

# The Mt. Lemmon Echoes

Sunrise photo by Michael Stanley

## Hummers of Summer(haven)

Article and photos by Henry Johnson



Male Broad-tailed Hummingbird

June is on the cusp of summer, and in addition to the songbirds of May, we see hummingbirds in larger numbers, coming to nectar feeders as well as flowers in bloom. Broad-tailed and Rivoli's are regulars this month, and Rufous will make a stopover in August on their migration south. Here is a sampling of what we will see.



Female Broad-tailed Hummingbird

Broad-tailed Hummingbirds winter in pine-oak forests and tropical highlands of Mexico, and breed in high-elevation meadows near pine-oak and evergreen forests from Mexico north to Colorado, Utah, Idaho and Nevada, including Arizona. The birds we are seeing now are likely here to breed. They are iridescent green above with greenish or buffy flanks, with a white chest and white line down the belly. Adult males have a magenta gorget (throat). Females and juveniles have green spots on their throats and cheeks and a pale eye ring. They eat insects, nectar from flowers, and of course, sugar water from nectar feeders.

Rivoli's Hummingbirds were named the Magnificent until 2017 when one species was split into two: Rivoli's in the north, and the Talamanca further south in the Costa Rica highlands and Western Panama. Rivoli's are among the largest of Humming-

birds, evident if you see them on a feeder with other hummers. The males have a purple crown, emerald throat, and a green back, with a white dot behind the eye. In low light the birds look very dark. The females are green above and grayish below.

They live year-round in pine oak forests of central and southern Mexico, breeding north in Mexico and just over the border into SE Arizona. They sip nectar from flowers and feeders and eat insects from plants or in mid-air. They nest at 5,000 to 9,000 feet along stream beds, making Summerhaven an ideal location. Nests are tough to see, typically on a horizontal branch over a stream, commonly at 20 feet or higher.



Male Rivoli's Hummingbird



Male Rivoli's

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# June

9th

Father's Day



14th



Flag Day

19th

Board Meetings

MLWD 8:30 am

MLHOA 10:00 am

MLWC Membership

Luncheon 11:30 am

20th

Father's Day

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21st

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## Hummers, continued

One of our more impressive and entertaining hummingbirds is the Rufous, a small and energetic winter resident of Mexico known for very long migrations (up to 4,000 miles) to breed in the Pacific Northwest, Canada and Alaska, going up the Pacific Coast in the spring, returning in summer and fall down the Rocky Mountains following wildflower blooms. Males commonly arrive at feeders here on their way south in late July



Male Rufous



Female Rufous

and into August. Males in good light are bright orange on the back and belly with an iridescent red throat. Females are green above, with rufous flanks, rufous patches in the green tail, and often a spot of orange on the throat.

Rufous hummingbirds are very aggressive at feeders, often staking out a feeder and chasing away all others. Only the Rivoli's stays put, ignoring the frantic gyrations of the Rufous.

Mature Anna's and Broad-billed's can be seen at Molino Basin and the Hitchcock campground during the summer. Immature Anna's will appear on the mountain in late summer after they have fledged in Tucson.

So fill your feeders with fresh nectar (sugar-water, no coloring), clean off your binoculars, and enjoy the hummers of summer!

On-line reference: The Cornell Lab All About Birds. Special thanks to Marty Herde for sharing her observations as an ace birder and Summerhaven resident.

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## Turning the Corner with Hope and Excitement

by Sally Crum, MLHOA board president

Welcome to June, and hopefully soon we will be seeing some rain from a REAL monsoon! In May, the MLHOA Board met in person (mostly), first in a very long time. It was a nice welcome to my first meeting as your new president.

Please join me in **THANKING Michael Stanley** for the incredible job he has done in leading this organization for many years. Michael's participation in our community in his **many** different capacities has contributed greatly to the success of many projects here in our little piece of heaven. I rely on his understanding and knowledge of the infrastructure and workings of the different agencies which support us and help us continue to exist and grow. **THANK YOU Michael!!!** Thank you also to **Linda Currin** for her hard work as our treasurer; our finances are in good shape! **Anne Skelley** will be filling her position. Also welcome **John Osborne** as our new secretary.

