

MT. LEMMON ECHOES

MARCH 1986

EDITOR'S DESK

Mary Moran, Editor

It's been almost a year since you heard Echoes from the mountain. Well, we're back, renewed through the efforts of your Board of Directors by their appointment of Fran Zimmerman, Cathie Brown and Helen Quigley as the Echoes committee. Their contributions will enable us to publish an issue every other month and perhaps more often during the summer.

This past year has left its footprints on the mountain in its march into time. Some good friends have died, but will live on in our memories.

The future will ask us to deal with the results of decisions made in 1985. Affecting the vast majority, the much contested county legislation regarding individual septic systems will make its impact felt in the development and sale of property.

Several issues involving the U.S. Forest Service will impact us this year. Paramount among those issues is the rebuilding of the Catalina Highway, slated to begin this fall. We are left with many questions. The necessity is not at question. For safety and maintenance considerations, it must be accomplished. We only hope the responsible parties are listening carefully to the Mt. Lemmon Task Force, whose common sense, well thought suggestions would save both money and time for the contractors and certainly make it far easier on those who live and visit here. How Graham-Rudmann will affect this project remains to be seen. We know already that it has cut into the recreation operations funding.

1986 is the year in which most cabin owners leasing land from the forest service expect to receive ten year extensions to their leases. Will it happen?

The annual meeting of our association is coming soon. It presents the ideal opportunity to discuss these and other concerns with both neighbors and the officials who must administrate the decisions. Be there!

BOARD NEWS

The Directors of the Homeowners have been busy this past year. The new Board: President - Ross Quigley, Vice-President - Dick Martinelli, Secretary - Sheri Lee, Treasurer - Florence Wilhoite, Echoes Editor - Mary Moran, Jeanette Cowling, Cathie Brown, Paul Hawkins, Peter Krauss, George Kushmaul, John Mulay, JoEllen Sotelo, Adena Stewart, Lee Vought, and Fran Zimmerman.

A number of topics have been discussed and will be presented to all members at the Annual Dinner Meeting, Thursday, April 17, 1986 including association membership identification and a "Mountain Watch" program which would require your participation.

The next Board meeting is Sunday, March 9, 1986 at 1 P.M. at Fran Zimmerman's home on the mountain. You are invited to attend board meetings and/or direct inquiries to any board members.

IN MEMORY 1985

Vitold Andree	Terry Bott
Geraldine Erny	Vernelle Force
Doug Friel	Ken Gavitt
Robert Reid	George Sheldon
V. H. Simonian	Ruth Stewart
Sena Zimmerman	

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association has made a valuable contribution to the community by virtue of it's purchase of a "dump valve" which has been installed on the Ponderosa water tank next to the Alpine Lodge. This 5" valve allows the tanker to be filled in less than three minutes. Previously, filling took over 20 minutes. "It's easy to see how beneficial this is when the tanker is shuttling water to a fire. This is the single greatest improvement to the fire department capabilities in the last 2 or 3 years" beams Chief Fred Keers. In addition to the financial contribution (apx \$4,000), Ross Quigley's organization and George Kushmaul's expertise aided greatly in the installation.

The fire department has also acquired a new rescue van partially funded by contributions from a fund raiser produced by KUPD radio and Jay Zucker. Additional contributions to the purchase were made by ten homeowners. The remaining balance was funded by bank financing.

When construction of the new fire station was let for bid last year, all bids received were over the monies available (bond proceeds apx \$67,000 and Community Block grant of \$60,000). The current best estimate from the architect for a basic station facility is \$212,000! And though the department will be applying for supplemental grant funding, the board of trustees is investigating methods to reduce the cost.

Winter training for firefighters has consisted of a six units Pima College course - Fire Operations. Successful completion of this

training will mean 5 firefighters in addition to Chief Keers will be state certified. Five forest service employees are also attending the course.

WATER CO-OP ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Mt. Lemmon Cooperative Water Co., Inc. will be held Tuesday, March 18, 1986 beginning at 7 P.M. at the Tucson Jr. Chamber of Commerce, 1115 E. Ft. Lowell Road, Tucson, Arizona.

In addition to the election of three new directors, the program will include financial report for "85", budget for "86", comments on activities conducted in "85" and those planned for "86". There will also be several displays of interest to the membership. "Doc" Mobley, Chairman of the Board of Directors asks that any member desiring to bring business before this meeting contact the board prior to the meeting. Individual notices will be sent soon.

