

The



# Mt. Lemmon Echoes

*Serving the Homeowners of Mt. Lemmon*

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

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

*For Ross Quigley*

*By Fran Zimmerman*

Things are winding down on the mountain. Evenings are becoming colder and there is the smell of fall in the air. Oktoberfest activities have begun at the different restaurants and businesses and will continue for the next three weeks. Look for fall colors to start turning at Bear Wallow and Turkey Run Road. By next month, most of you folks will be closing down your cabin for the winter, but don't forget to spend Saturday, October 12th at the fire station for our annual pancake breakfast. All donation monies will go to the Fire department. It is a good time to meet new homeowners and give advice on winterizing their cabins. Mark it on your calendar!

Hopefully, next year we'll have more of a summer up here without forest fires. Read and be part of Mt. Lemmon Fire wise community by continuing to study your monthly Echoes newsletter. Your homeowner's board will be coming up with different events next summer and they will be advertised in your Echoes. If you have any suggestions to the board, write us and send it to P.O. Box 699, Mt. Lemmon, AZ 85619

Larry Waldron is returning to the Board. He is replacing Chet Goldberg. Thanks to Chet for his time on the board. Larry missed us!

Please note the article that appeared in the Star about mold on 9/21. Insurance companies are reducing/eliminating coverage for mold, which can be quite expensive to remove.

Looking forward to Fall on the Lemmon.

## Water Co-op

*By Mike Stanley*

We have received over 18" of rain during the monsoon season. The spring flows have increased to almost 22 gallons per minute and the tanks are finally getting full. It is nice to see the fire danger going down. The curtailment will move to our normal status on September 25, 2002. This is due to both the

high use season is over and the rainfall increasing the in-flow to the system. This was the driest season I have experienced with the lowest flow from the springs getting down to less than 2 gallons per minute. It is nice to have the first day of autumn and the temperature starting to drop. The trees are starting to change colors and there is a slight nip in the morning air. With this change it is time to make sure you winterize your cabins water system. Remember to shut off your water meter to prevent a major water loss and damage to your cabin. If you let others use your cabin, I suggest that a comprehensive "Turn on-Turn off list" be stored at the cabin. This has prevented mistakes when others are required to activate the cabin. This procedure should have information on the meter location; drain valves, hot water breaker, antifreeze for the drain traps and any other item to safely operate the cabin.

During the month of October we will be insulating and staking the meter locations for identification when snow is present. It is said that we may have a wet winter and El Nino is in the forecast. We can use the precipitation so start thinking SNOW.



Mt. Lemmon Ski Valley Presents

## OKTOBERFEST 2002

German food, German beer, German band, German dancer and German Chocolate Fudge. Sound good? Come join us for ski side weekends. The Iron Door will be serving a German Special Thursday through Monday with incredible strudel dessert. Fun for all-come on up!

**September 21st through October 13th  
from 12 noon until 5:00 P.M.**

No entrance charge, but we are charging \$3.00 for parking. Ride the skyride, join the dancing or just relax on a blanket on the slopes. Enjoy the cool and the pines.

Come shop for a German stein or beer glass- the Motherlode has some great gift ideas and a good selection of cold weather gear.

## Dear Community of Summerhaven and all residents of Catalina Mountain

This is an open letter to all of you, to let you know what a fantastic EMT unit is operating on Mount Lemmon.

On the last day of June, we had need of the services of our local EMT's. Their response was quick and efficient. My husband was given oxygen as soon as they arrived. He was quickly evaluated and the decision to fly him to the hospital was made. As he was being transported by helicopter he heard the attendants state that they liked working with the EMT's on Mt. Lemmon because they were really good and knew what they were doing.

It was the quick provision of Oxygen that made the damage to his heart minimal.

Not only did the individuals who arrived at our cabin care for my husband, they assisted me in closing up the cabin so that I could make my timely trip down the mountain.