With the availability of vaccines and the new CDC, Pima County and Tucson guidelines, we are happy to get out and see our neighbors. In May we had our annual **Cleanup Day**, with more than 15 participants, including our new Deputy Sloan and her family. Thank you to **Cozzetti Construction** for donating the truck to haul off the trash. We also had two weekends of **Sweets for Cheatgrass**, with volunteers working together to help pull/spray cheatgrass around the community. Thank you to the **Mt. Lemmon General Store** and the **Cookie Cabin** for donating fudge and cookies as a sweet reward.

The annual **4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade**, sponsored by the **MLWC**, will again be a virtual event. Thank you to **Susanne Drolet** and **Matt Grossman** for making this possible. There will be a **barbecue potluck**, sponsored by the MLHOA at the Mt. Lemmon Fire District Station, with the parade being shown for all of us to see. More details will be provided in The Echoes, as well on Nextdoor, Listserv and on our website @ **mtlemmonhoa.org**.

Thank you for continuing to support us through paying your dues and supporting our advertisers and Mt. Lemmon businesses.

Thank you to all who sent letters/emails to your Pima County Supervisors in support of the Intergovernmental Agreement to provide funding for the Mt. Lemmon Fire District. The IGA was approved for \$30,000/year for the next 5 years. This funding was critical to everyday operations of the MLFD, and without your quick response to the request, I doubt that it would have been approved.

Most importantly, let's all be very aware of **extreme fire danger**. Currently Stage 2 fire restrictions are in place, so there should not be any campfires. But if you do find an abandoned campfire, douse the flames with water and cover it with dirt. And of course, continue to Firewise your property and help others who are unable to do so.

Have you seen the awesome saguaro blossoms in the Valley this year? They are more abundant than I've seen in years, perhaps the result of drought stress they are under and the need to produce more seeds. It reminds me of our community; after the stress of the Bighorn fire, we are responding beautifully!

We'll see you on the mountain!

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## The Train Station

by Dan Leade, Capt/A-Shift

First responders must constantly study, observe, and train in order to excel in all aspects of their craft. Albert Einstein is attributed with the quote that "once you stop learning, you start dying." This statement is particularly relevant to first responders. If the learning process was halted, skills would become rusty, new techniques missed, and overall preparedness diminished. This could directly lead to a more literal interpretation of Einstein's statement for either responders or victims.

First responders begin their journey by obtaining certifications in their respective field. Gaining certification consists of book learning, hands-on skills training, and testing. Once certification is obtained, the first responder is deemed suitable to serve a community. This is, however, just the beginning of the educational process. The first year of any recruit's progress is learning everything possible about the equipment they will use, the station they will work at, the department they will represent, and the community they will serve.

Once fully integrated into their role within the department, individual and company training will build efficiency with the tasks required for their position. Training is one of the biggest parts of being a first responder, outside of actually running calls. Training increases proficiency of current skills, allows for the learning of new skills, encourages practicing skills rarely used, and develops synergy between station crews, department-wide specialty teams, and mutual aid partners. MLFD members are required to train each shift, and there is an effort to train with agencies we work together with whenever possible. The muscle memory gained from hands-on training helps first responders effectively operate in high stress environments without having to overthink regular occurring tasks.

It is simply not enough to just conduct hands-on training as the only means of excelling as a first responder. In addition to training, continuing education is required. While some certifications, such as wildland fire and emergency medical services, require continuing education to maintain eligibility, continuing education has added benefits beyond remaining current. Continuing education also benefits the first responder by providing the opportunity to learn new techniques and skills, discovering different ways to complete tasks, and staying up-to-date on emerging technologies.

First responders are regularly working on some sort of training or continuing education. You may see them studying from a book, professional magazine, or website. They may be practicing skills like throwing ladders or participating in physical training with tools of the trade or breathing apparatus. Even while driving around, they are practicing area familiarization, completing pre-plans, or searching for potential hazards that might impede their ability to conduct their job safely. Training and continuing education are critical for the MLFD first responder to constantly improve and ultimately become, and remain, successful.



