

# *The* Mt. Lemmon *Echoes*

*Serving the Homeowners of Mt. Lemmon*

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## ***Mt. Lemmon Water Co-op News***

By Alex Carrillo

The annual meeting of the Mt. Lemmon Co-operative., Inc. was held at the Mt. Lemmon Fire Station on May 29th, 1995. The meeting was called to order by Ross Quigley as President Larry Waldron, vacationing off the coast of Alaska aboard a cruise ship, was unable to attend board. An annual meeting report prepared by President Waldron was read and it outlined the major events of the past year. There are some items that were of significant importance and will impact the current and future members and users.

The first is the rate increase which was recently granted by the Arizona Corp. Commission. Tied to this rate increase was an order for the Water Co-op to apply for financing for the cost of two filtration systems estimated to be about \$160,000. We have recently had an engineering study completed that indicates the cost of these systems will far exceed this amount and more likely be in excess of \$300,000. In addition, there is a great need to complete the transmission line from Loma

Linda to the pump house net to the Alpine. This will require approximately \$200,000 to complete. We have started the process to obtain funding from Farm and Home. If this funding is approved, it will then be reason for review by the Corporation commission for an additional rate increase for the purchase of additional storage and the upgrade of the many undersized and inadequate distribution lines.

The second item of concern is the formation of a Water District. This has been studied by the Board for the past five years and while we think this is the answer to the Co-ops many needs, we do not think that we are able to answer the many questions that you the members and property owners have. **The Board solicits your questions and concerns and encourages anyone to please submit them in writing so that they may be researched and answered.** In addition, anyone who can spare some time and would be willing to work on the Water District issue, please let President Waldron or any board member know. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated by the entire community.

We know it takes time to write

your concerns about the formation of a Water District and time is valuable to all. So why not invest this time in your future water quality and availability. If you fail to raise your concerns, then your thoughts can not be considered in making the final decision.

Lastly was the legal battle with Forest Service over water rights. While we have recently had a favorable ruling, it is far from over and appears that we will have to expend monies to insure our rights are secured. While we would like to come to a reasonable and equitable resolution of this issue with Forest Service, the present indications are that it will take additional legal action.

There were four openings on the Board and fortunately, four members of the community agreed to serve. Ross asked for additional nominations from the floor and when there were none, asked the membership to accept these four nominees by acclamation. The four were: **John Jones, John Gay, Roger Early and Dennis Haynes** and were unanimously accepted.

Many thanks to these four who are willing to give of their time and energies to serve the community through service on the Water Board. After eight years on the Board, **I'm not sure whether to offer congratulations or condolences.**

# LAND EXCHANGE COMPLETE LOMA-SABINO PINES SUBDIVISION ESTABLISHED

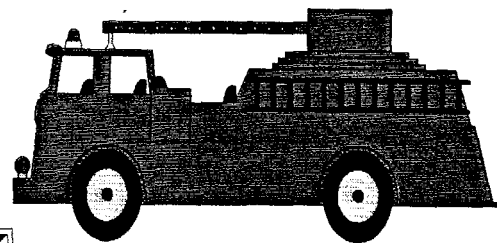
by Sheri Lee, secretary for Loma-Sabino Pines

After five long years of negotiation and studies, lawyers fees and escrow fees, the Forest Service no longer owns the land upon which our cabins sit. We are relieved and happy to be property tax paying private land owners. The Loma-Sabino Pines and the Carter Canyon Estates homeowners wish to say thanks their hard working Board of Directors for all the effort and long hours put in getting this exchange completed. And a special thanks to local Forest Service for all the cooperation and assistance.

What this means to us financially and psychologically is we can now count on owning our cabins as long as we wish and not just until the Forest Service in Washington decides to cancel our leases. It means it is now worthwhile to spend money for a new roof, an indoor bathroom, a furnace, a deck, etc. because the money we spend on improvements won't be lost with a canceled lease.

Our Associations will operate under strict Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (C C & Rs) to keep the same, or higher, area standards as previously required by Forest Service. A busy road committee is working to maintain and improve our roads. An ac-

tive architectural committee is working to insure that all additions and improvements to the structures are in keeping to community standards. In general, we anticipate the area being greatly improved.



## Fire Dept Updates by Chief John Roads

Well things have definitely picked up around the fire station. On May 7th, we hired another new firefighter - **Robert Borker**. Robert comes to us from the Sierra Vista area with experience as an EMT and forest firefighter. Robert is currently looking for a place to live, so if you know of any available cabins, please contact the station.

