

## The Mt. Lemmon Echoes

### **To the Rescue!**

Fallen off a cliff with broken bones? Lost at night off a trail in the Catalinas? Stranded in Sabino Canyon during a monsoon storm? You would be grateful if the Southern Arizona Rescue Association and John Perchorowicz found you. This amazing devoted volunteer personifies what SARA is about.

SARA was founded in 1958 after some local Boy Scouts became lost on Mt. Baldy in the Santa Rita Mountains during a freak snowstorm. Funded primarily by donations, its mission is to rescue anyone lost in the back country and educate kids to appreciate and understand how to behave in the outdoors. SARA is all about volunteers, ranging from ages 18 -68! Perchorowicz has been volunteering since the early 1980s when his first experience with rescue came after a terrible fatal accident occurred at Tanque Verde Falls.

The 182 current members of SARA are fit, enthusiastic hikers and team players with leadership skills, critical for search and rescue operations. This all-volunteer group has nine board members; John currently serves as treasurer. His orange shirt indicates member status, and he and other members must complete yearly medical and technical training. He is "on call" 24/7, 365 days a year, although he can turn down a call if he chooses.

Training to become a SARA volunteer is intense and not for the faint of heart! The difficult program includes orientation talks, hikes, classes, wilderness experience and medical and technical instruction. Trainees wear yellow shirts and accompany members until they pass all required tests which may take up to three years. All personal equipment such as clothing is the responsibility of volunteers, but trucks and technical equipment are provided by SARA.



If you need John, your first call is to 911. The Pima County Sheriff's Department has six search and rescue deputies. SARA volunteers are hikers but also divers and canines. SARA collaborates with the US Border Patrol, Tucson Police Department and many other government agencies. There is no charge for search and rescue services, so no one is discouraged from making that call, and many patients make substantial donations. John has participated in over 300 rescues during his years of service with SARA, mostly in Pima County and the Mt. Lemmon area. Check out the wonderful website: <http://sarci2.org/new/sara.htm>.

Perchorowicz's duty as a SARA volunteer is first to self, 2<sup>nd</sup> to his team, usually four members, and third, to the patient. His equipment must sustain him for 24 hours, including 1-2 gallons of water, patient needs, 3 light sources, appropriate clothing, and sleeping and climbing gear. 35+ pounds of gear! He will know the circumstances for the rescue and prepare accordingly and work with other men and women who also have pride and motivation for their efforts. His greatest satisfaction comes at the end of a mission seeing his patient successfully reunited with family and friends.

Averaging two rescues a week, some spare time? John serves on the Mt. Lemmon Fire Board and does consulting work for tech startup companies. He even hikes, travels and enjoys his Mt. Lemmon cabin. Hopefully you will never need John's services, but he'll be ready and willing if you do.

**Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Association**

by Michael Stanley, president

**July 2015****2nd - Full Moon****4th - 4th of July Parade - Noon****11th - BUNKO!****18th - MLWD -**

Board Meeting 8 AM

**- MLHOA -**

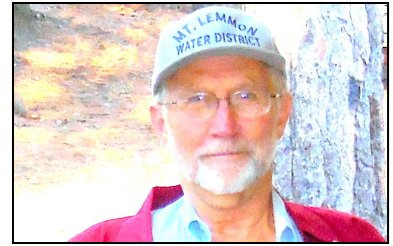
Board Meeting - 10 AM - MLCC

**- MLWC**

General Meeting 1 PM - MLCC

**18th - MLHOA Potluck**

6 PM - MLCC



Welcome to the first year of my presidency. I hope all goes well! As you have probably heard, the Fire-Wise Block Party was wonderful. The attendance was down just a bit from last year, probably due to the colder than normal temperatures. Now all of us are getting ready for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, sponsored by the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club. We have been parading for 40 years and plan for many more. This event marks our usual start for the monsoon rains. It is strange how wacky the weather has become. Drought and flooding seem to happen in the same breath. Fire danger is always high for the property owners. Be diligent in using fire and getting FireWised. The June 2015 Echoes had the Fire Readiness Check-list that all of us should use to help prevent or lessen our chances of wildfire. The Miami Fire was started by disposed fireplace or Bar-B-Q ashes. Please Be Careful With Fire! Be sure to read the Chief's and Water District's Echoes' Articles. They regularly provide information that keeps us informed on both fire dangers and water conservation measures.