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**Important Reminder from USFS**

by C. J. Woodard, District Ranger

Fire season is upon us. The Santa Catalina Ranger District asks that you continue to recreate responsibly and be mindful of when fire restrictions are in place. Under stage 2 fire restrictions, please remember there are no campfires or charcoal grills, no smoking outside of an enclosed building or vehicle, and no discharging of firearms except to hunt. Please abide by the restrictions when they are in place to help us keep your National Forest System Lands safe.

**Turkey Run Hazardous Fuels Removal**

by Sally Crum, Firewise chair

If you own property on Turkey Run (or know someone who does), PLEASE provide your email address to [jgunia@mlfdaz.org](mailto:jgunia@mlfdaz.org). The AZ Department of Forestry and Fire Management (DFFM) will help create thinning and maintenance plans for each property. This includes marking the trees which should NOT be cut and also those that are diseased or hazardous. Matthew Jewett, who is responsible for the project will meet with cabin owners if desired, to walk the property and discuss what is needed to create a healthy forest and wildlife environment, and to agree on thinning and hazardous fuels removal. A new agreement will be needed. since our previous grant has expired.

It is critical that they get with you as soon as possible, as the window of opportunity for having crews available is quickly closing. This important work will continue to protect the Sabino Creek watershed, as well as your properties and the health of the forest. The crews will also begin to chip the slash piles created during the original thinning two years ago.



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## 2021 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Information

by Susanne Drolet, parade coordinator

Our parade will again be virtual, so we need everyone's participation to make it the best ever! Please read and complete the form on page 7. We need as many entries to make the best possible YouTube video. Matthew Grossman has again graciously agreed to do the technical work to make this happen, so please be aware of deadline dates when submitting your entries. This gives us time to organize and create the virtual parade. You will be able to view it on YouTube as well as looping continuously on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July during our Mt. Lemmon Celebration at the MLFD station.

Keep your eyes on the sky at 12:00 noon. Hopefully we'll enjoy the sight and heart-pounding sound of Air National Guard flyover! Thanks to everyone for participating! Tucson media will be notified that the Mt. Lemmon Parade has been cancelled.

*Happy Independence Day*

### 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration, Come Join Us!

**July 4<sup>th</sup> from 11-2 at the MLFD Station  
Hosted by the MLHOA Board of Directors!**

Although we cannot have the crowds of the actual parade, (since ALL of Tucson usually shows up) we can at least gather now with our little community. Especially since we'll be outdoors!

Burgers, hotdogs, condiments, plates, forks, napkins, and water will be provided

Please bring a favorite dish to share (organized by last name)

A-G bring an appetizer; H-R a side dish; S-Z a dessert

You may bring a popup and extra chairs if you would like, seating will be inside and out.

Social distancing and masks by choice (there's plenty of room).

\$5.00 donation appreciated for burgers/dogs/paper goods. Kids under 12 free!

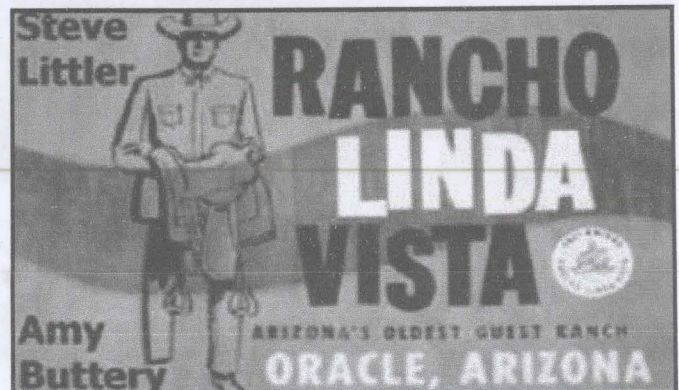
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Our annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade will be shown on a loop continuously for your enjoyment

Please come and enjoy food, family, friends and freedom!

