

MT. LEMMON ECHOES

JUNE 1986

EDITORS'S DESK

by Mary Moran

The temperature has soared to 70 degrees...it must be summer!

Fred is back, as sassy as ever. He may favor us with more of his ramblings later in the season. In this issue you'll find an educational article on a bird of a different color contributed by Joe Dunford, one of our newer homeowners. Thank you, Joe!

The warm weather has brought out more than the birds...Pima County crews have begun work on Summerhaven roads, the ones they routinely maintain. Streets are being bladed, and in some cases, filled, preparatory to either a seal coat or hot mix paving (or a combination of both). The work should take another two weeks to complete. From the progression of the work so far, it looks much more extensive than it has been in past years.

According to Ron Ayers, Pima County Department of Transportation, that is the case. It seems they are attempting to solve some of the drainage problems within the constraints of a budget that doesn't allow for major improvements.

It looks like someone at DOT has finally realized how self defeating it is to spend so much time and effort in what has always been a temporary fix in the face of summer rains and winter runoff.

Your board of directors has, for the past year, been working to establish a relationship with the county transportation that is one, not of animosity, but of responsibility. The channeling of complaints through local sources

last winter was a good start. It looks like we are on the right track. I will recommend to the board at its next meeting that we establish a liaison system so that your complaints can be taken to the county in the most effective manner.

Lets hope this is the beginning of good things to come for Mount Lemmon.

HOMEOWNERS BOARD

Our regular board meeting was held May 10th and at that time Paul Hawkins accepted to be chairman of the Homeowners board until Ross is able to resume the duties of his office. At the meeting it was decided not to have a picnic in June and that another type of function will be planned for later in the summer.

If you did not attend the annual dinner, you missed a great time. There were 102 homeowners attending and we found the Elks club to be a ideal dinner meeting place for our organization. A lot of information was given besides socializing with our neighbors. Those of you that did not attend, please find your membership card attached to this issue. Sign it and keep it for your I.D. for Mt. Lemmon. If you need one for your spouse, please let us know.

Five weeks after his tragic accident, our president Ross Quigley is going through intense therapy at TMC and welcomes guests after 5:30 P.M. He is coming along well and quoting Ross "I will be back". Ross and Helen would like to thank everyone for their support, prayers and donations during these trying times.

HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION VICE PRESIDENT DIES

Death has again claimed one of our own. Dick Martinelli succumbed to cancer on May 10, 1986. Dick was vice-president of the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association and, with his wife Liz, a full-time resident of the mountain. The memorial service offered by his Masonic brothers made evident what we who did not know him well, suspected. This gentle, kind man left this world greatly and genuinely respected by all who had the privilege of his acquaintance. He will be missed by many.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

by Fred Keers, Chief

Now that the snow has vanished, we're becoming more and more aware of all the unauthorized locations "camp" fires were set in, late last fall - once again, some in "front yards", a little too close for comfort! Our beloved forest is tinder dry right now. Should you see anyone in other than designated areas, please notify the Forest Service, Sheriff's Dept. or the Mt. Lemmon Fire Dept.

For those of you who were unable to attend the annual homeowners dinner this year, we will reiterate; all of our present firefighters have completed the Firefighter II course, and are so certified by the state Fire Marshall's office. We now have the same training as our Tucson brothers. This fall, if all goes

well, we'll be trying for Firefighter III - if certified, we will be the only department in the state to hold that certification. We have also welcomed aboard two more EMTs.

Note: Mt. Lemmon Fire District celebrated it's 6th birthday on May 16th.

SCHOOL NEWS

by Bonnie Lloyd, Teacher

As the school year draws to a close, the children are finishing up several different projects and units. Deputy Jack Simmons finished his woodworking projects with the children which included a lemonade stand (Cynthia Brown and Mistie Quigley), tugboats (Jeremiah Lutz and Justin Brown), doll cradles (Jasmin Lutz and Israel Sotelo), stilts (Jessica Lutz and Jacy Kirby) and an easel (Ross Quigley). We planted our garden with the help of Bill Huggins and it looks great! The children weeded, sifted, and fertilized outside as their seeds grew inside. A special thanks to all who have given their support to the Zimmerman school this year!