Although the crew who arrived at our cabin introduced themselves I just do not remember their names. I do remember your calm professional caring attitude. That I shall never forget

Thank you  
Edger & Vinetta Hale

## THIRD ANNUAL TUCSON BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL



By Bonnie Lohman

The Third Annual Tucson Bluegrass Festival, sponsored by the Desert Bluegrass Association, is scheduled for October 26 & 27, 2002, at the Pima County Fairgrounds, 11300 S Houghton Road, Tucson, AZ.

This year, our headliner will be Karl Shiflett & Big Country Show, a fantastic group who play the traditional bluegrass sound and dress like the 1940's musicians. Perfect Strangers, consisting of Peter Mc Laughlin, Chris Brashear, Jody Stechter, Forest Rose and Bob Black, will again headline due to popular demand to have them return. The Schankman Twins, identical twin sisters from California who play fiddle and banjo and sing wonderful sister harmony, will be playing both days. The Bladerunners are also on our line-up. They hail from California and are a great, tight band. Crucial County is our local band. They won the Blythe area competition and are headed out to California to compete in the Pizza

Hut Regional Showdown. The Lester Brothers, a hot Tucson group will be playing on Sunday

The Coyote country Cloggers from Tucson will be performing on Sunday. Workshops in, fiddle, mandolin, guitar, bass and banjo, will be offered free of charge for those wishing to learn more about the instruments or polish up their playing. Vendors and concessions will be in abundance. And of course, there will be jamming around the entire campground day and night.

Weekend adult admission is \$25, one day pass at the gate is \$15 and pre admission special is \$20. Children under 12 are free with a paid adult. Full hook up and dry camping are available.

For further information, call (520) 296-1231 or visit our website at  
<http://home.att.net/~fertilepickens/Tucson.html>

## Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club

By Luann Waldron  
Mt Lemmon Woman's Club, President

The Woman's Club held its annual family picnic Sept. 7th. We had over 40 in attendance and had a great time together with some wonderful hamburgers & hotdogs grilled by "CHEF LARRY WALDRON" (see what fun our husbands have when the wife's are part of the Woman's Club). Thanks to all those who provided side dishes and desserts.

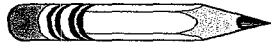
Our next meeting will be Saturday Oct. 5th 12:30pm at Patsy Rileys cabin. Please call her for directions at 298-0300. Steve Hensel has agreed to be our guest speaker to talk about our forest.

We will be moving our meetings to Tucson starting in November. Our winter meetings will be on the 1st Wednesday of each month (November, March, April & May). Our annual Christmas Brunch will be held Saturday December 7th, 10:30am at a home to be determined.

Our new directory should be completed before our October meeting. Please try to attend either the October or November meetings to pick up your copy or we can leave your copy with Fran Zimmerman if you call either Fran or me. We have 70 members in the club this year.

We sent a \$100.00 check to the General Federation of Woman's Club-AZ, which is our state affiliation, for their "cents for seeds" program. They will be presenting a \$1,000.00 check to the US Forest Service for reforestation efforts within burned areas of Arizona.

## School Days



The new teacher at Zimmerman Elementary is James DeVine. Jim and his wife, Louisa DeVine are happy to be here. The DeVine's have already met many friendly people. They are looking forward to enjoying the beauty of the Summerhaven/ Mt. Lemmon area.

Recognized as an outstanding teacher and administrator, James DeVine was inducted into membership in Who's Who in American Education as well as the International Historical Society. His career in education spans over thirty years in elementary education.

The past eight years Mr. DeVine has been an elementary administrator in Arizona and New Mexico. Prior to going into administration, Mr. DeVine was an elementary teacher. He taught grades 3, 4, 5 and 6. He also coached basketball at junior high level.

Mr. DeVine graduated from Washburn University, Topeka Kansas with a B.A. Mr. DeVine began his teaching career in California. His classes averaged 38 students. He taught several combination classes such as 3/4, 4/5, 5/6. He enjoys teaching.

His master's degree program was aided when he was selected as one of the thirty teachers nationwide to receive a National Defense Education Act award. He finished his master's degree at Oregon State University. Mr. DeVine currently holds five credentials: Arizona, New Mexico and California K-8 teaching licenses and Arizona and New Mexico K-12 Superintendent/ Administrative credentials.

