

The Mt. Lemmon Echoes

Bears Love Cookies Too!!

It began with a dream. Vic Zimmerman graduated with an MBA in Marketing from the U of A, taught at Pima Community College, served in the USAF, and since he always wanted to own his own business, took the plunge and purchased the Pine Cone Suites atop Mt. Lemmon in 1990. No business experience? No problem! Experience is the best teacher, and that's exactly what Vic gained; learning by doing. The enterprise grew and provided unending need for repairs, maintenance, excitement and experience.

The rental business was good in those days, especially when gigantic chocolate chip cookies were available for weekend guests or day visitors. Debbie Lee, who today is known for her "homey touches" and whimsical décor, recalls one day baking a batch of the popular cookies when a huge black bear, attracted by the wonderful aroma, approached the Dutch door entrance to her kitchen! Her screams and slamming of that door discouraged the big old bear, as he ambled to other parts, sans cookie! And there's the bacon story, but that's for another time....

Few could imagine picking up the pieces of a business after the Aspen Fire of 2003. But Vic Zimmerman, Debbie Lee and daughter Samie Beal, coped by "doing." That's what kept them going and does to this day. Zimmerman looked at the log cabin kit erected at the Aspen Fire Expo at the Tucson Convention Center after the fire and thought he could convert it into a new Cookie Cabin, and that's just what he did, with bumps and lumps along the way. Transportation, running springs, French drains, and more struggles, but doors opened once again, and today a welcoming patio with Aspen trees, White fir, wildflowers, and a rainbow of happy colorful umbrellas at the many tables greet patrons. Giant cookies, pizza, sandwiches and delightful aromas! It's good.



The business has been an "evolution," inspired by hard, physical work, terrific help and a vision for excellence. Debbie Lee and Sam are taking more responsibility in the operational aspects of the Cookie Cabin these days, as Vic is being treated for Parkinson's-like symptoms. A shunt helps drain the excessive spinal fluids accumulated the past months and seems to be working. His positive outlook and determination keeps him going, along with the incredible people who work for him, excellent project management and the ability to analyze, fix and "do!" It's FUN!!

Zimmerman believes in giving his employees empowerment to make exciting changes and improvements to the Cookie Cabin. Many of the 14 employees are U of A students who bring great ideas for service, streamlining, and their best work. Former firefighter Sam brings out the best in those employees and experiments with new food items, some gluten-free or organics, and all-natural brats. Kitchen remodel, advertising, use of social media, new suppliers, and streamlining operations are in the future. The bears may come and go, but the vision for Vic Zimmerman's Cookie Cabin doesn't change much. It is to provide a homey, cozy, memorable experience on Mt. Lemmon. He'd do it all over again!



Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Association

by Jerry Taylor, president



May 2015

- 4th - Full Moon**
- 9th - Village Cleanup**
9 AM - General Store
- 10th - Mother's Day**
- 16th - MLWD -**
Board Meeting 8 AM
- MLHOA -**
Board Meeting - 10 AM - MLCC
- MLWC**
General Meeting 1 PM - MLCC
- 23rd - FireWise Block Party -**
10AM - 2:00 PM - MLCC
Summer of Lights begins
- 25th - Memorial Day**

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!! SPRING CLEANUP 2015 SATURDAY, MAY 9th 9:00 AM

We'll meet at the General Store Parking Lot. Remember to bring gloves, hats, sunscreen, waterproof footwear (if you plan on being in the streambed). It was a light winter, so not much trash. Most of the trash is as usual in the streambed, so it shouldn't take too long.

If you have any specific areas or items that you would like addressed, please contact Dennis at 665-1648.

Hope to see everyone there.

Thank you to everyone who attended our annual meeting and dinner. We again had a great meeting with some wonderful speakers: Pima County Supervisor Ray Carroll, Mt. Lemmon Fire Chief Randy Ogden, Pima Sheriff Deputy Dave Conto, Water District President Doug Mance and U.S. Forest Service District Forester Rachael Biggs. These are all folks who make a difference on the mountain, and we are thankful for everything they do. Also thanks again to Tom Thomas for his efforts with the door prizes, and Carrie Reitz, Jennifer Rollins, Carol Niehoff and others for the hard work they do in preparation for this event. Congratulations to Linda Kent for receiving the much deserved Summit Award.

