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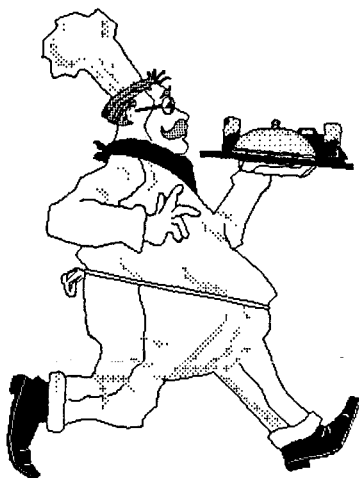
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ANNUAL DINNER DRAWING NEAR

by John Mulay



Have you made your plans to attend the annual Homeowners Dinner? It is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 27th**. Be sure to get your reservations in for this event.

There will be many great prizes given away during the evening. You will also have the opportunity to meet your fellow cabin owners.

We have several speakers lined up for the evening to discuss items that concern the mountain. So, be sure to get your reservations in for this event.

Get out those rakes and get the pine needles and other materials cleaned up around your cabin. With a dry summer quickly coming up on us, we all need to be sure and clean up around our cabins. This will help to reduce the fire danger for the summer months.

If anyone has any ideas for summer activities on the mountain let one of the board members know. We are always looking for new activities.

Again, be sure and plan to attend the annual dinner, April 27th.

SPEAKERS FOR THE ANNUAL HOMEOWNERS' DINNER

Pima County Supervisor, Ray Carroll

Pima County Sheriff's Department, Lieutenant Chris Nanos & his wife

General Manager of Trico Electric, Marv Athey

President of the Mt. Lemmon Water Cooperative, Chuck Autrey

Santa Catalina District Ranger, Dean McAllister

Fire Chief for the Mt. Lemmon Fire Department, John Roads

MLHO President, John Mulay, will "MC" the program.

WATER CONSERVATION CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

This is a reprint of an article that appeared in the October '95 issue of the Echoes.

The little things we do daily can consume large amounts of water. The following table may reflect potential water savings per year. These numbers are average and yearly water savings will depend upon individual usage, family size and time spent on Mt. Lemmon.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Normal use</u>	<u>Conservation use</u>	<u>Times Per day</u>	<u>Yearly Savings</u>
Shower	Water running (25 gals)	Wet down, rinse off (4 gals)	1	7500 gallons
Tub bath	Full tub (36 gals)	Minimal level (15 gals)	1	7500 gallons
Shaving	Tap running (20 gals)	Fill basin (1 gal)	1	6900 gallons
Brushing teeth	Tap running (10 gals)	Wet brush, rinse (1/2 gal)	2	6900 gallons
Dishwashing	Tap running (30 gals)	Fill sink (5 gals)	1	9100 gallons
Washing hands	Tap running (2 gals)	Fill basin (1 gal)	2	730 gallons
Toilet flushing	Normal tank (6 gals)	Reduced tank (4 gals)	2	730 gallons
Washing clothes	Full cycle/filled (40 gals)	Short cycle/low (25 gals)	5/wk	3900 gallons
Outdoor watering	Garden hose (10 gal/min.)	None (use harvesting)	10 minutes/wk	5200 gallons

Mt. LEMMON WOMENS CLUB A CUT ABOVE THE REST

by Luann Waldron & Helen Quigley

Our March meeting was held at the home of Vivian Danielson. The program was by Jan Jankoski, a story teller. We enjoyed her stories and her talent of being a story teller. Thanks to Vivian for her hospitality and to Olga Pace for arranging the program.

Our Southern District Spring Convention was held Saturday, March 27th. Eight members attended: Co-Presidents Helen Quigley and Luann Waldron; Secretary Dani Hayhurst;

Fran Zimmerm, Florence Wilhoite, Janelle Miranda, Kathy Shields and Regina Rhind.

A fun time was had decorating Spring Easter hats. Janelle and Kathy modeled their team's hats with Kathy's team of ladies winning 1st prize.

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We had two members, Eden Hackney and Janelle Miranda, enter the arts & crafts contest. Janelle won 5 or 6 1st prizes in different categories, while Eden won 1st prize in woodworking. Thank you ladies for participating. A special thank you to Dani Hayhurst for her help with the arts and crafts contest.

Our club received numerous awards at the convention. We were recognized for the president's reports submitted to GFWC-AZ, we received a certificate of achievement for CIP, and 1st prizes for literacy program-education, CIP and resource-conservation. We also earned 3rd place for crime prevention and literature and performing arts. On top of these numerous achievements the Mt. Lemmon Women's Club won the GFWC Southern District Membership award. These points of recognition were earned by our members who work hard to make our community a better place. Thank you ladies.

