles are draining our already menial bank account. The fire engine entails a monthly payment for several years. The ambulance needs more medical items(not to mention a new battery) in order to be properly equipped for basic emergency medical calls.

The money does not fall from the sky. We need the cooperation of the community. This is no time to sit back and say "I knew it wouldn't work" and watch it all fall apart. It is a time to get together and not only keep what we now have in the way of people and equipment, but improve on them. The only way this will happen is by everyone getting involved. Some people use the excuse that firefighting is not for them. Fine, but what's wrong with putting some hours into, say, a booth at a fair, or cooking for a potluck dinner, bake sale, pig roast, etc. (We're open for ideas) Even just drumming up donations. After all, it is not only the firefighters' cabins that are flammable! Everyone can help in their own way.

There is also another excuse that seems to prevail on the mountain, only it is somewhat more subdued. That is the old cop-out of thinking "Well why should I care, nobody else does." With that contagious attitude, we might all just give up on mountain life and move to Tucson.

"When we see men of worth, we should think of equalling them; when we see men of contrary character, we should turn inwards and examine ourselves."

-Confucius

How about helping me turn the watchers and the critics into involved doers. Actually, the only person you need to stir up is

yourself. If we all do this, we are well on the way to revival. We have the people and the means to raise money. Let us not waste another day.

"In the abundance of water, the fool is thirsty." - Unknown  
Don't be foolish. It's your mountain, too.

Get involved!

If interested in being on a fund raising committee, please contact me at 791-9730.

TOM MANGANO  
Board member MLVFD  
Firefighter



YOUR Board for the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association has tried to zero in on some possible goals for improvements on the mountain. As participants in the Homeowners Association and in mountain life, you surely must have some thoughts about what this group could do to improve conditions for you on Mt. Lemmon. If any of the following are priorities for you please indicate so by a check mark. If we have left anything out that should be addressed, please use the space below. If you are interested in active participation in the Homeowners Association, perhaps as a Board member or on a telephone committee or if you like to attend public hearings, please indicate so and the Board will be in touch. Tear off this section and return to Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association, Box 99, Mt. Lemmon, Arizona 85619. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration to Mt. Lemmon's problems. Let your voice be heard!

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The following areas need the attention of the Homeowners Association:

Roads \_\_\_\_\_  
Sanitation(Sewer) \_\_\_\_\_  
Street lighting \_\_\_\_\_  
Flood control \_\_\_\_\_  
Landscaping(beautification) \_\_\_\_\_  
Lease land problems(fees, water, terms) \_\_\_\_\_  
community center pool \_\_\_\_\_  
increased Homeowner membership \_\_\_\_\_  
other concerns:

I can offer some time to help \_\_\_\_\_

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