



The Mt. Lemmon *Echoes*



Mid-July 1991

Tussle with Tussock Moth larvae

Our community Christmas tree in front of the post office is fighting for its life. A couple of weeks ago folks began noticing the needles of this lovely fifteen year old Blue Spruce were turning brown. Eventually the situation was called to the attention of Forest Service bark and needle man, Steve Hensel, who promptly identified the problem as the Tussock Moth. Larry Waldron, Homeowner and Tucson Garden Club member, suggests the tree be sprayed with *Bacillus thuringiensis*, a bacteria that gives the larvae a tummy ache and causes them to die after about three days. Meanwhile Bob Zimmerman has spent his mornings spraying good old Raid on the tree.

When you're in the neighborhood, take a look at the heaps of dead larvae under the tree. You'll be amazed a tree could hold that many critters.

Steve suggests that the moth came in on someone's RV or pickup which had travelled through an infested area and

Aug. 10 MLWC Membership Tea
Aug. 10 - 18 Portraits by B.J. Singh (For appointment call Cathie Brown @ 325-6119 or Dannie Hayhurst @ 298-6328)
Aug. 31 & Sept 1 MLWC Bake, Book & Rummage Sale
Sept. 1 5:00 PM MLHA Potluck @ Firehouse

Community Library Summer Hours

Mondays 2 - 5 PM

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Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club

Additional hours whenever Blue Flag is flying

ended up parking in the vicinity of the post office.

The tree may look bad for a year or so, but it is expected to pull through.

This Blue Spruce was purchased and planted by the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club.

Roll-off dumpster program trashed

The day before we were due to have our first of two roll-off dumpster weekends, we found out from the County that this program was temporarily canceled due to

County government budget cuts.

We are sorry this happened. We know many of you planned special weekends to haul your construction materials and bulky items to the roll-off. We will request the roll-offs again next year and hope for the best.

The weekly trash collection service (the small BFI bins) will continue from April through October as usual.



Fred's Forum

By Fred Pace, Pres.
MLHA

June and July have been a busy time for our Homeowners' Association. First was the "Big" cleanup from Ski Valley Road to near Marshall Gulch. About 20 volunteers showed up and policed the area. A full load of trash was picked up and disposed of. Following the cleanup, a wonderful lunch was served by Max and Joan Klinger. with outstanding Bloody Marys by Max.

The second big event was on June 29th. The Sonoran Desert Institute (a spinoff of the University of Arizona) brought 20 Guatemalan Park Rangers to Mt. Lemmon as a part of a six week U.S. learning experience for these men.

By prior arrangement Fire Chief Chuck Hammel and Water Co-op manager Mike Stanley were able to give these people an orientation lecture on our fire/rescue system and our water collection/distribution system.

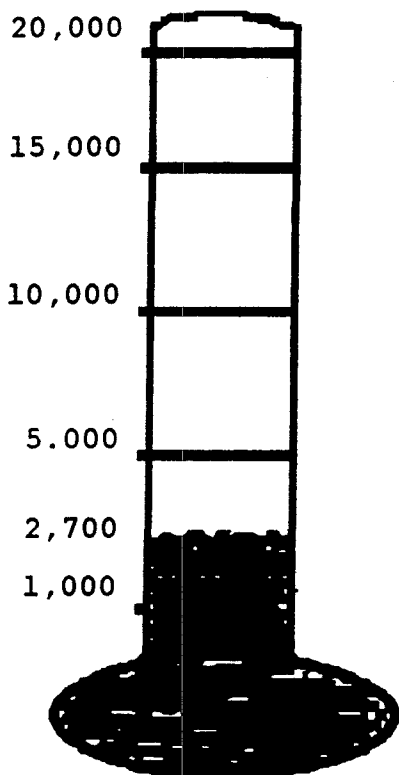
It is important to understand that these people are Inca Indians and the average height was about 5'5". Along side Chuck and me they were even shorter. And too short to easily get in or on the trucks.

They were very impressed by the trucks, ambulance and fire fighting gear, and I'm sure they came away

with a lot of information.

My thanks to Chuck and Mike for making the visit successful.

Jaguar Raffle Update



We've sold over 2700 tickets so far and have just 17,300 left to go! Tell your friends, relatives, boss! This is a great car and a great opportunity to support Mt. Lemmon Fire Dept. for all those who enjoy this beautiful mountain!

Singin' Stan wins by a belly-button

By Debbie Vought, MLMA

This year's Mayor's race sponsored by the Mt. Lemmon Merchants' Association was a creative success as well as a financial one. The candidates and sponsors were as follows: Lady Godiva and her horse (Mt. Lemmon Realty), Singin' Stan (Kimball Springs), Spike the dog (Sweets & Suites), and last, but NOT LEAST, Babat Duag Pullout-Frog Mountain (Living Rainbow).

