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Mt. Lemmon Echoes

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Halloween Party & Pot Luck @ the Fire Station Oct 23rd at 5 PM - Everyone Welcome

Kolbe Townhall Review

by Larry Waldron,
president MLHO

Labor day weekend town hall meeting: What a great turnout for the town hall meeting Saturday September 5th at the Mount Lemmon Fire Department. It was the largest of any previous meeting on Mt. Lemmon according to Mr. Kolbe. The Mt. Lemmon Women's Club provided coffee and dessert. Officials introduced where Congressmen Jim Kolbe, his aide Keith Rosenbloom, District Supervisor Ray Carroll, Pima County highway director Brooks Keenan, and Coronado Forest District Ranger Dean McAlister.

Congressmen Kolbe began his comments with the Mt. Lemmon highway construction and the need for the projects continued funding. He emphasized the importance of completing the project with minimal impact on businesses and visitors. There is however no easy way of completing the project he stated. Mr. Carroll echoed the feeling and thanked the Pima county highway department for their efforts in

repairing the highway after the July 15th collapse. Mr. Kolbe then covered the Republican tax relief plan, which will be sent to the President upon the return of Congress this September. He is not optimistic that

the President will sign it, but is hopeful that there can be a bipartisan solution worked out with the President after the anticipated veto. Mr. Kolbe covered the spending cap limits in 2000 and is confident that they can be modified. Medicare and social security problems are major issues before congress and he suggested some ideas to fund them in the future.

Questions from those in attendance covered Medicare, social security, HMOs, the juvenile crime bill, gun control, highways and airport improvements, the universal telephone service fee, the home satellite viewer act, campaign



photo by Patty Thomas

finance reform, the safe drinking water act, federal parks protection and environmental protection. Mr. Ray Carroll and Congressmen Kolbe both agreed that the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan would likely be a model for the rest of the country after its completion. Some questions added interesting dialog exchanges. One question from a young boy was well received. The young boy, presumably 15, was concerned about the future of the draft. He had to sign up for the draft in 3 years and wanted to know Mr. Kolbe's opinion on its reinstatement. The youngster was very articulate in his feelings concerning involvement in

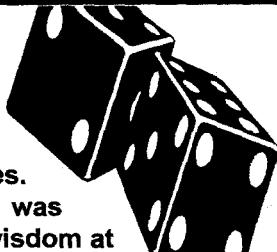
"moral" military
actions versus
military actions with
national security issues.

I believe Mr. Kolbe was
moved by the boy's wisdom at
such an early age.

Another question regarding a
proposed bill (602P), which would
add a fee for Internet E-mail
usage, brought an interesting
exchange. Mr. Kolbe asked how
the bill's information was learned.
It was obtained via an E-mail
message came the response. Mr.
Kolbe had researched the same E-
mail message and found that the
law firm opposing the bill does
not exist and the bill is not
pending. He also indicated that
such legislation is very unlikely.
Everything we receive via E-mail
may not be accurate.

*The final question
concerned the maintenance
of the Mt. Lemmon control
road. Mr. McAlister
indicated that the control
road repair would begin in
November. The intent is to
utilize a newly purchased
machine that will pulverize
rocks to create a roadbed.
The road would be
accessible for two-wheel
drive vehicles.*

That news was welcomed by all
who consider the evacuation of
Mt. Lemmon area critical. The
issue of sustained control road
maintenance still needs to be
addressed. We are very thankful
to Mr. McAlister and the Forest
Service for considering the
control road repair a priority given
the limited funding the district
receives. The meeting concluded
with a rousing applause.



Bunko

Saturday September
25th @ 6:00 PM at
Summerhaven Coffee
House. Cost \$10.95

includes tax & gratuity.
Choice of: Chicken and
Dumplings OR Roast Beef
and mashed potatoes. Dan
Cutler will be setting up his
telescope again to view
Jupiter after the Bunko game.
Please RSVP to Linda Mulay
by Monday Sept. 20th phone
327-4615. Everyone welcome!
October Bunko is set for
October 16, @ 6:00 pm at
the Alpine Lodge with
Octoberfest bratwurst dinner
for \$12.19. There won't be time
to give notice in the October
issue of the Echoes, so let Linda
know if you will be dining &
playing that Bunko game by
October 11th.

August Bunko was a success
with 38 for dinner at the Alpine
patio and 35 for Bunko.

The mountain temperature
dropped to the point that we
were all too cold to play our third
game. Thanks to the Mt. Lemmon
Woman's Club for donating the
money to buy the winners gifts
at the Living Rainbow.

