

The Mt. Lemmon Echoes

March 1992

Water Co-op working to improve system

By Alex Carrillo,
Pres. ML Water Co-op

This past year, the Mt. Lemmon Water Co-op, through your board, has been attempting to address the problems associated with a water storage, distribution and transmission system that originated in the 1940's and has developed in a less than systematic manner. As a result of the manner in which the entire system was developed, the Board in 1985 determined it was necessary to commission an engineering study and develop a plan to correct the inadequacies and insure its ability to provide water to all.

As in any venture, there must be adequate resources to be able to grow. While we have been able to obtain grants and loans, the needs of the system are such we find ourselves in a financial crunch. If we continue as we have, we will be unable to maintain let

alone address the problems. In fact, requirements of the Safe Drinking Act may bring us to financial disaster. As such, we have been looking for a means to reduce cost and increase our financial base.

The major problems we face are as follows:

- 1) Water tanks that must be relined
- 2) Additional water storage at Miner's Ridge
- 3) Completion of the transmission system at:
 - a - Loma Linda line to Sabino
 - b - Carter Canyon line to Sabino
 - c - Completion of the Sabino line
- 4) Upgrade of distribution system
- 5) Installation of fire hydrants
- 6) Filtration system
- 7) Treatment system

The Board, in an effort to be totally informed on available options, asked Mary Moran to research the benefits of becoming a water district. Mary

presented a report that outlined the pros and cons of a water district. After careful review, it has been determined that we must pursue becoming a water district if we are to remain a viable water company.

The basic advantage of becoming a water district is that it will take us out from under Corporation Commission rules and place us under direction of the Board of Supervisors. This will allow the operation of the water company to meet the needs of Mt. Lemmon and to spread the cost of improvement over a larger base. In addition, we will save approximately \$9000.00 annually in taxes, monies that can go to improve the system.

At the Annual Dinner, instead of giving a speech, I have requested time to have a panel address questions you may have.

A linear park in Mt. Lemmon future?

By Vic Zimmerman

The Mt. Lemmon Homeowners' Association is investigating the possibility of establishing a linear park along Upper Sabino Creek as it flows through Summerhaven. Known variously as a linear path or river park trail, the trail would be a path on the bank of the creek which would provide an easy walking trail extending from the comfort station approximately a 3/4 mile toward Marshall Gulch.

The proposed trail, which would be handicapped accessible, would provide a full-access outdoor recreation experience to Summerhaven area residents and visitors. Currently there are no facilities for walking/strolling for less than serious hikers. A cleaned up creek bank with a walking path would make the pleasantness of the flowing water and natural flora and fauna available to residents and visitors alike.

The Homeowners' Association solicits your suggestions, questions and comments. Please contact any of the four committee members, Pete Krauss, David Ostapuk, Fran Zimmerman or Vic Zimmerman. Or if you prefer, write a note directly to me, Vic Zimmerman at P.O. Box 633, Mt. Lemmon, 85619.

Bob Z. steps down as Fire Board Pres.

After eleven years, Bob Zimmerman has stepped down as Chairman of the Mt. Lemmon Fire District Board of Trustees. He continues to serve as a board member.

To say that the fire district has been will served would be a gross understatement. His devotion and diligence in performance of the duty to which he was elected for three consecutive terms is unsurpassed.

It is to Bob's credit that, if he were aware, he would prefer this item go unpublished. He looks upon his service as part of a team effort and the resulting accomplishments as private victories. However, the benefits derived by the community are the public testimony to such volunteer efforts.

Mt. Lemmon can boast of many assets; one of its finest exemplars is Bob Zimmerman.

Road Construction Update

By Mary Moran

Representatives of the Federal Highway Dept. and US Forest Service hosted a community meeting at the Mt. Lemmon Fire Station on January 30; the primary purpose of which was to inform us of the proposed construction schedule.

The net result will mean road closures for some periods of time during the week from November, 1992 through the end of April, 1993; then delays with pilot car operation until November, 1993 at which time both segments will be complete.

Numerous community members voiced their opinions and wish lists, and the coordinators of the project promised to take it all into consideration.

