

The Mt. Lemmon Echoes

“Hours of Boredom, Then Sheer Terror!”

Lemmon Rock Lookout. Have you ever visited this fascinating structure atop Mt. Lemmon in a lightning-filled sky? 60 MPH wind gusts bending branches of 100' Ponderosa pine? Thunder echoing across the mountain peaks? Imagine actually LIVING in this USFS fire lookout from late April to early August during peak fire season and waiting for a “smoke” to appear somewhere in the vast forest below. Mac Tippins knows all about it!

Mac Tippins began his second season as spotter for the USFS on Mt. Lemmon this past April. A “normal” day? 8 AM to 4:30 PM. “It’s hours of boredom punctuated by moments of sheer terror!” He often is visited by the typical talkative turkeys and variety of ravens, peregrine falcons and hawks. He’s even seen evidence of bear in his neighborhood. Since the lookout is now closed to the public, life seems isolated at times. But the all-electric facility and modern technology offers instant communication with cell phone, USFS landline and radio, his Ham radio, and small notebook computer for Internet. Google Earth access provides pinpoint locations for any possible fire and longitude and latitude accuracy as needed.

Tippins, from South Carolina, was drafted out of college and enrolled in flight school with the US Army. After a year’s tour of duty in the Vietnam War, flying 250 missions, he flew corporate jets for a living until he “retired” in 2008. Not wanting to be bored or waste his many talents, Tippins became a spotter for five years in the Deschutes National Forest in Oregon, elevation 6500'. Recreational opportunities led to a love of photography, capturing the beauty of lakes, streams, wildlife and the forest. Could the pilot’s love of flying at high altitudes equate to being on mountain tops as spotter?

Mac enjoys reading, writing and taking photographs



Mac Tippins - Lemmon Rock Lookout - April 26, 2015

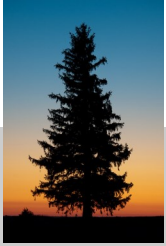
to alleviate boredom. He’s also adept at healthy stir-fry and delights in good meals, especially country ham from home! The tiny but functional kitchen in the LRLO doesn’t inhibit his preparation of good food. Mac’s wife Nancy comes to visit a couple times during fire season, and they enjoy travels in the Southwest, especially last year’s trip to The Grand Canyon. Nick-Nick, the aging “Good Dog,” has even been Mac’s companion for several seasons in a prior lookout! Check out Mac’s website <http://k9str.smugmug.com/> for amazing photos taken in 2014.

Lemmon Rock Lookout was built in 1928 and is designated as such in the National Registry of Historical Buildings. It houses the Osborne Fire Finder, an amazing piece of equipment that shoots an azimuth for locating the “smoke,” since fire is rarely visible at first. The tag on the Fire Finder cites 1907 as date of origin. Even though the building is old and painted numerous times, windows are solid and protect from cold, howling winds, lightning, thunder and noises of the night.

Mac’s greatest satisfaction comes with his ability to send fire crews to an exact location determined by shooting the azimuth, pinpointing longitude and latitude of the “smoke” with Google Earth. That’s the moment of “sheer terror” that gives purpose to the hours of waiting on Lemmon Rock.

Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Association

by Jerry Taylor, president



June 2015

- 2nd - Full Moon**
- 6th - MLWC**
Membership Luncheon - 11:30 AM
- 13th - MLWC**
Cabin Tours - 1 PM
- 20th - MLWD -**
Board Meeting 8 AM
- **MLHOA -**
Board Meeting - 10 AM - MLCC
- **MLWC**
General Meeting 1 PM - MLCC
- 20th - MLHOA Potluck**
6 PM - MLCC
- 21st - Father's Day**



This post will complete my term as president of MLHOA. It has been an honor to serve such a fine community for the last four years, and particularly to serve with such an outstanding and dedicated board of directors. Because of you it has been a rewarding and fun job. Our newly elected president is Michael Stanley. He is highly qualified and well known for his many years doing a great job running Mount Lemmon Water and for his personal dedication and involvement in our community. Bonnie Lohman is our vice-president, Mickie Gelsinger our secretary, Jennifer Rollins as treasurer and Carrie Reitz will assume the newly created position of event coordinator. Thank you all for taking these positions; better choices could not have been made.

