

The



# Mt. Lemmon Echoes

*Serving the Homeowners of Mt. Lemmon*

**"You can overlook Tucson, but you can't overlook Mt Lemmon"**

## MLHO President's Message

*By Ross Quigley (written by  
Fran Zimmerman)*

### Back Home Again

It is so good to be home again! One forgets how much we love the mountain until you are deprived of it. The Bullock fire came and the Bullock fire went and the village remained unscathed. Some say it was a miracle – the work of angels. Some say it was courageous Firefighters. Whatever it was, the work started about a year ago to FireWise our communities, is now in full swing as never before. Our future depends on this task being completed.

Everywhere one looks there are tree boughs and black bags of pine needles. Community volunteers are helping the Fire Department to get this material into the roll-offs when an empty one can be found. You all are to be congratulated on the great efforts being made to rid the community of the 100-year accumulation of excess fuels. Once this excess accumulation is removed, maintenance will be not such a great chore. We are becoming FireWise! Hooray!

While becoming FireWise is an important goal, another important community goal is to create a perimeter around our communities where crown fires would be forced to drop to the ground and become ground fires. Quite a few years ago, there was a rough perimeter scratched around the community of Mt. Lemmon. This needs to be expanded. Work has already begun on Red Ridge, one potential area of approach for wildland fires.

Some Forest Service supervisors feel that Graham Mountain and the Catalina's will be receiving a higher priority for fuel reduction programs and we're somewhat optimistic that a fire safe perimeter could go into the planning stage.

The Forest Service has started re-seeding with helicopters on interior areas of the burn and spraying grass seed along the highway in anticipation of the Monsoons. Getting grass to grow in the burned areas is the first stage in a long process of restoring the forest and will help to

reduce erosion. In addition, straw has been spread from the road into the burned areas for seed cover and additional erosion control.

We hope to have a FireWise instruction pamphlet out next month, designed for Mount Lemmon to help in achieving a FireWise community. This is a time to get to know your neighbors. Our lots are often too small to create a proper defensible space. Working together is the easiest and fastest way to solve this problem as down hill and down wind neighbors can directly affect the survivability of groups of cabin above them.

Ross, get well – we need you.

## 2002 Parade Winners

*By Fran Zimmerman,  
parade coordinator*

We had twenty-five entries in this year's parade and they were all great! There were many creative entries that took a lot of planning and work. Many individuals have made this an annual event for their business or family.

Thanks to all the entries and Bill Brown, John Mulay, Michael Stanley, Pima County Sheriffs Department, Bob Zimmerman and Don Underhill. They help make the July 4th event fun every year. The Mount Lemmon Fire Department set up the PA systems and had EMT's on site during the parade. One lady fell and was treated for a scratched leg during the parade. Judges were Dan Cutler, Charles Giffin and Lesa Barnes, daughter in law of Mary Ellen Barnes. Many thanks to all!

The following are the winners:

- 1 Original
  - First Place -Sadie and Sam Mulay
  - Second Place- Kathy Early's Firefighter's Angel
  - Third Place -Stamm & Lockard Families in Mustang convertible
- 2 Patriotic
  - First Place- Forest Service Hotshots firefighters

- Second Place-Carter Canyon Patriots
- Third Place-Girl Scouts
- 3 Humorous
  - First Place-Mt. Lemmon Yacht Club
  - Second Place -Living Rainbow Gift Shop
  - Third Place -Traffic Jam (Dalton Family).

## Mt. Lemmon Water Co-op

by Chuck Autrey



Your Mount Lemmon Cooperative Water Company held its annual meeting on Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup>. Three members were elected to the board for three-year terms. Dan Cutler was reelected to a second term. Gordon Hunter and Phil Benziger were elected to their first term. Larry Waldron and Gary Slocum left the board after many years of dedicated service.

After the July 4<sup>th</sup> four-day weekend water reserves were down to 600,000 gallon. A sincere thanks goes out to everyone for their conservation so far, it could be a lot worse. As I write this, the morning of July 9<sup>th</sup>, I'm happy to report that we had about 1/10 of an inch of rain last night. It's not much but it is a beginning and we sure have to start somewhere. Keep those prayer and rain dances coming. We need at lot more rain soon or we might have to go to phase IV curtailment to protect the fire fighting reserves.

The July board meeting will be held at the water office on the 21st, Sunday at 10am. Please contact any board member or me if you have any thoughts or ideas that you would like to be brought before the board.

