



The Mt. Lemmon Echoes



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January storms take a toll on highway & bridges

By Bob Zimmerman

The recent series of storms caused a substantial amount of damage to Summerhaven and the Catalina Highway and resulted in extended road closures. If the damage occurred within construction zones it was handled by Ames Construction, otherwise Pima County was responsible. As Ames had their equipment in place their response time was very short. The County made temporary repairs and intends to hire Ames to make the permanent repairs, hopefully with the established closure schedule.

Several land slides occurred which were removed by Pima County except for a major slide at MP 3.5 which was on the news. Some of the boulders had to be blasted.

Because of land slides above and in the highway and washouts of several culverts, the main road was "closed" for three weeks or more. This caused a great hardship on many residents and businesses. Kenny VanZandt found it impossible to get down to his Tucson business. The mail delivery was at best spotty. Through

the efforts of Chief Anselmi and other board members, the County with the permission of the Forest Service, agreed to plow and grade the back-side road. This provided a back-up method, with the cooperation of San Manuel Fire, to handle medical emergencies in case the weather prevented helicopter evacuation. It also came in handy for several residents to make emergency food and supply runs. The back-side trip to Tucson adds about two more hours.

The mountain business, already suffering from the double whammy of two current Federal road projects following the previous road closures, had to close their doors and layoff help or reduce working hours. Susan Garcia was very concerned about this economic impact on her help and often kept help working doing "make work" projects.

In the village the Sabino Creek and Carter Canyon overflowed their banks. There was a substantial buildup of debris and vegetation within the creek beds. This flotsam clogged most of the bridges resulting in either the

bridge washing out or, as in the case of the bridge in front of the Singh house, cut into the road.

There was a concern that the main bridge in the village would wash out as it did in '83 and '79. The bridge was plugged and the flood waters rushed over the top ripping up the pavement and deposited mud, rocks and boulders on the road. It was just a question of time before the flood waters cut through the pavement and washed out the bridge.

Had this happened emergency services would be denied to half the property owners. During the storm, I was able to get permission from Pima County Highway to hire Roy Garcia's backhoe to unplug the main bridge and open the road as the County couldn't get equipment to the village. This operation was successful for this bridge and the Tucson Avenue bridge.

While the road closures had an adverse affect on the business and community members, it could have been a lot worse. The County and Federal Highway wanted to

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completely close the road for several months. Through great and continuous efforts of the Merchants' Association, Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Association and the Fire Department, this plan was abandoned and the road has been opened.

Efforts will be continued to improve the main bridge in the village as it gets destroyed every time there is a flood. it is hoped that Paul Marsh, Dist. 1 Supervisor, will assist finding the funds necessary to reconstruct the bridge as a box culvert.

Input wanted on dumpsters

Have any thoughts about the trash pickup service on Mt. Lemmon? Pima County Dept. of Wastewater Management, Solid Waste Div. will be holding a meeting Friday, Feb. 26 at the Bear Canyon Library from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.. The agenda covers the start up date of April 30th through October 28th with pickups twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays. The number and locations of the dumpsters will be discussed. For all the businesses, commercial business usage is on the agenda. Perhaps padlocks will be placed on the commercially used dumpsters only, and these dumpsters for commercial use are tentatively to be placed at Ski Valley and the comfort station in Summerhaven. Comments? This is the time to express your opinions.

Volunteer Crime Prevention unit ready to do security checks

Remember the free home video and security check? The Sheriff's Volunteer Crime Prevention Unit is back business. A fresh load of volunteers are set up and willing to video your cabin, discuss security measures and for a returnable deposit, let you use an engraver. Engraving your driver's license number on the backs of small appliances, tools and other favorite items thieves like, makes those items impossible to sell to all local pawn shops. And should law enforcement stop a vehicle loaded suspiciously with said items, a check of the license number on the items is run. Arrest of thief is the result. Get together with a couple of your neighbors and give the volunteers of the Sheriff's Dept. a call - 741-4685 - before 2 p.m. every week day and arrange an appointment. Best part about it is IT'S FREE!

**Mt. Lemmon
Homeowner's Annual
Dinner**

**Tuesday April 20
6:00 p.m.**

**Savoy Opera House
Trail Dust Town**

**Reservation deadline is
April 15. Make your
reservations early.
Form provided in this
issue of The Echoes.**

Water Co-op still working on many issues

By Roy Garcia

The good news is that the winter rains are sure to provide plenty of water to fill our storage tanks to the brim. Unfortunately, it also created erosion problems on many lines and even broke loose connections in Carter Canyon.

Mike Stanley, the system operator, has identified damage and has applied to F.E.M.A. for funds to make the needed repairs. He and Dave Chesliegh have their work cut out for them and no doubt work will continue into the spring.

The Co-op has been advised by the state that all of the water sources on Mt. Lemmon will be reclassified from ground water to surface water. This means we will have to test the water daily for turbidity and when found, as it surely will be, the state will require us to filter. Again, this applies to all water systems on the mountain.

