



The Mt. Lemmon Echoes



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County issues final draft of bridge & culvert standards

By Dannie Hayhurst, President, MLHA

Pima County Flood Control has issued a final draft on bridge and culvert designs across streams in Summerhaven. According to Ms. Davis, Senior Hydrologist with Pima County, the cost of a bridge or culvert to the private property owner using this county standard should be between \$6000 - \$8000. No engineering report would be required if this draft becomes adopted by Pima County.

The final draft is available for viewing at three locations - Mt. Lemmon Fire Station, at Supervisor Paul Marsh's office and the Public Works Building, 4th Flr, B.J. Davis' office.

The report does not address grandfathered bridges or whether damaged or destroyed bridges must be brought up to these new standards. As most of these bridges and culverts are on county right of way and could effect stream flow, all property owners can appreciate the need for a standardized design.

Presently, a permit is required if a property owner has to replace a damaged bridge. After last year's flooding, few property owners applied for the required permit. Pima County permits would still be required with this plan.

One question that has arisen from the board is how future responsibility for maintenance or replacement of bridges and culverts built to the revised standard will be addressed.

Comments and thoughts may be addressed to B.J. Davis but need to be there by Dec. 3. She would like to have all paper work concluded by Dec. 15. The mailing address is:

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Mt. Lemmon merchants celebrate the holiday season

The Mt. Lemmon Merchant's Association is planning many events for the coming year. We will kick off with a Festival of Lights which will begin Dec. 4 with the lighting of the village tree and the village businesses putting up lights and decorating for the holiday season.

The major event of the Festival of Lights will coincide with the annual "White Elephant" Christmas party hosted by the lucky recipients of last year's White Elephant, the Hardesty's. The date for these gala events will be Saturday, Dec. 18. We will have groups of strolling carolers starting a 5 p.m., refreshments and the businesses will stay open until 7:30 p.m.. Any homeowner presenting a current Homeowner's Association card will receive a 10% discount from participating businesses on Saturday, Dec. 18.

The merchants are very pleased to have Jean Martin back with us. She, as you all are probably aware, has reopened the Alpine Lodge. We welcomed her back to the mountain by immediately putting her to work in a Merchant's Association planning meeting.

We are open to any and all suggestions and especially to offers of help to make this a fun-filled community holiday. HINTS - Do any of you have church or school groups who would like to stroll around caroling on the 18th and/or sing in front of the tree at the lighting on Dec. 4th? Or failing that, does anyone have a loud speaker system for the village to use to play music? Could someone volunteer to hold a snow sculpture contest of prizes are donated? Please contact a merchant with your suggestions or offers of help.

Car vs. bike on the Catalina Highway

By Lt. Chuck McHugh, PCSO, Rincon District Commander

In the early 1970's I raced bicycles throughout the southwestern United States. During that time I gained a keen appreciation for the Catalina Highway as a challenging training ground. The benefits of training on the "hill" have made local riders among the best hill climbers in the country.

With an increased emphasis in physical fitness, the number of riders in metropolitan Tucson has increased dramatically. Because of its climate, Tucson is also a winter training ground for a few world class riders.

Throughout the last year, I've heard complaints about bicycle riders on the Catalina Hwy. Most of these complaints involve riders moving uphill at 15 mph or less and obstructing the passage of automobiles that can easily travel 35 mph. As a past bike racer, I want the bicyclist to enjoy a safe training environment; yet as a law enforcement, I'm compelled to maintain a safe roadway.

First, we must understand that Arizona law gives the bicycle rider lawful use of the roadway. However, these laws hold the bicyclist to the same responsibilities as the motor vehicle operator. In other words, the bicycle rider must make a reasonable effort to allow faster moving traffic to pass safely as the move up the Catalina Highway. Failure to do so is a violation of Arizona Revised Statutes 28-704 "Impeding the Flow of Traffic".

This brings us to the second issue. "There is never a cop around when you need one." Our normal deployment in the Rincon District is four to six deputies and on sergeant on duty. Considering the size of our district, the likelihood of a deputy observing each problem is quite small. This leaves the ball in your court.

My suggestion is this: if the rider is obstructing your progress, maintain a safe distance and give them a polite tap on the horn. Most riders are considerate and will make every effort to allow you to pass.

This brings us to the most important issue. What can I do when I encounter the single or large group of inconsiderate riders? Well, you are left with the same alternative of using the polite tap on the

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horn. If the riders still do not allow you to pass, your only reasonable and lawful choice is to wait for a safe passing zone. Passing outside a lawful passing zone may be disastrous. If you make an unlawful pass and cause an accident, you will be held accountable. The risk doesn't justify the benefit of reaching your destination a few minutes faster.

