

The Mt. Lemmon Echoes

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

Message from the Pres

by Debbie Fagan

As February nears an end, snowfall and frigid temperatures continue to bless our mountain. This has brought about a new malady which is evident in everyone above 7000 ft. It's called "brain freeze". Like the ice on the highway, it's worse in early morning but usually thaws, with the sun's help, by the afternoon. I too, have been afflicted and hope to return to normal with the coming of spring.

Despite this condition, growth and development have continued in our town and the community center has really taken shape, along with many new cabins. Plans for our annual Homeowners dinner have been finalized and it's time once again to make your reservations and mark Tuesday, April 17th, on your calendars.

In closing, I'd like to extend our condolences to the Faul family on the passing of Jim Faul last December. They have been property owners on the mountain since 1939 as well as loved and respected friends. He will be greatly missed.

Jim Faul

The passing of our friend and Mt. Lemmon property owner was December 28, 2006. Jim and his surviving wife Mary of 52 years have been long supporters of Mt. Lemmon and the Coolidge area. In 2002, the Faul 4-H Learning Center was dedicated at Pinal County Fairgrounds for the decades of support and dedication to agriculture and ranching. Jim received the Lifetime Award from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, University of Arizona in 1995.



Fire District Updates

By the Barnella's

The Fire District continues to work on the Hazard Fuel Abatement project for Pima County Department of Transportation. Some slash piles have been burned when conditions are safe. It is anticipated the project will continue into June 2007. MLFD is working with the Forest Service to continue fuel reduction around Willow Canyon and Rose Canyon Lake.

MLFD still has two fire hydrants available for adoption. To acquire one of these cute, highly sought after water delivery devices please contact DeAnna at the fire station. The donation amount per fire hydrant is \$2500.00. Once installed a plaque will be attached conveying donor information. There will be more hydrants available in the future, but donation cost will increase.

The annual FireWise event will be held at the fire station on April 28, 2007. The event will have guest speakers and offer a realm of information on safety, plant selection, and thinning projects. The event will start at 10:00 a.m. and lunch will be offered as a fundraiser for the firefighters local. For information contact FireWise Chairperson, Joe Gunia 576-1201 or joe@mountlemmonfire.com.

It's time to renew your Mt Lemmon Homeowners Association Annual Dues

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Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club

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

December we held our Holiday brunch at the beautiful home of Julianne Woosley. Our project was to help an artist in need for the holidays. Thanks to all the ladies that donated gifts to her.

The following members have been helping me put our 2006 scrapbook together for the Spring Convention:

Tina Hanks, Pam Winsten, Joyce Anderson, Helen Quigley, Renate Beer and myself. I appreciate their help so much as I could never do it myself.

I attended the Southern District Board meeting in Benson on January 27th. We discussed the Spring Convention.

March 7th is our next meeting, at the Tucson home of Barbara Heisler. She will give us a presentation on the Jewish Passover.

Our club is hosting the Southern District Spring Convention, March 31st, 2007. It will be held at the Tucson Womans Club. I encourage all of you to attend and meet ladies from other clubs in our Southern District.

We are planning the following activities for the summer: Tour of the observatories, cabin tours, membership tea, Trees for Tucson tour up the mountain, 4th of July parade, game days, china painting and who knows what else we will come up with. Come join us in our Mt. Lemmon fun.

April 21 & 22 is the GFWC State convention in Phoenix. I would love to have some of you join me for this convention.

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Trees for Mt. Lemmon

Plant Distributions:

As in past years, Trees for Mt. Lemmon will have plants available this summer to coincide with the monsoon planting season, probably mid-July.

The selection is subject to change since our nursery guru in Flagstaff, Brad Blake, is just starting to germinate the seeds, but as of now we are planning to have:

Trees: Ponderosa, Douglas Fir, White Fir

Understory: Willow, Dogwood

Ground Cover: Strawberry, Lima Bean

Wildflowers: Primrose, Penstemon, Columbine

Grasses: Arizona Fescue

We are thinking of providing seed again this year similar to the seed mix put together previously of wildflowers and grasses. If people are interested, please contact Trees for Mt. Lemmon (info@treesformountlemmon.org) or one of the board members.

Since we are no longer funding our plant propagation with grants, we are asking people who take plants and seeds for a small donation to cover costs.

Cheatgrass Eradication:

Awaiting us under the snow is the next crop of cheatgrass. Last season we documented most of the areas where it was growing, in preparation of doing extensive eradication this spring. Cheatgrass is a highly flammable grass that has been found on the mountain in the last couple of years and is of concern because it would significantly compromise our ability to keep fires under control in Summerhaven. In Utah, cheatgrass has extended the fire season. It creates an extensive seedbed that can survive fire and repopulate quickly before native plants can become re-established. Because of its short life cycle, cheatgrass becomes dry fuel for fires by early summer, making many areas easy targets for hotter, faster-moving fires that burn with greater intensity.

Trees for Mt. Lemmon will have workshops on identification and eradication of cheatgrass for property owners again this spring both on the mountain and in town. Look for demonstrations at the annual FireWise event to be held April 28, 2007, at the fire station. To get the announcements on these workshops and other timely information, make sure you are signed up on the message board. You can access it through the Trees for Mt. Lemmon website (www.treesformountlemmon.org Sign Me Up)

If you think you see cheatgrass on your property, please contact Trees for Mt. Lemmon. We will help you identify and eradicate it. We will have volunteer crews pulling cheatgrass in common areas and on homeowner's property if you request it.