After Bunko, 18 people braved
the cool weather and went to
view the moon and
constellations through a big
telescope set up by Dan Cutler.
It was magnificent and he
promises to set it up again for us
on September 25th. Thank-you
Dan for all the time and trouble
you went through for us to enjoy
the view.

*By Linda Mulay, The Bunko
Squad chairman*

M.L. Woman's Club news...

By LUANN WALDRON

This summer has seemed to fly
by quickly, but we still have two
Saturday meetings up on the
mountain.

Saturday, September 11th, we
met at Dorothy Ragel's, and on
October 2nd we will meet at Jan
Stevenson's.

Starting in
November and continuing through
May, we will be meeting in
Tucson. Watch for your
postcards for updates.

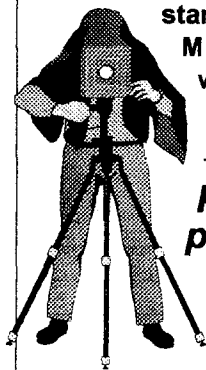
Our Family Potluck was
September 12th, at Suzanne
Hensels. The club bought hot
dog and hamburgers, and
members brought a side dish or
dessert. We had a great turnout -
even the weather cooperated. It's
a really great to see the families
and meet the new member's that
have joined our MLWC recently.
Thanks to Pat Hayhurst and Larry
Waldron for cooking the
hamburgers and hot dogs over
the grill!

If you want to join or have
questions about MLWC please
call Helen Quigley at 749-
0361 or Luann Waldron at
743-3034.



HIKING ...has come
to the end of the
season. We had
turnouts of between 2 and 18
people. We didn't get to all the
trails that we have done in the
past as we did try some new
ones, which were great. The last
one we did was up the Sunset
trail from Marshall's Gulch, but we
veered to the right along the
"trail" of Sabino Creek to the
water fall that comes out of Bear
Wallow. This was a rougher hike
than we normally do, as the trail

is not always a "good" trail. We had to do a little bushwhacking to get to the waterfalls, but it was rewarding to see it. Have a great winter season and we will start again next Memorial Day weekend.



**B.J. Singh,
professional
photographer
and Mt.
Lemmon
homeowner,
will be taking school
pictures and family
portraits in October.**

We do not have a confirmed schedule for BJ as of printing of Echoes. There will be a \$25 sitting fee that includes cost and development of the film, and a proof sheet. A price sheet will be available for individualized orders. If you are interested, please contact Cathie Brown (325-6119) or Dani Hayhurst (298-6328 or hayhurstaz@aol.com) for more details.

Spencer Suspense

adventures of a Peregrine Falcon

by Judy Epstein

On the 4th of July weekend last year, the rain had finally stopped late Sunday afternoon and the weather turned gorgeous. I ventured out to buy a bird book at Palisades Ranger Station so I could begin to learn and identify the many birds of the mountain. However, when I got there, I discovered that the book I wanted was sold out. I was driving back toward the village, listening to the continuation of my audio book, *The Dog that Rescues Cats*. This

book is a moving story about the uncanny ability of a dog to know when a cat's life was in danger and the persistence and dedication of his owner to follow the dog's lead until the cat was found and rescued. I was truly inspired by the owner's sense of destiny to help rescue these helpless cats. As I approached Spencer Canyon, I thought it might be a good time to finally familiarize myself with the area. I pulled into the left turn lane and was about to turn when my eye caught sight of a very large bird on the right hand side of the road where the mountain has been cut away. "Hmmm," I thought, "I don't know what kind of bird that is and I don't have a book to look it up. Is it a falcon, a hawk, or what?" As I sat there studying it in the left turn lane, I soon realized that this bird was not enjoying my presence and yet it wasn't flying away. Instead, it spread its wings wide, clinging to the earth as it inched higher. I made a U-turn and parked on the opposite side of highway to investigate further. The bird went only higher.

Then I instantly understood the circumstances! Here I was setting out to learn more about birds while listening to profound stories of rescue, and right before my eyes is a very large bird in some kind of trouble. I knew right then and there that I had to get involved and do something. But what? I drove quickly back to the Ranger Station; it was already their closing time. The close sign was up yet I was able to get Valerie's attention and urgently told her that there was a falcon or something on the side of the road at Spencer Canyon. She replied, "It's still there? Game

and Fish were called about it 2 days ago and they were supposed to get it." Now I *really* felt for this bird. It had already spent 2 days on the side of the highway on one of the busiest weekends! Valerie explained that she couldn't help me (nor could the volunteer plant expert who was getting in his car) but she did give me a large box I could use to transport the bird if I did catch it. She said throwing a sheet over it might work. Valerie also called a woman in Tucson who would take care of the bird if I got it to her. I asked the woman how to catch such a bird but I didn't like what I heard: "Use gloves and reach high up on its legs so its talons wouldn't dig into you." "Talons!" I thought, "What about its sharp beak!!