There will be a lot going on this summer including a monthly pot-luck at the community center on the third Saturdays: June 20, July 18 and August 15 at 6:00 PM. These are also the dates of our board meetings this summer.

Our Community Center Needs Our Help!

When Pima County originally built the Mt. Lemmon Community Center, our community agreed to help find volunteers to man the Visitor Center area. We are asking (begging) for your help in following through on our commitment. **ANY** hours you can volunteer during the week Mon.-Thurs., but especially Sunday, would be helpful. Please consider your offer of help for a very worthwhile and urgent community need. It's fun, not scary... Do it with a friend! NO experience necessary... just a friendly and willing spirit! Please call or e-mail Fran Zimmerman 576-1334, 576-1333 Fran-zim@mindspring.com.

Be sure to check out a wonderful new addition to our community for the summer! Look for three beautiful draft horses and their classic carriage by the MLCC and take a ride through our neighborhoods. Kids of all ages will love it!



There remains one issue which needs to be resolved soon, and that is the replacement of our Echoes editors. Our current editors, Linda Currin and Carol Niehoff, agreed to take this position through this fall with the understanding we would find new editors, and we owe them a debt of gratitude. The Echoes is our very essential means of communication and the cement that binds us as a community. Please contact Linda or Carol for more information if you are interested. ~ Too much of a good thing is a good thing. ~

MT. LEMMON WILDFIRE DEFENSIBLE SPACE AND READINESS CHECKLIST

To increase our ability to protect you, we are asking for your help by participating in a “Self-Inspection Program.” It allows you to make your own determination on whether your property is in compliance or to see the work that is necessary to bring your property into compliance with the basic fire prevention standards. Below is a Fire Hazard Abatement Checklist, which you should use to determine what needs to be done in order for your property to meet these standards. You can also contact the MLFD Firefighters at 576-1201 to schedule a property hazard inspection.

A.	Property Access	Y	N
1.	Property is clearly marked with street address using 3” high reflective numbers and letters.		
2.	Driveway is at least 12 ft. wide with 15 ft. vertical clearance for emergency vehicles, and is free of obstructions.		
3.	If there is a gate, it is 2 ft. wider than the drive, opens inward, and has a key/code box if normally kept locked.		
4.	Fire engine can turn around on property or in the street.		
B.	Landscaping and Vegetation		
1.	All dry grass, needles and leaves are kept cleared at least a distance of 30 ft. from any structure.		
2.	From all structures the majority of native brush is cut and removed for a distance of one hundred (100) ft, or the property line as the terrain allows.		
3.	Some native brush may remain, provided the nearest branches of individual or small grouping of plants are at least 10 ft. apart.		
4.	The canopy of trees within the 100 ft. of defensible space, are raised 10 ft. from the ground or 1/3 of the tree.		
5.	Remove any portion of a tree that is dead and extends over a structure.		
C.	Structure(s)		
1.	Roof is constructed of fire resistive material, and is kept free of accumulations of leaves and pine needles.		
2.	Siding is constructed of fire resistive material.		
3.	Structures constructed of wood siding are well painted with quality latex paint.		
4.	Windows are dual pane with energy efficient glass to reflect heat.		
5.	Eaves are enclosed with a fire resistive material.		
6.	Attic vents and chimneys are screened (maximum 1/8 “screen) or otherwise protected.		
7.	Gutters are covered and/or clear of pine needles, leaves and any other debris.		
8.	Decks are enclosed or protected with fire resistant material and kept clear of flammable materials.		
9.	Remove that portion of any tree that extends within 10 ft. of any stovepipe or chimney.		
10.	Compost and wood piles are kept a minimum of 30 ft. from any structure.		
D.	Liquid Propane Tanks		
1.	Immediately around and under the tank provide total clearance to the soil for a distance of not less than 5 ft.		
2.	The remaining distance shall be maintained, grass is cut to three inches in height for a distance of 10 ft.		
3.	All other flammable vegetative growth or combustible debris should be removed for at least 10 ft, so it is not over-hanging or covering the tank.		
E.	Miscellaneous Items (Personal and Family Readiness)		
1.	Hydrant or other water supply is nearby, marked and available.		
2.	Know how to shut off propane tank.		
3.	Have an ABC fire extinguisher available and know how to use it.		
4.	Prepare and practice an individual/family evacuation plan with designated meeting place..		
5.	Update your medical information in your “File of Life” and display on refrigerator.		

Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club Lives the Spirit!

by President Linda Mulay

The GFWC-AZ state meeting held May 1-3 in Prescott, AZ was attended by Linda Mulay and Luann Waldron and 108 ladies from around the state. The focus of the meeting was to celebrate GFWC 125th anniversary. Thanks to the report writing of Luann, our club received the following six awards: Certificate of Appreciation for "Living the Volunteer Spirit," First place for GFWC Public issues Community Service programs, First place for Communication and Public Relations, Honorable mentions: Arts Community Service Program, Education Community Service, Home Life Community Service

Saturday, June 6th is MLWC's annual membership luncheon to be held at the D-1 cabin. Please come and join us at 11:30 AM and meet the wonderful ladies of our community. This event is open to all ladies of the mountain. Contact Fran Zimmerman, our chairman, with any questions. The following week, Sally Crawford has organized cabin tours for June 13th at 1:00 PM for members only. You need to join the club to enjoy this great event. Also, Carol Niehoff and Patsy Riley are working on the new directory for members only. Another reason to join the MLWC!

The quilt repair project is finished, and the quilt is hanging up in the Community Center. Thanks to Tina Hanks and all the ladies who accomplished this in such a short time.

On Friday, May 15th, 53 chemo caps were cut and sewn by 7 ladies from Mt. Lemmon and 10 from Linda Kent's sewing guild. Great job ladies!

The first BUNKO of the summer season will be Saturday, June 27th at 6:30 PM, at the MLCC. Bring snacks to share and your own drink. If you've never played, we'll teach you, so come join in the fun and comradery. Call Linda Mulay 576-1417 if you have questions.

Finally, many thanks to Jennifer Shacter for donating the beautiful afghan raffled off at the annual dinner in April. Congratulations to Hazel Rugg who won the prize! \$400 was raised and donated toward insurance for the MLCC.

Mt. Lemmon Water District Report

by Michael Stanley

WOW, what a homeowners' dinner! It was such a good party. The food was very good, especially the chicken and beef which were just wonderful. There were so many neighbors to connect with, just not enough time to visit with everyone. It looked like all present had a great time.

Summer is approaching, and soon everyone will be escaping the 100 degree Tucson weather to the cool of the mountain. Our water system has full storage tanks, and the springs are flowing above normal for this time of year. The small rains continue to keep the soil damp which helps mitigate the fire danger. The monsoon rains should come in about the 4th of July. Remember last year's wet start of the parade? Even with rain, the parade went on without a hitch and was very enjoyable. We hope the rains this year are normal and provide us with the moisture needed to keep both the fire danger at bay and provide good spring flow.

The Water District continues to add service connection tie-ins to our new main lines. We will be doing work in the Carter Canyon area and shutting down the old main line. When we complete this work, we will have all of these customers on the newest part of the lines, providing both better pressure and water quality.

Miami Fire Ignites 2015 Fire Season

by Rachael Biggs, USFS

The 4-acre Miami Fire was an eye-opening start to fire season on Mt. Lemmon. At about 2 PM on April 18, the Miami Fire started on private land and burned uphill through cheatgrass, ceanothus, oak brush, and downed logs before it was contained by firefighters at 8 PM. High fuel moistures and relative humidity kept the fire to only a few acres, but had it occurred later in the season, damage to both property and forest resources would likely have been greater.

