

Mt. Lemmon Echoes

JULY, 1989

Late July, Mt. Lemmon, AZ.

by Mary Moran,
President

It's almost dusk and predictably a monsoon is in progress. Lightning and thunder compete for attention. Just a drizzle falls now, but the gutters continue their noisy runoff from the downpour that just ended.

I sit on the loft balcony among the pines. Each needle bears a raindrop at its tip; refracting what little light remains in the west into a minute jewel. As it slips and falls to the forest floor, another seems to grow in its place; until it, too, becomes too heavy to hold on.

Mist shrouds the near distance, shrinking my world to nest like proportions. Quiet descends with the darkness.

My personal thanks to everyone who prayed for rain.

Prayers might bring rain; but not fire hydrants. Grant and loan monies obtained by the water cooperative will provide for additional water storage capacity and new, enlarged main lines. It will not provide funding for all the fire hydrants we need.

Your Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Assn. Board of Directors, recognizing the direct benefit to all homeowners, has chosen the fire hydrant fund as the

THANK YOU!
THANK YOU!

To all our friends and visitors who supported this year's 4th of July Mayoral Campaign. I won the Election, but we all won a new fire hydrant.

Ex-Mayor Psycho Manly conceded graciously, but has accepted the appointment of Vice Mayor. At age 15, I haven't developed any vices.

If you missed the Election and wish to contribute to the Fire Hydrant Fund, I'll be happy to attend your BBQ, Tea, Dinner or Club meetings to collect. Let it be said you paid a Mayor off.

Your Mayor,
Mistie Quigley

benefactor of this year's fund raising activities.

We will start with a homeowners potluck and ice cream social on Saturday evening, August 5th at the fire station. Bring your dish, your smile, your neighbor, and your money.

Plans are being formulated for a different sort of fundraiser in the early fall. You'll be invited to be a guest for dinner at the Mt. Lemmon home of one of a dozen hosts.



JULY 4TH PARADE PARTICIPANTS

by Fran Zimmerman

Many thanks to all who took time to participate in the Annual Mt. Lemmon July 4th Parade. Hope we will see you next year! If you missed them as they went by in the parade here are their names.

A tie for first place in Patriotic went to Camp Whispering Pines Girl Scouts and Pathways. 1st place in Humorous went to the Living Rainbow. First Place in Originality went to Psycho Manley.

Others were Clarke Family, Schotter & Lewis children, Cynthia Brown, Paul & April Hvidsten with Coco Puff, Heather & Forrest Vander Zwaag, Hinsch family, Tom Ayres, Pine Cone Suites & Cookie Cottage, Strittmatter & Foley Family, Reckart Family,

Rossie, Tommy, Jack and Mistie Quigley, Roscoe Christopher Family, Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club Kitchen Kazoo Band conducted by Bill Rhind, Mt. Lemmon Community Church, Mt. Lemmon Steward Observatory, U. S. Forest Service, Mt. Lemmon Fire Department.

This will be a mountain version of the Tucson Museum of Art valentine fundraiser. Details will be published in September. See you August 5th!

BIRDS AND BEES
FLOWERS AND TREES

by Sheri Lee

Do you know that we have Whip-poor-wills on our mountain? There are not very many and they sing at night. You have to make some effort to hear them and a lot more effort to see them. Even though they are large like a Tucson quail, their feathers are mottled brown and black so they are well camouflaged. In flight the white patches on his tail can be seen.

They are a member of the Caprimulgidae, or in English, the Goatsucker family. This names dates at least back to the time of Aristotle (300 B.C.). The Whippoorwills, like other night flying birds, were once suspected of witchery. They fly around livestock at dusk to feed on the swarming insects. It was believed they sucked milk from goats' udders and caused them to dry up; hence the name Goatsuckers. In Latin; capri: goat and mulgus: milker. But now the European name Nightjar is preferred. This name came from the obvious; their song is jarring in the night.

Whip-poor-wills have a wide gaping, bristle fringed, but small bill that acts as an aerial vacuum cleaner sweeping in insects during flight. The ligaments connecting the upper and lower jaws act as a spring; snapping shut when an insect is snared. Foraging is by sight, not sound. Their eyes are just a slit by day, but huge and round at night. They glow red in a light beam. They eat moths!! No wonder they

love Mt. Lemmon.

The female lays two speckled white eggs on leaves and twigs on open ground. A depression around the eggs results from incubation, but there is no nest. He assumes care of the

brood if she begins a second clutch. Hatching is about 20 days, and another 20 days to fledging. The reproductive cycle is synchronized with the lunar cycle to result in moonlit nights for foraging to feed the nestlings. Monogamous adults perform a distraction display when the nest is disturbed.