NEW BUSINESS IN SUMMERHAVEN

Pam Rinella, a Mt. Lemmon resident of 14 years, has recently opened a smokehouse under the name "Pigeon Springs Farm Smoked Meats". Pam learned the business from her father who has smoked meats in Pennsylvania for over 50 years. His father began the family tradition in Austria in the 1890's. Pam smokes ham, bacon, turkey breast and cheese.

by Lee Vought

Electricity's not!, did you know it costs twice as much to heat your home with electricity than with gas (yes, even bottled gas)! Well, that's not all, the same difference exists with your hot water heater and clothes dryer. It doesn't take many years with those kind of savings to pay for new gas appliances. So do yourself a favor and unplug that space heater today!

Another thing, if your cabin is hard to heat, try stapling some Visqueen to the inside of the windows, making sure it's sealed tight, so air doesn't escape (if you already have double pane windows this won't help too much). I know you won't be able to see the beautiful view through Visqueen, but would you rather have higher heating bills? Till next time - stay warm!

Editor's note: One reason that it's more expensive to stay warm on Mt. Lemmon is that a kilowatt hour of electricity furnished by Trico Electric Cooperative to residential customers is at the rate of .0989 cents. Tucson Electric, for comparison, charges .0666 per kw hour. (Those rates based on a usage of 600 kw/month).

Winter made such a brief appearance, you may have missed it. And although early March is really too soon to call it over, it won't be long before the denizens of spring set up housekeeping. Pussywillow and mosses already frame the streams.

If your property supports common bracken fern plants, look for the "fiddleheads" to break ground within the next few weeks. These coiled tips of the young fern fronds are said to have a delicate flavor somewhere between asparagus and woodsy mushrooms. A creme soup with a chicken stock base utilizing the fiddleheads may be worth trying. You can find the recipe for "Fiddlehead Soup" in the Silver Palate Good Times Cook Book.

REMINDER!!!!

DATE: Thursday, April 17, 1986

TIME: 6:00 - 7:00 P.M. Cocktail
7:00 - Dinner

PLACE: B.P.O. Elk's Club
2404 E. River Road

Please make your reservations before April 9th to Mt. Lemmon Homeowners, P.O. box 99, Mt. Lemmon, Arizona 85619.

Cost of dinner - \$10.00 per person

Any questions, call Fran 576-1333

MT. LEMMON WOMAN'S CLUB

by Fran Zimmerman

Much has happened during 1985 and I will try to bring all of you up to date on the activities of the club. Our president, Vernelle Force passed away in November. Vernelle loved the mountain and had worked hard through the years for the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club. She will be sadly missed by all. As Vice-president, I am the acting President for the club till May.

Our summer months on the mountain were busy for the ladies. On July 4th, a bake sale and the parade were successfully performed. The three day "Labor Day Arts & Crafts" fund raiser kept all of us busy. It consisted of a bake sale, rummage, used books, arts and crafts booths and a large drawing.

During the summer the Mt. Lemmon Community Church was busy every Sunday with services to all. Our appreciation goes to two ladies, Chriss Sheldon and Gloria Bell for their time and energy for the community's spiritual needs. All homeowners are welcome to attend, so please keep that in mind.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 5th at Thelma Barnard's home in Tucson. Betty Mobley will be presenting her recent slides of Scotland and we are all looking forward to seeing them. The meeting starts at 1:00 P.M. and if you are interested in attending, please call Fran Zimmerman at 576-1333 for more information.

We are ladies ranging in age from 30 to 95 years. The club is affiliated with the General Federation Woman's Club which is a national organization. All ladies

are welcome to attend meetings which meet the first Wednesday of every month. During the winter months we meet in Tucson and during the summer we meet on the mountain. We are a service organization and our service is to the mountain.

1985 NEW MEMBERS

Richard Dickey
Ivan & Janice Fankuchen
Beau & Carolyn Forstar
Lynn & Pauline Hepburn
Brett & Rose Mary Hinsch
Bill & Amelia Huggins
Victoria Larriva
Donald Sloane
Danilo & JoEllen Sotelo
Jay & Dana Zucker

MT. LEMMON SAWMILL

The Mt. Lemmon Sawmill is under the new management of Ross Quigley. Ross has opened the mill with four employees, but full operation is not expected to begin until the Spring.

While clean up and operational set up of equipment is being conducted, firewood only is being sold.

When the sawmill is in full operation, custom rough cut lumber orders will be taken. Outside graded mill orders of lumber from the West Coast may be filled, if the order is substantial. Firewood, sawdust and bark will also be sold.

Hours and days of operation will vary until full operation is under way. For further information, call Ross Quigley 576-1461.

ZIMMERMAN SCHOOL MOUNT LEMMON

by Jessica Lutz

The Zimmerman School Hawks have been very busy these days. We have just completed our school flag and had a flag-raising ceremony. To show our school spirit, we have a school song and we have presently working towards sweat shirts with our school emblem, the Hawks, on them. When we are ready to order them, we will be offering them to the community at a discounted rate. Until then, we are accepting donations with which to purchase them.