His years in the classroom have convinced him that individualization is a must for elementary students. He believes that Zimmerman Elementary is an opportunity without peer. With good students and great parents and a knowledgeable and effective aide, Cheryl Franklin, Mr. DeVine expects a good year for all concerned.

### Classifieds

#### **For Sale**-Electric Incinolet Toilet

Paid \$1550 will sell for \$1300, never used.  
Call Richard Westervelt 297-2713

#### **Winters Coming !-Strong 4WD -For Sale**

94 Toyota 4 Runner SR5 --Clean, Pretty, Loaded,  
Good Rubber, Mechanics Report, \$9000 OBO.  
884-4222

## Pancake Breakfast



**Saturday Oct 12, 8-10 am**

**@ Fire Station**

**Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage, Orange Juice and coffee**  
**Suggested Donation \$5.00**

## Taking Action to Protect Mt. Lemmon

By Judy Epstein, Chairperson,  
Building a FireWise Community on Mt. Lemmon  
760-2802 or nRichLife@aol.com

In last month's Echoes, the President's column indicated we need our politicians to earmark monies for Mt. Lemmon fuels reduction. This is a much-needed action for us to take both individually and collectively. If you're anything like me, you may want to support such action yet rather have someone else write the letter. Well, that is exactly what has been done! Thanks to input from various knowledgeable sources such a letter has been written! For your information and convenience, this letter is printed in this Echoes and is available in PDF format at [www.mountlemmonfire.com](http://www.mountlemmonfire.com) on the "Echoes Articles" page or as an attached Word document upon e-mail request to [nRichLife@aol.com](mailto:nRichLife@aol.com).

A simple overview of the situation is this: Congress decides the amount of money for the US Forest Service's fiscal budget. USFS has several regions, such the Southwest Region for Arizona and New Mexico. Funds are further designated by National Forests, such as the Coronado National Forest. The Santa Catalina Ranger District for Mt. Lemmon is only one of the five districts within the Coronado National Forest.

In 2000 the Coronado USFS created a 5-year budget plan specifically designed for fuels reduction programs, like thinning the forest around our entire community. The budget earmarked approximately \$1.5 million annually over the next 5 years for fuels reduction implementation in Coronado, approximately \$400,000 annually for the Santa Catalina Ranger District over each of the next five years. However, these funds have not materialized and have been reduced over the last three years to approximately \$170, 000 annually. Other pertinent information is explained within the letter to congressmen, such as funds being susceptible to reallocation for grazing and recreation management. Your voice and opinions need to be heard by our congressional representatives, now more than ever. Please read the composed letter, make amendments if so desired and send in your copy today! For space saving purposes, the list of mailing addresses to send the letter is available at Mt. Lemmon Realty, and on the MLFD website, [www.mountlemmonfire.com](http://www.mountlemmonfire.com).

Thank you for your involvement, commitment and ACTION to help protect Mt. Lemmon from threatening fires in the future!

The following is a letter which you can copy and send to our Senators and Representatives or if you prefer, you can retrieve a PDF copy from the [www.mountlemmonfire.com](http://www.mountlemmonfire.com) web site or you can obtain a version in Word by email Judy Epstein who will return the letter as an attachment.

*Re: Earmark fuels treatment and forest health monies in the Santa Catalina Ranger District of the Coronado National Forest, Pima County, Arizona*

*To: Honorable US Senators Jon Kyl and John McCain and US Representatives Jim Kolbe and Ed Pastor:*

*As a concerned property owner on Mt. Lemmon, AZ, in the Santa Catalina Ranger District, this letter requests unfaltering action to the critical need for fuel reduction funding specifically earmarked for creating a perimeter around our Mt. Lemmon community. Current fuel loads on the US forest lands surrounding our mountain community are at thousands of Ponderosa Pine and mixed conifers per acre versus the natural spacing of 30 to 60 trees per acre. Mt Lemmon is also the site of the May 2002 Bullock Fire where over 30,000 acres were burned at a firefighting cost of over \$14 million. Fire fighting efforts were successful at that time in preventing loss to private property on Mt. Lemmon. Previous fuel treatment by landowners and the Forest Service were successful in slowing the advance of the fire into the community of Summerhaven on Mt. Lemmon. Unfortunately, with the present conditions of heavy fuel loads on the mountain, it is only a matter of time before a forest fire once again threatens our community's safety, wipes out more of the forest and damages the vital watershed for the mountain and desert below.*