In the winter they migrate south through Central America and west into Panama. Apparently they

come back to the same area year after year. Around our house in Middle Sabino, for at least the last five years, they sing at 7:50 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. During this singing tour they fly the same circuit around their territory every time. In the early spring, during courting season, at about 8 p.m. they sit under our deck and he "purrs" to her for briefly before flying on. Only twice in all of these years have we seen one in the daytime.

ZOO ON MT.
LEMMON????

Tommy and Jack Quigley would like to invite you to visit the Womans Club Library August 4-6 and see their collection of stuffed animals. If you see the Blue Library Flag out on the deck of the Woman's Club building, stop and visit, there may be other displays or collections to see.

MT. LEMMON WOMAN'S
CLUB

By Danielle Hayhurst,
President

So far this summer, the MLWC has sponsored the Community library and staffed it. Sponsored the annual 4th of July parade, helped coordinate the pilot program for bringing garbage dumpsters to Mt. Lemmon and provided a rape and burglary prevention workshop and a C.P.R. class.

A Ukrainian egg decorating class and several pot lucks and an ice cream social were held for enjoyment's sake. None of this would have been possible without total community support and we are always willing to acknowledge and thank all those movers and shakers on Mt. Lemmon who help make these activities possible.

On August 12th we will again invite those

interested to join us for our annual membership tea. This tea is always rich in desserts and conversation. If you would like to come and learn more about our organization, contact Sheri Lee 299-7143 or Dannie Hayhurst 298-6328 for more information.

Member B.J. Singh, a professional photographer, will be offering a one time photo session for families, small groups, or individuals using a Mt. Lemmon setting for the background.

This is still in the planning stages, so contact Cathie Brown 325-6119 or me later for an update.

Before our August 5th meeting, we will have a fire safety workshop at 1:00 p.m. at the Woman's Club building.

This workshop is open to the community and should only take an hour and a half of your time.

Special thanks to all who baked goodies and participated in the 4th of July parade as well as those who organized this event. We couldn't have done it without you. You all deserve awards. Coming soon, our annual "Trade your junk for your neighbor's" Labor Day weekend rummage, bake and book sale.

Watch for it September 2, 3, & 4.

WATER COOPERATIVE NEWS

Water Situation: It remains extremely dry. The minor monsoons have not helped the spring flow. The fire danger remains extreme. Continue to plan on outages. Have extra drinking water available. All attempts are being made to prevent rationing. Your conservation efforts are greatly appreciated and your understanding

At the last Woman's Club potluck, member Olga Pace brought the following cold salad dish that quickly was devoured. We want to share it with you, so here goes!

BROCCOLI SALAD

1 Bunch broccoli (6 cups) cut up small; 1 Cup raisins; 1/2 Cup red onion sliced thin; 1 Cup mayonnaise; 2 Tablespoon sugar; 2 Tablespoon vinegar; 1 Cup salted sunflower nuts.

Mix mayonnaise with sugar and vinegar. Stir into remaining ingredients (except nuts) and chill. Add nuts just before serving.

is greatly needed.

Construction project: Community Block grants have provided funds to do the main line replacement from Miners Ridge to the pump house in Summerhaven and the main from the pump house to the school. We're still in the process of obtaining the Farm Home Loan for the 100,000 gallon tank on Loma Linda. The loan process will have to be complete before construction can begin. At this time, no date for bids

have been set. Construction will begin as soon as possible and continue until weather conditions prevent progress.

We just received a notice that another grant for \$48,000 to extend the main line from Sabino Park Road to the new 100,000 gallon Loma Linda tank has been tentatively approved. Review and final approval could be in early September.

One of the conditions of the grant is that money from the Cooperative and

community will supplement grant money. One of the ways we have implemented funds to be brought in for this is through our Mt. Lemmon fire hydrant fund. Our first money came from the Mayors Race in which

\$550.00 was

raised. We're hoping our efforts on supplementing the grants will show the Community Block Grant people how much their efforts in helping obtain these grants is appreciated. The Block Grant people need to know this. Positive input will enable the federal government to continue this kind of grant program for communities in need of their services. Please plan to attend the pot luck at the fire house on Saturday, August 5, 1989 at 6:00

p.m. any monies will go to the fire hydrant fund.

NOTES FROM THE CHIEF

Chief Charles Hammel

In the wee hours of June 24, 1989 Tim Shaw, Larry Higgins and I had just returned from a call at mile post 16.5. Tim was at the station and Larry and I were at our houses. The pager went off at 0313, report of a forest fire at mile post 23. I went by the station and Larry and Tim were getting their turn outs on.