**Watch for more info on Nextdoor, listserv and [mtlemmonhoa.org](http://mtlemmonhoa.org)**

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**MT. LEMMON 46th ANNUAL JULY 4TH PARADE**

Sunday, July 4th, 2021 – 12:00 Noon

Our 2021 Parade will be on YouTube this year again so get ultra-creative! Dig out your 4th of July flags, streamers, bunting or whatever you have and create the best virtual entry yet. Brainstorm with your family and come up with your personal tribute to Independence Day 2021. You might even make a video entry for our virtual parade featuring your own children, grandchildren, relatives, etc. in a KID PARADE they help create. Deck out trikes, bikes and the family dog! What fun for them to see themselves on the big screen at home or at the Firehouse on July 4th! You'll need to get busy now so you'll have time to submit your entry by **June 13, 2021**. Complete this form and send it to [susannedrolet@gmail.com](mailto:susannedrolet@gmail.com). Be sure to follow the video guidelines at the bottom of this page. Video clips must be received by **June 16, 2021**. Do your very best! As always, entries will be judged by our panel, but every entry will be acknowledged.

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

**ENTRY CATEGORY:**      ☐ ORIGINAL      ☐ PATRIOTIC      ☐ HUMOROUS

This is your chance to participate in our Mt. Lemmon 46th Annual 4th of July Parade via YouTube. As stated above; return this form no later than Sunday, **June 13, 2021** to [susannedrolet@gmail.com](mailto:susannedrolet@gmail.com). Instructions for submitting your entry will be sent upon receipt of the form. Videos must be received by Monday, **June 16, 2021**. Please write what you want the announcer to say about your entry. If you don't write something, we'll have nothing to say about you or your group!

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2021 July 4th Parade Video Guidelines • Film horizontally if using a phone and use 1080p resolution. • Video clip must be less than two minutes. • Entry must NOT contain material violating rights of others including but not limited to privacy and intellectual property. • By submitting a video, entrant certifies that s/he has obtained and hereby confers to the Mt. Lemmon Womens Club and Mt. Lemmon Business Economic Association, authorization to display the likeness of all individuals visible in the submission, including minors. • Entries must be in compliance with YouTube's Community Guidelines, available at <https://creatoracademy.youtube.com/page/course/community-guidelines>

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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## Water, Precious Water

by Doug Mance, board chair, MLWD

Once upon a time, a cabin owner opened the family cabin for their adult children, and this does indeed happen all the time. The “kids” came up the hill, unlocked the cabin, turned on the water at the meter and at the house, and they proceeded to enjoy their weekend on the mountain.

On Monday after this visit, the MLWD SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition), water management software, noted a dramatic water level drop at our associated storage tank. The water loss was just over 25,000 gallons!! Our managers read the meters at all the served area residences and discovered that the one unsuspecting cabin user had an apparent underground leak between the meter and the home, a customer’s responsible area.

This particular water leak seemed to have no customer mistake attached to it, no sign of the leak, no wet ground area at all. The residents of the cabin could not hear water running because the leak was underground and outside the cabin. The end result was that one of our water tank’s levels had dropped by 25%. Sadly, the only way either the owner or the kids could have detected the leak was to watch the meter spinning while all the cabin faucets were off. I can guarantee that most of us never do this, do we?

Cabin water loss comes in a few different forms. Most loss involves some level of owner/user’s oblivious behavior. This one seems almost outside of that category, but the fact remains, once you are “inside the meter,” it belongs to you.

As you open your cabin this summer, do yourself a favor and turn on the water at the meter and at the house. Make sure all faucets and cabin drain lines are off, and then take an extra trip down to your meter to make sure it is not spinning. Let’s all have the mindset that water is precious on the mountain and everywhere in our lives. It truly is!

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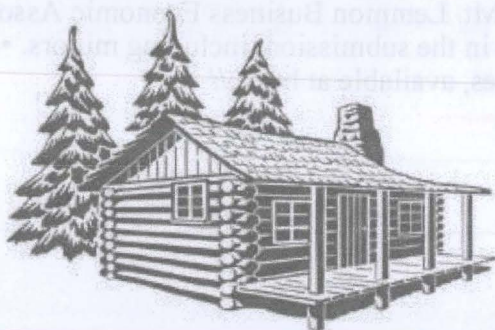
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## From the Desk of Supervisor Steve Christy

Back in 2019, Supervisors voted to create a Pay-As-You-Go (PAYGO) program that banks the slight annual budget surplus to fund capital improvement projects, including road repair and pavement preservation. Earlier this year, we voted to accelerate the road repair program by using Certificates of Participation (low cost, short term loans, secured by Pima County assets) to increase the miles of roads repaired during Fiscal Year 2021/2022.

