Mi-Lemmon-Echoes

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

Message from the Pres

by Debbie Fagan



They say March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb, but I've yet to hear any "roaring". We had some moisture Feb. 17th but it was minimal. It seems a fourth season has emerged: a blending of winter and spring. We could call it Sprinter! Either way, I'm encouraging all of you to start dancing, whether you can or not, in an effort to get the moisture flowing over the mountain.

Because of the mild weather, I've been able to hike Miner's kidge to the top of the ski lift a couple times a week. On the last outing, I was lucky enough to see a beautiful buck and about fifteen deer. I saw a Robin last week and Carol Mack and her grandson Tanner pointed out a roadrunner living between our businesses and Goat Hill and Phoenix Avenues. I told him his legs were going to freeze but he ignored me.

Please note the \$1115.00 in donations raised at last years Labor Day Pancake Breakfast was equally split between the Fire Dept. and Water District as originally planned.

Last but not least, please check out the great menu for this year's Homeowners Dinner inside this issue.

Fire District Updates

By the Barnella's

The Mt. Lemmon Fire District would like to thank the MLCEC's again for the new kitchen stove at the fire station. We will be feeding crews again toward the end of March. The District will be working with Coronado National Forest, the Arizona State Land Department and DOC crews to assist with a 6 week fuels treatment project in the North rim of Willow Canyon and the South rim of Rose Canyon Lake.

FireWise. The next annual FireWise BreakOut session is scheduled for Saturday, April 29th. We will be hosting a Contractor Expo at the fire station. The intentions of this year's event is to:

- · offer homeowner's the opportunity to talk with various contractors that build on Mt. Lemmon
 - · talk with Pima County Development Services
 - talk with the Mt. Lemmon Water District o including ideas for utilizing gray water
 - learn new landscaping ideas
- · look at different building materials that have been used in construction
 - o including: siding, roofing, and decking materials

If there are any other topics you would like to see at this year's event, please contact DeAnna Barnella at 576-1201.

NeighborWise. Homeowner's have been asking what to do with their pine needles. Unfortunately, we have had no snow this year which gives no capability of burning any of these slash piles. They will have to be bagged and taken to Tucson by the individual homeowner.

It's time to renew your Mt Lemmon Homeowners Association Annual Dues	FOR YOUR RECORDS	
Voting Member (property owner's) \$25.00	2006 MLHO DUES	
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Are You FireWISE...Will It Survive Embers? YOU CANMAKEADIFFERENCE IN ONE WEEKEND

Does your chimney have a Spark Arrester?

Have you made sure that no portion of any tree is within 10 feet of the flue opening of any stove or chimney?

Are your roof surfaces and gutters clear of pine needles and flammable debris?

Are your under eaves and attic vents fully enclosed protected with wire mesh?

Are tree branches removed to a height of 15 feet within 30 feet of your deck and cabin?

Are your pine needles removed to a distance of 30 feet from your cabin?

Are all power lines free and clear of any tree limbs?

Are all combustibles such as firewood, picnic tables, and etc. stored 30 feet away from your structure?

Is your LPG tank clear of flammable materials and vegetation?

Safety.

- 1. The Mt. Lemmon Fire District has already responded to a Wildland Fire on Mt. Bigelow Road. This fire burned to a size of 2 acres at 5:45 a.m. on Thursday, February 9th. That gives you an idea of the dangers we are looking at this season.
 - The Fire District needs your help.
- 2. There has been an increase with vandalism on public and private properties. Please do not hesitate to contact the sheriff's department if you think something needs checked out. The fire department is always available also to report suspicious vehicles or activities.

Upcoming Events...

The next *FireWise* meeting is scheduled for Saturday, *March 18th* at 10:00 a.m. at the Mt. Lemmon Fire Station, 13170 N. Oracle Control Rd

- Volunteer Training began on Wednesday, February 1st at 9:00 a.m. (We are happy to recognize new members as follows: Debbie Fagan, Ginny Durham, and John Mulay)
- Fire Season. There is continued discussion with Coronado National Forest regarding earlier closures due to Extreme Fire Danger.