WATER CO-OP NEWS

..none submitted

CELEBRATE THE 4TH OF JULY BE A PART OF OUR PARADE!

The Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club invites you to join the July 4th festivities. Clubs, groups, and individuals are welcome to be a part of the noon parade through Summerhaven. This year trophies will be awarded in three categories. The most patriotic entry, the most comical entry, and best overall entry will receive these coveted mementos.

Start planning now...then call Chriss Sheldon at 576-1574 or Mary Moran at 576-1538 to register your entry. Deadline for parade entrants is Monday, June 30, 1986.

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ADVERTISING

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Ride needed to Summerhaven from Tanque Verde & Sabino Canyon on Tuesdays. Call 297-8241 and leave message for Liz anytime.

WEDDING BELLS

Todd Linley and Mickey Johnson, both Mt. Lemmon residents, married on April 19th in a ceremony including many of their friends as attendants at Showers Point.

Mickey is the teacher's aide at Zimmerman School and Todd drives the school bus to and from Tucson with the junior and senior high school students. Much happiness to them.!

LET'S GET TOGETHER FOR DINNER

It's still not too late to get your reservation in for the dinner to be held on June 8th to benefit the Quigley family. Ski Valley's Iron Door Restaurant will host the event on Sunday evening from 6-8 P.M. It'll be a great way to end your weekend on the mountain with family and friends. Not only will Ski Valley donate every dollar over cost collected, but also all employees will be working gratis. Marty Mollo and Tom Mangano will combine their musical talents to entertain us. The food promises to be great with your choice of BBQ ribs or chicken, seafood noodles alfredo, quiche or chicken grand travers with cherry sauce available. Tickets are \$10.00 per person. Make your check payable to Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Assn. and mail to P.O. Box 99, Mt. Lemmon, Az. 85619. Call Mary Moran at 576-1538 for additional information.

FROM THE GARDEN TO THE GRILL

by Mary Moran

Mint seems to be popping up everywhere on the mountain now. While we all love it as a garnish for iced sun tea and as the essential ingredient in a mint julep, it has many more uses. Try tossing it in potato salad, in salad dressings, in cream soups and fruit salads. Pick a few sprigs and experiment; or just chew on one. One of my favorites is to mix it in equal parts with chopped parsley into butter for use on vegetables especially roasted ears of corn. And to go with the corn, you might want to try the following marinade for either chicken or fish on the grill on a lazy summer evening. It can be made up to two days in advance and refrigerated. This will fast become one of your favorites.

HARVEY'S MARINADE

- 1/4 C Parsley leaves (a little mint)
- Zest of 2 lemons
- 1 Large garlic clove, peeled
- 1/2 inch piece of fresh ginger root
- 2 T. Lemon Juice
- 1/4 C Dry sherry
- 1 tsp. Oriental Sesame oil
- 1 tsp. Safflower oil
- 2 tsp. Cornstarch

Mince finely the parsley leaves, lemon zest, garlic and ginger root. Add to remaining ingredients and mix well. Place chicken or fish into a 1 gallon plastic bag, add marinade and seal securely. Shake to distribute

evenly and place in refrigerator for 30 minutes to 4 hours.

COMMUNITY CHURCH

by Chriss Sheldon, Chairman

Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club

Can you believe it? Believe what? Why the Mt. Lemmon Community Church is about to start its fourth year of service to the mountain - that's what!

Yes, you're small (but great) little church opened its doors Sunday, June 1, 1986. Our speaker is our most staunch supporter and friend, Gary "Speedy" Vertigan of the Salvation Army. "Speedy" has been with us since the beginning and has donated not only his time, but several gifts as well. He, his wife, Jo and son, Parry opened our summer season of worship.

Next Sunday, June 8th we are grateful in having a mountain cabin owner prepare and bring to us the "Holy Communion" service. Father Eldridge Morrill, an Episcopal priest, blesses us with this special day each year. He and his wife also have been sincere supporters of our small church in all ways.