We recently received the proposed pavement repair and preservation plan for FY21/22, and I am pleased to report a that number of Summerhaven roads are slated for repair by June 2022:

- N. Upper Loma Linda, from Loma Linda Ext. to 1,425' from Loma Linda Ext
- N. Loma Linda Extension Road, from Gen. Hitchcock to the other end
- N. Ajo Avenue, 951' from Nogales to Loma Linda Ext.
- N. Casa Grande Avenue, from Nogales to 360' from Nogales/Casa Grande
- E. Nogales Street, from Casa Grande to Ajo
- E. Florence Street, from Loma Linda to 21' from Tempe
- E. Bisbee Avenue, from Gen. Hitchcock to Loma Linda Ext.
- N. Middle Sabino Road, from Sabino Cyn Park to Tucson
- N. Middle Sabino Road, from Tucson to Loma Linda Ext.
- N. Phoenix Avenue, from Carter Canyon to 968' from Upper Goat Hill
- E. Retreat Road, from Sabino Canyon. Park to Tucson
- N. Tempe Avenue, from Florence to 559' from Florence/Tempe
- N. Tucson Avenue, from Retreat to 199' from Retreat/Tucson
- N. Tucson Avenue, from Middle Sabino to 806' from Ray
- E. Upper Goat Hill Road, from Phoenix to 239' from Sabino Canyon. Park
- E. Carter Canyon Road, 435' from Miners Ridge to Sabino Canyon. Park
- E. Retreat Road, from Tucson to Ray

Whew! This summer there's going to be a lot of activity in Summerhaven, between the commercial development and the road repair. I know the Transportation Department will appreciate your patience with any delays getting around the village.

### The Mt. Lemmon Community Center

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Summerhaven. The facility is dependent upon local

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## About your Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Association

Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Association (MLHOA) was formed in 1969 to protect the welfare of the Mt. Lemmon community and to be involved in all aspects of its improvement. The concerns of the organization are not limited to private property owners, but the mountain community in general. Full membership with voting rights is accorded to private owners and leased land holders upon payment of yearly dues; renters and friends of the mountain can be non-voting members. Being organized, having a legal fund and having active local voice participation enables the Association to accomplish most of its goals.

The Association organizes social events such as potlucks, pancake breakfasts, ice cream socials and raffles, enabling owners to mingle. The Annual Dinner and Meeting is traditionally held each year on the first Tuesday after taxes.

Pima County has said the MLHOA is the strongest and most respected homeowner's organization in the entire county.

Members of the board of directors are: Sally Crum, president; Jenni Zimmerman, vice-president; Anne Skelley, treasurer; John Osborne, secretary; Pamela Selby-Harmon, Echoes editor; and members-at-large John Mulay, Pete Krauss, Debbie Fagan, Mike Bernstein, Tom Thomas and Matthew Grossman.

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Membership dues for the MLHOA are \$35 annually. To join or renew, clip the form below, fill out all the information and send it, along with a check to the MLHOA.

If you have questions or concerns regarding your membership status, contact Linda, Currin, at 520-247-2582 or [lcurren81@gmail.com](mailto:lcurren81@gmail.com).

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## Where Would We Be Without the Mount Lemmon Woman's Club? Part 2

by Tina Hanks

After the devastation from the Aspen Fire, the Mount Lemmon Woman's Club served as a unifying force in garnering support for a variety of initiatives. Now, 18 years later, two of those vibrant, creative efforts continue. Addressing the proliferation of highly flammable cheatgrass, our esteemed member with a doctoral degree in plant pathology, organized, educated, and mobilized groups and individual homeowners for eradication. Additionally, Firewise community education, workdays and celebrations begun by our members continue to this day. This group has grown into a viable political force working with our local Mt. Lemmon Fire District and U S Forest Service to address vulnerable areas in and around Summerhaven.

