

The

Mt. Lemmon Echoes

Serving the Homeowners of Mt. Lemmon

Annual Dinner a Success

On the same day that a concrete deck was being poured over the bridge section of the reconstruction area at mile post 8.5, the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners were having their Annual Dinner. Board of Supervisor John Even was unable to attend because of health problems, but MLHO President Fran Zimmerman had enough speakers lined up to fill the evening agenda. First on the agenda was Don Underhill, owner of the Alpine and president of the **Mt. Lemmon Business Alliance**. Don capped the last business season with the highlights of the winter festival and future plans for beautification projects for the village. The Business Alliance has put together an informational brochure with a map of the area, facts, and what's available from the businesses on Mt. Lemmon. The Business Alliance is also looking to the future - and thinking about a web site for Mt. Lemmon. Don announced that the dumpsters are up on the hill (at the sewer treatment plant site again) but the hours of availability are not yet posted. Don also mentioned that the businesses goal for the winter of 1996 and

S u m m i t t
Award Winner
Sheri Lee is
congratulated
by her husband
Bob and MLHO
President Fran
Zimmerman



spring of 1997 was just to survive! Between the road reconstruction delays and the recent negative publicity concerning bears and user fees, business is down. Support your local businesses.

FIRE

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Bob Zimmerman, chairman of the Mt. Lemmon Fire District spoke about volunteerism. Bob thanked everyone who serves on a board. 80% of the work to keep the mountain running is done by 20% of the people - and most of those are volunteers! If you can help in some way, please offer to help! Bob also spoke about the Compressed Air Foam system that the fire department is going to use this summer - using 1/7th the amount of water, mixed with a soap like fire suppressant, the fire department can knock down a fire or create a barrier for wildfires. (See article in last month's Echoes). Hopefully, the system will be installed on the

yellow fire truck by the end of May. Chief John Roads gave every homeowner credit for the fact that there were no cabin fires last year. He also thanked everyone who helped with the mezzanine project (addition in the firehouse), the generator and the above ground fuel tank. Remember, when you rake your yards, contact the fire department and make arrangements to have them burn your needles - don't do it yourselves.

Larry Waldron, President of the Mt. Lemmon Water Cooperative as well as a member of the MLHO board, gave an update on the water issues affecting Mt. Lemmon. He thanked the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club for their generous donation to help with the coating of the Miner's Ridge tank. He also thanked Joe and Bea Shirley for their generous donation that will be used to put in satellite tanks to

help with water pressure and availability. He also thanked all of you for your conservation efforts last year! Currently Sabino Canyon is running in excess of 20 gallons per minute and all the tanks are full. This winters snowfall (13.5 feet) is close to average. Remember to come to the Annual Potluck and Water Board meeting over Memorial - Saturday, May 24th starting at 5 PM.

USER FEE UPDATE

District Ranger Tom Quinn brought John McGee, Forest Supervisor of the Coronado National Forest with him. John McGee spoke briefly about the User Fee pilot program and wants your feedback. He also repeated that private property and private businesses will not be assessed. Tom Quinn, a straight shooter, offered these insights into the \$4 User Fee. The price will not be \$4 - it will be \$5 for a daily pass. A 7 day pass will be available for \$10, and a yearly pass will be available for \$20. The User Fee will be implemented in July, and the user fee station will be located near Molina Basin. There will be 2 lanes. The left lane (the one we homeowners and businesses are to use) will be for "through traffic". We will have to slow down and show our passes or just say "I'm going up to Summerhaven" and the booth operators are supposed to wave us on. Projections are to have 2 people in the booth during the busy times. The time the user fee station will be open will vary depending on the season or day of the week. The forest service hopes to collect \$500,000 a year from the 1,000,000 visitors they

estimate visit Mt. Lemmon. Sabino Canyon is also part of the Coronado National Forest, but there are no decisions presently to apply the user fees to Sabino Canyon. We were also reminded that the Forest Service area includes the scenic vista points and restrooms as well as the recreation areas, so if you plan to use those areas, you will be recreating on National Forest land and will be expected to buy a User Pass. Your private property pass does not allow you to freely access the National Forest lands for hiking, piddling in the rest rooms, or viewing from the scenic overlooks.

Highway Update was also addressed by Tom Quinn. The road is getting a final coat of asphalt now, and should be open to two lane traffic (without pilot cars or delays :) by mid-May. The next project is not scheduled until the year 2000 (only a few years from now). The next reconstruction would start from approximately the Bigelow area down to Lizard Rock depending on funding and contract bids.

