

The

Mt. Lemmon Echoes

Serving the Homeowners of Mt. Lemmon

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

Message from the Pres.

By Debbie Fagan



It's July 22nd, Friday night on the mountain, and I'm trying to finish this message and email it before hurricane Emily arrives. So far no rain has fallen but the winds have been blowing hard all day long. Our official rainfall total for July 1st - 21st is 1.88". Hopefully the next few days will bring that total up some. Even still, it is lush and beautiful and everything seems to be blooming. You can see apples on the apple trees, raspberries starting to ripen and two surviving pear trees in "Grandma Rowley's" yard are loaded down with fruit. I saw a bunny rabbit at the school this morning and a very fat skunk has taken up residence under my building. He dug a small opening under my block foundation that's only a couple inches high and he squeezes through with great finesse.

This month brought the Dedication of the completed General Hitchcock Highway reconstruction which took place July 6th at Windy Point. Among those present were: Congressman Jim Kolbe, Supervisor Ray Carroll, S.W. Regional Forester Harv Forsgren, Santa Catalina District Ranger Larry Raley, Santa Catalina District Ranger (retired) Steve Plevel, and F.H.W.A. - C.F.L.H.D. Division Engineer Larry Smith. Many were acknowledged but I'd like to extend a special thank you to Kathy Jirschele, Joan Beckim, and Rick Kaneen from Kaneen Advertising and Public Relations. They had the difficult task, from the start, of being the go between for Federal Highways and Mt. Lemmon residents and home owners. Souvenirs were handed out and a limited supply is still available. If you're interested, you can call Kathy at 885-9009.

DSL has been approved for the Summerhaven area through Qwest and should be deployed by the end of August to early September. If you're interested in signing up, call Brandon Di Maria (Qwest Mt. Lemmon Network Tech) at 520-982-0084 and leave a message.

In this month's Echoes, you can read about our 4th of July parade (it was not easy walking 1/2 mile in red glitter and glue soaked ballet shoes) and many other issues, especially the Pancake Breakfast scheduled for Labor Day weekend. Hope to see you all there.



Debbie Fagan with Harv Forsgren, USDA Regional Forester (forestry uniform) and Larry Smith, Division Engineer FHWA-CFLHD (federal highways)



Linda Currin, Nancy Hutson, Kathy Shields, Helen Quigley, Luann Waldron, Karen Shunk, Fran Zimmerman.

Fourth of July Parade

By Fran Zimmerman

Thanks to all the participants of the July 4th parade. We had 26 entries and they all were great. The following are the winners of the three categories: First place **HUMOROUS** was Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club; Second place was Woodard-Mazzara cabin owners; Third place was Villaescusa Family. First place **PATRIOTIC** was Mt. Lemmon Mandolin Marching Band; Second place was Sunrise Chapel; Third place was Mt. Lemmon General Store. First place **ORIGINAL** was Trees for Mt. Lemmon; Second place was Sam & Sadie Mulay. Third place was Mt. Lemmon CEC's. Many thanks to Bill Brown, John Mulay and Michael Stanley for their help. These fellows have helped for many years getting everyone in line and keeping everyone sane! Many thanks to my husband Bob for his generous help and announcing, Fred Pace for the tents and the fire department for their help in setting them up. Many thanks to the Beaver Band Box that have been generous with time for the last 12 years.



CALENDAR of EVENTS

Sunday, August 7th Trees for Mt. Lemmon Class

Saturday August 13th Women's Club Meeting 1:00pm
@ Barbara Welsh's home

Saturday, Sept 4 Pancake Breakfast 8-11 am MLFD
\$5.00 per person, under Five free

TBD Wildflower Walk- Late August or Early September

More Parade Photo's on page 7

WATER DISTRICT

By Michael Stanley
Operator/Manager

The Water District started the Carter Canyon Tank replacement after the fire. Over 100 dead trees and stumps were removed and the old 30,000-gallon tank was taken apart piece by piece and hauled away. We started the tank site work in November last year but snow and then rain came. The site's area became too wet to complete the work. As spring approached the weather cooperated and we were able to finalize the pad. In order to install the tank we had to remove the water coming from above the site and compact the area. Two French drains were installed to help dry out the pad. One drain is three hundred feet long and runs along the spring access road. The other is one hundred fifty feet long and is on the same level as the new tank. With most of the water removed from the site, the pad was now ready for construction. Six feet of clay and dirt were removed and mixed with dry material to be laid back on the pad and compacted in one-foot lifts. The effort created a sixty-foot diameter pad that passed the compaction test. Nathan and I found the center point and set the gravel ring the tank would sit on. We installed four access ports in the floor. These ports will allow water to enter and exit the tank and are protected from freezing. The tank erection crew started assembly on July 12th and was completed on July 18th. We started filling the tank after the disinfections procedure was completed.

