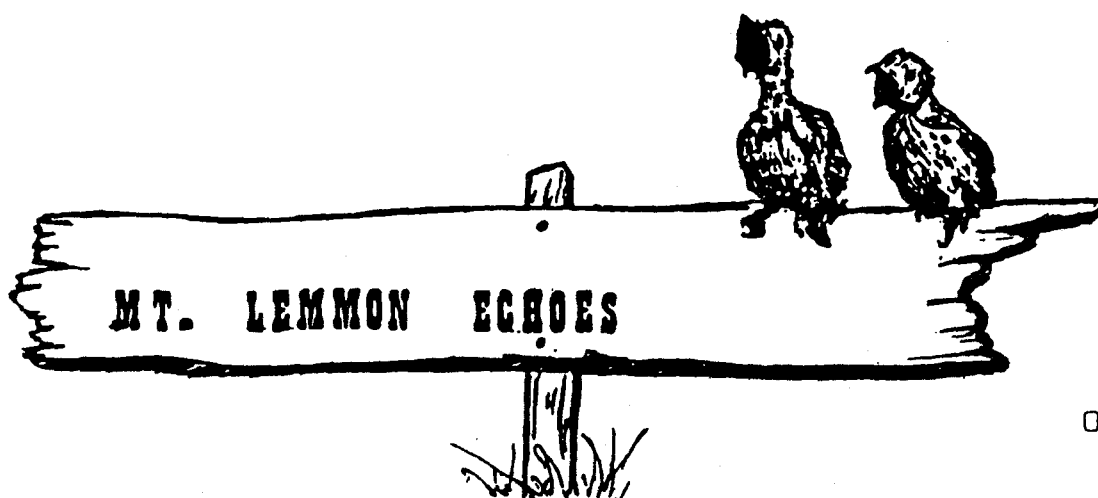


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The weather a few weeks ago was awful and since a lot of us live in very different kinds of places this is, briefly, what happened up here. We spent forty-eight hours without electricity and a highway in such bad shape that we could not travel up or down. Since I could not take the three children who were up here with me home, it meant playing scrabble by candle light, which was fun, cooking on my camp stove and making lists of what we could do with no electricity. When I finally got down I met a few people at Bob's Bargain Barn buying lanterns and more propane for the next time -- I will be better prepared. (I now own a generator.) Now that we have survived some really terrible weather, damage to the village, damage to the highway and are digging out and fixing up it is a good time to anticipate what the coming months hold for us.

The Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association has been asked by the Pima County Transportation Department to administer repair and upkeep of non-County roadways, this is done in Green Valley and other places, and we feel this would be an impossible task considering the problems the county faces up here and the tininess of our working Board. As a Board we felt it was an interesting idea, perhaps one which will be reasonable in the future as we grow.

Homeowner News

We had a fire recently which destroyed the cabin of one of the volunteer firefighters and the issue of fire control and abatement again came to the forefront of many minds. It is crucial that people be trained and available to fight fires on Mt. Lemmon. This should not be the work of people who primarily rent cabins it should also be the work of people who OWN cabins. There are tasks, such as protecting the belongings in the fire house during a fire which are not dangerous and require no training. Training for fire fighting occurs every Friday night at 7:00 and we encourage anyone, men or women, to get involved.

The businesses up here have been hard hit by the closing of the highway and cancellation of Octoberfest. When you are up here it is extremely important at this time to make a special effort to support the businesses -- go out to eat at least once -- because they are important to our welfare as Homeowners in a place with a shaky economy.

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We will be having a contest to find a new logo for our organization and we want participation by many, many people. This is open to children and adults and we think it will be fun. More details to follow.

The difficulty with Forest Service roads, which the County does NOT maintain, is an issue being discussed. If you are interested in this please contact me and I will let you know where the meetings are so you can get involved.

There will be fewer meetings in the winter, you are all welcome to participate. We are developing a stronger and stronger agenda which is becoming more interesting and challenging. We need more people involved -- this community belongs to you, support it and feel a sense of accomplishment as conditions improve for you as well as your neighbors.

Have a delightful fall season -- please call or write with any suggestions or questions.

