



# The Mt. Lemmon Echoes

*Serving the Homeowners of Mt. Lemmon*

## SEND IN YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY ... deadline April 11th for Annual Homeowners Dinner Tuesday, April 16th

### Annual MLHO Dinner

is the Tuesday evening after your IRS tax forms are due! Held again this year at the Savoy Opera House in Trail Dust Town on Tanque Verde Road, starting at 6PM with cocktails at the no-host bar, steak or marinated chicken dinner at 7PM and Program starting at 8PM. Door prizes will be drawn through out the evening! We need to give the Savoy a head count by April 11th so please respond now. Send in your reservations now while this form is in front of you if you haven't already! Remember there's a reason people refer to our postal system as "snail mail".

**Speakers include** Pima County Supervisor Paul Marsh, District Ranger Tom Quinn, Fire Chief John Roads, Water Co-op President Larry Waldron, Sheriff's Department District Commander Lt. Frank Duarte and the 1996 Summitt

Award recipient. You'll get the latest updates on the road construction, future control burns, (which may end up way in the future considering weather conditions), water issues, and safe guarding your cabin through what may be the worst drought/fire season of the decade. We'll have security profile sheets available for you to fill out or update for the sheriff's department and property tax protest forms available at the table where you pick up your name tags.

**We'll also be electing board members.** Of the present board members, Frannie Crowe, Red Greth, Sheri Lee, Larry Waldron, Florence Wilhoite, and Carrie Reitz terms are expiring. These board members are willing to serve another 3 year term. If you think you ☺ have an interest in serving on the Homeowners Board, please

contact one of the board members (list on last page of Echoes) and find out what is involved time-wise and energy-wise to serve.

We are trying a new idea out and are gathering business cards at the dinner for the pertinent information. We will try, with input from you, to have a white page ad of property owners, the name and type of business, and a phone number. This *white page ad* will be published once a year, in the fall with an issue of the Echoes. There will be no charge, and the idea is to be able to network with our neighbors and support their businesses in Tucson or where ever. One of the wonderful things about the Mt. Lemmon community is its giving spirit. Hopefully, this way we can give something back to those who support Mt. Lemmon.

*See reservation form on front cover*

## **Phase IV Mt. Lemmon Highway Reconstruction:**

**Schedule for April 8th -12th : 10 to 15 minute delays, no road closure for this week**

**April 15th : start of total day time closure  
night closures not yet scheduled, so call the**

**Residents Hotline: 690-7140 for  
daily updates**

**Remainder of April through May 31st the highway will open Monday through Thursday from**

**6:30AM - 8:30AM,**

**3:30PM - 6:30PM,**

**10PM -11PM**

**with 15 minute delays or optional one way pilot car operating every 30 minutes. This means full day time and night time closures so plan accordingly!**

operating every 30 minutes. On national holidays and from 6:30AM Fridays to 11PM Sundays there will be no delays. The road reconstruction traffic control schedule lists varying schedules through January 5th, 1997. The schedule from June 2nd through September 21st will be printed again in the May issue of the Echoes. If you have further questions, you can contact Rick Kaneen, or Joan, Local Community Relations for further information call 885-9009.

Remember, traffic delays of any kind are not permitted on weekends between 8:30AM Friday and 11PM Sunday or on national holidays, except for bridge and retaining wall construction which restricts traffic to one lane during non-working periods. For the purposes of these specifications, the day before a holiday will be treated as if it were a Friday and the day after will be treated as if it were a Monday. Throughout the entire project emergency vehicles, including those carrying County, State and US government personnel responding to medical emergency situations, shall be provided access through the work zone immediately upon arrival at the job site. The contractor shall either adjust the road closure periods or provide immediate escorted passage through the work zone for scheduled school bus trips. Maintenance of bicycle and pedestrian traffic is not required.

## **Highway Update**

As you know, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) awarded Granite Construction Company the contract for the next phase of reconstruction from milepost 7.7 to milepost 9.6 and repair work at mileposts 3.5 and 12.7. The latest update, (4/2/96) is that from April 8th through April 12th, minor work will be done on the Catalina Highway with only ten to fifteen minute delays. Beginning April 15th, total daytime closures will begin (see box above article). Night closures have not yet been scheduled. For a daily update

on traffic movement times, a Hotline has been set up for property owners and merchants to use. **The residents Hotline is 690-7140.** This recording will be changed on a daily basis. For a complete schedule of the road closures, call the General Public Hotline 749-3329.