Some of the other items the Water Board is working on are:

- > Cost increase from our bookkeeping service from \$500/month to \$1000/month
- > Resolving and perfecting spring rights to insure water adequacy which is currently being blocked by the Forest Service because of their Instream Flow Application
- > Negotiations with the Forest Service to continue service operations for them on their water system.
- > Future expansion of the system's transmission, distribution and service lines.
- > Filtration and treatment facilities
- > Replacement or upgrading of existing lines
- > Employee benefits and wages
- > Rate increase application with the ACC
- > The question of whether or not to become a water district.

Again, these are some of the issues, but certainly not all. I would expect the annual meeting to be interesting this spring as it certainly should be. Typically three to four new board members are elected at this meeting. Any co-op member is encouraged to submit their name for nomination. If you have some time to give, we need the help. Remember it's your water company, and you can make a difference.

If you have question or comments, please stop by Kimball Springs for a chat or call me between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 576-1468.



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MLHA a great help to the community

By Dannie Hayhurst, Pres. MLHA

Thanks to all members of the Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Association for showing your support by subscribing to MLHA for another year. The Echoes is just one of the benefits of your membership. Through the years, the MLHA have bought water tank chlorinators, fire hydrants and fire department equipment as well as supplies for Zimmerman Accommodation School. Creating a volunteer fire department and preventing condemnation of private and leased land were priority issues for which the MLHA was originally established. MLHA has been involved in fundraising for the Water Co-op, assisting in the settlement of reserve boundaries and helping to reduce the 1989 unorganized school tax. We support the upcoming land exchange. Also, it's a great way to visit with some of your neighbors at the potluck dinners. So, pat yourself on the back ...and, THANKS neighbor!

News from the Fire Department

By Phil Anselmi, Chief MLFD

With the road closures, the Fire Dept. reports fewer calls for emergencies and no fires. As was reported on the news, a pickup truck with three passengers slid off the road, rolled over and continued sliding backwards coming to rest about 50 yards down the mountainside at MP 19. One of the passengers was able to walk back up to the road and stopped a passing motorist for help. When MLFD personnel arrived, they found one person had been ejected and the third was trapped in the front seat of the pickup. After lowering ropes and backboards, they were able to safely bring the accident victims up to the road for transport to Tucson. This accident happened after dark in a light snow and took about two hours to handle.

Sledding accidents at Bear Wallow curve and Turkey Run Road required medical help. A woman with a fractured femur was transported from Bear Wallow and a man fractured a lower arm while sledding on Turkey Run Road.

An unusual and potentially

dangerous incident involved a large propane tank up on Radio Ridge. The tank, located between two buildings and a radio tower, suffered a broken valve when a large piece of ice fell from the tower releasing a large plume of liquid and vapor gas. The fire department was called around 10 a.m. to the site. Chief Anselmi called the County Dept. of Emergency Service, but was told the tank belonged to the state. He then contacted the state's Dept. of Emergency Services which is located in Phoenix and they agreed to send someone to the site. In the meantime it was critical the site be secured to avoid a serious explosion. The state emergency service finally arrived about 6p.m. however he was not equipped to handle the problem. Chief Anselmi then called Petrolane, who sent two men up with the equipment needed to remove the old valve and plug the tank. Petrolane arrived about 7 p.m. and took care of the problem promptly. After about 10 hours the site was declared safe.

News of the MLWC

By Sharon Thomas

A belated Happy New Year! I hope that everyone has had the chance to rest up from the busy holiday season and dried out from our January!

It was hard not to be in the holiday spirit at our Christmas Brunch back in December. We all enjoyed the beautifully decorated home of our hostess, Barbara Welsh, and the delicious food brought by our members. Thanks also to Sheri Lee for being our coordinator again this year. Everyone had a good laugh at some of our White Elephant Gift Exchanges. Thank you Barbara for your warm hospitality.

If you have any suggestions for projects that we might become involved in or ideas for speakers or just fun topics that we might do as a club, please give me a call. It isn't too soon to be thinking about this summer and programs on the mountain. This is your club, and I would like so much to have your suggestions.

At the Spring Convention this year, we are encouraging our members to enter their crafts for the Arts & Crafts Contest. For further information please call me at 297-0990.

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Docent program for mountain

By Sheri Lee

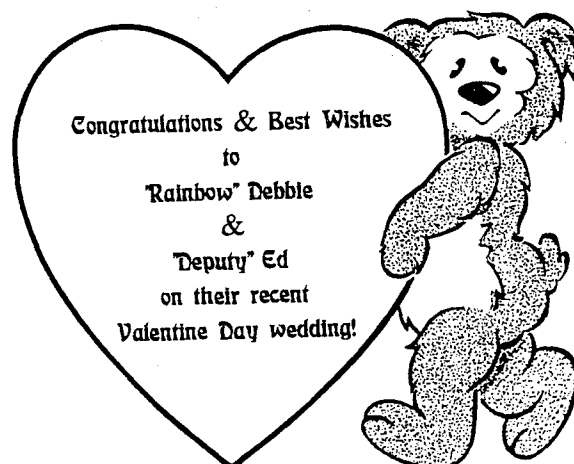


Probably you've been to the Desert Museum and Sabino Canyon and seen enthusiastic volunteers telling kids and adults about the flora and fauna. Well, a similar interpretive program for Mt. Lemmon is in its second year.

