

Efforts to curb cabin break-ins being reviewed

By Ed Hardesty, PCSO

The summer of 1993 saw an increase in the number of cabin break-ins and burglaries on Mt. Lemmon. In several instances, the break-ins were the result of visitors to the mountain who, finding an unoccupied cabin, simply helped themselves. To the casual observer, it appeared as though these people belonged there. This isn't unusual considering the number of property owners who sometimes rent or loan their cabins out, leaving your neighbors and law enforcement no quick way to determine if someone was there with permission or not.

In a recent case I had that went to trial, the defense attorney challenged my right to make a traffic stop on two young men I saw driving a car similar to one that had been seen in the area of one of our burglaries. His argument was that since property owners on Mt. Lemmon do rent and loan out their cabins from time to time, his client could have been a legitimate renter, and since I had no way of knowing if this were true, I had no right to detain him (the judge in this case didn't agree).

There have been two proposals, both of which I think are excellent, that could prove to be valuable aids in helping to eliminate this problem as well as helping law enforcement in making your cabins and property more secure in your absence.

The first proposal is a Mt. Lemmon homeowner security profile that was suggested by Bud and Janet Sessions. The Sessions' went a step further and drafted a security profile form that can be completed by you, the homeowner, and then kept on file and updated as necessary. Chief Phil

Anselmi of the Mt. Lemmon Fire Dept. has agreed to keep these forms on file at the fire station giving you and law enforcement 24 hour a day telephone access to this information.

The second proposal involves using a specially laminated placard that can be displayed either from a cabin window or the dashboard of a vehicle parked at your cabin. When someone staying at your cabin, has this placard displayed in a prominent place, it would allow the deputies on patrol or your neighbors to see at a glance that the people or cars on your property are there with your permission. I've been in contact with the community resource office of the Pima County Sheriff's Department to explore the possibility of having these placards made utilizing their crime prevention activities budget. They could be printed in such a way as to be unique and prevent possible counterfeits. They would be for the exclusive use of the Mt. Lemmon homeowners.

Hopefully I'll be able to report our progress in implementing this program to the Homeowners board at their May meeting. In the meantime, I would encourage each of you to take the time to complete the homeowner's security profile form included in this issue, and mail it to the Mt. Lemmon Fire Department. This information will be kept confidential.

**Keys found on Upper
Loma Linda Rd. Claim at
Mt. Lemmon Realty.**

'94 Summitt Award honors Joe & Florence Wilhoite

By Sheri Lee

Each year the Summitt Award is presented at the annual dinner to someone who has made major contributions to our mountain community, both in volunteer time and physical effort. This year, for the first time, the Summitt Award was given to a couple.

Joe and Florence Wilhoite have seen major changes in the village: the old Alpine Inn, the Mt. Lemmon Inn and the Ponderosa Lodge all burned to the ground and the post office partially burned. A new Alpine has since been built as has the Kimball Springs retail complex.

This year's award was presented by last year's recipient, Roy Garcia, who listed the Wilhoites' many accomplishments.

For 15 years Joe was president of the Loma Linda Association which saw to the maintenance of the roads and water system in that area. He was a charter board member for our current association, and he served there for six years. He was also national treasurer of the National Forest Recreation Association (NFRA) for four years.

Florence was the national secretary for the NFRA for five years. She served on the camp committee for the Whispering Pines Girl Scout Camp on Organization Ridge. Florence was president one year and treasurer 10 years for the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club.

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She is currently treasurer for this Association and has been for nine years. She is also the treasurer of the Loma-Sabino land exchange group and has been for over three years.

Now aren't those quite impressive volunteer resumes? Besides all the work they do for the mountain, they are both just as active in community affairs in Tucson. It's no wonder we gave them a standing ovation!

When asked why she does this, Florence will tell you it's because she's interested and she doesn't mind giving the time. We also happen to know she loves the people, and this is a way to keep in touch with many old friends and still make more new friends every year.

They have been on the mountain since 1966. They are long time permittees on Forest Service land...so long they have seen the Forest Service lease fee go from \$60 a year to over \$1000 this year.

Joe and Florence celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last December. Their daughter, Judy Kreloff of Tucson, was able to attend the dinner with them last month.

Our congratulations to two of the mountain's best!

Boys' Ranch awarded Campground Host permit

At the annual dinner, Tom Quinn, our District Ranger for the Coronado National Forest, informed us of the new permittee for the Campground Host position. This year the Arizona Boy's Ranch of Oracle has competed for and been awarded the permit.

The Ranch had to convince the Forest Service folks that the boys (ages 15-18) could handle the job and would be adequately supervised. Being thus assured, they were given the job with the possibility of getting it again next year if all goes well.

The boys will be maintaining and cleaning the grounds and collecting the camping and day use fees. Instead of being paid from the proceeds, they will be returning the profits to the Forest Service coffers to use for further improvements.

This kind of work gives these boys the opportunity to learn things like custodial services, construction skills, interacting with the public, handling money and learning accounting skills.

