

# MT - LEMMON ECHOES

JUNE 24, 1988

**MT. LEMMON HOMEOWNERS' BOARD**  
by Sheri Lee, Secretary

Memorial day potluck - fund raiser picnic held at the firehouse on May 28 was attended by 96 adults and 9 kids. Our volunteer Firemen and EMT's were guests. Homeowners' President Ross Quigley presented each with a certificate of appreciation.

The weather was cool, but the homemade ice cream sale headed by Michael Stanley brought in \$83.00. Good idea Michael! The grand total netted was \$455.25.

The Homeowners' gave the firehouse a microwave oven. This will be used by the on duty/on call volunteers for heating their gourmet meals.

A similar community fund raiser is being planned for the fall.

## **ENCYCLOPEDIAS FOR THE SCHOOL**

Mrs. Florence Koch, teacher at the one room Zimmerman School, approached the Homeowners' Board with a request for a set of encyclopedias. At the June Board meeting a motion was then made and carried that we donate a set of new World Book Encyclopedias and Child-Craft to the school.

Any funds raised at the 4th of July activities will be used toward the \$763.00 needed to purchase these reference books. Keep this in mind as you visit the activities in downtown Summerhaven Monday, July 4.

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

A PUBLIC MEETING WILL BE HELD MONDAY, JUNE 27, 1988 AT 8:30 A.M. AT THE MT. LEMMON FIRE STATION. THIS IS THE TIME TO ASK QUESTIONS REGARDING ZONING, BUILDING PERMITS, HEALTH SEPTIC SYSTEMS TO THE FOLLOWING COUNTY OFFICIALS:

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**PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT MEETING FOR ALL PROPERTY OWNERS AND RENTORS. ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT FRAN ZIMMERMAN, 576-1333.**

MOMS ARE LIKE THAT--A  
SQUIRREL STORY  
by Mary Moran

Tom Managano related this story to me the day it occurred. Since it was such an emotionally satisfying and memorable experience bridging the human-animal communication barrier, I wanted to share it with you.

For background, Tom is the owner of T & S Tree Service and a longtime resident of Mt. Lemmon. For many years, he worked summers for the U.S. Forest Service. Tom is a most sensitive soul, lamenting the loss of many trees he has had to take down in the name of safety or progress.

Last Sunday, Tom was to take out a ponderosa pine endangering the Rothschild's cabin. Long ago the top had broken out. The remainder was two feet in diameter forty feet high with a rotten center.

The back side cut made and the come-along tightened, Tom prepared for the final cut to bring the pine down. What a surprise it was then to see an Ebert's squirrel in the uppermost branches staring down as if angry. Tom hollered, expecting the animal to leave. Instead it ran inside the hollow center.

Knowing the tree couldn't be left with only an inch uncut and a storm threatening, Tom thought the squirrel would have to fend for itself. Indeed, it literally flew from the tree as the ponderosa crashed to the ground.

Then Tom made an amazing discovery in the hollow top. A nest of four newborn squirrel had somehow survived the concussion of a forty foot fall. Each little pink, hairless baby was only three inches long and still blind to its environment. There was not even a hint of the tufted ears to come. Like most of us, Tom had never seen such a sight. Assuming the mother would return for them, Tom placed all in a portion of the nesting material and left it at the base of another tree. It was beginning to sprinkle. Mom didn't show. Maybe she wouldn't come back.

Suddenly responsible for four infants, Tom went for assistance. Debbie Voight regretted she did not what to do. Debbie called Joan Klinger. No words of wisdom. Tom rushed off to see Pam Rinella at the Mt. Lemmon Cafe. Because so many cats, chickens, geese, dogs, goats and other assorted animals had, at one time or another, found loving residence at her

home, Tom was optimistic she could help. Of course, she would try.

As Tom returned to fetch the abandoned nurslings, Pam and Julie Rogers started heating towels. Well, by now, the sprinkle was a downpour; then the hail started. (We ended up with an inch and a half that day.) Tom was not prepared to see the nest packed in ice. His heart sunk. What had he done? When uncovered, the babies were blue and still. With the heater on high, Tom sped back to the cafe. Each cold and motionless body was carefully placed on the towels. Things looked bleak. For an hour, fresh, warm towels were applied. Then three began to move. The fourth was obviously dead. Helen Quigley found one last can of infant formula hidden in the back of a cupboard. With that and an eyedropper, Julie was going to keep these tiny tots alive. She took them home and placed them on rags and cotton in an old Easter basket. Soon Pam came by. The fourth squirrel had revived and it was placed with its siblings.

