

# *The* Mt. Lemmon *Echoes*

Mid-June 1991

## Highway open 24 hours as work nears completion

By the time you read this newsletter phase two of the highway project will be nearly, if not completely, paved. The road is open 24 hours with pilot cars every 10 minutes. The guard rails will be installed the last week of June and then things are back to normal with 1/4 of the Catalina-Hitchcock Hwy being improved. You will see workers watering the landscaping along the sides all summer, but they won't interfere with the normal flow of traffic.

### Feds meet with locals Regarding next phase

Two Federal highway persons met with the residents and county officials at a public meeting on May 23 at the Mt. Lemmon fire station. The public was invited to voice its concerns about the upcoming project.

The next phase of construction will be the top eight or so miles down to MP 16. The road will be widened on one side or the other and follow the present alignment. Side ditches will be created to handle snow and runoff.

Before work can begin some type of environmental survey

will be done with special attention to the spotted owl. Should the owl or some other environmental issue become a major concern, then the alternative would be to do miles 6 to 9. Miles 9-16 will be the most difficult and left until last.

We will know within 6 months whether work will start in Oct. 1992 or Oct. 1993. This depends upon funding which seems to average out to \$1 million a mile. Roadside work would be done until winter sets in and the major work would begin the following spring. Possibly two years worth of funding can be obtained and a longer stretch of the highway be done at one time. It was mentioned that the county might work on the road through the village at the same time.

The merchants have been feeling a financial crunch due to closures from these past two projects. They had several requests and proposals for the Federal people, all of which they agreed to take back to their superiors. Commuters were concerned about commute times and the Feds agreed to consider that, too. Forms were provided for public

input. Acting District Ranger Bill Lewis advises that it's not the number of forms he receives, but the quality of their content that will have an impact upon decisions.

There will be another meeting in mid-winter or early spring.

### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

June 22 - Artists' Reception  
7-8 PM @ Suites & Sweets

June 29 - Main St. CleanUp  
9 AM Meet @ Post Office

July 4 - Parade @ Noon

July 19 - Roll Off Dumpster  
Available for  
large items &  
construction  
materials

Help clean up the main street before the July 4 parade. 9 AM Saturday, June 29 @ post office in your grubby clothes & gloves. Trash bags & trailer provided.

## Fred's Forum

By Fred Pace, Pres.  
MLHA

As the newly elected president of the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners' Association, this is the first in a series of letters that will appear in the Echoes each month. In this way, I hope to make each homeowner aware of important happenings and current actions the Board is taking.

Frankly, when I was approached about this job, I hedged at first until I found out that the following very capable people would be working closely with me: Fran Zimmerman - V.P., Dannie Hayhurst - Secty, and Florence Wilhoite, Treas.. The past record of these people stands for itself, and I now am anxiously looking forward to working with this team.

In the past few years since I have been on the Homeowners' Board, we have not only spent time and energy "dodging bullets" fired at us from many different directions, but we have also attempted to and solved many of the pressing problems. In my opinion, we have made Mt. Lemmon a much more desirable place to be.

In the near future, I would like to hear from the membership about some POSITIVE PROJECTS that can be

undertaken by your Homeowners' Board, by all of us here... to improve various conditions on the mountain and also work toward getting some positive reaction from our political leaders and the press.

One project that has been suggested (and is being investigated) is the development of a foot path/nature walk on the east side of the creek. This path would start somewhere near the antique shop and continue south for an indefinite distance. Let any of us on the Board hear from you about your reaction to this project and the many others that are waiting to happen.

While the number of cabins on Mt. Lemmon is steadily increasing, the number of members in our Association has remained fairly constant. Please ask your new neighbor (or old one) to become a member. Remember, membership is open to all owners (renters can be associate members) regardless of which area their cabin is located in.

I am looking forward to my year as your President, getting some interesting projects started and increasing our membership with many new faces.