The first year of the Mt. Lemmon Volunteer Interpreter (MLVI) program was a moderate success. This year more schools and organizations know about the program and are already contacting MLVI for reservations. The docents are getting excited and looking forward to a fun year.

Perhaps you would like to be a cool docent on the mountain this hot summer. Never done this before, but would like to try? A training program will help you become an interpreter, teacher, leader and guide. Subjects include history, geology, birds, mammals, trees, flowers, trails, law enforcement and first aid.

The first class will be held at the Sabino Canyon Visitors Center at 9 a.m. Wednesday, March 24. Training continues each Wednesday through May 5. Some classes are all day, some are mornings only. Some will be on the mountain and others in Sabino Canyon. If you have questions, you may call 749-8700 and leave a message for Heidi Schewel, or come join in on March 24 and get involved in a rewarding summer program.



Sick birds at your feeder?

By Sheri Lee

In my recent issue of "Bird Watcher's Digest" I found an article on a subject I suspected existed. There are four, maybe five, diseases easily spread among birds using seeders and bird baths.

There are several strains of SALMONELLOSIS bacteria and each affects different birds. It is spread by bird droppings on the feeder, deck rail and on the ground under the feeder. Salmonellosis can be fatal or it can lead to secondary problems that are.

AVIAN POX is virus that causes wart-like growths on the face, wings, legs feet and toes. Severely infected birds may not be able to perch, fly or open their eyes enough to find food. Obviously they can starve to death, be easily caught by predators or die of hypothermia.

ASPERGILLOSIS is a fungus that grows on damp feed in the storage container, in the feeder and on the ground. When the spores are inhaled they can infect the lungs, and the birds will probably die of pneumonia or bronchitis.

Both aspergillosis and salmonella grow on the spilled feed, droppings and debris that accumulate on the ground and deck under the feeders. A broom or rake and a dust pan can be used to frequently scoop this stuff up, bag it like any other trash and dispose of it similarly. Don't use the broom and dust pan for other purposes thereafter, or disinfect it if you do.

TRICHOMONIASIS and COCCIDIOSIS are both caused by protozoans (these being single cell parasites). The trichomonad parasite usually causes sores in the bird's throat so it cannot swallow thus dropping any seeds it tries to swallow. Another bird will likely eat that seed and end up with parasites too. The coccidia parasite lives in the intestine and is spread by droppings. Dehydration is the result and the bird becomes weakened and is likely to starve or be caught by a predator. (Coccidiosis is not proven to be spread at feeders.)

Finally, there are lice and mites which live on the skin. These are spread by the birds touching one another, or mites can survive just on the feeder itself waiting to attach to the next passing bird.

The way we can do our part to keep birds from becoming sick is to regularly clean and disinfect feeders and bird baths. The "Digest" suggests using a bleach solution of part bleach to nine parts water (I'd use a normal ten quart pail and put in one quart of bleach and fill it with warm water). It says to soak the feeder two to three minutes and scrub it with a brush reserved just for that purpose. I do know from experience hummers will not use a feeder which smells like bleach, so all I do now is use warm soapy water on the hummer feeders.

We may follow these suggestions and still see a sick bird now and then because our neighbors aren't practicing good "bird-feeder Hygiene". So...I guess we should go talk to them and get them to clean up their act too!

My neighbor's dog contracted hepatitis and the vet told her it likely came from the debris under the bird feeder. Her dog eventually died of resulting complications. I have seen squirrels, raccoons, bears, skunks, rabbits and stray dogs drink from our bird baths and poke around the ground under the feeders. I had been brushing the bath out frequently, but until now I have never used bleach. I guess it's time I improved my ways, and I hope you will consider doing the same.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 26 Friday
8:30 a.m.

Dumpster Meeting w/ P.C.
Solid Waste Div. at Bear
Canyon Library

Mar. 3 Wednesday
12:30 p.m.

ML Woman's Club Meeting at
Fran Crowe's house

Mar. 20 Saturday

Tucson Woman's Club
Spring Convention
Arts & Craft Contest

Mar. 24 Wednesday
9:00 a.m.

Mt. Lemmon Volunteer
Interpreter's 1st meeting
Sabino Canyon Visitor Center

April 20 Tuesday
6:00 p.m.

Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's
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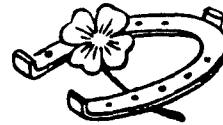


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COCKTAILS 6 PM DINNER 7 PM PROGRAM 8 PM

RESERVATIONS

Since there are two different entrees offered this year and at two different prices you must specify whether you want:

12 ounce T-bone Steak for \$15.50

or

Mesquite broiled marinated chicken breast for \$13.00

(If you need a special diet, we will try to arrange for you. Please call Sheri Lee, 299-7143 to inquire.)

Both menus include salad, baked potato, their famous "Pinnacle Peak" pinto beans, thick 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 15. We must have your checks by then. Any questions, call Sheri Lee 299-7143.

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