Regardless of the cause or location of wildfires on Mt. Lemmon, we all share the risks. Thank you to everyone involved in the firefighting efforts; our continued collaboration is essential to successful forest management.

Members of the Mt. Lemmon community are encouraged to create defensible space and conduct FireWise treatments on their properties. Beginning after monsoons commence in July, woody materials can again be deposited at the community slash pile near the Mt. Lemmon Fire Station. Please coordinate with Mt. Lemmon Fire to arrange drop-off.

The fire outlook for the rest of the season remains unsettled. Meteorologists with Predictive Services at the Southwest Coordination Center indicate an abundance of fine fuels in the lower elevations brought on by fall and winter precipitation. After a relatively cool and wet spring, hotter and drier trends are expected in June. Monsoon onset is expected to be normal. Expected fire potential is above normal and focused in lower elevations, with fire potential in higher elevations before the onset of Monsoon. Additional information is available at: http://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc/predictive/outlooks/seasonal/Fire_Season_Potential_and_Outlook.htm

2015 Fourth of July Parade Is About Ready to Roll!

by Jennifer Shacter

To all who have asked... we're having our 40th Annual 4th of July Parade on Saturday, July 4th. The Woman's Club has sponsored this event for the past 39 years!! Since this IS the Fourth of July and we're celebrating independence, it is our honor to have members of the Pima Chapter, Arizona Korean War Veterans Association, serving as our Grand Marshals. Our very own new cabin owner, Norman Ross, is the Commander of this very special group.

Do you have any contacts with marching bands, clowns, baton twirlers, veterans' groups, scout troops, fiddlers, classic car groups, or has your own family considered a float? We hope to see kids, dogs, horses (maybe even mules) and mountain neighbors having fun and being patriotic! Want to be a part of the fun, but don't have your own parade entry? We have a HUGE need for drivers with vehicles (preferably convertibles, quads, and/or antique vehicles of any type) in anticipation of transportation of several parade participants down the parade route.

It's not too late to enter the parade!!! To volunteer, offer suggestions, or get answers to your questions, please contact Jennifer Shacter at [520-749-9233](tel:520-749-9233) (weekdays), [520-576-9329](tel:520-576-9329) (weekends), or kksown-er@gmail.com. Mail your entry form without delay (there's one in this publication) to: Jennifer Shacter, 8750 East Bear Place, Tucson, AZ 85749-9158.

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
Yourself _____

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** _____

Be Sure to Safely Dispose of Fireplace and Barbeque Ash

by Susie Pearce, FireWise Committee

A wood burning fireplace or wood stove is a wonderful item to enjoy during the fall, winter and chilly spring months. And many cabin owners also enjoy charcoal grilling during the summer. But remember to dispose of fireplace or barbeque ashes carefully, no matter what time of year!

Visit your local hardware store or the MLFD to purchase a sturdy ash bucket with lid, and follow the list of precautions below:

Safety Precautions When Handling Ashes from Fireplace or Grill:

Treat all ashes as hot.

Wait at least 24 hours after a fire before removing ashes.

Do not add live embers or combustible material to the ash bucket.

Place lid over the ash bucket to reduce the possibility of oxygen reaching a live ember or smoldering ashes in the ash bucket.

Store ash bucket (with ashes) in well-ventilated location as ashes may contain live coals (embers) which can emit carbon monoxide.

Do not place ash bucket (with ashes) next to anything combustible.

Pour a little water over ashes in ash bucket.

Allow ash bucket to sit for at least three days before disposing of ashes.

Dispose of **cold** ashes by bagging and placing in trash.

Gardeners may want to sprinkle ashes across garden beds or work into compost bins.

