

MT. LEMMON ECHOES

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The Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Board

by Ross Quigley, President

I would like to take this opportunity to remind those of you who missed our annual dinner meeting in Tucson that we have adopted a special Mountain Neighborhood Watch program which we feel can aid in stopping the break-in problem we have experienced over the years. If you have any questions about the program or have not signed up yet, please call me at 576-1461. I regret the delay in sending key tabs and window signs for those of you who did sign up, but now that I am back home, it will be done soon.

I would also like to thank all of you who have been so good in helping me and my family through our recovery period. We couldn't have made it without your fantastic support. All of the cards, flowers and fund raisers were wonderful. I hope I can repay you all be giving my time wherever needed to benefit the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners.

Again, thank you all very much.

The Mt. Lemmon's Woman's Club

by Fran Zimmerman, president

Our August meeting was held at the Woman's Club building Wednesday, August 6th with a large turn out of our membership. It was a pleasant surprise considering that this has been a busy summer for the most of us.

The July 4th bake sale brought the club \$431.14 from bake sale, new items booth and the drawing. Our thanks to the chairpeople Chris Sheldon and Mary Moran for their long hours of preparation and of course, to all the ladies for giving of their time on the 4th.

Due to our successful July 4th event, we are planning our annual three day Labor Day Rummage Sale. This year we will hold the three day event in the clubhouse. The dates are 30 & 31 August and 1 September. There will be rummage, books, bake sale and a drawing on a queen size patchwork quilt made by the ladies of the Club and a lovely antique basket. Plans are being made for the event and we are looking forward to that weekend. Hope you will be too.

Our annual membership tea will be held August 25th. Invitations will be sent to interested ladies. You don't have to be a homeowner to join. If your are interested, please give me a call 576-1333.

Mt. Lemmon Fire Department

by Fred Keers, Chief

Since the last issue of the Echo the fire district has had a change of luck! First of all, we had a successful bid opening on the firehouse and construction will start mid August, completion is due mid November.

Some of you have heard that your fire department might have to cut back on emergency medical services due to lack of funds. At this time it looks as though Arizona Health Services is going to pick up part of the tab. Ninety eight

percent of our medical calls are for people who are not property owners in our district.

At this time our firefighters are still in training; this time it is First Responder First Aid. These young people are gluttons for punishment -- Thank God!

Drop in for a free guided tour of the new firehouse this fall.

BUDO

by George M. Rogers

There seems to be a renewed interest in the martial arts these days, judging by current movies, magazines, and conversations overheard at the gas station. These kinds of exposure (via Hollywood and media) have created a lot of misconceptions about martial arts in general. I'm not professing to be an expert, but I do have a little understanding of one modern Japanese martial art, Aikido, which was established in the 1930's. Although relatively modern, Aikido is well founded in tradition.

This tradition is known as Budo, (the way of the warrior) in Japan. The first part of the work Budo (Bu) is interpreted as meaning martial art, but its literal meaning is "to stop the fight". "Do" in Budo translates as "the Way". In Budo, the point is not only to compete, but to find peace and mastery of the self. It explores in direct experience the relationship between ethics, religion, and philosophy. It's association with sports is a very recent development.

Bushido, the way of the Samurai, grew out of the fusion of Oriental Philosophies. Bushido can be summarized in seven Principles:

1). The right decision, the right attitude, the truth. When we must die, we must die. Rectitude. 2). Bravery. 3). Universal love, benevolence toward Mankind; compassion. 4). Right action -- courtesy. 5) Utter sincerity; truthfulness. 6). Honor and glory. 7). Devotion, loyalty.

Martial arts today seem to be a fashion or sport and are loosing the spirit of the Way (Do). People think after a few classes or even a few years, "I've had enough classes, I understand.", but it is not a school you graduate from, rather, a way of life.

The goal of Budo is not aggression or domination, but mastery of yourself, which is much more difficult than beating a visible opponent. One master, upon being asked "How many years do I have to practice?", replied, "Until you die.". This same man, Master Deshimara, emphasizes that true martial artists take their spirit from budo rather than sports: he says "I have nothing against sports, they train the body and develop stamina and endurance. But the spirit of competition and power that presides over them is not good, it reflects a distorted vision of life. The root of martial arts is not there. In the spirit of Zen and Budo everyday life becomes the contest. There must be a awareness at every moment -- getting up in the morning, working, eating, going to bed. That is the place for the mastery of self."

Hollywood's representation of martial arts can be entertaining and inspiring although sometimes misleading.