SPRINGTIME ON THE MOUNTAIN

by Barbara Welsh

Each spring there is something new to talk about on the mountain. This year it is the drought, which everyone is already talking about, but there are many other things that are affected by the lack of water. Flowers and plants have many ways of protecting themselves from drought. Many simply do not germinate until conditions are right, others will not grow as tall and lush in the dry years and some are able to end their roots down deeper to find moisture.

The birds have their own methods of living through drought. Insects can get moisture from plants, if not in the desert then in your patio. The birds appreciate a drink of water occasionally, but remember they do not need you to feed them. If you are going to put out food try to keep it off of the ground. Birdbaths should be dried out completely between fillings, and washed with a little Clorox water every month or six weeks. Again, they do not need us, and if you are away for a while they will be just fine. Some birds will have fewer eggs or not lay them at all if the food supply is scarce.

This year we need to be very careful not to feed the animals. Putting out scraps, feeding your dogs outside and leaving the bowls out, even leaving melon rinds out overnight can attract unwanted visitors. Never try to make a pet of a wild animal. Mammals will come to know where they have gotten food before and return to the same place instead of hunting on their own. These are WILD animals and they cannot tell you from your neighbor.

The animal most of us feed is the hummingbird. We like to watch them and probably it is not harmful to the hummer. He will get insects and nectar from the flowers anyway. However, if the bears are around you need to take your feeders in at night.

The most important thing to remember is that the animals do not need us. We enjoy watching them and attract them by offering food, but often we do more harm than good to the animal.

2006 MLHO Dues

mail to
Home Owners Association
P.O. Box 699
Mt. Lemmon. Az 85619

MT. LEMMON HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER

Spring is approaching and soon it will be time for the annual membership dinner meeting. This year we will again use the buffet serving style in an attempt to give you more time to eat and less time to wait. This also means that you don't have to make choices until you have your plate in hand.

The dinner will be held at

HILTON TUCSON EAST 7600 E. BROADWAY TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2006

The Cash Bar will begin at 6:00pm with the Buffet at 7:00pm and Program at 8:00pm.

ROAST BEEF WITH MUSHROOM SAUCE

MANGO-CHIPOTLE GLAZED CHICKEN

FOUR CHEESE TORTELLINI

CEASER SALAD & TOSSED GREENS WITH CHOICE OF DRESSING

SEASONED VEGETABLES

ROASTED POTATOES

ROLL & BUTTER

ASSORTED DESSERTS

COFFEE & TEA

The price of the Buffet is \$30.00 per person. This includes tax and gratuity.

Please place your reservation no later then April 14th using the form below. Hilton Tucson needs an accurate count of attendees. Make checks payable to MLHOA and mail your reservation to MLHOA Annual Dinner, c/o Carrie Reitz, P.O. Box 31705, Tucson, Arizona 85751

MLHOA ANNUAL DINNER 2006

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Trees for Mt Lemmon

by Linda Currin

SAVE THE DATE!!

DON'T MISS THIS YEAR'S ASPEN BALL ON SATURDAY,
JUNE 17TH, AT

6:00 P.M., AT THE DOUBLETREE HOTEL AT REID
PARK. OUR THEME THIS YEAR IS "REDISCOVERING
MT. LEMMON, THEN & NOW."

ENJOY A SPECIAL EVENING OF FUN WITH MUSIC BY
THE DESERT CADILLACS, GREAT FOOD AND A GREAT
SELECTION OF SILENT AUCTION ITEMS. TICKET
SALES WILL BEGIN AT THE MT. LEMMON
HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION DINNER ON APRIL 18TH.
PLEASE WATCH FUTURE "ECHOES" FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

WEB DESIGNER NEEDED!!

