

The Mt. Lemmon Echoes

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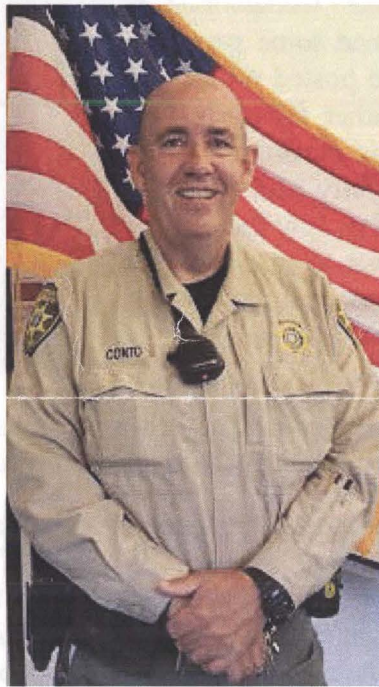
He stops you for going over the speed limit or chats with you at a mountain function. Pima County Sheriff's Deputy Dave Conto's genuine smile and friendly demeanor is the real deal. The Mt. Lemmon community is lucky to have this dedicated and devoted servant in its midst.

New Jersey, British Columbia, a variety of experiences as a youngster. Then Dave Conto met Globe, AZ, where during high school, he learned to cook at the famous Ardell's while his dad worked in the mines. Dave's talented tenor voice sent him to sing with Up with People from 1979-1980, as his cast performed at a Super Bowl game! He probably won't sing for you now, but you could ask.

Short order cook, mining surveyor for new claims, installing sheetrock. Then after two years at the U of A and working construction, Conto joined the AZ Air National Guard and became interested in law enforcement, and the rest is history. Next step was the U. S. Border Patrol which in turn led him to the Pima County Sheriff's Department as a corrections officer in 1987. Working in the jail, courthouse, medical transport; a little bit of everything provided excellent experience for his future. Dave asked for special training in a variety of areas and received dozens of certificates of merit for his studies. In 2001, he received detective status, finding his niche in investigative work, especially in arson cases.

You ask, “How did you get a job working on Mt. Lemmon?” Quick response. He “fought” to earn

the position in 2010 and intends to stay as long as he's allowed! His experiences and training through the years provided Conto with tools to work in this rural setting, doing everything any deputy sheriff would do: taking care of people, acting as jack of all trades, dealing with the public.



Being a sheriff on Mt. Lemmon is definitely not your “average” workday. Conto is on call 24/7 when on duty, and that doesn't just mean 4 10 hour shifts. He acts as a tour guide, visits and assists residents, checks cabins and campgrounds at least twice a week, and helps people whenever needs arise. This multi-agency effort includes the PCSO, MLFD, USFS, highway department, U of A and other federal agencies. Mt. Lemmon has the same crimes and problems as any other place, but on a little different

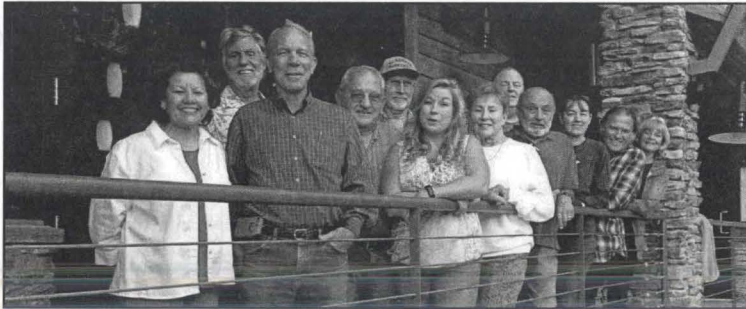
scale. “It's a wonderful place to work because of the people,” says Conto.

A deputy's worst nightmare involves investigating a death, and Conto had to face two of those incidents on Mt. Lemmon during his years of service. He also spent three months as lead investigator of the Aspen Fire because of his expertise as arson investigator. Helping people who are lost on trails or getting stuck in the snow, Dave Conto finds humor and fulfillment in his everyday work on Mt. Lemmon. Spare time finds him enjoying his two grands and special travel opportunities with his wife.

He's driven by what **other** people do and gets paid for **loving** what **he** does. Thank you, Deputy Dave.

Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Association

by Michael Stanley, president



Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Association Board

Summer is in full swing, and we have had some good monsoon action. Pam at the post office posted 6" for the season. The bigger storms the weather folks predicted did not happen, although hurricane moisture did hit the Wickenburg and Phoenix areas pretty hard with major flash flooding. The 40th annual 4th of July Parade was wonderful, but we did get a little wet towards the end. Well, okay, we were in a downpour, and yet the parade finished. A special thanks to all who participated and all the volunteers who made it happen.

The Woman's Club sponsored this event, Jennifer Shacter was great as parade coordinator, and the F-16 fly-by brought goosebumps. Maybe next year we might get through the parade without getting wet!

Several amazing things occurred this past month. A homeowner's family dog got lost just before the 4th, and posters went up all around the area. Wrigley, their small timid kind of dog disappeared, and the frantic owners enlisted 50 friends and family along with the search and rescue dogs to help find him. The owner then had a brilliant idea, so he went to Tucson, brought up some of the family's dirty laundry and placed it and some food, water and the dog's bed on the deck of the cabin up in Sabino Canyon. The solution worked, and the happy family soon found Wrigley waiting for them. Such a great story with a happy ending!

3rd Saturdays of June and July were busy and popular with the community. The MLWD, MLHOA, and the MLWC's monthly board meetings in the morning are followed by the evening's potluck. Many families enjoy the mountain during this time, so it's a great opportunity to enjoy these fun events, sponsored by the MLHOA, and coordinated by Carrie Reitz. Our next potluck will be August 15th. You are always welcome to attend and meet your neighbors.

The Pima County road crew has patched most of our interior roadways this past month. Locals have commented about the driver who runs the street sweeper having one of the best jobs around. He keeps the roads clear and ready for the patching crew.

In closing, all members really wish to keep our mountain Echoes newsletter up and operating. No one has officially stepped up to take the editor's job yet, but there are a few willing to help put it together. If you are one of them, please contact Carol or Linda as soon as possible. They're both happy to provide training to help you along. We must keep publishing the Echoes because it's our connection to the homeowners and community. And besides, it's a fun job!!

Please enjoy your time on the mountain this summer! Hope to see you at our next event.

August 2015



15th - MLWD -
Board Meeting 8 AM

- MLHOA -
Board Meeting - 10 AM - MLCC

- MLWC
General Meeting 1 PM - MLCC

15th - MLHOA Potluck
6 PM - MLCC

22nd - BUNKO!
6:30 PM - MLCC

29th - Full Moon

.It RAINED on Our Parade, AGAIN!

by Jennifer Shacter, parade coordinator

IT RAINED ON OUR PARADE for the second year in a row! Not before, but during! Mother Nature really wanted to be a part of the 40th Annual Mt. Lemmon 4th of July Parade, and not just a small part either. Perhaps it was Wet Willy the Water Drop that encouraged her very active appearance halfway through the parade. Whatever her reasons, without thunder or lightening, the parade went on, and no one seemed to mind the heavy rain and street flooding that lasted until the final entrants crossed the finish line.



Wonderful patriotic music provided by the Tucson Concert Band at MLCC set the stage for parade goers, and Walgreen's provided welcome goodies, including ice cold bottled water. The popular Rockin' Star Ranch readied a much-appreciated petting zoo, pony carousel, and horseback rides which were available throughout the day. Thankfully, no one was deterred by the wet weather!

Two F-16s from the 162nd AZ Air National Guard thundered straight up the parade route at noon, breathtaking and very much appreciated. Many thanks to Dennis Winsten for his persistence in obtaining The Pentagon's approval this year to make our parade so special. Many tears and goosebumps!

Thanks to the Sons of the American Revolution (Parade Color Guard) who carried wonderful American flags through the years, followed by patriotic kazoo players from the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club (Parade Sponsor). "Best Wet T-Shirts" award by parade's end?

Parade Grand Marshals were members of the Pima Chapter, AZ Korean War Veterans Association, fitting thanks to some of our nation's oldest living veterans! Their specially constructed "float" was decorated by our very own mountain residents, Norm & Ann Ross, and driven by Leroy Day. Susan and Mark Shomo of Palo Verde Signs provided banners for this float.

The traditional 35 minute parade included pipers and drummers, children of mountain residents, Mt. Lemmon-based businesses and organizations, old friends and new, community service and public service vehicles, Smokey Bear and Santa Claus! Crowd favorite again? The Mt. Lemmon Blowhards, who brought with them The Walkettes. The Rockettes in NYC better watch out...these ladies are gunning for your job! And who didn't love the "Grill Scouts" – the happy campers from Girl Scouts of So. AZ, Camp Whispering Pines, and those yummy cookies they made especially for this occasion? You have to love the creativity and humor behind those two entries! Maybe that's why Mother Nature joined in. After the parade, several groups commented they couldn't wait until next year, AND they enjoyed the rain!

