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# Mt. Lemmon Echoes

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## 20 Years After Aspen Fire, Community Has Changed

June 17, 2003 was a day of infamy for the Mt. Lemmon community.

It was on that day 20 years ago this month that a wildfire broke out in early afternoon along the Aspen Trail, two miles southwest of Summerhaven. What was to be called the Aspen Fire burned for a month.

The human-caused fire's vast destruction - 340 cabins and other buildings destroyed, 85,000 acres burned - forever changed the mountain community.

"We were such a tight community, with families and people who used to send their kids to the one-room school house," Fran Zimmerman recalled. "Then the fire came, and the whole thing changed. It's not been the same ever since."

Zimmerman first visited Mt. Lemmon in 1973, began living here a year later and is matriarch of a family long established on the mountain.

Many cabins and businesses have been rebuilt or

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**Satellite photo taken in June 2003 at the height of the Aspen Fire in the Santa Catalina Mountains. (Photo by NASA U.S./Japan ASTER Science Team)**

## We're In Fire Season; Precaution, Prevention Urged

**By Dan Leade**

**Mt. Lemmon Fire District**

Wildfire season has officially arrived on Mt. Lemmon. The first significant event, the Molino 2 Fire, started on April 30 near a popular shooting area along Catalina Highway near Milepost 4.5.

Resources under jurisdiction of the Coronado National

Forest, both ground and air, were dispatched, and it was contained at 115 acres.

Cause of the fire, as seen in a video the Forest Service posted on Facebook, may have been gunfire from a man at the shooting range.

A Forest Service official said a suspect was referred to the U.S. Attorney's Office. No further

information was available.

While it now is officially wildfire season, the truth is it never really is not fire season in our community. We have had fires in every month of the year and in every weather condition.

The official season runs from April to early July, when monsoon rains usually arrive,

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## 20 Years After Aspen Fire, Community Thrives Anew

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newly built nearby since then, and the community is healthy and vibrant again, perhaps in a different way and with a different vibe.

Yet the fire has left its scars, physical on the land and emotional with residents and cabin owners.

Mike Bernstein said his parents' cabin on Miners Ridge was destroyed, with nothing remaining but ash and residue.

"The cabin and everything in it was gone. The refrigerator was gone," he said. "It was just a puddle of metal that had melted back into the earth."

Bernstein's family rebuilt the cabin, he said, about 30 feet from its original site.

Others have re-established their places on the mountain, too, and with the opening last year of the Mt. Lemmon Hotel and other businesses and the



**The Aspen Fire up close. It was readily visible across the Tucson valley below.**  
(Photo from Pima County's report on the fire)

impending opening of the Mt. Lemmon Lodge, the mountain is thriving again, drawing more than 1 million visitors a year.

Still, for longtime mountain dwellers, the memory of that month two decades ago has not faded.

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# 'For the Love of Mt. Lemmon'

## Woman's Club Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Shortly after the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club was formed in 1973, Fran Zimmerman came to the mountain for a visit and met with a few of the women who had founded the club. She joined the next year.

Little did she know then, she said in a May interview, that this small group of women would grow the club to be the largest, now with 95 members, "and the richest" in Arizona.

"The dues were \$5 a year (they are \$40 now), and before I knew it, it was the largest club," Ms. Zimmerman said. "The club's idea was to help the community, with beautification. We also started small libraries and had rummage sales.

"We're the largest club. We have the most members and the most money," she said. "We don't ever have to have bake sales, because we have money in our treasury."

She said that came about largely because a founding member, Mt. Lemmon Postmaster Vesta Pfliger, donated her cabin to the club, and its sale helped assure a healthy club bank account.



**In 1974, Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club officers, from left, President Frances Morse, Katherine Lovett, Joan Choate, Chriss Sheldon, Madonna Miller and Mary Bender. (Photo courtesy of Linda Mulay)**

Ms. Zimmerman recalled that original members included Frances Morse, Mary Bender, whose cabin became the Cookie Cabin, Ms. Pfliger, Chriss Sheldon and Katherine Lovett.

"They're all gone now," she said, wistfully.

The club is affiliated with the General Federation of Women's Clubs, a global organization with more than 3,000 affiliate member clubs.

"The original idea was that so many little towns needed

organizations and leadership," Ms. Zimmerman said. "The idea in these small towns was to push civic issues."

That led the Woman's Club to become a regular and generous contributor to Tucson area charities, including Youth on Their Own.

One of the club's biggest achievements has been organizing the annual Fourth of July Parade, Ms. Zimmerman said. She led the parade effort for 30 years beginning in 1975.

She said "the excitement of the July 4 parade" is to her the most memorable achievement of the Woman's Club.

"We were founded on common interest for the community on Mt. Lemmon and for the love of Mt. Lemmon," Ms. Zimmerman said.

The club will celebrate its golden anniversary on June 10 with a luncheon at the cabin of Mickie Gelsinger.

