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Annual 4th of July Parade on Tuesday July 4th at high noon!

From the President

by Larry Waldron

As I sit here Thursday evening with the scent of smoke lingering from the rattlesnake fire which burns vigorously below Summerhaven, I think of the smoldering that is also going on in this Mt. Lemmon community. This smoldering is not a forest fire but friction between two factions, one in favor of the light festival and the other opposed to its activities. Our heroic fire fighters care of the fire problem took mother nature began with a lightning strike, while those of us in Summerhaven must "snuff-out" dissension before it ignites into something else. We love to come up after a hectic workweek and not have to deal with tensions on the mountain.

Let me begin by again reiterating that the Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's board does not endorse or disapprove of the Mt. Lemmon light festival and it's associated activities. We also have deferred any fire and safety concerns to the Mt. Lemmon Fire District, Pima County Sheriff's Department and the US Forest Service. We (the board) do support the general premise of assisting the local businesses during the highway construction and also provide funds for the Water Coop and the Fire The Mt. Lemmon Department. Homeowner's Association in the past has chosen to report on all community activities including chili cook-offs, art festivals, blue-grass festivals, Octoberfest, etc. and has never been considered a sponsor of those events because of the coverage they receive.

The Echos newsletter is an "event" paper and is not a public forum for editorializing. It is not the policy of this newsletter to seek controversy or allow political debate or retaliatory articles to be printed. While the organizers could have sought more community support from effected neighbors and businesses, opponents have had months of opportunity to get involved. Let us douse these differences and work together for the better of our Summerhaven community. There is lots of work left for us to complete.

Consider this: More than likely every June until the next millennium comes we will likely have the risk of high fire danger on Mt. Lemmon. We cannot close the mountain to all activities in June because we are fearful of a forest or community fire. Fire danger is a real part of living on this mountain. It is apparent the Forest Service and the Arizona Game and Fish, which take this fire risk seriously has not let this years risk delay their regular programs. Those agencies waived all fees and opened the mountain to all Saturday June 10th.

Mt Lemmon Woman's

Club News

by President Luann Waldron phone 743-3034 576-1568 June 3rd meeting was held at Judy Epstein's cabin. It was the installation of new officer, and thanks to Dani Hayhurst for her creative installation ceremony. New officers are: Luann Waldron, President; Helen Quigley, vice President; Olga Pace and Barb Haynes 2nd Vice Presidents; Kay Slocum, Secretary; JoAnn Foor, Treasurer.

Up coming events:

June 24th is our annual membership tea at 2:00 PM at B.J. Singh's cabin. This is a nice time to invite new women on the mountain to share in a time of great food and entertainment. We will participate in the annual 4th of July parade. We will be the "DENIM MILLENIUM" group. Any member wanting to participate please call and watch your E-mail for updated information.

August 5th (Saturday) will be our next meeting. It will be held at Joann Foster's cabin at 12:30.

Remember our
weekly
hikes. We
meet at the
post office
Sunday
mornings at
8:30 AM.



Lights in Ski Valley

Our hours for the summer will be 9:00 to 9:00 Fridays and Saturdays. 9:00 to 7:00 Sundays and 10:00 to 5:00 on Mondays. We will be closed Tues, Wed and Thurs.

We will be having music on Friday and Saturday nights and music on some Sunday afternoons on ski side. The sky ride will be running on Friday and Sat. nights with lights.

Free skyride is given with each full meal Friday and Sat. nights and with full breakfast Saturday and Sunday mornings before 11:00.

Fire Dept News BY CHIEF JOHN ROADS

WOW - The monsoons arrived real early. As of this writing, fire season is still being evaluated. The pine needles are damp, but remember they only need one hour (1-hour fuel) to dry out again. The big fire problem this year has been

attributed to the 1000 and 10.000-hour fuels. They need 1000 hours and 10,000 hours of moisture respectively to change their moisture contents. These obviously are the large trees. As we are only 3 days into the monsoon season, we will have to wait to see if enough moisture falls to reduce the long-term hazards. In the meantime, continue all safe measures to prevent any fire starts. With the added event of lightning, we have a higher potential for fire starts.

Ash Disposal - Even with the wet conditions, it is still a severe hazard to improperly dispose of fireplace and charcoal ash. Dumping hot ashes on wet needles will cause the needles to dry out and ignite. Ashes can hold their heat for several days. Insure that all the ashes are cold to the touch before disposal.