In response to the fires and subsequent activities, our club membership swelled. Fund raising and recuperative efforts of various kinds are numerous. In conjunction with other community organizations, MLWC participated in annual Aspen Balls, auctioned MLWC created quilts to raise money for the Fire District, for the Water District, for furnishings in our new community center, and for providing continuing academic training of essential, local first responders.

The huge Bighorn Fire of 2020 that consumed 120,000 acres in the Santa Catalina Mountain Range was the latest threat. Thanks to our own Fire District, our Water District and fire fighters from around the country, our community survived. Issues relating to fire will undoubtedly be the major focus of our club for the foreseeable future as we witness global climate change.

The club has also participated in philanthropic activities too numerous to list, some including activities supporting children by making bags for foster children to keep their belongings; activities for women, such as making chemo caps and monthly, summertime, "Done in a Day" activities for organizations presented by individual members. Literacy promotion continues to be a focus as well. Our major activity, spearheaded by a long-term MLWC member, provides support for 100 low or no-income residents in need of shelter and some assistance in the tasks of daily living. Throughout the year, we give donations of goods, bedding, clothing, games, toiletries, magazines, etc. The Holiday Party is complete with Santa, our own Mrs. Claus, presents, candy bags, and tables piled high with the free apparel and treasures.

After our regular meetings during the summer, we have presentations for members and the community with topics ranging from mountain history to musical presentations. While this was more challenging due to the Pandemic, we were able to have a well-attended Zoom presentation by our member, who is an herbalist, discussing uses for native plants.

Our normal activities are monthly meetings and annual events including a Membership Luncheon, Cabin Tours with a Happy Hour, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade (virtual in 2020 and 2021), an organized coffee get together, and an elegant Holiday Celebration.



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## I'm a Believer!

by Rose Mary Hinsch

Huge kudos and thanks to everyone in our community for helping and encouraging the rest of us to Firewise our homes and our properties on Mt. Lemmon. As a Mt. Lemmon cabin owner for the past 38 years and having lost our original cabin to the Aspen Fire in 2003, we have learned only too well the importance of Firewising. When Firewising "season" is upon us, we too often grumble and moan at the amount of work it takes to properly Firewise our property...the raking of thousands of pine needles and cones, cutting low limbs, removing dry brush, cleaning out gutters, moving wood piles a safe distance from the cabin, etc., etc. I distinctly remember as LAST summer season approached on the mountain, the combined grumbling of us and several of our neighbors on Upper Loma Linda Road. "Oh no, not again! Do we really have to do all that? It's so much work!" But, we all felt the need to be responsible citizens and do what was right and we (begrudgingly, I must admit) did the hard work.

...And then came the Bighorn Fire! We watched from the valley in horror, as the fire raged for days on end, threatening hundreds of homes and our precious mountain... 17 years to the day after the Aspen Fire ravaged our community in 2003. When we saw the news footage of the huge blow-up of the fire right behind and around our own Mt. Lemmon Fire Department, we knew we were doomed. Fortunately for us, the Firefighters fought that fire as it raced up the hill to within 6 feet of our deck. The firefighters used the defensible space we had cleared and EXTENDED the line we had created past our cabin and through the common area. By the grace of God, our cabins were spared.

So now, as the 2021 fire season is upon us, I tell everyone I can to be sure to Firewise their cabins. We are convinced that our Firewising efforts absolutely assisted the firefighters and hotshots in saving our cabin and those around us as well. Hence, "I'm a believer!" No more whining or complaining about Firewising... Just DO it! You'll be glad you did!

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## Important News You Can Use

by Matt Grossman

There are four online resources available to keep Mount Lemmon residents up-to-date between Echoes editions:

1. A Google Group has been set up to provide email updates. To join, send an e-mail to [mtlemmon-hoa+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:mtlemmon-hoa+subscribe@googlegroups.com).
2. The Mount Lemmon Homeowner's Association maintains a website at <https://mtlemmonhoa.org/> Check it out, get informed, and contribute.
3. A neighborhood group has been set up on Nextdoor.com. Sign up using your cabin street address to be connected to the Mount Lemmon group. If you already use Nextdoor for your valley neighborhood, you need to sign up for Mount Lemmon under a different email address, since only one neighborhood is permitted per email address at this time. This venue is important for general information, worthwhile educational benefits and timely communication, especially during critical concerns such as fire danger and road closures.
4. [MLFDAZ.org](http://MLFDAZ.org) is the web-address for our Fire Department. On their home page, under the Resources tab is *Firewise*. This tab takes you to the compilation of the important Firewise information and forms. This includes an Action List for Property Owners, a Community Communications form, cheatgrass and bark beetle identification, and even more information to help keep your cabin and community safe.