Joyce Lemke and Michael Stanley had just arrived. Time gave me the information and I took off.

As I came around a corner I saw the side of a hill was well involved in fire. I told

Larry to set up and that I was going to check the cabins in the path of the fire. Mike reported that he was responding with tanker one and Joyce was on the phone getting all the volunteers moving. When I reached the cabin area, I found one cabin with occupants, they were told to leave and I returned to the engine.

Larry and Tim had started to make a hose lay to the left flank of the fire, it was also the hot side, to stop the spread of the flames. Tanker one arrived and

Mike and I set up the dump tank, (the tank used to put the tanker water in for the engine.) I then grabbed a hose pack and joined Larry and Tim. At this time the wind was at a speed of about 20 mph and moving the fire up the hill and to the north. Tim and I started putting water on the fire and Larry went back to the engine to get tools to cut a fire line.

When he returned, he had volunteer firefighters Larry and Pam Lauser, Todd Williams and Tad

Adair. With this crew, he started to cut a fire line to stop the fire. In the meantime, the forest service arrived with a three man crew and they started

to work on the south side of the fire. I then went to the top side of the fire and was joined by Mike Stanley with E01 and a forest service crew. Larry reported that the fire was being turned away from the cabins and was heading up the hill.

Mike and I pulled a line while the forest service crew at the top was pulling their line. During this time T02 (Bib Red) arrived at the scene with Ken VanZandt and Steve Goebel. Ken spent much of the next hours getting manpower to Larry and to

the top. By 0530 the fire was stopped and then came the hard work.

Your firefighters of the Mt. Lemmon Fire Department and the two crews from the forest service stopped this fire that, had it not been reported early and fought valiantly, could have burned for days. It was stopped after burning less than 10 acres. It could have burned thousands of acres including several cabins.

All the paid firefighters, the nine volunteers who are members of the department, and the seventeen volunteers who are not members of the department, fought the fire. Most of Summerhaven responded with food, drinks and backup support.

Special thanks for a job well done to the following. Fire captain Larry Higgins; Volunteer Lt. Tom Mangano, crew chief; Tim Shaw and Chris Shaw, full time firefighters; volunteer engineers Mike Stanley and Ken VanZandt; Dispatcher Joyce Lemke, who we couldn't do without; Volunteer firefighters Tad Adair, Larry Lauser, Pam Lauser, Bob Peterson, Todd Williams, and Mike Garcia; and Volunteers from Summerhaven, Bob Sharik, John Martucci, Pat Hayhurst, Alex Carrillo, Steve, Goebel, Donaldo Arroyo, Mike Chesleigh.

Thanks to the following for support activities Roy and Susan Garcia, Steve, Chris and Laura Coppock, Guy Moens, Joan Klinger,

TOWN MEETING

Congressman Kolbe invites your participation in a Town Hall Meeting at the Mount Lemmon fire Station on Saturday, August 26 from 2 to 3:30 pm.

Helen and Mistie Quigley, Mary Moran, Dannie Hayhurst, Debbie Vought, Kimball Springs and Living Rainbow. To one and all it was a job well done.

Dumpster Dilemma

by Cathie Brown

This dumpster 'pilot' program is getting confusing. There are dumpsters at Ski Valley, Marshall's Gulch, the Fire House, and fenced in ones at the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP). Most of us prefer to use the bins at the Fire Station. They are convenient to Loam Linda and Middle Sabino. They are always accessible, and...are often full. They seem to fill up Sunday afternoon when most weekenders go back down.

So far this all seems pretty logical. However, this is not according to The Plan. Those bins at the Fire House were intended only for the daytime visitors! We homeowners are supposed to go to the WWTP when it is open Wednesday through Sunday from 5 to 6 PM. Now this is not too convenient for those of us who drive down Sunday around 3 to 4. And if we didn't use the bins, who would? How are the visitors even going to know they are there? And another thing...the bins are emptied on Tuesday and Friday. Tuesday is far too long to wait. Those Fire Station bins are

filled to the lid by Sunday night.

John Stufflebean, who is in charge of the program, is very willing to work with us and make necessary changes. He can probably get us some different hours and different pick up dates, but the Forest Service is who made the stipulation on the Fire Station dumpsters. We're being told that if they don't like the way things are going there, the bins will be removed.

So here's what we urge All of you to do. (1) Call John Stufflebean at 7444013 and tell him what hours and/or location would be better for you. (2) Make a diligent effort to use the WWTP between 5 and 6, or whatever the time ends up being. (3) Put all of your trash in plastic bags and tie them shut. (4) Flatten all boxes. (5) close the doors afterward. (6) Never put any building materials in them...haul that to Tucson like before. Building materials make the dumpsters too heavy and the lift on the truck can't get them hoisted and emptied. Unless we obey everybody's rules, they will cancel this 'pilot' program and we will all have to haul our smelly trash to Tucson like in the olden days.