The Pine Needle dumpster is still here, behind the station. So far this year, we have filled the dumpster 3-1/2 times. We will keep the unit for a little while longer.

Special thanks go to Joan Klinger for her generous donation to the Fire Department. The funds will be used to purchase additional fire breathing air tanks. The tanks will be used to put four additional breathing packs in service.

The air horn evacuation system is almost complete. Some assembly was required. The system is currently going through final component testing and assembly.

One May 22nd, Thanks to Governor Hull, additional funding was available to place additional firefighters on shift. The Severity Shifts run from 9-6 daily. The personnel have been used to continue the operation

of the Big Red Pacer burn unit, provide initial attack on any fires (none so far), and assist updating tactical plans. The shift will continue until the severe conditions end. The following is an excerpt taken from a message to the Chief from a fellow Alumni. The alumnus was a resident in Los Alamos.

I thought I had seen quite a bit in my years of "hanging" around fire but this is the by far the most impressive damage from fire I've witnessed. The firestorm created put some of these homes (2000-4000 sq ft) completely on the ground in less than 10 minutes with estimated temperatures of 2500 degrees F. A few actually vaporized. There is nothing left but the chimneys and foundations. Some of the earth has vitrified to a depth of 10 inches. On the steeper slopes, the erosion potential is enormous." Vitrified earth has turned to glass. The dirt is hardened and will no longer sustain life.

Healthy Tree, Healthy Forest, **Safe Forest**

by Bob Zimmerman

Chief John Roads, former district ranger Steve Plevel, Forest Service employee Ets Hoken, Arizona State Land Department Fire Management Officer Brian Lauber and Fire Board Chairman Bob Zimmerman recently formed the Forest Health Committee, under the auspices of the Mount Lemmon Fire District, to discuss

> fire danger to t h e Mt. Lemmon community. With aid from Arizona State Land, the Fire District has hired Steve Plevel to help determine a long-range plan to reduce fuel loading in the village to improve homeowner's

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chances for survival in a crown fire.

Many Mt. Lemmon homeowners may not understand the critical condition that exists, or its causes. Consequently, education will be the major thrust of this effort, with particular emphasis on the measures needed to reduce the danger uncontrollable wild land fire. This education will include showing the video, "It's A Matter of Time," publishing homeowners guide to fire reduction and continuing articles in the Echoes.

Most villagers are accustomed to visualizing the Mt. Lemmon forest as a healthy one, when the opposite is true. Due to lack of regular fires or clearing, it is 1000% overgrown, in many cases with the wrong trees taking over. This compounds the problem of fuel loading and ladder fuels. Conditions have not been healthy for 50 to 60 being.

Members of this committee are planning to delineate critical areas in our community and determine a practical method to reduce fuel loading. However, this will require cooperation from property owners. Raking is essential, but not enough!

Since many people have a negative reaction to the idea of cutting or thinning trees on their property, the committee plans to hold a "before" and "after" demonstration on privately owned lots. This will better illustrate, "clearing or removing ladder fuel to reduce fire danger." Some mistakenly feel that this means wholesale cutting of trees. It does not. However, if this community is to be preserved, some thinning is essential. Thinning forests encourages growth of preferred trees, i.e. those that are more fire resistant, and is beneficial to wildlife.

On Saturday, June 17 at 9 a.m., a talking tour at two sites where trees have been marked to be thinned or removed will take place. The tour starts at Block 6. Attendees may park at the old Inn site and walk a short distance up Turkev Run, just past the first cabin, the Bass cabin. Steve Plevel. Chief Roads and others will explain the fuel reduction process. The second site is Lot 44 in Loma Sabino Pines. Perhaps some could carpool to the second site. although parking is available. It is hoped that many will attend

this first meeting, the "Before Phase," Trees will be marked with colors. Green signifies that the tree is to be trimmed, orange that it needs to be watched for future removal. A tree with pink markings is to be removed. This is mainly for diseased trees (beetles and mistletoe) or unhealthy thickets. The borders are generally left undisturbed to preserve visual screening. The committee hopes to organize a crew composed of Department of Correction members and firefighters to do the actual thinning and removal. It is more important to attend the second event, the "After Phase," which will be announced at a later date. Homeowners, who didn't make it Saturday, should at least go by and look at the marked trees, the "Before Phase." Pass the word to as many folks as possible about how this all works. As soon as the work is done, the "After Phase" meeting will be announced. The purpose of all this is to show how to reach a healthy forest condition with the minimum impact. I think you will be pleasantly surprised.

