

The

# Mt. Lemmon Echoes

*Serving the Homeowners of Mt. Lemmon*

\*\*\*\*\* EXTREME WATER EMERGENCY - PLEASE CONSERVE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE \*\*\*\*\*

## The MT. Lemmon Cooperative Water Company,

your water company, has a water problem

-- NO we are not rationing water as yet. But our tanks are dangerously low and the flow rates on our springs are as slow as we have seen them in 20 years. As I write this article and plea the last meaningful precipitation we had was the night of January 1st (6"- 8" of snow) and before that it was the middle of September. When you consider the lack of precipitation, causing slow spring flows and add a couple of serious water leaks in December and January it adds up to a very low water reserve. We have fixed all known leaks and are pumping from all available sources in an effort to get our tanks back to a safe supply level, but



without your help and some precipitation it may not be possible.

We will accept help from all sources so please use your prayers, dances and any other influence you have to conjure up some rain or snow.

We are currently asking all water users to voluntarily conserve water anyway they can. We strongly

toilets until absolutely necessary (if it's yellow let it mellow, if it's brown send it down) and turn off your water at the meter before you leave the mountain. If you can think of any other ways to conserve our water please pass it on to your friends and neighbors and together we will get through the crisis.

*By Chuck Autrey, President, MLCWC*

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suggest that you do such things as not water outdoor plants and trees, do laundry downtown, use paper plates/cups as much as possible, bring up drinking water, don't let the water run until it gets hot -- heat it on the stove/hot plate, don't flush your



## SEASON IS STILL UPON US!

by Chief

**John Roads**

- As I write this article, we anxiously await possible snow. Pine needles are dry. Trees are thirsty. Unless we get a lot of snow, Fire conditions will continue to get worse as summer approaches. With the current 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. A new project is in the works to assist with the reduction of fuels within the village. We will again this year have a dumpster available near the station to haul pine needles and tree slash. The Fire District is also constructing a slash burner. The burner is mounted on a trailer. Instead of burning pine needle piles on the ground (messy and slow), the piles can be placed in the forced air furnace for faster and safer consumption. The burner will also allow for faster pile re-ignitions incase firefighters have to respond to emergencies. The burner should be ready for operation later this spring.

**VILLAGE EVACUATION HORNS** - Thanks to the Mt. Lemmon Home Owners' Association and the Mt. Lemmon Women's Club, funding has been provided to purchase two evacuation horns. The portable compressed air horns will be strategically placed in the village. In case of a serious and immediate threat from fire in the village area, the horns will sound for an evacuation.

Since the horns are portable, they will be stored in the off seasons, and can easily be tested away from the village. This eliminates the aggravating noises of regular siren testing. Also, since the horns are operated by compressed air, the horns only require general electricity for battery charging. They will operate in a power outage. The horns are radio activated, making it possible for the fire department to easily activate the horns without leaving the fire area. The horns are on order and should be in place later this spring. When the horns arrive, details of evacuation procedures will be made available.

#### SMOKEY THE BEAR RETURNS -

For the last several years, the MLFD station displayed a Smokey the Bear flag. The flag, which had been provided in 1999 by the State Land Department, was apparently a one of a kind. No replacement was available. The State Land Department reclaimed the flag to have a local flag maker generate new flags. We now have a new version (on the flag pole) and the

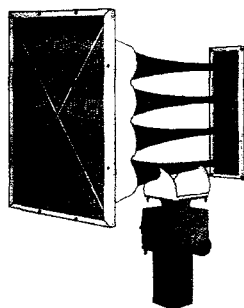
original available to keep in the station.

## Note from the President

by Larry Waldron

Winter is flying by us. It has been in California, Utah, Colorado, and Nevada.