Prescribed Burns: Thanks for all the help last year - again it was a credit to everyone that there were no fires. There are 65 acres left to do on the Middle Sabino control burn, and a 160 acre control burn planned for Spenser Canyon area. Both burns will be done this fall if all conditions are acceptable.

Palisades Remodeling: Renovations are complete at the visitor center come in and look it over.

The Bears: Tom Quinn stated the bears are not gone - just the problem bears are gone. If you

see a bear and not just his hind quarters running away from you - it may be a problem bear. Contact Game and Fish, and the Forest Service, and follow up with a letter. We as a community do not want to see another person injured by a bear.

Board Members elected for three year terms include John Mulay, Pete Krauss, Carolyn Autrey, Olga Pace, Fran Zimmerman, Dani Hayhurst, and Kathy Shields. Also serving on the Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Board: Franny Crowe, Red Greth, Sheri Lee, Larry Waldron, Florence Wilhoite, and Carrie Reitz.

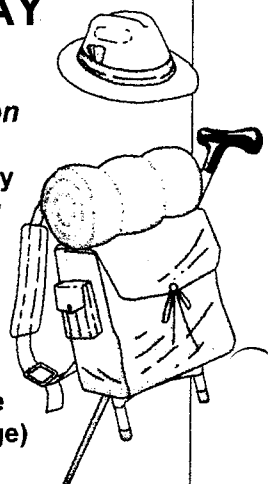
Paul Hawkins is retiring from the board this year after many years of service and he will be missed by all!

The steaks at Pinnacle Peak's were excellent and Sheri Lee and Frannie Crowe did a great job in keeping it all organized. Fran Zimmerman handled the microphone like a pro and everyone had a great time! The local businesses and more than a few Tucson businesses donated the door prizes - we'll try to have a list of those businesses who donated in the next issue of the Echoes.

SATURDAY HIKING.

By Luann Waldron

Our first Saturday hike will be May 31. We will meet at the Post Office at 9:00. We will do the Oracle Ridge Trail. Bring your binoculars as we can (cont next page)



see the Biosphere from the ridge. In June our starting time will be 8:00 as it will be warmer. Everyone is welcome to join us. We usually try to keep the hikes around 1 ½ hrs.

Water News Update:

by Larry Waldron



The weather in the valley is warming up and thoughts drift towards the beauty of Mt. Lemmon. Plans begin for spring cleanup or possibly even remodeling our cabins.

if your cabin has been closed up this winter for extended periods, please add some water leak checks to your cleanup plans. Water faucet seals dry out during the winter months and might leak. The freezing nights may have caused some water line breakage if water was not drained properly from lines and traps. Water heaters and toilet bowls may have cracked if not protected. The freezing and thawing of the ground could have moved water lines causing leakage. Please check all these items carefully and repair or replace them as soon as possible. A method to check for undetectable leaks is to turn the water on and fill your water heater, toilet and pressurize all lines. Check your water meter reading, and after an hour of no usage recheck your water meter reading. If your water meter indicates no usage, congratulations, you did

a good job of winterizing your cabin. If your water meter runs, you have a leak somewhere. Search for signs of water damage or seek professional help.

These water leaks may seem minor but can really add up. A drip irrigation system using a 2 gallon per hour emitter has a real slow drip. A comparable leak will cause 50 gallons a day, 350 gallons a week and 1,500 gallons a month. Most leaks are generally much larger than this. Please help us find these costly losses. Our Annual meeting will be in conjunction with the Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's potluck on May 24th, 1997. Please plan on attending. There is some important business to complete. One priority is to approve a resolution for a construction loan of \$350,000.00 to install our 6 inch water transmission line. The loan application is progressing nicely and we anticipate approval this summer. The board will now seek member approval, and finally corporation commission approval. We currently have the necessary rate structure in place to provide servicing for this loan. A rate increase will NOT be necessary at this time. Have a wonderful summer.

Mt. Lemmon Suites & Fine Crafts

There's a new business on the mountain. Sonni Wendt opened her doors this winter. Sonni is offering fine hand woven fashions, linens, shawls and scarves, felted, knit and crocheted hats, and much more! She is in the process of remodeling one of the three

suites available for rent. She is also carrying a unique line of wood pellet stoves and gas log fireplaces. Phone 576-1664 or stop in and see what she has to offer at 12880 N. Sabino Canyon Parkway (right next to A.J.'s Kimball Springs Cafe/Bakery).

