



## MT. LEMMON ECHOES

October, 1982

### Homeowner News

The Mt. Lemmon Homeowners has been busy. On September 2nd a group of us met with Chuck Huckelberry, Katie Duesenberry, Ron Ayres, Jerry McLain and Martin Luhan of Pima County. Our specific concerns were continuation of grading Ajo and Goat Hill Roads, snow removal and maintenance of the Catalina Highway. The County maintains two kinds of roads: 1. those which have received "long standing and continuous maintenance" and 2. County roads which must meet County specifications. Joan Klinger offered to provide affidavits proving continuous maintenance to Ajo and Goat Hill Roads, and the County said they would be considered.

Roads are classified according to usage. A "local road" has up to 2,500 cars per day and an "arterial" has 2500 to 25,000 per day. The Forest Service is considering upgrading the Catalina Highway from a Forest Service Road to a Forest Service Route. The most dangerous 30 miles in Arizona definitely needs upgrading.

Mr. Huckelberry said road maintenance will be improved from two times per year to four times per year. County wide road maintenance costs are \$2100 per mile and \$5400 per mile on Mt. Lemmon.

Snow removal should improve since additional equipment has been ordered. Jerry McLain, the man in charge, says he can get six pieces of equipment up to plow. Since the County cannot afford to have employees "on call" for snow removal, it can take a long time to find the people to get up the mountain with the plows.

Some Facts: 1. More than 300,000 cars traveled up the mountain 4 to 5 years ago. 2. Roads actually need rebuilding every few years. 3. County provides maintenance not construction and must let all jobs over \$10,000 out for bids. 4. There is no "limit" to the dollars spent on Mt. Lemmon. 5. The last the County will do is to put a County employee on Mt. Lemmon for road maintenance. (A person could contract to do it but insurance is prohibitive.)

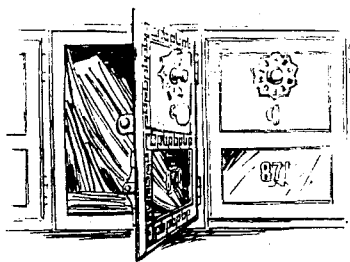
The meeting was congenial, informative, and productive. We have a better idea about where we stand — road maintenance should get better — a step in the right direction, and we can develop strategies for more cooperation.

A letter dated October 7th informs me that Ajo and Goat Hill Roads have been added to the County Maintenance Map. (letter follows)

During our last Homeowners Board meeting, a group concerned about termination of very old cabins came and asked us for financial support to attend the Historic Preservation Meeting in Prescott. We gave \$100 for two delegates to attend and are pleased to be working on this problem.

We need active Board participation. If any of you wish to attend any meetings, please contact me for meeting times and the place. Meetings for the next several months will be held in Tucson. Have a wonderful Holiday Season and a terrific winter!

JUDITH MAXIMOV, President  
Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Assn.



BOX 727

A Letter to Mt. Lemmon Cabin Owners:

First, we would like to thank the Board of Directors of the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Assn. for paying the registration fee of \$100 for us to attend the 1982 Arizona Historic Preservation Conference held in Prescott. Several others have also contributed and out thanks to you all, we were able to attend a most important function. Some of the things we learned Oct. 1-3 have been a great aid to us in our efforts to save the 14 cabins on Mt. Lemmon that the Forest Service has decided to demolish. These cabins were built between 1914 and 1927 and they all add to the beauty and charm on Mt. Lemmon. Several of them do have historical significance and they are all part of Mt. Lemmon history. Our main objective is to save these cabins and stop the destruction of anymore. Mt. Lemmon was founded by the pioneers of surrounding communities. If the Forest Service continues to terminate the leases on cabins, there will be no history left for us to see. It is our belief and the belief of many others that by the year 2000, the Forest Service will not have anymore cabins sitting on their land. They are phasing them out in a very fast manner and the saddest thing about it .. most of them are part of our history. The little cabin right next to the school was built by Dave Bloom & Sons of Tucson in 1921. The one right next to it was built by Mr. Roy Long of Tucson. The Forest Service says that these cabins create a psychological barrier for hikers. I wonder if hikers will notice the public school? The Baker cabin located in Middle Sabino was built for Nellie T. Bush, the first woman elected to the Arizona State Legislature as a Representative in 1920. Three log structures in Upper Sabino were commissioned between 1917 and 1920 by a Swiss immigrant, John Zellerweger of the Cattle Company P7Z (Pusch and Zellerweger). Hired workmen from the state of Washington helped build a style found in Zeller Province of Switzerland using three logs in the center with religious significance. These three logs are visible from the outside of Mary Rugg's cabin. The old John Mets cabin, located at Soldier Camp, is also one of the doomed cabins. The Forest Servicesays it is a detracton from

the scenic aspects for many of the annual 1.6 million visitors who pass through the area, even though it has been there for 68 years. This cabin, as all of the cabins selected for destruction, are part of and add to the scenic beauty of Mt. Lemmon. Preserving the past makes a better future for everyone. The state should reassess our right to determine and shape our state environment and to control the decisions that affect our communities and citizens. We are having a Preservation Crisis on Mt. Lemmon! The Forest Service has placed an action that will adversely affect a historic district. Historic properties significant to this state's heritage are being lost with increasing frequency. Are you going to help stop this?