The call volume has also picked up. There were 7 calls in March. The number jumped to 20 in April and up to 29 in May. For the first five months of this year, we already passed half the calls from 1994, and the season has just begun. There were only two reported motor vehicle accidents in May and both turned out to be false alarms. The big concern was fall related injuries. 11 calls were related to falls, several with very serious injuries and three of which required multi-agency operations with Pima County Sheriff, Search and Rescue, Rural Metro Paramedics, Forest Service, and DPS and Medi-Vac helicopters for

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extrication. The fire related activities included two illegal burns (trash) and two minor brush fires.

Other activities at the station included training and fundraising. Several reserves are continuing the EMT course being sponsored by TMC. These people should be certified by next month. Another group is about to complete the **Basic Wildland Firefighter** course. This group received special training with hands on experience at the Girl Scout Camp prescribed burn. On that subject, several Mt. Lemmon personnel spent three days assisting the Forest Service on the Girl Scout Camp and Willow Canyon area burns. The involvement provided valuable training and practice in preparing for the summer wild fire season.

On May 28th, a fundraising event was held at the station. The evening started with the Homeowner's Association Pot Luck Dinner. The dinner was followed by the Water Coop's annual meeting, then a local artists talent show. Many acts were presented showing a variety of talents. Between the Pot Luck dinner and the Talent Show, a total of **\$878.50** was raised for the fire department. All the proceeds will go to purchase firefighter safety equipment, specifically, wildland **firefighting helmets**. Many thanks to all who participated in and aided in putting together the show, and many thanks to all

who donated so generously.

**Upcoming events:** The Chili Heads of Arizona will be presenting the **1995 Fire & Ice Chili Cookoff** on Saturday, **June 10th at Kimball Springs from 10-4**. The proceeds from this event will also benefit the ML Fire Department.



### So You Want to Be A ChiliHead ?

ChiliHeads of Arizona Inc., is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting chili while supporting various charities. We are affiliated with Chili Appreciation Society International (CASI). CASI affiliated pods (clubs) gave over \$900,000.00 to charity last year. We cook Texas Red Rod Chili, which means there are no beans or other filters. The chilis are judged on the following criteria: 1.Color 2. Aroma 3. Taste 4.Aftertaste 5.Consistency You are required to provide everything you need to cook with (i.e. stove, pots, etc.). The health department requires you to cook under cover, so you will have to supply a canopy of some sort. If you just want to try cooking to see if you like it, one of our cooks will allow you to cook under their cover. Cash prizes are prohibited. We cook for trophy's and to accumulate points towards the CASI Terlingua International Championship held each November in Terlingua, Texas. To give you an idea of what competition chili looks and tastes like, sample as many chili's as you can today. Ask questions, our cooks will always help you if you ask. So why not join us? Any Questions Call 602-299-6838 or contact **ChilHeads of AZ , 3640 Saguaro Shadows, Tucson AZ. 85730**

\*\*\***Fire & Ice Chili cookoff Saturday, June 10 at Kimball Springs from 10AM to 4 PM**\*\*\*

#### PUBLIC HEARING

June 20 1995

Mt. Lemmon Fire District

PO Box 759, Mt Lemmon, AZ 85619

PROPOSED BUDGET

The Board of Trustees of the Mt. Lemmon Fire District will hold a public hearing prior to the adoption of the 1995-96 Budget at a meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 20, 1995 at 4 PM at the Mt. Lemmon Fire Station, 13170 N. Oracle Control Road, Mt Lemmon, 85619.

Proposed 1995-96

#### INCOME:

Property Taxes	106,500
Assistance Tax	52,584
Fire & EMS Services	15,000
Grants	12,500
Other Revenue	6,200
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>192,784</b>

#### EXPENSES:

Personnel Expense	126,621
Operating Expense	29,512
Other Services & Charges	27,461
Capital Reserves & Outlay	9,190
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>192,784</b>

## BIRDS AND BEES, FLOWERS AND TREES & AMERICAN ROBINS

by Sheri Lee

Where I grew up the sight of a Robin singing in the blossoming apple tree was a thrilling sign that spring had sprung and you told everyone you chanced to meet that you had been your first Robin that day. This spring a pair of American Robins have nested in a young Ponderosa just off our deck. Robins have been so common in my life that I never took the time to read about them until the editor asked for another article.