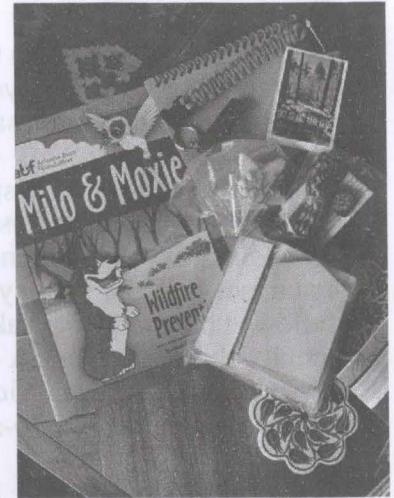
## Sky Island Kids Club: Summer Kits Welcome New and Returning Families

by Christina Grossman

We have a number of new families on the mountain. Welcome! I wish I could give a great big hug to all of our returning families. We miss you! Summer 2021 is here, and we are looking forward to kids using the "Rainy Day" Kits, as I like to call them now. Thank you to all who have signed up for the bags, and they are ready to head your way!

Included in the kits for each child:

- Milo & Moxie Fire Prevention workbook
- Photo album for plants on the mountain and nature walks
- Para chord bracelet (one for younger ones or a kit to make one for the older kids)
- Birdhouse kit
- Chimes kit
- Key chain/whistle/compass
- Our own Sky Island Kids Club playing cards, for those rainy days!
- Seed Packet (one per family) of Native-to-the-Mountain Seeds of Wildflowers



Thanks, Lori Woods, for generously donating Wild Life Magazines for kids to also take home with them to keep their minds alive and motivated. Thank you, Sally Crawford, for allowing us to scan the photos of the Plant Walk of the Butterfly Trail that was hosted by the late Frank Rose. Those scans have been emailed to families already. Thank you to Diana Osborne for the idea of the Milo & Moxie Fire Prevention Workbooks. Thank you to Leigh Anne Thrasher for the idea of the Junior Explorers: Arizona Trail information booklets. Those booklets will be arriving soon. On behalf of the Grossman Family, we are donating the seed packets of wildflowers to each "Rainy Day" kit.

Many thanks to the Mount Lemmon Homeowner's Association and Mount Lemmon Woman's Club for being sponsors of the kits. Without their help, we wouldn't have all the goodies to share with families. We hope you are interested in reaching out to both of the groups to become members or find ways to be a part of our wonderful community.

As always, feel free to reach out to me at [christina@grossman.com](mailto:christina@grossman.com) if you would like to be part of the email list, Facebook group, or the group on Nextdoor.



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## Mountain Magic Memories

by Diana Osborne

There were two lodges in their heyday from the late 50's to the early 70's during my younger years on the mountain. We loved and spent time in both the Ponderosa Lodge and the Mount Lemmon Inn.

Summer weekends were spent watching family movies on Friday nights up at the Radar Base with Commander Ernie Morrison and crew, Saturday night country western dances in the Mount Lemmon Inn dance hall and Sunday mornings a non-denominational service was followed by a large pancake breakfast that the whole mountain community showed up for. A caller would arrive at the Ponderosa Sunday afternoons when the music would begin and children with some adults would promenade and do-si-do on the large patio!

In 1965, Patti and Thorne Pierce purchased the Mount Lemmon Lodge.

They renamed it the Ponderosa Lodge, modernized it with new utilities and finishes including an addition of an upper open sleeping area loft. Thorne was a tall, thin, thoughtful, and kind man. Patti was short, adorable, and vivacious. The two made quite a pair, and the lodge took on their personalities. (Check out their custom sign, right.) Patti encouraged us kids to paint dwarfs and plants on the patio fence where we picked and ate apples off the large old apple tree.