If you encounter a problem, report it. Normally we will have a deputy on the mountain or near the base. Your report and an accurate description of the rider(s) gives us an opportunity to make contact and take the appropriate action.

In conclusion, I'd like to emphasize that there is probably an equal ratio of horses' *@! among both bicyclists and motorists. Our bicycle riders have valid complaints against the few unsafe motorists and most riders only want to peacefully coexist on our roadways. However, for the sake of the occasional horse's *@! that you encounter, whether it's a cyclist or a motorist, be courteous and don't take any unreasonable risk - it's not worth the loss.



Mt. Lemmon Fire Dept. fund raiser

Entertainment '94, Tucson's finest discount book is available at the Mt. Lemmon Fire Department or from Phil Archambault, 576-1245 or 296-7993. This book is a true investment which will provide you with 50% discounts at fine restaurants or casual and fast-food places, movies, theaters, sports and special events. It also includes discounts for hotels, travel and hundreds of other leisure activities. The book sells for \$35.00 and will pay for itself with a few uses.

The proceeds will be used to help the Fire Department continue to provide superior service to the community.

Fire Dept. Halloween Dance a success

We had a Halloween dance on Oct. 30 that included a pot luck dinner, costume and pumpkin carving contest. Later we all danced and conversed with friends. The comments received were all positive. We are happy everyone had a good time. I wish to thank all who contributed to the party. Many persons contributed good food, prizes and time to the party.

The Mt. Lemmon Fire Dept. has been running fairly close to average on calls this year. We have responded to 140 calls as of Nov. 18 compared with 148 on that date last year. It seems that most of our calls are still around the 14 to 19 mile post markers. We generally receive several calls around the holiday period, so we may keep up with last year. This year we had more motor vehicle accidents, but with less injuries. We are happy that the injury rate is lower.

As mentioned before, we have been looking into the purchase of new fire apparatus. A representative of Canyon State Emergency Products brought a pumper to the station for our examination. This unit was larger than the one we are looking at, but it demonstrated the workmanship that they do. We have need of a larger unit because our existing Engine Two is equipped with two wheel drive only and does not perform well in the snow.

This equipment is in the bid process and indications are that it will come in around \$180,000. If this is true, we will have to modify our requirements or reduce the amount of equipment we are purchasing on the vehicle. We can always use some of the equipment from Engine Two. We are trying to keep the cost around \$160,000. The biggest expense seems to be the four wheel drive feature which is the most needed item.

As we approach the end of the year, we wish all of Mt. Lemmon a Happy Holiday and a prosperous new year. Remember - Keep the new year accident free and check your smoke detectors and fire place.

Birds and Bees Flowers and Christmas Trees

By Sheri Lee

Wondering what to write for a seasonal article I called the Forest Service's "bark and needle man", Steve Hensel. Steve had several stories, so read on...

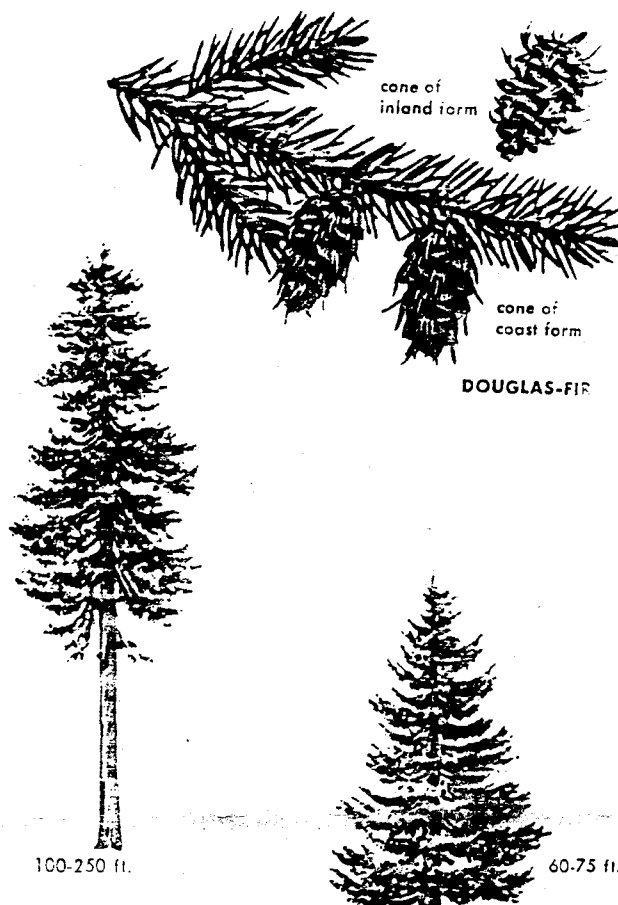
Our most Christmassy tree is the Douglas-fir. It's one with short needles and has small cones that have feathery little 3-pointed bracts extending beyond the scales. This tree grows pretty fast maybe taking 5-6 years to become a good sized Christmas tree.