They are a member thrush family which is characterized by large

eyes, slender beak, brown backs, stout legs and **most** have speckled breasts, or at least all the young do. Robins inhabit most of North America from the tundra to the desert. They spend the winters south of Canada, sometimes migrating as far as Guatemala and Bermuda. Robins migrate in flocks by day, whereas other thrushes migrate by night.

They take off from wintering grounds in huge flocks which break up into smaller and smaller flocks as they progress toward their summer homes until they reach the general areas where they themselves once fledged. It is the older males which arrive with the first flocks and their mates arrive later; the one year old birds trail along by themselves even later.

Robins are monogamous. They prefer to build their nests in conifers 10-20 feet above ground, which is exactly what they did off our deck. The nest is made of grasses held together with mud and then lined with fine grass. She lays four eggs which are nearly always "robin's-egg-blue" but can be white or tan. The eggs measure 1.1 inches in length. She incubates eggs for 12-14 days and when the chicks hatch they are fed mostly insects by both parents. The young birds will fledge in 14-16 days after hatching. The males will care for the first fledged brood while the female incubates second clutch. Often they will even have a third clutch. I wonder about that happening in the Catalinas however, because the Robins seem to all disappear when the July rains come. Do they go

farther north and raise that one last clutch for the season?

The adult's diet is mainly earthworms, with some snails, other insects and fruit, especially berries. Experiments show earthworms are located by sight, not sound which is what most of us mistakenly thought when we were kids. Very few birds use "tools" to find their food, but the Robin has been observed using a twig to sweep aside leaves to find food.

Birds of America published in the early 1840s tells about what kind of birds and bird eggs are good to eat. About the American Robin it said, "...every gunner brings them home by bagsful and the markets are supplied with them at a very cheap rate." As you could guess, it is now illegal to hunt and eat Robins, and most other migrating birds, in North America (also in Europe and Japan).

The American Robin's maximum recorded life span is 13 years and 11 months. I wonder how long the ones nesting in our tree will live considering the terrible battles they've been having with the Steller Jays just to protect the nest.

By the way, should you see a baby Robin or other young bird floundering around on the ground, don't be a "good guy" and pick it up thinking it has fallen out of its nest and needs to be rescued. Most likely the parents are nearby and feeding it regularly.



## Other Tidbits

□ **Marco Moens**, handidog for **Becky Moens** received the Handi Dogs' 1995 DOG OF THE YEAR award. Marco, an australian shepard, was given this highest honor on April 29th. Con - gradulations to Becky, and Marco!

□ Homeowners **Johnny & Pearle Gibson** are proud of the grand-daughter's acedemic accom plish-ments. **Shauna Hourscht**, an 8th grade student at Amphi, has been named a U.S. National Award winner in science. The Academy recognizes less than 10% of all American high school students.

□ Contact from Pima County Dept of Elections has produced a revised bill for the Nov '94 election of \$233.68. That is much easier on the Fire District's budget than the \$1284 bill we received for last November's election originallys.

□ Happy 21st birthday to former Mayor **Mistie Quigley**. We won't publish their ages, but happy birthday to **Sarah Roads**, and **Ed Hardesty**.

□ **Phil Archambault** is re-modeling his cabin on Carter Canyon. The workers covered the garge opening with plywood and painted "No bears allowed beyond this point" on the door opening after **Phil & Nancy** had several visits from a huge brown bear.

# Camp Lawton, Boy Scout Camp

By Otis R. Chidester

After the first charter was issued for Catalina Council, Boy Scouts of America, on the 31st of August, 1919, one of the first projects was to secure a site for a summer camp. A.J. Christenson, "Uncle Al", a cotton farmer and cattle rancher in the Florence area took on the task. He hiked the Mt. Bigelow area of the Santa Catalina Mountains and located four springs. He filed on three of these for the Council, so the title for the most important water producing ones are still the property of the Council. On July 11, 1921, the Forest Service issued a Permit for 3.8 acres for a Scout Camp in the area now occupied by the Palisades Ranger Station. The camp site included spring #2 just across the highway from the Rangers' Station and down as far as the present camp gate. The Brush Corral Trail, as the trail from Soldiers camp was known, cut through the camp and is now the present highway. The Mt. Bigelow fire tower was about one-half mile to the north. In 1922 the first camp was established at the new camp site. This was a "Pack camp" as everything needed in its operation was brought over a four mile trail from Soldiers Camp by burro pack train. Many interesting experiences occurred during these trips. On one occasion the train was spooked by an electrical storm and the burros ran

away scattering Scout luggage and camp supplies for half a mile along the trail -some things were never recovered and a number of Scouts had to double up in sleeping bags until replacements could be secured. Most of the Scouts hiked from lower Sabino to camp over the 18 mile trail.

