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From The Editor's Desk:

By Rick Small

The rumor is true . The Echoes has claimed another editor and roped another unwitting person to take charge of this publication. Mary Moran has moved on to greener pastures and deserves a great debt of gratitude for her efforts. Rick Small has volunteered his time to help in the compiling and publishing of this letter.

If any of you have aspired to minor literary excellence we welcome your articles. Please submit them to the Echoes for publication. We also have room for your advertise ments , please see back for more info. To find out more about Rick Small please see following article.

Merry Christmas to all

A Special Note:

'Tis the Holiday Season. A time to give Thanks and a time for Joy. This year is very special to us, to be able to be together after the car accident in April. We would like to take this time to thank all of our good friends, neighbors and a terrific community for making our hardship a lot easier with all the contributions, both monetary and in labor.

May you all have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Quigley's

Ross, Helen, Mistie, Ross Jr., Tommy & Jack.

Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Association

by Ross Quigley

We are currently preparing for our next Annual Dinner Meeting to be held mid-April at the Elk's Club in Tucson. We will again try to have informative guest speakers to give you an update on the current events of the mountain. Elections of new officers for the Homeowner's Board have now been moved to the Annual Dinner Meeting and ballots will be mailed along with dinner invitations the first part of February.

One of the more important issues discussed by the Board recently dealt with the donation by the Homeowner's Board to the Fire Department to help with the acquisition of a new tanker truck. It was decided that we would donate \$2000. on behalf of the Homeowners, if the Fire Board of Trustees could find a tanker which would qualify to lower our fire rating. This would benefit the entire community by lowering our individual cabin insurance rates by as much as \$100. per year.

I would like to wish all of you, on behalf of the Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Association, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mt. Lemmon Fire Department:

by Fred Keers, Fire Chief.

Since the last issue of the Echoes, we have moved into our new Fire House; a vast improvement over what we had! This is our first hurdle in obtaining better insurance rates for our home owners. The Insurance Rating Representative inspected our new facility and it will be May, 1987 when our new rating of 9 will go into effect.

The Trustees of the Fire District are looking for a large Water Tanker to supplement our present capability. When acquired, it will mean a dramatic decrease in your insurance - 35 % or more.

(Fire Dept. Con't)

We of the Fire Dept. wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the years. Building a viable Department that will be able to answer your emergency needs would not have been possible otherwise.

In the last two months one of our re-occurring problems has surfaced again. Owners, renter and borrowers have emptied either stove or fireplace ashes and embers in paper or cardboard boxes, thus causing near disaster to property - their's or that of their neighbor. If you remove ashes , Please place them in a METAL container and be sure it is not placed near combustibles. Another reminder - it is time to check your chimneys and have them cleaned if necessary.

Mt. Lemmon Water Coop.

by Debbie Vought - Secretary

With the cold weather here, the system has been winterized and all repairs have come to a standstill until spring.

The engineering study with Arthur Beard Engineers Inc. is now in progress. As mentioned last time , this study will help us improve our water system.

Bids are in for the Mt. Lemmon Water System Improvement Project, which is scheduled to begin next spring.

Ross Quigley has taken over the job of working with Michel Stanley on perfecting our spring rights. Our thanks go to Jim DuBois for the time he has put in on this project so far.

Last , but not least, a budget committee has been formed to work on next years budget.

Water Collection on Mt. Lemmon

by Rick Small

As a new resident to the mountain in the Soldier's Camp area and faced with the lack of water during the winter months I decided to do something about this situation. With the help of a contractor friend in Tucson, I researched cistern water collection systems. The November issue of Sunset magazine provided a brief overview of some of these types of collection facilities.

After much research we decided to customize a system for this application. We wanted water for washing dishes, flushing the toilets and taking a shower. We decided to provide our own potable water for drinking and cooking.

Dave Britton, a licensed contractor and journeyman electrician had a custom tank made in Tucson and transported it to the mountain in his truck. The tank is capable of holding 300 gallons of water all collected from a gutter system for water from the roof. The gutters drain into a five gallon tank on top of the main tank. This is to catch any debris, leaves, pine needles, ashes, that might fall into the gutters. The small tank has a drain at the bottom to allow the water to drain between rains and snows.

The tank was then connected to a pressurized pump underneath the house which provides water into the house. We wrapped all the pipes with a self regulating heat wire to prevent freezing. Both the heat wire and pump can be turned on and off from the back porch from a switch box. With the help of a hose bib in the line, the pipes can be drained back into the tank when leaving the cabin. We also anticipate installing two tankless hot water heaters to make draining the hot water heater unnecessary. The tank was filled from rains and snow during early November. With careful usage this supply should last for a long time while being constantly replenished with each rain.

For further information please contact David Britton ,624-1287 or Rick Small, 795-5447.

Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club

by Fran Zimmerman

During the summer the ladies of the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club were kept busy quilting and baking in preparation for the fund raisers of July 4th and Labor day. We were successful in raising enough money to continue to maintain the club house and pay bills. You may notice as you drive by the clubhouse that it was spruced up with a new coat of paint. Also, by the end of the month we should have a heater beside the fireplace. Hopefully, with this improvement the building can be used during the winter months. Thanks to Chris Sheldong for her untiring energy maintaining the building.

On Wednesday, December 3rd the ladies met at Midge Swanson's home for a Christmas decoration workshop that Midge has conducted for several years. Great fun was had by all !

There will be a Christmas party on Saturday, December 13th at Katherine Lovett's home , 4201 Texas Circle, in Tucson. Please call Katherine at 326-5340 or Fran at 576-1333 for more information. Katherine has entertained the members in her home for more than 10 years for the annual Christmas gathering with a luncheon, songs and a gift exchange.