*Governor Jane Dee Hull remarked recently in an Arizona Daily Star article, "It is imperative that those accountable for the public safety in fire-threatened states across the West, including Arizona, be given the tools by Congress" and that "every day that passes is another day closer to the next fire season, and projects to protect our communities must begin now."*

*President George W. Bush has announced his Healthy Forests Initiative to begin the process of correcting the problems that have led to the catastrophic fires we experienced this summer. Approving and funding fuels treatment and forest health initiatives for this year's agency project work load for 2003 fiscal year is crucial to reduce catastrophic and costly forest fires in the Wildland Urban Interface areas, such as the community of Mt. Lemmon.*

*Since the community of Mt. Lemmon is surrounded by forested land under the care and stewardship of the USFS, they aimed to create the much-needed buffer zone of thinned forest around our community in 2000 through the Coronado National Forest 5-year fuels reduction program budget plans. This plan required a commitment of approximately \$400,000 annually over the next 5 years to implement fuels reduction*

*within the Santa Catalina Ranger District, one of 5 Ranger Districts of the Coronado National Forest. However, these funds have not materialized and have been reduced over the last 3 years to approximately \$170, 000 annually for the Santa Catalina Ranger District, as well as similar reductions for all of Coronado.*

*The Coronado Forests in southern Arizona is in much dire need. Mt. Lemmon is listed as a priority area of concern, competing along with the other Coronado areas such as around Sierra Vista, Oracle and Mt. Graham.*

*Unlike most areas, the Coronado is able to move quickly and smoothly through the environmental process. The biggest problem for the Coronado, however, relates to the funding constraint that places the fuels reduction program in competition with other USFS programs. Fuels reduction funding is placed in a broader category handling other programs such as grazing and recreation management, setting up the possibility for budgeted fuels reduction funds to be reallocated elsewhere. This is contrary to the Fire Suppression Budget that stands on its own and is not shared with other programs. Given the critical condition made evident by this summer's fires, fuels reduction funds need to be funded separately rather than competing with other program areas, a change that only congress can enact.*

*We are doing our part. Throughout the community of Mt. Lemmon, FireWise activities (fire prevention, education and fuels reduction) are being implemented individually, communally and under the auspices of the Mount Lemmon Fire District. Much of this has been possible from the matching funds made available by the foresight of Congress through the USFS and State Fire Assistance Grants for fuel reduction on private lands. However, our community has no access or means of thinning the over-abundance of small diameter trees and ladder fuels neighboring many of our homes, and we don't have luxury of waiting years for such action. We urgently need Congress to enable the USFS to do its part immediately. Please earmark funds for fuels reduction on federal lands in Wildland Urban Interface areas such as on Mt. Lemmon, helping the safety of lives, property and communities now at risk, so our forested mountain community has a viable and safe future.*