Judith B.
President

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Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club

At this time of the year, the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club feels like the "Last Rose of Summer," (At least I do!) We've been bloomin' since May - one bud after another what with conventions, Membership Tea, Founders Day, Fourth of July, Church, President's Day, AFWC Board of Directors in Scottsdale, GFWC skit, pot lucks, KUAT Funding Campaign, the library, the completions of our indoors plumbing, etc., etc. We're all ready for a breather before starting into our Winter activities.

The Mt. Lemmon Community Church has closed after having presented 16 summer Worship Services for a total attendance of 201. We feel this has been one of the club's greatest contributions to our community. We are looking forward to another exciting church year next summer with a larger participation and continual growth.

Our President, Vernell Force, has been collecting clothing from the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club and from friends, which she has been taking to a collection point designated by the Red Cross. These donated items are for the fold victims. Please call Vernell at 624-4822 for information or take ANYTHING you might have - food, kitchen ware, bedding, small appliances to her home at 901 E. Seneca, and she will deliver them or tell you where to take them. Let us remember to give thanks for being on the giving end instead of the receiving end.

Six members will be attending the Southern District Fall Workshop at the Tucson Ramada Inn. on October 19th. Maybe one year we can get all the officers to attend. It is the only way to really become a well informed and knowledgeable member of your own club, the District, the State and the National and to understand the coordination between the four levels.

The fire in Carter Canyon was reported about at our last meeting. The Woman's Club wishes to thank all the members of the Volunteer Fire Department and to let them know we really recognize what a valuable part of our community they are.

The next meeting will be at Thelma Barnard's in Tucson at 12:00 on November 2. It will be "bring your own brown bag lunch" and will be hosted by Vernell Force. Let's make it a BIG meeting.

Our December 7th regular meeting will be hosted by Kasey Murphey at her home in Tucson. Also, mark your calendar for December 17th. Our annual Christmas Party will again be at Katherine Lovetts home.


Please call me at 576-1574 should you wish to do some reading this fall or Winter. I will be happy to open our Library just for you. This is another community service our club offers. We would appreciate your making use of it.

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This month we are sorry to report that we lost a cabin in Carter Canyon. Due to the road being washed out by the recent rains, we had to take a route through Middle Sabino to Marshall Gulch to get there. I do want to commend our firefighters for the professional way they performed at the fire; the training is really starting to show!

We are still working with the County with regards to the building of our Firehouse in the Spring. Our present facility ended up with a foot and a half of water and mud in it - again due to the rains. Some of our equipment was damaged and has to be replaced. Once again, we'd appreciate any donation you can make. To date, we have a total of 5 donations out of the 600 cabins we service.

FRED KEERS, Chief
MT. LEMMON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.



Editor's Note: A hearty second to Fred's praise for the firefighters performance during the Carter Canyon fire. Remember, if you should see a cabin on fire on Mt. Lemmon, get to the nearest phone and dial 911. Tell them where the fire is, whose cabin it is, if you know. If you do not have a phone in your cabin and are not sure where the nearest one might be, run or drive to the store at the Alpine Lodge and report the fire. They will know what to do. Fire is our gravest danger up here - let us all be watchdogs!!!

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DEER ONES

For years now, we have put out salt licks among the trees in our Carter Canyon hideaway in hopes that a deer would wander by, try the goodies left out, tell her friends and surely our deer population at the house would rival my daily throng of squirrel feasters. No way! So far, the only deer I have had the great fortune of seeing are those that cross the Catalina Highway in my travels up and down the mountain. For me, it is a breath taking thrill to see these beautiful creatures. This is not meant to be a dissertation on anti-hunting, but, for me, it is hard to imagine lining up one of these fragile creatures in your sights and shooting. I have trouble with that one. However, there apparently is an explosion in the whitetail population across the country and in a recent "Wildlife" magazine article, the issue was explored quite thoroughly. At a time when other wild species are virtually struggling for survival, the nation's whitetail population is currently estimated at nearly 13 million. Experts today believe that the animals are equally as populous today as they were when settlers first set foot on this continent.

