



The Mt. Lemmon Echoes



September 1993

Help save our cold, clear water

Co-op struggles to keep up with costly flood and construction repairs

By David Ostapuk, Mt. Lemmon Water Co-op

Drinking water on Mt. Lemmon is a precious resource. Most of us take the water at the tap for granted, that it will always be there and will always taste pure, cold and sweet. It is the job of the Mt. Lemmon Water Cooperative to get the water from the upper Sabino water basin into storage tanks and through lines into the homes and businesses on Mt. Lemmon. All of this costs money and those costs are going up. And one thing is clear to me as a new Board member, the constant monthly bill charged to our customers is not enough to cover these expenses.

New laws, federal and state, impose new expensive requirements on the Co-op. The Co-op has been forced to hire an attorney to protect all of our water rights from some conflictual claims brought by the U.S. Forest Service. Storage of enough water to serve the community during the high use period of the summer requires costly repair to existing tanks and lines, plus purchase of new storage tanks. We were dangerously low in our water supply during July of this year.

The Co-op currently serves 356 metered sites, home and business. Yet, only about 190

of those customers have paid their one-time membership fee of \$200 and joined the Water Co-op. If the other 166 or so present users paid their membership fee, the Co-op would have enough money to repair a main storage tank the Co-op has not been able to fix due to lack of money.

Membership in the Water Co-op will insure that you have part ownership in the system and you will have a vote in important decisions to be made in the coming months, such as the need for rate increases, formation of a water district.

If you are not already a member, we urge you to take a moment now and send in your check for \$200.00. Or if you prefer, sign the authorization below and the modest cost of \$10.00 will be added to your monthly water bill for 20 months. If you just want to make a contribution, we certainly would appreciate your generosity.

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Cabin burglaries on rise again

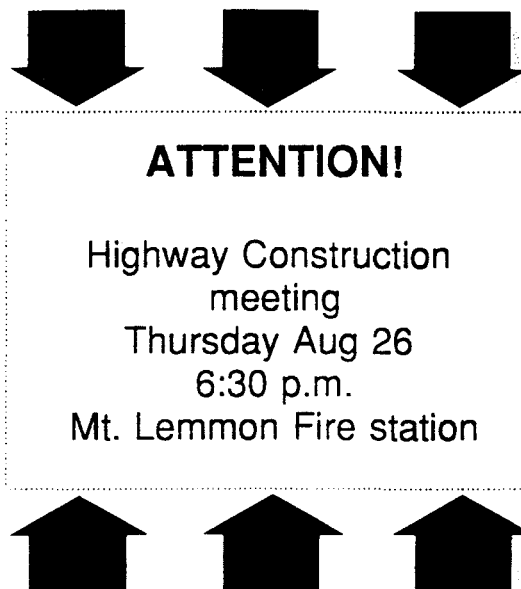
By Dannie Hayhurst

Cabins are being burglarized again. I personally know of one cabin on Turkey Run, two on Carter Canyon, one on Nogales and one on Middle Sabino Rd. in the past month. The cabin owners discovered upon entering their cabins that an unwelcome visitor had relieved them of some of their possessions as well as their sense of security.

Small items like electronics, televisions, clocks, microwaves, dishes, bedding and liquor were missing. In one case, the burglar entered after breaking the door frame to get the deadbolt loose. In two other burglaries, small windows were broken to gain access. In two other burglaries, small windows were broken to gain access. One cabin had the iron bars removed from the window, then the window was broken to get in.

One cabin owner said her neighbors noticed a clean cut looking family, with children, enjoying themselves on the deck and assumed they were friends of the owners. No friends were using the cabin to the owner's knowledge.

The best defense of crime continues to be a neighborhood watch - extend a good neighbor policy to the cabin owners around you. The cabin save from a burglary may be YOURS!





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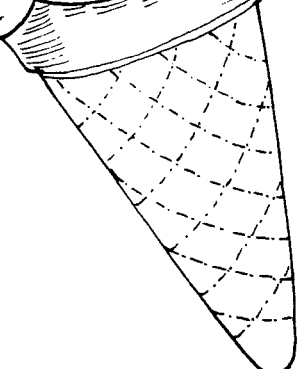
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Highway construction has wreaked havoc with water lines resulting in great losses of both personnel time and water. Mike Stanley, our only employee for the last several months has done an outstanding job keeping the system running, but has been left no time for meter reading. Meters will be read as soon as time allows.