*Sincerely,*

*CC:*

**Dale Bosworth, Chief of USDA Forest Service**  
**USDA Southwest Regional Forester**

**John McGee, USFS Coronado Forest Supervisor**

**Ron Senn, USFS Santa Catalina Ranger District**

**Dean McAlister, USFS Coronado Fire Management Officer**

**Governor Jane Hull**

**Ann M Veneman, US Secretary of Agriculture**

## Calendar

**Oktoberfest** Sept 21-Oct 13

**Sabino Canyon Celebration**

September 28, 7:00-10:30am

@ Sabino Canyon

**Chipping Day**

September 28 beginning at 9:00am

@ Willow Canyon

**Chilli Cookoff**

September 28, 1:00-3:00pm

@ General Store & Gift Shop

**Women's Club Meeting**

Oct 5 12:30pm @ Patsy Reily's Cabin

Christmas Brunch December 7th 10:30am

**Pancake Breakfast** Oct 12, 8-10 am @MLFD

**Water Co-Op Meeting**

Oct 20th ,10:00 am @ Maint. Office

**Tucson Bluegrass Festival**

Oct 26 & 27 @ Pima County Fairgrounds

**Halloween Party** Oct 31st 6:00pm @MLFD

## Fire District Update

By the Barnella's

The answer is Yes!! The Barnella's had a great time in New York! Thanks again to Howard and Dolly Quinn for their generous gift. They made all flight arrangements so we could be in New York for 9/11. Garrett took many pictures, and we have more literature if anyone is interested, please come by the station.

Upcoming Events...Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>! We have a full day scheduled. Beginning at 9:00 am, Willow Canyon is having their Chipping Day. The firefighters will be assisting with the equipment and we also have a special guest, Darryl Switzer, with Vermeer who will be setting up a Demonstration of a Wood Chipper that the Fire District is interested in. **All are invited.** A Lemmon-Aide stand will be set up and lemonade will be available at various sites on your way up the mountain to the Chili Cook-Off, which will be held at the Mt. Lemmon Gen'l Store parking lot. (See following article) All proceeds and promotions will be generated for the Mt. Lemmon Fire District's fuel abatement and a FireWise Community!

The Halloween Party! Thursday Night, October 31<sup>st</sup> at the Fire Station, 6:00pm. Bring a dish to share, wear a costume and have a good time. There will be piñatas for the kids, prizes for costumes, and more. Please contact DeAnna if you have any questions or suggestions.

## WANTED

Participants for the Mt. Lemmon  
"No Rules" Chili Cook-Off!!

When: *Saturday, September the 28<sup>th</sup>*

Time: *(set up starts at 10:00 am)*

*Judging will begin at Noon  
and*

*Public Tasting starts at 1:00pm til 3:00pm*

*or the Chili Pots are empty!*

*(1<sup>st</sup> Place, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place & Crowd Choice Awards)*

**Where: The Mt. Lemmon Gen'l Store and  
Gift Shop Parking Lot**

All promotions and proceeds will be toward the purchase of a Wood Chipper for the Mt. Lemmon Fire District to continue fuel abatement for a FireWise Community! (Vermeer to set up a Demonstration)

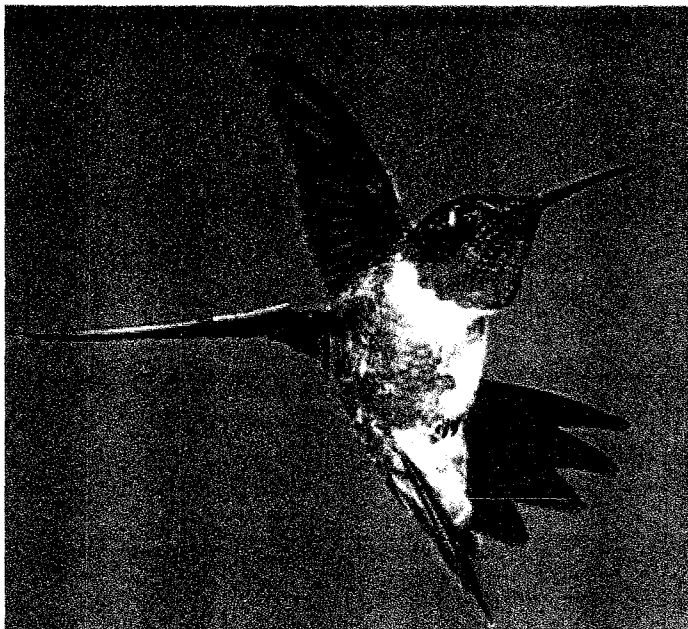
## THE RULES

The rules for the "No Rules" Chili Cook-Off: Public Tasting 1 pm til the Chili is gone! Since there are no rules, contestants can make any kind of chili with any edible ingredients they wish! Some will cook their chili on site, while others will cook it at home and bring it to the event. The public will be able to sample the various chili entries for a \$3 donation with all proceeds to benefit the Mt. Lemmon Fire District. Any "bribes" to the Judges will be confiscated & given to the Mt. Lemmon Fire District. Please sign up in advance with Carol Mack 576-1468 or DeAnna Barnella 576-1202, so we can provide plenty of tables and the electrical necessities needed. Set up for contestants is between 10 am and noon.

