



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

Activities Calendar

Mar 8th- 1:00pm
Woman's Club meeting
@MLCC

Mar 15th- 10:00am
MLHOA mtg
@MLCC

Mar 22nd- 10:00am
MLWD mtg
@ School House

Mar 29 th
GFWC-AZ Southern District
Spring conference
@ Sierra Vista

Apr 5th 10:00am-2:00pm
AZ-Sonora Desert Museum
(Evasive plants lecture)
@MLCC

Apr 12th- 1:00pm
Woman's Club meeting
@MLCC

Apr 22 nd 6:00pm
Annual Homeowners dinner
@ Hilton East

May 3rd
Cheatgrass Eradication Day

Homeowners Board

from President Carrie Reitz

Hello friends,

Well we are in between seasons as evidenced by the snowfall one day, rain another and sunshine still another. But rest assured, spring is on its way. It can't come too soon for me or for the entities on the mountain that provides our services. I am in a hurry to see spring because that will mean more time on the mountain for family, my friends and me. The Water Dept., Fire Dept. and TRICO hopes to see an end to the forces of nature that have so devastated our little village and made their lives nightmares. This issue of the ECHOES will expand on the aftermaths of the rains with articles from the Water District and their efforts to get those problems corrected.

Spring signals the time for our annual homeowners dinner. That will be held on April 22 this year. Please reserve your place early. It makes the lives of the folks that organize the dinner so much easier. We do have to give the Hilton East an exact number of attendees and pay for them one week in advance. So help us out folks... we want to see all of you there. This year we will have representatives from TRICO Electric, MLFD, US Forest Service, Pima County Sheriff's office, ML Water District and Supervisor Ray Carroll talk to us on issues that are relative to Mt. Lemmon and it's residents. We will have the Summit Award presented to a person who has given unselfishly of their time and talents to make our mountain a more special place for us. Again, let me remind you of this process. If you have someone who you think should be considered for this award, please send their name and why you think they should be considered. Please include committees that they've served on, events they've been active in etc. to the MLHOA Board of Directors at PO Box 699, Mt. Lemmon, AZ 85619. The Board of Directors will choose a recipient and that person will be presented the award by last years Summit Awardee.

The Valentine Day Potluck and Bingo was a huge success. Everyone that I've talked to had a wonderful time. A BIG THANKS to Patty Thomas for her efforts. She hopes to make this an annual event if her energy doesn't give out first. (I sure hope her supply of coffee holds out!)



It has come to our attention that this years snows have left us with the Arizona public's snow play remains. Their garbage abounds in the village and especially in Rose Canyon. We do want everyone to enjoy the mountain, but at the same time respect it. What goes up the mountain must be carried out...that message must be gotten out. Hopefully, we can enlist the help of the same media that advertises the snowfalls with invitations to come up and play!

Hope to see you all at the Annual Homeowners Dinner.



OBITURARY

Olga K. Pace

Tucson, Arizona – February 2, 2008

Olga, whose career was dedicated to education, graduated in 1950 from Brockport State Teachers College in New York and moved to Hilo, Hawaii, in 1952 to teach on a sugar plantation. Always the adventurer, she moved to Tucson, Arizona in 1954 and later earned her MEd from the U of A. She was a teacher and a counselor until she retired from TUSD.

She was actively involved in her community, including: The Mount Lemmon Women's Club, The Mount Lemmon Kids Club, St. Lukes Board of Visitors, Rincon Congregational Church, and many scholarship programs through the Pace Family trust. She was a social bridge player who loved the game.

Born in Rochester, New York, on March 22, 1927, she was the youngest of three children born to Paul and Mollie Korn. She is pre-deceased by her two brothers Alex and Peter. Olga is survived by her Husband of 49 years, Fred, her two children, Jodi and Alan, and her two grandchildren Mark and Adam.

by President Linda Mulay
327-4615 or 576-1417

We lost a dear friend and long time member of Mt Lemmon Woman's club, Olga Pace, on February 2nd. She was an active member of our club and organized the Kids Club for our mountain. We will miss her!

We want to thank Luann Waldron for writing and submitting our annual reports to the district and state. We are so fortunate that Luann does this tedious job for our club, so we are able to get recognition at the conventions.