There was office space in an enclosed porch at the front main level where my mom had her real estate office. She sold cabins but also had rentals that my sister and I cleaned. The shuffleboard with sawdust was a constant delight. We were on a tight budget but occasionally we would get to go to the lounge and have Shirley Temples for a treat.

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Mount Lemmon Lodge Lobby  
(destroyed by fire circa 1972)

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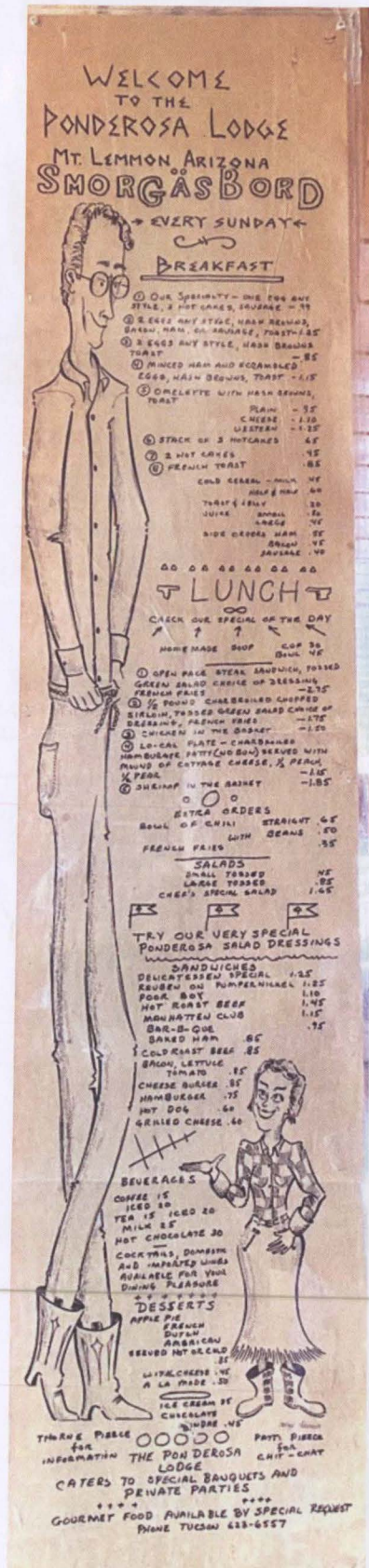
## Mountain Magic Memories, continued

Winter weekends after skiing we would head to the Lodge for fondue and a fashion show. Ted Gillette owned a ski shop on East Speedway. He would bring up kids' ski clothes and have us model them for guests staying at the lodge. We would get dressed in the large open loft on the third level, then parade down the staircase in the lobby to the applause of the guests. Can you imagine roly-poly kids in huge down jackets waddling down the stairs? But we loved it because most of the guests were our own Saguaro Ski Club members, and we knew them well!

In July 1970, my mom surprised me by booking the entire Ponderosa Lodge for my 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. She picked me up at Sleep Hollow and said she had some last-minute work she needed help with. We arrived to find the love of my life that summer, Sparky, my new bay horse. Inside it was incredibly quiet, but as we entered the dining room, an explosion of "Happy Birthday!" shouts from my high school friends stunned me, the Wooden Indian band began to play, and I danced my first slow dance. My mom really outdid herself!



Mount Lemmon Lodge Dining Room (my mom, Janis Cotten, center watching dancers) circa 1950



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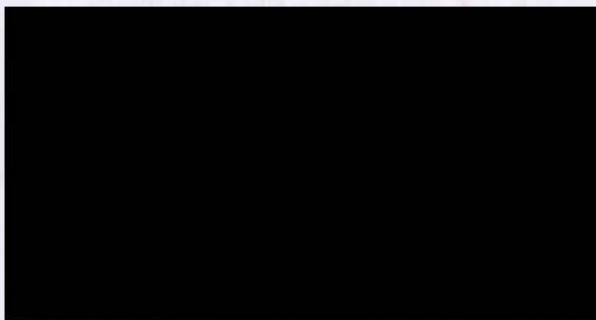
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