Each candidate had donation cans set up at individual businesses to insure that no can snitching occurred. (Donation cans have been known to disappear from time to time!) All in all, it was a fair race and Singin' Stan won by a belly button! Spike came in second with Babat Duag and Lady Godiva not far behind. All together \$188.00 was raised and will be given to a good cause. Thank you to all who voted!

Tickets can be purchased as follows:

\$ 1.00 each

or

6 tickets for \$ 5.00

12 tickets for \$10.00

25 tickets for \$20.00

Village clean up volunteers treated to a great lunch

Twenty hardy Homeowner volunteers gathered at the post office June 29 to clean up Sabino Canyon Pkwy and Ski Valley Rd before the July 4th parade. Middle Sabino permittees cleaned up Middle Sabino Rd. and Marshall Gulch. After picking up two truck loads of litter the weary workers were treated to a huge surprise luncheon sponsored by most of the merchants and hosted by Joan and Max Klinger.

We understand that before this general clean up, Fire Chief Hammel had his firemen go out with some heavy equipment and chains pulling out the big stuff like sheets of plywood and chunks of metal.

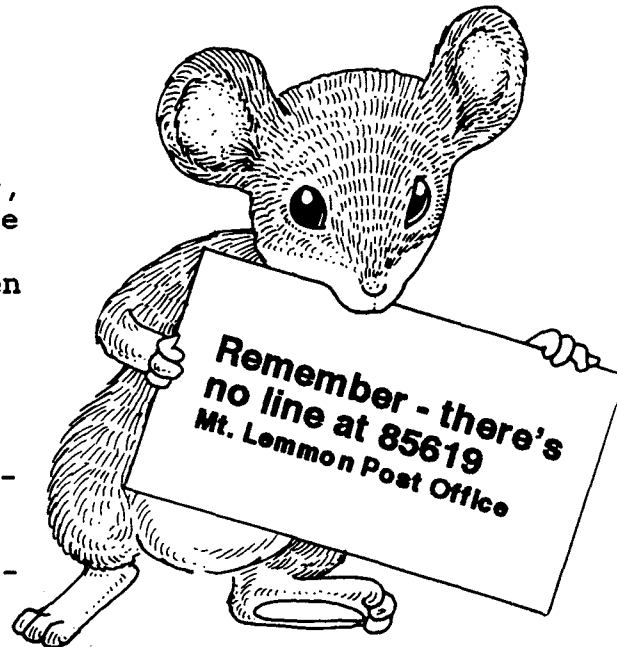
We can't say it enough times! Thanks to all who walked the street and stream during the clean-up. Special thanks to

Kimball Springs zoning challenge dismissed

After two hours the Pima County Board of Adjustment dismissed the July 1 hearing brought by Larry Lauser, challenging the zoning of Kimball Springs Mercantile and Gift Shop. After argument by both parties lawyers, the Board found that too much time had elapsed and that the challenge was untimely. Kimball Springs has been open for business for three years. A number of Mt. Lemmon residents and homeowners attended this hearing in support of Kimball Springs.

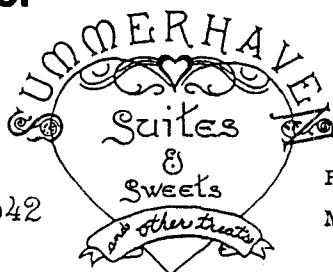
Joan and Max Klinger, John Mulay, Bea & Joe Shirley, Jennie Plantage, Summerhaven Sweets & Suites, Mt. Lemmon Cafe, The Living Rainbow, Kimball Springs and the Ski Valley. The support for this community from businesses and individuals is enthusiastically appreciated.

And last but not least, thanks to Red Greth for the "litter pitchforks". They were a great help.



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No water is required. A solar powered fan circulates air over the composting waste providing needed oxygen for the special bacteria to act.

The major concern is that the public will throw trash into the toilets and beer cans don't compost well at all. If you have an opportunity to visit a new fangled privy ... treat it with respect.

Notes from the Chief...

By Chuck Hammel, Fire Chief MLFD

Since the last note things on the mountain have been slow. Now that the road construction is just about over it should pick up. Ticket sales for the car are slow. We need help in selling tickets. We hope that you, the homeowners, will give us a hand. We thank the homeowners who have shown an interest in helping. The funds that we receive from this raffle are going to be used to buy the equipment that benefits you as a homeowner. The funds will not be used for everyday operations or wages for the department. What a help it would be if you each purchased 50 tickets and took another 100 to sell to friends and neighbors, we would get close to our goal of \$20,000! Tickets are \$1.00 each.

