

The Mt. Lemmon Echoes

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

Message from the Pres

by Debbie Fagan



What a difference a month can make! We have received almost 6 inches of rain (as of July 22nd) and the creek is running again. I've never been so happy to see mud in my life. The apple tree's are loaded with fruit, as are the raspberry bushes and the evenings have been cool. Evening Primrose has taken over my front and back yard, along with a giant Golden Rod bush by my back door. Since my first ex-husband is allergic to Golden Rod, that bush gets extra special care. I've had an array of exotic moths (the largest had a 4" wing span) and a small frog on my screen door at night and crickets in my closet. There are also hundreds of dragonflies along the Catalina Highway between the village and Inspiration Rock. A bear was trapped and destroyed a couple of weeks ago so please make an extra effort to keep trash inside and pet food in at night.

The 4th of July parade was a success, thanks to the hard work of Karen Shunk and the Mt. Lemmon Women's Club. Thanks also to our fire department for their hard work and effort feeding everyone who attended the Mt. Lemmon Community Barbeque.

The Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast will be on Sept. 3rd, at the fire station, from 8:00 to 11:00. The charge will be \$5 a person with children under 5 free. Hope to see you all there.

Wildflower Walk

Stroll with Susans Benson & Fleming on another Mt. Lemmon Wildflower Walk up Turkey Run Trail. Meet promptly on Saturday, August 12 at 9AM on the corner of Turkey Run Road-across from Mt. Lemmon Realty. We'll identify numerous flowers, shrubs and trees with you. We'll be out a couple of hours, though participants are free to leave at any time.

Tree Delivery from Flagstaff

Dale Tretschok has purchased trees from Flagstaff Native Plant and Seed. He will be picking up the trees in his trailer and will have room to bring an additional 20 to 30 trees back to Mt. Lemmon. Anyone interested in purchasing trees should contact Lanie at (928) 600-6419 for availability. There is no guarantee on availability or the condition when dropped off at a central location on the mountain, but he will have his own trees right next to yours! Any questions contact Dean @ the fire station 576-1201.

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The winners for the Fourth of July Parade are: 1st Place / 2nd Place / 3rd Place

- Humorous: Mt. Lemmon Womans Club / Cary Kent / Sarah Harper & Posse Family
- Music: Spencer Block's Mandolin Club / Tree's 4 Mt. Lemmon
- Original: MLCECs / Nancy Nagle AZ. Sunrize Chapel
- Patriotic: Ginny & Duane Durham / Southern AZ. Rescue Assoc. / Larry Johnson

First Read Runner On Mt. Lemmon**By Phil Mack**

The schedule has been finalized for the book mobile visits to the mountain. The visits will be as follows:

Tuesday, July 11th, 10:30-1:30
 Tuesday, August 8th, 10:30-1:30
 Tuesday, September 12th, 10:30-1:30

For lack of a more central place, the book mobile will be located in the Mt. Lemmon General Store & Gift Shop parking lot.

The thirty foot trailer will not only carry books, but also DVDs, videos, and books on tape. You will be able to check out your items for 1 month (until the next time the book mobile comes). If you have a special request; you can call or go online. Just be sure to designate that it is for the Read Runner. If you do not have a library card, that's not a problem. You can sign up while the book mobile is in the village. If you are unable to get a card on that day, you can still check out two items.

Please show your support for the Read Runner. If you have grandchildren, children, guests, or yourselves, this is a great way to have some good material practically brought right to your doorstep.

Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club

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

Chairman Karen Shrank put together another successful Fourth of July parade, with the help of all of you that participated. We faced new challenges this year with the road construction, needing event insurance, deputies and a way to feed the 50 band members and their families.

Thank-you to all that volunteered to help with the set-up and take down of the shades for the band, helped with the parking, decorating, set up and clean up of the fire station, cooking the food. We could not have fed the band without the help of the homeowners, fire department and the Reitz family. Special thanks to our deputy, Tory Schwartz, for controlling our parade traffic, getting the Pima county volunteers and helping cook.

We have extra Lady Bug umbrellas for sale at Zimmerman Realty office for \$10.00, if you would like one.

Luann Waldron hosted weekly game day in June and July, rotating Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

It was a wonderful social event as well as an opportunity to learn new games.

We had a board meeting July 14th at my house. We finalized the bylaws and directory.

August 5th we have cabin tours. No more reservations are available.

Our next meeting is Saturday August 12th, 1:00 pm at the mountain home of Judy Epstein. I will email directions and speaker information.

Village Center Project Status**By Robert Zimmerman**

Hunter was waiting for the bridge art to complete the new bridge. It came in but the field inspector of Waster Water Management decided to disapprove the previously county approved sewer pipe Specifications County had approved for their own sewer lines. Go figure. This will delay some construction elements for 5 weeks. The contractor for the Community Center was to start building on 1 August. Will they also be delayed? Will we be looking at torn up roads this time next year? Time will tell. If you have a question on this, please ask Ray Carroll (740-6364) or your supervisor. The five lots immediately south of the Ponderosa lot were purchased by Jim Campbell, a Tucson developer, who is hoping to build multiple residential units in time, most likely a few Condos. Trico has commenced moving the major power lines in front of Pam's Cafe to their new Tucson Avenue alignment, behind Pam's Cafe.