## ML Post Office Burglarized

On Thursday, June 13, someone broke into the glass stamp display case in the post office lobby and took various commemorative stamps and pins. No mail was taken. On Friday the mountain was "crawling with feds" as the burglary was being investigated. This burglar is never going to think this job was worth it, but he may get his picture in every post office in the country.

## Kids prepare for Art Reception

By Mary Moran

A dozen Mt. Lemmon kids will all claim "MY MIDDLE NAME IS MIRO" on Saturday evening, June 22, when they exhibit papier mache bowls they made and painted in the style of the Spanish surrealist Joan Miro. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO STOP BY THE ARTISTS' RECEPTION between 7-8PM at And Other Treats Gallery located at Summerhaven Suites on the Parkway.

These visual treats were created this week in a workshop sponsored by the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club and taught by Mary Moran.



## Kimball Springs zoning challenged

The Homeowners' Board received a copy of notice of a Pima County Board of Adjustment Hearing on an appeal filed by Lawrence C. Lauser in reference to the Kimball Springs Gift Shop property at 12856 N. Sabino Canyon Pkwy (main street) in MLZ zone. He is appealing the decision of the zoning inspector regarding the issuance of a nonconforming use permit for the gift shop on Feb. 29, 1988. Sec 18.93.06A1 of the Pima County Zoning Code states that if there is a dispute between the appellant and the zoning inspector as to the decision of the zoning inspector, the Board of Adjustment may interpret the Zoning Code.

Mr. Lauser is a Mt. Lemmon resident and a building inspector for Pima County who does inspections on Mt. Lemmon regularly. He did most of the final inspections for this property. Susan and Roy Garcia own the Kimball Springs Gift Shop and Mercantile which includes a general store and hardware store. Mr.

## *Notes from the Chief...*

By Chuck Hammel, Fire Chief MLFD

THERE IN! THERE IN! The tickets for the drawing on the Classic Kit Car - model of 1937 Jaguar- are now at the Fire Station. The cost is \$1.00 each. Come by to see the car and get as many tickets as you would like. But watch out - that darn fire chief is going to tell you that the car is not up for raffle. It seems that he wants it for his response vehicle. It has been heard through the grape vine that he plans to mount red lights and put a small water tank on it so that it will be a fire truck. Of course, those of you that came to dance and talent show know what that means!

Speaking of the talent show it has been decided that all of you that came owe \$20 more.

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Lauser publicly opposed the liquor license recently issued to Kimball Springs. Notification of this zoning challenge by Mr. Lauser was received immediately following his unsuccessful challenge to the issuance of a liquor license to Kimball Springs.

Your Homeowners' Board publicly supports Kimball Springs on this issue. After following the prescribed procedure and after operating Kimball Springs as a business for three years, the time has long since passed to make this appeal. The Homeowners' Board does not share Mr. Lauser's view when he questions the issuance of a permit

for the operation of Kimball Springs.

The hearing is Monday, July 1, 1991 at 2:00 PM in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, First Floor, County Courts Bldg. 110 W. Congress in downtown Tucson. Persons interested may appear in person, by agent or attorney, or may address letters to the attention of the Board of Adjustment, 130 W. Congress, Tucson 85701.



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The reason is no one should have that much fun for only \$3! I think Sarah Roads put together one heck of a show. What are you planning for next year, Sarah? The talent show brought in over \$300. The Homeowners' pot luck was also a success, all in all it was a real fun night for all who attended. For those of you that didn't come, I bet you'll be there next year.

In driving around the village I have seen something that makes the hair on the back of my neck stand up. There are a lot of fire places that do not have spark arrestors. If there is a fire caused by you, you might have to pay for that fire. Please check your spark arrestors and replace them if they are bad or missing. REMEMBER ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FIRES.

Buy your raffle tickets now! The funds obtained by this raffle will be used to update old equipment, buy new state of the art equipment and enable your firefighters to do a better job. The life they save may be yours.... There is no honor in fighting a fire that could have been prevented.