ARIZONA BEAR SOCIETY

by Sheri Lee

Catalina representative, Tom Skinner, says the ABS has started a bear survey. Their volunteers are tracking and tallying bears. They are looking for trails, fur lift on "rubbing trees", scat, and over turned rocks (where bears look for ants and beetles).

The goal is to find all the territories the bears are using, what kind of use they are getting, what potential territory is not being used, and to establish an accurate number of bears.

ABS is also working with Game & Fish to repair, and fence against cows, old springs and natural water tanks. This is not only for bears, but for all wildlife. Tom works in the supervisor's office at the USFA. If you have some interest in this, you can contact him there at 6296483.

Our bears are as desperate as they have ever been. They are thirsty and hungry (yet don't be tempted to feed them). But think ... what would you do if all the shelves in your grocery store were empty?

One big fellow even resorted to walking into Sarah Roads' house and eating her peanut butter sandwich from the coffee table while she was napping on the sofa! Bears are naturally shy, so he



had to be very hungry to do something so bold and unpredictable. Beware.

Miscellaneous Matters:

by Bob Zimmerman

Bear Punching: One brave soul, not the least intimidated by bears, hauled off and punched one right on the snout sending the surprised bear scampering away. This punch was delivered because bear had bitten the poor fellow on the foot. The bear bit the fellow on the foot because the fellow was attempting to break up a fight the bears was already actively engaged in a Bear-dog fight.

After punching out the bear, feeling he had done enough for one day, he retired to take a nap. And I thought they didn't make em like that anymore.

Cordless Telephones:

The latest rage on Mount Lemmon is listening to and taping your neighbors' phone conversations. One fellow has amassed a large library of tapes. Anyone can do it and the cost is quite minimal to get set up in business.

If you are using a cordless phone, your conversations are being listened to and most probably recorded. If you are using a room monitor to keep tabs on baby, most everything you say is being broadcast to the world to enjoy.

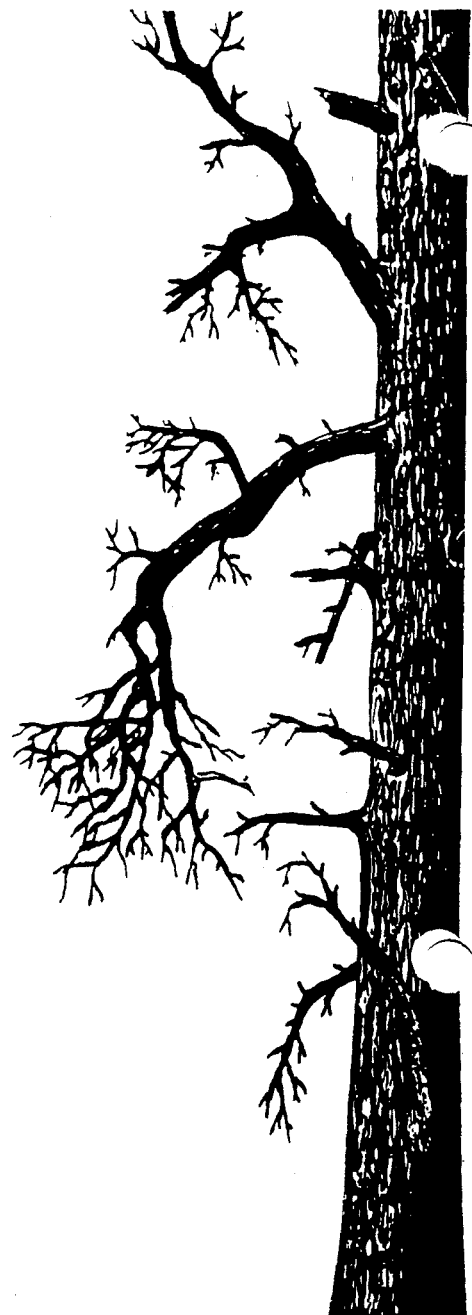
Vacant Lot Owners:

The State of Arizona, about the middle of August, is coming out with a new bulletin 12 with new requirement for installation of septic systems. Those who have read the draft tell me that if you don't already have a septic system on your lot, the new rules will make it almost impossible to install a septic system.

A lot which can't accommodate a septic system has little value.

On Mount Lemmon, even under normal circumstances it is somewhat dicey to fit a septic system and leave room for a cabin under the current rules.

If you want to know more about this coming problem, call Pima County Health Department. They have a copy of the new rules.



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