As you all know (we hope), Trees for Mt. Lemmon maintains a website (www.treesformtlemmon.org) that contains information on the organization, programs we conduct for property owners, and educational materials on how to plant and care for native plants. This website was created gratis for us by Kino Digital of Tucson. The site server is now donated by RiskINFO of California, although they do not provide technical assistance in maintaining the site. Board members of Trees for Mt. Lemmon have been keeping the site updated but have reached the limit of our expertise. We would like to expand the site and enhance the educational section so that property owners have all the information they need in one convenient location. We are asking the community if there are any web designers in our midst who would find this task interesting, challenging and would like to help. If you could possibly assist us, please contact Lindy at lbrigham@ag.arizona.edu or call 576-9020 on weekends. Thanks!

EXTREME DROUGHT AND FIRE CONDITIONS!!!

Even if you have not been to Mt. Lemmon lately, you surely are aware of the severe drought we are experiencing in Tucson and on the mountain. This in turn causes us great concern about the danger of fire, if we don't get substantial moisture in the weeks to come. Each of us can and must share in this concern and take steps to conserve our precious water. Michael Stanley and the Mt. Lemmon Water District Board offer suggestions we need to implement, and Trees for Mt. Lemmon urges you to help in this endeavor. We may be facing serious water shortages this spring and summer if the drought persists, creating the need for conservation and the curtailing of water usage. This is particularly important for those of you who have planted seedlings, shrubs and wildflowers this past year, or who have transplanted aspen shoots, as these young plants need watering in order to survive. Please cooperate and conserve, following these measures:

Haul water from Tucson for drinking, cooking and watering of your trees and plants.

Avoid using drip systems unless you are there to supervise irrigation and watering, and limit length of watering time.

Take laundry down the mountain.

Use gray water if possible.

Use a bucket to collect cold water before bathing or showering.

Use paper plates and utensils.

Remember that young plants need moisture, but fighting a wildfire requires water, so conserve it at all times and use FireWise principles to prepare your lot and cabin now to avoid a fire in the future. And be sure to THINK SNOW AND RAIN!!!

MLHOA Annual Dinner c/o Carrie Reitz P.O. Box 31705 Tucson, Arizona 85751

Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club

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

If any of you ladies reading this are not members of the Womans Club, we would love to have you! Just give me a call.

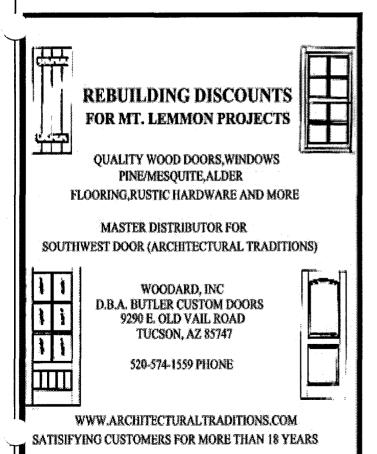
We are planning more cabin tours followed by a social for the summer months. We are thinking of starting in May. If you are willing to have your cabin as part of a tour, please contact Sally Crawford at 299-0210. You do not have to be a member to participate. The tours are NOT open to the general public. Husbands are included and it has been a great way to get together on the mountain.

Southern District Spring conference is Saturday March 25th in Casa Grande.

The GFWC State Convention will be held April 21-23 in Lake Havasu, Arizona.

Please let me know if you will be able to attend either of these meetings with me.

Our Next meeting will be Wednesday April 12th in Tucson. At this time I do not have a location, so will e-mail the members when I get one. The speaker will be our own member, Carol Neihoff speaking on Literacy and the Ready to Learn program.



Water District

by Michael Stanley

The dry weather continues. There have been many news articles discussing the continuation of the drought throughout the Southwest. The 2-acre Bigelow fire brought all of us to the realization that there are loads of very dry fuels in the forest. The weather outlook and trend remains dry and we can only hope there is an early Monsoon or a California storm to break the spell.

As all of you know, the lack of precipitation will impact our water supply this summer. Along with us, the Organizational Camps, Campgrounds, Summer Homes, and the remainder of the mountain will have water production shortages as the dry weather continues.