All donations to the MLFD are tax deductible. All proceeds from the Chili Cook-Off in Summerhaven benefit the Mt. Lemmon Fire District.

The Mt. Lemmon Fire District was established in August 1979. Eighty percent of all emergency calls on Mt. Lemmon is to aid tourists in need. The Mt. Lemmon Fire District covers over 12 square miles of the Catalina Mountain, and they provide rescue as well as fire and medical services, stabilizing and transporting injured parties to the point where Tucson Rural/Metro takes over transport. If any injury is serious enough to need rapid evacuation, they assist in a helicopter evacuation from Mt. Lemmon.

The Chief of Mt. Lemmon Fire District is Dean Barnella, who is also working with the community and many agencies to help build a "FireWise" Community.



## DO HUMMINGBIRDS REALLY HUM?

By Barbara Welsh

Last time we were on the mountain the Rufous Hummingbirds were still around chasing all the other birds to protect "their" feeder. I thought some information; both old and new might be fun. There are 338 known species of Hummingbirds and they are all in the Western hemisphere. Most species are around the equator becoming less as you move away from the equator. There are 4 species in Canada, 17 in the U.S. most West of the Mississippi. The only bird East of the Mississippi is the Ruby-throated Hummer.

If you were a Hummingbird your temperature would be 750 degrees, and you would need 155,000 calories a day to live. A Hummingbird's eyes are set in the side and high on their heads for the broadest area of vision. They have excellent vision comparable to a hawk or vulture. They have the largest relative heart size of all birds and it beats 1260 times a minute. When they dive (this is a display for the female) they can reach a speed of 45 MPH.

The Rufous hummingbird that we see every summer has the longest migration of any Hummer. Some fly from their breeding grounds in Alaska to Mexico, up to 3000 miles. No wonder they stop at our feeders for a rest on their journey. Many years ago the Aztecs used the feathers for their cloaks.

Again a word on feeding and feeders. The hummingbirds will migrate on their own schedule even if there are flowers and feeders still there. They eat quite a few insects along with the nectar from flowers. The mixture for the feeders is one cup of sugar to four cups of water and boil for six minutes on the mountain or one minute down in Tucson. Do not use honey or artificial sweetener or color.

## THANK YOU SUMMERHAVEN! THE ART FAIR WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

By Karen Shunk

I was so grateful for everyone's help with the Art Fair this year. Thanks to many good people, the fire and schedule change did not affect our turnout.

Don Underhill donated all postage, envelopes, and printing of the 250 applications mailed out to artists.

MLCEC's hooked me up with Wendy and Jonas Hunter, who did an incredible job of promoting the event, along with KCMT Radio and Katrina Wertheim at Alpha Graphics, who designed, printed and donated all the beautiful color posters and flyers: which Wendy hand delivered all over Tucson.

Jim Heckler with CH. 72, "SOUL MECHANIC'S" and the Wednesday morning Psychic hour of KLPX Radio promoted us on all of his shows for 4 ½ months.

Guy Atchley at CH. 9 set up a great interview on the 4:30pm News. Bob Zimmerman graciously took my place on that interview, (with only 2 hours notice!), and along with Jacob Jirschele of Mt. Lemmon fire, did a great job of representing us.

Michael Stanley donated the environmentally safe spray paint that my son Colton and I used to mark all the spaces.

My sister Kebbie Bengé woke up at 4:00am to help me finish all the paperwork needed before our 6:30am set-up time.

Dean, DeAnna, Jacob, Harry, Dennis and John of Mt. Lemmon Fire Department, I couldn't have pulled it off without all of your help at 6:30am and all day long. You guys definitely go above and beyond the call of duty! Samantha and Steve, Thank you.