As everyone knows, we recently had a fire in Summerhaven which was contained by the quick response by Mt. Lemmon and the U. S. Forest Service firefighters, and there were no structures damaged. Thank you for the great, dependable job as usual. It could have been worse. The cabins along N. Phoenix and Carter Canyon were particularly vulnerable. Thanks also to Debbie Fagan, Mark and Susan Shomo and Lorri Hans who, I am told, as soon as the fire was discovered, went to the exposed cabins and started watering the perimeters in an attempt to protect the cabins. This underlines the sense of community. I don't know if that could be found in very many other communities nowadays. Thanks to everyone for being members of our wonderful community. It also serves as a grim reminder of the importance of being FireWise.

Also, last year when we had no editor for the Echoes, Linda Currin and Carol Niehoff agreed to take the job through this year and have done a fantastic job. If anyone is interested in being editor(s) next year, it would be a good time to start working with Linda and Carol.



Mt. Lemmon Fire District Is Recognized by ISO as a Class 3 Fire Department!

by Randy Ogden, Fire Chief

Whether we like it or not, paying for insurance is a fact of life. Homeowner and business insurance companies use many factors when determining the cost of your premiums. One major factor is the level of fire protection. Most insurance carriers use what is known as ISO to determine the quality of fire protection available and therefore establish insurance rates.



ISO stands for Insurance Service Organization. This is a group of trained, professional evaluators that assess almost every fire department in the U.S. ISO uses a consistent set of guidelines to evaluate a fire department. ISO bases a fire department's rating on many factors including the number of personnel on duty, training level of personnel (paid or volunteer), the amount of water the fire department can get to a fire, and the amount and quality of equipment used (such as fire engines and hand tools). The purpose of ISO is to give insurance companies a uniform system on which to base their insurance premiums. It is an exhaustive evaluation process.

For an insurance company, knowing the capabilities of a fire department is important. The better the fire department, the better protected a building is from fire damage and loss. The higher the level of protection, the less likely an insurance company will have to reimburse a claim for fire damage. The fewer number of claims, the lower the cost for the insurance provider. Of course fire protection can work the opposite way. A sub-par fire department will experience more fire losses. More fire losses means more insurance claims filed. In order to make costs meet, the insurance companies raise the premiums you pay.

ISO gives a ranking of 1 through 10, with 1 being the best and 10 being no protection at all.

The Mt. Lemmon Fire District has been upgraded to an ISO rating of 3! Previously the Mt. Lemmon Fire District was classified as a 5 (with Willow Canyon as a 9). The areas covered outside the fire district are now rated at 3Y. The 3Y is considered a Class 8 because of water availability and response times.

To obtain an ISO Class 3 with a combination fire district of paid and volunteer firefighters is truly a rewarding task. We have worked very hard during the past 4 years to make MLFD a professional and efficient fire and EMS provider. In the nation only 3.6% of fire departments are an ISO Class 3. Of the more than 300 fire departments in the State of Arizona, only 42 hold an ISO Class 3 or better, and nationwide, of over 47,000 fire departments and municipalities rated by ISO, less than 2,700 hold an ISO Class 3 rating or better.

Newspaper Delivery

Jenni Avram will provide the Sunday paper for residents at a price of \$2.50, payable in advance. Please contact Jenni at Mt. Lemmon Realty to place your order 576-1333. Delivery will be by 11:30 on Sunday mornings at Mt. Lemmon Realty.

Mt. Lemmon IS Mountain Lion Country

by Michael Cuestas, CEP, MLFD Firefighter

Mountain lions can be found throughout Arizona and are most common in rocky or mountainous terrain. Because mountain lions are shy and elusive, people do not often see them. However, the Arizona Game and Fish Department estimates the state's mountain lion population is increasing from 2,500 to 3,000. Mountain lions are solitary animals with the exception of females with kittens or breeding pairs. We have also seen mountain lion kill dragged under decks. Keep in mind mountain lions often return to the spot of their kill! Report any sighting of mountain lions to AZ Game & Fish at 623-236-7201.