Please send me your e-mail address if you would like to be kept notified of coming events. B o b Z i m m e r m a n bobzim@azstarnet.com
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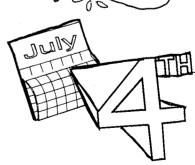
<u>Ladder Fuel</u>: Low branches that provide a path to bring fire to the tree crowns.

protect it from catastrophic fire!

Crown Fire: A very destructive and uncontrollable fire racing through the tops of large trees

BUNKO

The next Bunko
Game is scheduled
for Saturday, July 22
at 6:00 PM at the
Alpine. It will be Bar-b-q
chicken or pork ribs for
\$12.95 including drink tax and
gratutity. Contact Linda Mulay for
more information and dinner
reservations 327-4615 or 5761417.



4th of July Parade entry forms are on the front cover

please return forms to Fran Zimmerman ASAP

ROAD UPDATE

Resident Road Update
Hotline: 751-9409

calendar of upcoming

events

- Kids Club Every Saturday 10AM - noon June & July

Hiking every Sunday Morning starting June 4th at 8:30 AM. Meet at the post office June 24th - Annual Water Coop @10AM at the Fire Station, MLWC Tea 2PM Judging of cabins Lights (evening) July 1st Saturday Bluegrass Event July 4th Tuesday Parade at High Noon July 15th Saturday A Mountain Renaissance of Trolls, Fairies & Romance July 22 Bunko Night 6PM Alpine August 5 Square Dance Fire Station August 19 & 20 Art & Psychic Fair

lights on Every Saturday night from June 3rd thru Sept 2nd

Water Co-op News

by President Chuck Autrey

Chuck Autrey is on his honeymoonlook for a water update at the

Annual Meeting this Saturday, or in
the next issue of the Echoes.

Annual Water Meeting June 24th

Your Mount Lemmon

Cooperative Water Company will
hold it annual meeting at the

Lemmon **Cooperative Water Company will** hold it annual meeting at the Mount Lemmon Fire Station on Saturday, June 24th at 10AM. There will be an election of three board members, a financial status report and a review of what your company accomplished the past year. We will also discuss future projects and answer any questions you may have on the water system in general. It shouldn't take more than an hour, so mark your calendar and come give the board your thoughts and ideas on how we can make the system

better for everyone.

HOW MANY DONDEDOSA

By Barbara Welsh

I heard a charming story the other day that I'll pass on to you for your enjoyment. Have you ever wondered why John and Sara Lemmon decided to leave their California home and come to the "wilderness" of Arizona? This did not seem like the ideal place for a honeymoon. They were devoted Botanists and as such had heard a very strange tale. At that time

"everyone " knew that a proper Ponderosa pine tree had five needles in each "bundle" on the tree. The botanists had heard a rumor that in Arizona, on top of mountain, there were Ponderosa pine trees with only three needles to a bundle. Now because they were so devoted to their profession, they came to investigate. We all know the story of how Sara was the first non-Indian woman to reach the top of the mountain and have her name given to the mountain for all time. Did they find the three needled pines? Yes, and if you have three needled pines and five needled pines, you are sure to find a few with four needles. As you go on your walks, I challenge you to look at different Ponderosa pines and see what you can find.

In later years there are other areas that have these

unusual trees but they were first verified here on Mt. Lemmon---or so the story goes.

ELUBS

This is the 4th season the Mt Lemmon Woman's Club will be sponsoring the Kids

Club each Saturday morning from 10AM to 12 noon during June and July this summer. The schedule of activities is on the reverse side of the parade entry form, or, you can contact the person listed after each date below, or the Mt Lemmon Realty office @ 576-1300. By getting these young people together, the Mt Lemmon Woman's Club is providing them an opportunity to meet new friends, have fun, be safe, and learn some new skills. Schedule for Kids Club for rest of June and July:

June 24th Chestnut cabin TBA Wendy Chestnut 576-1011 Kathy Shields July 1 - no meeting

July 8th Pace Cabin cooking & geography Carol Niehoff, Olga Pace 576-1420, Kay Solcum This will be PARENTS DAY AT THE KID'S CLUB. While your kids are busy cooking, Shirley Harbison from KUAT – Channel 6 will cook up some ideas and fun for parents. She'll introduce the great new programs, internet sites, and community outreach for children. There will be materials and books from the public broadcasting station as well as a chance to discuss the role of TV in your children's education.

