

MT. LEMMON ECHOES
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

BY RICK SMALL

Well, here we are headed into May and our mountain coming back to life, hummingbirds return, cabins are opened and everything comes to life. The summer gives us time to rest and relax in the cool pines, renew friendships from previous years and enjoy a lifestyle quite apart from the valley.

With my wedding festivities behind me I will be more able to focus my attention towards the regular publication of the Echoes and matters concerning the residents of the mountain. As we enter into this summer I would like to encourage anyone who writes poetry, articles or simply wishes to express a thought or concern, to feel free to submit these articles for publication. The Association publishes the Echoes five times during the summer and there is always space for your submissions. Please submit any articles, letters or ads, by the 10th of each month prior to publication to Richard M. Small, The Mountain Echoes, 4545 N. Camino Real, Tucson, 85718.

I hope you all enjoy your summer and please pass this letter along to your friends when are finished with it.

Homeowner's Association:

by Ross Quigley - President

I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to all who attended our annual dinner meeting and made it a success this year. We elected 3 new board members at that meeting. They are: Susan Garcia, Red Greth and Rick Small. The board re-elected Ross Quigley as President, Paul Hawkins as Vice President and Sheri Lee as Secretary. Also elected was Luke Boerger as Treasurer.

We recently had our first board meeting with the new members at which time we set our goals for this year. I would like to call upon all of you to back us as we attempt to raise funds to aid the Mt. Lemmon Volunteer Fire Department.

This summer the Homeowner's Association Board will be host a potluck dinner and a residence and forest fire safety program at the new firehouse on June 27th. Further details of this event will be provided as they become available. Our overall goal is to obtain a new pumper truck , which is needed to lower our fire rating to an 3. As I have mentioned before, this will benefit us all by substantially lowering our Homeowner's Insurance rates !

On another note , we continue to request support for our neighborhood watch program. It can only be successful if everyone participates. If you have not signed up please call me at: 576-1461.

Finally, if you lost a pair of silver framed reading glasses at the annual dinner, please call me to claim them.

Mt. Lemmon Fire Dept.

by Fred Keerse- Fire Chief

The firehouse construction is continuing along at a slower pace than I had expected, but never the less, we should have it finished by the summer's end. I would like to thank Alan Abel and Bob Conant for their help and offers to donate materials for the completion of our firehouse construction; also Doug Mayrvold (sp) and Paul Wilson, our Sheriff's deputies, for their volunteer labor. And as always, the talents and time of our volunteer firefighters towards the completion of this project: Larry Higgins, Mike Stanley, Judith Maximov and Todd Linley.

We have six new volunteers starting their training, bringing us back to a force that will be able to handle our summer fire season. Remember to put ashes from your fireplace or stove in a metal container. Please exercise caution during the summer months with all combustible materials.

If you need assistance from your fire department dial 911.

May we all have a safe and fire free summer !

Water Co-op :

by Jean Martin - Sec.

As summer approaches the Water Co-op staf is busy fixing pipes and equipment and filling tanks for the summer residents. The Water Co-op has contracted with the Forest Service to maintain their tanks for this summer.

Items of Interest:

* * * During the Annual Homeowner's dinner and meeting in April, Board member Paul Hawkins was registering members for the mountain neighborhood watch program, distributing window identification signs and brass key tags. Several persons began hunting through the tags to find the tag whose number matched that of their cabin number.

The numbers on the tags **should not** match the number of your cabin. Each member is given a tag and assigned a number , the tag is to identify you to authorities and the number is to assist in returning keys to you should they be lost or stolen. If you did not register your number or did not receive green window cards ,please contact Ross Quigley at 576-1461 to rectify this situation. If the tags are not properly recorded this system will not work properly.

* * * Membership dues will be billed each January . Membership dues are \$ 15.00 for homeowner's and \$7.50 for Associate members, those who do not own homes but wish to be included in activites and recieve the monthly Echoes. Memberships initiated after the first of the year will be pro-rated on a tri-mester basis from the first of the year and will be re-billed at the start of the next calendar year. The Echoes will be mailed to members in good standing who have paid their yearly dues within 30 days from the billing date.

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Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club:

by Fran Zimmerman

In the remaining days of my presidency of the Woman's Club, I would like to thank all of the members of the club and all of the non-members for their support and time given during this past year. I wish that I had taken the time to count all the cookies, cakes, brownies, etc... that were made by these ladies for the different fund raisers on the mountain and in Tucson. This money was used to keep the community building operating. Operating expenses include; electricity, water, propane, taxes and insurance. We would like for you, the homeowner's, to use this building more often, the building houses a library, which we are very proud of. We would like to establish a program for increased use of this building during this year, especially during the summer. This building is also used for weekly church services during the summer.

On Wednesday, May 13, 1987, Christina Sheldon was installed as the new President for the upcoming year. Her new officers are: Cathie Brown - First Vice-President, Danny Hayhurst - Second Vice-President, Fran Zimmerman - Secretary and Florence Wilhoite - Treasurer. This installation was held at Katherine Lovett's home in Tucson.

We are looking forward to a successful year as Chris begins her term as the new president of the club. She is one of the charter members of this organization. The Sheldon family have been homeowners on the mountain for more than 30 years and Chris makes it her full-time home. Best Wishes to Chris in your coming year.

A quick reminder to you ladies. If you find yourselves on the mountain the first Wednesday of each month in the summer, please call me at 576-1333 and join us for our monthly meeting of the Woman's Club. You will love it !