EDITOR'S DESK

by Mary Moran

Some thoughts about what's been happening on the mountain the last few weeks.....

The following is an excerpt from the minutes of a special fire district board of trustees meeting held July 17, 1986. "Fred Keers has approached the trustees with a proposal to replace the present emergency vehicle with a mini-pumper unit which would carry the rescue equipment and an EMT, but not have any transport ability and would loose the ability to move the victim out of freezing weather, rain or snow into a warm, secure environment of the present rescue vehicle. This change would enhance the fire protection capability of the district and reduce the emergency services capability."

.... and now we see why the proposal was made..... Bob Zimmerman, Chairman discussed the general situation facing the Mt. Lemmon Fire Department, "A high percentage of the activity of the Mt. Lemmon Fire Department is responding to vehicular accidents which are the result of Mt. Lemmon being a resort area with a visitor impact of several million Tucsonians each year. The existing problem will worsen with the improvements planned for the Mt. Lemmon highway and the continued growth of the Tucson area. This imposes an unwarranted burden on the less than 1,500 tax codes in the district whose tax rate is already at the maximum allowable rate. Most fire districts are taxed at a much lower rate because of their larger tax base. Over 90% of the area of

responsibility of MLFD is non-taxable. Included in the district are non-taxable structures whose value exceeds the combined value of the taxable structures."

This is a real tight squeeze for us all. But the board has a legal mandate to provide fire protection to this district on a meager budget which comes from your already maximized tax dollars. Funding emergency medical services operations out of the fire budget is at odds with this mandate. Not only is the funding inadequate to support both operations, the time and personnel demands due to EMS calls are tremendous in comparison to fire calls. The burden becomes even greater when you realize that, except for Chief Keers, each of us is a volunteer.

The Board of Trustees acted responsibly faced with this situation. They called the July 17 special meeting and invited representation from all groups thought to have obligations to provide services here - U. S. Forest Service, Pima County Board of Supervisors, Pima County Sheriff's Office, Pima County Department of Transportation, Arizona Department of Health Services and Arizona Emergency Medical Services.

USFS response was that they are currently funding the Pima County Sheriff's Office to provide law enforcement and emergency medical services in forest areas and their budget can go no further. The sheriff's office states that their primary duty is to law enforcement but that with the USFS funding, all the rural deputies are trained as emergency medical technicians and carry some basic equipment on their vehicles. Pima County Transportation had the suggestion that MLFD charge non-taxpayers for services. This may be possible -

it is being looked into. The most help has come from Arizona Department of Health Services through the local EMS Council. It wants to maintain the existing basic life support currently found in fire districts state wide. It now has an emergency grant in process to cover a year's shortfall.

And, Iris Dewhirst has come through once more for Mt. Lemmon. Her office has initiated a grant for a new 4WD rescue van.

While there's a long way to go yet, I feel confident that this board of Trustees will continue to take the bull by its horns and that the end result will be both an adequate fire protection service for this community and an emergency medical service that can meet the growing demands place on it.

In another realm....I'm an avid hiker and so part of the beauty of living here is that I can persue my sport so easily. I saw in a recent Tucson newspaper article, a hiking group objecting vehemently to the ski area improving its ski runs by encroaching on a small portion of a hiking trail near the top of the ski lift. I believe that all or most of that trail is within the boundaries of the area permitted by the Forest Service for skiing. I also understand that the hiking club was given permission several years ago to build a replacement trail for the one that encompassed the other side of the ski area which was removed in previous enlargement and addition of ski trails. To date, nothing has been done. Now there are numerous hiking trails, each with its own particular beauty, through out the Catalinas. Some are more difficult to traverse than others and some cannot be entered through a paved

parking lot. But if an organized group that is comprised of such large numbers of people who make frequent use of the trails desires that a trail be available to them in an area long ago reserved for another recreational use, why haven't they made an effort to rebuild Sabino Dawn trail? They should recognize that there is tradeoff for everything. You must be willing to make a contribution if you have any expectations of continuing benefits.

It's been a perfect summer weatherwise...the increased number of visitors seems to be our tradeoff. Just this week past, an international convention of 645 birdwatchers met in Tucson and took day trips to this mountain as well as other good sighting areas. I talked with a few of them and they were delighted to be here. And, what a delight to have them. Their sense of the fragility of what exists here is something you wish all visitors could have just some small inkling of.

MT. LEMMON WATER CO-OP

by Debbie Vought, Secretary

The board has had a busy and productive June and July. We decided on the engineering firm of Arthur Beard Engineers, Inc. to do an engineering study of our water system. This will provide us with an expert analysis of the existing system and potential impacts of future expansion.