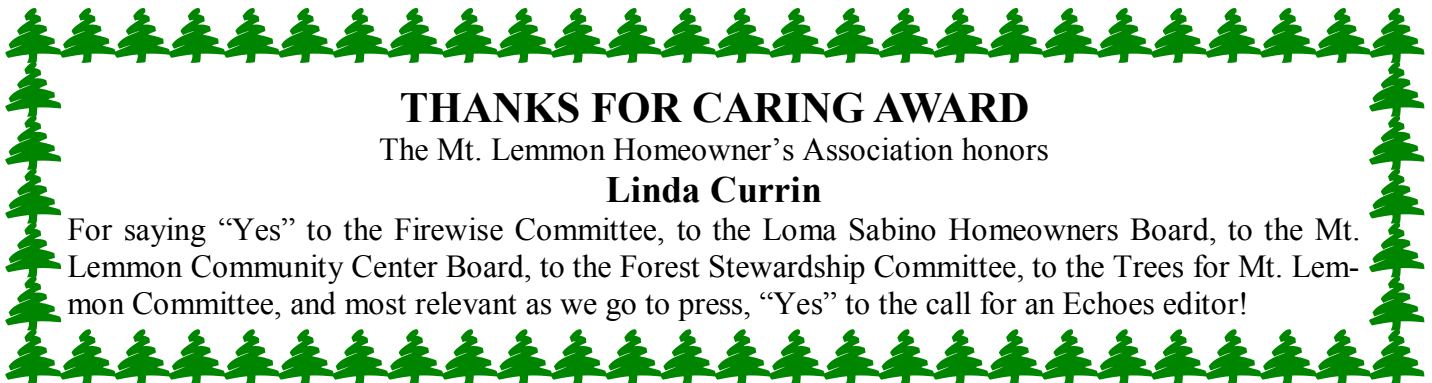
Follow these precautions, no matter the season, and keep your property and our mountain safe from fire!

Back in the Good Ol' Days....

by Jenni Avram

Back in the mid 70's, I must have been around 6 or 7, maybe? When the Mt. Lemmon Inn was around in Summerhaven, it had a large dance hall where on the weekends we would watch movies in black and white, then there were always dances. It was great! Chip Curry and the Summer Dogs would come up and play. I even learned how to play the SPOONS. Everyone on the mountain would come down and dance and dance until the weeeeeee hours. Poor Mom would always have to carry me out of the Inn after I fell asleep on one of the handmade benches. But it was a great time! Those sure were the GOOD OL' DAYS!

Do you have a "Back in the Good Ol' Days" to contribute?? Submit it for the July Echoes!



It's About Time!

by Stacey Contreras, Mt. Lemmon Paramedic

Did you know that approximately 2 million brain cells die each minute that blood flow is not restored to the brain during an ischemic stroke? Ischemic strokes account for roughly 90% of strokes, and occur when a clot blocks a blood vessel that is responsible for supplying the brain with blood. When this happens, brain cells don't receive the oxygen and nutrients they need in order to function properly or stay alive. Once brain cells become dysfunctional, the region of the body for which those cells are responsible, also loses the ability to function properly. The good news is, there are clot-dissolving drugs available to treat ischemic strokes. But in order to be given safely and work effectively, those drugs need to be administered within a narrow time frame (typically within 4.5 hours of symptom onset). So, when it comes to saving brain tissue during a stroke, it's all about time. Early recognition of stroke, and early activation of the 911 system can save lives!! Listed below are important signs of stroke, as well as controllable risk factors.

STROKE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body
 Sudden confusion, trouble speaking, or trouble understanding
 Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes
 Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination
 Sudden severe headache with no known cause

CONTROLLABLE RISK FACTORS

High blood pressure is the number one risk factor for stroke, because it's the number one cause of stroke. If you don't know what your blood pressure is, stop by the Mt. Lemmon fire station. We're happy to take it for you!

Smoking and use of other tobacco products. Current smokers have a 2 to 4 times increased risk of stroke compared to nonsmokers, or those who have quit for more than 10 years.