The risk of attack by a mountain lion is small, but real; children are most at risk. Mountain lions may return repeatedly if food, water, or shelter is available. We live and play in lion country. Remain aware of your surroundings and take steps to minimize risks to yourself, your family, and pets.

If you encounter a mountain lion:

- Call 911!
- Do not approach the animal. Most mountain lions will try to avoid a confrontation. Give them a way to escape.
- Stay calm and speak loudly and firmly.
- Do not run. Running may stimulate a mountain lion's instinct to chase.
- Stand and face the animal. Make eye contact.
- Appear larger by raising your arms or opening your jacket if you are wearing one. Throw stones, branches, or whatever you can reach without crouching or turning your back. Wave your arms slowly. The idea is to convince the lion that you are not easy prey and that you may be a danger to it.
- Maintain eye contact and slowly back away toward a building, vehicle, or busy area.
- Protect small children so they won't panic and run.
- Fight back if attacked. Many potential victims have fought back successfully with rocks, sticks, caps, jackets, garden tools, their bare hands, and even mountain bikes. Since a mountain lion usually tries to bite the head or neck, try to remain standing and face the animal.

If you live in mountain lion country, you should:

- Hike or walk in groups.
- Make noise when you're outside.
- Closely supervise children and talk to them about mountain lions and teach them what to do if they encounter one.
- Keep dogs, cats, and other domestic animals indoors or in a secure enclosure with a sturdy roof. Always walk pets on a leash. Roaming pets are easy prey for hungry mountain lions. Do not feed pets outside and keep their food inside; the food can attract bears, bob cats and other mountain lion prey.
- Do not feed wildlife. By feeding wildlife in your yard, you may inadvertently attract mountain lions.

Coronado National Forest Enhances Recreation Opportunities at Mt. Lemmon Recreation Area

by Rachael Biggs, USFS

The Coronado National Forest recently completed the Mt. Lemmon Recreation Area Improvement Project at the summit of Mt. Lemmon. The Forest Service added gravel and leveled the parking area, and also installed three picnic tables, one bulletin board, and one fee tube. Trees were pruned around the current trailhead kiosk to increase visibility and provide universal accessibility to interpretive information. Deteriorating and/or missing parking bumpers were replaced and trail signs were added. The installation of additional amenities enhances recreation opportunities for public enjoyment at this site.

The Mt. Lemmon Recreation Area is a U.S. fee area. Visitors to this site are required to pay a small fee or display a relevant pass, which include the Coronado Annual Pass or one of the following Interagency Passes: the America the Beautiful Pass, the Military Pass, the Senior Pass, or the Access Pass. Fees collected at U.S. fee areas contribute to the development and maintenance of these recreation sites.

Newsworthy Items for YOU!!

- The opportunity to rid your property of slash the past two months has been very successful, thanks to the cooperation between the MLFD, USFS and the FireWise Committee, and thanks to all of you who took advantage of this valuable program. It will resume again after the monsoons begin in **early July**, so watch for announcements in the Echoes and on the listserv.



- Don't forget to participate in the "Summer of Lights" and decorate your cabin or business, beginning at dusk on **Saturday, May 23rd**. Adorn your cabin with creative sparkly patio or Christmas lights and have fun every Saturday evening from dusk to 10:00 PM, until Labor Day weekend! Watch for further details in the weeks to come.



- Watch for the FireWise postcard mailing in early May, and plan to attend the fun first event of the summer season. Mark your calendar for **Saturday, May 23rd**, from 10-2 at the MLCC and enjoy the many activities, displays, great food and fellowship. See you there!!

AZ Forestry Cheatgrass Grant Update for May 2015

by Lindy Brigham, Grant Coordinator

Cheatgrass is starting to appear. Please report sightings to labrigham@msn.com or on the website <http://mtlemmonhoa.org/cheatgrass.html>. And do your part when you see it. If the whole plant is green, just pull it and leave it on the ground.

We are in the process of buying the 50 gal. sprayer and a trailer. It should be on the mountain this weekend, and we have started planning to bring the crews in. That will happen when cheatgrass is almost at its peak so they can treat as much ground as possible. Remember, this is an effort that we also need volunteers for, and we will inform you when we are pulling.

