



The Mt. Lemmon Echoes



April 1993

Annual dinner April 20

Reserve your dinners soon!

By Dannie Hayhurst,
Pres. MLHA

Once again we meet for our annual Homeowner s'meeting and dinner on the first Tuesday after taxes. It's a great opportunity to gather with your neighbors from the mountain. Cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. and the program is scheduled to start at 8 p.m.. Speakers include Pima County Board of Supervisor Paul Marsh, Catalina District Ranger Tom Quinn, Water Co-op President Alex Carillo, Ross Quigley for the Loma-Sabino land exchange, Fire Board Chairman Bob Zimmerman and Fire Chief Phil Anselmi. There will be some GREAT door prizes to win, thanks to the diligent efforts of Paul Hawkins and Red Greth. We will also be announcing the winner of this year's Summitt Award.

We need to elect a few hardy souls at this dinner to serve on the board. These members terms have expired: Susan Garcia, Red

Greth, Larry Waldron, Sheri Lee, David Ostapuk and Ken VanZant. Most all of these board members are willing to run for re-election at this time. Other members serving on the board include Bob Evison, Paul Hawkins, Dannie Hayhurst, Pete Krauss and Fran Zimmerman. If you are interested in serving three years on the board, can donate one Saturday morning a month for meetings and want to get more involved with the community, give Dannie Hayhurst a call at 298-6328.

Crime Prevention Correction

By Dannie Hayhurst

The last article in the February Echoes needs some revising. Engraving your auto license number sounds good, but doesn't work in Arizona. The best thing you can do is to keep a photographic record with a list of all serial numbers in a safe place for insurance records as well as police reports. Serial numbers are a VERY important form of documentation and proof of ownership. Here's hoping no one gets robbed this year and has to find out the hard way how important these numbers are! Special thanks to one of our Homeowners who set us straight on this issue

Road schedule change Mar 21 - May 1

Mar. 21, 1993 to
May 1, 1993

12MID TO 6:30AM
6:30AM TO 8:30AM
8:30AM TO 3:30PM
3:30PM TO 6:30PM
6:30PM TO 10PM
10PM TO 11PM
11PM TO 12MID

LOWER

Mar. 21, 1993 to
May 1, 1993

12MID TO 9:30AM
9:30AM TO 3PM
3PM TO 12MID

UPPER

The next phase of road closures is in effect. Keep your Peak Times brochure handy to stay updated.



Fire calls down, medical calls rank highest

By Phil Anselmi,
Fire Chief MLFD

1992 was an exciting year for the Mt. Lemmon Fire Dept. We had a total of 159 calls for the year. We completed an analysis of the year and compared it to the past two years and ascertained that the most busy day of the week was Sundays followed by Saturday. Of the calls, 55% came in between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. with the majority of the calls, 71%, being medical calls, 36% for motor vehicle accidents, and 21% falls. We charted all calls for 1990, 1991 and 1992 and found the percentages were relatively close. Our fire call load has been decreasing over the past two years because of our fire prevention activities and the efforts of the residents and cabin owners. We wish to thank all for their efforts and hope everyone keeps up the good work.

The majority of calls on the Catalina Highway have been in the areas around MP 11 and MP 19. We are responsible for all of the Summerhaven area

and down to MP 10.5.

The Fire Dept. has a project underway starting in April or May. We will be purchasing smoke detectors and offering them for sale to the residents and cabin owners at our cost. With this project, we will be able to offer an inspection and offer advice on fire hazards in cabins and other property. With this project, we will be able to offer an inspection and offer advice on fire hazards in cabins and other property.

We also have available at the station address numbers for those that have not yet posted your address on your cabin. We ask for all owners to post your address on your cabin. We ask for all owners to post your correct address on the cabin, and provide us with a current name and telephone number for all structures.

We hope that all have a good summer and we hope to see you all at the Annual Homeowner's dinner.



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Precipitation, precipitation, precipitation...

By Mark Hopkins

So, do you want to talk about the extraordinarily wet winter one more time? Do you want to know why we lost the Catalina Highway and parts of the village to raging waters and rock slides. Here are the precipitation figures taken at the Mt. Lemmon Post Office. We are an official precipitation station for Pima County and this data is supported by 2 other precipitation stations in the village. All the January precipitation was in a 17 day period between the 3rd and the 19th and was mostly rain.

Snow in inches:

Nov '92 - 3"
Dec '92 - 31"
Jan '93 - 42"
Feb '93 - 50"
Mar '93 - 0"

Precipitation: (rain & snow melt)

Nov '92 - .47"
Dec '92 - 14.65"
Jan '93 - 20.45"
Feb '93 - 8.89"
Mar '93 - .05" (as of 3/19/93)

We average about 35" of precipitation a year in the village, and we are just under 30" already this calendar year.

News from the Club...