**Mt. Lemmon Visitors Say Thanks!**

by Ron De Schalit and Dorothy Boager

A short time ago, we had some friends from Dubai come to Tucson, and we took them up Mt. Lemmon. They thoroughly enjoyed the views, and when everyone got hungry, we went to the Sawmill Run Restaurant for something to eat. Steven and the server staff did an outstanding job making them feel welcome, and they were impressed with the taste and quality of food that was served. Rachael and Steven not only have a creative menu, in addition to the standbys, they truly make their guests feel welcome and leave happy. We might add, despite the cold outside, the inside warmth was beyond reproach. Everyone left pleased with the awesome experience, and we wish them and the restaurant a long and happy legacy.

The Mt. Lemmon Fire Department is once again accepting your slash piles for burning. Call the station to arrange a time for delivery. 576-1201. Remember that they will NOT accept pine needles or construction materials. Be FireWise and clean up your property! Remember there are special ash cans available for sale at the fire station for \$20.00 for ash disposal. Important!!

**MLFD News Flash!!**

by Randy Ogden, Fire Chief

The Mt. Lemmon Fire Department PAID OFF OUR PIMA COUNTY LOAN ON JUNE 1ST! Last year, we paid off our line of credit AND the Fire Engine 315.

We have repaid all of our debt now! Whew!

## **2015 Fire Season Update**

by Rachael Biggs, USFS Forester

The Santa Catalina Ranger District is well prepared for the 2015 fire season. The SCR D has two fully staffed fire engines, a helitack crew, a fire prevention team, and a fire lookout trained and ready to respond to emerging fire incidents. The Santa Catalina Ranger District has also updated its equipment for the 2015 fire season; a brand new Type-6 fire engine just replaced the old engine of 9 years.

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 conditions developed in June. Monsoon onset is unpredictable with predictions showing normal monsoon development, late monsoon storms, or dry conditions persisting with rains punctuating and to some degree relieving dry periods. 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](http://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc/predictive/outlooks/seasonal/Fire_Season_Potential_and_Outlook.htm)

### **The Ice Has Broken!**

by Michael Stanley, MLWD

As the ice broke on the Santa Cruz, the mountain became the well-known summer retreat we all enjoy. This past month we saw an event rarely seen in these parts, JUNE RAIN. Almost a quarter inch of moisture fell from a small, early hurricane created in the Pacific. There was a chance of another storm that came up the Baja but it went into Mexico and on to Texas. The monsoon officially began June 15<sup>th</sup> but the storms are not quite ready to make the journey. Usually when we get early rains, the monsoon comes in a little later than the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. June and October are generally the driest months and the most difficult to depend on spring flows.

The water storage system is full. Normally, this time of year our spring flow drops off and the customer use increases. The springs are running above 20 gallons per minute and usage has just started to increase with the temperature climbing above 100 degrees in the valley. When the usage increases, sometimes we have lower pressure in the highest portions of the system. Installation of the newer 6 inch main lines will help remediate this problem. Please be sure to call if you have either quality or pressure problems.

### **Please, Please....**

Our community is fortunate to have a wonderful center which attracts visitors from around the world and also provides our various organizations, committees and the general population a meeting place for fun, discussion, parties, potlucks, church services, fundraisers and all manner of other opportunities. The Visitor Center is a place to showcase Mt. Lemmon's history, Internet access, storage for our groups, information for hikers, people looking for a good place to eat or shop, places to rent, and display for the beautiful commemorative quilts of the Aspen Fire. This Visitor Center should be open for the public, especially during the summer months. We have a loyal volunteer who staffs it on Fridays and Saturdays, but, it should be open more. Please, please volunteer an hour or two one day a month, or more if you can. If we can support many of the summer functions, we can do this too! Training is provided. You don't have to know all the trails or history, just enjoy talking with people, share pride in our mountain, and give something back. Call Fran Zimmerman at 576-1333 to offer your assistance. You will enjoy your experience!