My thanks to ALL the wonderful volunteers who helped make the parade so memorable AND manageable. You know who you are; this couldn't have happened without your help. MLCC decorations showed our holiday spirit, Tucson Concert Band music prior to the parade got everyone in a patriotic mood, parade check-in assistance and staging of parade entrants, well-seasoned parade emcees, crowd volunteers along the parade route, traffic control at start and finish, and the 34 parade entrants all made for a wonderfully memorable 4th of July Parade in true Mt. Lemmon tradition.

And the Winners Were....

What would our 4th of July Parade be without Parade Awards? Four judges were chosen at random from among parade viewers to give their opinions and rate/rank each of this year's 34 parade entries. All parade participants were to receive a Certificate of Appreciation for their participation in this year's parade, but the rains destroyed the original certificates as they were being handed out at the finish area, and efforts are under-way to make certain everyone gets a fresh, dry certificate. Special certificates were awarded in three categories – Original, Patriotic, and Humorous. And the winners were:

Original

- 1st Place – Sol Axe' (Brazilian-inspired dancers & drums)
- 2nd Place – Tucson Highlanders Pipes & Drums
- 3rd Place – Anderson Family Grandkids

Patriotic

- 1st Place – Sons of the American Revolution
- 2nd Place – Reitz Beach Bunch of Carter Canyon
- 3rd Place – Pima Chapter, AZ Korean War Veterans Association

Humorous

- 1st Place – Mt. Lemmon Blowhards with The Walkettes
- 2nd Place – "Grill Scouts" (GS of So. AZ, Camp Whispering Pines)
- 3rd Place – The Lemmon Heads

Many thanks to all who participated in the 40th Annual Mt. Lemmon Fourth of July Parade. We look forward to seeing all of you again next year. It's never too early to begin planning what YOUR family, friends, or business will do for Parade 2016!!!

Mt. Lemmon ISO 3 Designation Information Update

by Pat Klein

At the MLHOA dinner last April, Mt. Lemmon Fire District Chief Randy Ogden advised attendees that the Fire District received an ISO 3 designation. He encouraged cabin owners to check with their insurance agents to determine whether this new designation might have a beneficial effect on coverage. I recently called my agent, who asked for verification of the ISO 3 designation. I called the Fire District, and within a few minutes the verification letter I needed was faxed to me. While I haven't yet received an answer as to what effect this may have on my rates, it was a very simple process to get started, thanks to Firefighter Mike and the Chief.

Once Again, Please, Please....

The Mt. Lemmon 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, especially during the month of August. 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!



Photos by Henry Johnson

Welcome Incoming Coronado National Forest Supervisor Kerwin Dewberry

By Heidi Schewel, USFS

The Coronado National Forest announces Kerwin Dewberry will serve as the new Forest Supervisor and begin duties next month.

Dewberry, a native Alabaman, has served as Deputy Forest Supervisor for the Tonto National Forest since August 2012. Kerwin's strong background in partnerships, restoration, and fire management were particularly valuable to the Tonto National Forest.

After completing his Environmental Science degree with Alabama A & M University, Kerwin had the opportunity to work in Las Vegas, Nevada, for several summer seasons through a cooperative education program. Since then, he has served in various positions through details and permanent assignments which included natural resource specialist, resource staff officer and wildlife biologist positions on the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest; a supervisory recreation specialist on the former Toccoa Ranger District of the Chattahoochee National Forest; deputy district ranger on the Sacramento Ranger District, Lincoln National Forest; and district ranger on the High Cascades Ranger District, Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest.

"An area I have always focused on is working with partners and collaborative groups. As deputy forest supervisor on the Tonto, I had extensive opportunities to develop external and internal partnerships with the public, city and county leaders, and state and federal agencies."

Kerwin is married to his wife, Kim, and they have two children, Kerwin Jr., and Kierra. Outside of professional interests, Kerwin enjoys spending time with his family, travelling, watching football, and playing golf.

The Coronado National Forest is comprised of 12 "sky island" mountain ranges in southeastern Arizona and southwestern New Mexico, divided geographically into five units called "Ranger Districts." The Forest Supervisor's Office in downtown, Tucson, oversees and supports the business of all ranger districts. Kerwin's reporting date is August 3, 2015.

