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Note from the President

by Larry Waldron

Think Snow!

It has been an unusually dry winter, which had been predicted by most weather forecasters. If it were not for the 1999 record monsoon season, in excess of 22 inches of rain on the mountain our streams and water tanks would be nearly dry. Hopefully this winter's total snowfall will at least surpass last Easter's heavy snow. Please remember to conserve water especially until those heavy snowstorms arrive.

The homeowner's board has approved a motion to donate funds (approximately \$2,000) to the Mt. Lemmon Fire Department for a Sentry Siren alarm, a second one was purchased by the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club. These remotely controlled alarms will allow cabin users and campers a notice to evacuate.

Another donation (\$2,500) was given to Mt. Lemmon Cooperative Water to assist in the purchase and installation of a water monitoring system, an equal donation was given by the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club. This system will allow remote operation of the Sabino tank pump and notify water and fire department personnel of a water

emergency, which would effect water delivery and fire fighting capability. It is anticipated that both these systems should be completed during the first half of this year.

In addition to the support all of us give to the local businesses, encourage your neighbors and friends to join the Mt. Lemmon civic organizations. Each organization will soon begin their annual membership drives. The membership dues to the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association are used to print the Echos newsletter and provide financial support for many mountain projects like those listed above. Each organization has distinct goals and varied social events, but all work together for the good of the community.

I would like to thank Chuck Autrey, a homeowner board member, for his efforts in getting the proper approvals and form necessary to provide the Mt. Lemmon Elementary School with state tax money. These donations, up to \$200 per family per year, come directly off of the tax owed to the state on your yearly tax. \$4,000 was raised for the school during November and December of 1999. These dollars will greatly help the school in many areas that are under funded. The process is

now in place and I would expect a much larger amount in 2000. Contact any homeowner board member to obtain of school tax credit form.

Please remember to reserve Tuesday, April 18th for the annual homeowner's dinner. This year's dinner will be held at the Hidden Valley Inn on Sabino Canyon Road. Future articles will detail the menu options and program.

*Annual
Homeowner's
Dinner
April 18th @
Hidden Valley
Inn*

**Don't put away those
Christmas Lights - Mt
Lemmon Needs 'em
for the Mt Lemmon
Light Fest this Summer!**

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MT LEMMON SUMMER OF LIGHTS 2000

*here's an update of the plans as
they are forming*



Summerhaven Summer of Lights events for June & July - Lights displays at cabins & businesses over the weekends of this Summer.

Lighting Contest :

We're asking cabin owners and renters to "light up" their cabins - no matter what the location is - because lights in the canyons and mountain sides are visible in the village as well.

We're talking Christmas type lighting... with a feel similar to Winterhaven or Old Tucson's Winter West Fest (where Old Tucson was decorated with over 30,000 lights). We're not doing the Christmas theme because this will be happening in the SUMMER - when people are attracted to Mt Lemmon and would want to walk around under the lights.

So, don't put the holiday lights too far away - the Light Fest will start on Saturday, June 3rd and we'll be asking you to turn your lights on every Saturday night thru the summer through Labor Day weekend! Of course be careful for summer rain & weather related situations, and use common sense and keep safety in mind!

You can decorate with just a string of lights, or go crazy &

Mt Lemmon Summer of Lights

Events Dates:

Support Your Local Extra- Terrestrial -	June 10 th
Hot Cars & Cool Nights- special attraction	
the Speed Sport Special	June 17 th
American Pie & Bluegrass Celebration -	July 1 st & 2 nd
Y2K 4 th of July Parade	
Calling All Trolls, Fairies & Wizards-	July 15 th
Final Lights Fest Weekend - All of Labor Day Weekend	

have a fun time with decorating! Even a flood light aimed toward the streets will aid those walking and enjoying the evening activities. (Parking is always a problem on Mt Lemmon, so we'd like to encourage property owners to leave their cars at their cabins and walk to events in the village area.) There will be prizes awarded for 1st place lighting in the following categories - but don't let these categories limit your creativity!

"Lemmon-lite Nights"

Categories for judging :

Lights on starting June 3rd thru Labor Day Weekend on Saturdays thru out the summer - Awards for these Categories will be given the following Saturday, June 10th, 2000

- 1." Red White & Blue" - Celebrate America in the New Millennium
2. "Celebration to the Stars & Celestial lights" (i.e. Moon over Mt. Lemmon or Starry Starry Nights)
3. "Salute to Mother Nature" (like Flight of the Fire Flies, or a celebration to the Summer

Solstice)

4. "Y2K "- creative use of lites - either by using 2000 lights, or illustrating the future - space themes, new millennium themes, etc.