I reiterate the need to conserve water in any way possible. Please count on the chance of possible water shortages or curtailment and have extra water stored in the event of these emergencies. You will read in the Trees for Mt. Lemmon article there are several ways to keep your outdoor plants and trees watered during this dry time.

In the home or cabin there are ways to reduce water consumption. There is the old saying that "If it is yellow let it mellow, if it is brown, flush it down". This action reduces your wastewater in the bathroom. Capturing cold water from both the lavatory and shower as the hot water becomes available can be accomplished with a small bucket or bowl. This water can be used for indoor plants and other bathroom or outside uses. The idea of showering with a bucket is also a great way to get more uses from gray water.

All of your plumbing fixtures should be low flow devices. These devises automatically aid in conservation and are required in all new construction on the mountain. In the kitchen there are ways to utilize gray water, too. Washing dishes can be done with dishpans and the used water put on plants. The use of an automatic dishwasher is good only if you operate it when it is full. Again, using a bowl or small bucket can be used to capture kitchen water as it becomes hot. All of these ideas will help supply water for outdoor watering.

During phase 3 of the Curtailment Plan Outdoor watering is prohibited. We hope there will be several good storms before the summer seasons starts. If the rains come, everyone may be able to relax and there will be no need for the drought conservation to be enacted. The Water District will be keeping you up to date on the status. As the status changes, information will be mailed if we need to move into the Curtailment Plan. Keep your fingers crossed that the weather pattern changes and we get the much-needed rain or better yet, a good heavy snow. There are probably many other ways to conserve water during drought conditions. If you have ideas that may help others, please send them to us. Please have a great spring and be careful with fire.

For Sale

Antique oak dinning table with claw foot base. Measures 54" X 68" Oval with leaf in. Six oak chairs included. Perfect for mountain cabin. \$850. O.B.O. Call 529-0077 to set up weekend appointment.

Beautiful console piano made by the well respected Sohmer Company. Italian provincial style in walnut. In Great condition. \$1200 O.B.O. Call 529-0077 to set up weekend appointment.

Mt. Lemmon Ski Valley

by Jay Davies

Come take a look at the Motherlode! March 2nd, everything in the store will be 30% off - except there is quite a bit of merchandise that is already 50% off. We have lots of parkas, long johns, sweaters and hats galore. Stock up and be ready when we do get that white stuff

The Iron Door is open Thursday through Monday. Hours 10:30 to 4:30 except Saturday and Sunday when we open for breakfast at 9:00. If you haven't tried our weekend breakfast, you'd better come on up. Great food and as it warms up the deck is a great place to enjoy the morning.

The skyride is still unique and the view is spectacular. This is a very special way to view the mountain with your guests or family. See you soon.

Santa Catalina Mountain Partnership

by John Jones

The next meeting will be held on March 15 from noon to 4 PM at 3202 E. 1st St.

The Partnership will invite all the organizations on Mt Lemmon to participate in identifying the uses and activities of the new Mt Lemmon Community Center in order to recommend a management structure to Pima County. Outcomes of this meeting also include identifying community resources and partners for staffing, required materials and equipment and short and long term operating procedures. Email John Jones at jsjones@dakotacom.net for further information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 3/15 SCMP Mtg, noon to 4pm, 3202 E. 1st st.
- 3/18 FireWise Mtg 10am, MLFD
- 3/25 Woman's Southern Dist Spring Cony @ Casa Grande
- 4/12 Woman's Club Mtg
- 4/18 MLHO Annual Dinner 6pm @ Hilton
- 4/21-23 GFWC State Convention, Lake Havasu
- 4/29 Annual FireWise Breakout Sessions, MLFD
- 6/17 Aspen Ball 6 pm @ Doubletree

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Summer hours on Mt. Lemmon Weekends* - noon to 5:30 p.m. *Weather permitting

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; Jerry Sparks, Dean Barnella 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 **LO-CAL** 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 payable in Janurary. Renters and friends of the Mountain may obtain membership for \$20 a year. Membership fees are prorated quarterly. To join the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association in 2005; Clip the coupon on page one and send your check and the completed coupon to address on the back

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