Besides managing the Rose Canyon, Spencer and Shower's Point Campgrounds, the boys will be regularly cleaning up the vista points and removing graffiti. At the old radar base the boys will fix up the barracks and work on trail construction and maintenance.

The Forest service folks also tell me that just the presence of an organized group like this tends to discourage parties and curb other inappropriate behavior. All us mountain residents are in favor of that! We wish the Arizona Boys' Ranch the best of luck with this project...one that should benefit everybody.



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Upcoming Events

- May 13 ↔ 30
Rural Arts Traveling Exhibit at ...and Other Treats Gallery
- May 21 1:30 p.m.
Arts Reception with Tucson Repertory Singers ...and Other Treats Gallery
- May 28 Noon
Annual Memorial Day Potluck Dinner at Fire House
- May 28 7 ↔ 9 p.m.
Art Reception at ...and Other Treats Gallery
- June 4
Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club meeting at Sharon Landeen's
- June 18 7 ↔ 9 p.m.
Art Reception at ...and Other Treats Gallery



Annual Dinner News...

By Dannie Hayhurst, Pres. MLHA

Some things just get better with age, like cheeses, wines and our Annual Homeowners' Dinners. Thanks to Sheri Lee who made the arrangements for our dinner at the Savoy Opera House again. Over 140 of you paid to attend.

Speakers included Pima County District 4 Supervisor Paul Marsh; Water Co-op President Alex Carrillo, Catalina District Ranger Tom Quinn; ML Fire Board Chairman Bob Zimmerman and Fire Chief Phil Anselmi.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Summitt Award to Florence and Joe Wilhoite. Look for the article marking their accomplishments and volunteerism to the betterment of the community.

We nominated and elected some fine folks to the Homeowner's Board this year for a three year term. Your neighbors on the board include Bob Evison, Paul Hawkins, Pete Kraus, John Mulay, Fran Zimmerman and Chuck Autrey elected that night, as well as Frannie-Crowe, Red Greth, Sandra Ostapuk, Carrie Reitz, Sheri Lee, Florence Wilhoite and Larry Waldron. You'll recognize some of these names on other boards involved in community activities. Sadly, Susan Garcia resigned from the Homeowner's Board last month. She has been an active part of our board for many years and will be missed.

Deputy Jess Hartman will be replaced next month by Jerry Gatenbey. Thanks to Deputy Jess for his work on the mountain, and we welcome Deputy Jerry Gatenbey.

Thanks also to the many fine businesses that donated door prizes.

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Girl Scouts to work in Rose Canyon this year

This summer the Vail Service Unit of the Girl Scouts of America will install a sidewalk and create another picnic area in Rose Canyon. Each year for the last fifteen years this Unit has completed a special project in the Forest. Last year Scouts put in the aggregate sidewalks to some of the picnic areas in lower and middle Bear Canyon. Nice work, Scouts!

The dumpsters are returning...

BFI has placed the dumpsters back on the mountain, with the support of Pima County tax dollars and the U.S. Forest Service. Most of the locations are the same as last year, although at this writing, the dumpster near the comfort station in the village has not yet been placed. Ski Valley, Marshall's Gulch, Spencer Canyon, Palisades Comfort Station, Molina Basin and Bear Canyon are the locations for the dumpsters.

Starting May 1 through October, they will be serviced on Tuesdays and Fridays. The same rules as last year apply - household garbage

and rubbish only. NO CONSTRUCTION OR BUILDING MATERIALS, PAINTS OR LARGE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS.

Remember the dumpsters in the picnic areas are for the picnickers use only. Any questions, please contact Eldon Knop, Pima County Solid Waste Management at 740-3043.



Rural Arts "Best Ever" traveling exhibition returns to Summerhaven

...and Other Treats Gallery is once again sponsoring the Mt. Lemmon stopover of the Rural Arts Traveling Exhibition. The show will be at Summerhaven Suites and Sweets May 13 - 30 for your viewing. The reception will be Saturday, May 21st with the Tucson Repertory Singers entertaining at 1:30 p.m..

The gallery, as many of you already know, has been expanded and there is more space to show artwork inside. Mt. Lemmon artists represented in the exhibit are Jimmy Cox, oil; Priscilla Johnson, watercolor; Mary Moran, pastels; Gini Thatcher, photography and drawing; and Sonni Wendt, weaving. Other rural areas of Pima County have provided the show with some excellent pieces of sculpture, beading, and basket weaving as well as painting in all media.

This year the Rural Arts Committee was quite selective, ensuring quality work for your enjoyment. The artists were provided insurance covering their work as well

as supervised hanging and packing. Gini Thatcher put together and transported the show during the time that the Tucson Pima Arts Council was without a rural director and is proud to bring you this show which she considers the best yet.

This show will kick off the summer gallery showings on selected Saturday evenings for Gallery open house or receptions with artists present. There have been lots of inquiries about the summer schedule along with many positive comments about last year's shows.

