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Mt. Lemmon Echoes

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4/10 LAST CHANCE TO RSVP

for the Annual dinner! The Mt Lemmon Homeowner's Annual Dinner will be April the 17th (the

1st Tuesday after your federal taxes are due) at the Hidden Valley Inn Restaurant & Saloon, 4825 N Sabino Canyon Road, Tucson. The price for dinner is \$19.50 for all entrees, which includes tax, gratuity and coffee or tea. For those who missed having a dessert last year, 5 different desserts will be available on a cash basis.

Banquet Entrees: 8 oz. prime rib (medium), "boneless teriyaki chicken breast, half rack BBQ pork ribs, Vegetarian

dish, Pasta with veggies.

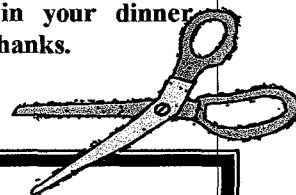
Served along with house salad and ranch dressing, baked potato with butter and sour cream, fresh bread.

Cash bar at 6PM

Dinner begins at 7PM

Program & speakers starting at 8 PM

Please RSVP no later than April the 10th. Mail in your dinner choices today! Thanks.



RESERVATION FORM for the Mt Lemmon Homeowner's

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You will need to indicate the name of each person and his choice of entree. We make up name tags in advance of the dinner. Reservations required, and we need to have a final count to Hidden Valley by April the 10th.

All dinners will be paid for in advance, please.

We love our treasurer and do not wish to make any more headaches for her than necessary!

Name	Entree (prime rib, chicken, BBQ, etc)	Amount (all dinners \$19.50)
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TOTAL Enclosed: _____

any questions, contact Fran Zimmerman, 576-1333 . Make your check & mail to

Mt Lemmon Homeowner's Association, PO Box 699, Mt Lemmon, AZ 85619.

The residents Highway information/ hotline is 751-9409, or contact Kathy (Kaneen Public Relations) at 885-9009.

From the Watering Hole -

Regarding the Mt Lemmon Water Cooperative - Frankly there's not much to say. The tanks are full, we've had plenty of snow and if we don't have any major leaks we should be fine.

From the desk of the President

by Larry Waldron

Mark Hopkins, our postmaster, has stated this winter's moisture has been above average, which has made for some wonderful skiing. However, some mountain residents have stated they are getting tired of the snow and unusually cold weather during January and February. Be assured it won't be long before the warm dry weather returns. The unusually warm weather during the last of March has already produced many bare areas, and there are early signs of spring on the mountain. There are reports of humming birds buzzing around and indications of bear activity.

The speakers are set for this year's annual dinner on Tuesday April 17th at the Hidden Valley Inn. The speakers are: Ray Carroll (Pima County Supervisor), Mary Athey (TRICO), Ron Senn (Forest Service), John Carver (Kaneen Advertising), Lt. Parish (Pima County Sheriff's Dept.), Don Underhill (ML Business Alliance), Chuck Autrey (ML Water Co-Op), and John Roads (MLFD). Don't miss this opportunity to hear first hand the details of various mountain projects.

As usual there are some very nice

door prizes awarded to lucky homeowners. A short business meeting is planned to elect board members; 2 positions are for 1 year and 3 positions for 3 years. We are doing this to balance the number of new board members elected each year.

The following weather information is courtesy of Mark Hopkins:

2001 year to date moisture is 16.15 inches, which equates to 122 inches of snow.

The total winter snowfall from October through March was 142 inches.

2001 coldest temperature was 6 degrees on January 17th.

2001 year to date warmest temperature was in the low 60's on March 21st.

Mt. Lemmon Ski Patrol Summary

by Roger Goode

The Mt. Lemmon Ski Patrol (MLSP), a non-profit organization, was established in 1965. Its members serve the public by providing rescue or emergency medical care for persons skiing at Mt. Lemmon Ski Valley free of charge. The MLSP is a member of the National Ski Patrol.

MLSP promotes safe skiing by serving as a role model for the general public to follow by providing safe skiing demonstrations and presentations to interested groups. MLSP provides medical training supplies and instructors to the Outdoor Emergency Care (OEC) program. The OEC program provides medical certification education to National Ski Patrollers, the Southern Arizona

Rescue Association, local fire departments, and other medical organizations. We work closely with organizations such as the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, Tucson Medical Center, and the Mt. Lemmon Fire Department.