Another meeting will be held on Thursday evening, March 26, 1992 at 7:00 p.m. at the fire station. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Drawing for Jag is near

Volunteer ticket sellers still needed at last events

By Mike Garcia, MLFD

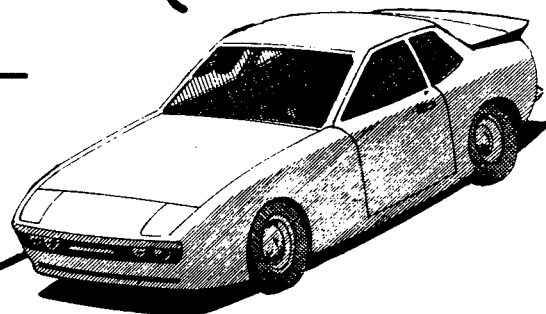
I would like to take this moment to personally thank all of the people who helped sell raffle tickets for the car at the World of Wheels car show last month. Your efforts helped raise over \$1600 for the department. Another thanks goes to Michael Stanley and Joyce Lemke for their efforts by taking the car to the Swap Meet and raising over \$1300 in one weekend.

Although these events have helped the department there is more to be done. We have several other events planned for more ticket sales. We are trying to get people to volunteer time on any weekend to take the car to the Swap Meet and sell tickets. Also coming up first week of April is the Fourth Avenue

Street Fair. We are trying to get a spot in the fair to show the car and sell tickets. Again volunteers will be needed for this event. For all of you out there who would like to help please call us at the fire station (576-1201) for information. And thanks again to all those people who have already helped make the difference in this year's tight budget.



Be there!



Drawing April 2
at the Annual Dinner

Cafe St. Valentine a great success

Those who made it to St. Valentine's Cafe to celebrate Feb. 14 were pleasantly surprised by the quality of the Road's Scholars efforts!

The ambiance of the decorations, professionalism of the young waiters and waitresses, delicious spaghetti dinner with choice of elegant deserts and topped off by the students serenade of "That's Amore" made for a very memorable valentine celebration.

The general consensus was that this should become an annual event! (Did you hear that, Sarah?) Congratulations to Roads & Scholars!

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We would like to thank all those who helped make our Valentine's day fundraiser a huge success. Pam's donation of the Mt. Lemmon Cafe set the mood. Mary Moran's culinary expertise made it a safe bet. The children wrote to businesses asking for donations, helped prepare the food, decorated the restaurant, waited on the customers, and even serenaded the unsuspecting diners.

They definitely understand the value of a dollar now!

The money raised will help fund the few field trips which we are planning to take in the very near future. Our first jaunt will be to Picacho Peak for the re-enactment of Arizona's only Civil War battle. We also want to travel to the Desert Museum and the Planetarium. So thanks again for all your support!

MLHA Annual Dinner at Savoy Opera House

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Mt. Lemmon Volunteer Interpreters

By Sheri Lee

The Mt. Lemmon Volunteer Interpreters have officially organized themselves. Jim McQuiston was elected the president. He is the same person in charge of the very successful Sabino Canyon docent program.

The general plan is to begin this educational program on the mountain a week or so after the one closes in Sabino for the summer. You may wonder, "So who cares?". Read the following goals and relate them to the visitors who drive up, pull into the post office and ask Mark, "Well, where is this Mt. Lemmon?" They respond to his answer with something like, "This is it?" and unhappily turn around and drive back down tossing trash out the window as they go. The idea is to begin by educating these folks on their way up so they enjoy, appreciate and treat our mountain with respect while they're on it.

These are the goals...

--Promoting an understanding and appreciation of, and respect for the natural environment.

--Furthering public awareness of the unique characteristics and values of the Mt. Lemmon area.

--Promoting a

knowledge of the management of the Mt. Lemmon environment and the Coronado N.F. in the context of multiple use.

--Encouraging visitors to take responsibility for maintaining the Mt. Lemmon recreation facilities and the Coronado N.F.

--Providing the public with information and interpretation which will increase the pleasure they will derive from their visits to the Mt. Lemmon area.

A couple of the programs they expect to offer are 15 minute talks at both Windy Point and Geology Vista, a nature and/or bird walk in Marshall Gulch and a hands-on program for the children. Several

other ideas are also being developed.

