

The Mount Lemmon Echoes

Labor Day Bash at Palisades, Pancake Breakfast and Poker Run Photos



Mount Lemmon Love

by Leah Anne Thrasher

“Mount Lemmon Love” sounds like the name of Michael Stanley’s latest batch of ice cream, or Lorri Hans’ newest dish or yummy fudge at the General Store. But, “Mount Lemmon Love” is what I found flowing from the hearts of the wonderful folks living and working on Mount Lemmon. To start, I called Sally Crum the morning of the Pancake Breakfast. She had been up since the crack of dawn and now she gets a call from me to add one more item on her “to do” list! I asked if I could have the microphone to give an update on Solomon Grossman and talk about the Beads of Courage program he is enrolled in at the hospital. She said yes before I could even finish the sentence! Then, at the breakfast I asked those there to join me and “Carry a Bead” for Solomon and to remember him in their prayers. The response was amazing! The bead packets flew out of my basket as folks sat down to write their note of encouragement to Solomon. I gathered up the cards and beads, with the help of Rose Mary Hinsch and went home and laid each one out for a picture to give to Solomon along with the beads. I have to tell you, I read each card and I laughed and cried! Each card revealed the character and even some “characters” in our community! But, what I really saw was a flood of Mount Lemmon Love flowing through those cards! I am sure Mount Lemmon Love will fill the heart of Solomon and his family. Thank you friends and thank you too for blessing me.



Cascading Blues Quilt Raffle Brings in Major Bucks!

by Mary Hunter

Tina Hanks had the original idea for making a quilt to be raffled off with all proceeds going to the Mount Lemmon Water District. Tina wanted to do this as a “Thank you” to the Water District employees for all of their hard work protecting Summerhaven and Mount Lemmon during the Burro Fire last summer. Tina paid for all of the fabric and materials used to make the quilt and for a professional long arm quilter to do the quilting. She did ask for help from several Mount Lemmon women to do the sewing. The finished quilt was beautiful and was raffled off at the Pancake Breakfast over Labor Day weekend. Thanks to the generosity of the Mount Lemmon residents and friends of Mount Lemmon, we raised \$1805.00 to be given to the Mount Lemmon Water District employees. The winner of this beautiful quilt was Christine Hays (Deputy Lee Hays wife) Tina Hanks, we love your giving heart and your thoughtfulness...you’re just the best!!



Autumn Is In The Air

by Pete Krauss

While the calendar says Autumn arrived Spetmeber 22, it arrived early in paradise. While hiking on Turkey Run over Labor Day weekend, we definitely saw oak leaves in the process of changing colors. Nearby we came upon a new Fairy House, well off the beaten path that I have a good feeling was created in honor of Solomon Grossman and to remind all of us to keep him in our prayers. Later down the path we came upon a mini lodge pole tepee which kindled the curiosity of Abner and Benji. (See pictures below)

Labor Day weekend kept us all busy with a very important meeting and some other more fun activities. The meeting on August 31st at the MLCC was pleasant and potentially very productive. The Mount Lemmon Homeowners Board of Directors hosted our guests, Joe Barr and Kelly Cheeseman of Pima County Parks and Recreation and Beth Borozan representing Steve Christy. Linda Currin agreed to chair the meeting and did an outstanding job of presenting the items for discussion, keeping the participants on track and monitoring the clock. The topics mostly centered around the daily and long term operations of the Community Center, state of repairs and maintenance and activity scheduling. Two immediate results of the meeting were the broken tables being welded and repaired by Leroy Day and John Mulay, and Parks and Rec agreeing to keep the third weekend of each month, March through October, open for the Mount Lemmon Community meetings and activities.

Other activities over the weekend included the deputies' "bash" put on by our very own Dave Conto and Lee Hays, overseen by their wives to keep them in line. We had a huge crowd, the food was great and of course, plentiful. The silent auction was spectacular with donations varying from sets of wine, to wildlife photography, to a hand carved, almost lifesize bear. Sunday morning had an army of volunteers, setting up tables and chairs, preparing and cooking delicious pancakes, sausage, bacon, juice and coffee for the enjoyment of what seemed to be a record crowd. Apparently the funds raised to benefit the Mount Lemmon Fire Department also set a record.