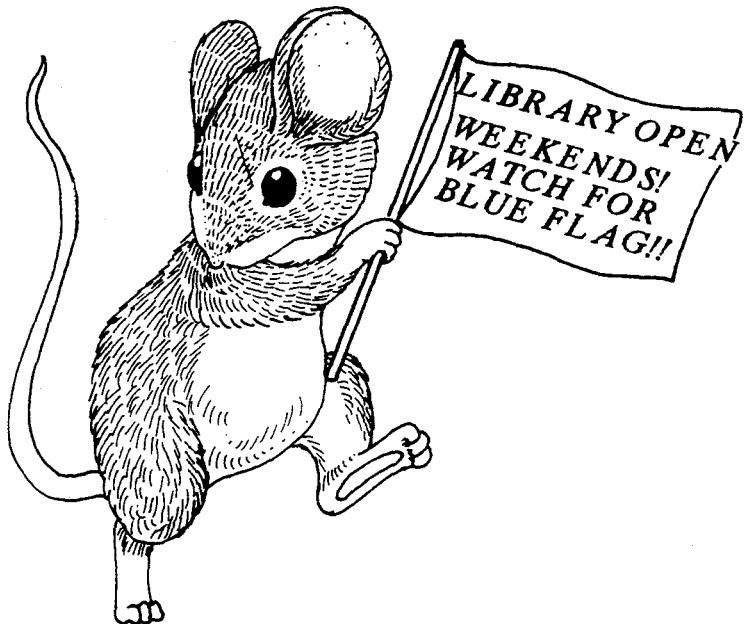
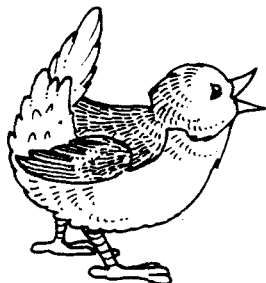
## Update on Sky Islands Nat'l Recreation Area

For those of you who live outside the area of Tucson media coverage, here is an update on what is being reported. As you read last month, the Forest Service would like to propose that some mountains in SE Arizona become a National Recreation Area (NRA). These mountains could include the Catalinas, Chiricahuas near Willcox, Pinalenos near Safford and perhaps some other ranges. If so designated by an act of Congress, activities such as mining, livestock grazing and recreation could be changed or limited.

NRA implies there is something unique and special about the designated area. We all agree that to have mountains like ours in the middle of the desert is pretty special. But don't we also wonder do we have something so unique here as to cause a family from say Nebraska or North Dakota to plan a trip to the Sky Islands as they do to Golden Gate NRA or Glen Canyon NRA?

The Arizona Mining Association and the Arizona Cattleman's Association would oppose anything that would impose widespread limitations on the current "multiple use" concept. The Sierra Club opposes any plan that calls for more paved roads and campgrounds to accommodate RV's. It says the areas are already heavily overused. Cabin permittees would, of course, be most unhappy to not have their permits renewed and ultimately have to tear down their cabins.

Right now all of this is only in the thinking stage. Next would come a proposal to be introduced to Congress for action. Congress could modify the proposal quite a lot before or if it was passed. We all will have to wait and see.



## Forest Service to inspect leased land cabins soon

The Forest Service tells us it is disappointed this year that the permittees are not cleaning up around their cabins like they know they should. Although it does not appear it will be an extremely fire hazardous year the light stuff on the ground will still burn easily.

The F.S. will be checking all sites soon and violators will hear about it. There is time to get things in order before the inspection, and below is a reminder of the major points:

- 1 - Install spark arresters over chimney
- 2 - Rake pine needles and leaves back at least 20' from the cabin
- 3 - Trim tree limbs at least 5' from electrical wires and 10' from chimney, stovepipe and flue outlets
- 4 - Ground all metal structures above the roof line
- 5 - Use proper size fuses in fuse boxes
- 6 - Ground electric meter
- 7 - Install sign with lot number so it is visible from the road. (MLHO suggests it be posted where emergency vehicles can easily spot it, but not where it could be burned in case of fire)
- 8 - Don't attach swings, yardlights, signs or other objects to trees
- 9 - Haul away piles of trash, rubble and lumber. The cabin and surrounding area must be neat, clean and in good repair.