Uncontrolled diabetes. Uncontrolled diabetes causes vascular disease, which increases risk of stroke. Physical inactivity and obesity. Being inactive, obese, or both, can increase your risk of cardiovascular disease.

Excessive alcohol intake. Drinking an average of more than one drink per day for women, or more than two drinks a day for men raises blood pressure.

To learn more about your individual risk factors, speak with your primary care provider. Additionally, more information about stroke can be obtained from The American Stroke Association at <http://www.strokeassociation.org/STROKEORG/>

Awards in the News!

MLFD's own Michael Cuestas, CEP and firefighter par excellence, has a new award to crow about! Michael recently participated in the Top & Hop Beer Brew Challenge between police and firefighters in Arizona and won 2nd place overall for his Belgian Tripel! He would have won Crowd Overall for his Cucumber Beer but unfortunately it ran out before judging was completed. Hmmm, wonder what happened to all that beer? Congratulations, Michael!!



Brewers: Mike Cuestas, Dan Leade, Stacey Contreras

Palmer Lupine Favors Mt. Lemmon This Summer

by Pam Haskell

Frank Rose tells us this is the only lupine growing high in the mountains and is the most widespread lupine in Arizona. In Marshall Gulch right now there are the usual blue ones and some that are deep royal blue as well. Last year, some white ones were spotted at the Sunset Trail parking lot. This plant is a treat to see and is good for the soil as well.

Lupinus palmeri

Palmer lupine

Blooms: April to October

Elevation: 4,500'-5,700',
7000'-8450'

Habitat: Gravelly slopes, canyons, and clearings in oak woodland, pine forest, and mixed conifer forest.

Flower: 4" spike

Plant: 16"

This is the only lupine growing at higher elevations; it is most common and widespread in Arizona.

A deciduous perennial forb.



Pam Haskell

Excerpt from *Mountain Wildflowers of Southern Arizona* by Frank Rose.

Mission Accomplished!

by Tina Hanks

Some repairs were needed for one of our 10-year anniversary quilts in memory of the Aspen Fire, and I'm happy to say they have been completed! Now the quilt has been returned to its place of honor in our MLCC Visitor Center.

There have been many helping hands for this project, including those who helped take it down and return it to its place. Setting up tables, moving chairs around and rehangng the quilt, all not easy tasks! Those special helpers included Reuben Herrera, Michael Stanley, John and Linda Mulay and Barbara Tunison.

A group of really talented ladies did the repair work on the quilt. This involved sewing, quilting, and knotting with great care. Our group included Marty Cobb, Mary Lou Piatkiewicz, Linda Kent, Marie Ahmann, Jennifer Shacter, Sally Coulthard, Marion Kartchner and Tina Hanks.

Mary thanks to all who participated. Be sure to visit the center and look at all of the quilts hanging there to remember the Aspen Fire.

Summer Church Services and Bible Study Schedule Announced

by Larry Waldron

We look forward to having Sunday summer services in the community center beginning at 9 AM with a short time of fellowship to follow. All that enter our services will be blessed and befriended.

We had a tremendous response to our call for summer speakers. I don't recall filling this many dates so early, and our speakers come from diverse ministries. I am confident God will challenge us through His spoken Word.

7-Jun	Steve Wright	Family Life Radio
14-Jun	Steve Wilson	Retired NFL Referee, OVCN - over 50+ pastor
21-Jun	open	
28-Jun	Wade Remer	Wycliffe Bible Translators
5-Jul	No service	
12-Jul	Brian Goodall	4Tucson - prayer domain director
19-Jul	Al Story	Fellowship Square Tucson Chaplain
26-Jul	Steve Davis	Family Life Radio
2-Aug	Brent Michelson	OVCN Bible fellowship teacher
9-Aug	Steve Tanner	Family Life Radio
16-Aug	Dave Drum	4Tucson - church domain director
23-Aug	Bill Rupert	Waterwalking Ministries
30-Aug	Tom Simonson	Teen Challenge coordinator and pot-luck

We will also have a mid-week summer Bible study - dates and times are not finalized. The DVD study "Answers to Questions about Heaven" by Dr. David Jeremiah is an awesome series.

