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***Memorial Pot Luck / Annual Water Co-op Meeting & Talent Show all
scheduled for May 28th, 1995 - Sunday starting at 4PM***

Mark your calendars Sunday May 28th for the 2nd Mt. Lemmon Talent Show* (indubitably the funniest most entertaining evening you can expect to spend on the mountain)! Just ask anyone who attended the 1st talent show!!! Mt. Lemmon Fire Department needs your talents - good or questionable - we take it all. There is a minimum charge of \$3.00 -and the money collected and any added donations will go to the fire department to buy much needed safety equipment (including air packs) for the fire fighters. The Talent(?) Show starts immediately following the MLHO Pot Luck and the Water Board Meeting. Since you should already be there - **JUST STAY & HAVE A BALL OR BETTER YET - ENTERTAIN US ALL!**

Please call the **MLFD** to reserve your spot on the showbill. Don't be left out - call now- All talents accepted. 576-1201 And, yes, if you don't participate voluntarily, Sarah Roads may be a little persuasive.
**no talent necessary, anyone can apply*

MLHO's ANNUAL

DINNER at the Savoy Opera House in Trail Dust Town was held on April 18th. Attendance was outstanding; over 160 attended. We appreciate the involvement of the homeowners to community functions. The Program began at 8 PM with speaker Pima County Supervisor Paul Marsh. Paul encouraged the

homeowners to contact his office if there were any problems on the mountain, that he could help. He announced that Mt. Lemmon never calls his office to complain.... Water Co-op President **Larry Waldron** followed up with the recent accomplishments of the water Co-op. District Ranger **Tom Quinn** spoke about a concept starting to surface making the Mt. Lemmon highway a toll road. Before anyone who didn't attend the meeting gets too excited, remember: this is only being discussed. The Dept. of Agriculture does not have the manpower to make this happen - and the political winds are changing very quickly away from this idea. Tom Quinn also spoke about the latest contracts on the future road improvements. Bids may be made by late this summer, with work starting late winter or early next spring on the next few miles of highway up from milepost 7 at the base. Mt. Lemmon Fire Chief **John Roads** was introduced to the homeowners and spoke on the importance of fire prevention. He updated us on the fire department's problems and needs. **Florence and Joe Wilhoite**, last years Summitt Award winners, introduced this year's recipients- **Fred and Olga Pace**. Door prizes were given throughout the evening. The meeting portion was quick, informative, and the feedback from those attending was that once again it proved to be an enjoyable evening!

**Congratulations
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WATER NEWS :

**By Larry Waldron, President ,
Mt. Lemmon Co-operative Water**

Mt Lemmon Domestic Water Improvement District Survey

Please study the following information and return the attached non-binding survey. Your response is valuable in determining the course of action the water board will take in regards to forming or not pursuing a water improvement district.

Definition of a domestic water improvement district:

A domestic water district is a quasi-municipal corporation which operates under an elected board of directors. It is primarily for the formation of a district where the water treatment facilities and distributions system already exist.

Steps in the formation process:

1. Set district boundaries
2. Petition district property owners (51% of real value or 51% of owners needed)
3. Pima county board of supervisors holds a public hearing and gives approval
4. County appoints a temporary district board of directors
5. County engineer designs system and estimates costs needed for improvements
6. Public hearing on improvements and costs

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7. Contractor awarded project
 8. Assess each property owner (options are to pay in full or sell district bonds)
- Powers of water district as set forth through the Arizona revised statutes:

1. Set water rates
2. Petition the county to set ad valorem tax rate for operation and maintenance
3. Board authority to operate the water system as needed
4. Enter into contracts for improvements and services
5. Construct and repair waterworks facilities
6. Sell or dispose of district property

The boards reason for wanting to form a domestic water improvement district:

To acquire the Mt. Lemmon Co-Operative Water Company, Inc. and improve, extend, or enlarge the system and to make other local water improvements. The financing of such improvements will be by special assessments, setting and collecting water rates, fees and charges, and issuing district improvement bonds. Property taxes within the district are for the operation and maintenance of the district.

Reasons to approve the formation:

1. Avoid Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) delays and regulations
2. Eliminate current Coop taxes (property \$8,000 and vehicle license taxes)
3. Elected board of directors responsible to the county board of supervisors
4. Local control and not ACC controlled
5. District has access to county legal, technical and financial assistance

6. Local district board has right to set rates and fees
7. District assessments and ad valorem taxes are income tax deductible
8. Success of those districts formed in outlying areas of northern Arizona

Reasons to oppose the formation:

1. Governmental regulations (must abide to bid process, reporting, meetings)
2. Cash bond required when petition is filed (bond lost if formation fails)
3. Continual re-evaluation process (public hearings)
4. Potential for increased administration costs

The survey is on the following page so you can keep the information in this article handy for future reference.