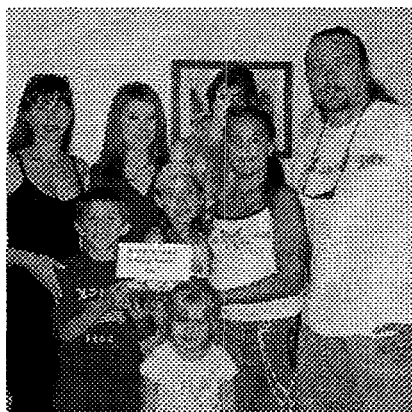
## MLCEC PIE AUCTION nets \$1300

by MLCECs

\$1316 was made in just two quick hours (from 1-3 pm Sunday, July 7th) for the Mt Lemmon Fire District at the second annual Mt Lemmon CEC Pie Auction. Donators of pies for the auction included: new business owner Chris Massingale with his Chris McDaddy Hot Dog pie, Pam Rinella of Mt Lemmon Café donating 3 of her famous pies, Debbie Fagan of the Living Rainbow donating a "Troll" pie with a \$25 gift certificate in it, the Macks of the Mt Lemmon General Store famous for their fudge donating a

chocolate & fudge pie, the Connollys of the Alpine Ice Cream shop donating a great apple pie, Dolly & Howard Quinn of Dolly Quinn Salons of Tucson donating 3 homemade pies (Key Lime, Strawberry glaze and lemon sponge), Janet Fayleen of Mountain Massage donating an organic veggie pie and massage therapy certificate, and Char and Alex Carrillo of the Aspen Trail Bed & Breakfast donating 2 homemade pies (coconut cream& apple). EVEN more pies were donated by the Mt Lemmon Woman's Club and president Luann Waldron, Eden and Gerry Hackney, Donna Roll and daughter Muffy Gallardo ( Muffy baked pies and Donna made baskets to hold the pies), Patty & Tom Thomas, Wendy Carlson-Hunter & Jonas Hunter, the Mt Lemmon Fire Department, Helen Forrester, Monica and William Thomas, Dani Hayhurst, Dorothy Crawford, Angela and Linda Benziger, Patty Haskell, Deborah Beal, Austin, Lydia, Alyssa and C.C. Carlson-Hunter, and Joann Neal. Don Underhill, owner of the Alpine lodge, donated a lemon crisp pie, the use of one of his rooms at the Alpine Lodge for the pie auction and provided free food and drinks for many of the volunteers.

We couldn't have done it without his help and support! Thanks to the MLFD & especially Dennis Rankin for his help in setting up the tables for the event at the Alpine. Volunteers can move mountains, working just on a thank you, so we want to give Special Thanks to our Mt Lemmon mountain movers CECS Ed & Donna Roll, and CEC granddaughters Anna and Connie Gallardo, CEC Patty Thomas, CEC Dani Hayhurst, CEC Amber Greth, Nancy and John Bone CEC granddaughter Emily, CEC Wendy Carlson Hunter, and CECs Courtney "CC" and Lydia Carlson, who all helped decorate, make signs, bake pies, and entice bidders to come to the pie auction



Jonas Hunter,  
program director &  
personality of  
KLPX-FM 96.1  
with some of his  
biggest fans at the  
MLCEC Pie  
Auction

benefitting the MLFD.

Congratulations and a BIG thank you are in order for newlyweds Jonas Hunter, director and air personality of KLPX-FM 96.1 and Wendy Carlson Hunter for the radio support for the Mt Lemmon community, and the fire department. You may have heard Chief Barnella during a radio interview on KLPX-FM last week. All we can say is,

Dean, don't give up the day job.

We had a real variety of pies including prickly pear pineapple pie ( Jerry Hackney hand picked & prepared the cactus fruit), harley davidson chocolate pie, 96.1 rock & roll rocky road pie ( came complete with cds), United We Stand votive candle pie, cherry, apple, red white and blueberry & strawberry "Flag Pie", some bunny better bid on this pie, peach pie, pecan pie, blueberry pie, cream cheese and peanut butter pie, chocolate peanut butter pie, dirt pie ( made with oreo cookies), monster pie, chocolate pie, jelly bean pie ( morning blends of coffees) , grandma's dutch apple pie, Hungarian sour cream pie, cherry crunch pie, fresh fruit tart, staw-berry pie, berry black berry pie, banana cream pie, mix berry pie, Belgian chocolate pie, peanut butter pie, and giganto fudge pie. Some included hand made baskets and fine plates. Lots of goooooood eatin'!



Patty Thomas, Jonas Hunter & Pie in your face entry



Dani Hayhurst & Donna Roll

We'd be remiss if we didn't thank all those bidders as well. Judy Epstein and Chet Goldberg were highest bidders on pies at \$246. Now we all know who to visit next weekend at dessert time! Thanks also to these folks whose generous bids and straight donations helped bring \$ 1,316 to the Mt Lemmon Fire Department: Tom Thomas, Anna Gallardo, Monica Thomas, Courtney Carlson, Carrie Reitz, Linda Currin, Pat Hayhurst, Donna Roll, Larry Waldron, Don Kuchynka, Jerry Hackney, Jan Stevenson, Sharon Pesce, Jerry Wardlow, Denise Schroeder, Red Greth, Amber Greth, Paul & Evon, Cadrobbs, Gail Krantz, Phil and Linda Benziger, Lea Patterson, Bob and Sally Crawford, Sara Wisdom, Brian Harvey, Don Underhill, Joann Neal, Carol Mack, Dean Barnella, and Helen Forrester! THANKS! We couldn't have done it without you all supporting us!