Thanks to the members and their spouses for helping with the clean up of the community center after the February 9th party. Many hands make the jobs so much easier. What a fun party!

The Mt Lemmon Community Center is open all year on Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10:00am -4:00pm. We need volunteers!!!! If you can volunteer any time let myself or Chuck Hanks know.

Bring your Arts and Crafts to the March 8th meeting to be judged at the March 29th Southern District conference.

Meeting dates:

March 8th: club meeting at the Mt. Lemmon Community center. 1:00 pm. Speaker will be Art Jensen on the trails of our mountain. Nominations for officers will be presented.

March 29th: Southern District Spring conference held in Sierra Vista

April 12th: club meeting MLCC 1:00pm

April 26-27th: GFWC-AZ Annual state convention in Phoenix

For Sale Ads

"For Sale" ads are placed on a month to month basis and are subject to space availability. Ads must be 25 words or less. MLHOA reserves to right to edit ads. A single ad may run no more than three times per calendar year. Ads are not repeated unless requested by telephone. We do not print ads for business, rentals or services for which a fee is charged. MLHOA is not responsible for the quality of the merchandise offered. Any problems with item advertised is between the buyer and the seller.

M.L.C.E.C. Valentine Party Revue

by Patty Thomas

The February 9th Valentine Potluck & Bingo Party held at the ML Community Center was a **huge success!** The Center was packed full with families... The Potluck was Yummy... And the Bingo, well let's just say, **NO ONE** went home without winning something.

Thank You's to: the Cookie Cabin, The Living Rainbow Gift Shop, the General Store and Gifts, Sky Island Realty, ML Café, ML Realty and Ski Valley for donating bingo prizes. This is a **great show of support** from ALL the MT LEMMON BUSINESSES" toward our local community events. We need to make sure they all know how much we appreciate that support.

More **thanks you's to:** the ML Community Event Coordinators (M.L.C.E.C.) who also donated another 75 bingo prizes, ran the bingo games, decorated and donated the paper goods and valentine bags. We also want to give a **Big Big Thank You** to the Tucson Fiesta Bowl and their committee chairwoman: Jill Conway and (local) Debbie Edgell. They donated many exciting Fiesta Bowl memorabilia, which included shirts, backpacks, basket ball drinking glasses, etc. They also generously donated a Uof A Signed Basketball. This was the last game of the evening, and the **ONLY GAME** that we asked for a donation to the ML Community Center in order to play. **\$300** was raised in this one game, with Karen Shunk being the lucky winner.

Thank you also to the ML Woman's Club members Pat Klein, Pam Johnson (and husband Larry) who set up all the chairs, and Tina Hanks for helping with food setup and clean up. A lot of thanks to the many people who helped in clean up including Mike Edgell, Cathy and Bill Logan, Fran Zimmerman, Chuck Hanks, John and Linda Mulay, Mark and Susan Shomo. Thanks to our ML Fire Dept for disposing of the garbage.

And last but not least a **BIG THANK YOU AND HUGS** to MLCEC Donna Roll and granddaughter Ana. Donna Roll is an inspiration to us all, her creativity and positive reinforcement and generosity is **'MY INSPIRATION'** not to mention, she's great at "foo foo decorating." Thank You Donna, oh and keep thinking about that Easter Bunny Picnic on Mt Lemmon idea.

Fine Art Photography

Images by Melba

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My photos can be purchased at
The Living Rainbow

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

Voting Member (property owner's) \$25.00

Non-Voting Member (renter or friends of the mountain) \$20.00

Make checks payable to MLHO and mail to address on back of this coupon

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Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Amt Enclosed _____