We want everyone who has an interest in the community and cares about preserving our part in the history of Arizona to write to your Congressman, your local newspaper editors and speak up for what you believe! The preservation of these cabins and other historical sites are essential in maintaining a lifestyle that is fast disappearing from the face of our nation. The historical and cultural foundations of this State should be preserved as a living part of our community life and development in order to give a sense of orientation to the residents of this State and to the residents of Mt. Lemmon. Those cabin owners interested in seeking nomination to the National Registrar for Historical Places should call 791-9885 or 795-7956 for forms or information. Please act now!

LINDA BROOKEY, President Mt. Lemmon  
Woman's Club

EDEN HACKNEY, Chairman, Public Affairs  
Division

October 7, 1982

Dear Mrs. Maximov:

After reviewing all the affidavits on the above referenced roadways, Pima County will accept these roads for maintenance and inclusion into the roadways maintained on Mt. Lemmon in Summerhaven. Enclosed you will find an official maintenance map. Pima County will provide maintenance to these roadways, and only to these roadways.

Thank you for your assistance in helping clear up this matter.

Very Truly Yours,  
C.H. Huckelberry, Director

## Animat Anecdotes

One "delightful" creature that seems to thrive on Mt. Lemmon is the raccoon. It is considered to be North America's most successful native mammal, a fact which I can personally attest to. I am the 'proud' owner of two "coon" hounds that would like nothing better than to sink their teeth into one of the bold raccoons that nightly ravages their leftovers from dinner. The raccoons saunter right up to the sliding glass door, stick out their tongues at my drooling hounds and meander about their business - oh, what an insult to any proud coon hound!! In a highly competitive world, the raccoon has made it!

Other creatures with which the raccoon once shared the forest are either gone or greatly diminished now that their wilderness is disappearing. To any raccoon, a back alley is all the forest necessary for survival. Life is a smorgasboard to raccoons. It will devour sweet corn from the garden, leftovers from the dog's dish, chickens in the henhouse, eggs are a special treat, or garbage can stew. The raccoon lives in all forty nine mainland states, usually closer to us than most people realize.

The name 'raccoon' is derived from an Algonquin Indian word 'aroughcun' - which means he who scratches with his hands. Early settlers soon adopted the word and it finally evolved into the word 'raccoon' as we know it today.

The raccoon was a very important part of the early settlers' lives. They relished its dark rich flesh. Its thick fur, carefully cleaned and dried, provided clothing to protect against cold. A single skin could be formed into a warm hat - the coon-skin cap - become a badge of the frontiersman. When cash was short, raccoon furs became a common medium of exchange. Frontiersmen also saved the fat from the raccoon carcass and used it for cooking, for dressing leather and for oiling machinery. Fur farmers even tried to start raccoon fur farms, but they never turned a profit because the raccoon eats too much.

Raccoons were once mass-produced by state wildlife agencies in an attempt to meet the demands of hunters for more animals to run before their hounds. Many people have set raccoons and one thing is certain, the hunters' lives are never dull.

Biologists who study raccoons are universally impressed by their intelligence. Retrapping a raccoon that has been live-trapped before

is virtually impossible, even when baiting with favorite foods. The cornered raccoon fights with a strength greater than that of any dog the same size. Using its own defense tactics, it flips onto its back, latches onto the dog's throat with its long, sharp claws and goes into a frenzy of scratching and biting.

In the South, the breeding season occurs in December. The male actively seeks out the female and may remain in a den with one for a week or more. Gestation period is 63 days. Usually, four young are born - weighing 2-3 ounces each. Their eyes open at 20 days and usually leave the den at four months, at which time they follow their mother on her nightly hunting trips, learning that all things while perhaps not edible, are at least worthy of the test.

There is a parade of enemies with which the raccoon must cope ranging from bobcats to owls taking their kits. Their worst enemy is parasites consisting of lice and fleas, ticks and tapeworms. They carry a variety of viruses and bacteria and can often carry distemper or even rabies.