Please return this survey to:

Larry Waldron
4470 North Cerritos Dr.
Tucson, Az. 85745

or drop survey off at Mt. Lemmon Realty office. The Water Coop board would like to have this survey before the Annual Water Coop Meeting May 28th, 1995.

Memorial Day Annual

MLHO Potluck

Sunday - May 28th 4PM
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1. Are you a current customer of the Mt. Lemmon Water Coop?

___ YES ___ NO

2. Are you willing to support the formation of a domestic water improvement district?

___ YES ___ NO

If your answer is no, what is your major concern?

- ___ Lack of information
- ___ Preference to remain a cooperative
- ___ Prefer the security of the ACC (corporation commission) protecting you
- ___ You think the district will increase water costs too rapidly
- ___ You think the district will increase water rates too high
- ___ No interest
- ___ Other _____

3. Are you satisfied with the current water company?

___ YES ___ NO

If your answer is no, why?

- ___ Administration (Board, Employees, Billing Company)
- ___ Rates are to high
- ___ Water quality is poor
- ___ Too many water outages
- ___ Water pressure is too high or too low
- ___ Lengthy delays in service
- ___ Other _____

4. What do you consider most important? (1-most important, 4-least important)

- ___ Water rates
- ___ Water quality
- ___ Water availability
- ___ Timely service

5. What do you think the water coop's biggest problem is?

- ___ Water filtration and compliance
- ___ Lack of water storage
- ___ Lack of administration
- ___ Finances

6. Would informational meetings in Summerhaven be beneficial?

___ YES ___ NO

Mt. Lemmon Cooperative Water Board is looking for a few good people to serve on it's Board. If you want to make a difference and have the time to get involved please contact Larry @ 743-3034

Mt. Lemmon Fire Station Wish List

- * 400 sf of Peel & Stick Floor Tile
- * Sand Paper
- * Wood Varnish
- * 6 Kitchen Chairs
- * Pre-hung 36" Rt. Side hollow core Door
- * 5 sheets of 3/4" Plywood
- * Carpet for dayroom, stairway
- * Garbage disposal
- * Volunteer with electrical expertise
- * Volunteer with electronics expertise
- * Volunteer to teach testing Level 1 IOV electrical circuits

**WE APPRECIATE ALL HELP
AND GIFTS OFFERED!**

BIRDS AND BEES, FLOWERS AND TREES

By Sheri Lee

Last year we seemed to have more than the usual number of skunks, or at least it smells that way. Having descended skunks as a kid, I am rather fond of these critters.

As a pet, they are somewhat between a cat and a dog in independence. They like to snuggle and will curl up into a ball and sleep in your lap ... or in your bed. There are two kinds of North American skunks - striped and spotted. When buying a pet you will pay more for the striped one with perfect markings, and few are perfect.

As I recall, my first perfect skunk cost \$17 (in the 1950's) and came by U.S. mail from St. Louis. She was the size of a chipmunk and slept curled up in my hand. I trained her to use a litter box and tricked her into sleeping at night instead of prowling. But when she was older she slept all day, no matter what, and scuffed around the house all night.

Skunks are *very* near sighted. At night they can see all of seven feet, and in the daytime just barely two feet.

They are carnivores. My Skunks loved crickets and grubs. Every day I took a spade and dug holes (this was in soft Wisconsin soil) and my skunks would pounce on bugs. They also liked raw eggs and canned dog food.

When skunks are disturbed they usually stamp their front feet as a warning.

This may or may not mean they will spray. As a pet it just meant that the golf ball rolled under the sofa or the blanket was not quite right in her bed.

But if a wild skunk stamps its feet, assume the worst and move on ... *fast!*

OTHER TIDBITS.....

*Woman Slain, Husband missing and his car last seen on Mt. Lemmon highway husband **still not found** that was accused of killing wife

*We were notified that we would soon know what the election costs for last November's Fire Board election would be ... we'll keep you updated. We are told that the bill would be more in line with the costs of previous elections.