Our tanks have been dangerously low this summer. You can help assure your own water supply. Save the laundry for Tucson. Promptly repair leaky faucets and running toilets. Turn your meter off when leaving. Each time you turn on the tap - think! Don't be a water waster. Make certain everyone in your family and others who use your cabin are water conscious.

Fire Dept. victim of theft after receiving false call

By Phil Anselmi, Chief MLFD

The Mt. Lemmon Fire Dept. responded to a total of 19 calls of emergency during the month of July. Of these calls, 11 were for medical emergencies, four were wild land fires, two were motor vehicle accidents and two were camp fire related calls.

We have been receiving a large number of false calls lately. These calls seem to be coming from the Windy Point area for "cars over the side" or "persons injured". When we arrive at the scene, no one is injured or we can't find the vehicle. It was during one of these calls, we had an electric generator stolen from the fire station.

One interesting call was for a man that came to the station with a very large laceration to the top of his head. He had been "caving" in some old abandoned mines on the back side when he fell. He sustained a four inch laceration on top of his head. We transported him to Tucson. This brings up the dangers of some of these old mines and several reasons not to climb into them without proper equipment or permission. Several persons are killed each year because of this type of activity. If you are hiking and come across an

old mine shaft, do not enter because of cave-ins or other potential hazards involved.

We have been investigating the possibility of enrolling in a LEMT class here at Mt. Lemmon. This certification will allow us to become more involved with patient care. We must rely on a unit from Tucson for more advanced procedures and intervention. We have been advised to conduct advanced patient care from our base hospital on several occasions and could not because of our basic life support status.

We hosted a dance on July 24th here at the fire station. This dance was a great success. We had live music, backed up with tapes and CD's. Tom Carpenter played the guitar, with a little help from the Chief, and John Robinson did a superb job as the D.J.. We want to thank all involved for all the work in making this a wonderful outing. I most want to thank my wonderful wife for all of her hard work and organization, along with the Fire Board members for the money for the dance. We will be hosting another dance in the very near future. I will keep you posted for the date and time of the next Mt. Lemmon "Dance Under the Stars".

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September Schedule

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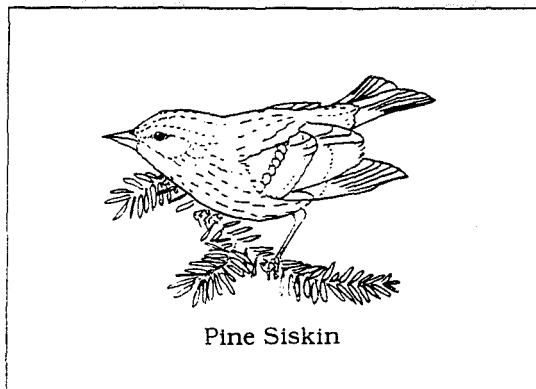
Watch for the Blue Flag flying from the railing of the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club building. The librarian in charge this month is Karren Anselmi, phone 576-1649.

Birds and Bees Flowers and Trees ...and Pine Siskins

By Sheri Lee

Never heard of Pine Siskins you say? Well, be advised, they are coming to a feeder near you. They're not new to the mountain, but they are either becoming more numerous or maybe just learning of the goodies they can find in your feeder.

Pine Siskins are an ordinary looking little brown bird, rather like a sparrow, but of the finch family. When you observe closely you will notice a finely streaked brown on beige breast, some yellow streaks in the wings and at the base of the tail. They have a sharp slender bill and a deeply notched tail. (Sparrows tail have no notch.) They can hang upside down like chickadees to pluck seeds out of cones.



Pine Siskin

Siskins habitat is conifer-aspen forests from Alaska to northern Mexico. They nest in conifers about 10 feet from the ground and since they are very social birds sometimes their nests are only a few feet apart. The male feeds the female frequently during the courtship thus insuring many healthy eggs and strong chicks. Ms. Siskin lays 3-6 bluish eggs, spotted with brown, in a grass-lined, cupped nest. The young siskin is quite yellowish at first, but by the end of the summer looks like all the other adults.