In rural areas, like Mt. Lemmon, there is a population level of one raccoon to every 30-75 acres. Raccoons in the Deep South remain active all winter, but in the North they survive the cold by curling up in their dens and sleeping for short periods. In the autumn they eat enough to thicken the layer of fat that sustains them through winter.

The raccoon is indeed a bit of a rogue, but I confess that when summer rolls around I look forward to mother raccoon coming by for her nightly snack with her new litter of babies. Coon hound ego be hanged. These critters definitely add to the charm of my forest primeval life on Mt. Lemmon!

LIZ HARDY

## WATER CO-OP

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Winter is upon us. That means frozen water pipes. Every user of water on the mountain usually shuts off their water and drains their system when leaving. Most cabins are set up to drain for winter. You should shut off the water meter. This protects you from a leak and high bills should a leak occur.

Owners who rent their cabins should winterize the water system so no freezing occurs. This is usually done with heat tape and pipe wrap. The owner should also mark his meter box location. Snow cover makes it impossible to shut off the water in an emergency.

The owners who come up for the winter weekends should have a totally winterized water system. Visitors should have a list telling how to turn on and shut down the cabin's system. This avoids water loss problems.

Through this past summer, the Co-op has lowered lines, installed new main line valves and hooked up many cabins that previously had only summer water. This may be a problem due to the owners not being aware of winter water system problems. This will not be a problem with a little care on the owners part. Please shut off your meter. If anyone finds a leak, please report it to 628-9621.

This winter I would like to keep cabin water loss at a minimum. I cannot fully stress the importance of shutting off the cabin meter. This should be done even in the summer. A large water loss through a cabin can cause more damage than just losing water. Last month I recorded a 77,000 gallon water leak under a cabin. Remember that is \$2.25 per 1000 gallons. The water loss did not damage much but no one had water pressure above the leak. We used to only lose 30,000 gallons, but on the Miners Ridge System, there is no way of telling when there is a customer leak. So please shut off your meter. Happy Winter!

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## PIZZA PIZAZZ

With Fall upon us, Friday nights our thoughts often turn to thoughts of Pizza. As an old New Yorker, I have found it difficult to recreate the pizza indigenous to that part of the country. As you must surely know by now, longtime resident Jim Chilson is a marvelous cook. His recipe for homemade pizza is the closest I have come to my native tastes.

### DOUGH:

1 cup warm water and 1 pkg. yeast dissolved  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup oil  
2 cups flour  
1 tsp. sugar  
1 tsp. salt  
Add yeast water  
Knead about ten times  
Let sit for 15 minutes  
Bake at 450 for about 30 minutes

### SAUCE:

1 large can tomato paste  
3 cans water  
Brown 1 lb. ground meat, bell peppers, and mushrooms, add pressed garlic to taste  
Add  $\frac{1}{4}$  sugar  
Season with your favorite Italian seasonings  
Add 1 can whole tomatoes  
When nearly done add  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup grated Parmesan  
Simmer to desired thickness.



The Mt. Lemmon Volunteer Fire Department is moving right along under the competent guidance of Chief Fred Keers. The pig roast sponsored by the Fire Department was a great success and definitely added to the flavor of our gala Oktoberfest. More from the Fire Department and its progress next month.

# Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club


The volunteer women in our community have been involved in several projects. Our first concern still being a Community Center and Church for Summerhaven. We are going to have worship services every Sunday starting in November. Aerobic classes twice a week will be available for anyone interested in maintaining. Our library will be open at least once a week to all. We do not have running water or a septic system at this time. We hope to solve these problems sometime during the Spring. If you wish to join in, or if you have questions and want additional information, please call 791-9885 (Linda) or 791-9731 (Chriss). We especially need community input and involvement concerning the church services.

Litter... This is a concern for everyone on Mt. Lemmon. We know what our village and picnic areas look like after a big holiday like October Fest. There have been several advertisements on television and radio about why you should vote NO on Proposition 200. Freda Botkin, our Conservation Chairman, has brought to my attention some very good reasons why we should all vote YES on the Bottle Bill. Throwaway bottles and cans are throwing away two precious American resources: energy and water. It takes 381 ounces of water to deliver 12 ounces of soda in a throwaway glass bottle to the consumer. A reusable bottle uses only 97 ounces! It takes 380% more energy to produce an aluminum can than it does to produce a reusable bottle. Throwaway bottles and cans are a major contributor to America's increasing litter and solid waste problems. Beverage containers make up the largest part of all litter by volume; they account for 40-60% of the total. These containers are also the most hazardous form of all litter. In California, 300,000 persons were injured by litter in 1976; 86% of these accidents were caused by broken glass or pull tabs. A throwaway beer can is 20 times more likely to be littered than a reusable bottle. Metal and glass containers account for about 90% of the total residue of municipal waste after it is incinerated. Throwaways decrease the effectiveness of our recycling programs. Only 4% of all steel cans, 5% of all glass bottles and 25% of all aluminum cans are currently being recycled in the U.S., according to the EPA. Throwaways rob recycling centers of the high volume of materials they need to operate efficiently. This situation changes in states with deposit legislation. In fact, in deposit