***thanks** to these business for their donations of door prizes :

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Subway, Checker Auto, Chuy's, ABCO Foods, Thomas Cleaners, Dairy Queen, Walgreen's, Kimball Springs Gift Shop, General Store, Cafe & Bakery, and Mt. Lemmon Realty. They are kind enough to support our organizations ... if you have the opportunity - please reciprocate. Special thanks to the efforts of **Red Greth and Paul Hawkins** in collecting these gifts as door prizes at the Annual April Dinner

**One hundred eight years ago this month ...* May of 1887 Mt. Lemmon felt a big earthquake estimated as a Richter 7.6. A Forest Service account from the Historical Society quotes this account of that quake: "when the quake struck the old Santa Catalina mountains great slices of the mountain gave away and went tumbling down into the canyons, huge clouds of smoke or dust descended into the blue sky high above the queenly mountains. In less than one hour, all the mountains in view in this section had forest fires in several places started by rock avalanches which caused friction setting fire to dry dry trees and leaves. Over the summit of Mt. Lemmon for quite awhile after the shock hovered a huge dark canopy of smoke or dust until it gradually faded away." Those huge boulders in the yards of homes in the Skyline Country Club area came down from the mountain tops during that quake. *108 years ago this month*

Control Burn Planned Soon

The Santa Catalina Ranger District sent out a notice for a control burn and had initially planned the burn for the week of April 17th - you all remember that snowfall April 19th - well that put a damper on the control burn.

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The date is now postponed for sometime later in May. So if you see smoke billowing up between milepost 16.5 South of Willow Canyon (around Lizard Rock area) and milepost 20 (around the Girl Scout Camp), about the middle of May, that will be the forest Service accomplishing their prescribed burn. The Forest Service plans to scorch approximately 170 acres. Our Fire Department hopes to take advantage of the prescribed burn to practice their fire fighting skills.

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SUMMERHAVEN MEMORIES

Lyle Genung, a long time resident of the mountain, was kind enough to share some of her family history of Mt. Lemmon at the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club meeting in March. With her permission, we'd like to share the rest of her story with you. We printed part one in the last issue. This is the final part. In her own words, this continues Lyle Genung's own Summerhaven Memories continued from Echoes April Issue.

By Lyle Genung

Mrs. Eastman saw an ad from a Mr. E.W. Childs who owned the General Store in Mammoth. His wife had recently died and he needed a housekeeper for his small children while he ran the store. My Grandmother applied for and was accepted for the job. So she and my mother and Aunt Alice moved to Mammoth. Mr. Childs had 6 children to be taken care of. The three youngest were his natural children, and the three older ones were adopted by him from his deceased wife's 1st marriage to Louis Ezekiel who had been the owner of the Mammoth General Store before Mr. Childs. Luckily my Grandmother didn't have to cook as Mr. Childs had a Chinese cook and the older children helped take care the younger ones and do the chores. In October 1909 my Grandmother married Mr. Childs and on December 1, 1911 my Aunt Ernestine was born. She is the link between the Eastman girls and the large Childs family. Her name is now Ernestine Contzen.

From 1913 - 1918 John Knagge and 3 of his sons operated a mule and burro pack train up the trails on the southside of the Catalina Mountains. Supplies for Summerhaven and Soldier's Camp were brought up on this pack train. Their headquarters were in Lower Sabino Canyon near the present visitor's Center and the old Lowell Ranger Station. In 1915 the Summerhaven Land & Improvement Company was formed by 10 men with my step-grandfather E.W. Childs as president. In 1916 the SLI purchased the old Weber or Webber Homestead which was patented in 1910. They named the area Summerhaven (all one word) and built three cabins - one of which belonged to Mr. Childs and my Grandmother and was called "Heart's Desire". The cabin was located just south of the present Kimball Springs bakery building which was originally owned by the Telephone Company. There was a spring directly behind the Child's cabin and both the Kimball cabin and the Childs cabin used that water. hence Kimball Springs! In 1916 improvement of the access road up the northside of the Catalinas was talked about because it went through the mining district but ended at Stratton's Mine. It was also partly in Pinal County. Finally, the road was built by a coalition of Pima and Pinal Counties, the Forest Service and the Copper Mining Company. The new route was completed in 1920. It took five hours if the weather was good and could take eight hours to drive the 75 miles from Tucson to Summerhaven. Remember, none of the washes had bridges where they

crossed Oracle Road or the Florence Highway. Canyon del Oro Wash begins on the northside of the Catalinas just below the present Ski Lodge. So rain on the mountain ended up coming down the Canyon del Oro Wash. This new road put the Knagge Pack Train out of business but the Knagges still had a cabin at the end of Carter Canyon Road that is now owned by Fred Neasham. The original cabin is still there. Sharon Thomas can tell you about the original cabin when it was owned by Randolph Jenks. The new road also had a problem because the last 7 miles from Stratton's to Summerhaven was only wide enough for one car. Therefore a Control road was established for those 7 miles. Cars could go up from

(The sign over the control Road stated you have 1 1/2 hours to reach the other end. this Control Road ends 7 miles from here. Drive carefully Dangerous curves Under penalty don't be caught moving up hill except during the above hours by order of the board of supervisors, Pima county, Az) Once the road was open on the northside, Jim and Leta Westfall built a lodge in 1921 and named it the Mariposa Lodge. In 1921 my folks started building a cabin in Carter Canyon on land leased from the Forest Service by my Dad, Herbert A. Morrison. The cabin is set back from the corner of Miner's Ridge Rd. and Carter Canyon Road. They built the cabin themselves using a cross cut saw to cut down the pine trees that the Forest Service had marked. The trees were above

was not foremost in my life because we had always traveled to the mountain by way of Oracle. By the time it was completed I was married, had two children with one on the way. The road up the front side has been wonderful for our children and grandchildren. Although when our son Herb and his family lived in San Manuel in the late 1980's he wished the old road up the Northside had been open to a regular vehicle so he could take his family to the cabin without having to come to Tucson first!