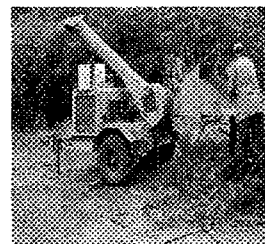
## The Fire Man's Hero

by Dani Hayhurst

I heard it many times over the last month - stated in quiet appreciation by the Mt Lemmon firefighters who were out in the trenches at the Bullock Fire. "now he was the real hero of the Bullock fire". They were speaking of Chip Delay, the owner of Tucson Tractor, and a resident of Mt Lemmon. As a MLFD board member, I had to find out

what was inspiring this reverence when I already knew what each of these fire fighters had personally done during those weeks we were watching from Tucson as the smoke choked the morning skies in June.

Said Chief Dean Barnella "It's always amazing to see a person dedicating not only his equipment but his personal time and money to help this community the way Chip Delay is doing. He was up every day during the fire to run his donated water tenders and he always brought supplies for the fire fighters."



some of Chip Delay 's Donated equipment

Deanna Barnella, assistant to the chief added " If we didn't already ask for it he brought it ... almost like he was reading our minds - from food, heavy equipment, and personnel to run the heavy equipment. Chip was up at least 3/4 of the time running the water truck, front in loader and the various water tenders for the Mt Lemmon Fire Department. He's even lent us a large chipper."

So, the next time you see your neighbors, the Delays, be sure to thank them both - they worked as a team to get what was needed done in Tucson and the mountain.

## Fire District Update

by Chief & Deanna Barnella



Another 4th of July has come and gone, what a fun time it was. The support for the department was incredible. T-shirt sales topped \$400.00 and John and Linda Mulay's grandchildren raised over \$102.00 in the giant lemmon. The air horns were sounded and could be heard throughout the village and ski valley. Remember when the horns are set off on other days be prepared for immediate evacuation. Some concern has been raised as not being able to hear the horns inside residences. We are trying to reach as many

people as possible before a door to door evacuation is done by PCSO, FS and MLFD personnel.

I hope everyone checked their batteries in smoke detectors on the fourth also. It is also a good time to check home fire extinguishers, making sure the gauge shows charged.

I'm glad MLFD was able to facilitate the removal of the abundance of fuel from the mountain with the roll off dumpsters. We used funds from state grants, donations and general funds. We have reached the point, however, that we will not be able to supply the service for the remainder of this fiscal year. Hopefully in the future we will be able to acquire funds from donations and grants to have the dumpsters return.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and if you need any assistance call the station. Remember we have reflective address numbers at the station, please make sure your residence is properly marked. Also remember for emergencies call 911 and be prepared to answer the following questions

## 9-1-1

### Is it Fire or Medical Related?

*\* This tells us how many people we need and which vehicle to respond with \**

### What is your address?

### What is your phone number?

*\* These two important questions let us know where to respond and/or if we need further information we can call you back \**

### What is your name?

*\* On occasion, we arrive on scene and there is no one available to assist us \**

### What is the nature of your Fire? Structure and/or Brush

*\* The Mt. Lemmon Fire District and the Coronado National Forest work together at Fire Scenes on Mt. Lemmon when available – the Nature of your Fire lets us know if we need back-up and what Type of vehicle and Protective Wear to bring \**

### Where is the location of the Fire or Medical call?

*\* If you are calling from your home or a neighbor's home, we need the best directions to respond from your calling address \**

### What is wrong with the Patient? Signs and/or Symptoms

*\* Any information leading to the illness or history of the patient let's us know if we need ALS (Advanced Life Support - Paramedic), BLS (Basic Life Support - EMT) or a helicopter on stand by \**

### What is the best access to your home from Catalina Highway or Sabino Canyon Parkway?

*\* Some of the access roads to the homes of Mt. Lemmon are on dirt, have more than one name and/or access route – this will assist in our response time to your Emergency \**

*Any other assistance, questions and/or concerns, please contact the Mt. Lemmon Fire District at 520-576-1202.*

*Thank you for your Support!*

## Funds For Dumpsters As Dry As the 4th of July

by Dani Hayhurst

The good news - everyone is trying to do their part in cleaning up pine needles and ladder fuels. The bad news - the grants, donations and budgeted monies for the dumpsters being used to hold pine needles and slash has run out. The cost of each dumpster being hauled up the mountain empty and back down full is \$400 plus (weight is a factor). Since this last fiscal year, more than \$7,317.59 has been spent to provide the dumpsters around the village for clean up free to you. And, the outstanding bills for the entire month of June and July have yet to be received so that dollar amount will increase substantially.