## Mt. Lemmon FireWise Projects Requested!

by Glen Schager and Susie Pearce

The June rains shortened our fire season, but the added moisture sure did make the grass and brush grow. I don't know if it is the added moisture or just an increase over time, but the cheatgrass was more than I have seen before. During your stay on the mountain this summer, take some time to do some prep work to protect your home from future fires. Call it a "family project!"

### Summer FireWise Projects:

- Take a home inventory. This may not be a FireWise project, but it sure will save a lot of grief if your cabin ever does burn. There are phone apps for this, some free, or go to State Farm.com, do a search for "home inventory," and use what they have. At the very least, take inside and outside pictures of your cabin to document what is there. Not a bad idea to do this with your non-mountain residence also.
- Can you see your cabin's address number from the street? If not, trim overgrown vegetation covering or blocking the numbers. If you have no number posted, get it posted.
- Clean needles, leaves, etc. from decks. Rake under decks, porches, sheds and play structures.
- Screen or box in areas below patios and decks with wire screening no larger than 1/8" mesh metal (window screening) to help keep embers out in a fire. Do this also for attic vents.
- Rake and remove pine needles and dry leaves and brush 3-5 feet from the cabin foundation. Also, remove the pine needles from guttering and roof valleys.
- Get out your measuring tape and see how close wood piles are located to the cabin. If closer than 30', they need to be relocated to a 30' distance.
- On mature trees, remove low hanging branches so no part of the branch is closer to the ground than 6+ feet.
- Take the pine needles, brush, tree trimmings/slash to the burn area by the Mr. Lemmon Fire Department. Call 576-1201 to make arrangements.

After you have done all of the above, enjoy the mountain, knowing you have done all you could do to keep your cabin safe. It's out of your hands now.



## Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club Kicks off Summer Events

by Linda Mulay, president

The MLWC's annual membership luncheon, held Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, welcomed several new members. Thanks to chairman Fran Zimmerman and her helpers for organizing this event, and B. J. Singh for allowing us to use her beautiful D-1 cabin. Special thanks to the husbands who moved the chairs and tables for us.

Sally Crawford with the help of husband Bob, organized another wonderful cabin tour for our members, and the following for opening their beautiful cabins for us to tour: Beth and Tom Moore, Sandy and Pete Krauss, Sally and Chuck Moffett, Aranka Freimann, and Margy McGonagill and Garry Bryant. Following the tour we had a great party at Beth and Tom Moore's cabin in the TREES! Thanks again to the husbands (and Beth & Patsy) for carrying the chairs up the stairs and to all who helped get the chairs and tables back down on Saturday.

Our Done-in-a-Day Project for May collected clothing donations for the Kino Psychiatric patients to wear home. Thank you to all the members who donated to this very successful project.

Bunko will be Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM at the MLCC. We can always use white elephant gifts for this fun evening. And bring snacks to share.

Chemo-cap cutting and sewing will be Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM. We could sure use more help.

Next meeting is Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM at the MLCC.

## Heartfelt Thanks!

by Dennis Winsten

Thanks from the bottom of my newly refurbished heart to all my friends and neighbors for the wonderful surprise at the Iron Door dinner on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>.

It goes to show  
no matter how life wends,  
you're much better off  
if you have good friends.  
The surprise, the food was quite a plateful.  
For all of that I am very grateful.  
Blessings from Father Guido and Sister Linda too,  
with smiles and chuckles from the Summerhaven crew.  
Conversion was easy if you know the trick,  
with all of that stuff, I'm now Catholic!  
What else is it that a fellow can do  
but to say, in caps, "THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!"