FOR YOUR RECORDS

2008 MLHO DUES

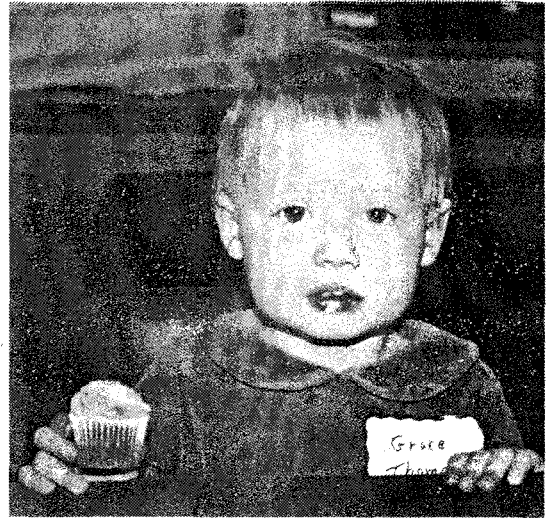
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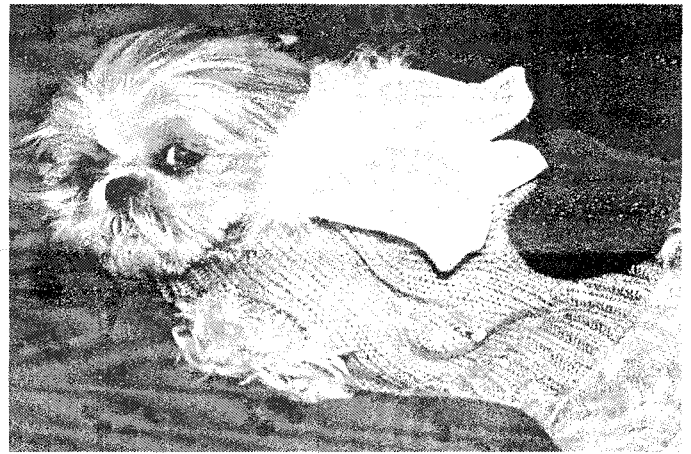


Lucky Bingo Basketball Winner - Karen Shunk & Officer Torry's son "Ryan"



Grace Thomas enjoys Valentine desserts

Ed & Donna Roll's granddaughter "Ana" helping with food setup



Valentine Cupid "Nicky" at the Bingo Party

2008 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 22, 2008**

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

The Menu hasn't been confirmed at this time because we are having trouble communicating with the Hilton's new management. The menu will be similar to last year and it will be published in next month's issue

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

Please place your reservation no later than April 16th 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, P.O. Box 699, Mt Lemmon, Arizona 85619

MLHOA ANNUAL DINNER 2008

Name _____ \$30.00

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TOTAL _____

by Micheal Stanley - Operations Manager

As you may have heard there was an 8" rain event on 1/27/08. The water system suffered damage in Upper Sabino Canyon, along Turkey Run Rd, along Carter Canyon Road, Miners Ridge Road, Sabino Canyon Parkway, Loma Linda area, and other places. We are working up the list of detailed work required to repair each of the 28 damage sites.

Water service was lost in the Carter Canyon Area. All of the culverts along Carter Canyon Road are gone. The Carter Canyon water lines were losing 45 GPM and most of the laterals from the main to the north side of the creek are leaking or gone. The main Carter culvert at Miami was almost gone. We worked the back hoe and secured a passable north lane. The road was over 1/2 gone at the culvert and the 2" and a small piece of the 6" was visible. This is over 6' deep. We are working to get the laterals capped so we can get service restored to Carter. The Miners Ridge Road was impassable to Carter Tank and above to the 500,000 gal Miners Ridge Tank. We used the back hoe to secure the road to the Carter tank. The road above the tank is pretty much gone on the west ends of the switch backs.

Water service was also lost in the Guthrie Area. The culvert at BJ Singh's is gone and the 3/4" and 2" main lines are damaged. Water flowed over or washed out the other culverts along Turkey Run. The 1" and the 4" pump main line from Turkey-Run is damaged in the creek. The road was impassable to Guthrie, but we did walk it to see the damage. There is damage at Cap Rock Trail. We were losing 24 GPM on the Guthrie/Phoenix Ave main.

Water flowed over all of the Sabino Canyon Parkway culverts and caused damage. The Hackney's master meter is no where to be found. There is a 3' to 4' cut from the General Store's south driveway across the area of the missing master. Almost all of the 2006 flood work that was completed is damaged.

We first worked on getting the flow back into the creeks. We isolated the leaks and notified customers of the problems. Nate with our crew worked getting the system stabilized and water back to customers where possible. With help from Leroy, Dean and PDOT we were able to secure most of the road crossings, except for Guthrie and Miners.