Overall the Labor Day weekend, the climax of a great and safe summer on the mountain, was very productive and fun for all. We, the residents of Mount Lemmon, are so blessed to be surrounded by the beauty of our mountains, our forest, our village and especially by such good friends and neighbors.



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by Dan Lead, MLFD captain

Living in Arizona, and specifically Mount Lemmon, can present some difficulties. Excessive heat, persistent drought, water rationing, heavy monsoons, snow/ice and wildfires are just some of the natural challenges we face. In addition, we must be concerned with human factors like heavy traffic, dangerous drivers, parking issues, trash accumulation and careless discarding of flammable items. All of these challenges affect all of our residents. One reprieve we receive for our trouble is the nonexistence of daylight savings time. Not resetting clocks or oversleeping seems like one thing Arizona got correct.

That is if you are looking at it through the lens of a citizen. Firefighters are presented with another concern due to lack of daylight savings time. Nationwide, firefighters have utilized this time as a public service reminder to change your smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector batteries. Granted, many new detectors come equipped with 10-year batteries installed, but this is certainly not true regarding older models.

With daylight savings time set up to expire at 0200 hours on November 4, 2018, the Mount Lemmon Fire District would like to take this time to encourage you to change your batteries if you have older model detectors. It is even recommended to change the battery backups in hardwired models at least once annually, according to the United States Fire Administration. It is also recommended that any smoke detector be completely replaced after 10 years of service.

Remember, most fires occur in the winter months; now is the perfect time to increase your safety margin. A couple of Fire Department updates:

* We want to thank EVERYONE who participated or showed their support at the pancake breakfast. It is wonderful to see the community support for our Fire District.

* We were awarded the AFG grant for \$122K. This money will provide personal protection gear and self-contained breathing apparatus to our firefighters (which are currently very outdated). It cannot be stressed enough the hard work that was put into obtaining this grant, and an addendum will thank those individuals.

* Finally, firefighter (and future paramedic) Sean Matias has something he would like to say...

I would like to personally thank all of the community members and organizations who have generously donated to my continued education in becoming your next Mount Lemmon Fire District paramedic. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Mount Lemmon Community Center Volunteers

by Pete Krauss

Thanks to the efforts of Paul Kriegshauser and Jim Ammon and occasional other volunteers, the Visitors Center has been open and welcoming a multitude of very appreciative visitors most hours on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. With the extra warm/hot weather in the valley this summer the Mount Lemmon crowd's have been extra heavy. It will soon be cooling off some but we still get big crowds for the fall colors and then for the wintertime snow play activities.

It really is fun and interesting to meet and talk to the visitors who come from all over Arizona, from out of state and from around the world. Keeping our center open is good for businesses on Mount Lemmon, it supports The Forest Service and reinforces our relationship with Pima Country Parks and Recreation who provide us with the use of the MLCC facility for our many organization meetings, parties and programs.

If you find yourself with some free time on weekends or any day during the week and would like to provide an important service to our community, visit with one of us to learn the ropes or contact me at teamkraus@msn.com if you'd like to volunteer or call him at 520-887-0524.

Santa Catalina Ranger District Information on Historical Structure

by Chuck Huber

After the original write-up in a recent Echoes regarding the structure at the Palisades Ranger Station, I took the liberty of contacting the Coronado National Forest to encourage them to consider taking action on this potentially historic structure. Here is the response I received via the Forest Service email portal:

“ Chuck,

Thank you for your interest in the Palisades Barn/Corral. I forwarded your email onto Chris Schrager, the Forest’s Historic Preservation Specialist. Please see his response below.