## **Mt. Lemmon is Bear Country!**

by Randy Ogden, Fire Chief

The black bear is the only bear species still found in Arizona and the smallest and most widely distributed North American bear. It lives in most forest, woodland and chaparral habitats and desert riparian areas. Black bears generally roam an area of 7 to 15 square miles. Most conflicts are because people unintentionally feed bears, most often by allowing them access to household garbage or bird feeders. They raid dumpsters, garbage cans and grills looking for an easy meal. Bears might enter a building by breaking screen doors and windows looking for food they smell. Although uncommon, black bear attacks on humans occasionally occur, especially in areas where they come into frequent contact with people and their food.

### **What Attracts Them?**

Bears may visit areas of human use because they find food in unsecured garbage, birdseed, pet food, fruit trees and some gardens. Drought, wildfire and urban development can cause bears to roam farther in search of new food sources. Young bears sometimes travel long distances in search of an area not already occupied by another bear.

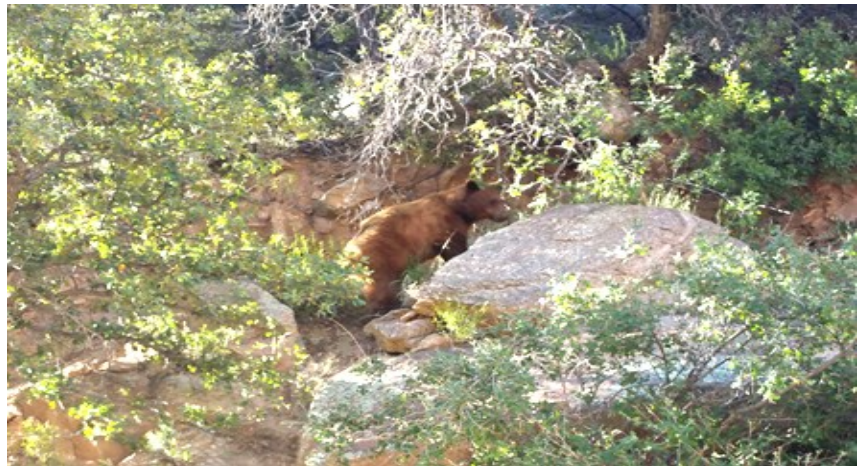


Photo by Capt. Jarrod Dorman a few weeks ago at MP 10

### **What Should I Do If I See a Bear?**

Black bears should always be considered unpredictable and potentially dangerous. A black bear will usually detect you and leave the area before you notice, unless the bear has been conditioned to people and their food. If you live in black bear country, take responsibility for not attracting them. Always work with your neighbors to achieve a consistent solution to the problem situation, and keep in mind that doing a combination of things is better than doing just one. All sightings of bears and mountain lions should be reported to AZ Game and Fish Dept. Their number is 623-236-7201.

### **To discourage a black bear, immediately:**

- Alter your route to avoid a bear in the distance.

- Make yourself as large and imposing as possible if the bear continues to approach. Stand upright and wave your arms, jacket or other items. Make loud noises, such as yelling, whistles, and banging pots and pans.

- Do not run and never play dead.

- Give the bear a chance to leave the area.

- If the bear does not leave, stay calm, continue facing it, and slowly back away.

- If a bear is in your yard, scare it away from inside the house, keeping the door closed.

### **In an emergency:**

- Call 911!

- If a black bear attacks, fight back with everything in your power – fists, sticks, rocks, pepper spray.

## The Parade is Almost Here!

by Jennifer Shacter

Pipers and ponies and dancers...Oh, My! Just some of the wonderful entries you may see as part of this year's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. What a wonderful honor for our mountaintop community this year... We have members of the Pima Chapter, Arizona Korean War Veterans Association as our Grand Marshals AND the 162<sup>nd</sup> ANG will begin our parade with a fly-by (weather permitting). Cover your ears and have eyes to the skies just before 12 noon for this breath-taking sight!