The plan of attack is to get Guthrie open and dig and cap the 1" Guthrie main at Larry Johnson's driveway and reactivate the Guthrie line. This action will not solve the problem but it will allow water to the customers. We will attempt to get caps on the BJ Singh line and restore water to Darby's rental. We will also need to get a path past BJ's to check on the conditions at the Upper Sabino Pump and our spring systems.

Besides doing all of the physical work, we are documenting the damage with photos for possible reimbursement from the state. As you know this creates a massive amount of field and administration work. We contacted Pima Emergency Management to document the event. If the state declares this a disaster, we may be able to receive some funding for the repair work. If not, we will need lots of money and mutual aid to get back into operating condition. We sent a letter to County requesting help on the Turkey Run Rd. projects. There is a bunch of convoluted ownership throughout the damaged area. The repairs are the responsibility of Forest Service, County, Private Owners and Water District. Permits from County, State and Federal will need to be obtained and standards will need to be adopted. It looks like each of the crossings will need to be permitted and updated at the property owner's expense.

We will need to work with the Army Corp. of Engineers for 404 permits to complete the repairs. Work on the Upper Turkey-Run Rd and Miners Ridge Rd will also be subjected to time limitations due to the endangered species act. One thing is certain, it's going to take a long time and a lot of money to return our water system to pre rain conditions.

MLHOA Annual Dinner
P.O. Box 699
Mt Lemmon, Arizona 85619

Echoes from the Past

by Larry Waldron

The attached article from the 1974 Echoes discusses the early beginnings of the Mt. Lemmon Volunteer Fire Department. We owe thanks to those who paved the way for our existing fire department. In 1974 Francis Morse was the editor.

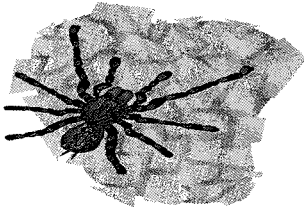
FIRE DEPARTMENT'S COMING

Chuck Molander, our new Fire Chief, announces that the State Forrester's office now has a four-wheel drive Dodge truck with a 200 gallon tank capacity. This truck is now being held in the name of the Mt Lemmon Homeowners Assn. As soon as certain details are worked up, we can actually take possession.

Sixteen volunteers are needed to compose the actual volunteer department. Chuck has asked that volunteers leave their name, age, background information, and address or telephone number with Frances at Mt Lemmon Realty, Madonna at the Alpine Lodge or Bob at the Mt Lemmon Inn. As soon as the department is organized there will be a training session for anyone who is interested.

This is a much needed improvement on the Mountain. Chuck has put in many hours and before him Don Miller worked hard to get this off the ground. We need you as a volunteer or at least your support in order to make this work. We'll have information each month on how this is going.

If you would like to know more about the history of Mt. Lemmon visit the Mt. Lemmon Community Center and browse issues of the "Mt. Lemmon Echoes", "High Trails" and "The Mountain Echo" newsletters for your viewing.



To Squish or not to Squish

by Barbara Welsh

Even though they are important and have their own place in the ecosystem, there are few insects and reptiles that we would rather not have as neighbors. There are many ways you can protect yourself with just a bit of common sense.

Any animal, insect, reptile or bird will be aggressive if they are disturbed in their homes, especially if there are young involved.

Most insects prefer dark damp places where they are hidden from other predators. For example, when you go in to get your summer things out of storage remember not to put your hands into the boxes or wherever they are stored. Spiders love these dark places to lay their eggs or spend the winter. Just emptying out a box or crate on the ground may spare you a bite on the hand or arm. Getting out summer furniture that has been stored also needs your attention, as these are also good hiding places for insects and spiders. We all seem to move rocks, and a good precaution is to turn the rock over with your foot or a stick, before you pick it up to move it.

Black widow spiders have very messy looking webs and are fairly easy to recognize. The pretty webs probably are not venomous spiders. Tarantulas live in the ground so you won't be seeing them until later in the year. As fierce as they look, the ones here are not particularly dangerous. The bite of the Brown Recluse spider, although you may not feel it, does need medical attention.