*Woman's Club activities and updates, Page 13.*



## June Calendar

- 3 - Mt. Lemmon poisonous plants presentation, Caleb Rasor, Bowden Community Center, 2pm.
- 16 - Bunko, Bowden CC, 6:30pm.
- 17 - ML Water District Board, Zimmerman School, 8:30am.
  - MLHOA Board, Bowden CC, 10am
  - ML Woman's Club, Bowden CC, 1pm.
  - Mt. Lemmon Speakers Program, David Dean, Bowden CC, 2pm.
- 26 - ML Fire Board, Fire Station and via Zoom at mlfdaz.org, 4pm.

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## How to Stay Up to Date on Mt. Lemmon Information

**By Matthew Grossman**

Here are online resources to keep Mt. Lemmon residents informed between editions of *The Echoes*:

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 Homeowners' Association maintains a website at [mtlemmonhoa.org](http://mtlemmonhoa.org). Get informed and contribute to the community.
3. Sign up at [Nextdoor.com](http://Nextdoor.com), using your cabin street address. If you use Nextdoor for your valley neighborhood, sign up for Mt. Lemmon under a new email address, because only one neighborhood is permitted per email address. This offers general information and important communication, especially with wildfires and road closures.
4. [MLFDaz.org](http://MLFDaz.org) is the web address for our Fire Department. On the home page, under the Resources tab, is Firewise. This takes you to important information and forms, including an Action List for Property Owners, a Community Communications form, cheatgrass and bark beetle identification, and more information to help keep your cabin and community safe.

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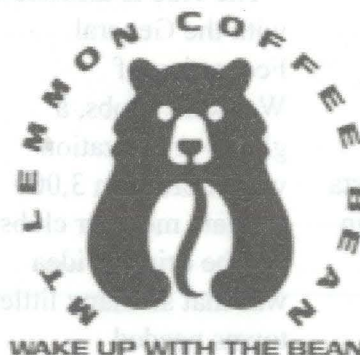
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## Mountain Fire Prep Is Full Speed Ahead

By Sally Crum

Members of the Mt. Lemmon community met at the Cookie Cabin the morning of May 6 for free cookies before they began Firewise work pulling cheatgrass, cleaning the Faul Preservation Area and consolidating chipper piles.

Soldier Camp residents and Boy Scouts cleaned debris from the winter's big storms.

Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management chipper crews arrived a week late, on May 15.

A second cheatgrass pull was held May 20. Thanks to Dorothy Johnson for organizing and the Cookie Cabin for providing rewards.

May 26 was the community Firewise block party, including the Forest Service, state Game and Fish, state Forestry, Southern Arizona Search and Rescue and Mt. Lemmon community groups.

Firewise is off to a great start. Now it's time to focus on cabins - painting bare wood, screening vents, removing flammables.



**Members of the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club and helpers fed the chipper crew with a taco bar. From left, Karen Burrows, Stu Shacter, Jennifer Shacter, Kenn Block, Linda Block, Ginny Durham, Sally Crum, Andrea Martin, Lou Crum, Luann Waldron, Aaron Lindflodt, Sandy Krauss, John Perchorowicz.**  
(Photo by Sean Matias)

## County Honors Firewise

The Pima County Board of Supervisors declared May 6 as Wildfire Community Preparedness Day as it honored Mt. Lemmon



residents, including Fire District Chief Joe Gunia (left) and Mt. Lemmon Firewise's Dorothy Johnson (right). Supervisor Steve Christy is in the background. (Photo courtesy of Pima County)

## Wildfire Season Is Here; Proactivity Is Prevention

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raising moisture and humidity levels.

Fire conditions this spring are considered the best in more than 20 years, according to the National Weather Service.

"Arizona has just about the least amount of drought/abnormally dry coverage since 2002," the service said in a statement.

This is especially good news for wildfire season, as soil

moisture is remaining much higher than one year ago. Spring drying will continue across southeastern Arizona as we progress through the remainder of wildfire season.

One big benefit in this wildland-urban interface community is how proactive community members are. Each year, we recognize the commitment to Firewise and the support of many residents making a concerted effort to

reduce wildfire risk. By using burn piles, pine needle collection and the annual chipper day, residents keep properties clean and structures on Mt. Lemmon safer.

While wildfire will always be a threat, these endeavors add protection to all who live and recreate on our Sky Island.

To learn more about Firewise, visit [mlfd.org](http://mlfd.org) and click on the Firewise tab on the top right of the page.



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Tickets are \$40, in advance only; use the coupon below. Proceeds go to Mt. Lemmon Business Economic Association's community beautification project.

Haskell has worked with Dizzy Gillespie, Chet Baker, the Four Aces, Linda Ronstadt, Buck Owens, Abbe Lane, Ed McMahon, Phyllis Diller, Red Buttons, Robert Goulet, Carol Lawrence, Billy Taylor, the Kingston Trio, