



MT. LEMMON ECHOES

July, 1982

Homeowner News

The First Annual Fathers Day Picnic And Giveaway Extravaganza was a huge success! The day was perfect, the Showers Point site was lovely, food was delicious and abundant, and there were prizes galore for delighted dads!!! Here is an in-depth run-down of who won what. Maybe next year you will want to join in with the one hundred or so who attended this year's picnic:

- 1) T-shirt from the Living Rainbow Craft top was won by Eden Hackney.
- 2) Christine Curtis and John Boerger each won fresh baked goods from the Good Spirit Bakery
- 3) Wayne Coates won a gift donated from the crafts of the Tucson Association for the Blind, as did Thelma Johnson and Chris Mikel.
- 4) Our own Pima County Sherrif's Deputy, Michael Duffy won an Audubon Society Bird Book (no, not jail birds)
- 5) Ken Gavitt won a fire extinguisher for his cabin donated by Merle's Auto Supply
- 6) John Mulay and Wendell Hardy each won beautiful beverage coolers, also donated by Merle's (i.e. Merle Suppowitz, a cabin owner atop Mt. Lemmon)
- 7) Leslie May won a lantern donated again by Merle's
- 8) John Smith won \$25 worth of merchandise from Bob's Bargain Barn in Tucson
- 9) Fred Keers tried to claim a prize of one month's free security from Central Alarm. Nice try, Fred - you are Central Alarm!! So instead, Fred won a cardiac treadmill test, donated by Michael Maximov, M.D. Fred Neasham turned out to be the lucky winner of the Central Alarm service.
- 10) Charles Mobley won a plate glass door mirror donated by Wendell Hardy of Arizona Glass and Mirror
- 11) Bob Pollack won a hummingbird feeder
- 12) Gene Stewart won a Citizens Survival Kit donated by the Deputies (we're all

still wondering what's in that survival kit!)

- 13) Ray Beving won a \$20 gift certificate from L.L. Bean in Maine
- 14) The Honneycutts won a years free membership to the Homeowners Association
- 15) Roy Garcia won an ink sketch done by homeowner and artist Shirley Ewell
- 16) Pete Krauss won a Black and Decker Work Bench.

Congratulations to all the winners!! Be sure to attend next year and add your name to this formidable list.

On a more serious note, you must know that the Homeowners Association is always trying to find ways to help the cause of the homeowner on Mt. Lemmon. Joyce Howell is in constant contact with Arizona state and federal legislators trying to reduce the tremendous increase in the yearly leases for forest service cabins that will take effect next year. A recent correspondence from Senator Barry Goldwater assured her that he would be investigating the matter and would be back in touch with any information and assistance that his office could provide.

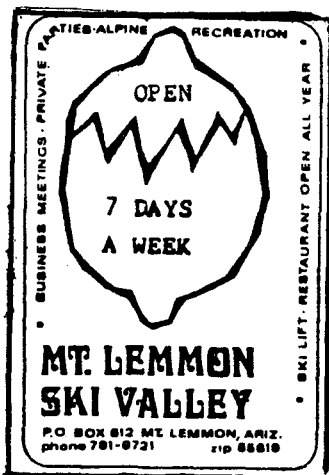
At the annual picnic, President Judith Maximov put out a plea for regular contributors to the Echoes from various areas on the mountain - Willow Canyon, Soldier Camp, Loma Linda, Forest Service lessees, homeowners who have businesses, etc. The plea is still open. If you have something to "talk" about with other homeowners, please send in your contributions to Liz Hardy, Box 727, Mt. Lemmon, 85619 or telephone at 791-9897.