**DO IT NOW!**

*Deeded land owners are urged to heed the above rules the same as permittees*

## Annual Mayor's Race is announced by MLMA

By Debbie Vought, MLMA

Although it has been a while since you've heard from us, the Mt. Lemmon Merchants' Association is alive and well. Most of our energy these last seven months has gone into dealing with the Mt. Lemmon Highway Reconstruction Project. Now that all closures have ended, we are looking forward to a busy summer on the mountain. You can help us by passing the word that Mt. Lemmon is truly open with only ten minute delays.

We are once again sponsoring the Annual Mt. Lemmon Mayor's Race which is NOW in progress. Each business will be entering a candidate. Votes are just 25 cents each and the candidate with the most money/votes by July 4th will be declared the winner. From time to time candidates will be spotted on the streets, cans in hand, so please be kind. Abuse will be tolerated if adequate funds are deposited in the cans first.

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## My Opinion - How safe is the Catalina Highway?

By Roy Garcia

As most of you know, Kimball Springs recently applied for and received a license to sell beer and wine. During the hearings process persons objecting to the granting of the license stated that at least one of the reasons for objection is the number of accidents and severity of accidents that occur on the Mt. Lemmon Highway. Many terms were used such as carnage, maiming, most dangerous highway and twice as dangerous as any other road in Pima County and finally, that twice as many alcohol related accidents occur on the mountain road than any where else in Pima County.

Granted the Mt. Lemmon Highway can be dangerous. After all, it is 30 miles of curving, sometimes narrow mountain road. The Federal Government is spending millions of our tax dollars not only because it is falling apart, but also to make it wider and safer. However, I also believe it is just as safe as at least half of the roads I travel on. As a good friend pointed out so well, the road has a designed speed limit and if traveled at this speed by all persons, it is actually a very safe road. Of course, not all persons do this, nor do they obey all other traffic laws such as crossing the double yellow line, stopping in the roadway or the biggy of driving while intoxicated.

So, how safe or dangerous is this road that leads to and from this place we love so much? Because of the concern raised and the great responsibility we are about to undertake in selling beer and wine, I decided to do my own study.

It was correctly stated that there were 240 total accidents on the Mt. Lemmon Highway during the 36 months from January 1988 through December 1990. Of these, 42 were determined to have been alcohol related, or 17.5%. During this same time, in all of Pima County there

were a total of 9,298 reported accidents with 877 of those being alcohol related, or 9%. Therefore, our highway is twice as dangerous. The trouble with this way of thinking is that you are comparing the mountain road with every single paved and unpaved road, cul-de-sac, residential street or what have you.

I went to the Pima County Department of Transportation in search of all the facts. Mr. Steiner lead me to his most recent report, a lengthy book titled "TRAFFIC ACCIDENT STATISTICS" dated March 1991.

While this book gives a whole variety of facts and figures, I found the most enlightening chapter was the one called "Accident Rate On Pima County Road Segments By Decreasing Severity Index". All of the gathered information from accidents is put into a formula developed by the National Safety Council and a severity index number is assigned to each segment of any given highway along with a rank number that compares it to all other road segments. Got that? If not or if you want the actual formula, call me. After working this formula you get the average severity index for the entire road which is a 1.82 or a rank of 215 out of a possible 452 rank positions. Now, the average severity index given for ALL roads is 1.79.

Of the fatal four accidents that occurred in this same 36 month period mentioned before, only ONE was known to be alcohol related and all occurred below milepost 8. In 1990, eight of the 14 alcohol related accidents occurred in the first five miles.

The majority of the alcohol related problems on the Mt. Lemmon Highway are primarily occurring down low and are mostly caused by persons who did not purchase alcohol at any Mt. Lemmon establishment.