*PLUS - Everyone who has lights on has a chance to win fun prizes weekly!

We'll either use the address or assign a number for each property lighting up, and , on top of prizes for categories, prizes will be awarded weekly by drawing for any cabin that has lights on - even if it's just a string across the window or around the outhouse you'll qualify for the drawing. One win per cabin - this is open to Willow Cyn, the Palisades area, Soldier's Camp and Loma Sabino Pines. So, everyone light up and help light the way!

Uptown Saturdays: Cool Nights and Lemmon-lites - where Santa goes in the Summertime to cool off when the ice breaks on the Santa Cruz!

Besides helping out the businesses, this is also geared toward bringing the "Family" back to the mountain. We want everyone - grow ups and kids -

to have some of the wonderful memories we all enjoy with a small town atmosphere & have visitors return to the mountain because of the positive experience.

Every Saturday Events day of the Summer, the businesses are planning to stay open later hours and are lighting up. We'll be trying to attract street performers, musicians, vendors and artists hosted by cabin owners for those special events days too.

Lighting Judge Barb Ziemann from Trico Electric Cooperative will review & decide on winners of lighting contest June 3rd.

Lighting up can mean just having a string of lights on the deck to an elaborate display compliments of a Winterhaven type light show! Special thanks to an old mountain friend, Steve Kirkpatrick and his wife Linda for sharing information with us about Winterhaven's Winter Light Display.

So Light Up the Night!

National Forest Homeowners Permittee Forum Free Feb 5th, 2000

One of the nicest features of editing the Echoes is the sharing of information with other interested groups. Mia Hansen, secretary of the Willow Canyon Cabin Owner's Association, and editor of the Willow Canyon News, and your Echoes newsletter, share our information. Some of that shared information included Willow Canyon being notified that the appraised value of the Willow lots would

increase the Willow annual lease fee payments from \$900 up to \$1,600 beginning this year. The NFH forum scheduled for Feb 5th at the Best Western Airport Hotel @ 12:30 PM will include a keynote address by Coronado Forest Special Uses Coordinator Bill Lewis, proposed cost recovery regulations and national appraisal updates by Randy Karstaedt, special uses Group Leader, USFS Lands Division, Washington D.C., appraisals in Region 3, setting Your Fees, by Lyle Wilkinson, senior review appraiser, USFS Region 3

**New appraisals
increases Willow
Cyn permittee
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(Arizona and New Mexico), as well as a review of the new fee legislation and a questions and answer session. Timely issues and topics of critical interest to all National Forest cabin owners will be discussed and reviewed.

If you have concerns as a permittee, or an interest in the topics, the forum is free and you need not be a member of the NFH to attend.

The NFH is the only nationwide organization solely advocating for those with second homes on the national forests. Registration for the forum, which will be held at the Best Western Airport Hotel, will begin at 12:30 PM and finish by 5:45PM.



Fire District Update

by Chief
John Roads

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

1999 ended as another very successful year as far as fire losses and emergencies go. 1999 was the slowest year of the decade for emergency calls. The year ended with 141 calls, compared to 299 in 1995. The best news is that we have completed another year with \$0 losses to fire. There were several forest fires in and around the village, but there were no structure fires and no lost dollars. Congratulations on maintaining a fire free village.

FIRE SEASON IS UPON US! - That generally sounds a little early, however, with the lack of snow and moisture, we are currently in fire season. On December 18th, there was a near 1-acre fire just above Ski Valley. The camper caused fire was exhibiting significant fire behavior for this time of year.

While there is some ice still remaining from the Jan 2 snow, the pine needles are extremely dry and subject to fire. With the dry conditions, extreme precautions must be taken to avoid fireplace and fire box ash pile fires. Insure that all ashes are cold before disposing of them.

MANPOWER SHORTAGES!

There has been a lot of turnover in the village this fall, except that few people are moving up the mountain. Firefighter recruitment is difficult. We have also experienced 100% turnover in the full-time firefighting force in the past 4 months. There are

only two active firefighters living in the village. One of these two is currently a full-time firefighter; the other is a part-time trainee. When either is on duty, there are no back up reserve forces available. The upcoming road construction, coupled with higher firefighter salaries in the Tucson area, and the high personal cost to obtain training have taken its toll on the department. We are actively recruiting assistance from personnel in Tucson, however, with the limited resources available in the

village, the manpower available to respond to emergencies will be minimum. It takes a person 1 year, plus 2-3 trips to Tucson each week to obtain the needed training certifications. The Fire Chief is currently exploring all possible options, however, with the current shortage of local resources, the choices are few. Stayed tuned for future updates.

PLANS for 2000!

In addition to working on the manpower shortages, other plans for the Department in the year 2000 include

upgrading the radio dispatch system, installing an emergency evacuation signaling system, installing a water system line to the fire station, constructing a portable burn furnace for pine needles, and researching other equipment upgrades.

As we enter the new year, we must maintain our awareness of fire safety precautions and work together for another successful fire free year.

Phone numbers Emergency # 911
 Highway conditions 741-4991
 Forest Service Info 749-8700
 Fire Dept. office # 576-1201

New General Store Opens!

Mt Lemmon Village Market

Sonni and Jost Wendt, owners of the Mt Lemmon Suites and Fine Crafts, have opened their third business - the Mt Lemmon Village Market!

The Mt Lemmon Village Market is located directly down stairs from Mt Lemmon Suites and Fine Crafts, and is open daily from 10AM to 5 PM for all your non- perishable grocery needs. The Village Market carries a surprising variety of non- grocery items such as sewing needs, baking and kitchen items, ice scrapers, automobile fluids, engine starter (for those incredibly cold mornings) , sundries, non-prescription pharmacueticals, dog and cat food, gloves, socks, mittens, cork screws, plastic and paper goods, kids lunch needs, cleaning and household supplies, some hardware, propane bottles, candles, matches, gift wrap ... and the list goes on!

Sonni and her manager Karen have put a lot of energy into creating the Mt Lemmon Village Market with "local friendly" pricing **ONGOING LOCAL SPECIALS**: Candy bars and sodas are 50 cents every day for local children, Big K Soda \$3 a six pack, brand name sodas \$4 a six pack for locals only!

So for all your emergency and everyday needs, please help support your *new* village

market!

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Mt Lemmon Woman's Club

News by Luann Waldron

Our holiday brunch was held at the home of Judy Epstein on Dec.4. We took this opportunity to welcome in the year 2000 and express our hopes for the upcoming century. Thank you, Judy, for your hospitality. We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season.

We have many up-coming meetings and events. Please check your e-mails and your Postal mail for notice of meeting. Our meeting until May are held in Tucson. Mark these days on your calendar:

February 2; March 7; April 5; May 2. If you have a topic or idea for our future meetings please let us know.(Helen Quigley 749-0361 or Luann Waldron 743-3034)

We have had several new members join our club, and are very happy to have them as part of our Mountain Family . We have a total of 67 members.

As a club we have donated money to the Fire Dept. for purchase of a Evacuation Siren, and to the Water Co-op for their new water monitoring system. We also bought T-shirt s for the Zimmerman School children. We have supported the summer Bunko games, and organized the Sunday morning hikes and

for the last 3 years had a summer Kids Club for the young kids, grandkids and guests.

The First 4.5 Billion Years A 90 minute T.V. Special

by Barbara Welsh

Sit in your most comfortable chair, put your feet up, and get all the goodies you will need for a 90 minute special without commercials. The title is not too exciting, but there is lots of action and the ending is great. With a scale of 4.5 billion years in 90 minutes, a billion years gets condensed down to 20 minutes.

There is lots of geological activity in the first part of the film. The scenery is very interesting. Land and oceans are forming and moving constantly. About 35 or forty minutes later Arizona looks like a series of islands, sometimes above the oceans, sometimes below. Earthquakes, volcanoes, the continents rising and sinking, Continents pulling apart and clashing back together, but no life that we can see. There are microscopic forms of life but in our program we can not see them. In fact, the first visible life does not appear until 78 minutes into the program. The cast of characters and dialog is sadly lacking. Now North America stops moving east, and starts moving west, and like a speedboat the front end rises and the back (East Coast) sinks. There are now insects, sharks, corals, amphibians, and the first of the reptiles. The seas around Arizona dry up. The central parts of North America sag, and are filled

with a narrow sea. Some rocks left by this transient sea are well exposed along the road between Bisbee and Douglas, and a small exposure in Nugget Canyon in the northeastern Catalina Mountains.