The proposed traffic control schedule for mid-April through May 31st the highway will open Monday through Thursday from 6:30AM - 8:30AM, 3:30PM - 6:30PM, 10PM -11PM

with 15 minute delays or optional one way pilot car

## ...OUR BRUSH WITH HISTORY

### The Forest Service and the Santa Catalina Mountains by Suzanne Hensel

The majority of the Santa Catalinas is managed by the Forest Service. The story of how these mountains became public domain begins with the story of the Forest Service..

In 1876 Congress authorized the appointment of a special agent in the Department of Agriculture. The agents job was to monitor the use of timber in terms of supply and demand on forest resources. In 1886 this developed into the Division of Forestry. However, their purpose was not to regulate timber usage, but merely to monitor it.

In the 1800's, the government managed the land in the West by giving it away. This is evidenced in the establishment of the Homestead Act of 1862, and subsequent laws such as the Mineral Land Act of 1866, and the Timber Culture Act of 1873. By the 1890's, America's forests were being devastated under the very acts of Congress.

This did not occur without public concern, though. March 3, 1891, a bill that revised land

laws was passed by Congress. Attached to the bill was a rider that let the President establish forest reserves. Land designated as reserves could not be owned by the public.

Luckily, the bill became law, and President Harrison signed proclamations for 13,000,000 acres of forest reserve land. In 1897 a system for organizing and managing public reserves was established and the *Forest Reserves* became a division of the General Land office within the Department of Interior. The division of Forestry served merely as an advisory and investigating agency for the Forest Reserves.

In 1897, President Cleveland added 21,000,000 acres to the Forest Reserves. The purpose of these proclamations was to protect the water sheds and to provide a continuous supply of timber for Americans. The Reserves directed the sale of dead, matured or large growth trees after they had been marked.

Although the Reserves were established before his term in office, Theodore Roosevelt became a critical player in saving our forests. He was a conservationist before his time. His success was aided greatly by the first Chief of Forestry, Gifford Pinchot.

Pinchot wanted the Reserves to be transferred to the Bureau of Forestry. This move seemed

logical. It would give Pinchot power to determine how the land was used. Roosevelt pushed for the transfer. On February 1, 1905, Congress passed an act that moved the Reserves to the Department of Agriculture. One month later the Agricultural Appropriation Act of 1905 was passed and the Bureau of Forestry became the United States Forest Service.

Although the Reserves had been in existence for several years, it was under Pinchot's direction that the use of the forests changed to the principle of the "greatest good".

His philosophy was that the nation's forests should be used for the present and future, used for the whole people. He laid the foundation for the approach that our National Forest have many purposes. Americans could enjoy its beauty, tap its resources and preserve it for tomorrow.

Today, the National Forest occupies about one tenth of the country's land areas. Its existence fulfills many purposes. It protects the water supplies for hundreds of cities and towns and provides land for grazing and mining. It also allows for many recreational opportunities, from summer homes to wilderness preserves. Ninety percent of the country's skiing occurs on National Forest land.

The first Reserves in southern

Arizona were established in 1902, by President Roosevelt. These Reserves were merely isolated mountain ranges. They were, for the most part, separate units bearing separate names derived primarily from Spanish and Native American origins. Included in this was the Santa Catalina Forest Reserves. Roosevelt was also responsible for establishing the Coronado National Forest. This occurred some years later, on July 2, 1908. This consolidated the Santa Rita, Santa Catalina, and Dragoon Mountains. Today the Coronado consists of five districts: Santa Catalina, Douglas, Nogalas, Sierra Vista and Safford.

In 1915, Congress authorized the Forest Service to lease forest land to the public for the building of summer homes and for the construction of hotels and stores. But the people who traveled the Catalinas didn't wait that long. Permits for the location of summer homes were made available in 1906. A few years earlier, the Forest Service began employing a Forest Guard to live in the high elevations of the Catalinas during the summer. A crude cabin was constructed in the Soldier Camp area. This became the first ranger station for the Catalinas. The job of the Forest Guard was to fight fires and to regulate grazing permits.