In the early 1800s, tremendous numbers of deer were harvested for their hides and meat. At the same time, forests were felled for timber, and millions of acres of land were farmed. As a result, the deer habitat declined. By the turn of the century, only about half a million deer survived in our country. Belatedly, some states moved to control harvesting in the early 1900s. Restricted, buck only, shooting seasons were instituted by some states, sparing the does for breeding. As the habitat revived and the second growth vegetation took over, scrub brush and young trees became ideal for the deer. With hunting controlled, this new habitat being created and natural predators largely absent, deer populations again began to soar. This dramatic comeback is a characteristic unique to the white tail.

According to Wildlife biologists, the white tail is one of the most adaptable animals of the world - you can find them in cities or on mountain tops. There is even a population of them at the end of the runways at Chicago's O'Hare Airport! Also, the white tail is not a picky eater. It likes leaves, twigs and buds of woody plants but it will graze on just

about any type of vegetation. Experts have cataloged some 1,000 different plants eaten by white tailed deer. Under ideal food conditions in an immature forest, deer herds are quite prolific, often doubling its numbers every year or two. In this sense, they have become their own worst enemy. As their numbers double in a compatible environment, the food supply becomes scarcer, and they starve, and fawns become weaker and smaller, and a weakened herd becomes particularly vulnerable to a mass die-off. In northern ranges, severe winters with heavy snowfall can be devastating - mass starvation caused by their inability to move about and forage.

Crowded ranges also mean more collisions between cars and deer, something we have all unfortunately witnessed on the Catalina Highway.

Most wildlife managers believe that the best way to keep whitetail populations in check, and prevent the habitats from being overrun is to regularly harvest antlerless animals - does and fawns. However, this notion generates controversy among sportsmen - hunt clubs believe that if you shoot a doe you are taking next year's deer.

Wildlife managers insist that transplanting deer is a fruitless endeavor, as evidenced by the disastrous effort in Florida Everglades last year. For one thing, it only moves the problem of overcrowding from one habitat to another, and the trauma of capture can be fatal. Apparently, the real problem is trying to convince the general population of the necessity for sound wildlife management practices.

One Bambi antidote- Last year about this time, Mary De Filippo, our teacher's wife, and I were driving down the mountain in a pick-up. We came upon a deer injured by the side of the road near Rose Canyon. We stopped. Indeed the deer had been hit by a car. Without a great deal of thought and with a great deal of caring, we wrapped the doe up and placed it in the front with us on the floor. This was probably not the brightest move, as the doe could have panicked and injured us. But, fortunately, she lay still while we conjured

images of taking care of this deer. Perhaps the children at the school could take care her, much like Sarah Gorby does for the Game and Fish Department. Wouldn't it be wonderful?? The doe would then, of course, come back from time to time, poking its head in the school window in gratitude for all the care. What an experience for the children. We merrily made our way down the mountain humming "Doe a deer, a female deer"... with great hopes for this doe's future. We felt abit silly driving through downtown Tucson with a deer in the truck. Reality set in as we reached Tucson and suddenly realized we had no idea what to do with this deer. We finally settled upon taking the deer to my vetrinarian to see if he would help. He, by law, had to notify fish and game, who finally came over. My vetrinarian was very caring and gentle with the deer. He examined it, explained how fragile deer are, and indicated that this deer had probably been hit multiple times by a car. He had little hope for the deer but indicated the Game and Fish might opt to take her to Sarah Gorby for rehabilitation. After what seemed an eternity, the Game and Fish officers finally arrived, thrust the poor doe onto a tarp and lectured us for this criminal act we had committed. Needless to say, we were not too impressed with their compassion for "their" animal. They said there was no hope, that we had broken the law, even though they understood our intent, and that they would dispose of the deer at Rabies Control. What a blow - all our hopes dashed, and we were criminals to boot!! Somehow, after that incident I conceived some strong notions about downtown administrators that are not altogether favorable, and if I were to see an injured deer again lying by the side of the road, what would I do-----I wonder.

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apple mania

Everywhere you walk on Mt. Lemmon this October, your eyes are filled with the glory of Fall's bounty of apples. The trees are burdened with apples of all varieties - seems to be a bumper crop this year. If you've had your fill of apple pies, cobblers, applesauce, whatever, I'd would like to repeat a recipe published in the Echoes about two years ago for apple cake. It is a favorite dessert in our household and full of nutritious goodies.