Memorial Weekend Annual Water Co-op Meeting

will be held on
Saturday May 24, 1997

Election of Board Members
(your proxies will be in the mail)

**MLHO POTLUCK
AT 5 PM
BRING A DISH TO
SHARE ...**

donation of \$2.50 per person - Coffee, plates, utensils will be provided
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ML WATER CO-OP ANNUAL MEETING WILL START AT 6 PM AFTER THE POTLUCK

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C A B I N BREAK-INS

There were several break-ins during the latter half of April. I spoke to one of the homeowners whose cabin was burglarized. A small bathroom window was broken, and entry was gained through the broken window. The first time the burglar went through the cabin, a VCR was taken. The cabin owners were notified by the Sheriff's department and they came up immediately and nailed a board over the window. Within a few days, the burglars returned, pried the board off, and stole several TVs and some tapes. Some lawn furniture cushions were missing as well. Both times the burglars exited through a sliding glass door. The homeowners speculate the cushions were taken to wrap the TVs in. Both break-ins into this cabin happened in less than a week's time. The likelihood of the crime being committed by the same person or people is high. No one has been apprehended. The home-owner also believes one of the burglars had to be fairly small and agile to get through the bathroom window. There was no vandalism of this cabin.

The best protection you as a homeowner can have against break-ins is a very nosey neighbor! If you think something is amiss at your neighbors cabin, contact the sheriff's department. Take down license plate numbers, and learn your neighbors name. Remember, they may be just as willing to watch out for your cabin and property.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA; RELATING TO ANIMALS AND TO SAFETY AND WELFARE; PROHIBITING THE FEEDING AND ATTRACTING OF BEARS.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, pursuant to A.R.S. 11-251 and 11-251.05, may make and enforce all local, police and sanitary regulations not in conflict with general law; and WHEREAS, the frequency of bear/human contacts and the severity of bear attacks within unincorporated Pima County are escalating and pose a threat to the welfare and safety of the public and to the welfare and safety of the bears; and WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has determined that the intentional, careless, negligent or reckless placing, storing or discarding of garbage, refuse, human and animal food or edibles contributes to the frequency of bear/human contacts and to the severity of bear attacks.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY;

SECTION 1. That Title 6 of the Pima County Code is hereby amended to read as follows: CHAPTER 6.06 Bear Regulations sections: 6.06.010 Feeding or attracting bears prohibited, 6.06.020 Definitions, 6.06.030 Applicability, 6.06.040 Exceptions, 6.06.050 Enforcement, 6.06.060 Separate offenses, 6.06.070 Penalty. 6.06.010 Feeding or attracting bears prohibited.

6.06.020 Definitions. A. "Feeding" is defined as the intentional provision of water, animal or human food, or edibles to a bear or bears. B. "Attracting" is defined as placing water, animal or human food, edibles, garbage or refuse in an area where a reasonable person would be aware of the potential presence of bears.

6.06.030 Applicability. This section applies within all unincorporated areas of Pima County, including, but not limited to, those areas within any National Forest or State or National Park that lie within the geographical boundaries of unincorporated Pima County.

6.06.040 Exceptions. This ordinance does not apply to: A. Public employees acting within the scope of their authority for public safety or wildlife management purposes. B. Feeding or attracting bears as permitted by Arizona law and the Arizona Game and Fish Commission. C. Food or edibles that are being transported, consumed, or prepared for consumption. D. Garbage or refuse that is being transported. E. Water, food, edibles, garbage or refuse located in a residence, sealed vehicle or storage building, or in a camping unit that is constructed of solid, non-pliable material. F. Food, edibles, garbage or refuse suspended at least ten feet above the ground and four feet horizontally from a post, tree trunk or other object. G. Food, edibles, garbage or refuse stored in a covered and locked container made of sturdy, non-pliable material. H. Municipal and commercial zoos. I. Provision of feed for livestock, horses, swine, poultry or fowl.

6.06.050 Enforcement. An animal control officer and any state certified peace officer may issue a citation for the violation of this Ordinance.

6.06-060 Separate offence. Each violation pursuant to this section shall constitute a separate offense and each day a violation remains unabated may constitute a separate offense.

6.06.070 Penalty. A violation of this section constitutes a Class 1 misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine of not less than \$500.00, nor more than \$2,500.00, 6 months in jail, 3 years of probation, or any combination thereof.

SECTION 2. That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance be hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 3. That if any part of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION 4. That this ordinance shall become effective immediately as an emergency measure necessary to protect the peace, health, and safety of people.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Pima County, Arizona, this 11th day of March 1997.