In 1906, Jim Westfall became a Forest Guard for the Catalinas. He earned \$720.00 per year. Later he was promoted to Deputy Forest Ranger, making him the first ranger for the Catalinas. Eventually the Forest Service built a larger cabin in Soldier Camp, and the first structure became the barn. These buildings were located where the highway currently takes a dip near Soldier Camp road, and near the parking lot for Butterfly Trail. The photograph featured last month was mistakenly labeled the ranger station. In actuality,

it was the cabin that was built near the lookout tree, and later the lookout tower on Mt. Lemmon. It was a one room building with a fireplace. It was located south, and a little down hill, from Mt. Lemmon Peak. It was only used in the summer by the lookout man. However, many summer residents of the mountain frequently hiked up there for afternoon or evening picnics.

*Suzanne Hensel has written a book about the history of the Catalina Mountains. It is currently waiting for approval to be published.*

**Dust off your hiking boots....**

**Starting May 4th, we will begin our Saturday hikes, so get those boots out and ready to go. The first couple of Saturdays we will start at 8:30AM, instead of 8AM because it is still cool in the mornings. We will meet in front of the post office and everyone is welcome. This is a great way to meet your neighbors and new acquaintances -**  
**Luann Waldron**



**Suzanne & Steve Hensel have a new daughter and sister for brothers Ryan, Paul and Scott. Her name is Mindy and she is 17 months old. Congratulations!**

# Mt. Lemmon Fire Department Update

by Chief John Roads

**Call Load** - The Fire Department call load is down drastically from last year. There have been 26 total calls for the first quarter with only 5 calls in March. This is less than half the traffic of last year. The reduction for the first quarter is no doubt due to the lack of snow. Last year by this time we had handled approximately 30 sledding related incidents. This March, the department ran on one sick person, one ski fall injury, one sled injury (broken leg) one vehicle accident, and one smell of leaking gas.

**Manpower Changes** - We wish DeAnna and Dean Barnella the best as they take leave of their senses in choosing to leave us on the mountain. Both will be missed. I ask you to help me welcome the new firefighters Jeanne Mayer (Certified in Wildland, Firefighter II and EMT), Chris Ader (Certified Wildland, Firefighter III, and IEMT, soon to be a paramedic) and Larry Bednarek (Certified Paramedic, 20 year firefighter with the Tucson Airport and soon to be Wildland certified). The three bring the necessary experience, skills and training to keep the forward growth of the department in motion. Chris and Larry also bring the first opportunity for Mt. Lemmon to provide full paramedic services.

**Fire Season** - Fire season is rapidly approaching, and due to the lack of moisture may actually be here. May is the month that the Forest Service typically conducts controlled burns to aid in wildfire control. There are two burns currently being planned for the forest near the village. It is not known when *or even if* the burns will be conducted this May. If the fuel moisture levels are too low, the burns will be postponed. Prescribed burns follow very strict guidelines for weather conditions. If the conditions are not correct, the burns do not occur. The weather is a very important component in getting the fire to burn sufficiently hot enough to do the job as well as preventing it from burning too hot and causing too much damage. As I've stated before, prescribed burns are very beneficial to the forest health and definitely aid in protecting your property and investments through wildfire control. As an example, last year's Green Mountain fire was headed towards the Willow Canyon cabins and jumped the highway. The fire jumped the highway right at the point of last springs controlled burn. The fire spread stopped dead at the controlled area thus eliminating any serious threat to the cabins. Over the next several years the Forest Service wants to place a ring of controlled burns around the village and other cabin areas to prevent any forest fires from reaching cabins and destroying properties. Your assistance is needed in clearing away the duff and debris from your cabins and supporting the Forest Service and the Fire Department in conducting these necessary wildfire prevention prescribed burns.

# Business Group formed on Mountain

by Don Underhill

**All** the businesses on the mountain have come together recently to form the Mt. Lemmon Business Alliance. The Alliance will interface with federal highway, contractor, and media personnel during the road construction period to assist them in providing information to the public regarding accessibility to their mountain, as well as recreational opportunities, available services, and special events scheduled for their enjoyment.

The Alliance intends to cooperate on a number of future projects through the coming years including support for our local fire department and water company, community clean-up and appearance enhancement, labor pools, housing, and public services for the long-term benefit of cabin owners and visitors alike.