Timeless Treasures

Antiques and Collectibles

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SKI VALLEY LONG RANGE PLANS:

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Dear Friends,

Mt. Lemmon Ski Valley's Long Range plan for development of the land we have leased for over 15 years, has been submitted to the Forest Service. A few, very vocal hikers have received unbelievable press and have written to the Forest Service demanding that the plan be rejected. Mt. Lemmon Ski Valley has always been careful to observe all possible conservation practices and to retain and augment the natural beauty of the mountain. We strongly feel we have added to the enjoyment of the mountain for many who could not or would not hike into the wilderness area, but do participate in the recreational facilities we provide.

Since the mid 1950's, Mt. Lemmon Ski Valley has leased approximately 188 acres from the U.S. Forest Service. This land was set aside and designated for winter sports use. By 1980, about one third of the land had been developed for use. By 1984 another one third had been put to use and planning by architects, hydrologists, planners and professional environmentalists, all hired by Mt. Lemmon Ski Valley, had begun planning for the use of the remaining one third.

As the final plan is being prepared, a small but vocal group is trying to block the future development by mis-representing the facts.

The facts are:

1. The additional slopes and lifts will not be placed outside **any existing ski area.**
2. This land has been designated for skiing for over 30 years and re-affirmed by the Forest Service plans from 1970 and 1986.
3. The acreage of the whole ski area represents 1/9000 of the total area of the Coronado National Forest.
4. Hiking trails can be made and used throughout the entire forest at elevations from the desert to the top of the peaks and do, in fact, exist. Skiing can only be done on a very small part of the mountain and must stay in that high valley location.

5. There has been a claim that a million people a year visit the Catalinas. If this is the case, then Mt. Lemmon Ski Valley serves over 10 % of these visitors while using just a small percentage of the land. Last year in addition to the thousands of skiers, we recorded visits of more than 100,000 persons.

The Forest Service does value public input and your letters may be the only way of combatting the press which gives credence to the misinformation supplied by the other side. It may also show that the usually non-vocal majority does enjoy recreational development at Mt. Lemmon Ski Valley.

If you agree that there is a need for higher quality recreational facilities, we ask for your support. We hope that you will write to Robert Tippeconnic, the Forest Supervisor and encourage the Forest Service to approve our plans.

Please write to: Robert Tippeconnic, Forest Supervisor
Coronado National Forest
300 West Congress St.
Tucson, AZ. 85701

Thank you in advance for your much needed help !

[Ed Note: The Echoes welcomes all items of interest to the members of the Association. Such letters and articles do not represent the attitudes and feelings of the Board of the Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Association. The Echoes reserves the right to accept or deny publication of any such material.]

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Hummingbirds

The Incredible flying machines

The most noticeable winged species on the mountain , during the summer, is the hummingbird. Coincidentally, The Arizona Sonora Desert Museum sponsored a series of lectures on the hummingbird recently.

Robert and Esther Tyrell, co-authors of " Hummingbirds: Their Life and Behavior", acclaimed as the world's most comprehensive guide to the hummingbird , were guests speakers at this lecture and presented a variety of slides, some of which are included in the 235 photographs in their book. According to the Tyrell's , there 338 species and 116 genera of hummingbird included in the family of Trochilidae, the second largest family of birds in the world. 14 of these may be seen in Arizona and many on Mt. Lemmon during the summer months.

Some little known facts on the hummingbird are that they beat their wings between 40 and 80 times per second, they must feed about every 15 minutes and consume half their body weight everyday. The size of most full grown hummers ranges from 2 1/2 inches to 5 inches or similar to a stick of chewing gum. A hummingbird egg is the size of a pea.

Since many residents of Tucson and Mt. Lemmon feed the hummingbirds, the Tyrell's offer some suggestions on feeding techniques; the standard solution is 1 part sugar to 5 parts water. Boil the water before hand to prevent firmentation of the sugar. replenish the water supply weekly to give your birds fresh food. DO NOT use Sacharin or Equal or Honey, these substances provide no nutritional value to the birds and can lead to death if consumed regularly.

Robert Tyrell is the world's foremost photographer of hummingbirds and has been published by National Geographic and Natural History. Their book has been acclaimed by the Christian Science Monitor and the L.A. Times and can be purchased through the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum, the Nature Conservancy.

Partial re-print of Compliance Regulations
for Lease Permittees:

[Ed Note: Homeowner's on Forest Service lease land should have received this letter. I feel portions of this letter are vital to safe occupancy of your cabin in the summer.]

The main objective of this letter is the self-compliance of recreational residence inspections. The Forest Service will conduct spot checks from resident responses and will inspect all cabins for which a response is not returned.

COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

1. The cabin and surrounding premises must be neat and clean and in a good state of repair.
2. Any construction must be approved by the Forest Service.
3. FIRE:
 - a. You must have an approved spark arrester:
5/16 " to 5/8" mesh, heat and corrosion resistant, 14 gauge screen, sheet metal cap of 20 gauge steel.
 - b. Tree limbs should be trimmed at least 5 feet from electrical wires and at least 10 feet from chimney, stovepipe and flue outlets.
 - c. Be sure all metal structures above the roof line are grounded.
 - d. Secure all guy wires on TV antennas.
 - e. Use proper fuses in fuse boxes and do not overload circuits.
 - f. Ground electric meter.
 - g. A sign with your lot number should be visible from the road.
 - h. Do not attach swings, yardlights, signs or any object to trees.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact William Lewis at 629-5109. Thank you for your effort in this matter. I hope you have an enjoyable summer on the mountain.

Steve R. Plevel
District Ranger.

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