All MLSP ski patrollers are non-paid volunteers who have specialized medical training to assist in medical emergencies that occur in the winter environment. All patrollers must be medically recertified annually.

Further Background on the NSP

The National Ski Patrol (NSP) was founded in 1938 by Charles Minot "Minnie" Dole. His interest in the area of ski safety, rescue, and first aid came about as a result of his experiences while skiing, which included a broken leg for himself, and later, the death of a good friend in a ski race. In a way, Minnie's own rescue from a hillside was the first Ski Patrol rescue. That first rescue was made by one man and two women, setting the standard for involvement in the NSP for both men and women. You may note the use of the word "Patroller" rather than "Patrolman" - for the NSP it's not a trendy exercise in terminology, it's simply the way it has always been.

The NSP is a volunteer organization, which means one does not get paid for the work; at least not with money. A major requirement of patrollers is that they are the type of people that can find their "payment" in helping other people. Being a patroller allows one to actively be involved in the sport of skiing, to "give back" something to skiing, and, in the case of helping an injured skier, making a difference.



Zimmerman School at
Ski Valley. MARCH '01

School Days

by Dani Hayhurst

The Zimmerman School enjoyed going to Ski Valley for some exciting skiing. Many thanks to Jay and George Davies and Ski Valley for allowing the Zimmerman School to ski for free. (Photo above) The students will be taking 2 field trips - Sabino Canyon and the the Pima Air and Space Museum.. At Sabino Canyon, the kids a chance to learn where the melted snow in Sabino Creek ends up. Thank you to Barbara Welch for helping arrange this trip. Both field trips will be paid for with tax credit funds.

At the Pima Air museum the students will get the opportunity to experience a voyage to Mars. We were quite fortunate to get in on this program that is run through the Challenger Education Center at the museum..

A meeting at the school on March 9 at 2:00 to discuss the tax credit donation. Suggestions for the use of the funds were taken by Mark Jones, District director, to be reviewed at an inhouse PC school superintendent?

meeting on March 19th. No information has been available from that meeting.

The Pegmatites of the Summerhaven Area

by Eric Force

Pegmatite is an exceptionally coarse-grained granite, and near Summerhaven we are blessed with some of the best examples in this part of the world. They are the whitish rocks that stand out as ribs on our landscape. They are worth a closer look, as their coarse grain size permits study with the naked eye.

Like all granites, pegmatites are igneous rocks, crystallized by the cooling of molten rock. These pegmatites crystallized at a depth of about 3 miles within the earth about 50 million years ago.

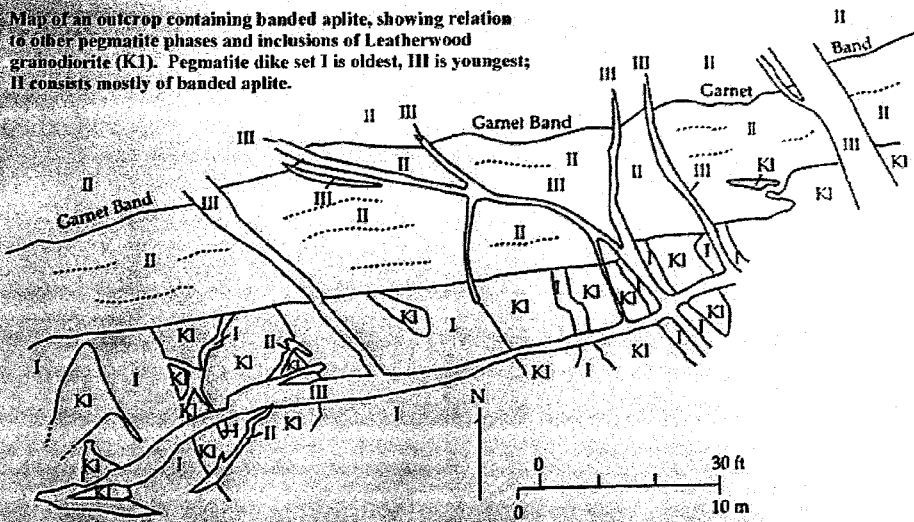
In a good outcrop, like the road cuts leading up to the ski basin, the first thing you might notice is that the Summerhaven-area pegmatites form planar bodies of varying thickness in a darker rock. This darker rock, called the Leatherwood Granodiorite, is older, and the

pegmatite is said to form *dikes* in it. The melt that cooled to become pegmatite was injected into fractures in the older rock, which itself is igneous but had cooled about 20 million years earlier.