Remember when we first moved here, we were told to check our shoes for scorpions every day? Although most of us have forgotten this except when camping, there are some interesting things about scorpions. There are about 1500 species of which 50 are dangerous. 13,000 stings a year are reported but only one out of 30 are dangerous and less than 1% are lethal to adults. The Arizona Bark scorpion is the dangerous one that lives here. Did you know that all scorpions glow under ultra-violet light? They are immune to pesticides and their sting hurts and can produce numbness or a burning sensation. They are most harmful to small children and ill or older adults and pets.

Remember none of these animals are aggressive and a few rules will probably keep you from ever being in contact with them. They like to live in dark, damp, and hidden places. Look before you reach, step or sit. Use a flashlight at night. Leave them alone, and they will leave you alone.

Trees for Mt Lemmon

by Linda Benziger

Cheatgrass Early Warning System (CEWS)

Trees for Mt. Lemmon is committed to continuing an aggressive program aimed at eradicating cheatgrass (*Bromus tectorum*) from our mountain habitat, due to its invasiveness and extreme fire hazard. Because of our recent catastrophic fires and continued drought conditions, the threat continues.

“Under some conditions, fire can increase abundance of nonnative invasive plants, which may subsequently alter fire behavior and fire regimes, sometimes creating new, self-sustaining, invasive plant/fire cycles. These altered fire regimes can reduce native species’ diversity, alter ecosystem functions, and increase the threat of fire to human communities and wildland ecosystems.” (Zouhar et al, 2008)

It’s important we act now to prevent the establishment of cheatgrass as an on-going fire hazard each season. While it does not over-winter in our climate, it comes up rapidly in the spring and easily spreads in areas where the ground has been disturbed (i.e. new construction). You will most likely see it on your property if you have recently built or rebuilt; however, it can occur anywhere. **It is important to begin to check your property regularly throughout the spring. The seeds can last 3-5 years, so it is critical to pull the plants before they turn purple and the seeds ripen – pulling or spraying when the grass is still green is most effective.**

Our area is unique in that we are on private property surrounded by National Forest; therefore eliminating cheatgrass and other invasives will require the cooperation of the many different entities on the mountain.

Here is what you can do NOW:

- Check out our website for photos identifying the grass (www.treesformountlemmon.org)
- Start looking for signs as soon as the ground is clear of snow; a warm, early spring will most likely encourage early growth.
- Report sightings to Trees for Mt. Lemmon (www.treesformountlemmon.org) – under “Contact Us”
- If possible, pull and immediately bag it. If you need help, just ask us!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Saturday, April 5th 10:00am – 2:00 pm Volunteers with the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum will be available at the Mt. Lemmon Community Center to answer your questions about cheatgrass and other invasive plants of the region. They will provide you with detailed information you can use to identify plants in your neighborhood.

Saturday, May 3rd will be a community-wide Cheatgrass Eradication Day. This will be a great opportunity to work with your friends and neighbors to eliminate cheatgrass within and around the village.

If you are interested in helping with this effort, please send an e-mail to info@treesformountlemmon.org, or labrigham@msn.com, and we will add you to our volunteer list and keep you updated on the status of the grass. With a community-wide effort, we hope to eliminate the hazard cheatgrass poses to our mountain forest.

Zouhar, Kristin; Smith, Jane Kapler; Sutherland, Steve; Brooks, Matthew L., eds. 2008 **Wildland Fire in Ecosystems: Fire and Nonnative Invasive Plants**. Gen Tech. Rep. RMRS-GTR-42-volume 6. Ogden, UT: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station. (<http://www.fs.fed.us/data-base/feis/>)

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. 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. 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. The Annual Dinner and Meeting is held each year on the first Tuesday after taxes. To join the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association in 2008; call or Email Gordon Hunter at 298-5971, 576-9608 or by Email at gordon@hunteraz.com.

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 Carrie Reitz, President; Tom Thomas, vice-President; Bonnie Lohman, Treasurer; Jeanne Mayer, Secretary; John Mulay; Pete Krauss; Mark Shomo; Jerry Sparks, Dean Barnella; Ginny Durham; Debbie Fagan; Karen Shunk; Gary Slocum, John Lewis, Gary Scheer and Gordon Hunter (editor of the Echoes). If you have any suggestions or comments about the ECHOES send them to Gordon at the above address.

Advertising in the Echoes is \$10 per issue for 2x3 inch business card and \$50 per issue for a 1/4 page ad.