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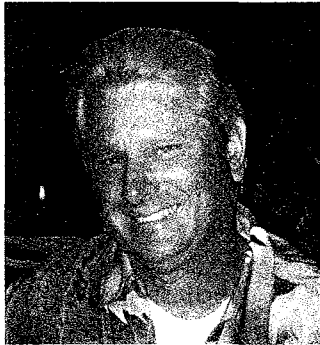
# Mt. Lemmon Echoes

*Serving the Homeowners of Mt. Lemmon*

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

## A Message From The President.

by: Ross Quigley



Another year has raced by and it will soon be time for our annual dinner. We are preparing the agenda for the dinner, which will again be held at the Hidden Valley Inn on North Sabino Canyon Rd. and we would appreciate input from our membership. If you have a special topic you would like to have us address, please notify me by February 15 so I can attempt to cover it at the meeting. Keep in mind that it must be an issue that affects everyone and not a private agenda.

Although it was predicted to be an extremely wet winter, we have not received much in the way of snow or rain this winter and we will likely face another summer with low water supplies and high fire danger. Don't let this spoil your summer fun at your cabin! Plan ahead and see how water efficient and "Fire Wise" you can be. I will not rehash old themes, but I will remind all of you that it takes a community effort to make our village safe and that means every one of us must do our part. Please help keep Summerhaven safe.

Your Homeowner's Board is planning several events for this summer to bring all of us together; another pancake breakfast, a potluck, and possibly a homemade ice-cream contest. The ice-cream contest was a big favorite in the past, but it takes a commitment from quite a few of you to test your skills. Think about it, what could be better on a hot, dry Mt. Lemmon summer day than a big bunch of homemade ice-creams. In my mind, only rain!! I will ask all of you this year to pitch in and help clean up the mess in our village that has been made by sledders. Last year we had a great turnout to clean up the creek area and all the rubbish collected filled two large trailers. I'm sure we can do the same this year with your help and it will make our village look much better.

In the next issue of the Echoes I will publish the agenda

for the Annual Homeowner's Meeting and our Board will have a menu chosen for you. I look forward to seeing all of my old friends as well as the new members who have come aboard.

In closing, I would like to thank all of our Board members who filled in for me during my illness this past year. You did a fantastic job and I hope I can return the favor this year. Thank You All !!

## Fire District Update

by the Barnellas



What a busy winter! With little snow, the Fire District has been working hard to prepare for another Wildland season. This also includes the continued education and support of our community members on becoming FireWise.

The Mt. Lemmon Fire District received a donation of \$1,208.01 from the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club for the purchase of a 2,500 gallon water pumpkin. The pumpkin has been ordered and should be delivered to the station by mid February. A new Type 6, E316 truck was ordered and fitted for the best possible structure and wildland protection. (Wildland Urban Interface) If you haven't seen the new Type 6, E316 in the village, come by and see it in the station. Our second new Engine should be delivered by mid April.



In November, the Mt. Lemmon Fire District sponsored a modified Basic Wildland course. There was an average of 10 attendees over a three day class. These members who attended and continue as "Fire Support" are as follows: Carol Mack, Karen Shunk, Roger and Cathy Early, Eric and Jane Force, and Janet Faylene. Thank you all for your support. The Fire Support members meet each week for continued training, learning areas of the mountain, how to use the hydrants in the village, and learning the equipment on the apparatus.

The Mt. Lemmon Fire District is looking for active volunteers on the mountain to join our programs. We will be starting a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) through the Office of Emergency Management. The above involved Fire Support members will be a part of this new program and we look forward to seeing new faces. Classes will begin in April, so please contact Harry Findysz or DeAnna Barnella to sign up. The next modified Basic Wildland course is scheduled for the weekend of May 17<sup>th</sup> & May 18<sup>th</sup>.

By this time, all of you should have received your copy of the Homeowner's Guide, "It Can't Happen to My Home". If you did not get a copy, they will be available at the following locations on the mountain: Mt. Lemmon Fire Station, Mt. Lemmon General Store and Gift Shop, Mt. Lemmon Realty, and the Summerhaven Coffee Shop. These pamphlets have been developed to educate the community and hopefully assist with any questions on fuel abatement. The District requests that these brochures be available in each cabin on the mountain, not only for the resident, but for friends or relatives who may also enjoy Mt. Lemmon. Please notice that the back of the pamphlet is to be filled out for your Mt. Lemmon residence and available in the event of an emergency. The Mt. Lemmon Fire District will be doing their part to assist in FireWise this season. There will be limited usage of the slash dumpsters this year. The cost is more than our budget can afford. We will be using a pine needle compactor that Fred Pace has developed for us (one bag will hold approximately 4 normal bags of needles), we will be using the pine needle burner (weather permitting), and educating the community members on how to stack burn piles for the next snow fall. The District has also identified other locations for members to take removed slash:

Fairfax Management Company – Speedway Landfill 7301 E. Speedway, 290-8588 Hours of business: Monday thru Friday 7am-4:30pm; Saturday 7am-2pm; closed Sunday

The following materials are accepted: construction debris; landscaping debris; pine needles in/out of plastic bags; and any other slash materials, **ONLY!**

Fees for usage: \$13.00 per truck load of debris, which would include a trailer under 12 feet in length.

Another location to take removed materials would be to the

Solid Waste Management Landfills. The Los Reales location hours are as follows: Monday thru Saturday 7-5pm; Sunday 7-4pm. The cost of dump is \$4 for secured, and an additional \$5 for unsecured materials.

The next FireWise meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. This meeting is open to all members of the community who would like to become involved. The department has elected a new liaison to assist DeAnna with all FireWise projects, Joseph Gunia. He can also be contacted at (520) 576-1201. Please call with any further assistance or questions.

Thanks again for all of your generous donations toward the future purchase of a wood chipper and other equipment needed for our FireWise community.

## 2003! This Year Fire-FREE!

by Judy Epstein,  
Chairperson of Building a  
FireWise Community



You have now received **YOUR** copy of the FireWise pamphlet, "It Can't Happen to My Home!"\* NOW you are armed with knowledge of what **YOU NEED TO DO** to make 2003 Fire-FREE in our **whole** community! Even though we might not be able to influence climatic circumstances, we **CAN** and **MUST** influence the fuel conditions around and within our entire community. Taking care of your own property is the first priority, but it doesn't stop there! As the pamphlet reveals, the environmental circumstances **around** you play an important role in being FireWise. As a community, we are all in this together; therefore, we must **act** together!

The Committee for Building a FireWise Community on Mt. Lemmon was formed in June of 2001 to **educate YOU** about the threat of fire and to **encourage YOU** to take necessary actions. Hopefully the Bullock Fire has opened your eyes to the reality of this threat. NOW is the time to get **INVOLVED** and **HELP!** This committee consists of communal members working to safeguard Mt. Lemmon against another devastating fire. Getting involved requires a sincere and helpful effort to work together for the benefit of the whole community. The more **YOU** get involved, the better the chances our community will have. All of us need to work together to make a difference!

To begin early with a successful action plan, our first FireWise meeting of 2003 is scheduled for Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the MLFD station. Please take action and join us, sharing your ideas and energies to better safeguard our mountain community and the beautiful environment surrounding it. If you are unable to attend, please contact Judy

Epstein at 760-2802 or e-mail her at [nRichLife@aol.com](mailto:nRichLife@aol.com) to let her know of your willingness and interest to help!

\*If you have not received your copy of "It Can't Happen to My Home!" contact DeAnna Barnella at 576-1201.

### **Mt... Lemmon Woman's Club News** by Luann Waldron, President

Our Christmas Brunch was held at the home of Linda Benzinger in Tucson. We had 25 ladies in attendance. We also had the privilege of having our GFWC Southern District President as our guest. Our lunch was catered by Incredible Edible. An exchange of ornaments followed the terrific brunch.

Judy Epstein brought back the 2000 millennium ornament that each of us had signed. We are going to have it as a "keep-sake" for our club.

We will be planning our meetings for the up-coming year and will try to have some great things in store for our members.

Our next meeting will be at Barb Welsh's home in Tucson on Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. On March 22<sup>nd</sup> the GFWC Southern District will hold its annual meeting at the Tucson Woman's Club, any one wanting to participate is welcome. There will be an Arts & Craft contest. If you have any art work or craft you have completed this last year we would love to display it.

Any one wanting information about our club, please call Luann Waldron at 742-3034 or Fran Zimmerman at 567-1333.

How about this for Women's Club dominance!----This article appeared in the  
**Mountain Echo April 5, 1979**

### **Mountain Women Take District Honors** by Chriss Sheldon

The Mt. Lemmon Women's Club did it again! At a recent Southern District Convention held at the Tucson Woman's Club in Tucson, our own Mt. Lemmon club with Katherine Lovett, president, walked away with 20 awards and one Honorable mention.