(Response from the santacatalinaRD@fs.fed.us email address)

Thanks for writing to my colleagues on the Santa Catalina Ranger District about the two-room log building at the Palisades Administrative Site (for reference, I’ve always heard it referred to as the Saw Shop). As the Forest’s Historic Preservation Specialist, I think I can best respond to your concerns. I had been made aware that the left-hand door was off its hinges at some point, but thought that it had been stood up and temporarily attached to its frame; clearly from the photos, that’s no longer the case. I can certainly get up the mountain and do another temporary fix.

The greater problem on that structure has to do with the rotted sill logs-the ones at the base of each wall that rest on the masonry/concrete foundation. Exposure to continued cycles of damp and dry have left them badly deteriorated; this is also true of some of the lower planks of the horizontal siding. While rehanging the remaining door (and covering the other opening) are relatively easy fixes, the more serious repairs involve several steps, due to the building’s eligibility for National Register listing and the mandates under which we operate when proposing undertakings on Federal lands and properties.

While I know that the Palisades Saw Shop is significant to the local community, there are literally dozens of sites in SE Arizona on lands managed by the Coronado National Forest and the Tucson Field Office of the BLM (for whom I work in the same capacity). It’s not for lack of caring that situations arise; just an ever-expanding need coupled with scant resources to address all of the problems, everywhere they arise.

I will try to get up Mount Lemmon in the next few weeks to do the simple repairs on the doorways; for the more extensive undertaking I will need to initiate the Proposed Undertaking process as well as locate the materials, equipment, support and funding. Hopefully, I’ll be able to do those repairs in the coming federal fiscal year. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me with your thoughts and concerns; and thanks for your interest in preserving our unique and significant heritage resources.

Chris Schrager-FS”

I appreciate Chris’ response and can understand the situation.

I have volunteered to provide material (plywood, paint and/or stain) and bring it to the site to support the stabilization of this structure. I thought the readers of the Mount Lemmon Echoes might be interested in additional information regarding this historic structure.

Chuck Huber

Firewise Program

by Sally Crum, Firewise chair



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Fire Chief Joe Gunia and I attended a meeting of the Oracle Fire District's Firewise board in September. We came away with great information and new ideas which we will be sharing with you as we determine which ones will be most beneficial to the Mount Lemmon Community.

Are you interested in helping to protect your cabin and our community from wildfire? Do you have organizational, computer, or social media skills, do you like to interact with your neighbors and/or help with social and educational events? **We are looking for neighbors like YOU to join our Firewise team.** It takes a small time commitment, as we meet only 3 or 4 times a year. You'll learn about new Firewise activities and techniques, plan our Firewise events, and gather data on our activities (and even have some fun!). If you'd like to join us, please email me at sbc602@gmail.com and I'll provide information on our next meeting.

Oct. 10th— The 2018 Fire Prevention Week theme is "Look, Listen, Learn. Be aware. Fires can happen anywhere". As a part of this year's annual campaign, a panel of insurance experts will share important homeowners insurance information, along with details on what to expect while navigating the post-fire claim process during an October 10th webinar. The panel will provide helpful insights in addition to a live 15-minute question and answer session. This will benefit residents (homeowners and renters) living in wildfire prone areas and fire and life safety educators. To register visit: <https://www.nfpa.org/Training-and-Events/By-type/Webinars/Wildfires-and-insurance-learn-how-to-be-financially-prepared>.

Oct. 13th— As you get ready to close up the cabin for the year (or not), this is the weekend to clean up after the monsoons. The Slash Pile at the Fire Dept. is open, so drop off your pine needles (in paper bags, of course!) and slash. Work with your Firewise Neighborhood Captain or other neighbors for our **2nd Annual Chili Challenge** at the Mount Lemmon Community Center at 3pm.

Check out this link to a great article on the importance and effectiveness of **Creating Defensible Space**: <https://fireadaptednetwork.org/is-investing-in-defensible-space-worth-it-six-examples-point-to-yes/>. This article presents actual cases where active Firewiseing has saved neighborhoods and communities from the destruction of wildfire.