While the entry deadline may have passed, you never know how forgiving I'll be if you make a sweet telephone call and beg forgiveness for your late entry! Another reason to give me a call is to volunteer your time to help with parade check-in, traffic control, and/or crowd control, AND you'll still be able to watch the parade! I can be reached at (520) 749-9233 weekdays or (520) 576-9329 weekends and July 3<sup>rd</sup> up until the parade. I WILL NOT have access to e-mail after July 1<sup>st</sup>, so don't even try!

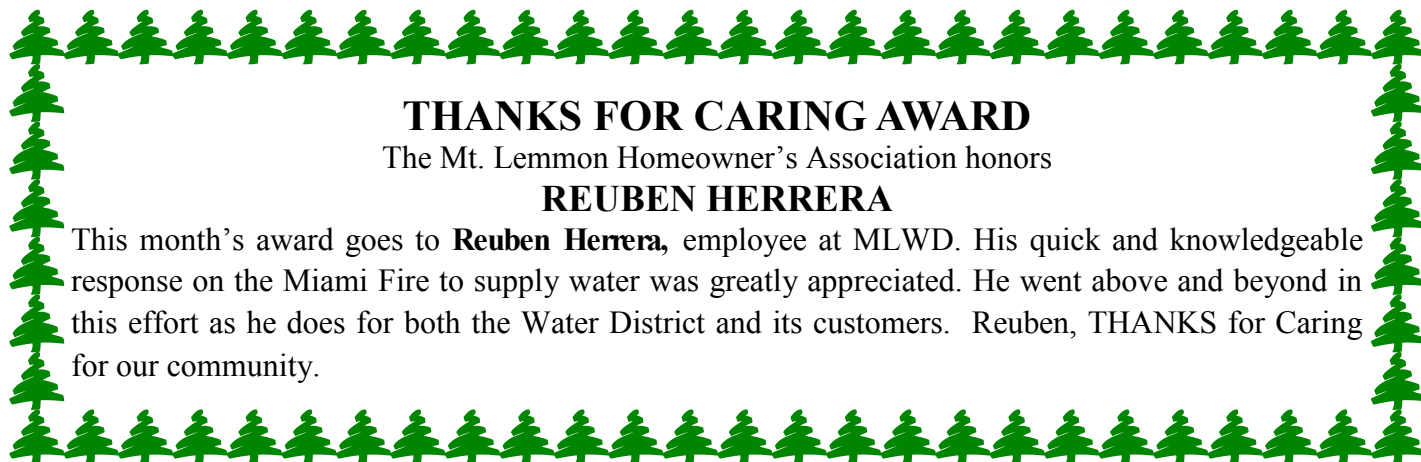
Of course, we'll have several special things happening on July 4<sup>th</sup> besides the parade. The Tucson Concert Band will be playing on the patio of the Mt. Lemmon Community Center beginning around 10:30 AM, so come up and enjoy the music. The Rockin' Star Ranch may have a petting zoo and pony rides for the kids set up in the flat area south of the MLCC all day long (nominal fee applicable). Walgreens will be back again this year with bottled water and other freebies near the MLCC mid to late morning. And, of course, the businesses in Summerhaven and Ski Valley will be open to serve the community and visitors!

The road into Summerhaven will close no later than 11:30 AM and reopen following the parade. Parking is limited, so plan to arrive early. Stay to enjoy a cool, summer afternoon and some delicious Mt. Lemmon fudge, cookies, pizza, chili, pie, some shopping, a sky-ride, etc....

## More Good Ol' Days....

by Jenni Avram

When I was in elementary school at the one room school house, it was great! We would always start out with a lot of kids, and then after the first good snow fall, they would leave! The kids would say, "My parents say it's too cold up here!" So the rest of us would all hang out and go all over the mountain like a little gang of dirty mountain kids!! (Of course my mother doesn't think this is an appropriate thing to remember!!)