With Neil Copeland reporting, the Arts Department took a first place. The Visual Arts Division took a first place

with Creative Arts and Performing Arts each taking a second place.

In the Public Affairs Department Eden Hackney's report took first place. Honorable mention went to the club in this department's safety Division and First Place in the Citizenship Division.

Chriss Sheldon reported in the International Affairs Department. First place was given to the club in the International Hospitality Division.

Home life Department was another department first place award with Chriss Sheldon reporting again. In this department First Place was also taken for the Family Living and Health Divisions.

Education Department also took a first place under Frances Morse. School Priorities and Continuing Education Division each took second place, with the Leadership Division taking third place.

Joan Choates reports brought the Conservation Department another first Place department award. Division awards were second place in Environmental and thirds in Beautification and Energy Conservation.

In addition, the Mt. Lemmon group took first place in Pressbook for their membership category. They also won the Sweepsteak Award for the most complete coverage in all media, plus the quality of reporting.

There are five districts in the Arizona Federation of Woman's clubs. They are Southern, Northern, Western, Eastern and Central. The AFWC is affiliated with the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the largest women's organization in the world with a membership of more than 10 million.

The theme of the Fifty Eight Annual Southern District Spring Convention was "Preserving our Values Through Service." Mrs. Henry O Dupes of Fort Huachuca is president of the Southern District, which is comprised of 35 clubs from Casa Grande to Nogales. Mrs. Orville Cook, President of the Arizona Federation of Women's Clubs was the guest of honor.

The Mt. Lemmon Women's club was represented by seven members. They were the President; Frances Zimmerman, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Mary Ann Arford, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Rigina Rhind, Secretary; Florence Wilhoite, Treasurer; Chriss Sheldon, Parliamentarian; Vernelle Force.

## Summer LightFest Contest 2003

by the MLCECs

The Mount Lemmon Community event coordinators (MLCECs) will again be sponsoring the 4th Annual Mt Lemmon cabin "Summer " lighting contest. Christmas type lighting, theme lighting, etc. are the name of the game here. In the past we've been treated to alien and patriotic themes - so creative ideas are encouraged!

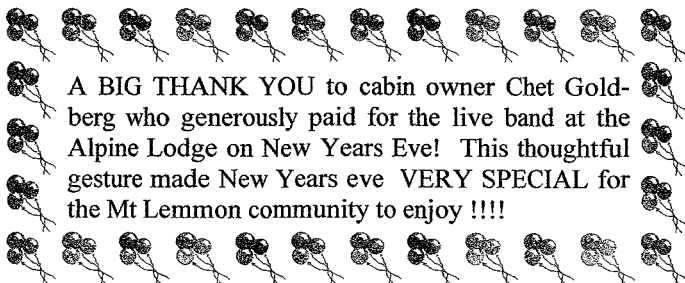
We have very special trophy awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. But even if you don't want to "enter" your cabin to be judged for an award, we encourage ALL cabin owners to put up a strand of lights. We're talking low lighting type Christmas light strands here, yet it still gives the community a "glow" at night. Imagine being able to take an evening stroll down your street without having to count on a flashlight to see. Lighting a community at night also helps deter crime and vandalism making everyone feel safer. So, we encourage everyone to LIGHT UP THE NIGHT this summer starting on Saturday, June the 7th and to continue to turn on your lights every Saturday night ( that you are able) throughout the summer.

Who says Christmas comes only once a year? Light up the night, enjoy meeting and visiting with your neighbors in the evenings. We'll give you more detailed information on entering your cabin for judging in the next issue of the Echoes as well as have information to hand out at the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners annual dinner in April.

### A MLCEC Beary Good Idea *In Progress*

by MLCECs

The MLCECs are working on a new idea for the ML Uptown Sundays. We will again be sponsoring the silent bid Pie Auction but along with that, we would like to include a TEDDY BEAR auction. This would be similar to the pie auction - Teddys could be homemade or store bought and then "custom designed" in dress and accessories. The bears would be up for silent bid auction and all proceeds would benefit the Mt Lemmon Fire Department and be tax deductible. All sizes of bears and interesting outfits are encouraged. Let us know what you think or if you'd be interested in donating a bear for this fun fund raiser for your Mt Lemmon Fire Department. Contact Donna Roll ( 886-3503) or Patty Thomas (749-2664)!



A BIG THANK YOU to cabin owner Chet Goldberg who generously paid for the live band at the Alpine Lodge on New Years Eve! This thoughtful gesture made New Years eve VERY SPECIAL for the Mt Lemmon community to enjoy !!!!