TURKEY RUN HAZARDOUS FUEL REMOVAL GRANT AWARDED!!! Am I repeating myself? YOU BET! In case you are not aware, we've been awarded a large grant from the AZ Dept. of Forestry and Fire Management to remove hazardous fuels from private property in the Turkey Run area. The grant covers 50 acres which includes ALL of the properties on Turkey Run or accessed by Turkey Run. We need the cooperation of ALL property owners in order to take advantage of the full amount of the grant. If you are a property owner, or know a property owner, please contact (576-1201x5) or stop by the Mount Lemmon Fire Department for the necessary paperwork. Work can begin as soon as we have the permission of the majority of owners. Please contact Chief Joe Gunia at 520-444-6279 or Sally Crum at 520-576-1008 with any questions.



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Mount Lemmon Woman's Club News

by Connie Taylor, president

The Mount Lemmon Woman's Club is slowly winding down for the year. We had our last speaker for the 2018 summer. Frank S Rose, our mountain artist and author on trees and flowers of Mount Lemmon fascinated us by showing us exquisite pictures of the smallest flowers, some of them being microscopic. He also showed us flowers that are on the Arizona Walnut tree and the Ponderosa Pine and brought his latest book Small Wonders-A Closer Look at Some Hard-to-See Flowers (Copyright 2018). He told us that his next book will be full of his watercolor pictures that he has done of things you will see driving up General Hitchcock Highway and things you will see driving down General Hitchcock Highway. He brought a sample of what the book will look like. Frank is hoping that this book will be out before Christmas 2018.

Our last Done-In-A-Day project was "Sibling Reunion Day", when siblings who are living in different Foster Care Facilities will get together to see each other. This event is for 5-17 year olds. As usual our wonderful ladies of our Club brought games, toys, and gift cards for goody bags that the children will receive.

Our October meeting of the MLWC will be held at Dorothy and Henry Johnson's cabin at the top of Retreat Road, on October 20, 2018. The MLWC will have a short meeting at 12:00 noon in the basement of the Johnson's cabin, so bring your chairs. Dorothy will be able to organize the food upstairs while we have our meeting. Also don't forget to bring something yummy to share at lunch. After the meeting we will be able to enjoy lunch and acoustic music of "Oracle and Hardy".

As many of you are aware, we need to fill 2 positions on the Mount Lemmon Woman's Club Board. The positions are First Vice-President and Second Vice-President. If you are interested in either of these positions, please let Luann Waldron, Rita McGill or myself know (our phone numbers are in the Directory). The duties of these offices are listed in the Directory under Article VII: "Duties of the Officers".

CALENDAR: October 13th– Chili Cook-Off @ MLCC from 3pm-6pm
 October 19th– Bunko @ MLCC at 6:30pm, bring a snack to share and your own drink
 October 20th– MLWC short meeting @ the Johnson's cabin at 12:00 Noon
 December 1st– MLWC Holiday Brunch at Vantana Vista (Vantana Canyon)
 Start saving your items for "Catalina Village Day" on December 5th.

Mount Lemmon Community Center Acoustic Panels

by Diana Osborne

Dear members and friends,

Thank you one and all for your support in helping us improve our MLCC. The acoustic panel installation is complete and the sound quality is awesome! We are finished with this phase of our Community Center work and send a big thank you to all who donated funds so generously. The concerts and your donations combined with the Pima County contribution of \$10,000 was enough to make this project happen. A plaque in honor of donators will be mounted later this year. Again, thank you for your involvement. It takes a village...and we have the best!

A Mount Lemmon Friend for the Ages is Remembered

by Rose Mary Hinsch



Christie Sherwood Spenser passed away on August 28, 2018, after a courageous battle with cancer. Christie was a huge supporter of all things on Mount Lemmon. She and her family lost their special cabin in the 2003 Aspen Fire. After the fire, Christie donated her incredibly creative talents, time and resources, by assisting the Mount Lemmon community, through Trees for Mount Lemmon in raising money to help Mount Lemmon homeowners reforest their devastated lots with native trees, shrubs and grasses. She gave her time and expertise and provided every resource available to support Trees for Mount Lemmon in all their fund-raising events, including three gala Aspen Balls, the Maple Fest Celebration, several 4th of July parades and the Fabulous 50's bash, just to name a few! The results can be seen today in and around Summerhaven where –12,000 trees, grasses and shrubs were planted over a 10-year period. Thousands of those plants have survived and can be seen thriving all over the mountain.