### THANKS FOR CARING AWARD

The Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Association honors

### REUBEN HERRERA

This month's award goes to **Reuben Herrera**, employee at MLWD. His quick and knowledgeable response on the Miami Fire to supply water was greatly appreciated. He went above and beyond in this effort as he does for both the Water District and its customers. Reuben, THANKS for Caring for our community.





Photos by Henry Johnson



## Take Time to Smell the Columbine!

by Pam Haskell

Frank Rose suggests we look for his flowers of the month in bloom NOW on the mountain. There are several species of columbine to search for. The Golden Columbine is abundant, but you will have to search for the red Desert Columbine. And, if you are very astute and determined, you may find the hybrid cross between the Golden and the Desert Columbines. The golden species looks outward, while the desert species points down. The hybrid is red but points outward like the Golden Columbine.

Last sightings of the red Desert Columbine were at the steps of the fire lookout, and on the Butterfly Trail about a mile in as well as on the Palisades Trail.

When you find a Columbine of any color, take the time to smell the flower. It has one of the sweetest scents of any flower on the mountain.

### *Aquilegia chrysantha* Golden Columbine

**Blooms:** April to September

**Elevation:** 2,900', 5,000'-8,800'

**Habitat:** Moist soils along streams and seeps in riparian scrub, oak-pine woodland, pine forest, and mixed conifer forest.

**Flower:** 2 ½" wide, 3" long

**Plant:** 2 1/2'

This is the most abundant columbine on Mt. Lemmon. Note the sweet smelling flowers. A deciduous perennial forb.

### *Aquilegia desertorum* (*A. triternata*) Desert Columbine

**Blooms:** July to September

**Elevation:** 6,600'-7,700'

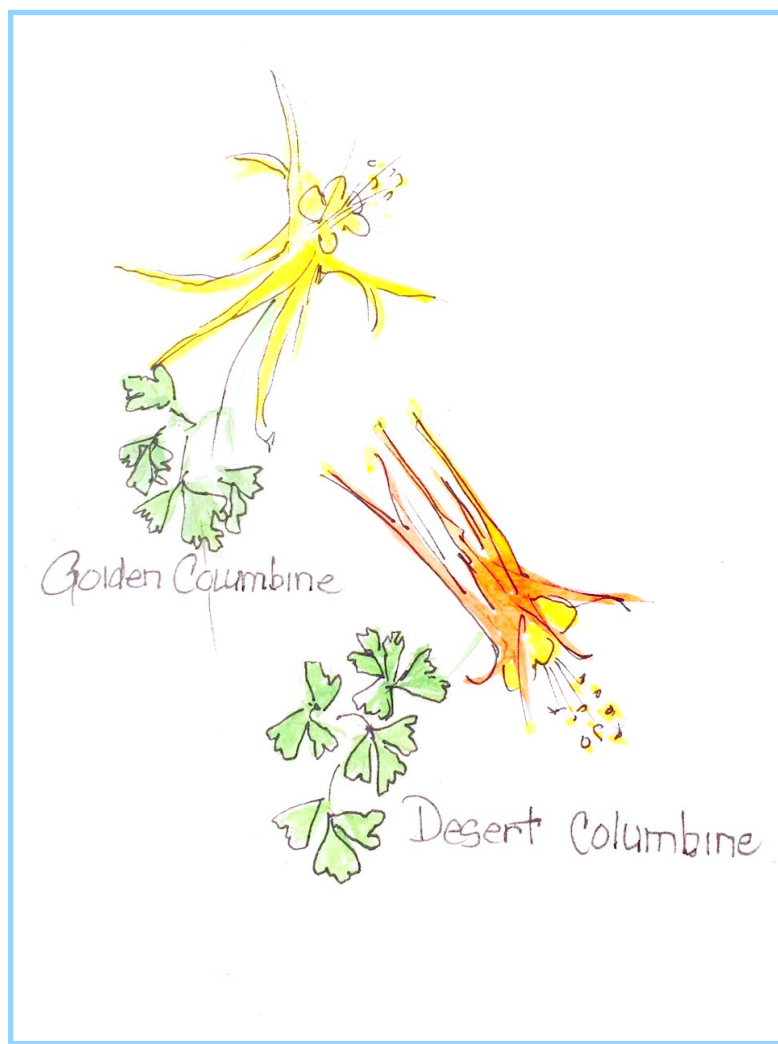
**Habitat:** Mesic slopes and drainages in oak-pine forest, pine forest, and mixed conifer forest.