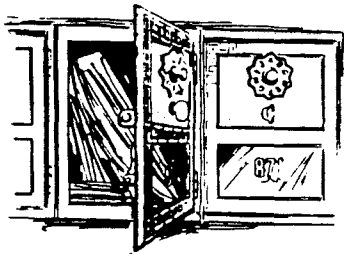
APPLE CAKE:

Mix together: 1 cup salad oil
2 cups sugar
2 eggs
1/2 cup apple juice or cider
ADD: 3 1/2 cups flour
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. cinammon
1/2 tsp. nutmeg
1/2 tsp. Allspice
ADD: 1 cup nuts
3 cups diced(chunks) apples
1 cup raisins(optional)

Press into greased and floured sheet cake pan.
Bake at 350 for 1 hour or until done.

LIZ HARDY

BOX 727



Dear Volunteers:

Last Tuesday, October 4th, late afternoon, I was flopped across my bed talking long distance to a friend when George rushed into the room asking if I'd heard the Fire Engine going up Carter Canyon? No, but I dashed out on the deck and to the West (not seemingly far from our cabin) saw columns of smoke billowing upward. I climbed up the hill, over the rocks and accross in front to the old Holmberg cabin and there before me was this raging fire devouring the cabin that Mary Moran was renting.

There I stood and watch. What did I see? Conscientious, knowledgable volunteers working hard to put out the flames and save other cabins from the same destruction. There was Larry Higgins on the East side spraying water, Bill Brown, Richard Hammarstrand, Don Miller. Fred Keers was there, too, even Mary herself fighting this devastation for all she was worth. Not forgetting Michael Stanley who was there pronto turning on the main water valves and helping in any way he could.

I stared in awe as the fire came under control and then extinguished. Later Don Miller told me that some of the firefighters had never fought a structural fire before.

Later, in bed, I could not sleep. Kept thinking of the members of the Volunteer Fire Dept. their training, their dedication, their willingness - yes - to put their lives on the line. For whom? For us, the residents, the homeowners. Do you know, with a small exception, most of the Volunteer Fire Dept. are renters - young people who do not own property or cabins? And they do this for me - for you.

"But, Chriss" says the Spirit of the Past, "You went to all the first important organizational meetings." The Spirit of the Present answered "How about NOW?" Continuing the 1st Spirit added, "And you bought the pens being sold to raise funds and also sold soooooooo many at the Ski Lodge." I felt a nudge and whisper in my mind - "I'm talking about TODAY. What are you doing?" The first voice would not give up. "Remember, too, how you attended all the dinners Madonna Miller and her crew put on to raise the

needed money to get State funding?" Again, louder, I heard "How about lately? What have you done?" The Spirit of the Past insisted on being righteous, "And then do you recall that you once made a donation? That was only LAST year!" Once again, the Spirit of the Present spoke, "You still haven't answered me. What are you doing NOW?" I had to give in and admit - "NOTHING." - And that's when the guilt set in. No, I cannot fight fires, but I can make coffee. No, I cannot climb hills, but I can go to meetings. No, I cannot haul heavy hoses, but I can give moral support by thanking these workers, by showing my appreciation, by praising them now and again. Even YOU can do that.

CHRISS SHELDON

A follow-up on our bear story that ran last week. Since that time, several people have reported seeing our newest Mt. Lemmon inhabitant. She seems to be spending much of her time in the Bear Wallow area - what a bright bear!

One morning, about 7:00 A.M., my phone rang. It was my husband, Wendell, breathless. He couldn't wait to tell me of his encounter with this bear on his way to work that morning. He knows how desperately I want to see this creature, and, with my luck, never will! He said he drove along side it for about a mile and talked with it. His conversation went something like this,

Wendell "Hi, bear."

Bear "Hi, Wendell."

Wendell "You are much thinner than I thought."

Bear "Haven't found any apple orchards yet."

Wendell "My wife would sure like to see you."

Bear "Tell her I'll get by soon - nice article she wrote about me."

Wendell "Thanks, I'll tell her. Have a nice day."

Sure, Wendell...Enough of that bear story!!!


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