If you have and questions please call Larry or Luann Waldron, 275-8218 (cell)

Changing of the Guard

by Michael Stanley

I want to welcome all of you to the summer season and a slight change to the MLHOA's Board of Directors. I have taken the job of president after Jerry Taylor's 4-year term in office. During his term there have been many changes in our world and community. Jerry was able to continue the progress we have seen in our relationship with both the U.S. Forest Service and Pima County. Both of these agencies have a direct bearing on our mountain lives. Communication between us is essential in maintaining our understanding of issues that affect all of us. It is our responsibility to continue this important relationship because we are all intertwined. We wish to thank Jerry for his tenure as president of the MLHOA, and he will continue to serve as a board member. Please feel free to contact us with questions, comments or concerns.

We love having our community events. These gatherings are for all of us to enjoy. Please attend our regular events begun with the Memorial Weekend FireWise Block Party on May 23rd, and on to the 4th of July Parade, community pot lucks, and ending with the Labor Day Pancake Breakfast. Check out the Echoes Calendar of Events where you will find additional information throughout the summer. I look forward to seeing you at this year's festivities.

Thank you, and remember to conserve water and be careful with fire!

Questions and Comments Regarding the May Echoes Article on The ISO Ratings for the MLFD

Reader Faith De Lue sent in the following questions and comments regarding MLFD Chief Randy Ogden's article on the improved ISO (Insurance Service Organization) ratings for MLFD which has generated many positive comments and various concerns regarding some insurance company's stances:

"Great news regarding the MLFD ISO rating change. That rating change was not advantageous to properties that have been deemed by the insurance industry as 'being located in an area with greater than average fire exposure' as determined by Fireline reports. It is my understanding that these reports provide information on the three critical wildfire risk factors: fuel, slope and road access. What is the MLFD, MLHOA, & LSHOA recommendation for the properties designated as greater than average exposure? How can the community assist owners whose policies have been cancelled and/or have seen an increase in insurance premiums? Are Fireline fuel maps available to Mt Lemmon residents?" Sincerely Faith De Lue

Following is a reply to her questions from Chief Ogden:

"MLFD has had no influence on agencies that use Fireline for insurance ratings. It is my understanding that Fireline is a private company which provides information for insurance company underwriters. I have forwarded my concerns with the AZ State Fire Marshal's Office and the AZ State Forester's Office. Both stated that as government agencies, they have no influence on any private companies.

Fireline has never contacted MLFD with any inquiries. It is unfortunate, as we are able to actually walk properties and predict fire spread and thus make suggestions to property owners to make their properties safer.

ISO has been nationally recognized for many years as the fire rating system of the majority of U.S. fire departments and fire districts. It is the standard for evaluating performance and efficiency of emergency responders relating to fire prevention and fire suppression."

Individual homeowners are encouraged to check with their private insurers to determine coverage and possible changes due to the improved ISO ratings.

Refreshing Summer Mini Caprese Skewers On the Deck!

by Leah Keuroghlian

Ingredients:

Cherry or grape tomatoes
Mini buffalo mozzarella balls
Basil
Olive oil and/or balsamic vinegar
Tooth picks or small skewers

Thread a small cherry or grape tomato, a mini buffalo mozzarella ball (or half a one if they are too large) and a basil leaf on a toothpick. Drizzle balsamic vinegar, olive oil or a balsamic glaze over the cheese. The mini mozzarella balls (called perles) are available in the deli cheese section at most markets. If fresh basil is not available, you can substitute basil pesto paste. It comes in a tube and can usually be found in the produce area next to the fresh herbs. The paste works well too. Serve and enjoy!!

Tip: On the serving plate, place a doily or napkin under the skewers to absorb the excess oil or glaze.