Focusing on the pegmatite itself will generally permit discrimination of a chalky white mineral, *feldspar*, and a gray to blue-gray one, *quartz*. They may be intergrown, in a way that reminded someone of hieroglyphics, for this intergrowth is called *graphic granite*. You may be able to see light reflect off certain planes in large domains of feldspar, perhaps a foot across. Where the graphic granite is part of this domain, the reflection is somewhat like a spiderweb in the sun. The reflection shows that all of the feldspar in the domain is one big crystal, grown around the quartz. You may also be able to see the straight crystal boundaries. It is hard to see but all the quartz within a single feldspar crystal of graphic granite is also one crystal. Thus we have two big *skeletal* crystals intergrown.

One place to see graphic granite is at the west end of the gate across the road leading down to Marshall Gulch.

Map of an outcrop containing banded aplite, showing relation to other pegmatite phases and inclusions of Leatherwood granodiorite (KI). Pegmatite dike set I is oldest, III is youngest; II consists mostly of banded aplite.



When your eyes get tuned you will see graphic granite all around the village, peeking out from under the lichens.

All the minerals in pegmatite are coarse-grained and thus one sees big micas, either silvery transparent *muscovite* or black *biotite*, both in "books" that you can endlessly pull apart into sheets. The Mt. Lemmon pegmatites are somewhat unusual in containing *garnet* also; it is a deep red and not as coarse. In some distant localities pegmatites were mined for mica and feldspar as well as more exotic beryl, spodumene, and multi-colored tourmaline.

Closely associated with the pegmatite, and part of the white-rock ribs, is *banded aplite*. The two rocks are both igneous and of the same age. They occur together worldwide for reasons still poorly understood. The

aplite contains the same minerals but much finer grained, with crystals about the size of sand grains. The notable thing about our aplites is that the bands are pink to red. A closer look shows they contain tiny garnets.

The most stunning example of the bands is in the big whaleback outcrop toward the bottom of Middle Sabino Road, where two narrow garnet bands about 3 feet apart cross the entire outcrop lengthwise; indeed they can be traced about a half mile through the woods to Inspiration Rock. This outcrop is said to have provoked profound thoughts and salty comments at an International Geological Congress of the 1950s. Its fame is partly due to evidence of repeated injection (figure 1) of both pegmatite and aplite as well as to its esthetic value.

It is easiest reached across the road from cabin 12431. In some aplites, banding is draped across big feldspar crystals in adjacent older pegmatites (figure 2), thus providing a snapshot of a previous state of pegmatite evolution when big crystals must have been projecting into melt.

Summerhaven is near the top of a pegmatite mass

nearly 1000 feet thick; the bottom is exposed down Sabino Canyon below Box Spring. A similar pegmatite whose top is exposed at Lemmon Rock has a base halfway down to the Wilderness of Rock plateau. So our pegmatites are huge. These rocks that are most common in our yards and all around the village are generally small and unusual elsewhere.

More information than most people really want on these pegmatites and other rocks of the Catalinas is available in my "Geology and mineral resources of the Santa Catalina Mountains" available from the University of Arizona Press.

Eric Force is a retired geologist that has worked with the USGA in Tucson. He spent two years studying outcroppings on the mountain. Eric and his wife Jane have a cabin on Middle Sabino Road.

THOSE TRICKY PLANTS

by **Barbara Welsh**

The question came up on one of the quiz shows of "Which of the following is considered to be Flora?" The choices were Dogs, Bears, Honeysuckle, or Tigers. The answer of course is Honeysuckle. The contestant missed the answer. I always remember flora and fauna as flora-flowers, fauna-the other one. Plants have been around since the first blue-green algae first appeared on earth. They have developed some unusual defenses, and also ways of attracting pollinators.

The most obvious defense we see in the desert is the spines on the Saguaro cactus. Some plants have a very strong odor that is unpleasant to animals and insects. Others have a red color that is a warning to birds and insects that the plant is not good to eat. This may or may not be true but red is a warning sign both in the plant and animal world. Just think how long it took for tomatoes and



apples to be accepted as food for humans.

We have all heard that in the Amazon rain forests there may be cures for many of the ills of mankind but we just have not found them yet. In the rainforest (and probably everywhere) the trees and plants send out a signal to the particular insect that is the ideal pollinator for that tree. The insect will go to that type of tree because the leaves are the ideal place to lay its eggs and provide food for the larva. Meanwhile the insect is carrying pollen from that tree to other trees of the same species. This works well until too many insects' attack the tree. The tree is then capable of changing its composition so it is either poisonous or no longer attractive to the insect. The insect then changes again to use the tree as its food source. This means the trees and insects are adapting and changing all the time. Therefore the plants may hold substances we have never seen or investigated at this point in time. That's kind of an exciting thought. Plants have many ways to assure their survival. They all have method of attraction birds and insects for pollination. The creosote bush puts out poison so other plants can't grow within a certain distance of them. They can then soak up all the rain without competition. If too many plants are in one place only the strongest will survive. Many seeds of plants are carried by the wind, some seeds are not able germinate without passing through the body of an animal. Some seeds can stay dormant for up to 20 years until conditions are right for them to grow. This year is a good example with our wild flowers.

We'll all be back up on the mountain soon and I'll leave you with a quote from Joseph Wood Krutch 1893-1970 American Naturalist:

"Not to have known either the

mountains or the desert is not to have known oneself."

WHAT'S UP?????

At the Fire House

by DeAnna Barnella

Thanks again to Coronado National Forest Personnel Pete Michealson, Chriss Stetson and Bill Crolly. We had a successful turnout for our 2001 Basic Wildland Refresher class held March 10th. Even through the snowstorm, we had classmates drive all the way from Corona de Tucson Fire Department. In addition to class time, you may see firefighters doing laps up and down the Catalina highway with back packs. Drop a bottle of water!!! We're working through the Pack tests to achieve our Red Cards for the fire season. I am very pleased with the response for the "Resident Volunteers". We can still use more help, but currently have parties interested in dispatch and driving positions. Give us a call if you'd like to be involved or have any questions (576-1201).

Thank you Cabins and Cookies! Vic Zimmerman has donated a couch to the Fire Fighters. Nothing like comfort during movie time! Donations are always greatly appreciated by all.

High Lights

Updates: The Rodeo Party at the Alpine on February 24th was "muchas" fun with Macarana lessons, free cowboy hats, and a Mexican buffet compliments of the MLCECs and the Alpine Lodge. The St Patricks day, March 17th festivities at the Alpine included a bigger than life - sized green leprican, green beer and a corned beef & cabbage dinner that ended in a shamrock hunt with lots of prizes to the lucky hunters. This was also

sponsored by the MLCECs and the Alpine Lodge.

Big Kisses & THANK YOUS to the Sears Tucson Park Mall for their generous donation of an 18 foot portable display window & wall for the MLCEC props department. We joked about it, but it's true - only Sears tools were used in the disassembling of the wall at Sears by MLCEC members when it was picked up! Extra big bear hugs to Sears store manager **Mark Buza** and the manager of Displays, **Lisa Midyett**, for thinking of us.

Speaking of props, 6 of the younger kids from Zimmerman Elementary who visit the Pima Air Museum next week will enjoy experimenting with some of the props from the MLCECs on their special mission to Mars. And the MLCEC props will be used for the school Easter party as well. The MLCECs wish to take a moment in advance and thank all those businesses who have added donations for the upcoming school Easter party as well.

Spring is just around the corner, so keep those strings of lights handy for the summer lighting contest. -and keep the Lights burning.

As the Lemmon TWISTS

by Dani Hayhurst

Vic Zimerman 's Cabins and Cookies is now selling more than cookies! Individual deep dish pizzas are available too! It takes about 10 minutes from order to good eating!

The Macks Mt Lemmon General Store and Gift Shop now has a new line of hand made beaded jewelry called Mountain Mariposa.

And, coming soon - the **Alpine Ice Cream shop** operated by **Jim and Judy Connolly** at the Alpine Lodge. **Mt Lemmon Ski Valley** had a Spring Carnival the weekend of March 17th & 18th. There was a Bikini Race

(ladies in bikinis skied FREE all day Saturday) along with challenge races and pond skimming contests. No photos have turned up from the bikini event - if any of you have any, please send them in & we'll print them in the next Echoes just to keep the husbands reading the articles.

PLEASE continue to Support all your local Mt Lemmon/ Summerhaven businesses!

The little cabin is on the move - the little cabin that has been a fixture at the Zimmermann Elementary School yard for so many years started it's life in Carter Canyon at the old Morse cabin. The little structure that heard many a child's laughter and secrets over the years was moved (at the schools request) and was taken "home" again by former owner Jim Morse - it will now reside in the White mountains. The little structure was deemed unsafe in it's current condition, but will begin a new life with the Morses!