Our next meeting will be held at the home of **Cathy Brown**, on April 7, at 7pm. Bill Brown will discuss Search and Rescue. Bill has been a member of Southern Arizona Rescue Association (SARA) for 15 years. He has medical certification as an EMT and as an Outdoor Emergency Care

Provider. Bill also volunteers as an assistant member for the Pima County Search and Recovery Divers. He serves on the Board of Search and Recovery Divers, Inc., which is an overseer of SARA, Pima County Sheriff's Mounted Posse and the Civil Air Patrol. All organizations operate under the hospices of the Pima County Sheriff's office.

Their primary mission as volunteers is to serve the citizens of Pima County. At the request of other agencies they have assisted on calls throughout Arizona, New Mexico and Mexico. They are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This is a fantastic organization that most people know very little about. Come and learn more about SARA at our next meeting.

Just a reminder to past presidents. If you have a scrapbook from the past, please bring them to the homeowners' dinner in April so the homeowners can see what we're all about. New members may sign up at that time.

TRICO ELECTRIC WORKING HARD FOR MT. LEMMON

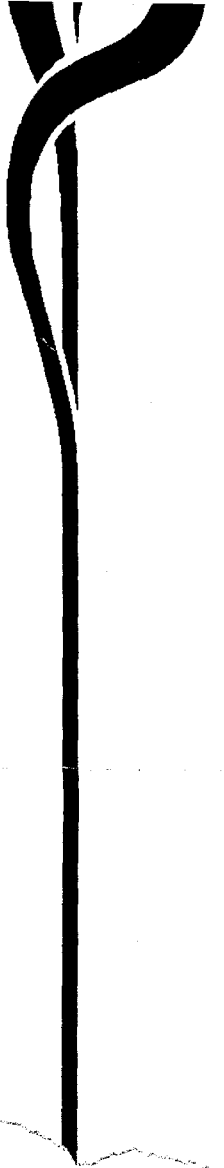
Lengthy power outages have always been a part of living on the mountain. What would a powerful storm be like if it didn't end with the silence and darkness that comes with having no electricity? Of course storms aren't the only times the power goes out. Those calm, sunny days when that tree finally decides to let go and fall across the wire, are always a pleasant surprise.

These outages may seem annoying to some, but to others it is a chance to become more appreciative of the times when the light switch does work, when the T.V. can be on and, most importantly, when the



BIG PLANS BE- ING MADE FOR KID'S CLUB

The KIDS' CLUB will be meeting every Saturday morning through



Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association Annual Dinner

Tuesday, April 27th, 1999

Savoy Opera House

Trail Dust Town

6541 E. Tanque Verde

Cocktails 6 PM

Dinner 7 PM

Program 8 PM

Mesquite Grilled Chicken Breast \$19.50

OR

8 oz. New York Strip Steak \$21.50

OR

Vegetarian Pasta Dish \$15.50

Dinners include salads, baked potato, their famous "Pinnacle Peak" pinto beans, thick sliced bread, coffee, iced tea and strawberry shortcake. Open bar is extra.

Deadline for reservations is April 22nd! Any questions call Fran Zimmerman at 576-1333.

FIRE STRIKES THE VILLAGE

by John Roads

Fire Season Is Here

On Monday, March 15, 1999, a wild fire occurred in the village, on Turkey Run Road. Approximately one quarter acre forest burned between two cabins before it was brought under control using the compressed air foam system. The fire is believed to have been started by unidentified teenagers. The scary part was that the flank flames were as high as 2-3 feet while the head of the fire had flames that were 4-5 feet high. This would be considered a mild fire in the summer, but for this time of year (6:30 pm in mid-March) this was significant fire behavior and an indication of what may be coming this summer. All reports are that we are still headed into a dry fire season. The State Land Department has dispatched resources to approximately 200 fires statewide already this year. The weather service has advised that in strong La Nina years, the monsoon season storms often bring heavy dry lightning.



the fire station to have a suitable location identified. Fire fighters will burn the piles, weather and manpower permitting.

Dumpsters

The dumpsters are here - ALMOST. A large roll-off dumpster is scheduled to be delivered in early April. As of press time, the exact date was not available. The dumpster will be located just behind the fire station on the sewer plant road. The dumpster will be for **PINE NEEDLES AND SMALL SLASH ONLY!!!!** This dumpster **SHALL NOT** be used for any other garbage. It's sole purpose is to assist homeowners in the reduction of natural fire hazards. Other arrangements will have to be made for any other substances such as old appliances, food stuffs or construction materials. This dumpster is being provided by Pima County (Ray Carroll) and requires all village residents and homeowners cooperation to make this a successful project.