Are There Ghosts on Mt. Lemmon? Part II

by Carol Korhonen

We pick up with the May Echoes story of Ghosts and Livie...

She kept backing up until she backed into the corn field and disappeared. Dad slammed into the kitchen and called the sheriff. I could hear him easily then because he sounded angry and upset.

"It's about Livie, Sheriff. She says she had a baby and it died! She has it in a damn shoebox and said she wanted me to help her bury it.

... No, she ran off into the corn field out back, so there's no telling which way she went.

... Well, of course I tried to get her to stay, but you know Livie. Half the time you can't talk sense to her, but Sheriff, that's not what worried me.

... Well, my gun is missing, the one I keep behind the bar.

... No, it couldn't have gone missing earlier because I checked that it was there right after closing last night, and Livie and I were the only two there cleaning up.

... Yeah, both my kitchen hands left early last night because they love to cook but hate to clean up, and I can do it twice as fast as they can, so I let them go ahead and go.

... Well no, I didn't check for the gun again after Livie left. She's never touched it before. I thought she was afraid of guns.

... I noticed it was gone today when I first opened up.

... Well, I didn't have time to call earlier. Livie never showed up for work today, and we were short staffed in the kitchen too. I've been running around like a chicken with its head cut off all night.

... No, she didn't look pregnant to me. She might have gained a little weight, but I didn't know she was pregnant. So, Sheriff, call me when you find her, ok?"

They found her body the next day, the shoebox gone, but the gun there in the ditch with her. The sheriff brought the gun back to my dad. I suppose they could tell if she had a baby if they did an autopsy, but I was just a kid then. No one told me anything.

It was an incredibly sad story, and that may be why I dreamed about her. It must have been a dream, but it sure seemed real. I dreamt I was sitting in the chair by the fire when I decided I needed a snack. All I could find to snack on were a couple of hard boiled eggs. They were already peeled and ready to munch on. Not what I had in mind, but better than nothing. I grabbed one and then found the salt shaker, empty. I got a paper plate and poured out a little pile of salt from the big blue salt container and finished off the egg by dipping it in the salt. Then I threw all the trash in the fire. Next I grabbed the blue salt container to put that away when I thought I heard a noise outside. I wasn't frightened because we have a security screen door with vertical steel bars – not just a screen. I opened the inside door and looked out.

(to be continued in July!)

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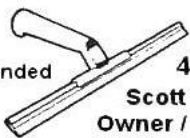
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The MLCC board would like to encourage local social & charitable use of the community center. The community center can be used at no charge, with approval, for our local events.

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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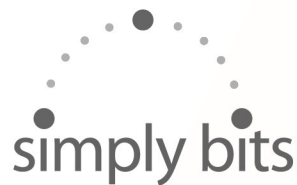
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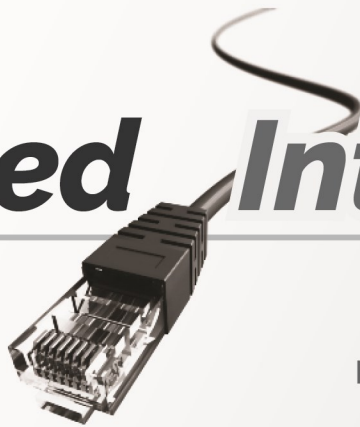
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The most visible product of the MLHOA is the **ECHOES**, a newsletter published ten times a year. The Association organizes social events such as potlucks, pancake breakfasts, ice cream socials and raffles, enabling owners to mingle. Members of the Board are: Jerry Taylor, president; Bonnie Lohman, vice-president; Jennifer Rollins, treasurer; Carrie Reitz, secretary; Mickie Gelsinger; John Mulay; Pete Krauss; Debbie Fagan; Glen Schager; Michael Stanley; Mike Bernstein; Bill Piatkiewicz; Jenni Avram; Carol Niehoff and Bob Gary.

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