August Summer Church Services and Bible Study Schedule

by Larry Waldron

Summer services are being held through the month of August. Please worship with us in the community center beginning at 9 AM on Sundays with a short time of fellowship afterward. All are welcome for this non-denominational service.

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

Our mid-week summer Bible studies also continue on 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)



Be FireWise with Vegetation Around Homes!

by Susie Pearce and Glen Schager

In taking walks around Summerhaven we have noticed many new homes going up. It is so nice to have new residents in the community, and we welcome you to this beautiful mountain we know as home. We have also noticed a lot of new vegetation planted very close to the homes. Please be aware of "Firewising" your beautiful new homes. I know you would hate to lose them to fire as so many of us did in the Aspen Fire. If we had only had this knowledge back then, many of us would still have our previous homes. We were not that fortunate, but we now have the ability to share our experiences as well as give you professional information gathered through professional FireWise organizations. The information below is from a "FireWise Community" located in Arizona.

Zone 1. 0 - 10 feet from buildings, structures, decks, etc.

- Remove native brush from under trees.
- Trim all trees to where the lowest branches or canopy are above the roofline.
- Tree canopies shall be a minimum of 10 feet apart.
- Trim or prune shrubs/vegetation to a maximum height of 2 feet and provide a clear space around each plant of a least 4 feet. Shrubs that normally grow taller than 2 feet shall be removed rather than being improperly pruned. Exception: Cultivated ground cover does not require clear space.
- Remove all dead materials.
- Remove all combustible materials and vegetation from under decks.
- Remove native brush and grass within 10 feet of buildings, structures, and decks.

Zone 2. 10-30 feet from buildings, structures, decks, etc.

- Remove all ladder fuels by trimming, pruning up or removing vegetation from under trees. Distance to the lowest tree branches shall be a minimum of 3 times the shrub height.
- Trim tree limbs a minimum of 6 feet from the ground.
- Tree canopies shall be a minimum of 10 feet apart and no closer than 10' to any structure, unless trimmed above the roofline.
- Reduce the continuity of fuels by removing dead material and removing/thinning shrubs so that a person can walk between them. Creating islands of shrubs/vegetation for wildlife habitat is recommended.
- Cut grasses to a maximum of 4 inches above the ground level.
- Where vegetation is greater than 4 feet in height, create a clear space around each plant (or group of plants), twice the height of the plant in width.
- On slopes greater than 20% gradient, vegetation treatment shall be extended an additional 100 feet to a total of 130' from the structure, or to the property line, if less than 130 feet.
- Remove the top or most recent layer of un-decomposed (light colored) pine needle or leaf droppings. The underlying darker, decomposing material should remain undisturbed.

Remember, always follow the FireWise guidelines and principles to protect your structure, new or old, and keep our mountain safe and green, and lessen the danger of wildfire.

Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club's Amazing Adventures

by Linda Mulay, president

Our June meeting started off with Larry Waldron showing a power point presentation on the history of GFWC. It is truly amazing all of the things this group of women have accomplished. We are proud to be a part of such a powerful organization.

The MLWC has supported a community project each month:

May: clothing donations collected for the Kino Hospital Psychiatric patients.

June: needed items donated for the Emerge Center for Domestic Abuse.

July: donated items for the Sister Jose Women's Center dedicated to the care and nurture of homeless women within our community.

We continue to make chemo caps for the cancer centers of Tucson.

Bunko is a social, fun event that many members of our Mt. Lemmon community continue to enjoy monthly. Several of our members helped with the cheatgrass pull at the end of June by supporting this event.

MLWC sponsored another successful Fourth of July parade! Dennis Winsten arranged for us to have the inspiring fly-by to start the event. In spite of the downpour of rain, all of the 34 participants hung in there and most of the parade observers stayed to the end. Everyone was soaked but had smiles on their faces knowing we needed the rain. Thank you to Jennifer Shacter for all her efforts which takes a lot of time and coordination on her part. And thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this a success.

The June meeting concluded with Linda Kent teaching us how to make crocheted necklaces. Linda will email the instructions to anyone wanting to learn to make these.

Calendar of events;

August 8th - Southern District board meeting in Benson, Arizona

August 15th - 1:00 PM, MLWC general meeting MLCC

August 21st - 9:30-2:00 PM, sewing and cutting chemo caps.