Tom had a job to finish Monday morning. The fallen tree had to be bucked up for firewood. He arrived at the site to find a squirrel foraging in the

debris. Oh, no. She's come back for the babies! Tom flew to Julie's, retrieved the basket of squirming infants and placed it at the tree, retreating to his truck some fifty feet away and waited. Forty-five minutes went by. Mom was nowhere to be seen. So, in deep depression, Tom took the basket and began to walk away. "I'll take them back to Julie." Then, from 75 feet away, a squirrel jumped from a tree and charged Tom. It suddenly stopped and stared straight at him. Tom could somehow tell that she recognized him from the day before. A conversation started. "Where are my babies?" "Right here, they're right here in the basket and they're ok." "Put it down." Tom placed the basket on the ground. "Now back off." Tom backed to his truck and watched. The mother (Tom was absolutely certain of that relationship, now) tipped over the basket and rummaged inside. She came up with one in her mouth, maneuvering it about with her forepaws. Actually, Tom said hands, but I knew what he meant. "Oh, God, after all this, she's going to eat them! Well, she won't more than one. I can save the rest." But that was not to be. Mom took off into the woods with the babe in her mouth. Tom

moved in for a closer look. Soon she returned, scooped up the second and was gone. This time he managed to see her head up a nearby large pine. There was a nest high in the branches. She dropped in the baby and came back for the third, then a fourth. Then again, she was back, ran straight to Tom only ten feet from her, hopped over his foot and looked up at him. "I know you didn't want to hurt us; but, weren't there more than four?" She tore apart the basket, then the original nesting site. "You got them all. Four was all there were." Mom scrambled off to join her family. Tom smiled and began to saw up the fallen tree.

#### MT. LEMMON FIRE DEPARTMENT by Fred Keers

The turn out for the Pot Luck fund raiser was great. We would like to thank the Homeowners' Association for the microwave oven, the Firemen are making good use of it. The other good news is that the rains got here before any major fire incidents. We are continuing to work on the Firehouse and before long hope to have it finished.

Our fire prevention tip for this month is to make sure that pine needles are removed from your roof and

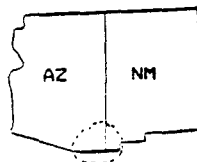
gutters and an area around your cabin is clear of needles and other debris.

Remember, for Fire or Medical emergencies, Call 911.

#### OF BIRDS AND TREES, FLOWERS AND BEES.....

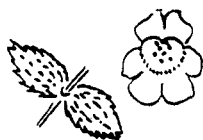
**YELLOW-EYED "MEXICAN" JUNCO** is the gray bird with a chestnut back. Usually seen on the ground, he walks instead of hopping. In a bird feeder he jumps backward with both feet, flinging the seeds all over, especially onto the ground. Sunflower seeds seem to be his favorite. The nest is a small cup of fine grass, small roots, and often lined with horsehair. It is located on the ground, protected by a log or brush, where she lays 3-4 blush-white spotted eggs. This friendly Junco is found only in a very limited range in the United States and on into the high mountains of Mexico and Guatemala. Be sure to point him out to your visiting birdwatcher friends.

Birds of North America, a  
Golden Field Guide.  
Audubon Field Guide to  
North American Birds  
(Western Region



SEEP-SPRING MONKEY FLOWER  
is blooming right now in  
sunny damp areas. Its  
blossom is bright yellow  
with tiny reddish freckles  
on its cheeks. Unless its  
water source dries up, it  
flowers from March to  
September. This is a  
common flower, ranging from  
sea level to the mountains  
throughout the United  
States.

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### SIMPLE FUDGE

2 STICKS MARGARINE  
1-12 OZ. BAG CHOCOLATE  
CHIPS  
2 EGGS BEATEN  
1 BOX POWDERED SUGAR

Melt margarine and  
chocolate chips together.  
Add beaten eggs. Stir in  
box of powdered sugar, add  
nuts if desired.  
Refrigerate. Eat whenever  
a chocolate fix is  
imminent.

Thanks to Dannie Hayhurst

### MT LEMMON WOMAN'S CLUB

The Mt. Lemmon Women's'  
Club is co-sponsoring the

4th of July parade with the  
Mt. Lemmon Homeowners  
Association. Fran  
Zimmerman is Chairman of  
this joint community effort  
so if you need entry  
information contact her at  
576-1333. The parade  
starts at noon with loads  
of family fun to follow.

The M.L.W.C is also having  
a Bake Sale and Crafts Sale  
at the Club on the 4th of  
July starting at 10 A.M.  
Come visit us if you have a  
sweet tooth or need some  
coffee, tea or lemonade.  
Keep your eyes open for the  
soft sculptured animals,  
wooden plaques and country  
crafts by Betty Wade that  
Lana LaFramboise will be  
selling at the clubhouse,  
too. If you have some  
baked "goodies" to donate,  
please call Dannie Hayhurst  
298-6328 or 576-1512.

Our next regular meeting  
will be July 2, at 1 P.M.  
at the clubhouse here on  
Mt. Lemmon. We'll try to  
keep it short - just gel  
our plans for the parade  
and bake sale. The August  
meeting will be our Annual  
Membership Tea with the  
date to be announced later.  
So, if you've been thinking  
about joining or would just  
like to find out about the  
Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club  
give Cathie Brown a call at  
325-6119.