In May the MLHO Association contributed 1000 lawn bags to be distributed by the fire department to encourage weekend clean up of pine needles by cabin owners. That 1000 bags has long since run out, and the Fire Department has been providing more garbage bags free of charge to whoever came to the station wanting some. Even the people charging homeowners for yard work were coming to the station for "free" bags. These yard bags cost \$12 for 100 at Costco. As funds run dry, it may be time to shift the burden of the cost and distribution from the fire department back to the individual cabin owners, renters and businesses. The Echoes is not due out until the middle of July, and by that time it is estimated all the funds will be depleted for dumpsters. Everyone is aware of what needs to be done,

so lets all take personal responsibility for getting our own properties cleaned up. You can order a dumpster from Tucson Roll Off or any other company that provides that service and have it delivered to your lot - just be sure to let your neighbors know that it is not for public use - or it will probably be filled overnight. You can also haul your needles to the trash dump in Tucson. Or, you can make a donation to the fire department, tax deductible, for dumpsters for pine needles & slash, earmarked for community use.

One of the problems we have seen lately is that building materials and household garbage is also being dumped into and around the dumpsters. When the fire department goes to clean up the mess, some of the overfilled thin plastic bags of pine needles & dirt break open. There are nails in the old wood.

I personally stopped one couple from placing their household garbage in the full dumpster next to the "comfort" station in the village late in the day on July 7th, and they told me a local business, that shall remain nameless in this article, said they could put their household trash in that dumpster. They knew the hours of the dumpster by the waste treatment plant, too. I explained the problems that house garbage creates, and though they were insistent that the business told them it was alright, they unhappily agreed to take their smelly trash with them to Tucson.

The strongest argument for no household trash in an open dumpster is that it attracts BEARS! One bear was transported off the mountain by Game & Fish on July the 2nd. It already had an ear tag on it. Hopefully the other



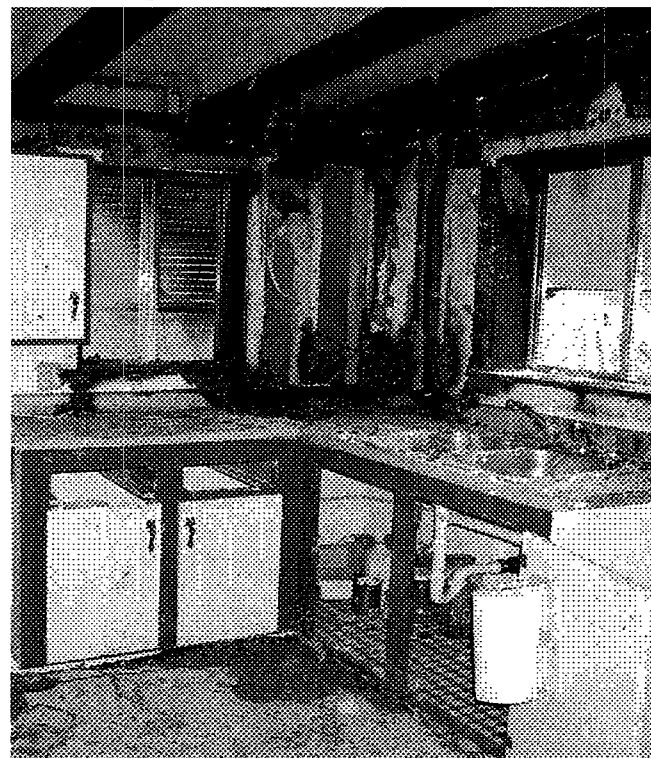
*overflow including building materials & household trash filled newly replaced dumpster in one afternoon. This took two fire fighters and a backhoe working several hours to put the ground clutter into the dumpsters*

3 bears now being sighted around the village looking for plastic bags full of kitchen garbage instead of pine needles have moved back into the woods. Over the 4th of July holiday weekend at least 2 bears enjoyed household trash nad dog food left overnight on several porches. One was seen earlier in the week sitting inside a truck bed enjoying the kitchen garbage from a local restaurant. These bears have been spotted on Turkey Run, Sabino Canyon Parkway and Carter Cyn and all appear to be healthy looking and not malnourished.

## Warning: FIRE within the HOME!

Written by Judy Epstein at Jim Connolly's request and approval

Thankfully the **working smoke detector** woke Jim around 3:20 a.m., Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, when his kitchen caught fire. He quickly woke Judy, dialed 9-1-1 and gave his name, address and report that his home was on fire. Then he and Judy and their dog made their way out of their recently remodeled, smoke-filled cabin – the turning on of lights added no visibility. Jim attempted to go back in with his large fire extinguisher, but the flames and smoke were too great; he closed the door and remained outside. Within minutes, the MLFD arrived and extinguished the fire quickly enough to keep the whole cabin from burning and preventing it from spreading beyond the cabin to nearby trees and neighbors.



Jim & Judy Connolly's Kitchen

Jim's understanding was that his toaster had caused the fire. He had heard that coffee makers should be unplugged when not in use but did not know that toasters should be too. Now he knows and wants others to know too: **UNPLUG your toaster, coffee maker, etc. when you are not using them.** He said that he had no reason to expect any problems from his toaster; it was neither old nor appearing defective in any way prior to this.

We can all learn from this story. If the Connolly's had not had a working smoke detector, they could have lost their lives along with their cabin and jeopardized their part of the mountain. Similarly, if they were not home (for example, down in Tucson) but their power was still on, not only would they probably have lost their cabin to fire but also greatly jeopardized the surrounding forested area and the safety of their neighbors. Our mountain community has many one-way in and one-way out roads. Jim pointed out that his home is situated at the bottom of one such road, Florence. A large, unconfined cabin fire potentially could have quickly spread and trapped all of the residents above him that rely on Florence as an exit route. For this reason, Jim went around to all of his neighbors once MLFD arrived and woke them, alerting them to the potential need to evacuate should the fire extend beyond his cabin. Fortunately, there was no need to evacuate. Jim states that he was very impressed with

the quick and timely response of the MLFD by calling 9-1-1 directly. He asked me to publicly thank them on his behalf. (Jim also asked that I share his story since the Echoes deadline for articles was on this very same day and he did not have the time to write this story himself.)

As covered in FireWise handouts, **in an Emergency, Dial 9-1-1.** Jim's call to 9-1-1 allowed 9-1-1 dispatch to contact the MLFD and any other authorities. This frees the MLFD to respond **immediately** to an emergency rather than having to place calls to other authorities before responding. So remember, **in an Emergency, Dial 9-1-1.**

Jim realizes that he was very lucky that his one smoke detector detected the smoke in time for his household to still have safe passage out of the cabin. The recommendation is that you have several working smoke detectors strategically placed throughout your home. The more, the better. Jim and Judy now have some significant cabin repairs ahead of them, yet they are very grateful that is all they have to deal with.

## FireWise News and Updates

By Judy Epstein, Chairperson,  
Committee for Building a  
FireWise Community on Mt.  
Lemmon



FireWise (Will It Survive Embers) is now a HOT topic on the mountain! People all over the mountain have been cleaning up around their cabins, sometimes extending it to the perimeter of their lots. As a result we are far better than we have been! On behalf of the whole mountain community, **"THANK YOU!"** for all of your investment of time or money or both!

## Next FireWise Meeting Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the MLFD Station

### June 29<sup>th</sup> FireWise Meeting

The FireWise Meeting on June 29<sup>th</sup> had a great turnout and provided valuable information for all present. The Potluck before the meeting was tasty and well attended. Videos were shown although the lighting diluted some of the clarity. In response to requests, a copy of these videos is available on CD-ROM for a minimum tax-deductible donation of \$5 to the MLFD. (See "Bullock Fire Videos on CD-ROM").

FireWise materials and protocols were discussed as well as an educational FireWise pamphlet specific to Mt.

## Bullock Fire Videos now available on CD-ROM!

During the Bullock Fire, 4 different videos were taken by Steve Hensel (USFS Catalina District), Mike Stanley (Mt. Lemmon Water Co-op), Brian Lauber (State Forester), and Bob Zimmerman (Chairman, MLFD). Thanks to the technological abilities of Tom and Gale Frank, these videos were digitally transferred onto a CD-ROM, viewable in Windows Media and Real Player. Another video, "Everyone's Responsibility" is also on this CD, as well as some of the TV news coverage (Channel 9 and 13) of the June 30<sup>th</sup> Mt. Lemmon "Thank You!" group photo gathering.

This CD-ROM is available for a minimum tax-deductible donation of \$5 with checks payable to "Mt. Lemmon Fire District" or "MLFD". Copies can be purchased and picked up at the MLFD Station, The Mt. Lemmon General Store or an order may be requested by mail for a minimum of \$6 (the extra dollar is for mailing costs) sent to MLFD, P.O. Box 759, Mt. Lemmon, AZ 85619.

Lemmon which is currently under development. The thinning plans and reports were presented and lots of good questions were asked and answered. A request for the website link to research the owner of a property was discussed so neighbors could contact them about FireWise concerns. This link is on the FireWise section of the web site [www.mountlemmonfire.com](http://www.mountlemmonfire.com) since this information is public domain.

Chief Barnella shared that "a grid" is being developed to cover the entire Summerhaven area should an emergency evacuation situation arise. When this is completed, volunteers will be able to sign up for their grid section and they will help verify evacuation within that grid in an emergency evacuation. August 15<sup>th</sup> was a projected date for when this grid would be viewable on the website

A large number of homeowners reportedly participated in a group purchasing of Flame Stop and several others requested another chance to participate. In response to this request, the next group ordering date has been set for July 31<sup>st</sup>. (See "Back By Popular Demand!")