WATER CO-OP

At the regular meeting of the Board of Directors Wendell Hardy gave a report concerning the arrangements being made for the Fire Department to pay for water used and to make arrangements, when no emergency exists, to take water from the system in such a manner that users will not be deprived of water. A procedure was adopted which will have new customers pay for all expenses involved in providing them water. The Board has discovered that the Co-op's water rights are on rather shaky ground. Our principal sources of water have never been certified to the Co-op, a problem which dates back forty years. Recently, we were successful in perfecting one of the main water sources in Upper Sabino. We are now going after a main source in Carter Canyon. Roy Garcia, Maintenance Chairman, reviewed for the Board the new lines laid in Goat Hill Road, Florence Avenue, and Lower Florence Avenue which will allow some for some twenty to thirty new customers in time. Completion of these projects will deplete all of the last Special Fee money collected. Notices have been mailed for a new Special Fee which will be used for improvements next summer.

Mrs. Linda Brookey, President of the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club, along with other representatives attended our meeting to discuss the problems associated with construction of office rental space in the Community Building that was slated for the Co-op. A special committee was formed of Wendell Hardy, Roy Garcia and George Sheldon to investigate potential office locations and to make recommendations to the Board at the next meeting.

BOB ZIMMERMAN, President
MT. LEMMON COOPERATIVE WATER, INC.



Fire Dept. News

Our budget has been sent in for the 82-83 year - no word as to what it will amount


We had three ground fires in the past two months. No cabins as yet, hope it remains that way.

Two of our volunteer firefighters were fired from their regular jobs because they had to fight a fire. These men are only volunteers and are fighting to save our mountain and its cabins without pay of any kind. To get fired from their jobs because they had to have someone to do the job to go and fight a fire is most ungrateful. Since they do not get paid to fight our fires, they have to have regular jobs that do pay them. We all should be grateful to these men who are willing to do this as there is only one homeowner who is a firefighter, the remainder are renters who care about the mountain. I think we should all give this matter serious consideration.

The battery went bad in the Emergency Van and thanks to a generous donation from John Bender, we now have a new battery and money left over to go into our Building Fund. There is now \$140 in the Building Fund.

The Water Co-op has installed 2 or 3 more of our fire hydrants while they were burying water lines. They will also be installing others as they bury more lines. Thanks to Roy Garcia, the maintenance chairman.

MADONNA L. MILLER, Chairman
MT. LEMMON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.



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The coati is both popularly and scientifically among the least known and observed of our native animals. I have had a very difficult time doing any extensive research on this inhabitant of the Santa Catalina Mountains. However, a very informative article by Bil Gilbert, a researcher who lived in the Huachuca Mountains with the express purpose of studying coatis, has given me a lot of information that may interest you also.

Though common in large areas of Central and South America, coatis are found in this country only in small restricted areas of southern Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. They are generally located in isolated areas of mountain ranges. (Perhaps many of you have noticed coatis crossing the highway near Windy Point.) They have not inspired much official research - they are not hunted nor are they valuable furbearers, and are, therefore, not of much concern to protective agencies. They are not - as coyotes or prairie dogs are - usually seen as varmints by ranchers. However, there are things about the coati that make them animals of considerable intellectual interest and emotional appeal to researchers like Bil Gilbert.

Physically, a coati resembles an elongated raccoon. Both have facial masks, but the muzzle of the coati is longer and more pointed, vaguely suggestive of an anteater's. Both have ringed tails, but that of the coati is proportionately much longer. The tail is slender, wandlike, and seems as if it should be prehensile, but it is not. Males are in the 12-17 pound range and females a few pounds lighter. Like raccoons, coatis are omnivorous and will feed on a great variety of vegetable and animal matter. They are predators of small animals, mice, ground squirrels and eggs. They also prey on grasshoppers, beetles, spiders, lizards and snakes. They hunt by rooting in the earth, turning over rocks and logs. They have very powerful shoulders, strong, blunt claws, manipulative forefeet and a long probe-like nose, all features well adapted for this activity.

Now that wolves are all but gone, coatis are the most consistently and conspicuously communal of all carnivorous mammals. For much of the year sexual relationships

appear to be hostile. But the social functions and position of a coati within the group, as observed by Bil Gilbert, change from season to season and the relationships are repeated in annual cycles. The size of coati groups varies from six to a tribe to as many as 20. The males tend to avoid contact with each other while foraging or playing and the females generally band together hoarding the young coatis in between them. They can cover a vast territory with varying climates. They can do so because they have become "mammalian generalists," able to adapt to disparate environmental conditions. Adult males are ostracized from the female-juvenile community in the winter when food is scarce and the segregation protects the young from the males, who have been known to prey on the young coatis. However, in the Spring, a lengthy and complex courting system begins. After mating, however, the males and females separate with no further interest in each other. The gestation period is about 77 days, and it is believed that the females try to bear their young, often two, in caves nestled securely in cliffs.

Natural enemies of the coati are large predator birds such as the Red-tailed Hawk or the Golden Eagle.

Mr. Gilbert stresses that to make a pet of a coati is foolhardy. They have a nasty bite and love to use it. In past years, cabin owners on Mt. Lemmon have discovered damage done to the interior of their cabins by foraging coatis. They were quite destructive to these cabins. However, to my knowledge, there have been no "break-ins" in recent years. From my reading, I believe this interesting creature is quite aggressive and is best admired from afar!

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Even though it is a mistake, sometimes one forgets to pay the water bill. There may be financial reasons. All of them are good reasons - the mail, the person who picked up the mail lost it, my dog ate it, I forgot, etc. If you forgot to pay the water bill, you go into lockoff. That means your meter valve will be shut off and a lock put on it to prevent you from having water service. To restore service, you must pay your bill plus a \$5.00 reconnect fee plus a customer deposit. You will not get service restored until you take care of this, and it must be handled by mail. We have 72 hours to restore your service after the mail is in Mary Keers' hands. I cannot take your money and Mary cannot have people dropping by her house to pay their delinquent bills. Important - this must be handled through the mail.

If you should find your service locked off and you tamper with the meter destroying Co-op property, you must pay for that damage. You cannot break the lock valves; repair for this is around \$50 in parts and labor. The results of this kind of destruction is that you will have your meter pulled. The Corporation Commission stands behind the Co-op on any damage to the Co-op's property by anyone. If you have any questions on lockoff procedures, please call Neil Kleinman at 325-9444.

MICHAEL STANLEY, Maintenance
Mt. Lemmon Cooperative Water, Inc.

The Southern District Board of Directors sponsored a President's Day Workshop in Benson. Three members from the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club attended this informative function. It was a very enjoyable occasion and much was learned by this new President.

Mary Rugg and Polly Crum co-hostessed our regular July meeting. A delicious luncheon at Mary Rugg's cabin was enjoyed by 14 members.

Work on the clubhouse came to a short halt due to several Building Committee members being on vacation. Construction has resumed and progress is coming along fine. More details next month on this Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club Community Project.

As most of you know, due to the projected construction in the village, Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club members voted not to have a July 4th Parade. But thanks to the enthusiasm of Miss Tamara, daughter of member Jonelle Palmer, community residents and visitors were once again entertained with our annual parade. For those of us who missed it, Eden Hackney and Regina Rhind were persuaded by Tamara that "The show must go on." And indeed it did! I'm sorry I wasn't there to join in the fun! With future members such as our little friend, Tamara, we know this club will continue to be a service for many years to come. Three cheers for Tamara!!!

LINDA BROOKEY, President
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Bread & Butter

Think back, if you will, to the January issue of the "Echoes". The recipe for that month was contributed by longtime resident Jim Chilson. It was a mouthwatering chocolate éclair, actually quite simple to prepare, but ever so luscious!! I personally have made it at least a dozen times since then. Well.... I have once again picked Jim's brain for another of his special recipes. With fresh fruit so abundant in the stores right now, this is a perfect recipe for summer baking for entertaining on your Mt. Lemmon decks this summer. This recipe calls for strawberries, but Jim suggests substituting fresh-picked Mt. Lemmon raspberries for a change!

STRAWBERRY BREAD:

3 cups flour
1 tsp. soda
1 tsp. salt
3 tps. cinnamon
2 cups sugar
2 cups sliced strawberries (or 2 10 oz. packages thawed frozen strawberries)
4 eggs, well beaten
1½ cup chopped nuts
1 tsp. vanilla

Stir dry ingredients. Put into a bowl and make a deep well in the center.

Mix remaining ingredients.

Pour into well in the center of the dry ingredients. Stir carefully, just enough to dampen all ingredients.

Pour into 2 9x5 loaf pans.

Bake at 350 for one hour.

Delicious served with hard sauce and spiced iced tea.

OR..... you might wish to top your slice of Strawberry Bread with a generous (low-cal, of course) helping of Linda Broockey's recipe for homemade butter:

Pour ½ pint of whipping cream into a mixing bowl. Let it stand for 10 minutes.

If using an electric mixer, whip the cream for 3-5 minutes (whipping with an eggbeater takes longer)

As you beat, whipped cream will form. Then chunky yellow butter and whitish liquid will appear. When the butter is firm, scoop it from the liquid into a clean bowl. Press down on the butter with a wooden spoon to work out any remaining liquid.

You can also make butter simply by shaking the cream in a closed jar.

If you like salted butter, stir ¼ tsp. of salt into the butter.

...Sounds like a good project for children on a hot afternoon...

Hiking Hazards

I imagine that you have found that when the temperatures hit 105 in Tucson, all of your friends become most anxious to be your weekend guest in your cabin in the cool, cool mountains. Many of them come up with plans for great hikes or for a day's backpacking. However, hiking at 8200' elevation has a whole different set of problems than hiking in the desert. Altitude sickness is a real danger for those mountain novices. There is a handy little booklet published by the U.S. Department of Agriculture entitled Backpacking. There is a very good description of the symptoms of altitude sickness, among many other helpful hints for successful backpacking.

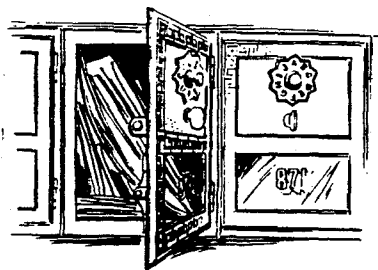
"A person should spend several days getting acclimated to high altitudes before hiking. The lack of oxygen at high elevations gives some travelers altitude sickness, known as pulmonary edema, which can kill if not handled properly. The best prevention is slow ascent with gradual adjustment to altitude. Ascend no more than 2000 feet per day at elevations of 5 to 10,000 feet, then no more than 1,000 feet per day at 10 to 15,000 feet elevations. Above 15,000 feet, the adjustment process is very individualized.

Symptoms of altitude sickness are cough, lack of appetite, nausea or vomiting, staggering gait and severe headaches. A person with symptoms of altitude sickness should breathe deeply, rest, and eat quick-energy foods such as dried fruit or candy. Take aspirin to help the headache; antacid pills may help other symptoms. If symptoms persist, seek lower elevations immediately. Continued exposure can make the victim too weak to travel and lead to death." In case of hiking injury, the booklet suggests the following: " Injury in remote areas can be the beginning of a real emergency. Stop immediately! Treat the injury if you can and make the victim comfortable. Send or signal for help. Three of anything is the international call for help, for example three shots, three shouts, or three columns of smoke. If you must go for help, leave one person with the injured. If rescue is delayed, make an emergency shelter. Do not move until help arrives unless there is more danger in remaining where you are; use extreme care in moving the injured. If a helicopter rescue is required, the requesting parties will be responsible for the cost of the rescue."

I hope you and your house guests will have a wonderful summer on the trails!!

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BOX 727



Dear Editor:

We wish to thank Tamara, daughter of Jonelle Palmer, for her help in organizing this year's "biggest little parade in the world" on July 4th.

Our guests and neighbors on Mt. Lemmon enjoyed participating in the festivities. Featured in the parade were Miss Piggy, the Parade Marshall, a motorbike, a bicycle, kids and dogs, University of Arizona Optical Sciences students, a bagpiper, great American flags, red, white and blue costumes, a bluegrass band, horses and a Forest Service pumper truck, complete with siren.

Thanks to one and all.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Gerry Hackney

To Mount Lemmon Homeowners:

Due to the loss of my job by responding to the nine acre fire on June 1, 1982, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club for its gratitude and community spirit.