law states, 88-93% of all steel cans, 91-96% of all glass bottles and 88-97% of all aluminum cans are being reused or recycled. Throwaways do benefit a small minority-- those beverage and beer producers and distributors who are willing to waste precious resources and to ignore their own contribution to the litter problems, but are not willing to stop making "throwaways." The Arizona Bottle Bill Campaign has received endorsements from: Retail Clerks' Union, Local 99(Phoenix) and 727(Tucson); Tucson City Council; Arizona Public Employees Assn.; Arizona Parks and Recreation Assn; Arizona Sierra Club; Hydro-Geo-Chem., Inc.; Common Cause; Arizona Wildlife Federation; Arizonans for a Quality Environment; Burr-Brown Research Corp.; and the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club.

Another project, headed by our Public Affairs Department Chairman, Eden Hackney, has been the effort to preserve 14 cabins on Mt. Lemmon from being demolished. Eden and I have worked together by representing the Homeowners and the Woman's Club. These 14 cabin owners presented a resolution and petition to us and we were well received at the 1982 Arizona Preservation Conference held in Prescott, Arizona. Among those who agreed that the cabins should be preserved and signed our petition at the conference included: William J. Perreault, Registrar, State Hist. Pres. Office, Az State Parks, Phoenix, Az., Peter D. King, Executive Director, National Conference of Hist. Preservation Offices, Wash., D.C., John Merritt, Asst Director, Western Regional Office of the National Trust for Hist. Preservation, San Francisco, The Honorable Barry Goldwater, United States Senator. Over 7 signatures were gathered and most of them Preservationists from all over the U.S. They felt we had a good cause and that these rare survivor-type cabins should be saved. Mr. King, Mr. Perreault and Senator Barry Goldwater are three people you should write if you care to be part of protecting these significant properties.

LINDA BROOKEY, President  
Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club

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# THIS & THAT

"Mr. Art" deFilippo and his wife, Mary, returned to Mt. Lemmon in September after a glorious trip to Bali this summer. In his inevitable style, he has brought back Bali to the children of Zimmerman School. As you surely must remember, Art was chosen Teacher of the Year last year for the State of Arizona. This year he serves on the selection committee. That committee will be hard pressed to find a teacher as creative and energetic as Art. Art and Mary are full of anticipation these days, as they await the birth of their first child in early November. Mt. Lemmon eagerly awaits the arrival of another special DeFilippo!!

News from the Tucson Audubon Society:  
Three films from the National Audubon Wildlife Film Series have been scheduled for showing in early 1983. Dates and titles as follows:

Jan. 25 - "Adventures of a Wildlife Photographer" Robert W. Davison

Feb. 9- "Song of the Northern Prairie" Allen J. King

March 2 - "Hawaii: An Insider's View" Willis Moore

Location will be the Harvill Auditorium on the UA Campus. Contact the Tucson Audubon Society for further details.

## TUCSON TRADE:

Owner Wants Mt. Lemmon cabin or lot. Trade for large University Area home with pool. \$37,000.00 equity. Contact Jerry Mangle at Kronos Realty 327-7424 or 299-2170.

Typically those type of plants that do well on Mt. Lemmon are flowering bulbs that you must plant now in the fall before it snows so that you can experience the extreme pleasure of watching your Spring flowers poke through Springs' melting snows. You may have noticed that Iris seem to thrive on Mt. Lemmon. John and Madonna Miller cultivate a particularly enviable iris garden every summer. They have some very rare varieties of which they are most proud. If you do wish to have a touch of flora in the Spring and are looking for an excuse to come to your cabin this fall for a project, bulb planting is just the ticket. Supposedly there are certain bulbs that are particularly suited for naturalizing in woodland areas or under trees in light shade: daffodils, snowflakes, Iris, scillas, snowdrops, winter aconites, and grape hyacinths.

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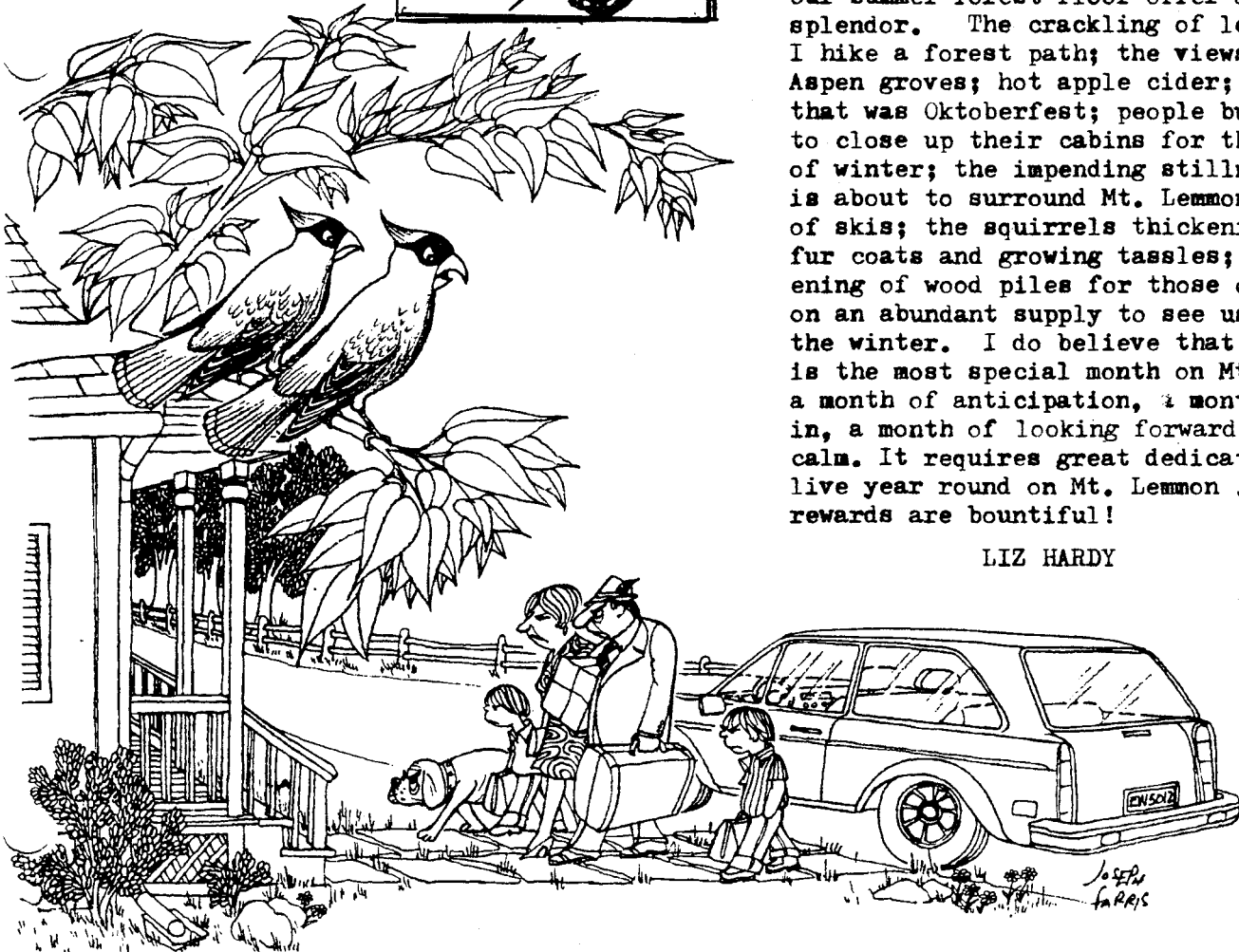
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The peak of autumn's watercolors is high upon us as I write this Echoes. It makes it difficult to stay indoors and concentrate on things other than Maples, Oaks and Aspens. If you have missed autumn up here, plan on a trip soon while the leaves are still clinging to frigid trees. The sky on Mt. Lemmon is never bluer than in October. Even the dying ferns that carpet our summer forest floor offer autumn splendor. The crackling of leaves as I hike a forest path; the views of golden Aspen groves; hot apple cider; the gaiety that was Oktoberfest; people bustling about to close up their cabins for the duration of winter; the impending stillness that is about to surround Mt. Lemmon; the waxing of skis; the squirrels thickening their fur coats and growing tassles; the straightening of wood piles for those of us dependent on an abundant supply to see us through the winter. I do believe that October is the most special month on Mt. Lemmon - a month of anticipation, a month of settling in, a month of looking forward to winter's calm. It requires great dedication to live year round on Mt. Lemmon, but the rewards are bountiful!

LIZ HARDY



"Look who's up for the weekend again."