Otis Chedister & the Boy Scout Camp origin in the next issue

Young People's Library for Summer

The young people's library, sponsored by the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club is now located at 11249 E Carter Cyn Rd, Summerhaven. This is the residence of Phil Archambault and Nancy Goodwin. With summer vacation approaching, be sure to come by so that your children will be able to check out books while on the mountain. For information, phone 576-1245 or 296-7993. The interest level of available books is planned for the youngest of children up through those in their early teens. The reading difficulty ranges from books for beginning readers up to those books requiring adult reading ability. If your children have assigned summer reading, we have new books that are on approved lists.



Lyle Morrison Genung with Father Herb Morrison at cabin in Carter Cyn Summer 1929



Lyle Morrison Genung 1995

the lot so they used a peavey to drag them down to the lot after they cut them. The cabin is built with logs in an upright position.

From 1927 to the summer of 1938 my mother and I spent the entire summer at our cabin. My Dad came up each weekend. This was true of the many families who had cabins in Summerhaven and Soldiers Camp. In 1926 the road up the southside of the Catalinas was talked about. In 1933 construction began. This road

Stratton's between 8 & 9, 11 & 12, 2 & 3, and 5 & 6 AM and PM. If you got caught in between times you had to pull off the road so that a car coming down could get by you. Then you had to wait until the next "up time" came around before you could continue up to Summerhaven.



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Dumpsters are back
on the mountain - two are presently situated next to the "comfort station" for use by the residents as well as the general public. Hopefully, a less conspicuous location can be found before long.

Important Dates

- May 1 - Dumpsters are on the mountain
- May 15 Spenser Cyn open - everything else but Whitetail Campground is open already
- May 30 4PM Pot luck - bring a dish to share and a donation of \$2.50 per person @ Fire Station
- May 30 5PM Annual Mt. Lemmon Water Co-op Meeting @ Fire Station
- May 30 6PM Talent Show @ Fire Station
- June 7 12:30 MLWC Meeting Bea Shirley's cabin
- June 10 hikers get ready for the trails
- June 24 2 PM MLWC Annual Membership Tea
- July 4th 12 noon Parade down main street

A Message from OUR Deputy

Motor vehicle accidents on the Mt. Lemmon highway, unfortunately, are a fact of life. For those of us who drive the highway often, and experience first hand the driving habits, or lack there of, of some of the motorists who visit the mountain, we're surprised that there aren't more and more serious accidents on the highway. As Deputy Sheriff assigned to


patrol, the responsibility to investigate those accidents lies with me and at times, this has been one of the more dangerous aspects of my job, but with a little cooperation and exercise in common sense we can reduce the risks to everyone involved. At an accident scene, after providing care for an injured victim, one of our top priorities is to clear the roadway, get traffic moving smoothly again and begin our investigation of the causes of the accident. This requires me to stand in the roadway to direct traffic and take measurements – not something I'm fond of doing. If you happen to drive upon an accident scene and see either a law enforcement officer or someone designated by them to direct traffic such as a fire fighter, just pay attention and follow directions. This is imperative and failure to do so is a misdemeanor.

Another problem I often have to deal with at accident scenes is well intentioned people who want to offer their help *and* other not-so-well intentioned people who want to offer their criticisms of my job performance (or their opinions of me as a human being). Arizona law allows peace officers to "command a person to aid" (again to refuse is a misdemeanor) and I've never been shy about asking for help when I needed it. However, when these people , good intentions or not, stop in the middle of an accident scene and divert my attention from my duties this puts everyone in danger. And when this happens, I sometimes forget to be the smiling, personable deputy everyone is used to seeing on the mountain.

Believe it or not, I've received complaints from some people whose feelings were hurt by something I may have said to them at the time. The bottom line is this; the nature of my work is dangerous and I perform my duties to the best of my ability to provide for public safety. I'm also motivated by a strong desire to return, unhurt, to my wife and family at the end of every shift. As I stated at the beginning of the article, a little cooperation, common sense and consideration will go along way to achieve both goals. by Deputy Ed Hardesty

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The photo on the back of the cover page is the Morrison cabin being erected in Carter Canyon in 1921

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