July 15th TBA Art Project Jeannie Hartman 576-1956 Donna Roll July 22 TBA Nature Hike & Geology study Barbara Welsh 576-1566, Helen Quigley July 29th Lawson Cabin Scavenger Hunt Wendy Lawson 576-1267 Patsy Riley.

Bluegrass Saturday Event

Bonnie Lohman is organizing the Bluegrass portion of the Light Fest Events set for Saturday, July 1st. Bonnie is out of state on a family matter, but will be back in time to handle the Bluegrass Event schedule. The banio is a basic part of the bluegrass sound - and bluegrass is a truly American form of music. Perfect for celebrating the independence weekend Meanwhile, for a sample of what to expect check out these web pages about Bluegrass:

http://www.cginternational.com/bluegrass

http://home.att.net/~fertilepic kens/fertilepickens.htm

Apple Pie Contest Cancelled

Tom Thomas received a phone call from Joan Klinger with very brief in formation

about his giving cotton candy for donations during the special events of the Light Fest. The health department followed up on an anonymous call and informed us last Saturday regarding the sale, or donation to the public of unwrapped food items like cotton candy, pop corn, etc, even if it benefits the fire department or the water co-op as a fund raiser. This can not be done without a health permit. Though we have done community events

before with open food items (ie chili cook-offs, Halloween give-aways of cotton candy, etc,) we are now a little more knowledgeable about the requirements. Apple Pie contest (for donations to the Water Co-op) will not be a part of this public event, as the pies could only be used if they were prepackaged & sealed, or if we get a health permit (around \$48 - the very nice health inspector was unsure of exact cost Saturday, but left a card and phone number for more information). Then there is always the possibility that a donated pie may not be properly cooked. Permits are not required for private parties, only those the public is invited to attend.

June 17th Hot Cars

Cool Nights

was a success for all those who participated and attended!

Much thanks goes to the entire Greth Family - Marge, Red, Kenton, Lynn and Amber for sharing a piece of international history with Mt Lemmon (in case to be each of that was the

you haven't heard - that was the Speed Sport Special). Amber Greth turned 11 on Sunday - happy birthday to her! Thanks also goes to Jim and Annie Chumbler, the Tucson Street Rod Association, Ross Quigley and family, Bill & Mary Lou Piatkiewicz, Donna and Ed Roll, Patty and Tom Thomas, the Hayhurst family, Bill Brown, Ted Shirley, Navarra Peterman and family, and all who shared their

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classic rods with Mt Lemmon. Special thanks to all those along Carter Canyon who allowed us to park these beautiful cars in Carter Canyon on private property. We had more spaces than we had cars to fill them. We've made more connections from last Saturday's events to attract more of these great cars and even some collectible Indian motorcycles for next year's Hot Car event.

Even God blessed this event with some much needed rain for Mt Lemmon as it was ending. If you saw folks walking along Carter Canyon and Sabino Cyn Parkway dressed as cars, that was the Bi-ped Fun Rally game. The Biped Rally received over with the \$200 in donations proceeds being split equally between the fire department and the water co-op. The Marilyn Monroe look -a-like contest held at 5PM at the Alpine was a hoot! Everyone was a winner. Phil and Carol Mack sponsored the hulaa-hoop contests. But worth more than money was the community spirit that went into making this day a success.

FYI:

Clear "Rope" Lights are again available at the Costco on Grant Road. These lights are 25 feet in length, and can be connected with up 6 strings. The cost is still \$10.

Mountain Renaissance

Saturday July 15th Plans are being finalized on the Saturday July 15th event. Special thanks to our own special resident mountain troll - Debbie Hardesty, for connections with other trolls and renaissance folks. Here's your opportunity to dress as you always wanted to - and walk the mountain streets in the broad daylight. We're calling all Trolls, Fairies, Wizards, Tarot Readers, dragon slayers, Kings, Queens, princes and princesses, Magicians, palm readers, Sooth Sayers, sellers of magic wands, flower hair wreaths and crowns, gems and pewter, hand writing analysis, Pocket Lady, and the Tree of Wisdom. Romance and Magic are in the Mountain Air for this Saturday Light Festival event.