**Flower:** 2 ¼" wide, 3" long

**Plant:** 2'

**Flower Color:** Varies from yellow through orange to red. There are relatively few areas in the Catalinas where this species grows.

A deciduous perennial forb.



Pam Haskell

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

## Summer Church Services and Bible Study Update

by Larry Waldron

Summer services have gotten off to a hot start. Please consider worshipping with us in the community center beginning Sundays at 9 AM with a short time of fellowship to follow. The world seems to be spinning off its axis with strife in diverse places. God has the answer for us.

5 Jul	No service	
12 Jul	Brian Goodall	4 Tucson – 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 are continuing our mid-week summer Bible study – Thursdays at 5:30 PM. The DVD study “Answers to Questions about Heaven” by Dr. David Jeremiah is an awesome series. Please call for the next location: Larry and Luann Waldron, 275-8218 (cell)

### Summer Restaurant News

The **Cookie Cabin** introduces “Cookie of the Month,” and features July’s Red, White and Blue Sugar Tart Cookie, a new creation of raspberry and blueberry tart in our traditional sugar cookie. Yum!

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual **Dust ‘n Dine** tickets for the benefit of the Fire District are on sale at Ski Valley or the General Store. See Lorri Hans for details.

**Iron Door** special dinners are scheduled for July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, August 14<sup>th</sup> and September 4<sup>th</sup>. Watch listserv announcements for details.

The **Sawmill Run Restaurant** is serving breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings from 9 to 11:30 AM, including specialties such as bread pudding French toast, smoked salmon bagels and chicken fried steak.

### 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.

## Sawmill Hill

With two bridles across my shoulder, I traversed down into the valley,  
listening for the sound of a bell, looking for our horses, Lady and Honey.  
My practical father, harking back to his farm days, had belled Lady  
and turned both horses out to graze on the valley below Red Ridge.

Sometimes sliding as I scuffed along, I found a deer skull, bleached  
white and shining. Someone had strung a piece of bailing wire  
through its empty eye sockets. Who could have done that?  
Fascinated, I slipped it over my shoulder along with the bridles.

At the bottom of the valley, no longer hearing Lady's bell tinkle,  
I abandoned the search. Far above me, fleecy clouds raced  
across a sky of purest blue. Struck by a new idea, I vowed to stand  
upon the summit of Sawmill Hill and watch the sun go down.

The metal bit of the bridle clacked against the white deer skull  
as I climbed up and over the boulders. And when I stopped to rest,  
I laughed to think of a goat leaping over these rocks long ago.  
The sun slipped out from behind the clouds to laugh with me.

I scrambled up. Each rise gained revealed another yet unconquered.  
Pine trees on the crest above me seemed to vanish as I ascended,  
like those wearisome preachers who hurry on for greener pastures.  
The sun dodged behind a cloud again, cooling the sweat on my back.

Childhood goblins snatched at my heels, urging me on.  
Breathless, at last I stood on the summit of Sawmill Hill.  
Across the shadowed valley the fiery globe still burned.  
I watched it slip below the pines, its wake a sea of red.

The light was gray, earth's colors brown and green melding  
into shadow, when at last I started down the slope to the corral.  
A sympathetic sky shed its purple. Across the valley a lonely star  
trembled on a fringe of pine, glistening on the velvet cheek of night.

A half moon cast pine tree shadows across my path, and then  
I looked back. Sawmill Hill rose above me, dark and immutable.  
After I hung the bridles and deer skull on a hook in the tack room  
I started walking down the road, headed for my father's store.