#### **"The Little Things" Count Too!**

The "official" fire season has now arrived and the building monsoons add lightening to the equation. Removing pine needles and ladder fuels is especially important to better safeguard our homes and community. An often-overlooked precaution, however, is what floating embers or firebrands might do. The FireWise Video available for FREE checkout at the General Store and MLFD Station educates homeowners on how to protect your cabin from wildfires and the firebrands they create. As the video stresses, it can be "the little things" firebrands ignite from a Wildfire as far as 2 miles away.

Some ways to identify such "little things" is to look for cracks and crevices where pine needles or pine needle duff collect. Often they can be found in between deck boards where an underlying joist prevents them from falling through. Also, when wood or flammable material is stored underneath a deck with cracks, pine needles often accumulated there amongst the flammable material. Should embers ignite these pine needles, it then becomes kindling for the larger material. Should the flames build into a fire, then your deck and cabin are next in line.

Other sources of ignition by floating embers include seat cushions, fabric or tightly woven hammocks, exposed firewood on the deck, and of course pine needles in the cracks of stairs and decks, on window sills, in rain gutters, and on the roof.

#### **Copies of the Tucson Newspapers Tribute to the Bullock Firefighters**

After the group "Thank You" photo was taken on June 30<sup>th</sup>, Chet Goldberg along with a representative from Tucson Newspapers presented a framed copy of one Tucson Newspaper's Tribute to the Bullock Firefighters to Bob Zimmerman and another copy to Dean and DeAnna for the Firehouse. Then he presented several copies of both posters to Heidi with USFS for her to share with others on the fire.

Several people expressed interest in getting a copy for themselves. Bonnie Lohman volunteered to research this. If you are interested in getting a copy, please call Bonnie at 296-1231 and let her know.

**Group "Thank You" Photo for Bullock Firefighters**  
Posters of this photo will be on sale soon... details will be forthcoming. The organizer of this project is Karen Shunk.

#### **Two Great Events on one Great Sunday - August 11**

**The Mt. Lemmon Art, Rafts and, Psychic Benefit Fair** will run from 10am to 5pm. Stroll through the lovely town of Summerhaven and buy beautiful one-of-a-kind art and crafts from the many vendors. Have your cards read too! This years show will benefit the MT. LEMMON FIRE DEPT and CASA GLORIOSA (they help Women and Children who are infected/ affected by HIV). For space info call Wendy Carlson in Tucson at 327-6740 or Karen Shunk on Mt. Lemmon at 576-1333 box 3 Wed. & Thu. Only. Special

Thanks to Don Underhill owner of the Alpine and KCMT-FM radio for all their support, and that's only part of the fun set for Sunday August 11th! The 3rd annual **Bluegrass Music Fest is also set for August 11th!** The Desert Bluegrass Association (DBA) will provide music at two locations on the mountain, the Alpine Inn and Ski Valley on the same day. Music will be played from 12 PM to 2 PM and again from 3 PM to 5 PM. Musicians are all members of the DBA and play traditional, acoustic bluegrass instruments, including the guitar, banjo, fiddle, mandolin, dobro and upright bass. The DBA was organized in 1995 for the purpose of promoting bluegrass music in the greater Tucson area.

Membership in the organization is open to both musicians and non-musicians alike. Six jams are held monthly around Tucson and are all free and open to the public. The Third Annual Tucson Bluegrass festival is scheduled for October 26 & 27, 2002 at the Pima County Fair grounds and will feature nationally known bluegrass artists. Check out the Tucson Bluegrass website <http://home.att.net/~fertilepickens/>



### Why the straw? Why not our pine needles?

The straw is actually special rice straw brought in from Utah. Unlike regular straw or pine needles, it is used because of its high durability and greater ability to soak in moisture. The area first underwent seeding by aircraft and then a layer of rice straw is evenly distributed over the area. In areas with steeper slopes and greater drainage, Hydromulch is used.

### What's Hydromulch?

Hydromulch is a mixture of shredded newspaper, wood fiber, grass seed, glue and die. It is mixed with water and sprayed in critical burned areas to prevent soil erosion. The green color was added to make it easier to see where it was applied. When the rains come the rubbery coating will slowly melt as it absorbs water, allowing the water to soak into the soil. All the products used in the solution are safe for the environment. (see photos on back cover)

### August Bunko!!

Sponsored by Mt Lemmon Womens Club  
Saturday August 24th at 6:00pm Summerhaven  
coffee house

Choices are:

Roasted Prime Rib OR Blackened Salmon with  
pineapple salsa Both served with salad, vegetables,  
bread and drink. Cost is \$19.00

RSVP by Sunday August 17th to:  
Linda Mulay at 327-4615 or 576 -1417

### BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

### Win-Win Opportunity for getting

### Flame Stop at the best rates!

### DEADLINE: July 31<sup>st</sup>

In the last issue of the Echoes, individual purchases of Flame Stop through a group-buying plan resulted in a great PRICE REDUCTION and enough quantity was purchased to award FREE shipping! For those of you who want to get in on another group order, now might be your last chance!