Stay tuned for more info later activities and/ or schedule subject to change - everything depends on the weather

August 5th - Square dance

is being scheduled in the evening at the Mt Lemmon Fire Station. Mark this date on your calendar and plan to bring your partner for a fun time!

Arts & Psychic Fair

August 19 & 20th will be held in front of the Mt Lemmon Suites & Fine Crafts and the Summerhaven Coffee There will be lots of House. artists, psychics, and live music at the Coffee House on both Saturday and Sunday, August 19th and 20th from 10AM to 6PM. This is being put on by both the Mt Lemmon Suites and Fine Crafts and the Summerhaven Coffee House. For more information. contact Karen Shunk, 576-1664. Look for information in an upcoming edition of the Echoes.

Trico Electric

reported in the Live Wire, that summer storms bring rain, lightning and power surges. Each lightning strike potentially cause a power surge, outage, or damage a transformer. Trico offers a Power Protection Program package to protect against power surges. For more details, contact Trico's member services department, 744-2944. Trico's office hours are 8 AM-4:30 PM, Monday thru Friday. For 24 hour service on power interruption, call 744-2944. Trico is closed Independence day, & Labor day this summer.

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This Echoes is brought to you courtesy of the Mt Lemmon Homeowner's Association. It's one of the benefits of being a member. Dues are due at the 1st of each year, and are \$25 to homeowners, residents and \$20 annually to friends of the mountain. Dues are prorated, contact Fran Zimmerman to join. Your board members President Larry Waldron, Vice President Franny Crowe. Secretary Kathy Shields, Treasurer Florence Wilhoite. Carrie Reitz, Fran Zimmerman, Chuck Autrey, Olga Pace, John Mulay, Pete Krauss, Red Greth, and Dani Hayhurst, editor of the

If you have any photos of the Fire
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Hayhurst are willing to put together
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Please write below what you want the announcer to say about your group:	

This is an invitation for you or your group to join us on cool Mt. Lemmon for the Annual 4th of July Parade. Please remit this form ASAP to Fran Zimmerman, P.O. Box 1, Mt.Lemmon, AZ. 85619 or Fax to 576-1300 no later than July 2nd. For more info Call Fran at 576-1333. Remember to line up starting at 11:15 a.m. at the intersection Ski Valley Rd and Loma Linda Extension. At that time you will be given a number to display on yourself or your float.

SATURDAY MORNING



KID'S CLUB

ALL CHILDREN AGES-3-12-WELCOME

Time: Saturdays 10 a.m. - 12 noon

June 3, 10, 17, 24 July 8, 15, 22, 29

Please note: Locations and Group leaders for the meetings will vary this year.

You may look in the May and June Echoes or call the

Mt. Lemmon Reality Office (576-1300) to verify the information below.

DATE	PLACE	ACTIVITY	LEADERS	PHONE
DAIL	ILACE	ACHVIII	LEADERS	THORE
June 3	Pace Cabin	Rhythm Band	Olga Pace	576-1420
			Kay Slocum	577-1993
June 10	Hensel Cabin	Games & Bubbles	Suzanne Hensel	576-1272
June 17	Chestnut Cabin	Fire Safety & First Aid	Bonnie Simmons Joanne Eder	576-9573
			Melissa Grantham	
June 24	Chestnut	Crafts &	Wendy Chestnut	576-1011
	Cabin	Games	Kathy Shields	
July 8	Pace Cabin	Geography & Cooking	Olga Pace Carol Niehoff Kay Slocum	576-1420 - 577-1993
July 15	Chestnut	Art Project	Jeannie Hartmann	576-1956
	Cabin	Alt Esojett	Donna Roll Sherrill Hollenbeck	J70-1950
July 22	Oracle Ridge Trail Head	Nature Hike & Geology Study	Barbara Welsh Helen Quigley	576-1566
July 29	Lawson Cabin	Scavenger Hunt & More	Wendy Lawson Patsy Riley	576-1267

This activity is sponsored by the Mount Lemmon Women's Club All parents are welcome too!

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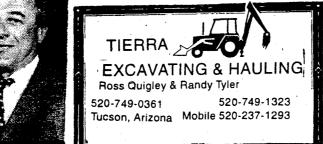


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