During breeding season siskins move about in small flocks, but after the young mature the flocks become big, usually 50-200 and occasionally up to 1000 ...now wouldn't you hate to have a bunch like that discover your feeders! So far

I've not seen any huge flocks on Mt. Lemmon, but in the winter siskins join up with juncos, titmice and red crossbills and roam about the mountain hoping for sunflower seeds and suet concoctions.

Be watching for Pine Siskins at your feeders. They are fairly tame and you can get quite close to them. Like our chickadees and nuthatches, they are friendly little fellows and nice to have around.

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Hummingbird Alert

Due to the large numbers of hummingbirds this year it is recommended that you leave your feeders up through mid-October. Hummingbirds do not simply leave when the feeders are removed. By leaving your feeder up, you will help stop starvation.

(Information provided by Sheri Lee)



New Bed and Breakfast on Mt. Lemmon to open Labor Day weekend

Aspen Trail Bed and Breakfast, our newest business on Mt. Lemmon, will have its grand opening on Labor Day Weekend. Those who took part in the 2nd Annual Cabin Tour got a chance to view this beautifully remodeled cabin.

Owners Alex and Char Carrillo have spent the past year working every free moment to bring their dream of a Bed and Breakfast to the mountain. The original log cabin built in 1979, has been completely built around and is a magnificent two story beauty.

Aspen Tree offers three nice sized guest rooms on the lower floor, each with a private bath, and two with a hottub and fireplace. Each room is light and cheerful and offers beautiful views of the forest. It is completely handicap equipped and includes a Honeymoon Suite.

Upstairs you find a large rock-faced fireplace in the many-windowed living room. A wonderful variety of antique rocking chairs invite you to sit for a while and enjoy the views, read quietly or perhaps enjoy the large screen TV. Alex and Char have chosen a number of antiques that you will find throughout the rooms.

Breakfast and family style dinners are served around a large table in the dining room where the original fireplace is located. House specialties created in the newly equipped kitchen will include Mexican styled omelets, a variety of baked breads, including banana, pumpkin, date nut and more. Coffee and a variety of teas, hot chocolate and apple cider are available around the clock in the kitchen area.

From the decks one can enjoy a variety of humming birds or catch a glimpse of deer, squirrels, turkey, birds, maybe even a bear or the pair of javelina that are on the mountain this summer!

Aspen Tree B & B is open weekends, Friday through Sundays year round and offers a smoke free and pet free environment. Located in Carter Canyon, it is a secluded and serene get away. Telephone - 576-1558.

2nd Annual Home Tour a success

By Sharon Thomas, Pres. MLWC

A beautiful Sunday afternoon greeted about 50 people on our Second Annual Cabin Tour. The up and down terrain was made easier by our shuttle drivers who we owe a great deal of thanks: Peter Crowe, Fred Pace, Roger Thonbold and Norm Ulmer. These men were invaluable.

Everyone had a wonderful time and it is with a great deal of gratitude that we thank the cabin owners who opened their homes to us and were so gracious. A BIG THANK YOU to: Dick and Shari Kelly, Mary Rugg, Howard and Sandra Bernstein, Alex and Char Carrillo, Bob Cote, and Pat and Dannie Hayhurst.

Many thanks to our Chairman, Olga Pace, and all the ladies who donated their time putting in so much effort to make this tour a success. Our refreshments were delicious! As usual, we have the best baked goods thanks to the donations of our ladies.

We now have a new roof on the Woman's Club. I would especially like to thank Bob Lee and Larry Waldron for temporarily stopping our leaks until the roofers would get our new roof on.

Our Labor Day Rummage, Bake and Book Sale will be Sept. 4 and 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.. If enough items are left we will be open Monday, Sept. 6. Please call Vivianne Danielson at 298-5713 or Sharon Thomas at 297-0990 if you have any rummage to donate. We need all we can get. We also need people to volunteer time for the set up on Friday. Again, call Viv or Sharon. We also need baked goods donated and dropped off at the Club House on Sept. 3 or 4.