Please feel free to contact Don Underhill (Alpine Lodge), Acting President, Ms. Neil Bloomfield (Summit Realty), Acting Secretary, or the owners of any of the following-named businesses for additional information:

AJ'S Kimball Springs Cafe/Bakery  
Alpine Lodge Hotel, Restaurant,  
Lounge  
Aspen Trail Bed & Breakfast

J.K. Realty  
Kimball Springs General Store/Gift Shop  
Living Rainbow Gift Shop  
Mt. Lemmon Cafe  
Mt. Lemmon Realty  
Mt. Lemmon Suites & Fine Crafts  
Ski Valley  
Summerhaven Suites & Sweets  
Summit Realty

## Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club News

by Pres. Sharon Thomas

Our Spring Luncheon was graciously hosted at the home of Patty Haskell. This wonderful tradition was originated by Regina Rhind. For many years Regina hosted and prepared this luncheon for the entire club at her home. Now, other members have taken over hosting the luncheon. It is always a lovely afternoon with all of us enjoying the friendships that we have made on the mountain, not to mention, of course, the wonderful food prepared by our members. Thank you Patty for having us and **THANK YOU REGINA** for our special tradition. It always seems a special way to begin Spring.

Election of officers was held at the luncheon and our new officers for the 1996-1998 term are:

Co-Presidents-Helen Quigley & Fran Zimmerman

First Vice Presidents-Franny Crowe & Olga Pace

2nd Vice Presidents - Sheri Lee

Secretary-Dannie Hayhurst

Treasurer-Jo Ann Foor **THANK**

**YOU LADIES!** Our club now boasts of having two Southern District Presidents come from our membership. Twelve of our members attended the Southern District Conference on March 23 to see Dannie Hayhurst installed as the new GFWC-AZ Southern District President. We are very proud of you Dannie. Fran Zimmerman will be the Corresponding Secretary. Thank to members Olga Pace, Vivianne Danielson, Eden Hackney, Carol Jones, Helen Quigley, and Sheri Lee for entering the arts and crafts contest. Sheri won not only a first with her quilt but also won "Best of Show" for the entire Arts & Crafts contest. Thank you Helen for contacting so many members to bring their arts and crafts and to the members who worked on the Scrapbook- a special thanks. Our next meeting will be the installation of officers and will be at the home of Jo Ann Foor on May 1 at 12:30.

## ARE YOU READY TO FEED THE HUMMERS ALREADY?

by Sheri Lee

We have had reports of hummers on the mountain throughout the entire winter. Tough little guys, aren't they? If you are going to feed them this early, only make a small batch of food as it will spoil during the warm days ... and may freeze at night.

If you are new to the mountain or have just gotten your first feeder and wonder how to make syrup without spending a fortune on those fancy mixes at the store, here's how you do it:

1 part sugar

5 parts water

Boil 6 minutes to kill any bacteria

NO red color, it makes their tongues sore

Using 5 parts water closely resembles our native wildflower nectar. Folks may tell you 3 or 4 parts water is enough, but the experts at the Desert Museum told me that is too strong and will likely cause liver damage in those little guys.

**THE ROBINS ARE BACK** or didn't they ever leave either? In general they winter over in Guatamala and Bermuda. The older males leave the winter grounds first and in huge flocks. As they come farther and farther north the flocks break up into smaller

groups returning to the general area where they themselves once fledged. Their mates will arrive later; the one year old birds trail along by themselves even later.

Robins are monogamous. I wonder how the pairs get back together after migrating separately. Does she have to look all over Mt. Lemmon for him or does he come back to last year's nest? What if one of them doesn't live through the long flight? Does the survivor stay single for the rest of its life? My books don't say... I'll research that further.