August 22nd - Bunko 6:30 PM, MLCC

THANKS FOR CARING AWARD

The Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Association honors

Mike Bernstein

for his dedication to the community. As Co-founder of **Simply Bits**, Mike has brought high-speed Internet service to Mt. Lemmon and free WiFi service to the Community Center. A positive force in Summerhaven, Mike continues to seek opportunities to enhance our time on the mountain. Recently, he activated the old pay-phone at the Post Office for free calls to Tucson. Thanks, Mike!

Storing Emergency Water

by Michael Stanley

Water is everywhere, and the vegetation has added an intense green color to the mountain. Our springs are running and the water tanks are full. We are in the process of connecting services to the main line on Carter Canyon Road. This project will allow us to abandon the old main line that was installed in the 1940's. Most of the work is in the roadway and we will be digging up spots for tie-ins to our newer main line. We will notify customers when the road is to be temporarily closed or of possible water outages. Remember to keep a few gallons of bottled water for your use if you happen to be in the affected areas.

You also may see us doing main line flushing during the week. Flushing helps maintain the quality of our water. Sometimes this process will cause outages of 15 to 30 minutes. We generally flush during the weekdays but if there is a quality problem, you might see us flush on a weekend. Again, please keep several gallons of bottled water on hand for temporary outages.

Please call us if you have a water issue at 576-1538, and have a wonderful time over the rest of this summer.

A Super Duper Lightning Strike

by Larry Waldron

The estimated peak power per lightning strike is 10^{12} watts (1,000,000,000,000 watts or 1,000 Giga Watts). The total energy in a large thunderstorm is thought to be enough to power the whole of the USA for 20 minutes.

So how do we limit the damage from a lightning strike? Proper grounding! Think of earth to cloud strike as an electrical circuit. The larger the resistance, the larger the wattage dissipated. The air has an extremely high resistance, therefore a greater amount of energy is dissipated – thus the extremely bright flash (maybe 20,000 degrees C; 4 times hotter than the sun - 5,500 C). Next might be a large pine tree; sap has a high resistance – thus the wood explodes as the current superheats the sap. To reduce the energy dissipated in your cabin (minimize the damage) the resistance needs to be as small as possible. Use a good single point grounding method at the main panel. Hundreds of devices, including lightning rods, surge protectors and charge transfer systems, are used to reduce lightning damage and influence the path of the lightning flash.

On Sunday evening, July 12th, around 6:00 PM, our 94 foot tall pine tree succumbed to a huge strike. It destroyed the top 50 feet. Large portions of the tree flew hundreds of feet away. The lightning then dual-tracked down another 30 feet to the height of our roof flashing. It then tracked the flashing to our outside spot lights, destroying them, and tracked wiring to the spotlight switch, which in turn blew the back off and shorted the switch closed. The flash current was now in our electrical system. Most of our breakers tripped including our main circuit breaker with minimal equipment damage. We mostly lost items that were impacted by the huge RF (radio frequency) energy surge (our WIFI, wireless security, etc). I believe our surge protectors and main panel lightning protector saved our appliances and possibly prevented a cabin fire. We were dazed by the flash, but thankfully no one was injured. It could have been much worse.

Santa Catalina Ranger District to Host Tree Climbing Training

by Rachael Biggs, USFS

The Santa Catalina Ranger District will host a tree climbing training on Mt. Lemmon in the beginning of August to certify tree climbers from National Forests across Arizona. Climbers equipped with specialized gear will learn to ascend into treetops safely and effectively with limited impact to the tree. Climbers may be seen at various locations on the mountain, spurring up tree boles, climbing in the branches or rappelling down from the canopy.

Certified tree climbers are used for a variety of purposes. Climbing crews scale trees to collect cones, to remove hazardous branches from trees in recreation sites, and to conduct wildlife surveys. Newly certified climbers add to the Forest Service's ability to respond to these needs. Currently, the Coronado National Forest is collaborating with the University of Arizona on a Gray Hawk population expansion study. Researchers and Forest Service personnel are climbing nest trees to monitor fledglings and answer questions regarding Gray Hawk range, habitat needs and productivity.

The Coronado National Forest also uses climbers to collect cones annually in the early fall. By collecting and storing the seeds of our native trees, the Forest Service provides an insurance policy for the forests it manages. Planting or artificial regeneration is used in areas at risk of not regenerating naturally, i.e., areas with no, or few mature trees to provide seed for seedling establishment. After the Aspen Fire, seedlings grown from collected seeds were planted around Mt. Lemmon to reforest fire-devastated areas. Today these areas are sites of successful reestablishment.