## Water CO-OP

by G N Hunter

Normally, the winter months provide us with a time when the supply of water from melting snows fill our springs and demand for water is low so that storage tanks can be filled to capacity in anticipation of summer dry spell. But so far this winter, due to a rash of leaks and a below normal precipitation we have not collected enough water to fill our tanks. It fact, our water supply is very close to winter demand. So, unless, we get some precipitation soon, preferably snow, it looks like another year of water rationing is ahead.

On the positive side, the Arizona Corporation Commission has approved our requested rate increase, which should be reflected in your March water bill. The increase will allow us to begin the installation of a one million gallon storage tank that, once filled, would provide a reservoir to bridge the summer dry season without rationing. The planning, installation and making it operational should take several years but we are on our way. In addition we are in the final stages of getting our well approved by Environmental Quality

The Co-op's investigation into the pro's and con's of becoming a water district appear to suggest that becoming a District would be very positive. We are forming a member led sub-committee to review the findings and suggest how to present these results to the membership. Look for more information on this subject to be presented before our annual meeting.

Another article that appeared in the Mountain Echo April 5, 1979

### Santa Catalina Mountain Names

**Soldiers Camp:** In 1882 this area was called Turkey Roost because if the birds roosting thickly in the low branching pines. When the soldiers were tracking Geronimo in 1885, they camped at this spot, hence the latter name.

**Sabino Canyon:** According to a man who was born and raised in the canyon, the name came from a type of desert shrub known as Savino or Sabino, which grows abundantly there. The United States Forest service claims the canyon was named after Sabino Otera who had a cattle ranch at the mouth on the canyon in the 1870's.

**Mt. Bigelow:** Named for Lt. John Bigelow Jr. of the 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, He was a scout in the Santa Rita's in the early 1870's. In 1885 he led a command in pursuit of Apaches to Stockton Gap in the Graham's. He was the son of John Bigelow Ambassador to France from 1864 to 1867.

**Butterfly Peak:** located on the east side of the Catalina's 3 miles from Soldiers Camp. A natural area was established here to preserve one of the largest varieties of trees

and shrubs to be found anywhere in the Southwest.

**Hitchcock Highway:** Named for General Frank H Hitchcock, publisher and former Postmaster General. He devoted a great deal of his time and energy to getting the road up the front side of the Catalina's to Mt. Lemmon

### **FireWise Meeting!** **Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>** **2:00 p.m. at the MLFD station**

If you are unable to attend, please contact Judy Epstein at 760-2802 or e-mail her at [nRichLife@aol.com](mailto:nRichLife@aol.com) to let her know of your willingness and interest to help and where your property is on the mountain so we can add this to our planning!

### **Animals On the Ridge**

By David S. English  
Manager of Southern Pines Baptist Camp

Our summer guests are often so active and noisy they miss the permanent residents around our camp. However, because I am serving as full-time camp manager this year, I'm learning to appreciate a variety of local animals.

It's usually about 10:00pm when a beautiful Silver Fox comes up through the campus sniffing and marking his territory. With fluffy tail streaming, this shy resident is a special delight. Two skunks scurry about between buildings at night hoping to find something to eat. We are very careful about garbage, so they have to be content with a natural menu.

In the past there have been bears. However, there have been no signs of bears for the past three years. They appear to stay on the northside of the mountain where there is more to eat. White tail deer frequent the grounds. I usually see them in early morning or around dusk. I never grow tired of seeing their white flags. Tufted Grey Squirrels navigate the large Ponderosas and also spend a fair amount of time on the forest floor engaged in the gathering of winter food. I know there are coyotes and cats in the area because of spoor left on the trails. However, I have not seen one.

Stellar Jays and a variety of smaller birds frequent the area. Noisy ravens pass through each day. In the summer we have lots of Hummingbirds. Horned toads and an occasional snake complete the scene.

There are, no doubt, other permanent residents that are rarely seen. Nevertheless, it is a special treat to be still and known the "Animals on the Ridge"

### **Pat Jenks** by Bob Zimmerman

This last week Pat Jenks (91), his wife Julia (88) and their two daughters, Bertha and Bunny, stopped by my office. We talked about old times when I was very young and the Jenks family resided in a log cabin at the end of Carter Canyon. In 1917 Ed Knaggy and Elmer Stagg built this cabin, which is still there.

In 1938, Pat, a successful businessman in Tucson, contacted his attorney regarding acquiring land on Mt. Lemmon for his family. He learned that Summerhaven Subdivision, comprised of 705 lots and several cabins, was to be sold at auction. His bid of less than \$4,000, being the only bid, won.