Dennis Cozzetti is planning a community cleanup for May 9th, and we will include cheatgrass as part of the cleanup.

As you all know by now, this grant requires us to volunteer to match the funds we are getting from AZ Forestry. The Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club (see the picture from the last Echoes) did the envelope stuffing for the permission letter. Linda Kent and Linda Currin are helping with reporting and logistics. And the Patio Garden Club has donated \$500 towards buying a trailer for the sprayer! Please thank all these people when you see them and pitch in when the call goes out to help (like on May 9th!).

MAKE SURE YOU ARE ON THE MT. LEMMON LISTSERV SO YOU GET ALL OF THIS INFORMATION IN A TIMELY MANNER! Go to the Mt. Lemmon HOA website and sign up on the home page. <http://mtlemmonhoa.org/>

And if you have still not sent in your permission form, please cut this out, fill it in, and send it to MLHOA, P.O. Box 699, Mt. Lemmon AZ 85619. Please enter your Parcel# also if you can. There are some discrepancies in the street addresses. And PLEASE include your name – it helps a lot!

I/We, the owner(s) of the property at

on Mt. Lemmon, Arizona Parcel # _____

Name: _____

(Please select all that apply – you can allow both spraying and pulling)

☐ Allow spraying on my/our property to treat cheatgrass for two years starting in 2015

☐ Do not allow spraying on my/our property to treat cheatgrass

☐ Allow manual pulling of cheatgrass on my/our property

☐ Do not allow manual pulling of cheatgrass on my/our property

If I/we do not allow treatment on my/our property, I/we will manage the infestation myself/ourselves.

Spring Brings Caution to Residents

by Michael Stanley, MLWD

Spring is here, but I always think there will be a late freeze or even snow before real summer arrives. Either way, summer will officially begin on Memorial Day. Some of you have not seen your cabin since you shut it down after Thanksgiving. I am hoping you have put together a comprehensive TURN ON/SHUT OFF procedure for starting up the plumbing system. Photos can be a great aid in remembering the intricacies of your plumbing! Leaks are possible, since over this winter there were some very cold days but little snow to insulate the pipes. Any water left in the plumbing could have frozen and caused breaks.

Also, I need to tell you about our part in securing the new ISO Rating. This rating system helps insurance companies plan their billing for fire coverage on property in our area. We have been at 5 on a 10 scale since the Aspen Fire. Before that, we were as high as a 9. Chief Randy Ogden has been instrumental in obtaining an ISO rating of 3 as outlined in a letter sent to the Fire Board. This lower rating reflects continued improvements to both the fire and the water districts' facilities. We now have 35 fire hydrants connected to 6" main lines within 1000 feet of structures in the community. The new rating could help lower your insurance coverage costs.

Improvements have really helped us by bringing fire protection to areas that had none previously and now even better water service to more customers. You have helped the Mt. Lemmon Water District supply consistently better water pressure and quality to customers. You have helped the Mt. Lemmon Fire District to continue bringing exceptional emergency services to our community. Together we add a layer of protection for the mountain. Stop by our table at the FireWise celebration for more information. See you there!

Summer Church Services and Bible Study Program Announced

by Larry Waldron

We look forward to having summer services again in the community center beginning June 7th. This is the 8th consecutive summer in the center. Services start at 9 AM with a short time of fellowship to follow. Speakers are not finalized at this time, but we should have several confirmed for the next Echoes printing.

We are thankful for each of you who has supported the ministry on Mt. Lemmon.

We will also have a mid-week summer Bible study - dates and times are not finalized. Have you ever wondered what Heaven will be like? The DVD study "Answers to Questions about Heaven" by Dr. David Jeremiah is an awesome series. Heaven is mentioned more than 500 times in Scripture, for God wants us to envision and anticipate the place He's planning for His people. Based on a lifetime of studying the biblical doctrine of Heaven, Dr. David Jeremiah provides answers to questions about our heavenly destination in this 11 part series. "Answers to Questions about Heaven" will whet your appetite for the place Jesus is preparing for us.

God Bless each of you and our community during this upcoming summer season.

Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club Is Never Done!

by Mary Hunter

The Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club has begun a new program for 2015, "Done in a Day." This project involves selecting a non-profit organization each month and making donations according to their needs. For April we selected Primavera Men's Shelter. Members donated items such as shampoo, disposable razors, bar soap, toothpaste and much more. Hopefully we can make a difference each month and it's "Done in a Day."



W.H.A.L.E

Let's say you are driving to the store with your 6 month old grandson in the back seat when you are involved in an accident. You are knocked unconscious, but your grandson is unharmed. When rescue workers arrive, they have no way of identifying the baby or knowing how to contact the parents.

W.H.A.L.E., which stands for "We Have A Little Emergency," is a child safety seat occupant program that allows for identification of small children in the event of a vehicle accident. This program is currently used in 34 states. The W.H.A.L.E. logo and Blue Check Mark are nationally recognized by law enforcement, fire and emergency personnel.

W.H.A.L.E. kits are available free of charge. Kits include a pamphlet explaining the program, two car seat stickers, two vehicle stickers and one information label. The information label provides name of child, date of birth, medical history and emergency contact. This label is attached to the rear of the car seat.

The Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club and Woman's Clubs throughout Arizona support and promote the W.H.A.L.E. program. If you would like a W.H.A.L.E. kit or more information about this program, please contact Linda Mulay.

The next meeting of the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club is Saturday, May 16, at 1:00 PM at the MLCC.

Everyone Loves THE Parade!!

by Jennifer Shacter

The Fourth of July Parade is a much anticipated event by mountain residents and "city folk" alike. The Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club has proudly sponsored the parade for the past 40 years and will continue to do so for years to come. Now it's YOUR turn to "Get Patriotic!"

We are already being warned about the fire dangers for spring and summer of 2015, but rest assured... there **will** be a 4th of July Parade. Do you have any contacts with marching bands, clowns, baton twirlers, veterans groups, scout troops, fiddlers or has your own family considered a float? Please make copies of the parade entry form and encourage others to be involved. We hope to see kids, dogs (maybe even mules) and mountain neighbors having fun! The rules are VERY simple and listed above the signature line of the Parade Entry Form. The sooner I receive YOUR Parade Entry Form, the easier it will be to complete parade planning AND the better our wonderful parade will be!

If you have helped in past years, I hope you will help out again this year. To volunteer or offer suggestions please contact Jennifer Shacter at ([520\) 749-9233](tel:5207499233), ([520\) 576-9329](tel:5205769329) or kksowner@gmail.com.

MT. LEMMON 40th ANNUAL JULY 4TH PARADE
Saturday, July 4th, 2015 – 12:00 Noon

It's that time again! Get out your costumes, mules, horses, kids, dogs, fancy vehicles, and instruments and sign up as soon as possible for this year's Mt. Lemmon 4th of July Parade!

Name of Group _____

Main Contact Person for Your Group _____

Complete Mailing Address _____

Telephone Number(s) _____

All the above information is needed in case we need to get in touch with you with questions or last minute updates

CATEGORY: () ORIGINAL () PATRIOTIC () HUMOROUS
 TRANSPORTATION: () WALKING () VEHICLE () WALKING with VEHICLE () HORSE-BACK

This is an invitation for you and/or your group to join us on cool Mt. Lemmon for our 40th Annual 4th of July Parade. Please remit this form no later than Saturday, June 27th to Jennifer Shacter – 8750 East Bear Place, Tucson, AZ 85749-9158 or e-mail to kksowner@gmail.com. For additional information, call Jennifer at: (520) 749-9233 or (520) 576-9329. The parade line-up begins at 11:15 A.M. at the intersection of Ski Run Road and Loma Linda Extension Road. Check in at the registration table to be given your parade number to display on yourself and/or your entry. Late check-ins and/or non-preregistered entries will not receive a parade number, participation certificate, nor be eligible for parade entry judging.

Please write what you want the announcer to say about your group when you pass by the MLCC (the judging area). If you don't write something, we'll have nothing to say about you or your group.