The 140,000-gallon Carter Canyon Tank is installed and we are filling it from the distribution system. The next phase is to construct terrace walls around the area and start the installation of the six-inch ductile iron main and the two-inch distribution main. These main lines will connect the Carter Canyon Tank and the six-inch and two-inch main lines at Upper Goat Hill Road. Weather permitting, we hope to have these projects completed by the end of September. The installation of the 140,000-gallon tank is a major improvement to our water system. The six-inch main line will enable better transfer of water and allow for fire protection. The new two-inch main line will replace a large portion of old line that caused quality problems and was installed under homes. These projects are funded by FEMA and the WIFA loan.

Our next project will be the installation of a large tank in the Upper Sabino area on Turkey Run Road. We hope to have the approvals and a contractor secured by October. This project is in the Spotted Owl area and work can only take place from September to March due to the breeding season. The new tank will be 800,000-gallons and is funded by the WIFA loan.

Another project in the works is a six-inch main line from the Loma Linda Tank south to the Ajo/ Middle Sabino intersection. A new two-inch main line will be installed to replace the old existing line. Both a FEMA Mitigation Grant and the

Water District fund this improvement. This project will not start until 2007 due to environmental studies.

Last but not least. Customers have been experiencing high pressure on their water service. It is a requirement that all customers have a working pressure regulator on their side of the water meter. We are a gravity feed water system with two hundred fifty pounds of pressure. High pressure is needed to get water from our Miners Ridge Tank to the Loma Linda side of the system. If a Pressure Regulator is not installed or is malfunctioning there will be problems. One problem is the Pressure relief valve on your hot water heater will pop off and run water out causing a leak. Usually you will not be aware of this situation until you receive a large water and electric bill. You can check the pressure at your house with a pressure gauge. Call us if you need to borrow a gauge. Another problem of not having a functioning pressure regulator causes a major drop in pressure in the distribution system. This causes a temporary water outage in the higher areas of the water system. Customers watering their trees can cause outages if no pressure regulator is installed on the water service. Please check for a pressure-regulating device on your side of the water meter.

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the rich need it,
and if you eat it you will die?

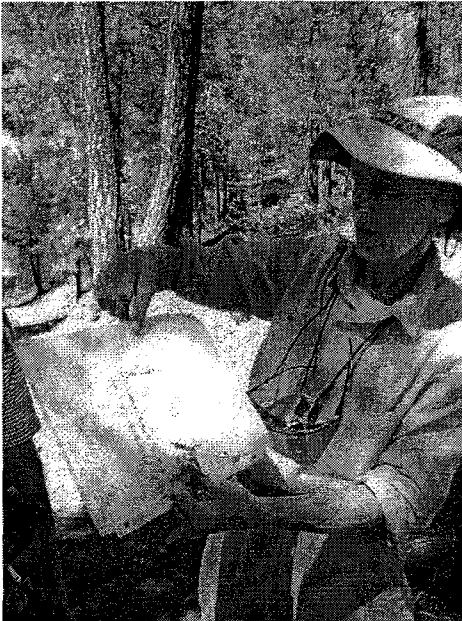
A:

ps If you are really stumped the answer appears
somewhere in the ECHOES.