A year earlier, my father, Tony Zimmerman, was nearing the end of his 30-year Arizona teaching career and was looking for his next occupation. On a deer-hunting trip with Roy Robinson, superintendent of Tucson Schools, he "discovered" Mt. Lemmon.

Tony immediately fell in love with Mt. Lemmon as it reminded him very much of his early teaching days on the Blue River Valley in eastern Arizona. Tony had started his teaching career in 1912 at the Blue School and later on close by Eagle Creek. He purchased a small ranch on the San Francisco River, which he soon lost. Drought forced Tony and his growing family to Tucson.

Soon after settling into his newly acquired cabin, Pat decided to cut a trail down to his ranch style home near present day Vantana Resort. According to Pat he hired some boys and cut a trail connecting to his Tucson home. The beginning portion of this trail is what is now known as Mint Springs Trail although it has also been called Apache Tear Trail. Pat said he built a small redwood box around a small spring and hung a tin cup inside. This box may be found today which is near a mound. Pat said that this mound is a grave for an Apache Chief whose name he did not know. He did say that it was then the custom to place a few rocks around the grave each time he went by to keep animals away. He placed more of these spring boxes down trail to provide continuous water for the horse trip.

Pat took obvious enjoyment in telling the story about how he got Tony, now licensed, to sell his newly acquired lots. Selling came easy to Tony – at least selling the lots on or close to the main roads. Tony went after his schoolteacher chums and for that reason, many of the original owners were schoolteachers. When these lots were gone, Pat asked Tony to sell the more difficult lots. Tony said, "Oh, Pat, no one will buy these lots because they are too steep and don't have roads." Pat said, "Tony, if I increase your commission to 20% percent, do you feel you could sell these lot?" Tony said he believed he probably could and sell the lots he did.

## STORIES FOR WINTER

By Barbara Welsh

The Indians of Southern Arizona had and still have many traditions that are interesting to explore. One of their beliefs was that stories could only be told in the winter months. If they were told at other times Rattlesnakes would come and bite them. In many ways this makes sense, as during the spring and summer they were hunting, planting and gathering for the winter. Everyone was needed to help for the survival of the tribe. Also it may not have been a good idea to sit on the ground at night when the snakes were out hunting. Stories were told to teach the children lessons, to explain the world, and just for fun. Now it is winter and the time for stories.

The mountain spirit has many different names among the tribes so he will become just the Mountain Spirit. He always stays up on the mountain and never comes down to the valley below. Day after day he just sits on the mountain and watches the earth and the sky and the trees and the rocks and the people down in the valley. One year when there had been very little rain he looked down and saw that the people below were starving and their crops were failing for lack of rain. The Mountain Spirit felt so sorry for his people that he began to cry, great tears fell from his eyes and as they reached the valley each tear became a saguaro cactus. The cactus bloomed and put out fruits and the people were saved.

A similar story that I like even better starts out with the Mountain spirit again always staying up on the mountain and again it was a year of very little rain and the people were starving. This time the Mountain Spirit reached out his giant hands and began to gather the little clouds that formed around the mountaintop. He kept gathering clouds from all the mountains, even as far as New Mexico, and when he had enough he took a big breath and blew the clouds down the mountainside and into the valley. Everywhere that the clouds were pricked by a saguaro the rain would begin to fall, and the crops would grow again. The people were happy and healthy and thanked the Mountain Spirit.

There are many more stories but these seemed to fit with our winter this year. May we have more rain in February.

### Mt. Lemmon Ski Valley News

By Jay Davies

Mt. Lemmon Ski Valley had 10 great days of skiing over the Christmas holidays. Our new skis and snowboards had a good workout. We are back in the skyride mode at present, but hopefully by print time El Nino will have kicked in and we'll be on our way to a long, deep season. In the meantime come have lunch at the Iron Door, pick up a birthday gift at the Motherlode or treat yourself to a piece of chocolate M & M fudge. Don't forget, with a pound, you get 1/4 pound free.

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## Calendar

### Next FIREWISE Mtg

Feb 16th 2:00pm MLFD

### Water Co-Op Meeting

Feb 23 ,10:00 am @ John Mulay's

### Women's Club Meeting

March 5th 6:30pm @ Barabara Welsh's

### GFWC Southern District Annual Mtg

March 22nd @ Tucson's Womens Club

### Basic Wildland Course

May 17-18 9:00am -5:00pm MLFD

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