For technical information, call 1-877-397-7867 or visit [www.flamestop.com](http://www.flamestop.com). (Hours of operation, Tucson time, are Monday-Thursday, 6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Friday, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

To participate in the group buying and shipping plan for Flame Stop Products, place your order with Judy Epstein (Flame Stop, Inc. has made this formal request to avoid ordering errors) by the deadline of Wednesday, July 31st.

## Mt Lemmon FireFighters Appreciation Bar-B-Q July 20 th at Alpine Lodge 6:00 PM

Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association would like you to come out and show your appreciation for all the work our firefighters did for us to save our community from the Bullock Fire.

Dinner will be B-B-Q pork ribs or Chicken and all the fixins for \$17.

RSVP your choice of ribs or chicken to John Mulay 327-4615 by Fri, July 19 th.

Send the following **REQUIRED INFORMATION** to Judy Epstein, [nRichLife@aol.com](mailto:nRichLife@aol.com) (or for those without e-mail, call 760-2802) and she will send in one cumulative written purchase order to Flame Stop, Inc. with the information listed below:

- 1) CONTACT NAME
- 2) PHONE NUMBER
- 3) FAX NUMBER (OPTIONAL)
- 4) ADDRESS (WHERE TO SEND BILL)
- 5) CREDIT CARD NUMBER FOR VISA, MASTERCARD OR DISCOVER (FLAME STOP, INC. DOES NOT ACCEPT AMERICAN EXPRESS)
- 6) EXPIRATION DATE AND NAME ON CREDIT CARD
- 7) PRODUCT NAME (FLAME STOP II, FLAME STOP III, etc.) QUANTITY, AND WHAT SIZE CONTAINERS (Two 5-Gallon containers or Four 1-Gallon containers, three pints, etc.)

Please note, the actual amount per gallon will be calculated sometime after August 1<sup>st</sup> when Flame Stop, Inc. knows the accumulated quantity discount price. You can always get an estimate as if you were to buy it on your own and know that it will be that yet probably less because you will be eligible for a lower rate based on the accumulated quantities of the other participating homeowners. Please, be mindful, though, that you will still have your percentage of the shipping costs still to pay -- unless enough quantity is ordered to waive the shipping charges.)

The plan is that Judy Epstein will cover all of the shipping costs up front and then you reimburse her for your percentage of the cost when you pick up your order



(unless notified otherwise by Judy). The product will be shipped and stored at Bed Mart, 887-0711, at 3739 N. Oracle Road and available for pick up during business hours. (Chet Goldberg, Judy's husband, owns Bed Mart and has offered his business to help out in this way, potentially saving \$75 in shipping charges. Please be mindful that his employees may be taking time away from their work duties.)

Using the contact info you provide, Judy will notify you when your order is in and what your share of the shipping cost is. Please make out your check for that amount payable to "Judy Epstein" and present this to the Bed Mart employee that gives you your order. The projected date of product arrival is around August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Judy and Chet already have Flame Stop II on our cabin and do not need to order any more. This offer is made as a win-win opportunity for community members. Whatever improves the FireWISE conditions of the community improves the chances of the community's survival of fire. We are all in this together and together we can build a FireWISE community on Mt. Lemmon!

## Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club news.

by Luann Waldron

Mt Lemmon Woman's Club President

Our 4th of July parade was as wonderful as in years past. I think everyone appreciated it a bit more as we think of what fire could have resulted in. Thanks so much to Fran Zimmerman for her coordination of the parade. Also a big thanks to Olga & Fred Pace who hosted the Beaver's Band Box players at their cabin for a brunch before the parade.

It has been great to see our community raking and cleaning around their cabins. Due to the expense of the Roll-Offs, which the Fire Dept. has been absorbing, our club will be paying for one of the Roll-Offs. We need to see the cleanup effort continuing. We will be looking at other ways to help our community in the future. Our next club meeting will be Saturday August 3rd, 12:30 PM at Linda Cutlers cabin. If you need directions please call Linda at 576-1254.

The Annual Membership Tea is re-scheduled for Saturday August 17th at 2:00PM at B.J Singh's cabin at the end of Turkey Run. We are looking for a day of fine desserts, tea, music, fun and of course RAIN!!