Oh boy, what now!" I called my husband, Chet, and woke him from his nap to give me some phone numbers of people I thought might help me try and rescue this huge bird. Fortunately, I was able to entice Eric Force to join my efforts. I told him what the woman had said so he gathered up some of his outdoor working gloves. Chet also decided he should probably lend some support, even though this type of activity was not his forte. In my car I had a large heavy fabric protecting my car seats from the wear and tear of my dogs that might suffice as a sheet.

I drove back to Spencer Canyon and found the bird even higher on the cut away. "We'll never get to it up there," I thought, so I walked back to where the ground was accessible and hiked to the top of the cut away's hill. Being like a cliff, I couldn't see where the bird was. Then Eric drove up and guided me. I tossed little rocks down the cliff, trying to get the

NET LINKS & Information

Here are a few web sites that you might want to add to your list of sites to visit:

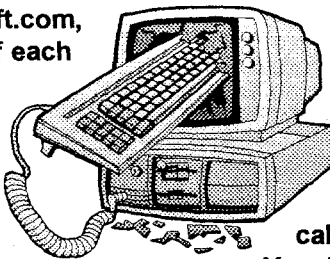
<http://www.azstarnet.com/areacode/> confused about the new area codes in the Phoenix area? Here's a source.

<http://www.adre.org/toc.html> the Arizona Dept of Real Estate web page .

<http://www.apple.com> or <http://www.microsoft.com>, are handy sites with help areas for users of each respective system .

<http://www.whatis.com> Explanations for every file format and computer term in the world.

<http://www.fedworld.gov/> set up by the Commerce Dept as an online locator service for information disseminated by the Federal Government - including tax information.



US West Sells Rural Lines to Citizens Utilities in 9 states for \$1.65 billion. The Southern Arizona areas affected by the sale, according to an article in the Tucson citizen back in June included Mt. Lemmon, Bisbee, Benson, Patagonia, St David, Tombstone and Wilcox. About 120,000 of the 530,000 rural lines sold were in Arizona.

What does this mean to you - and your Mt Lemmon phone? As of this writing, there is no noticeable change in service. However, the concern may be in future changes of rate charges for utilities - the concern is of Citizens Utilities being able to petition to charge toll calls on any non- local phone calls.

Your Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's board is monitoring and will keep you updated if this happens.

OPEN LETTER OF APPRECIATION

To: Ray Carroll, Pima County Board of Supervisors, John Roads, Fire Chief, Mt. Lemmon Fire Department, Lt. Chris Nanos, Pima County Sheriffs Department Rincon Station, Chuck Autrey, President, Mt. Lemmon Cooperative Water Co.

SUBJECT: APPRECIATION FOR EFFORTS DURING MT. LEMMON HIGHWAY COLLAPSE

Dear Sirs:

We, the board of Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Association, have unanimously declared that the following individuals and their co-workers have acted in a dedicated and responsive manner during the July 15, 1999 road collapse and the subsequent highway restoration period. Each individual demonstrated professionalism in performing their duties to the benefit of all those that were isolated on Mt. Lemmon.

Deputies Marty Miranda and John Eader for their calming presence, sincere concern, and reassurance that all individuals isolated on the mountain would be cared for in all emergency situations.

Michael Stanley, Operations Manager Mt. Lemmon Water, for his efforts to clear the Rose Canyon highway area to allow emergency personnel access to the Summerhaven and campground areas.

Charlotte Watts, Mt. Lemmon Fire Department, for her efforts to address the medical concerns of stranded individuals and coordinate a community wide notification.


Mary Lou Johnson, Pima County Highway Department, for her efforts to coordinate repair of the roadway in a timely manner and her availability to answer concerned citizens' questions.

Sincerely, Larry Waldron,
President, Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Association

This issue and the last issue of the Echoes has been edited by Dani Hayhurst . Any complaints can be forwarded directly to my round file. The next issue will come out around October 20th, and the last issue for 1999 will be in the mail around Thanksgiving. If you'd like to advertise, let Fran Zimmerman or me know prior to those dates. I can be reached by phone (298-6328), or by e-mail hayhurstaz@aol.com. The 1st issue for 2000 will be out in Late January.

Thanks, Dani

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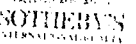
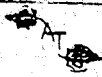


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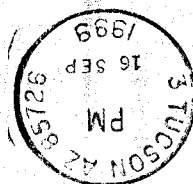
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Calendar of Upcoming Events

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