A Walk on the Wild (flower) Side-Mt. Lemmon

By Susan Benson

We had a total of 17 people, including the leaders, participate in the Sunday, July 10th Mt. Lemmon wildflower walk. Our almost two mile walk started at the very top of the mountain in the parking lot. As we all walked down the Lemmon Trail, we soon noticed the wildflowers that festooned this woodland habitat at the almost 9,000 foot elevation level in



our Santa Catalina Mountains: big yellow daisy-like Western sneezeweed; small Mountain parsley in both the yellow and red variants; common bedstraw with its little white flowers and soft-barbed stems; the yellow *Draba* mustard; Indian red paintbrush, a southern mountain species; the soft lovely green leaves and little white-pink flowers of the Snowberry bush; Pine clover; purple vetch; the pale purple Richardson's geranium; the five foot stout-stemmed, gentian, commonly called Deer's ears; and the yellow spotted monkey flowers. Susan Fleming and Susan Benson were busy identifying and explaining the finer points of the masses of wildflowers, shrubs and trees, which included counting flower petals, stamens and ovaries, in short, the reproductive or business end of any self respecting plant. Meanwhile, the reds of the ubiquitous Beardlip pentstemon, the whites of the giant Cow Parsnip, the small bluish clumps of Wright's bluets, and the huge fuzzy leaves of the Common mullien were almost overwhelming in this montane natural garden. Because of the Aspen Fire in the summer of 2003 that burned 84,000 acres in the Coronado National Forest here, many former woodland acres are now devoid of trees. Grasses and wildflowers have sprung up and prospered in this open space and indeed there are many more wildflowers on Mt. Lemmon since the tragedy of the Aspen Fire. In turn, over the years, these early plants will be succeeded by shrubs, broad-leaf trees- such as aspen and alder- and lastly, pines and firs. After a wildfire, natural or human caused, this cycle of succession begins anew.

Trees for Mt. Lemmon sponsored this walk, which allowed participants to help procure matching funds for the organization and its activities such as native plant propagation, wildflower walks, etc. Our 15 participants included: Lindy Brigham; Terry and Chuck Mull; Carol Niehoff; Linda and John Mulay; Thompson and John Hughes; Barbara Welsh; Robin Kirk, Whitey L.; Sally and Bob Crawford; Maureen Cadigan; and Cathy Relgner. Most people came prepared to learn common names of some of the plants they have seen growing around their cabins and even in Summerhaven proper. The participants, like the plants, came in all varieties, sizes, and experience levels. The day started to heat up, but high spirits, humor and kibitzing prevailed as we walked along inspecting a total of some fifty plant species. Susan Fleming talked about the predominant trees in the area, while Susan Benson pointed out flowers nonstop.

After enjoying the view to the south, which alas, included the Florida Wildfire smoke in the Santa Ritas far on the horizon, and looking at the tall Cut leaf coneflower, we started up the Meadow Trail in a more shaded habitat for the final leg of the walk. Here we encountered the Common bracken fern, which grows everywhere, as well as the occasional smaller fragile fern. We also found a Nodding chickweed or *Cerastium Nutans*, Meadow rue, with its soft leaves and small white flowers and protruding stamens; and finally along this stretch, lots of the native yellow columbine, seen along our mountain trails and streams, a special flower on Mt. Lemmon that many have come to look for in places such as Marshall Gulch.

Tentatively, there is another wildflower walk the week before Labor Day in August or the week after Labor Day in September. Check the Mt. Lemmon Echoes and/or the computer list server sponsored by Trees for Mt. Lemmon in mid-August..



Trees for Mt Lemmon

By Barbara Eisele

The 2nd Annual Aspen Ball was a Huge Success! It was an eventful evening starting with a wonderful silent auction, followed by dinner, dancing and music by the Desert (Mountain) Cadillacs. The proclamation presented by Mayor Walkup proclaiming June 18th as Mt. Lemmon Appreciation Day was terrific. Having Congressman Kolbe and Supervisor Carroll in attendance shows their continued support and ongoing interest in our precious "Mt. Lemmon". Nancy Alfonso as chair of the ball did a fabulous job of organizing the event. Dot Jones, a seasoned fund raiser, once again lent her expertise and enthusiasm. A special thanks goes to Christie Spencer and her company Design Definitions for the magical decorations and to Rose Mary Hinsch for coordinating them with her. Linda Currin spent hours with her cans of silver spray paint creating the beautiful silver Ponderosa Cones on the tables. Chris Swift, Deb Edgell, and Linda Benziger were instrumental in organizing and soliciting donations for the silent and live auctions. Thanks to all the donors for the outstanding silent auction items. Anthony Alfonso, his girlfriend Melanie, Jennifer Alfonso and a crew of their friends volunteered their entire day and evening to setting up, working and cleaning up the ball thanks, to all of you. I hope I haven't missed anyone, if so consider yourself thanked and appreciated. Thanks to all that attended and made contributions, your support is appreciated by Trees for Mt. Lemmon, the Mt. Lemmon Fire District and the Mt. Lemmon Water District.