How does this ordinance address the feeding of birds and wildlife other than bears? Must wild bird feeders be 10 feet up and 4 feet off the ground?

Story Hour This Summer

For children ages 3 years to 10 years old. This will help provide summer reading for kids 3 to 10 years old, plus help parents connect with other parents of young children while on the mountain.

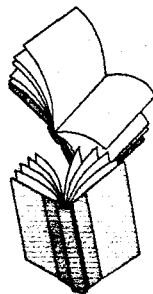
Dates: Starting the first Saturday in June, through July and possibly August.

Time: 10 AM to Noon

Location: The Pace cabin on Tucson Ave.

Refreshments: Cookies and punch will be provided.

Sponsored by the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club. If you have young people who would like to come, or are willing to help in reading to those youngsters attending, or want more information, contact Olga Pace @ 577-1993 or 576-1420.



BIRDS & BEES



by Sheri Lee

Now is the time to look for warblers. By mid June they are hard to find. In May we can pretty much count on finding nine different species of warblers on Mt. Lemmon, but even then you'll have to look carefully for them because they are so small and quick.

Warblers are brightly colored with small, slender, straight pointed bills. The males are the more colorful and do most of the

singing. A veteran bird watcher can identify over half the warblers by their song alone.

To identify a warbler look for WINGBARS and characteristic HEAD MARKINGS. Most bird books have special pages showing all the wingbar warblers and another showing non-wingbar.

Many books have a little map of the U.S. next to the description of each bird. For instance, you may think you have just identified a black-and white warbler, but then you notice on the map that it usually isn't found west of the Mississippi, so you can continue looking through the warbler section and eventually you'll happen upon the similar black-throated gray warbler. Check the map, and son-of-a-gun you've identified him! I won't attempt to describe the following birds. You would do better to look at the pictures in your bird book. But here are nine of the warblers you are most apt to see:

Olive Warbler: Bird watchers drive for days to see this fellow on our mountain. It is uncommon and nests above 8000' in fir trees.

Virginia's Warbler: It is common in dense scrub at 6000'-9000' throughout the southern Rockies and the Arizona Mountain.

Audubons or yellow rumped Warbler: it can be found all over the west. It is especially pretty with contrasting bright yellow, white and black markings. It is often seen at the lower end of Marshall Gulch picnic area.

Townsend's Warbler: Although it is supposed to be common in conifer forests, I don't see it all that often, and when I do it is at my birdbath and only for a short time.

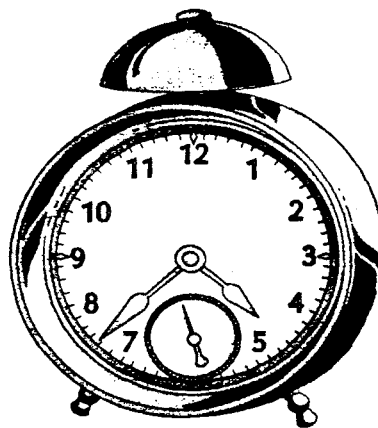
Black-throated gray Warbler: it has a black and white striped face and an amateur could confuse it with a chickadee. It is usually seen at or below Marshall Gulch around the Sabino Creek gauging station or at Bear Canyon picnic area. **Grace's Warbler:** It is common in pine-oak forests above 7000' and the one most often seen around the cabins.

Red-faced Warbler: This bird is a special treat to see with its glowing red face. Several pairs nest around the gate into Marshall Gulch, but it does wander up into the trees around the cabins.

Wilson's Warbler: It is a plain yellow bird with NO wingbars and a black skullcap. I usually see it around the cabins in the fall.

Painted Redstart: A gorgeous bird! Although it is supposed to be common in oak canyons around 8000', we don't see it around the cabins often. I maybe see one at cabin elevation every 2-3 years. The vivid red breast is very noticeable. You won't mistake this redstart for any other species. If you hike down along lower Sabino Creek, Lemmon Creek or Mormon Springs in the morning or evening you can almost be sure to see several. It seems to be a bit of a showoff, fanning its tail and spreading its wings while singing on a limb just over your head.

Other warblers migrate through the Catalinas in the spring and fall, but the ones I've listed are the ones that frequent our mountains.



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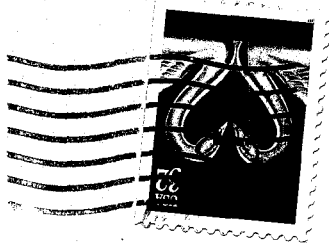
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