Who You Are _____

What Do You Call
 Yourselves _____

Where Are You From _____

Any Colorful Background Information You Want the Crowd to Know

We need to keep the parade moving, so please listen to instructions and directions when given. Do not throw candy into the crowd. Candy may be handed to children or placed on the ground at their feet along the parade sidelines so they won't run into the parade route. Neither Frisbees nor objects of any type may be thrown into the crowd. Entrants will PAUSE in front of the judges long enough to be announced by the Master of Ceremony and then MOVE ON and keep moving to the end of the parade route. In the interest of safety, we ask for your cooperation in that there is no animal petting, stopping to perform further down the parade route, etc. The parade will end at the school.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Did You Know About the Hippy Camp?

by Chuck Huber, Lower Soldier's Camp

An enlightening review of the informal history of the Soldier's Camp Association provided information about a series of break-ins of cabins located in the Lower Soldier's Camp area. Legend has it that "back in the day," cabins were raided and food items removed. Officially, this can be corroborated. Our GSCA historical documentation states from the April 1990 Annual Meeting:

".... another break-in at C-----'s. No deputy currently assigned (1990) for permanent duty on Mt. Lemmon...."

Taking the law into my own hands, I attempted to crack this 'Cold Case' in the style of CSI – Mount Lemmon. While climbing on the south-facing slope of Spencer Peak, a chance encounter may have uncovered the culprits' hide-out!

In a protected garden of rocks, I came upon an unusual object, the bottom foot piece of a pot-belly stove. While poking around in the area, additional items were uncovered, and the pieces of the crime and its story began to fall into place. Remains of a two burner gas stove, lots of empty rusted cans, and bedsprings! Looking around some more, I found the remains of a BED!

This campsite, mind you, was certainly not a developed home or cabin site. See the pictures below:



The Luxurious Bedstead



The Victims

My theory? Flower children of the 1980s believed they had found a great spot to hang out, nestled in the rocks. The date could have been in March and April of 1989. The weather beautiful, breezes calm, and the pickings good. Just a few minutes down into the valley to collect all the food you can haul back up the hill!

Then came June and July, and BOOM! Lightning cracking, thunder rolling and downpours of rain! The hippies may have made a valiant effort to stay dry the first night, and perhaps they ate some of the fresh mushrooms they found sprouting up all around them! But... a wet bed and repeated afternoon storms do not make for a pleasant camping experience!

Perhaps the "Hippy Camp" was quickly abandoned; the residents left their idyllic paradise for greener and drier pastures, and amazingly the end of the regular break-ins in the Lower Soldier's Camp area.

Are There Ghosts on Mt. Lemmon? Part I

by Carol Korhonen

Our Mt. Lemmon cabin has a great fireplace, and sitting by that fire on a winter night is my idea of a great evening. One night I sat in my favorite chair next to a crackling fire, browsing through old photos that I had brought from home. My plan was to spend the chilly, mountain evenings sitting by the fire organizing all the pictures into well-labeled albums. Well, that was the plan anyway.

I came across an old picture of my dad standing on the porch of our family's motel back in Michigan. In that photo, just behind Dad, stood a girl in a white summer dress. I recognized her right away, although it took me a minute to remember her name. Livie. She was thin with dark, scraggly hair that didn't quite reach her shoulders, and big dark eyes. Livie was almost pretty, but her looks were spoiled by the scared, rabbit-like expression she always wore. The photo showed a summer day, and Livie wore that white dress with little roses on it. All her summer dresses were white with little flowers – roses, violets, maybe daisies. Livie was sweet, but not the sharpest knife in the drawer, as they say.

The old motel had a bar attached, and everyone called it "The Roadhouse." Livie waited tables and served drinks there, and all the traveling salesmen used to ask her out. A few of the local men did too, even the married ones. She had no car and was always smiling when she climbed into a car with some guy. She never seemed to be smiling when they dropped her off later.

I was only 10 years old at the time, but I never forgot Livie because of the way she died. Livie's old run-down house was less than a mile from The Roadhouse, and Livie walked to work. They found her body in a ditch next to the road, about half way between her place and The Roadhouse. My dad said the poor soul shot herself. He always called her "that poor soul," and I think I know why.