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

to : Olga Pace (3/22), Pat Hayhurst (3/23), Kelly Shanahan (3/29), Kay Slocum (4/1), Fran Zimmerman (4/5), Dorothy Crawford (4/8), Patty Thomas (4/9), Steve Hensel (4/10), Bob Zimmerman, (4/15) Carrie Reitz (4/15) & JoAnn Foor (4/15) !

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Fire District Update

by Chief John Roads
NEW HYDRANTS

The Mt. Lemmon Fire District Board is working with the Water Coop to fund new high-pressure fire hydrants on Sabino Canyon Parkway. The old low-pressure hydrants are felling the "pressure" so to speak. The low-pressure hydrant valves tend to fail over time due to the higher than normal pressures that are experienced so far below the water tanks. The new hydrants are designed to operate under higher pressures. The older hydrants, may be repaired and placed in other, low pressure areas.

WUI GRANTS

The 2 Wildland/Urban Interface Grants filed last fall are close to arriving. The final approval and contracts are expected soon. Both are 50/50 matching grants, which means that we must match the grant amount in either funds or payroll. One grant is designed to develop our fuels loading data base and provide educational materials to the community. The second is designed for actual thinning of 10-15 acres. More information will be provided as the grants become available.

EVACUATION HORN TESTING

Plans are in the works to run a short test of the evacuation horns on or about Friday, April 6th, sometime around noon. Fire personnel will be available to warn village residents and visitors prior to the activation. Another longer test will be scheduled later in the spring.

PILE BURNS

It's that time to start cleaning up the properties as fire season is approaching. If you have a pile to burn, contact the fire station for scheduling. The expectation for this fire season is extreme for the deserts and moderate for the high country.

There will be no severity personnel provided by the state this year, so the standard on duty crew of 2 will be handling the pile burns. This lack of additional manpower will slow down the scheduling process.

WATER TANKS

Recently, Board member Dani Hayhurst made arrangements to have 3 - 500 gallon water tanks donated to MLFD by CAP. In addition, The Arizona State Land Department has located two additional 2500-gallon water trailers (one has been used in the village for several years). Plans are in the works to have the tanks repaired for location around the Fire District to store additional firewater.

ONE DAY AT A TIME - VIDEO TAPES

The One Day at a Time videos that every homeowner should watch are now available at the Mt. Lemmon General Store Video rental department. Three copies are available for sign out. This 40-minute educational outlines the history and causes of the current forest fire, wildland/urban interface fire problems that exist in the village. This video is a must see!!!!!! If you have questions regarding the video content, please feel free to call the Chief.

A special HAPPY BIRTHDAY wish goes out to KELLY SHANAHAN, a local resident, jewelry maker, firefighter, and Fire Board Administrative Assistant.

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Easter Bunny with Nicky Roll



Mountain Horror-scopes By Joann Neal & Lizz Neal

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Aries is the lamb of God, but lambs eventually turn into sheep. To avoid being sheepish. Aries are voted most likely to clean out their closets but beware of skeletons.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): You have been walking on eggshells too long. This month let the bull loose in the china shop.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): their ability of blend opposing flavors makes them excellent communicators and chiefs. This month remember you must break eggs to make omelets.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): crabs love sandy beaches so before you devour all the Easter candy, consider if you want this summer's theme to be "save the whales."

LEO (July 23-August 22): In the spirit of Easter this month, the loin might truly lie down with the lamb. Endless possibilities for compromise exist - but beware of the wolf in sheep's clothing!

VIRGO (August 23-September 22): innocence should never be equated with stupidity. Your senses will help you begin and conquer a new project

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): You are an accurate judge of character, but tend to belittle others with your wit. Try to be kind. Remember, there are no stupid questions, only stupid people.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): sometimes the best place to be in and the worst place to be in are the same place. The difference - whether you are up or down

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): this month use your keen archer's eye to discern between fact and fiction. Fire your arrows accordingly.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19): spring is here - the sure footed can finally bounce up and down the mountain with ease. Advice: when climbing cliffs, don't look down.

AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18): Your energies this month should be spent wisely. Realize your fears are unfounded and they will fertilize a bed of roses.

Pisces (Feb 19-March 20) to quote Jimmy Buffet "I'm wishing I was fishing, I'm down to the rock bottom again" This month you either sink or swim. Rise to the top or become fish food.