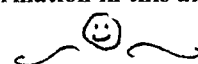
This is not the time to leave to get another coke or whatever. We are now 86 minutes into the show and Dinosaurs appear on the scene. If you look closely you might see some small mammals in the corner of the screen. There are only 4 minutes left. Now things are starting to happen. 3 minutes later and with only 1 minute left the dinosaurs vanish and mammals start to achieve prominence. Twenty-four seconds before the end of the show the Catalina Mountains are uplifted and the Tucson Mountains start sliding off on their way to their present home. Twelve seconds later basin-and-range faulting results in the down-dropping of the Tucson Basin.

During the Ice Ages there are small permanent ice patches on protected north and east slopes atop Mt. Lemmon.

With six seconds left, the earliest manlike animals appear. Homo sapiens gets its brief moment of stardom in the last six-tenths of a second. Don't blink or you will miss all of mankind. All of our recorded history is buried in the last two pictures on the tape.

Much too fast for us to see as the credits are running. In this year two thousand, may we start another 4.5 billion years. THE END

with many thanks to Ken Blake, a Sabino Canyon Volunteer for much of the information in this article.



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Mt Lemmon Generator Right on Schedule

The generator was installed December 21st and will provide back up power for most of the Mt Lemmon Area

Mt Lemmon Highway Construction Project Awarded to CS McCrossan Inc.

The project will start with initial survey work next week but will have no traffic impact until EARLY MARCH on the upper section of the Catalina Highway. The upper section is from Lizard Rock (milepost 16) 4.9 miles to Bigelow Road. The work on the lower section (from the new bridge into Bear Canyon) has been delayed because of environmental constraints and may not start until June or later. However, this delayed start will not extend the completion date for the road work.

The road schedule is being revised to reflect the later start date for the lower section. (Hopefully we'll have it for the next issue of your Echoes.) Also, the blasting schedule for the Upper section is awaiting approval. Until blasting times are finalized, the scheduled Tuesday, Thursday road closures will not take affect. There are 2 hotlines for information Updates - one for the general public, and one for the residents. Any changes from the construction plan (i.e. road open sooner than scheduled or shorter delays than printed, will be updated by the hotline for residents.

The phone numbers are ;
Residents Hotline 751-9409

General public Hotline 751-9405.

There is a meeting planned at the Alpine, Monday, January 31st at 6PM to meet the representative of the CS McCrossan Inc, also, Joan Beckim and Rick Kaneen of Kaneen Advertising and Public Relations, the local community relations will attend. John Carver of the Federal Highway Administration will also be there along with the projects supervisor for CS McCrossan Inc.

**Remember: No traffic impact thru
early March!**

Work this spring will only be on the upper section from Lizard Rock to Bigelow. Flagger operations with 15 minute maximum delay (total through the entire section); or hourly pilot car operations (on the hour for the uphill traffic and 1/4 past the hour for the downhill traffic, with maximum 15 minute delays for passage) from 9AM to 3:15 PM Monday through Friday. Night closures on week nights from Sunday PM to Friday AM from 11:30 PM to 5:30AM (6 hours) except nights before and after national holidays and the week of Christmas through New Years.
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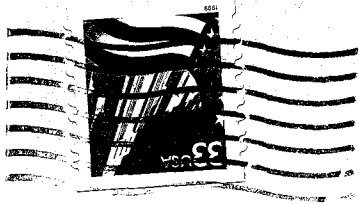
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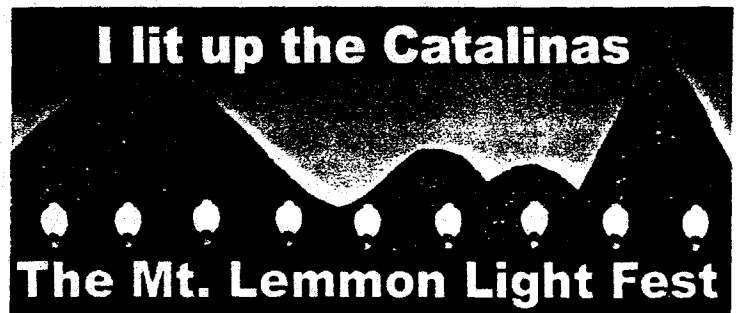
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and Uptown Saturdays

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