The Mt. Lemmon Water System Improvement Project was approved for Pima County Community Development Block Grant funding in the amount of \$75,000, thanks to the efforts of Michael Stanley,

Fred Keers, and Roy Garcia. The money will be used to replace the 25 year old 1 1/4 inch main pipe from the 500,000 gallon main storage tank to the pump house in the village. It will be replaced with an 8" minimum line which will improve water distribution and enhance fire protection.

We've been working with the Arizona Department of Water Resources in trying to perfect our spring rights. At this time we have access to nine springs but no certificates. Michael Stanley and Jim DuBois are working hard to change that.

Since the beginning of May, we have taken over the operation of the Forest Service water system on a trail basis. This involves the operation and minor maintenance of a system which services Loma Linda, Sykes Knob, Bear Wallow, Spencer Canyon and Palisades. We will know at a later date whether this will be a permanent arrangement or not.

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undertaking the "putting up" of preserves to be used for future fundraising projects. Call Mary Moran 576-1538. Thank you.

Dear Editor

I feel that Ron Ayers should receive a medal for all the work he is having done to improve the roads of Summerhaven. Under his guidance, Pima County Highway Department is in the process of paving our back roads which includes "two shot paving" in some areas and the more permanent asphalt paving in other areas. By the time they are finished, several miles of roads will have been paved. Even upper Phoenix is to be paved, I hear!

The Highway Department has also widened roads and corrected the drainage in several areas which will be much appreciated by all this winter. The snow plows often have no place to push the snow and leave several stretches quite narrow. Ron has spread thicker asphalt on several troublesome areas which seem to hold ice and or become mud boggs. He is hoping these patches will make it through the winter intact and also improve the snow plow's ability to remove the ice.

All these improvements will decrease Pima County's maintenance costs on Mount Lemmon. The community benefits from increased year around accessibility, improved air quality from reduced dust and us year around residents will be selling our stock in shock absorbers.

On the other hand, it is just a question of time before the village has its first head on collision. Vehicle speeds on these smooth roads have increased dramatically to the point that

drivers are having difficulty avoiding on-coming vehicles and even pedestrians. I was nearly struck by a vehicle while traveling on Old Highway. Of course it wasn't my fault! Skid marks can be found on the sharper curves. I guess this means warning signs will be springing up all over. Ahh, progress.....

Bob Zimmerman

NO SCHOOL ON MT. LEMMON THIS YEAR

Due to the small enrollment, K-6 education will not be offer at the Mt. Lemmon accomodation facility this year. That forces one family to move to Tucson. Others must ride the bus to Tucson daily. One family chose home education. Several other full time residents must face these same choices next year and the year after, when their sons and daughters will be ready to enter school.

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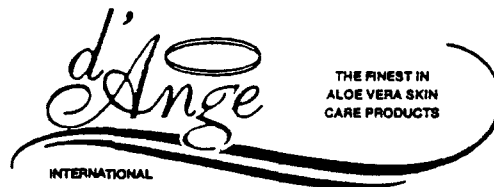
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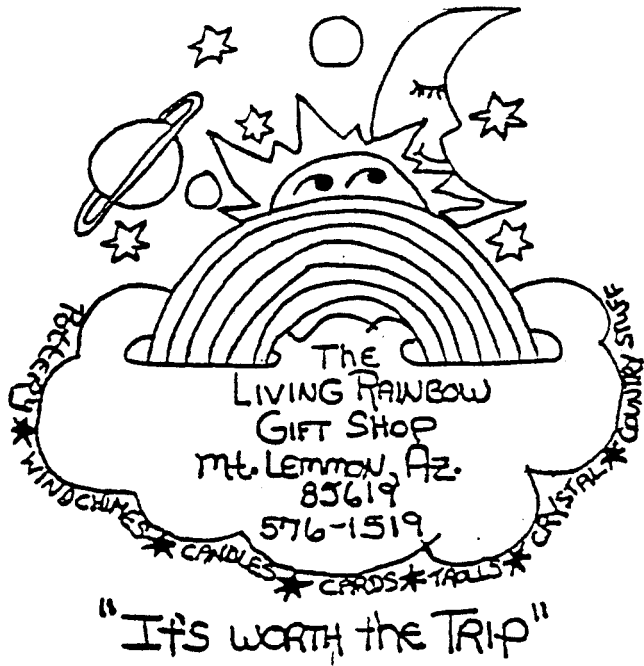
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