Our club is also in contact with Suzanne Hensel

## Calendar

**Hiking** Postponed until Forest is opened  
**Litefest** Saturday nights remaining this summer  
**Kids Club** Cancelled for the Summer  
**Community Flea Market** Postponed  
**FireWISE Meeting** July 20th 10:00 AM  
**MLFD**  
**FireFighter's Benefit** -July 20th 6:00PM  
 Mt Lemmon Lodge  
**Water Co-Op Meeting** July 21th 10:00 AM  
**Flame Stop Orders Deadline** July 31 2:00PM  
**Mt. Lemmon Women's Club** Aug 3 12:30 PM  
 at Linda Cultler's Cabin  
**Art, Crafts and, Psychic Benefit Fair**  
 Aug 11th, 10-5 PM  
**Bluegrass Music** Aug 11th  
 12-2 PM & 3-5 PM  
**School Starts** Aug 14 th  
**Bunko** Aug 24th, 6:00 PM CoffeeHouse  
**Mt. Lemmon Women's Club Membership tea**  
 Aug 17 th 2:00 PM -B.J. Singh's cabin

regarding the prospect of publishing her book about the history of Mt. Lemmon. We are anticipating having the book ready for release around November, so keep this in mind for a holiday present. More information will be made available as we get closer to the publishing date.

Anyone who would like information about our club, activities or membership please contact-Luann Waldron 576-1568 or Fran Zimmerman 576-1333.

## Buster Baily and the Six by Six

By Bob Zimmerman

As I have said, Buster during WW II was a mechanic who knew his way around the old Army "six by six," or "duce and a half," as it was called. It was the workhorse of the US Army. This talent put him in good stead at the sawmill because Tony Zimmerman used WW II Army surplus vehicles at the sawmill.

Well, there was a man who decided to make a living hauling ore down from a mine high up on the south side of Marble Peak. The Oracle Road or Control Road, as we called it then, curls around the south east side of Marble Peak a few miles above Oracle mine, which is seven miles down from Summerhaven.

This incredibly steep, switch back road is still there.

This individual used a later model six by six to haul ore. Buster admired this truck. Unfortunately, one day, with a full load of ore, he lost his brakes and went off the road at one of the switchbacks. He lived, but his back was broken so his truck driving days were over. The truck landed upside down in the bottom of a rocky draw about 500 feet above the Control Road. After the truck had lain there for over a year, Buster decided that he wanted to retrieve that truck. Dad, Buster and I went to look. Dad said there was no way that the truck was coming out of the draw even if we could somehow get it right side up and get it started – the boulders and trees were too large. Buster quietly said he could get it out in a week and would drive it up to the sawmill. He would not charge for his time unless he delivered.

Dad allowed Buster and me to take on the project. I know he was convinced we would give up after a few days. The first chore was to turn the truck upright, which we did in a day using jacks and hand winches. Then started the harder task of clearing a path. The live oaks blocking the way soon fell to our axes. Next with pick and shovel two paths were constructed down the draws for the wheels to travel. This left large boulders and rock cliffs, which seemed to me to present insurmountable obstacles. Buster did not seem overly concerned. He had a plan. We chipped rock away on one of the bolder to make room for the truck to pass. The rock cliffs were smoothed out by use of small boulders and planks from the sawmill. In some areas, there were large drops over which we built rickety bridges.

Buster turned his attention to the truck. He tinkered with it for several hours, replaced the oil (most had drained out) and installed two 12-volt batteries as the six by sixes had a 24-volt system. These trucks had automatic transmissions so the transmission fluid had to be replaced. He pulled the spark plugs and did his best to clean them. Last we put in 10 gallons of fresh gas.

Then Buster was ready to start the engine. He called me “button” and asked me to hold my hand over the carburetor in a certain fashion to suck gas into the carburetor. He engaged the starter and after a few cranks of the engine the truck backfired. Buster knew he had won. We tried several more times and eventually the engine coughed and began a rough idle, firing on most of its cylinders. Buster was satisfied he had enough power to drive down the draw and begin easing her forward, down the gauntlet.

The six by six had a very heavy-duty wench on front, which was used to slither the vehicle over large boulders and hold the vehicle back while sliding off steep bluffs. Amazingly, he got her out. I can still remember the planks creaking under her weight.

And, we drove her, still missing badly, all the way up to the sawmill. I have never seen Dad beam so broadly as when she passed through the front gate. It was just a matter of time before she was the principal logging truck at Mount Lemmon Sawmill.

## Flame Stop Products on Darker Cabins

Although it is described as a “clear” sealer for exterior cabin use, Chip Delay found that it left a light milky look to his dark colored cabin when he ordered and applied the Flame Stop II on his own. To resolve this, he contacted Flame Stop and was advised that he could “wash” off the milky color with water, once the 24 hour drying time had enabled the product to “set.” Being in an extreme water shortage, he brought up one of his own water tenders (his own business equipment) to wash off the milky appearance and had very good results.

Chip Delay has very generously offered to bring up his water tender one more time for cabinowners who find themselves in a similar situation. He can be reached at [chip@tucsoncontractor.com](mailto:chip@tucsoncontractor.com), or at 820-0220 or 576-1158, to schedule a time that includes the most people.

Thank you, Chip, for your generous and thoughtful offer! Thank you also for all of your volunteer help during the Bullock Fire and severe drought! You have been extremely generous by providing your frontloader and large chipper (helping the dumpsters to hold more pine needles!), backhoe and water tenders to the help of our mountain community!

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