Tree Planting Class and Tree Distribution:

Once again we have Ponderosa Pines to distribute thanks to the AZ Community Tree Council Grant. If you have not been to a class to learn how to plant the trees here are two opportunities. A class either this year or last is required in order to receive trees. If you attended last year you are more than welcome to attend again this year.

Sunday, August 7, 2005 – 9 AM – 11 AM

Call 749-2695 to register for the class

Meet at the school

We will be distributing trees and plants from the school at the same time.

This year we also have other trees, shrubs and some wildflowers. Go to our website, www.treesformtlemon.org, for what is available and the locations where each of these will grow.

Cheatgrass Update:

Watch next spring for more information on this project. It is currently turning brown and dropping its seeds. If you know what it looks like, or can ask someone who does, pull it up and carefully, so as to disperse as few seeds as possible and put it into tightly sealed bags. Double bagging is better before removing it from the mountain.

DRAWING CONTEST

By Michael Stanley
Operator/Manager

Are you an ARTIST?

I always say, I'm an Artist, I draw flies.

The Water District is in need of a logo. I would like to ask homeowners that have artistic talent to submit a logo drawing for the Mt. Lemmon Water District. The logo will be used on the Districts letterhead, Business cards and other District property. We have thought of some possibilities like a lemon with a faucet out the side, a mountain with a spring fed creek, a water drop with a mountain and a faucet. None of these seemed to represent the Water District's need. I am sure you have much better ideas.

The Board of Directors will judge the submissions and the approved logo will be presented in the Echoes. If you are interested in sending us your design, please send them to: Mt. Lemmon Water District, PO Box 706, Mt, Lemmon, AZ. 85619

Thank you for your help in creating a Water District Logo.

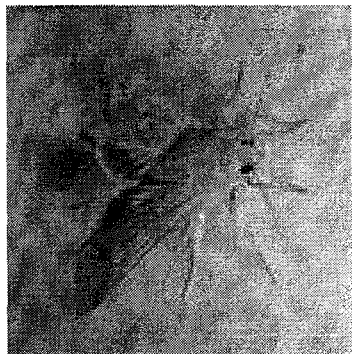
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Let's Get "Buggy"

By Barbara Welsh

Having been overwhelmed with moths this year and hearing everyone else complaining, I thought it would be a good chance to study insects.

Did you know insects make up 70% of the animal kingdom and it is felt that all of the insects have not been discovered yet? Just this morning I was reading about an insect that in its larval stage is strictly a meat eater. It will not even eat leaves if it is starving. It captures a snail by encasing it in silk and then proceeds to get inside the snail's shell and devour it. Insects are the most diverse of all animals and in many of the stages they go through, you would not recognize the adult. Some live most of their lives in the water, others live under the ground, and many mimic leaves or twigs during some stage of their lives.

When we say some insects are very primitive this is far from true. Although some have not changed for millions of years they may have already found the ideal for their lifestyle. I like the example of the spoon and the blender. The blender can grind things up and the spoon cannot, however the spoon is the ideal instrument for eating ice cream while the blender would not fair well.

Most insects eat the most during their larval stage, which can last different lengths of time. Locusts, 3 to 5 years or sometimes up to 17 years. Dragonflies 2 years and others will emerge when there is food available. The adult stage is the one we are most familiar with but the shortest time of the insects' life. Of course there are the social insects such as the ants, bees and termites but their members are constantly being renewed.