In addition, Christie was a special warrior for St. Luke's Home in the Desert. Her hands touched so many charitable entities such as TROT, El Rio Foundation, American Heart Association, Angel Charity, Baile de las Flores, American Diabetes Association, Autism Society of Southern Arizona...the list is endless. She truly cared about people who were in need.

We, as a community, owe Christie and her family a huge debt of gratitude for their unwavering support after the Aspen Fire. She played an integral role in the success of Trees for Mount Lemmon and gave hope to a devastated community. Christie was one beautiful and classy lady with a huge heart whose love for Mount Lemmon and its people knew no bounds.

Gratitude and love to Christie's husband, Craig and her family for sharing our wonderful friend of Mount Lemmon over the years. We are mourning her loss with you...

*****New Information About the Shrine to Mary Undoer of Knots*****

The local presentation of the Shrine for Mary Undoer of Knots has been postponed but in the meantime, a website has been created so you can check on the progress, see pictures and be up to date on the status of the Shrine. For more information go to: <https://www.maryundoerofknotsshine.org/>

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Oktoberfest Ski Valley
7 Oktoberfest Ski Valley	8 Columbus Day	9	10	11	12	13 Chili Challenge MLCC 3-6p Oktoberfest Ski Valley
14 Oktoberfest Ski Valley	15	16	17	18	19 Bunko-MLCC 6:30p-9p	20 MLWD-8a MLHOA-10a MLWC-Noon At Johnson Cabin
21	22	23	24 Full Moon	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Halloween			

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Mount Lemmon Community Center

The Mount Lemmon Community Center (MLCC) is part of Pima County's Natural Resources Parks Recreation (NRPR) department. The Mount 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, Mount Lemmon and Pima County Arizona.

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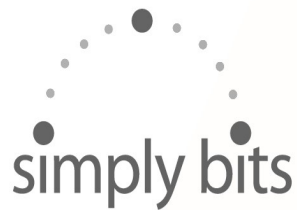
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The most visible product of the MLHOA is the **ECHOES**, a newsletter published ten times a year. The Association organizes social events such as potlucks, pancake breakfasts, ice cream socials and raffles, enabling owners to mingle. Members of the Board are: Mike Stanley, president; Jenni Avram, vice-president; Linda Currin, treasurer; Sally Crum, secretary; Lorri Hans, Event coordinator; John Mulay; Pete Krauss; Debbie Fagan; Glen Schager; Mike Bernstein; Tom Thomas, Bill Piatkiewicz; Matt Grossman.