Cabin Preparation

Follow the 10 Fire Safety Suggestions:

- Rake pine needles and duff, 30 ft. away from the structure and LPG tanks.
- Clear all dead brush and weeds away from structure and LPG tank. Leave only green plants and trees.
- Trim all limbs, dead or alive, away from above the structure.
- Trim all limbs, dead or alive, within 10 feet of the chimney.
- Cover the chimney outlet or vent with a vertical spark arrestor of 1/2" mesh screen.
- Remove needles and leaves from roof tops and rain gutters.
- Stack fire wood neatly and away from the structure.
- Remove all exposed stored combustibles from underneath the structures.
- Prune all ladder tree branches 10 feet above the ground a maximum of 30 feet from structures.
- Remove heavy fuels, (dead and downed branches and logs) from around structures and LPG tanks

Fahrenheit 451??????

Firefighters continued to ignite pine needle and tree slash piles this month. If you have a pile you want burned, contact

BEAR SPRAY

Used Improperly, Anti-Bear Spray May Back Fire

A small article discussing the effectiveness of bear spray was printed in the April '99 issue of National Geographic. The article explained that the canisters of red pepper spray, that many backcountry hikers use to deter bears, may actually be having the opposite effect.

U.S. Geological Survey biologist, Tom Smith, discovered that the spray may attract bears when used improperly. People who mistakenly spray their campsites as a way of avoiding an unfriendly encounter could find that their unwanted guests enjoy the scent. Smith witnessed a sow and her cubs rolling in an area that had been sprayed. Smith thinks that bears' natural curiosity about strange scents draws them in.

The spray works as a defense when it is squirted into the bears eyes or nose. The irritation of the spray, not the smell, is what deters a bear from charging.

THE CATALINAS' VERY OWN LOST MINE

by Suzanne Hensel

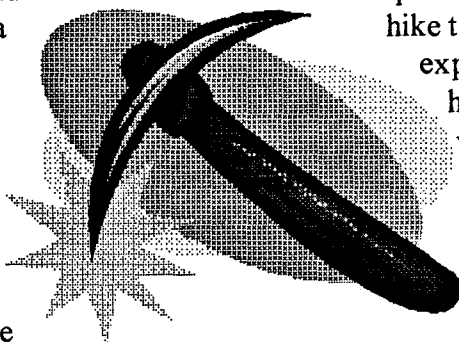
The most noted area for gold seekers in the Catalinas is Canada del Oro. The name means canyon of gold. Inside this canyon several tunnels, trenches and pits have been dug. Buried within its walls is the truth about the Mine with the Iron Door.

This story begins with the Jesuits, who came to this area during the reign of Spain. Supposedly they used American Indians as laborers. The story goes that near the mouth of the canyon there was an old city and an old mission where the Jesuits lived. Trails leading from the city led to the gold mines. The Spaniards had the mines worked for several years. The supremacy of the Jesuits vanished when they fell out of favor with the Spanish court before 1751. At that time the mine was sealed with an iron door. By 1880 the ruins of the Jesuit settlement was being called Nueva Mia Ciudad, which means the Nine Mile City.

The truth of the existence of the Mine with the Iron Door may never be known. However, as with all lost mines, the story continued to grow. One story, told in 1883, states that the village had been built by Indians or Mexicans who were escaping the raiding Apaches. They went to this area because there was water, grass, and wood. They also worked the mines. The persistent Apaches chased them away again, leaving only the ruins which was now being called Pueblo Viejo.

Actual ruins of a Spanish settlement were present into the 1920's. It consisted of nine or ten buildings that had been surrounded by a defensive wall. Don Agustin Tome, who was born in Tucson in 1857, reported that when he was eight years old he had heard a conversation between two men who had been soldiers at the presidio in Tucson during Spain's reign. They were discussing the ruins of the old mission to the north in the foothills of the Catalinas. They called it Mission of Ciru.

Tome told the story of the mission to Bishop



Salpointe, a collector of Arizona history. On a hike together Tome pointed out the ruins and explained to the Bishop that the mission had been raided and burned by Apaches who massacred all its inhabitants. Supposedly, an article describing the raid was published in a newspaper in Mexico.