Jonna Reeves lost her husband, Ken Reeves, founder of "CASA GLORIOSA" in June, and still continued to do interviews and furnish us with all the information we needed for the Art Fair.

Debbie Fagan donated \$150.00, (10% of the Living Rainbow's Sales for that day) to the children at "CASA GLORIOSA", making our total \$675.00

My special thanks to all of the Mt. Lemmon Businesses and employee's who worked your booties off to make our day a Great Success!

We create great things when we all work together.

**You are cordially  
invited to celebrate  
Sabino Canyon Day  
Sat, Sept 28, 2002  
7:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.**



**FRIENDS OF  
SABINO  
CANYON**

Free parking the day of the event.

Join us for a centennial festival celebrating the 100th birthday of Tucson's treasured canyon with a special presentation to honor the U.S. Forest Service and the firefighters who successfully fought the Bullock Fire at Mt. Lemmon.

Many community organizations will join in this celebration, including: Sabino Canyon Volunteer Naturalists, Santa Catalina Volunteer Patrol, Santa Catalina Mounted Assistance Unit, Sabino Canyon Bicycle Patrol, Southern Arizona Hiking Club, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of America, Summit Hut, US Forest Service, Arizona Game and Fish Department, and many others.

Activities and educational presentations for people of all ages will include: recreational hikes, interpretive narrated nature walks, fire fighter gear display and demo, demonstrations on ecosystem, caves, ecology, and impact of the forest fires on fishes and animals, video and photo exhibits, children's activities, music by the Shadz Utterback Alumni Band, a special guest appearance by Smokey the Bear and others.

For more information contact: 742-6027.

## **BULLOCK FIRE GROUP - PHOTO POSTERS NOW AVAILABLE**

By Karen Shunk

Thanks to Roy and Carol Lundstrom and the help of Michael Stanley and Carol Niehoff, the group Photo Posters are now Available.

They can be purchased for \$7.00 from "The Living Rainbow", "Mt. Lemmon General Store and Gift Shop", Mt. Lemmon Women's Club", The Mt. Lemmon Yacht Club", The Ice Cream Shop", at the Alpine Lodge, and "Thomas Cleaners" on Tanque Verde and Camino Principal in Tucson.

Each poster sold, pays for the printing of the poster purchased, plus the printing, postage and mailing tube to be sent to one of the Bullock Fire Crews. \$2.00 from each sale will go to our own Mt. Lemmon Fire Department.

I really appreciate everyone showing up at 6.30am on a Sunday morning to pose for this poster. The turnout was great—and everyone was smiling!!!

PLEASE SHOW YOUR SUPPORT AND BUY ONE.

## **Game Warden**

By Bob Zimmerman

It was about dusk on a cold, snow-spitting day in November 1942 when Tony Zimmerman heard a vehicle approaching the store. Tony was spending the night in his little store. This was before he had added the Catalina Room where dances were held. At that time, there were still three cabins near the store that had been built in about 1921 by RB O'Neal.

The lumber used in their construction was from the sawmill dragged into Summerhaven a few years earlier by Knaggy. The exterior sheathing of these cabins was board and baton. The boards were quite wide, often 12 or 14 inches wide and scored with circle saw marks. The trees used to make the lumber had to be quite large.

This early sawmill preceded the sawmill later built by Tony Zimmerman where the Post Office is today. In fact, when Tony started coming to the mountain in 1937, the old sawmill was gone. RB had also built and owned the small general store that was located about where the Sabino Creek crosses under the Sabino Canyon Parkway, on the westerly side of the road. All these dwellings were then located on a 100 by 200 foot track of land lying on the northern edge of Summerhaven that was named the "Sawmill Track." Tony bought this tract from O'Neil.

In 1941, Tony had bought out RB and had built his new store located slightly north of the old O'Neal general store. RB, when he was the owner, had quarters in the back where he lived. Tony tore this building down.