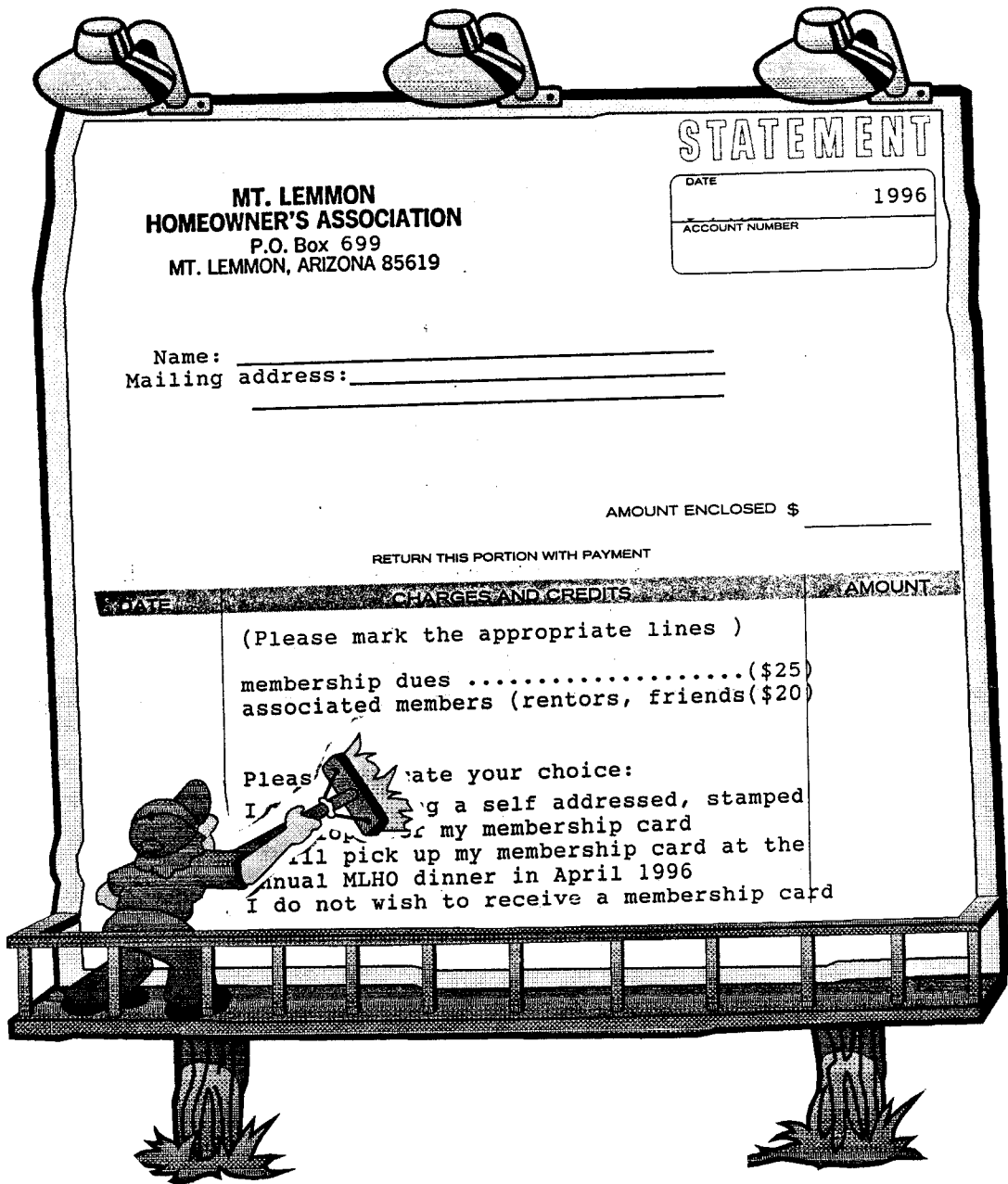
Photo below... compliments of John Eaton - fishing at lake at Soldier's Camp.

Rose Cyn Lake gate opens Friday, April 5th!

**Attention, Mt. Lemmon Residents:**  
The Mt. Lemmon Fire District is seeking local assistance in the protection of our village. MLFD provides opportunities for emergency rescue, firefighting, and forest fire fighting as well as providing guidelines for helping out in a fire. If you are interested in assisting or if you just want to see what your local fire department is about, come to an overview/orientation meeting at the station on Saturday morning, April 6th @ 8:30 AM or call Chief John Roads at 576-1201



Please, if you haven't already, pay your dues



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Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

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	(Please mark the appropriate lines )	
	membership dues .....(\$25)	
	associated members (rentors, friends)(\$20)	
Please indicate your choice:		
I am enclosing a self addressed, stamped envelope for my membership card		
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# Thanks



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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, Pete Krauss, Sheri Lee, Dannie Hayhurst, President, Florence Wilhoite, treasurer, John Mulay, Fran Zimmerman, secretary, Carrie Rietz, Carolyn Autrey, and Larry Waldron. Dannie Hayhurst is publisher and editor of the Echoes.

**Please mail your dinner reservations in today for the Annual Homeowners Dinner on Tuesday night, April 16th !**