We will not have a September meeting. Our next meeting will be October 2 at the Woman's Club. Dessert at 12:30 and the meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Summer's last art show begins Sept 4 at ...and Other Treats Gallery

There are two more art shows scheduled this summer at ...and Other Treats Gallery along with an artist's reception for each.

John Watt creates jewelry inspired by ancient pottery shards. Created using the lost wax casting method, each piece is an authentic interpretation of actual designs. This show begins Saturday, August 28 with a reception for the artist at 6:30 p.m. that evening.



The last show of the season will include two very different artists and will open Saturday, Sept 4 at the 6:30 p.m. artists' reception.

Mark Brestel, Sci-Fi/Fantasy artist, works mostly in oil and airbrushed acrylic and covers a wide range of subjects. His success encompasses commercial and illustrative art as well as fine art.

Sandi Pageau, wildlife artist, works primarily in prismacolor pencils achieving the rich color effects that distinguish her work. Using a time-consuming process of applying as many as 20 layers of color, then blending them into a rich and vibrant sheen, she captures the natural vitality and vulnerability of her desert surroundings.

...and Other Treats Gallery has provided the village with some unusual and interesting art this summer. If you've missed the artist's receptions held for the others, be sure to catch the last two that will be held this summer.






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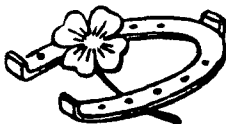
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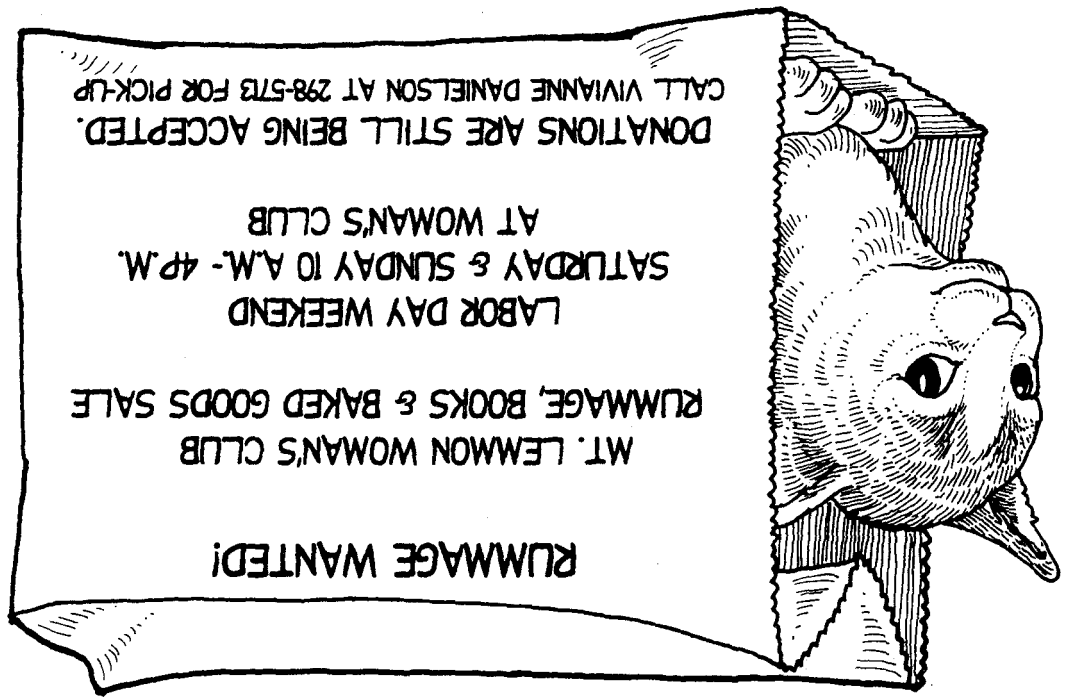
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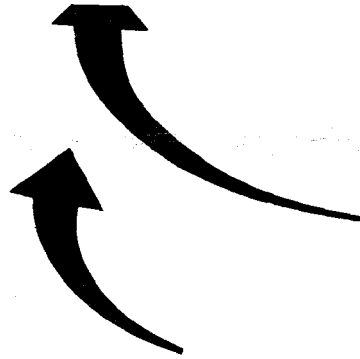
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