— Mary Ellen Barnes  
Mount Lemmon, Arizona

When I climbed Sawmill Hill described in this poem, I was seventeen. We lived at the Pine Tree Lodge, and that night in bed I scribbled out an account of this pivotal experience in the dark. This poem is my revision of that early work.

MLB



## **Are There Ghosts on Mt. Lemmon? Conclusion Part III**

by Carol Korhonen

And now for the final chapter of Ghosts and Livie...

I was trying to shout at her, but my throat seemed paralyzed. She was coming closer, and I wanted to run but couldn't seem to do that either. She was almost to the porch when I threw up my hands to ward her off, and the salt, which I forgot I was still holding, fanned out through the air. Livie moaned and took a step back. Now I could see tiny red welts on her arms, legs and face. It looked like the salt burned her. I held the salt container in both hands and tossed more salt through the air. Livie was slipping toward the pines quickly now. My hands were shaking so hard I spilled a good deal of the salt before I could get back inside and lock my door. I locked the door right away, but I wondered what good that would do against something like Livie. I didn't know what she was now or where she came from, but I was pretty sure a locked door wasn't much protection.

I went to the bedroom to tell my husband John what happened. Unfortunately, he never fully wakes up until he's been up for an hour and had some coffee. I shook him and called his name, but he refused to open his eyes. When I told him I'd seen Livie's ghost, he mumbled something about not believing in ghosts. Well I really don't believe in ghosts either, at least I didn't until I saw Livie standing under the pines. He muttered something about just a dream then turned over and started snoring.

It seemed best to agree with him. After all, it must have been a dream. Maybe I fell asleep by the fire and dreamt the whole thing. Still, I decided I wouldn't go back out into the front room. I didn't want to be out there by myself. I slid down under the covers. It was warm and cozy, but it took a long time before I could fall asleep.

When I woke up again it was a bright, sunshiny morning. John was up already, and I could smell the coffee. All ghosts and ghoulies were banished to the realm of bad dreams where they belonged. Today we were packing up and heading back to town. John and I both had commitments that we couldn't avoid, but it was always hard to leave the beauty of the mountain. I was checking the cabin for forgotten items as John started for the car with our tote bags. He opened the door and stepped out on the porch, but then he stopped. I watched as he reached down and touched the porch. Then he stood up; rubbed his fingertips together and touched them to his mouth.

**"Hey, who threw salt all over the porch?"**

## **Flash Facts about Lightning**

from Sal Caccavale

Organized by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and other partners, Lightning Safety Week is held the last full week of June each year. Lightning is one of the leading weather-related causes of death and injury in the United States. Most people do not realize that they can be struck by lightning even when the center of a thunderstorm is 10 miles (16 kilometers) away and there are blue skies overhead.

Did you know:

- that rubber shoes do nothing to protect you from lightning?
- that talking on the telephone is the leading cause of lightning injuries inside the home?
- that standing under a tall tree is one of the most dangerous places to take shelter?

**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](mailto: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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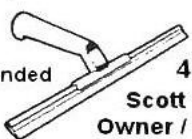
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**Mt. Lemmon Community Center**

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.

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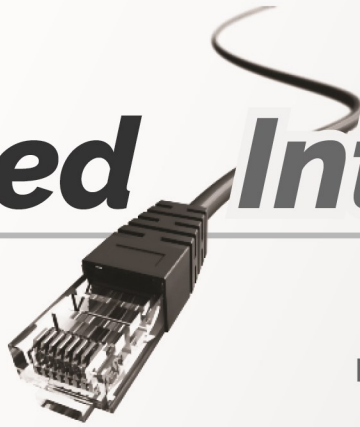
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The most visible product of the MLHOA is the **ECHOES**, a newsletter published ten times a year. The Association organizes social events such as potlucks, pancake breakfasts, ice cream socials and raffles, enabling owners to mingle. Members of the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

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