We are interdenominational and have been privileged to have speakers from many denominations including Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Church of Christ, Baptist, Disciples of Christ, DM Air Force Chaplain, seminary students, Grace Chapel Teen Challenge, Salvation Army and prison chaplains.

This year a fellowship and refreshment time will be shared from 10:30 to 11:00. The service will be from 11:00 to 12:00 noon.

We welcome residents and visitors alike including hikers, campers, tourists. Please come as you are - boots, jeans, shorts, etc.

Make us joyous with your presence.

Note: "Speedy" and family now reside in Phoenix.

So much appreciation goes to Gloria and Roger Bell for their assistance with the community church.

NEW ARRIVALS!

Jack Michael Quigley arrived on May 28th weighing 6 lbs. 10 ozs. at TMC. He is the third son of Ross and Helen and brother to Mistie, Ross and Tommy. Congratulations!

HELP, HELP! CAN YOU HELP?

The Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club building/church could use several things you might have anyone of them tucked away in storage. If they are in good condition, think about donating them for our use.

Fireplace set, kitchen and bathroom curtains, window coverings for meeting room, microwave, television. Also we need volunteers to log oil deck and railings, stain hand rail, paint white trim, fix back door screen, stain screen door, stain front door, check electrical problem on two circuits.

WOMAN'S CLUB

by Fran Zimmerman, President

During the summer our meetings are held on the mountain and it is also time for a number of activities to be held during this time. Six members of the club spent two days in Phoenix for the state convention which is always informative and fun. It is always interesting to find out what other clubs throughout the state are doing for their communities and we can implement in our area.

Plans are being made by Chriss Sheldon and Mary Moran for the July 4th parade and bake sale which the club has sponsored for the last twelve years.

The June meeting was held at Fran Zimmerman's cabin on Wednesday, June 4 and our guest speaker was Mary Kay Farnum who presented "Victim Witness" to the club and explained the special program in Pima County which has received national recognition.

MISCELLANEOUS

By Bob Zimmerman

Moth Attack !

Only Mount Lemmoners can really understand the total bonkers that prevails during moth attacks. Months bring out the fiend in us. Every self respecting family has devised a secret moth defense plan. During moth attacks the whole family, including all pets throw themselves into action. Moths, if you don't know, pull sneak attacks only late at night, particularly when the moon is

full. All this seems to get is in the right mood -- crazed. Passers by witness fully lit cabins with flickering windows as its occupants race around brandishing their favorite moth killer weapon. Much shouting is heard accompanied by pounding feet and occasional crashes. All eyes are showing much white and hair is definitely disheveled. Its a little eerie, if you know what I mean.

Fly swatters, hammers, vacuum cleaners, brooms, every known insect poison, blow torches and nets have become generally scarce. Mountain folks no longer worry about their fire wood being stolen -- now you gotta keep close tabs on your moth killer weapons.

A few, the more devious, have devised ingenious moth killer weapons. One fellow dresses completely in black from head to foot and then turns out all the lights. He attaches a flash light to the vacuum wand near the end. He turns both on and claims he clears out his cabin in short order. He cautions, in case you wish to try this, to keep your mouth closed. This house is easy to spot with its whirring vacuum and its one flashing light.

Another swears by his death bath, a scheme which tends to be for the more laid back. This fellow places a pan of soapy water just below a light bulb and turns off the rest of the lights. The moths hit the bulb and fall into the water. Very quiet except for the screams of the moths. Yet another believes in moth balls and bug bombs. They don't have any moths -- ever -- on the other hand they look a little funny eating soup with gas masks.

The Power

Its amazing what can be done when we get organized. Letters and phone calls poured into Iris Dewhirst office and we got the grant. What grant, you say? The \$70,000 grant which will correct the weakest link of water supply system in Summerhaven -- the twenty years old inch and half water main that connects Summerhaven to Miner's Ridge. This is to be replace with a 6 or 8 inch main that is the beginning of a lot of improvements to the water system and FIRE SUPPRESSION system.

The temper is back

When I last visited Ross he plunged into a tirade about his warfare with the nurses. He told me he was so mad that he almost checked out that day. In fact he is counting the days until he can get out -- which he figures will be another six weeks. His display of temper is most assuring.

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HARD-BITTEN

by Joe Dunford

Some of the permanent residents of Mount Lemmon are small birds called Olive Warblers. You won't find them hanging around below 8000 feet altitude and you won't see them at all if you keep your eyes on the ground. The Olive Warbler nests up high and, usually, feeds up high in the tall pines and firs. I said "usually". This morning I found one about two feet off the ground on a pine seedling.

If you spot a small (4 1/2 inch) bird with a buffy head, black eye-stripe and white bars on dark wings you've seen a male Olive Warbler. No other bird dresses that way.

We think of warblers as summer visitors, migrating south for the winter, or at least down to a lower, warmer altitude. Not the Olive Warbler. It hangs in there summer and winter, never forsaking its pines and firs -- a permanent resident - hard-bitten!

No bird guide has the space to cover much more than a paragraph on any one species of bird (though they are indispensable with their color illustrations), area and migration maps, and diagrammed bird calls. To get additional information you need to consult something like Bent's Life Histories of North American Birds⁽¹⁾ We looked up our warbler friend and struck some notes of local interest.

¹ Harper (1960) edited and abridged by Henry Hill Collins, Jr.

It seems that Olive Warblers had been known in Mexico for many years but one Henry W. Henshaw was the first to record it as a North American bird by capturing three specimens on Mount Graham in September of 1874. You may wonder how Henshaw "captured" even one of these little fellows while it flitted around high in the trees. Well -- ahem -- the truth is -- er -- "captured" means he shot them. In 1874 there were no sophisticated cameras with telephoto lenses nor super binoculars. The state of the art then was you had positive identification only when you had a bird in hand -- usually dead. Ornithologists then were expert in shooting, skinning and stuffing specimens -- "collecting" -- all in the name of science. But, after all, how do you determine that an Olive Warbler has an average length of 4 1/2 inches?

Getting even closer to home than Mount Graham W.E.D. Scott wrote in 1885 about his field work in our own Catalina Mountains which he had conducted in late November of a prior year. He wrote:

Associated with flocks of the Mexican Bluebird⁽²⁾ (*Siala mexicana*) which was, by the way, the only kind of Bluebird observed, was always to be found one and sometimes two representatives of the Olive Warbler (*Peucedramus olivaceus*).⁽³⁾ The Bluebirds were generally feeding on some insects in the tall pines, in flocks from six to ten individuals. The Olive Warblers were on the best of terms with their blue friends, and as

² Western Bluebirds were called Mexican Bluebirds then.

³ Now called "Peucedramus taentiatatus."

the Bluebirds were shy and restless they made it difficult to obtain or observe very clearly their smaller allies. I did not in these pine woods see the two species apart, and became at length so well aware of the intimacy that existed between them, that I would fire at any small bird passing high overhead in company with Bluebirds. They were chance shots, certainly, but the only two small birds obtained flying in this way with the Bluebirds were Olive Warblers."

"Generally they preferred the largest branches of the pines when they alighted, though I took one not more than three feet from the ground in a small bush. Their movements while feeding or searching for food are very deliberate, though I noticed now and again certain motions when at the extremity of a bough that reminded me of a Kinglet or a Titmouse."

If Scott were to show up today with his bird gun and paraphernalia he would be run off the mountain in short order. Times change. However, his observations were fairly astute and, remember, he didn't have a highway to get him up here. He had to put in a lot of effort -- in the name of science.

As to Scott's comments on "groups" of Bluebirds flying around, remember he was here in late November when most birds are flocking rather than spreading out to territorial nesting areas as they do in spring and early summer.

And as to our friends, the Olive Warblers -- well, as I said before, they're hard-bitten. They survived Scott's random pot shots and they'll probably survive us. As to their friendship with the Bluebirds, as reported by Scott,

I'll have to wait until November to check that out.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Dear Editor

After paying insurance for twenty or more years many of us received notices of cancellation or non-renewal. What happened? The insurance companies got over their heads in risky ventures using our hard earned premiums and then the market went sour. Yes, the courts and attorneys aren't helping matters either. To save their own bacon the insurance companies fry ours. They are targeting "high risk" areas such as certain kinds of business and rural USA. That's us folks.