At the last minute Pima County canceled our roll-off dumpster. However, if you have gathered a lot of trash, it still needs to be removed. Please don't leave it laying around. You might also let Greg Lunn know the problems this may have caused you.

Remember - even if you don't win the car - you as a homeowner are still a winner!

Until next month, we'll be seeing you...



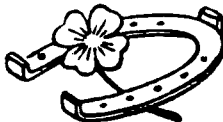
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Linda Rhodes Grand Marshall of July 4th parade

By Fran Zimmerman

This year there were 21 entries in the parade, I would like to acknowledge and thank those groups and individuals that participate in the parade this year. Starting with the (1) Color Guard from Mt. Lemmon Cub Scouts Den 2 Pack 185 Catalina Council: Corey & Andy Chesleigh, P.J. & Alex Buglewicz, Daniel & Leland Vought; (2) Grand Marshall was Linda Rhodes of KVOA Channel 4 riding with Chief Chuck Hammel in a the replica of a 1937 Jaguar that is being raffled by the Mt. Lemmon Fire Department; (3) Living Rainbow with gnomes, trolls, 603 year old Gandolf the troll and Babat Duag; (4) the Strittmatter family driving their "Liberty Car"; (5) Camp Whispering Pines Girl Scout Camp came up from Organization Ridge - 95 strong! (6) McCulloch Corporation Beaver and friends; (7) Four for Freedom with Jacque & Jenny Genung and Rebekah and Tiffany Copley; (8) The Hinsch clan and friends; (9) The American Flag Girls with Juliet Rhoades and Heather Davis; (10) Summerhaven Suites & Sweets with the Cookie Monster who can't keep his hand off the Giant Chocolate Chip Cookie; (11) Steward Observatory, home of hi-tech astronomy; (12) the Clark Clan with Tamara, Andrew, Aaron and Nathan showed us their version of Liberty; (13) Little Miss American Heather VanderZwaag joined us for the parade; (14) Stars and Stripes with Aurora and Samuel Greenberg and Zak Timan; (15) Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club Kitchen Kazoo Band were in full force; (16) Smokey Bear and Forest Service Fire vehicles were on hand - Thanks Smokey! (17) Mr. Ed and Lady Godiva wowed the audience as they paraded through the village; (18) General Grant, Tom Ayres was on hand; (19) Singin' Stan sang his heart (or was it his navel) out for

the folks; (20) Roscoe Christopher and family with their mules - this has been a tradition for the Christophers to be in this parade) and (21) Mt. Lemmon Fire Department arrived to finish the parade with their fire trucks and Emergency Van.

The judges were: Dr. Ann Miller, Dr. John Welsh and Betsy Hardy. Chosen as the 1991 winners: 1st Place - The Strittmatter Family with their Liberty Car, 2nd Place - Mr. Ed and Lady Godiva, 3rd Place - Singin' Stan. Thank you judges.

Thank you's to Roy Garcia, Bob Zimmerman, Pat Hayhurst and Mary Moran for their help.

See you next year!

Z. A. S. closed for '91-92 school year

The one room Zimmerman Accommodation School will not be open this fall. The school age students on the mountain will instead be "home schooled" by Sarah Roads. PCSO offered to bus the children to Tanque Verde, but this makes for some long, long days, especially for little children.

Sarah, as you may recall, is the fondly regarded local heroine who was awarded the citation at the 1990 Homeowners' Annual Dinner for saving a woman's life. She is a teacher certified to teach K through 8. She is also the administrative assistant for our fire department, an agent with Mt. Lemmon Realty and manager of the Living Rainbow Gift Shop.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

If you are a teacher, former teacher, retired teacher or just a concerned citizen, Ms. Roads and the parents are asking for your help and suggestions. You can usually find Sarah at one of her aforementioned jobs or someone there will know where she is.

Although it means serious financial sacrifices for the parents and the teacher involved, everyone is looking forward to a great '91-'92 academic year.



Here a Bear, There a Bear, Everywhere a Bear Bear!

By Sheri Lee

If you've been on another planet and you don't know it, we've got bears coming out our ears up here. They've been on our decks, on our cars, in our cars, up the trees, on the roofs, in the village and in the campgrounds. We can identify eight different bears at our cabin, and we've heard about others.

We Lees are actively discouraging the bears whenever we can safely do so. Bears dislike loud metallic noises so we keep big cowbells to clang loudly. Joan Klinger is using saucepan lids and crashes them together like cymbals. It works! As kids in northern Wisconsin, Mom gave us each an old pan and a big metal spoon. Anytime a bear approached we were to 'freeze' and pound on the pan. Bears hate kids as much as they hate dogs, but we're here to tell about it so I guess we're living proof loud metallic noises drive them off.