Since cheatgrass has just started to grow in our area and has not become established extensively in Summerhaven, we still have time to completely eradicate it!

Please contact Trees for Mt. Lemmon (info@treesformountlemmon.org) or any of our board members with requests and/or information on plants, cheatgrass sightings, or any other questions or suggestions you may have. Your input is critical to the success of all of our efforts.

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

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Please place your reservation no later then April 13th 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

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Forest Service Exploring Options for Sabino Canyon
Heidi Schewel

More than six months have passed since the geologic event which occurred in Sabino Canyon. Heavy rains on July 31st brought water, rock and sediment down the hillsides and into the canyon. Rattlesnake Creek cut through the roadway into Upper Sabino. Further upstream, the road was buried beneath tons of large boulders in several locations, rendering it impassable to vehicular traffic. Due to safety concerns, the roadway was closed to the public. Since then, the washouts have been basically repaired, and the roadway cleared to a passable condition. Currently the shuttle operated by Sabino Canyon Tours, Inc. is traveling to Shuttle Stop #4. Pedestrians and cyclists may journey to Shuttle Stop #9. All trails are open with the exception of the Phoneline Trail, the Sabino Historic Trail, and the Sabino Canyon Trail from Shuttle Stop #9 to the junction of the East Fork and West Fork trails.

So, what's in store for the future? The majority of those who responded to our requests for comments regarding the canyon indicated they would like to see the road returned to the pre-flood state. Our overall goal is to get as many people safely into Sabino Canyon as far as possible, as soon as possible. For the short term, the Forest Service has applied for a grant from Emergency Relief for Federally Owned Roads (ERFO) to further repair the road and create barriers and runoff areas in anticipation of future debris flows and flooding events. A decision on that request is expected any day. Work would begin soon thereafter. It is possible that repairs including shuttle access will be funded to Shuttle Stop #4, Shuttle Stop #6 or Shuttle Stop #8.

For the longer term, we are applying for a grant from Alternative Transportation for Parks and Public Lands (ATPPL) to fund a study of transportation needs in Sabino. Over the next year or so, the study would examine needs for access into the canyon, purposes of transportation, types of equipment, etc. Upon completion of the study, consideration will be given to recommendations regarding the transportation system in the Sabino Canyon, and changes may be made.

We are exploring our funding options to repair the road between Shuttle Stops #8 and #9, and to repair the Phoneline and Sabino Canyon trails. Our immediate desire is to improve access to Shuttle Stop #9, to create a trail to an overlook site just above it, and to provide interpretive signage describing the recent debris flow activity and what we might expect in the future. Trail repairs will require more time, due to the extent and location of the damage. If funding cannot be secured, we may look to the community, working with the Friends of Sabino Canyon, for assistance. Once that is in place, we are ready to begin reconstruction.

We are moving forward with making repairs and improving conditions in Sabino Canyon. It will take two to three years for everything to be fully operational. But we need to keep in mind, what we are "fixing" was damaged by natural processes. Many areas in Upper Sabino are now unstable. There are no guarantees that work which is done will remain unchanged by nature. We've been hearing a lot of a phrase lately, "geology happens!" And it usually happens so slowly we don't even notice it. We should remember, we were in "the right place at the right time" to experience a major geologic event, something many people will never do. We can consider that a privilege and a learning opportunity. After all, there's no going back.

MLHOA Annual Dinner 2007
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A New Angel on Mt. Lemmon *Pete Krauss*

"For significant service and contribution to Mt. Lemmon Ski Patrol", Linda Mulay was awarded on December 4, 2006, at the CPR refresher, the coveted National Ski Patrol (NSP) Angel Pin.

Over the past fifteen years Linda has supported Mt. Lemmon Ski Patrol (MLSP) with not only hands on medical expertise and valuable consulting, but she has also provided us with a steady flow of much needed medical supplies and equipment. Without question her most beneficial contributions have been John, our director, and the production of two more excellent patrolers, Scott and Mark Mulay, John claims contributing also.

Thank you Linda, and may we have many more memorable Ski Patrolling years together.

With Love,

The Mt. Lemmon Community is the BEST. I'd like to Thank many of you for your kindness, calls and cards we have received. The Community is changing, but we are still a Mt. Lemmon Family of friends and neighbors.

The Fire Dept. provided a Wonderful meal and they are Great cooks. It's these small acts of kindness that make our Community. The Woman's Club filled in my moments of concern with kindness and thoughtfulness. One member brought See's candy to the hospital to share with the staff for their great care. Her heartfelt laughter made my day. Pink Angels, "Thank You" for being there for me and offering support. Homeowners, it's because of many of you that we enjoy serving the Community and now, receiving support and prayers at a time of need is very heartwarming.

Thank You,
Helen Quigley



Three Time Champion

Dean Woodard, Mt. Lemmon Resident and owner of Butler Custom Doors, was recently honored with a lifetime achievement award at the Rodeo Hall of Fame in Montana. Woodard, three-time world champion senior roper, has left the competitive roping to others, but his dedication to the sport is seen with his involvement with the Tucson's La Fiesta de los Vaqueros Rodeo. Congratulations Dean Woodard!

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 2007; Clip the coupon on page one and send your check and the completed coupon to address on the back

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 3/31 Woman's Club Convention in Tucson
- 4/17 MLHO Annual Dinner 6pm @ Hilton
- 4/18 Annual FireWise Event 9am @ MLFD

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