In essence, we have been red lined because we are in the worst fire rated area. All the more reason it so important to get the new fire station completed this summer. No matter where you have your cabin, this should reduce your fire rates and help keep our properties insurable. Next year we will get the big main down from Miner's Ridge and retain a long term insurance of the 2-3 minute tanker turn around time. Maybe we can get our rating up to a 7 or 8 instead of a perfect 10.

If you have suffered an injustice at the hands of your insurance company, I urge you to write down your story and send it to Governor Babbitt. The State is doing an investigation which, I hope, will change the rules so that properties which have been insurable for 10 to 20 years, can not suddenly become "too high a risk."

Bob Zimmerman

Dear Editor

The trip to town is getting to be a real teeth gritter. Every time I pass the "Love Messages" that seem to spring up around Windy Point, I get mad as the devil. I just can't understand what gets into our fellow humans that makes spray painting foolish messages in public places more important than preserving the beauty of nature.

This past memorial weekend, while on the way down the mountain, traveling in the usual holiday weekend heavy traffic, I saw four young men leaving their vehicle holding spray cans. Being just below Windy Point, I had no doubt in mind what they were up to. Because of the heavy traffic, there was no opportunity to do anything about it. At Bear Canyon I saw one of our deputies and was able to stop long enough to give him a description. It was apparently too late as the damage was done, and we now have a few new messages to read.

What can be done about these writings and the fools that continue to disgrace the natural beauty of our scenic mountain road? I don't know, but I would urge everyone to report these rock wreckers at every opportunity. Perhaps at least a few could be apprehended and the word will get out. I sure the Forest Service and the Sheriff's Department would appreciate the efforts no matter how small they may seem.

Roy Garcia

POSTMASTER TO

RETIRE

June 30th will mark the end of John "Luke" Boerger's 31 1/2 years of service with the U.S. Post Office.

A long time homeowner, Luke has been Mount Lemmon's postmaster for the past 2 1/2 years. Prior to that time he worked in various Tucson post offices since arriving from Marysville, Ohio in September 1959.

According to Luke he has enjoyed his position here and would have liked to stay longer, but recent changes in the retirement tax law dictated his decision to leave now.

Ask what plans he has after retirement, Luke notes that it is his wife Mabel who has plans for him. Sounds like work to me. Some extensive traveling is being anticipated for them both after Mabel retires next year.

Editor's Note: Luke is very well liked and respected by the entire community. We are sorry to see him leave, but hope that his retirement proves to be healthy and happy.

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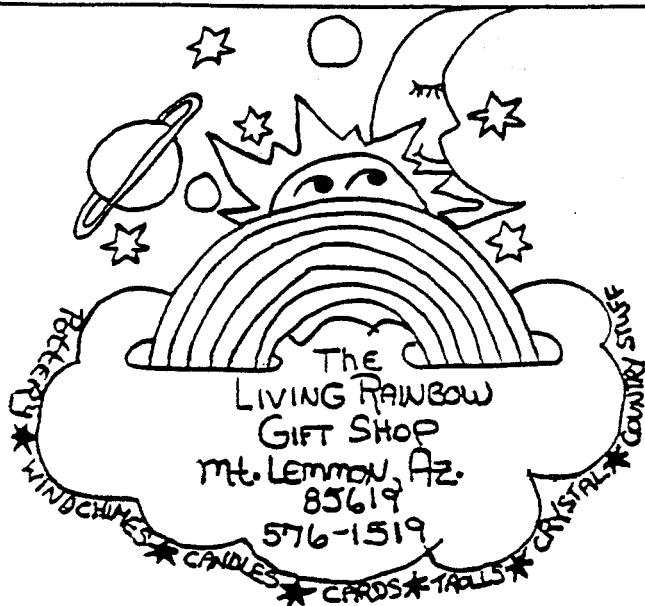
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