On our very first attempt to scare a bear this spring, we heard a lot of commotion on the deck, opened the door, but not the security door, and there was the biggest Mt. Lemmon bear we had ever seen. Bob rang the cowbell, but instead of leaving the bear went up the tree next to the deck. It stayed up there carrying on, snorting and moaning and chomping its teeth. We turned off the floodlights so it could come down, and it did, but it didn't leave. Big bear went off a ways, now that we had the floods on again and stood looking back at us all the while making odd popping noises with its mouth. We turned the lights off once more. It came right back to the deck still moaning and snorting like it was going to tear the place down. All at once from up in that same tree down came three of the cutest little cubs you'd ever hope to see. They were no bigger than cocker spaniels. I wanted to hug one and scratch its ears and tickle its tummy...but common sense prevailed. What a surprise! The idea of cubs in the tree had never occurred to us.

We haven't seen Mama bear on our deck since. She came around some more with her family, but she kept her distance. We haven't seen her since July 3rd.

It is rumored she once had four cubs. One must have been killed, most likely by an adult male, perhaps even its father which kills young males to avoid future competition. This probably has made Mama even more protective of the surviving three.

Since then we have installed a motion-heat sensor floodlight on our deck, and it's had a lot of action. The very first night it startled a bear so badly that it stumbled, thumping and bumping, back down the steps. We had to laugh even though we were nervous. The bear went into the woods.

Bear 1, Camper 0

As many of you have already heard or read, the weekend of July 4th a fellow was camping in his truck up on Radio Ridge. He left his dog, with dog food, outside. In the wee hours Sunday morning Mama and cubs came along to enjoy a treat of dog food. The dog didn't take well to this and tried to run off the hungry bears. Mama let the dog know who was boss, and the dog got so frightened it ran away and got lost in the woods for four days.

Bear cont.

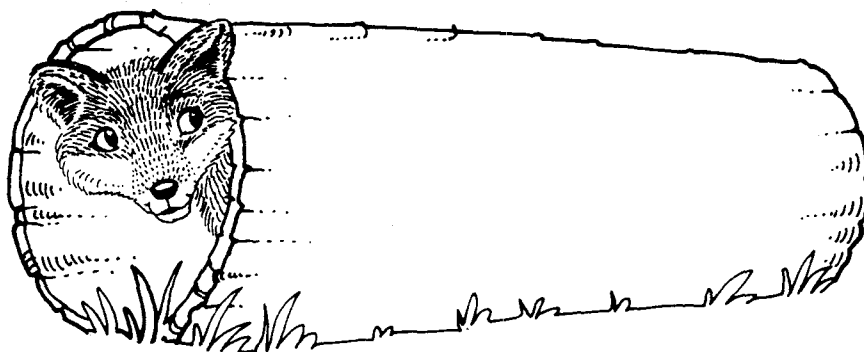
The camper came out of his truck at the sound of his dog yelping, and he said the bear took a swing at him...those who know bears aren't too sure if they believe that though. Also, he said he had no idea there were bears around. Of course, he wasn't camping in a designated campground where lots of bear notices are posted either. And against the Pima County leash law, his dog wasn't tied up. Against Forest Service rules, no food should have been left out, and the F.S. had already made it known there is a \$500 fine for leaving food out that attracts wildlife. We're all waiting to see if this camper ever gets cited for any of his violations.

Bob Miles of Arizona Game and Fish would like to let you know that G & F is pleased we residents and cabin owners have adjusted so well to living with the bears. We're keeping our garbage indoors or putting it into bear-proof dumpsters as well as hanging our bird feeders out of reach. But the transients don't know about bears, and they seem to be the ones reporting most of the problems. Miles is considering how to get the word to them.

The Bear Society has pamphlets in all the local businesses, but most of the wilderness types never set foot inside a building much less pick up a pamphlet and be seen looking like a tenderfoot. My suggestion to G & F is to get with the Forest Service and put up BIG signs on the highway that say CAUTION, YOU ARE ENTERING BEAR COUNTRY! somewhere near Bear Canyon, Rose Canyon and Ski Valley.

Miles also says G & F has written rules it has to follow regarding troublesome wildlife. If Mama and cubs break the wrong rules they will have to be trapped and removed from the mountain no matter how much some folks object.

I feel Mama and the cubs should go. After all, she is teaching those three cute little guys to be garbage bears and "a garbage fed bear is a dead bear". Next year they will be older and wiser and BIGGER...and on their own so all of us will be facing a problem we will no longer consider so "cute".



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