My conclusion is that the mountain road is, in fact, at least as safe as half of all the roads in Pima County - ALL ROADS.

## A mountain of talent entertains at potluck dinner

Dear Ms. Sarah:

Howdy! I'm Singin' Stan of the Lone Mountain Ears Trio. I wanted to tell you all what a wonderful time Bad Bob, Pistol Pat and I had at your 1st Annual Talent Show on May 26th. The community pot luck dinner was excellent, and you all musta had up to 100 fine people there. I'm sure every one got their fill. That sweet potato pie sure captured my stomach. We got so full Bad Bob and Pistol Pat had a hard time whistling!

Your talent on Mt. Lemmon was extraordinary. Our group thought this little podunk town would have maybe 3 or 4 talented persons. Boy were we wrong. Since some of you homeowners were not able to make the show, I took it upon myself to give you all a quick rundown of the show.

First on the program were your twinkle-toe'd Fire Fighters with their "Dance of the Hose". Next came the "Hot Shots", a song and dance group of 3 lovely ladies doing their rendition of the Pointer Sisters' hit "Come & Get It While It's Hot". Boy - them fillies were certainly warm blooded! Our group, "The Lone Mountain Ears" came next. We did a medley of our most famous cow

& country tunes including "Cool Clear Water" which we sang. We whistled the "Good Bad & the Ugley" and "Runnin' Bear". Some said both about us!

Next Cub Scout Troop, Den 2 Pack 185 did an "Our Gang" comedy depicting certain persons of the community, and boy, that "fireman" sure could talk about his new firetruck!

A young lady named Tamara played the guitar and sang a nice song. The Lone Mountain Ears have signed a tentative agreement to have her perform with us in Yuma, Ajo and on Mt. Lemmon next year. Tamara's younger brother, Nathan, performed a short version of the ABC song. Bad Bob understood every letter.

Three young persons from Carter Canyon performed Irish step dances in full costumes. They brought a touch of class to the whole show. The young man will have all the girls after him when he learns the country swing.

Dannie Hayhurst and Fran Zimmerman combined their talents to perform a "Day in the life of Stubby the Fireman" a la Ernie Kovacs with Fran struggling to avoid the dangerous hands operated by Dannie. They sure kept the audience in constant laughter.

The firemen appeared for another "dance" number as did the Cub Scouts followed by a the Hotshots version of the Blues Brothers.

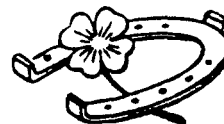
Everyone remarked at how much fun some people have on Mt. Lemmon. I think we all agree.

Special thanks goes out to all who participated and attended with extra thanks to Sarah Roads who organized and MC'd (the one who felt she couldn't pull it off!)

Boy what a party!! See you all next year.

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## BIRDS AND BEES FLOWERS AND TREES... AND BEARS!



By Sheri Lee

A native of North America, the Black Bear is still common in many wilderness areas from Alaska to Florida. Unlike the vanishing Grizzly, he has managed to hang on to the edge of civilization, clowned his way into many woodland resorts and become a familiar tourist attraction at many National Parks. He is naturally lazy with a fondness for mischief. His manner is deceptively friendly, but when provoked or startled, especially by kids or dogs, he can instantly turn ferocious.

Black Bears are primarily vegetarians and actually eat less meat than wolves or foxes. They thrive on berries, roots, grass, ants, bark and rodents like our chipmunks, moles and rabbits. They have also been known to rob beehives and devour bees.

Not all Black Bears are black. They can be dark brown, cinnamon, silvery blue and there are even white Black Bears!

Although this bear sleeps much of the winter, he does not really hibernate. His pulse and respirations remain almost normal, and he can be awakened. In midwinter, two half-pound, 8" cubs are born. These helpless, nearly hairless babies will huddle against their mother and nurse until she takes them out in the spring.