Tony saw a familiar figure slide out of the front seat of the pick-up truck. It was none other than Blue Thorpe, the local Fish and Game warden. He was headed for the front door. Tony quickly opened the oven door to check the progress of his roasting turkey and then put a pot of chili beans on top of the cook stove. The chili's aroma was strong with garlic.

Tony greeted Blue at the door, inviting him in to share in some chili and corn bread. Blue allowed as how that he could accommodate a little of Tony's famous chili and corn bread. It was not long before there were two empty bowls and two full hambres. Blue excused himself and eased out to his truck to continue his rounds.

Tony never mentioned the turkey cooking away in the oven as it was a wild turkey and turkeys were a "little" out of season. Tony had come across the turkey earlier in the day near Sleep Hollow (Bill Brown's out building) in what we now call Upper Sabino. The turkey had unfortunately stepped into a lion trap set by Grady Wilson and had both of its legs severed. Not being a wasteful person or one to look a gift turkey in the beak, Tony elected to send the turkey to turkey heaven and then to his oven. I guess Blue was never the wiser, or if he was, he let this one slide.



## Forest News

The Palisades Ranger Station is now open seven days a week 8:30am to 4:30pm.

Rose Canyon Lake is about half full after the summer rains and the forest service has begun stocking the lake with fish.

The forest service has used a combination of Hydro mulch, Rice Straw and seeding by Air. Alder Canyon was seeded by air using two small aircraft (crop duster type) and one of the aircraft crashed while spreading seed. The pilot pushed the nose up as he approached the upslope of the mountain and set the plane down on its belly and walked away after the crash.

The Forest Service is rebuilding the Control Road to provide a second evacuation route off the mountain. The summer rains have slowed their efforts, but they are trying to complete their work before Winter.



### VOLKSSPORT

By Michael Stanley

It's Saturday morning. There is a table set up next to the County Comfort Station in Summerhaven. There are three ladies manning a cashbox and a poster that reads "VOLKSSPORT". In my quest for knowledge I asked the ladies what this Volkssport Association was and what was up today? Carolyn Barton was eager to tell me about the organization. She explained that Volkssporting, simply defined, is a family-oriented sports and recreation program offering non-competitive walks, hikes, bike rides and swims, and in some regions cross-country skiing and roller or ice skating.

You may choose your time to start within the start/finish "window" and participate in the sport at your own pace. The events are not timed and run from dawn to dusk. The American Volkssporting Association sponsors walks of 10 Km or 6.2 miles. The Tucson club generally offers a 5 km. option for participants who are physically or medically unable to complete the longer walks. Today there will be 60 to 80 walkers. The 6.2 miles will take them into Upper Sabino Canyon, starting at Turkey Run Road traveling to the upper ski lift then back around to Summerhaven.

The Association sponsors walks in other parts of Arizona. These will take you to Flagstaff with walks exploring Route 66 and a woodland trails walk that promises majestic mountain views. Another Arizona event is in Yuma. This walk takes a path through Downtown past the Yuma Territorial Prison and along the Colorado River. Locally, there are 10Km walks that take you through Downtown Tucson, the Univer-

sity of Arizona, Lower Sabino Canyon, Saguaro National Park East and Mt. Lemmon.

In taking with Carolyn it is easy to see that enthusiasm can run rampant. One of her best vacation items is to visit other Volkssport associations as she and her husband, Fred travel. This gives them the opportunity to check out other areas and mingle with people that share the same interests. Volkssporting events are open to everyone. Local club or national membership is not required. There is no cost involved unless you want to take part in the "Achievement Awards Program" or receive the special award or memento for an event.

If you are interested in involvement with this organization visit their web site at: [www.ava.org](http://www.ava.org) click on State then Arizona. There is a vast amount of information at this site. You can also call Fred or Carolyn Barton at 298-4340 for information.

Weather Corner	
Summer Rain	18.09 Inches
Jan-June Rain	2.01 Inches
YTD	20.10 Inches
Summer Rain Avg.	15.2 Inches
Annual Avg.	33 Inches
High temp for Aug	90 deg
Low temp for Aug	45 deg
Avg. Aug Temp	64
Courtesy of Mark Hopkins	

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