Pigeons are mounting a protest against this moving of their historical nesting and worshiping power lines. Few are privileged to have witnessed their ceremonial line dances done under cover of darkness. It is sad to report that the beautiful 100,000 gallon water storage tank, that graced the village for over 40 years perched high on the Ponderosa lot, was stolen. Grape vine has it that Deputy Sheriff Schwartz pulled in Michael Stanley, a prime suspect, for questioning. It's a water guy thing - sort of like firemen who start fires. Stealing water is mundane, but water tanks - now that is whole another thing! The large hole behind Hunter's construction trailer is the beginnings of Lake Summerhaven as the Carter Canyon Lake project seems to have faltered. Too many alligators.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 3rd

Pancake Breakfast 8:00 a.m.
at the Mt. Lemmon Fire Station

August 12

Wildflower Walk 9:00 a.m.

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, Gordon Hunter and Dean Barnella (editor of the Echoes). If you have any suggestions or comments about the ECHOES, Dean can be reached at 576-1201 or by Email at dean@mountlemmonfire.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 payable in January. 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

We will be transplanting Aspen trees in the fall when they go dormant. This usually occurs the second weekend of November. Interested cabin owners will need to have holes dug before hand, and plan to bring a plastic bag for each dormant root ball you dig up. We will go as a group to a special site and have instruction on how to dig up the plants and how to take care of them. Contact any board member for the time and exact date.

The recommended trees and shrubs:

TREES

White fir	<i>Abies concolor</i>
Rocky Mountain Maple	<i>Acer glabrum</i>
Big Tooth Maple	<i>Acer grandidentatum</i>
Box elder	<i>Acer negundo</i>
Arizona alder	<i>Alnus oblongifolia</i>
Arizona madrone	<i>Arbutus arizonicus</i>
Red osier dogwood	<i>Comus stolonifera</i>
Alligator juniper	<i>Juniperus deppeana</i>
Ponderosa pine	<i>Pinus arizonica</i>
Southwest white pine	<i>Pinus strobiformis</i>
Quaking aspen	<i>Populus tremuloides</i>
Douglas fir	<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>
Gambel Oak	<i>Quercus gambelii</i>
Silver leaf oak	<i>Quercus hypoleucoides</i>
New Mexican Locust	<i>Robinia neomexicana</i>

SHRUBS

Pringle Manzanita	<i>Arctostaphylos pringlei</i>
Fendler Ceanothus	<i>Ceanothus fendleri</i>
Mountain Spray	<i>Holodiscus dumosus</i>
Arizona honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera arizonica</i>
Gooseberry	<i>Ribes pinetorum</i>
Arizona rose	<i>Rosa arizonica</i>
New Mexico raspberry	<i>Rubus neomexicanus</i>
Raspberry	<i>Rubus strigosus</i>

Invasive Species Projects Updates

For those of you who planted the Wildflower Mix that Trees for Mt. Lemmon distributed a couple of years ago, we are interested in how they are doing. We appreciated the questionnaires that people sent us and have recorded most of the locations so we can keep tabs on the progress of the plantings. When you have a free moment could you please drop us a line on what plants are coming up on your property? Please send your survey information to info@treesformtlemon.org or Trees for Mt. Lemmon, PO Box 704, Mt. Lemmon, AZ 85619. THANK YOU!

The goals of the native seed distribution project were to help stabilize naked soil areas, fertilize the soil, beautify our community, and prevent invasive species from becoming established. Our second invasive species project involves identifying and eradicating invasive species that could cause problems on the mountain. Trees for Mt. Lemmon has conducted workshops for property owners on the hazards of invasive species, how to identify them, and best practices for removing them from their property.

It is exceedingly flammable, appears to be quite adaptable to the mountain and is surviving and spreading even in this extreme drought. Dave Bertleson, a grass expert who volunteers for the UA Herbarium, surveyed private areas of Summerhaven in May and identified stands of cheatgrass and has recommended solutions for its eradication. His view is that there is still time to successfully eradicate the plant if we persevere over the next few years. His report will be available soon on www.treesformtlemon.org, or you can request a copy from lbrigham@ag.arizona.edu.

Trees for Mt. Lemmon will be working with Heidi Schewell to eradicate the larger areas and coordinate with Forest Service eradication efforts. We will be asking for volunteers for pulling parties and other efforts. Please watch for announcements posted on the message board and at the Post Office. In the meantime, each property owner can be of enormous help by identifying the plants on their property and pulling them up. There is a good picture on the "door hangers" to help identify cheatgrass. The door hangers will be available at the General Store and the Living Rainbow. Most of the plants have gone to seed now so if you are going to pull it up, be very careful not to disperse the seeds. Pull slowly and carefully from the base – it usually comes out fairly easily. Have a garbage bag on hand and scoop it immediately into the bag. If seeds fall onto the ground, try and scoop them up also. Especially in this severe drought, eradication of exceptionally flammable vegetation is critical. You can also help by reporting cheatgrass stands to info@treesformtlemon.org. Thank you!

Plant Resources

Nursery suggestions include:

www.desertsurvivors.org/nursery.asp

www.civanonursery.net/gardencenter.shtml

Two nurseries in Flagstaff:

www.nativeplantandseed.com (does not deliver, but get a group together and order in quantity)

www.warnercompanies.com (in the past Warners has given Mt. Lemmon property owners a 20% discount)

General information about Trees for Mt Lemmon can be obtained on our web site: www.treesformtlemon.org or for specific information on good plants and plants to avoid go to this web site: treesformtlemon.org/ED-plantavailability.html

We have a brochure of recommended plants at the General Store, the Living Rainbow and Mt. Lemmon Realty. These lists and recommendations are on the website.

Trees for Mt. Lemmon Board:

Please feel free to contact us with your questions, comments and ideas!

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