One night, Livie failed to show up for work, so Dad had to wait tables and run the kitchen too. After closing, Dad was stuck cleaning up as well. Our family lived in an apartment above the motel, and I woke up late that night because my dad was shouting. He was downstairs at the back door of the kitchen, and Livie was outside on the far edge of the lane that ran behind The Roadhouse. She was carrying a shoe box, and I think she was crying. Beyond the back road sat a big field of sweet corn. It must have been August because the sweet corn was taller than Livie. I couldn't hear exactly what they said, but I think my dad was trying to get Livie to come inside. Livie didn't want to and kept backing up and shaking her head no....

(to be continued in June!)

The Soldier's Camp Monthly Bugle!

by Chuck Huber, Lower Soldier's Camp

Spring has sprung, and the water is flowing in our creek. And significant maintenance on our water system has been completed, just in time for the summer season.

The Greater Soldier's Camp Association meeting is May 30th, the last Saturday in May, this meeting a month earlier than in previous years. Again, we'll have a potluck in the meadow below the Sunset Trailhead parking area, at the same location where we have met the last couple years.

It's a Glorious Wildflower Spring!

by Pam Haskell

Author Frank Rose was excited to share two wonderful wildflowers for us this month. Both are in full display for visitors and residents of our wonderful mountain top. The valerian has medicinal use as a sleep aid.

Valeriana arizonica
Arizona valerian

Blooms: March to July

Elevation: 6,250'-8,200'

Habitat: Shady slopes and moist canyons in oak-pine woodland, pine forest, and mixed conifer forest.

Flower: 1 1/2" flower head

Plant: 9"

Flower Color: Pale to deep pink.

In season, this flower blankets some of the north-facing hillsides in the Catalinas, especially in Marshall Gulch. It has basal leaves similar to those of violets, but its upper leaves are distinctly different. It is known for its medicinal properties. A deciduous forb.



Pam Haskell

Look for These Showy Groundsels All Summer!

Packera neomexicana (Senecio neomexicana)
New Mexico groundsel

Blooms: February to September

Elevation: 2,850'-7,800'

Habitat: Canyon bottoms, dry slopes, and openings in riparian scrub, desert grassland, oak woodland, and oak-pine woodland.

Flower: 3/4"

Plant: 2' 14"

One of the more showy spring flowers, widespread and abundant. In the spring it is one of the plants that can be seen blooming along the roadside almost to the top of the mountain range. A deciduous perennial forb.



Pam Haskell

The above information is an excerpt from Mountain Wildflowers of Southern Arizona by Frank Rose.

Mt. Lemmon Listserv

Receive information from the Mt. Lemmon community by signing up on the **Mt. Lemmon Listserv**. Send an email to the listserv at Announcements@mtlemmonhoa.org with your name and email address. We will sign you up and you will receive instructions on how to use the listserv.

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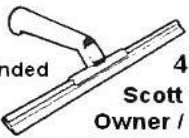
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Mt. Lemmon Community Center

The Mt. Lemmon Community Center (MLCC) is part of Pima County's Natural Resources Parks Recreation (NRPR) department. The Mt. Lemmon Community Center, Inc. is organized exclusively for charitable, social and educational purposes. The facility is dependent upon local volunteers to staff and support the visitor's center. Our mission is to welcome all who visit the facility and promote Summerhaven, Mt. Lemmon and Pima County Arizona.

The MLCC board would like to encourage local social & charitable use of the community center. The community center can be used at no charge, with approval, for our local events.

Reservations to use the Community Center can be made by calling Kelly Cheeseman at the Pima County Parks and Recreation phone number: 520.877.6155 or E-mail Kelly.Cheeseman@pima.gov

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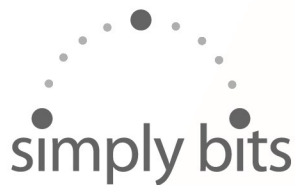
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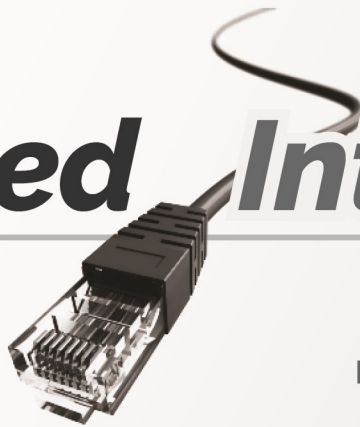
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