The music will mostly be provided by the duo "Gumbo" who entertained so well last summer. Refreshments contributed by Summerhaven Suites and Sweets. With new indoor space, bad weather will no longer cause cancellations.

There may be some daytime music on holiday weekends. Stop by or call for times and list of artists.

Open House on Saturdays from 7-9 p.m. on the following dates:

May 28, June 18, July 4, 16, and 30, August 13 and 27 and September 3.

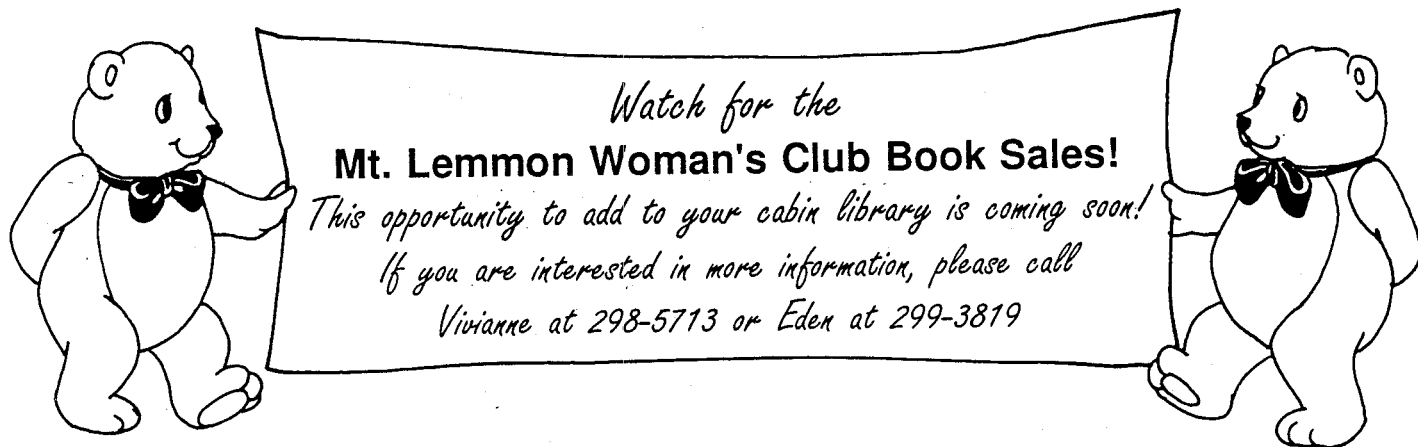
Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club News...

By Sharon Thomas. Pres. MLWC

Our sincere appreciation and thank you to Regina Rhind for opening her home and preparing a wonderful spring luncheon for us. It was lovely.

At that time, election of officers for the two year term includes Sharon Thomas, president; Fran Zimmerman, 1st V.P.; Olga Pace, 2nd V.P.; Dannie Hayhurst, secretary; and Jo Ann Foor, treasurer. Thanks to all those who have donated their time to serving this board. I truly appreciate it.

The month of June will signal our move back to Mt. Lemmon for our meetings. Our June 4 meeting will be held at the cabin of Sharon Landeen. Be sure to mark your calendars for the annual Silver Membership Tea on June 25 at the cabin of B.J. Singh.



Free fire safety cabin inspections available

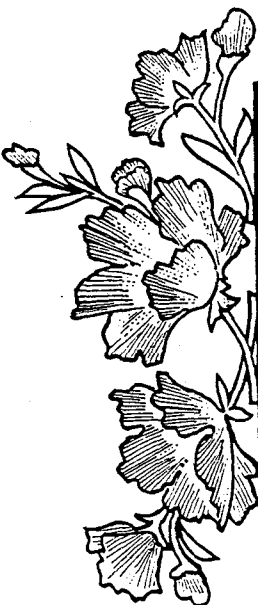
By Phil Anselmi, Chief MLFD

As we start into the wild land fire season, anticipating a busy year, we are asking all persons to be more than careful with fires. We are offering a free cabin inspection this year to inspect inside, and/or outside with suggestions of ways to make your cabin more fire safe. Set up an appointment by calling the station at 576-1201, and we request that the cabin owner be present when the inspection is conducted.

If you haven't done so already, please stop by the fire station and pick up your cabin address numbers. Post them in an easily seen location as they assist any emergency personnel in locating your cabin.

We are in the process of finalizing the annual budget for the department and anticipate it to be \$180,000. We are proposing a wage increase for starting firefighters and establishing a position of Captain which we are in need of. The budget will be posted for review and voted upon at the June Fire Board meeting.

During the month of April we responded to a total of 15 calls, the majority around MP 16. They included a rollover with 7 people, most under the age of 18. While only one was seriously injured, we had to transport all patients because of age. A serious motorcycle accident at Rose Canyon turnoff left its rider seriously injured. He lost control while attempting to pass another vehicle.



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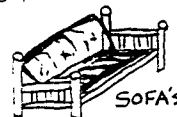
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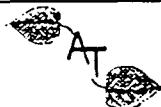
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