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Only the more experienced Scouts made the trip in one day; the others took two days, camping at Mud Flats. A few Scouts were lucky enough to have parents or friends drive them to Soldiers Camp via the torturous 75 mile road through Oracle and up the north side of the Catalinas to where the 4 mile trail where camp started. The last seven miles was one-way, and there were certain hours when traffic moved up or down. About every half-mile there was a wide place where you could turnout and wait until the time changed and you could go on. There were clocks at each end of the control road which gave the time that the road could be used in each direction. There was a \$50.00 fine for moving in the control against the clock. The summer of 1933 Camp Lawton was turned over to the Federal Prison Camp to be used as a summer camp. That summer the road

was extended from Soldiers Camp to the Palisades Ranger Station. The summer of 1934 was the first time it was possible to drive all the way to Camp Lawton. The camp had been named after James M. Lawton, a Certified Public Accountant in Tucson, who was the first Council President and had done so much to help develop Camp Lawton and Catalina Council.. As late as 1939 the only buildings at camp were the 18'x24' kitchen and an 8'x12' frame building covered with five or six layers of burlap which was kept wet. It stood by the red fire hydrant which is at the corner of the present screened garbage shed. When the modern kitchen was completed the shed was moved to the west side of the showerhouse, covered with sheet metal and is now used for storage. This is the only building that remains of the early camp.



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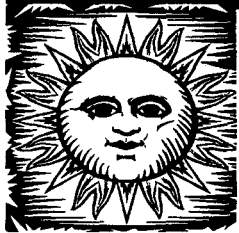




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Books may be checked out whenever **Phil Archambault** and **Nancy Goodwin** are home at the above address.

If your children have assigned summer reading, we have new books that are on the approved lists. Also available are books to read to preschoolers.



For books for the older generation, contact any **MLWC** member to access the books in the Woman's Club. Also, the Woman's Club will be selling books again this year, so if you see one of your old favorites that you'd like to include in your personal library, contact one of the members of the **MLWC**.

## Reading is Fun



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# "As The Lemmon Twists" News from the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club

By Sharon Thomas, President

The Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club is meeting on the mountain. I would like to extend an invitation to all members as well as anyone interested to come and join us. We meet the first Saturday of every month at 12:30 at the cabin of one of our members. For further information, please call me.

Our hiking club will begin on June 10th. Meet at the Post Office at 8AM for a fun morning. These hikes are not difficult. Husbands and other family members and friends are welcome to join us. **Luanne Waldron** will be our trail boss again this year. Thanks Luanne!

**B.J. Singh's** cabin will again be the gathering place for our Silver Membership Tea.

We are collecting valuable rummage for another rummage sale over the Labor Day weekend. **Don't forget our 4th of July parade.** Hope to see you all there. Have a safe and happy summer!



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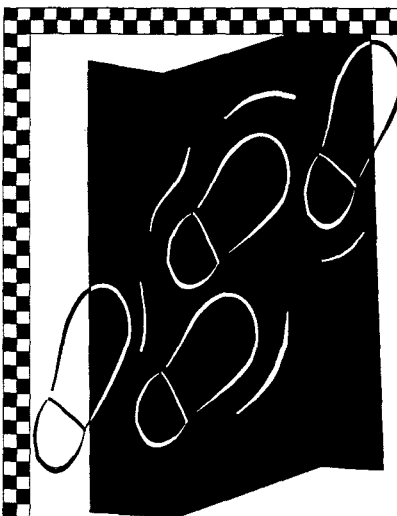
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## UNDISCOVERED TALENT FOUND ON MT. LEMMON