A reminder for those ladies who are helping to make the next quilt - if you need any further information call Gloria Bell , 296-9584.

During the months of November through May all of the meetings are held in Tucson at the homes of members. Please join in the continued support of Mt. Lemmon.

The Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club members send their holiday wishes to all homeowners and friends of the mountain.

Introducing the New Editor

by the New Editor

So, how did you Rick Small become the new editor of the Mt. Lemmon Echoes ?. they all asked. Well, it's a long story, ya' see Bob Zimmerman and I were riding down the backside of the mountain in the warmth of my truck one blustery afternoon to look at a new property. Bob said " we are looking for someone who has the time to help with the editing of the homeowner's newsletter, do you know anyone who might be able to help ?" Silence ! "Why yes I'd love to do it." Bob smiles. Hook ,line and sinker he is thinking. Bob rides in the back on the way up the mountain.

Actually , Bob did ask me on the way down the mountain and yes, Bob did ride up in the back of the truck. But, I was and am actually very excited about this project and hope that you too are pleased with the Echoes.

You may have noticed the new logo at the top of the newsletter and some new type faces etc... . I hope this provides a little variety and is not too distracting from our intended message.

My name is Rick Small. I am a native Tucsonan and a new resident to Mt. Lemmon. When I am not bent over the computer racing to finish this project I run a small public relations consulting business known as Silverado Consulting Inc. I am also on the verge of marriage to a charming young thing better known as Holly Kemmerly.

Aside from my interests on the mountain I am an avid hiker, horse back rider and presently working on my helicopter pilots license. No, Bob, I am not going to fly a helicopter for the Mt. Lemmon Fire Dept.

(new editor con't)

I hope that in the near future I might have a chance to meet more of you in person. If I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me at 795-5447 in town and 576-1346 on the mountain.

Thank you for your comments , support and may you all have a happy and safe Holiday season.

Project Lifesaver

by Rick Small

Beginning November 26 and ending on January 1 , The Arizona Coalition for Seat Belt Use, Mothers Against Drunk Driving and statewide corporate sponsors will launch a statewide radio, television, newspaper and public involvement project to promote highway safety among Arizona drivers.

The Project Lifesaver campaign will attempt to convince Arizona drivers that they are mortal and vulnerable to the dangers of driving; to persuade everyone to start the safety belt habit; to teach us what every citizen can do to prevent drunks from getting behind the wheel and to spread the message so widely that the campaign goal can be met . That goal is to reduce the number of deaths on Arizona's roads.

A constant reminder of the Project Lifesaver message will be red ribbons tied to automobile antennas. 20,000 pre-tied red ribbons will go to city, state and major auto fleets. 250,000 twelve inch ribbons ,will be distributed to the general public. Pledge cards will also be given to the general public encouraging them to pledge to obey highway safety rules, not drink and drive and to wear their safety belts.

Last year 893 persons died on Arizona's roads. State statistics show that only 27 % of drivers in Arizona wear their seat belt. The fact is that it only take 2 to 3 seconds to put on your belt before you drive.

(project lifesaver con't)

Project Lifesaver is designed to save lives by altering the attitudes and behaviors of Arizona motorists. The steps to this goal are Education, Action and Reminders.

This campaign is not designed to introduce mandatory legislation but to increase the awareness of the lack of seat belt usage in our state. This issue applies directly to each and every person who uses the Mt. Lemmon highway. This road is noted as being one of the most dangerous in the state and it looks as though improvement is a long way off. Thus, it is even more important that we begin to safety belt habit and strongly encourage our friends to do the same.

I fully support this campaign and have been sent 1000 ribbons by Project Lifesaver. If any of you are interested please contact me for more information.

Remember , when you get in your car, take the few extra seconds to secure your safety restraints, not only for yourself , but for the others in your vehicle. By using your seatbelt ALL the time and refraining from drinking and driving during the holiday season we can all be assured of a joyous New Year.

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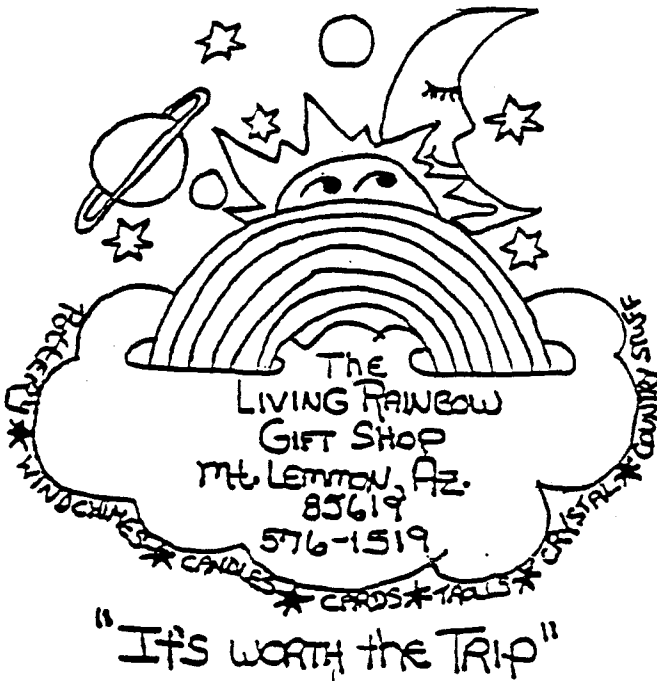
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