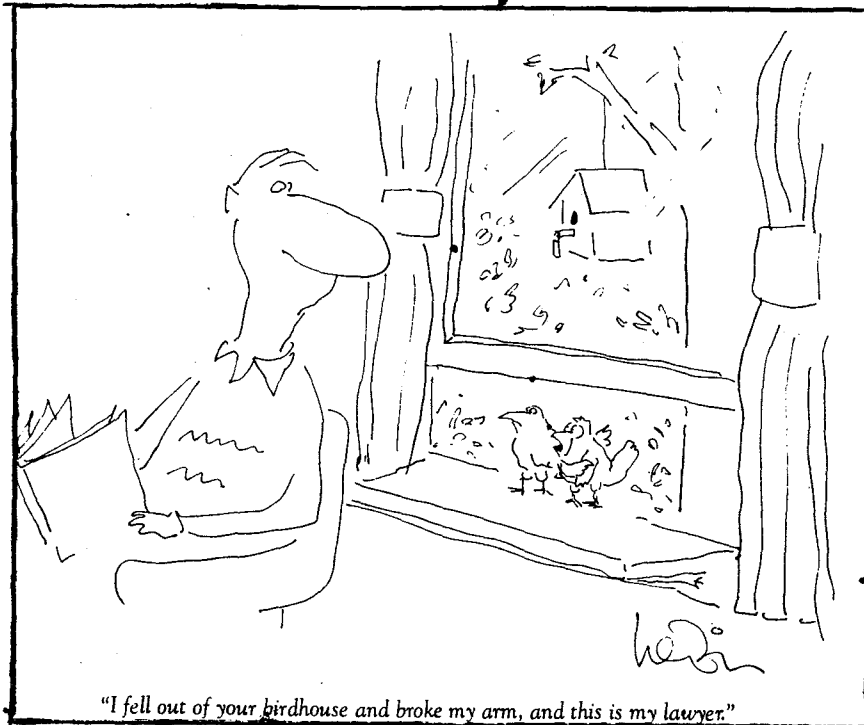
The President of this Club had absolutely no qualms when, only a year ago, I stopped what I was doing to help save her home from total disaster. Yet, now I am told that I should have been working on their clubhouse instead of fighting fires.

It is beyond my comprehension (being a non-property owner) how people with thousands of dollars invested in their cabins can take this kind of attitude towards those of us who risk our lives protecting their property, lives, and the beauty of this mountain.

On top of this, the firefighters being non-paid-non-property owners (save one) have been informed by the property owners that this department will be charged for water to fight their fires.

With this kind of attitude on the property owners part, I cannot say that I can put forth an honest effort to suppress your fires, so effective August 1, 1982, with reluctance and regret, I am resigning from this department.

DONALD MILLER
Deputy, Arizona State Fire Marshal
Chief, Mt. Lemmon Fire Department





The sights and sounds of summer are abundant on Mt. Lemmon during this summer of '82. The hummingbirds buzzing around your feeders. Chainsaws and skill saws report the activities of wood gatherers and cabin remodeling. The smell of fresh popcorn drifting from the Alpine Lodge pulls in many a weary hiker for a respite on the new deck... The magnificent view from the chairlift at Ski Valley overlooking the San Pedro Valley is beyond compare... Barbecues filled with the sizzling of steaks and chicken. Cabins filled to the brim on the Fourth of July with parties and good food. Blue Grass music fills the night air - the source a congenial group on the Hackney porch. Hikers trying to make their way down Lemmon Creek for a refreshing swim in the pools. Watermelon and ice cream being made and consumed at old log cabins in Upper Sabino.. Postmaster Ron Armella and his wonderdog, "Ali" out for an afternoon motorcycle ride.... Sounds of other motorcycles, ATCs, Odysseys, galloping horses, howling dogs, laughter, mint juleps, mountain columbines, gathering clouds and thunder, these are the sights and sounds of summer on Mt. Lemmon. I'm so glad to be here, aren't you?

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