The 2nd Talent Show Fundraiser was an overwhelming success. The goal was to raise enough money to outfit our firefighters with new helmets - and we succeeded. It was possible because you, the contributing members of the community made it happen. *And* because enough of you were willing to tempt the fates and try your hands (and other body parts) at the performing arts, the Talent show worked. Though they received plenty of recognition that Sunday night, we'd like to give these hardy souls credit one more time. **Bob "Hopeless" Zimmerman** MCed for the acts and shared a few "groaners" (although some would like to have called their jokes). Some of the younger members in the audience decided

to challenge Bob's joke telling skills. The acts were, in no particular order: **PJ Buglewicz** on clarinet, **John & Linda Mulay** and **Pat & John Eger** country dancing "Boots & Scoot Boogy", **Nathan Clark** on key-board, **Lee Vought** on keyboard, **Mike DeSchalit's** "Grand Illusion" magic act, **Margo Glen** vocal with guitar, **Kathy Early** and her table cloth pulling act, **Emma McMannis** with modern dance/acrobatic number, **Val McClure & Mike Stanley**, country dance, **Laurie Esquize**l recited to music, dualing drummers were **Jason Adkins** and **John James** accompanied by guitarist **Loyd Parrot**, the Village People, **Fran Zimmerman**, **Debbie Hardesty**, **Dannie Hayhurst**, and **Sarah Roads**, The "Hot Legs Contest" with the Volunteer Firefighters, "Government Decisions" skit with Chief **John Roads**, **Bill Brown**, **Steve Hensel** and **Jerry Gatensby**, and The "von' Hensel Family of Soller's Point singing "Three Little Fishes" and the "Pizza Song". The Three Little Fishes was a real crowd pleaser, and **Asher Arnold** was voted the best legs in the Legs Contest. The money one of the audience members stuck in **Sarah Roads'** tool belt during the Village People'd YMCA act was turned over to the Fire Department later that evening.

Special thanks to Chief **John Roads** and his sister **Sarah Roads** for all their hard work in bribing - I mean, procuring acts for the Talent Show and **Bob Zimmerman** for MCing .



**July 8th Saturday night at the Fire Station 7:30PM**  
**Beginning Square & Line Dance**  
**Community welcome**  
 bring finger foods to share, buy your sodas from the FD soda machine or bring non-alcoholic drinks ..coffee provided

#### Calendar of Events:

**June 10th Loma Sabino Road meeting**  
**June 10th Fire & Ice Chili Cookoff**  
**June 20th 4PM Proposed Budget MLFD**  
**June 24th MLWC Silver Tea**  
**June 30th Return Entries for Parade**  
**July 4th 12 noon Annual 4th of July Parade**  
**July 8th 7:30 Square & Line Dance MLFD**  
 next issue of Echoes due out in July

This Echoes is brought to you courtesy of the Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Association. It is one of the benefits of being a member. Your board members are: **Bob Evison**, *Vice President*, **Fran Crowe**, **Red Greth**, **Paul Hawkins**, **Dannie Hayhurst**, *President*, **Pete Krauss**, **Sheri Lee**, **John Mulay**, **Carolyn Autrey**, **Larry Waldron**, **Florence Wilhoite**, *Treasurer*, **Fran Zimmerman**, *Secretary*, and **Carrie Reitz**. **Dannie Hayhurst** is Publisher and Editor of the Echoes. If there are any questions or articles to submit, contact **Dannie @ 576-1512, 298-6328 or 576-1333**

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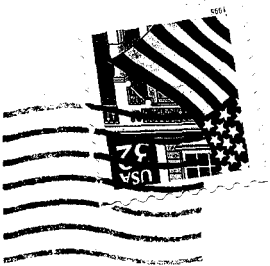
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## Mt. Lemmon Annual July 4th Parade

Tuesday, July 4th, 1995  
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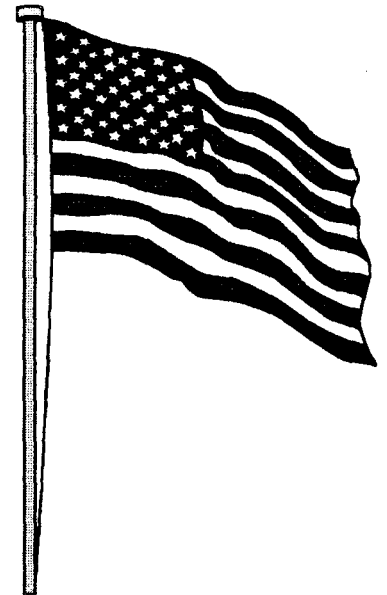
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***Deadline for return of entry will be June 30, 1995***



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