Reprint from first publication of
the Zimmerman School newspaper
HAWK'S EYE

Courtesy of Mt. Lemmon Ski Valley, the Zimmerman students teachers and volunteers ski on Monday Wednesday afternoon. Thanks Ski Valley for helping the students with their winter physical education program.

If any of you have used ski equipment donations would be greatly appreciated. Contact Bonnie Lloyd, school teacher, at 576-1340.

INTERVIEW WITH JAY ZUCKER

Q. Jay, you are the owner of Lemmon Rock Communications. Can you tell us just what the business of LRC is?

A. Lemmon Rock Communications is a broadcast communications oriented business. We have a translator on Mt. Bigelow and one on Devil's Peak near Flagstaff. We also consulted radio stations.

Q. You broadcast radio station KUPD to the Tucson area via your Mt. Bigelow translator. Most of our homeowners do not fit the profile of a KUPD listener. What made you decide to provide access for this particular station?

A. Aside from the business decision involved, KUPD was willing to make a commitment to me and to the Mt. Lemmon community to use its ability to promote goodwill on behalf of the mountain.

Q. In what manner?

A. KUPD is immensely popular with young, adult males. This is the very segment of the population that has historically abused the forest and its recreational facilities. Our goal is to reverse this by promoting a change of attitude to that of respect.

Q. Speaking of respect, have you anything to do with the "Respect It" banner recently installed at milepost 0?

A. Yes, I consulted the Coronado National Forest for which I conceived and produced the "Respect It" campaign. In addition to this banner, we have a tie-in bumper sticker available through the district ranger office at Sabino Canyon for a 50 cent donation. The core of the campaign is expressed in a TV commercial ala Rodney Dangerfield, in which a tree gets no respect. It was filmed at Rose Canyon and has been shown on all locally broadcast TV stations. Other national forests have already requested use of this commercial in their areas of the country.

Q. Besides having your translator on the mountain, you also own a home here. I know that you and your wife have been up on many occasions. What is it that you enjoy about the mountain.

A. We love the mountain. I am a native Tucsonan and in my youth spent many pleasant hours with my family there. I always dreamed of owning a cabin. It is the fulfillment of a dream for me.

Q. In your opinion, what is needed to improve the area?

A. That's a difficult question. Obviously, I want everyone who visits to show their consideration in the same way you and I do; by not abusing it. I also feel the rebuilding of the Catalina Highway is a much needed project.

Q. With regard to that project, I understand you have a plan to lessen the impact of construction upon the homeowners. We're all ears.

A. The major component that I see lacking in the road re-building plan is that no provision was made for up to the minute communication of the status on any particular day. Lemmon Rock Communication proposes to use a new form of communication for furnishing all local radio and TV stations with constant up to date information for their use. We also have in the development stages, a method by which homeowners would be able to receive the same information at the same time as the broadcast media. This would require a minor modification of their radio. We are hopeful that we will be able to offer this additional community service and are working toward that end.

Q. You were the driving force behind a successful fund raiser

for the Mt. Lemmon Fire Department. Where do you stop?

A. As I said previously, I personally and the companies I represent have strong commitments to the Mt. Lemmon community and to the beautiful mountain range. It is an enduring pledge.

Editor's Note: It is so easy to take the mountain for granted. Jay is just one example of a homeowner who uses his resources and expertise to protect and improve this special place. In future issues we'll talk to more of them.

ECHOES

The Echoes is the publication of the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association for its membership. Membership dues are \$15 per year. Renters and friends of the mountain may obtain associate membership for \$7.50. The Echoes will be published in 1986 the first week of April, May, June, July, August, October and December. Ads, articles and letters to the editor of interest to the general membership should be submitted by the 20th of the month prior to publication. Send these articles to "Echoes", Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association, PO Box 99, Mt. Lemmon, Arizona 85619. Ad Rates: 3x5 \$10; Business card (2x3.5) \$5. For other sizes make inquiries to the editor.

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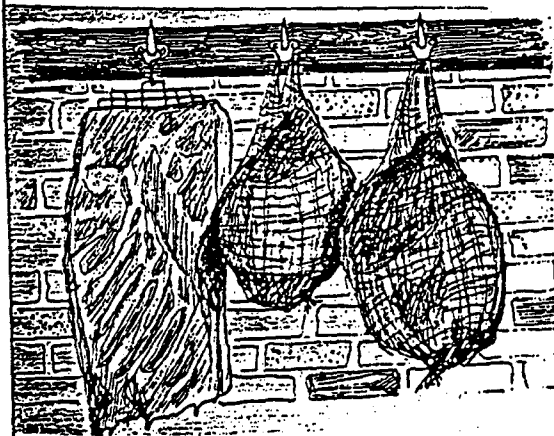
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