Early excavations of the area showed that it was originally occupied until about 1780, which would make the story about the Jesuits possible. The site was then abandoned and reoccupied at a later time, perhaps as a Spanish mission. That may explain the Spanish mining camp.

It was reported that when the mines were left for a second time half a million pesos in gold ore, amalgam, or bullion were buried under a church that was also at the settlement. If Apaches did raid the area, the church was probably one of the first buildings destroyed since Apaches typically demolished any structure that was a place of worship.

Even though the ruins of the mission or mining camp, called Nueva Mia Ciudad, Pueblo Viejo or the Mission of Ciru, were easy to locate well into the 1920's, the mine with the iron door was not. Its exact location remains a mystery to this day even though a few people have claimed to have found it.

On March 4, 1880, the Arizona Weekly Star reported how the Mine with the Iron Door had been found. The men who managed to locate it were lucky enough to get a description of where the mine was located from a man in Sonora, Mexico. Apparently the man's grandfather had actually worked at the mine and recorded its location.

According to his information the mine could be reached by going through a secret tunnel and down a steep cliff. They managed to find the mine and pack out 100 pounds of pure gold. Yet, the story of the mine doesn't end there.

On January 25, 1929, the Citizen reported the dis-

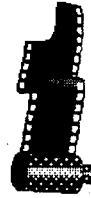
covery of an ancient mine that was believed to have been operated by the "Padres many years ago." The ruins were located on a bluff overlooking Canada del Oro. These explorers came to the conclusion that Pueblo Viejo was the site of an ancient Indian camp. Apparently they did not discover any gold.

In 1932, the Arizona Daily Star published a series on the Mine with the Iron Door. In these articles a man states that he believed he may have been shown the old mine by some quiet and mysterious Indians. He too, reports finding the ruins of an ancient city and trails leading to a saddle in the hills above the canyon. At the time of the story no riches had been found, but the man was hopeful.

The story of the Mine with the Iron Door has just enough truth in it to allow its existence to become exaggerated and twisted over time. Isn't that what happens to all stories about lost mines? Hunches often sound less like guesses and more like facts as the years tick by.

Whether the mine exists in its riches and glory is doubtful. If the gold had been found, the person smart enough to find it was probably smart enough to keep it to themselves. The lack of riches won't stop us, though, from imagining what it would be like to find that lost mine.

THANK YOU



Thanks to Jack Foster the Homeowners Association now has a slide projector. The projector will be used for presentations about the history of the Catalina Mountains. This was a very generous gift that we will all get a chance to enjoy. Thank you Jack!

COME TO THE YARD SALE

A community yard sale will be held the weekend of **April 9, 10, and 11**, in front of Summit Realty. The proceeds from the sale will help Annie and John Robinson, and Mike Simpson get to Alaska this spring.

If you have anything you would like to donate for the cause bring it by anytime during the sale. Or just come by and take advantage of the unique bargains you may find.

LOST IN THE WILDERNESS, WHO YA GONNA CALL?

It happens all too often in the Catalinas, someone lost or injured and in need of some serious help. Everyone knows that in such situations Search and Rescue is there to make things right. Their training and knowledge of the terrain make them indispensable.

Many people don't think much about Search and Rescue until they need their help. This organization often goes unnoticed and misunderstood. For one thing, Search and Rescue is a volunteer organization. They make themselves available 24-hours a day to search for lost hikers and rescue and transport the in-

jured from often rugged wilderness areas.

Each volunteer completes 100 hours of medical training and another 50 hours of technical training before qualifying to participate in a rescue. The volunteers also receive continual technical training each month.

All this training does not go to waste. In a years time SARA (Southern Arizona Search and Rescue) participates in an average of one rescue a week. These dedicated volunteers even supply their own equipment.

We are fortunate to have such an organization to fall back on in situations that are life and death.

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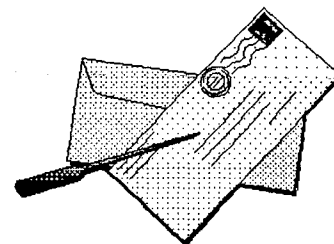
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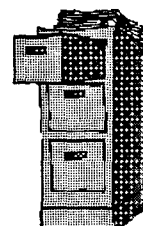
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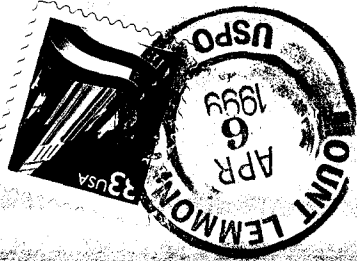
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