By Sharon Thomas, Pres. MLWC

The local quilt exhibits have nothing on our ladies. Our March meeting was filled with wonderful quilts, stories, and even a quilt that belonged to Davey Crockett. Eden Hackney demonstrated the wonderful old fashion toys that her husband makes. We have a very talented group of ladies. Many thanks to our gracious hostess Fran Crowe and to all of our members for sharing their treasures.

Our next meeting will be our annual luncheon at Regina Rhinds on April 7 at 12 p.m.. Please call Regina if you are attending so that she has an idea of how many to plan on. This is one delicious meeting you won't want to miss.

April 30 to May 2 will be the GFWC State Convention at the Phoenix Holidome in Peoria. If you would like to attend please call me. Reservations have to be in by April 26, 1993.

I would like to wish you and your family a very Happy Easter.

**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.**

Birds, Bees... Flowers & Trees... and Turkeys

By Sheri Lee

No doubt your first thought is this should be a Thanksgiving article, but recently our Tucson neighbor mentioned he was going up to the Catalinas soon to hunt wild turkeys from April 30 to May 23. I thought since I didn't know much about them, I'd like to do a little research. Here are some of the things I learned about turkeys.

As North America's largest gamebird, it nearly became our national bird and lost out to the bald eagle by only one vote on the congressional ballot...whew! It was once thought that its country of origin was Turkey and thus the name turkey. One reference says the bird was imported from Africa to Turkey to Europe. I couldn't really find out where it did originate, but another story passed along to me from the Desert Museum is that the domestic turkey is descended from the Gould's turkey which was taken from Mexico to Europe by the Aztecs and domesticated over there. The folks at the Museum don't try to account for all the white turkeys commercially raised today.

The wild turkey may be seen in the Catalinas at any time of the year. We have seen small flocks in Bear Wallow and near our cabin in Middle Sabino in the winter and spring. But in the last two years we haven't seen many at all. Az. Game and Fish feels the population might be down to around 25% of what it was six years ago which could be attributed to the drought of two years ago. Matter of fact, it is down so much that now there is only spring and no fall hunting season.

It is normal for wild game populations to fluctuate anyway.

The turkey in the Catalinas is the Merriam Turkey and it is a transplant. In 1939 nineteen were brought in from the San Carlos Indian Reservation and from '39-'49 ten were brought in from the Ft. Apache area. Ron Olding from Game and Fish told me that long ago, back in the 1800's, they suspect the native turkey here to have been Gould's Turkey. At this time there are still some big flocks in Mexico and maybe a couple in the U.S.. There is a flock of Goulds that has been introduced in the Peloncillo Mtns. along the Arizona-New Mexico border and perhaps another flock in New Mexico. The Desert Museum does not own a Gould's Turkey and the Merriam's it purchased does not fit the description as it should so they suspect fowl play...

Similar to, but skinnier than the barnyard turkey, the head and neck are bare, the feathers an iridescent green and brown and the edge of the tail, when spread, is a buff color. Back east this edge is dark brown. When mating season comes, the male droops his wings, spreads his tail, rattles his quills and fills air sacs on his head and neck to attract the lady turkeys.

The strutting male gobbles loudly on spring mornings to call together a harem. In late May or early June, the female lays 8-15 buffy spotted eggs about 2 1/2 inches long...a little bigger than a chicken egg, in a shallow depression lined with grass and leaves. The female alone cares for the eggs. She has only one brood a season. At four weeks the chicks leave the nest and join with the females to form a flock of up to 50 birds to wander about the Catalinas. In the winter the males often join these flocks.

At night the turkey roosts in

trees, and in the daytime it forages about for seeds and especially acorns. It also like to eat grasshoppers and other insects.

The average lifespan is 12.5 years. Overhunting, domestic fowl diseases, and destruction of its woodland habitat are the reasons for its once near extinction. However, in many places the turkey has been reintroduced.

Wild turkeys are very wary prey and hard to hunt unless one knows their habits well, and though it is the ONLY hunter's dollars that pay for projects like the transplant program...I still hope our neighbor doesn't shoot any.

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March 26, 1993

Dear Mt. Lemmon Residents and Merchants,

The Federal Highway Administration and the cooperating agencies have scheduled a public meeting for **Wednesday, April 7 at 6:30PM** at the Mt. Lemmon Fire Station. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss information concerning the highway schedule and the reconstruction effort.

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Cleary at 885-9009.

Sincerely,

Rick Kaneen
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| April 7 Wednesday
12:00 p.m. | ML Woman's Club Annual Luncheon at Regina Rhinds |
| April 15 Friday | Annual Dinner reservation deadline (and TAX DAY!) |
| April 20 Tuesday
6:00 p.m. | Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Annual Dinner at Savoy Opera House in Trail Dust Town |
| May 3 Monday | Road Construction schedule change |



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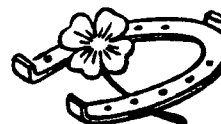


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MT. LEMMON HOMEOWNERS' ANNUAL DINNER

TUESDAY, APRIL 20
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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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