If any of you have an  
interesting idea for our

fall programs of our regular meetings or have a craft or hobby you would like to share with the group contact Dannie at 298-6328. Finally, keep saving your collectable junk and rummage for our BIG LABOR DAY SALE. It has been a real success in the past thanks to your efforts. LABOR DAY WEEKEND IS JUST RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER so keep checking those closets for white elephants, etc.

If any homeowners have access to 55 gallon barrels we could use during the 4th of July weekend for garbage cans along the parade route, please contact Michael Stanley at 576-1538.

The Mountain is shared by all of us. Please help keep it clean.

### ECHOES FROM THE PAST

A chronology of events in the development of Mt. Lemmon.

The first white man known to have entered the Catalinas was Isaac Goldberg in the 1860's. He had a party of 12 men looking for silver and gold. In 1868 the Army had a camp somewhere near what is now Oracle to care for Malaria patients. The Soldiers from Ft. Lowell entered the mountains

looking for Apaches in the 1870's. These soldiers camped at "Soldier Camp". Rancher Emerson Stratton was mining Marble Peak in 1884. He built a wagon road to Oracle.

By the early 1900's Tucsonians began escaping from the summer heat at Oracle. The mining area became a resort area with the Mountain View Hotel.

The Federal Government made the Catalinas a Forest Reserve in 1902, and a National Forest in 1908. The Ranger Station was at Soldier Camp at milepost 23. Congress authorized the Forest Service in 1915 to lease Forest Land to individuals for cabins, hotels, lodges, stores, and such recreational facilities. But in 1908 the first summer home had already been built by Joel Huntsman in the Marshall Gulch area. In 1910 there were two formal campgrounds: Soldier Camp and Mt. Lemmon. Frank Weber of Oracle was granted a patent on 160 acres under the 1862 Homestead Act. (This is the 160 acres now called Summerhaven). The Forest Service planned in 1912 to survey 200 lots in the Soldier Camp area. These lots did not develop as expected because the road (trail) to the area was so poor. Completed in 1912, it was from Sabino

Canyon up Box Camp to Soldier Camp. Until 1921, rancher-miner John Knagge provided supplies with his train of pack animals. A one way trip was about 8 hours.

The Oracle "Control Road" from Oracle to the mines was extended to the Soldier Camp Ranger Station. This dirt road trip only took four hours. The name "Control Road" came from the scheduling uphill and downhill use every 1 1/2 hours because the last seven miles at the top was one way only.

Former Forest Ranger Jim Westfall opened the La Mariposa Lodge in 1921 in Summerhaven. His resort featured tennis, riding, dancing, fishing, and hiking. There were such amenities as hot showers, a dance hall, 16 large bedrooms, and home-cooked meals. The rates were \$4.00 a day or \$25.00 a week plus meals.

Summerhaven was subdivided into small lots in 1923. The area only had about 15 cabins plus the hotel in the 1930's. Beginning in 1933, former Postmaster General, Frank Hitchcock, was able to get the Federal Government to have Federal Prisoners build the present highway. The highway was opened in 1946, but not completed until 1949.

The area enjoyed a commercial and recreational boom. The Water Cooperative was organized in 1941. The sawmill and Inn were opened by Tony Zimmerman in 1943. There was skiing at Bear Wallow and Ski Valley. After the end of WW II there were Inns, cabins, stables, organized hiking and fishing forays, and other tourist facilities.

Trico built the power line to supply the Air Force Radar Base and the Community in 1950. The Rose Canyon dam was finished in 1957. The Air Force Radar Installation was taken over by the University in 1970 for observatory facilities, along with the Observatory opened in 1965 Mt. Bigelow.

Presently, some 125 years after Issac Goldberg's first excursion into the area, there are about 239 Forest Service Cabins, 260 Summerhaven Homes, 10 businesses, one of the State's few one room schools, a 3rd Class Post Office, and about 80 permanent residents.

Thanks to Sherri Lee for this article.

## WATER CO-OP NEWS

by Roy Garcia

Summer is in full swing on the mountain and for the Co-op that means attending to maintenance projects and improvements planned for this summer. Two of the major projects are on Casa Grande and Tucson roads. The existing 3/4 inch lines will be replaced with new 2 inch mains. This will increase flow and water quality to these areas as well as solving a major winter freeze problem. A new chlorinator will be installed for the Carter Canyon system and pending a Forest Service approval, a new chlorinator will be installed in the Sabino system.

The Board of Directors is working very hard to get the new 8 inch main from Miners Ridge to the Village finally settled. More on this in the next issue of the "Echoes".

As president of the Water Co-op, I intend to suggest to the Board of Directors a policy of allowing only ultra low flow water fixtures and devices for new construction. I will also recommend a program to encourage existing cabin owners to install ultra low flow fixtures. It is my opinion that to insure future water adequacy,

conservation measures must be demonstrated to the Department of Water Resources. I would appreciate comments and suggestions from all water users on this subject. Please give me a call at 576-1468 or write to P/O Box 602, Mt. Lemmon, Az. 85619 on this or any other Water Co-op matter.

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