Remember the radio commentator Lowell Thomas had a ski run at Bear Wallow? It went out of use in the 60's. If you stop and look at it now all you'll see are 40 foot Douglas-firs with trunks about 6 inches in diameter. You'd never know that slope was clear cut 30 years ago and you'll see how well a forest can recover from being a ski area.

Did you realize there is a lot of Christmas tree piracy every season? It seems up on Bigelow road 50-60 trees are often taken. Getting away with it is something else.

Steve tells me one time, in collusion with the deputies, an average of 4.5 trees an hour we caught sneaking down the mountain. The deputies set up a road block and stopped the downhill traffic. They would ask the driver for permission to check inside the vehicle, and then Forest Service personnel could look for wayward Christmas trees. At first that didn't seem like a lot of trees to me, but consider maybe ten hours a day Saturday and Sunday for three weekends in a row. Heck, that might be 270 trees a season. But only ten hours a day might be conservative, too. By the way, those trees were given to the Salvation Army. There is another story about the midnight thieves...

It seems for years and years, perhaps as many as 30, it was known nice young trees were being cut off about waist high and tree-napped. This even happened by our cabin about three years ago. Mostly the boughs were being taken as oftentimes the top would be left lying on the ground. Catching the cutters would require a lot of nighttime man-hours and luck, so the project wasn't pursued. Last year, with the help of Will Jaster, Steve got lucky. Way after midnight, twelve U of A fraternity pledges were found, dressed in ASU clothing of course, out there with handsaws (they're quiet) and clippers hacking off



our trees.

After pressure on the local chapter by its national office, the fraternity of about 100 men admitted guilt and settled out of court. They are now paying off a \$15,000 fine at \$1000 a month plus doing community service. I commented it seemed like a stiff fine, but Steve disagreed saying considering the number of years this had gone on amounted to a whole lot of damage and lost trees. He feels they got off too easily.

There is a long term effect on our forest from this you might not think of...it's a result of what's called highgrading. What it means is the trees taken are naturally the best of the crop. who's want any other kind for a Christmas tree? The trees left to reseed forest are the weak and inferior. As years go by areas like Bigelow and around the summer homes are going to be reforested by less that quality trees.

I don't think those of us who own cabins would but our trees. After all, we spend a lot of money to live among tall trees, not a bunch of stumps. I blame those vandals from the valley. Right?

News of the Woman's Club...

By Sharon Thomas, Pres. MLWC

Our November meeting was held at the home of Thompson Hughes. Our gracious hostess and Olga Pace presented a program about their visits to Russia. Each present a view from a different perspective. It was a very wonderful and informative afternoon. Thank you ladies! It was a pleasure for us all.

Our next meeting will be at Midge Mioduski's on Dec. 1. Every year Midge helps us to make beautiful beaded Christmas ornaments.

Mark your calendar for our Christmas Brunch on Saturday, Dec. 11 at 10 a.m. at the home of Jo Ann Foor. Back again this year by popular demand will be our White Elephant gift exchange (otherwise known as recycling "stuff"). Everyone had such a good time last year with this exchange. Please bring a dish for the brunch, and we hope to see you all there.


As I am writing this article and the holiday season is fast approaching, I am in shock to think Christmas is only 4 weeks away! As I am sure with most of you, 1993 has gone by so quickly. I was just trying to open the cabin for the summer, then it was fall, now Christmas! As this season approaches and I have time to reflect, I am most grateful that my family is in good health, my daughter will be home after being gone for three months, we are warm, have good food to eat and most importantly we have a wealth of friends. As president of the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club it has been such a pleasure to get to know the people on Mt. Lemmon. We may not see each other all of the time, but when we get together there is always such a feeling of warmth. Thank you for your support and all of your hard work this past year. May this season and coming New Year bring your family happiness and good health. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mt. Lemmon Class Reunion?

By Fran Zimmerman

If anyone passed the Ramada Inn on Tanque Verde the week of Nov. 15 the sign outside read "Mt Lemmon Class Reunion". I was curious as to what the sign meant. I called and the front desk connected me to a member of the reunion.

It seems that there were 100 to 200 people gathering for this festive occasion to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Jehovah Witness prisoners that were in the prison camp and helped build the highway.




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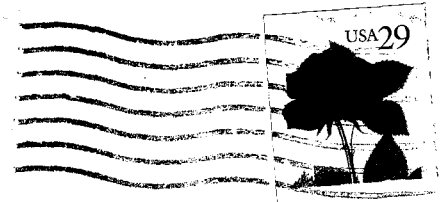
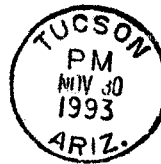
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