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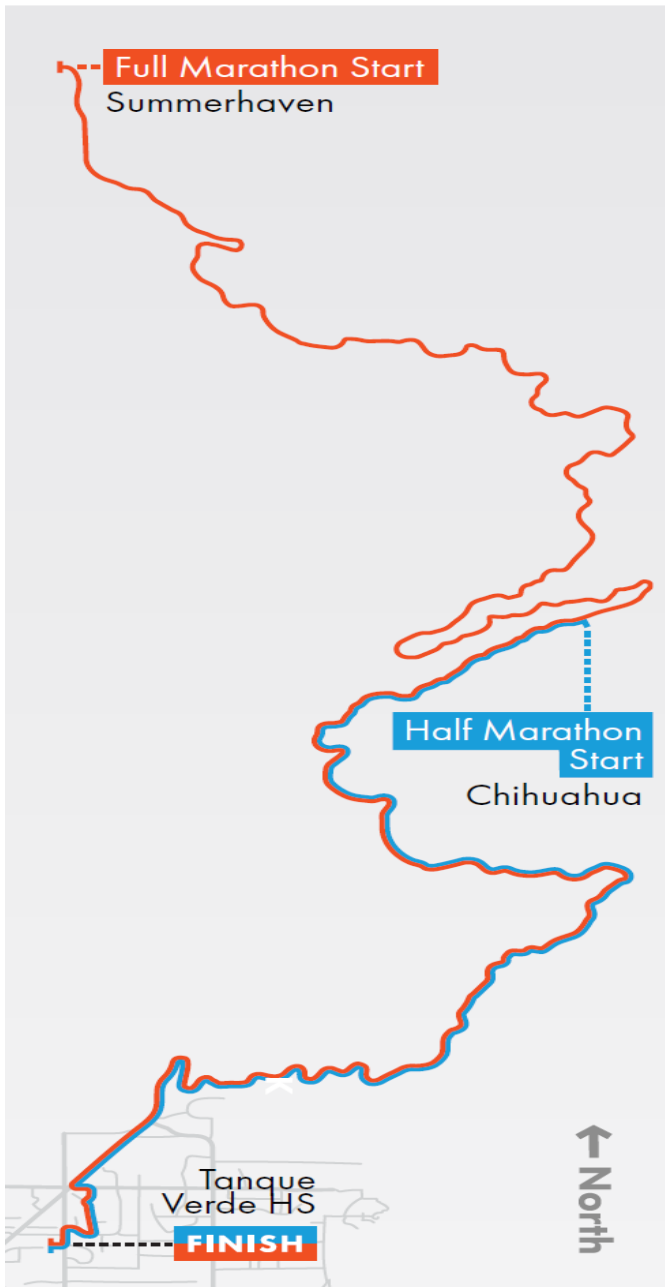
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The reverse side of this card outlines the traffic impacts in Tanque Verde. We invite you to come cheer on the runners as they finish the race at Tanque Verde High School from **7:30 AM until 1:00 PM**.

Residents and visitors may access Mt Lemmon recreation areas and Summerhaven during the entire event, but should anticipate delays. All vehicles traveling up and down the mountain during the race must follow behind a Pima County Sheriff pilot escort vehicle.

Special traffic patterns will be in place on Mt Lemmon Highway on **Saturday, Nov 3, 2017 from 5:45 AM to 1:00 PM**. During that time the southbound lane of the highway will be closed and reserved for runners. The northbound lane will remain open for pilot escorts up and down the mountain performed by Pima County Sheriff's Officers.



The inaugural REVEL Mt Lemmon Marathon & Half will take place on **Saturday, November 3, 2018**. The race will be donating roughly \$2,500 to the community. Runners will run from Summerhaven to Tanque Verde High School. The race begins at **6:30 AM** and all runners will be done by **1:00 PM**. During the race there will be special police escorts performed by Pima County Sheriffs. The Sheriffs will make it possible for people to travel up and down the mountain during the race, but please be advised that there will be delays and plan your travel accordingly. Please email any questions to mtlemmon@runrevel.com

A Powerful Red Rose

by Frank Rose

Here is a plant in the Rose family that is of special interest. It stands several feet tall and has velvety red flowers that open toward the middle of the day. I have seen it in two places in Marshall Gulch. Coming down the road after you pass the gate and the rocky slope, look for it on the right. There are a number of plants there. If you take the sunset trail out of Marshall Gulch, look for it on the long slope up to the views of the valley. Its name is Thurber's cinquefoil, (*Potentilla Thurberi*) from Dr. George Thurber (1821-1890), who is thought of as the most accomplished American horticulturist of his day.

There are two other *Potentillas* in the range. Both lie very flat on the ground and have yellow flowers. By this time of year they have finished blooming. Clubleaf cinquefoil (*Potentilla subviscosa*) usually has 5 leaves in a bunch (In French cinquefoil=5 leaves). This is the more abundant one. Whiteflower cinquefoil (*Potentilla albiflora*), usually has 3 leaves in a bunch. The flowers are not actually white. *Potentilla* means powerful, a reference to its use as a medicine.



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