As a mother she is affectionate, but firm. She teaches her cubs to climb and cuffs them when they disobey. When danger is near, she sends them up a tree with a "woof" and grunts when all is clear. When she decides they are old enough to be on their own, between 1 and 2 years, she sends them up a tree and then leaves. By the time hunger forces them down, she is miles away.

The full grown 300 to 600 lb. Black Bear has a dignified side to his character. many American Indian

tribes look upon the animal as a deity and refused to hunt him. They are agile tree climbers, possess great eyesight, keen smell and high intelligence. These solitary beasts display surprising speed, awesome strength and an adaptability that commands respect.

Our Mt. Lemmon bears are one of our area's natural resources. When we find one or more hanging around our cabin we should first figure out WHY before demanding that Game and Fish come right up and trap it.

There is something about your property that attracts it, such as bird feeders, garbage, pet food or a greasy BBQ grill. Find out what it is at once and remove it.

At our house we raised the hummer feeders 12' off the ground and stored our grill inside, but the cooking odor of a roast in the oven attracted a hungry four-year old female to our cabin where she checked the doors and windows, even climbed onto our roof to see if there was a way inside for dinner. It was great free entertainment for our dinner guests!

The Bear Society pamphlet says "once a garbage bear, always a garbage bear" and "a garbage fed bear is a dead bear" meaning that it will become such a nuisance it will have to be killed. Our garbage bears will be with us a long time so we must adjust and keep our bear attractions indoors or out of reach.

If you have taken precautions and are still being pestered by a bear, try to notice if it has a tag in its ear, how tall it stands at the shoulder, whether it's male or female and report it to Game & Fish at 628-5376. However, we understand that right now all of the bear traps are in the Chiricahuas where the problem is REALLY bad!

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## *News from the Woman's Club*

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By Dannie Hayhurst, Pres. MLWC

Cold and wet! The weather for the June 1st meeting was cold and wet. But thanks to acting president of the day, Helen Quigley, the business part of the meeting was quickly dispensed with and a hot pot luck luncheon was shared by attending members and their families. Sure hope that the weather favors us during our July meeting's ice cream social. Special thanks to Sharon Thomas for all the hard work she put in to organize the T/PAC art exhibit.

Are you ALL ready for the famous 4th of July Parade coming soon? Fran Zimmerman has become indispensable as organizer of this annual event. We need to practice our own entry only once - we're that good as what we do! (Also, what we do is that simple.) So, come to our ONLY practice - we'll schedule it just a day or two before the parade so that we'll be in perfect form for the reallll thing.

Keep using those dumpsters and help keep the community clean. If a few of you want to get together with your neighbors and clean your roadside and nearby forest grounds, GREAT! Remember the large roll off dumpsters will be available over the weekend of July 19 for building materials and large objects.

See you at the library one of these weekends!

## **Hear Ye, Hear Ye The Mayor Speaks**

Mayor Mr. Ed (Buddy) has by annual proclamation opened the Mayor's Race. As most know, the election is held on July 4th. All candidates' votes will be counted and the new mayor will be announced just after the annual 4th of July parade. Candidates will collect 25 cents per vote. Voting machines will be located at Kimball Springs, Living Rainbow, Suites & Sweets, Mt. Lemmon Realty, and the candidates will personally take votes.

So far there are several candidates in the running. The Mayor Mr. Ed will be hard to beat as the dark horse. The Suites candidate, Spike is a real dog vote. He's a supporter of more fire hydrants and a leash law for cats. Psycho Manley has stated "he's crazy to run again." A new candidate this year is "Singin' Stan" of the Lone Mountain Ears. Rumors state all country and western fans are in full support of this cowboy. He said "remember to vote for who you wish, but if you wish upon a star then "Singin' Stan" will shine bright."

The candidates will be hustling your votes. So please vote. The funds go to a good cause.

Thank you for your support.

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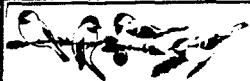
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