The MLVI is currently recruiting volunteers who are interested in joining the organization as active members or persons who are interested in sharing their knowledge of the Mt. Lemmon area with the public. If you are interested, call the Sabino Visitors Center at 749-8700 and ask for Jim McQuiston.

The volunteers will begin intensive training shortly. They will wear "park ranger" looking uniforms and have radios in hand for emergency communication. Watch for them beginning in mid-May.

Noteworthy!!

The Mt. Lemmon Cafe owner, Pam Rinella, was quite pleased to read that her cafe was spotlighted in the National Geographic Traveler Magazine, Jan/Feb 1992 issue.

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Desperately seeking dryer lint...

By Sheri Lee

By the time we summer residents move up to the mountain the hummers have returned (March 8), the warblers are well on their way, the juncos have hatched a batch and so have the jays .

But, before you go up, you know, when you just go up for the day to make that initial check-it-out visit, take along a bag of dryer lint, yarn and thread clippings, string, etc. and put this stuff out on tree branches for nesting material. Just think how warm and cozy those little chicks will be in that fuzzy lint.

Fire Report Log

Since Jan. 21, 1992 the Mt. Lemmon Fire Department has responded to seventeen calls for emergency assistance. During this time there were no calls for fire, but there were several serious calls for medical assistance.

For a run down there were five calls for motor vehicle accidents. One of these was very serious and required a full extrication using the "Jaws of Life". Despite the efforts by the members of the department and the speed they removed the trapped victim, she unfortunately died several hours later in the Emergency Room. The department responded to four calls involving a sick person, four calls involving injured skiers and six calls for people injured due to a fall or tubing accident. One fall injury did include the use of a rope rescue system to bring the patient back up to the road level to transport to the hospital.

New Cafe worth checking out

If you haven't been to the mountain lately you're in for a pleasant surprise. Kimball Springs Cafe & Bakery is open. The Cafe is located right next to Kimball Springs Gift Shop and General Store in what was the hardware store. But don't worry - the hardware store has moved in with the General Store so those weekend jobs can still be completed!

Susan has done a wonderful job creating a light and airy dining room with lots of beautiful plants and a wonderful collection of antiques, including an old jukebox and pinball machine! Her bakery counter is filled with a great selection of homemade goodies in addition to a menu filled with good breakfasts, and a variety of sandwiches and desserts.

News from MLWC

By Dannie Hayhurst

The ML Woman's Club March meeting enjoyed Kathy Alexander's interesting slide show presentation of old photographs of Mt. Lemmon. Kathy, who literally wrote the book about our fair community, is still interested in any and all old photographs anyone might have.

The next meeting is April 1 at Regina Rhind's house and will include electing new officers. (This is not an April Fool's trick!) Watch your mail for your post card with directions.



Islands in the Desert update

A workshop has been scheduled to bring a variety of people together to help the Forest Service develop a Congressional designation on the Coronado National Forest. All interested people are encouraged to attend one of the workshops.

3/23/92 6:30-9:30pm Tucson Best
Western Innsuites,
6201 N. Oracle Road

Notes from the Editor...

We are interested in your thoughts on some ideas for future editions of the Echoes. One suggestion that has been made is to include a "For Sale" section of any items you may have around your cabins that you're wanting to sell.

Another idea is "As the Lemmon Twists...", a box containing quotable quotes from members of the community.

We would like to know if you are interested in a report of fire and police calls from issue to issue.

In addition, anyone wishing to write for the Echoes is WELCOME! All articles need to be submitted by the 15th of each month to Echoes, P.O. Box 699, Mt. Lemmon, AZ 85619.

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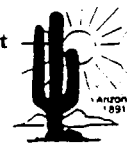


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mes broiled marinated boneless/skinless breast of chicken
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Both menus include salad, baked potato, their famous "Pinnacle Peak" pinto beans, thickly sliced bread, coffee, iced tea, and Texas cake. There will be a cash bar.

You need to indicate the NAME of each person and his choice of entree. We will be making up name tags in advance. Red for steak orders, and blue for chicken. Please cooperate so we do not have to call you for this information.

Our contract with the Savoy says that we will give them a final guest count on APRIL 16. We must have your checks by then. Any questions, call Sheri Lee 299-7143.

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