The bees are getting really bad press. Bees were first imported to the U.S. in the 1600s. They did very well back east but not so well in the arid areas. In Brazil they imported bees from Africa to breed with the honeybee and produce a bee that was more adaptable to the dryer areas. They were somewhat more aggressive than the honeybee but not the terror the press likes to claim. Let's say they have a bad temper and if they are disturbed get very angry. Most of the time they go about their business of gathering nectar, taking it back to the hive, feeding the queen, tending the young bees in the honeycomb they have built, and have no interest in chasing after you. However, if you disturb their hive they will defend it

very aggressively. If you should blunder into their hive area, cover your head and get inside as quickly as possible. Jumping in water is not a good idea, as the bees will wait you out. Being reasonably careful and watching where you are going should keep you from any encounters with these insects. Anyway we all love honey.

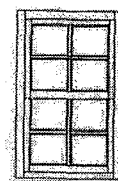
Ask Maggie- The answer is actually shown in the article.
A. (nothing).

Mt. Lemmon Ski Valley

By Jay Davies

Come check out the Grub Stake! We will be grilling hamburgers, hot dogs and chicken out on the deck ski side at least through the summer. It's a great place to sit, right there beside the ski slopes. The Iron Door is open and the reaction to our new menu has been great! Homemade applesauce and red cabbage served with the sandwiches - don't forget breakfast on Saturdays and Sundays.

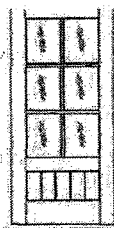
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MLHO

The Mt. Lemmon Homeowners' Association (MLHO) was formed in 1969 to protect the welfare of the Mt. Lemmon community and to be involved in all aspects of its improvement. The concerns of the organization are not limited to private property owners. Full membership with voting rights, is accorded to private owners and leased land holders upon payment of yearly dues.

The most visible product of the MLHO is the **ECHOES**; a newsletter published eight to nine times a year. The Association organizes social events such as potlucks, pancake breakfasts, ice cream socials and raffles enabling owners to mingle while at the same time raising funds for various community causes. This group has always depended upon volunteer support and found strength in numbers. An elected board acts on behalf of and for the benefit of the membership. Board members are Debbie Fagan, President; Bonnie Lohman, vice-President; Carrie Reitz, Treasurer; Kathy Shields, Secretary; Fran Zimmerman, John Mulay; Pete Krauss; Tom Thomas; Larry Waldron; Ross Quigley; Chip DeLay; Fred Pace and Gordon Hunter (editor of the Echoes). If you have any suggestions or comments about the ECHOES, Gordon can be reached at 298-5971 or by Email at gordon@hunteraz.com.

Being organized, having a legal fund and having active **LOCAL** voice participation enables the Association to accomplish most of its goals. Pima County has said the MLHO is the strongest and most respected homeowners' organization in the entire county. The Annual Dinner and Meeting is held each year on the first Tuesday after taxes.

Dues are \$25 per Year- renters and friends of the Mountain may obtain membership for \$20 Year. Membership fees are prorated quarterly. To join the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association in 2005; Clip the coupon below and send your check and the completed coupon to address on the back

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Mt. Lemmon Women's Club

By Linda Mulay, President
576-1417 or 327-4615

Our annual membership tea was held June 25th, with 42 ladies attending. Rachel Crawford and Joe provided the music for us. BJ Sing was our hostess at her beautiful mountain home. We now have 61 members. We also have our own Mt Lemmon Women's Club logo, the yellow Columbine that can be used by our members.

Fran Zimmerman coordinated another great Fourth of July parade. Women's Club had the theme of "Green and Growing". Our members were very creative in their costumes. We won First Place in the humorous category.

July 9th, Sally Crawford and Thompson Hughes coordinated cabin tours. We visited the Crawford's, Hughes, Waldron's, Brigham's, Pace's and ended at the Mulay's for a wine and cheese party. We all had a great time seeing the different homes and spending time together. We are planning another tour in September.

Several members joined the very informative wildflower walk lead by Susan Benson and Susan Fleming. I encourage you to attend their next one.

If you have not picked up your membership directory, call me so we can make arrangements for you to get one. Our next meeting is August 13th, 1:00 pm at the mountain home of Barb Welsh. We are working on the program. I will email directions.

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OBITUARY

The Mt. Lemmon Community would like to offer their deepest sympathy and condolence to Bill and Regina Rhind and family for the loss of their son, Tyler. Bill and Regina have been cabin owners for 40+ years and volunteering their time to the mountain. Bill was on the Water Co-op board years ago and Regina was the president of the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club. Tyler will be missed..

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