Maybe March will bring us some of the winter wonderland to the mountain. Before long we will be thinking of spring time and mountain activities. Two rites of spring are coming soon. That is, satisfying the taxman and attending the Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's annual dinner. The annual dinner is a great time to enjoy a good meal and visit with friends and neighbors that you may have not seen in months. May tax day be as pleasant for you. This year's dinner is Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Hidden Valley Inn. The dinner choices have been selected for quality and value. The speakers have been chosen and hopefully weather conditions will change before the dinner. We would rather hear about a plentiful water supply, reduced fire danger, and a lush healthy forest. Moisture is the key to these positive outcomes.



The speakers are Ray Carroll; county supervisor, Dean McCalister; forest ranger, Chuck Autrey; water president, John Roads; fire chief, Dani Hayhurst; community events, and Larry Waldron; home-owner's board. As usual, there will be many fine door prizes given. Remember the rain dance.



## The Mt. Lemmon Light Fest

Starts June 3, 2000...

...Look for it!

3<sup>rd</sup> through September 2<sup>nd</sup>.



**\*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!

*(This is not designed to increase road traffic on your streets - it's to allow you and your neighbors some visibility and safety on the otherwise dark streets when walking in the evenings or heading into the village to join in the festivities.)*

**ENJOY MT LEMMON'S COOL  
SUMMER TEMPERATURES  
EVERY SATURDAY**

**I lit up the Catalinas**

**The Mt. Lemmon Light Fest**

There will also be "FOUR SATURDAYS" throughout the summer that will have "SPECIAL THEMES". On these particular Theme Saturdays there will be Cabin and Business hosted: live shows, outside music and bands, street performers, food and craft vendors, etc... All these activities will be located along the MAIN DRAG of the Light Festival from 10AM to 10 PM. We encourage everyone to come **COSTUMED** in that **THEME CATEGORY** or help "create" something related to these themes and join in the FUN! Many contests and prizes will be given during the "THEME SATURDAYS" for the public to participate in. The Ski Valley restaurant, shops and gondola ride, along with Summerhaven's restaurants, gift shops, bakeries and stores are going to be open from 10AM to 10 PM on the on each of the four **SPECIAL THEME SATURDAYS**. Many eateries will be serving tantalizing late night desserts on their outside patios. If you have a CRAFT, FOOD, MUSIC, TALENT, ( etc, ) IDEA, that you would like to share at the FESTIVAL, or for more information, contact Dani Hayhurst, a Mt Lemmon Community Events Coordinator (MLCEC) at 520-298-6328, or

*here's an update of the plans as they continue to evolve or as the Lemmon Twists Part 2*

**UPTOWN SATURDAYS & Lemmon -Lite Nights**  
The Summer long FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

An **OUTSIDE LIGHTING CONTEST** among the Mt Lemmon community of Cabin Owners and Businesses with many awards and big prizes. The lights will go on at **DUSK** to 10 PM on every Saturday throughout the summer starting on June

parents attend the meeting.

**LOW WATER RESERVES, FIRE DANGER, ROAD CONSTRUCTION, ROAD CLOSURES**

- lots of factors are working to the detriment of your local

Mt Lemmon businesses - so remember to support them - we all enjoy the services they supply. And remember, it will rain & snow again, the fire district continues to improve and update it's technology to make this a safer place, and the road, when finished, will be a superhighway to the

and Faul Nature Park.

(Excerpts from that article are in quotes.)

"A feasibility study performed

last spring by Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas Inc, in conjunction with the Pima County Department of Transportation, determined that a shuttle service would be a viable solution for the worsening traffic conditions, conditions, parking space shortages, deadly and



about each of the stops, said Carroll."

"I just believe the history begs for a celebration of the pioneers who started it", Carroll said."

"Carroll added he hopes the plan will meet ( the Faul's) criteria for construction" and "the goals of their vision, which is to celebrate the diversity of our environment. "Supervisor Ray Carroll " a p p r o a c h e d Congressman Jim Kolbe, and the Mt Lemmon Scenic Highways Commission with the idea." "Kolbe backed the idea

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