Summer Restaurant News

The **Cookie Cabin** introduces August's "Cookie of the Month," and features our Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Pecan Cookie creation. Yum!



The 3rd 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 August 14th and September 4th. 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.

Cheatgrass Grant First Year Progress Report

by Lindy Brigham

The cheatgrass growth season started early this year, but finally the season is over. Because of the relatively warm winter and early growth season, the cheatgrass got a jump on our mitigation efforts. However, our intrepid volunteers pitched in with relentless energy, and we made real progress in spite of a very significant growth season. Here are just a few of the highlights from our first year under the grant.

To begin, in February, the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club stuffed and stamped 500 letters and permission cards to all property owners. The Loma Sabino Homeowners' Association volunteered to provide grant administrative support. We bought a 50 gallon commercial sprayer mounted on a skid with a 300' hose and a 3' nozzle extender which Dennis Cozzetti and his crew used with great success along roadsides and key areas. Pam Haskell secured a \$500 donation from the Patio Garden Club towards the purchase of a trailer to pull the 300 lb. sprayer.

Two well-attended community cheatgrass removal sessions occurred on May 9th and June 27th and staged from the Mt. Lemmon General Store. A Department of Corrections crew pulled cheatgrass in May in some of the more exposed areas where cheatgrass had matured early and could no longer be sprayed. Many individuals treated their own properties and others in neighborhoods, and equally importantly, provided their time sheets so that we could get reimbursed for in-kind labor through our grant, and we had success convincing the Forest Service that targeted spraying is an acceptable alternative when the plants are emerging and still green. Next year we should see a greater effort along the Catalina Highway.

Many hours were spent fine-tuning mailing lists, processing owner permission cards, developing maps, and documenting timecards and finances to fulfill the requirements of the grant. We also have a website on the Mt. Lemmon HOA website with information about cheatgrass, the grant, and a place to submit reports or questions.

Next year we need everyone to start looking for cheatgrass **at the end of March** and report it as soon as you see it. We will get the spray and pulling crews out on the public spaces as soon as we can. Please help educate your neighbors! Although we had a lot of cheatgrass this year, if everyone takes care of his/her own property, we will remove this highly invasive and fire adapted plant from our community. If you are unable to treat on your property, please let us know; we'll send volunteers to your property.

Thanks for all your cheatgrass reports. Please continue to visit our website at <http://mtlemmonhoa.org/cheatgrass> to see updates and file reports. It's very important that everyone is on the MLHOA listserve to get timely information about current and future events for the mountain at <http://mtlemmonhoa.org/index>. So far we have documented over **500 hours of volunteer work** which is over half of what we need to fulfill the grant requirement! **Well done all, and a special thanks to Dennis Cozzetti, Pam Haskell, the Woman's Club, the Loma Sabino HOA, the Macks, and all the community volunteers!!**

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.

WOW!!

by Pam Haskell

Frank Rose offers the wonderful Dayflower for the August Echoes. Not only is he sharing his love of flowers but also, for this issue, he has included one of his exquisite watercolor paintings of this dainty and fascinating flower.

The Dayflower (*Commelina dianthifolia*) is one of the few blue flowers on the mountain. The flowers come out of a half moon-shaped spathe. Inside are flower buds in different stages of development. Each day ONE pops out of the spathe and opens with three blue petals. Each flower only lasts one day, hence the name. The leaves look like grass and are monocots, meaning that they start life with a single leaf. Most plants are called dicots, and start with a pair of leaves. The Dayflower's close relative, the Spiderwort (*tradescantia pinetorum*), has three differently shaped petals as well, but they tend toward purple in color.

Commelina dianthifolia
Dayflower

Blooms: August and September

Elevation: 3,700'-8,000'

Habitat: Mesic slopes, rocky outcrops, and along streams, including on limestone in riparian scrub, desert grassland, oak woodland, oak-pine woodland, and pine forest.

Flower: 1"

Plant: 10"

Each bract holds a number of flower buds; one of which projects out to flower each day, fading by nightfall. The flower has three petals, and there were three Commelijn brothers who were botanists, perhaps inspiring the name. A deciduous perennial forb.



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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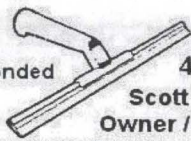
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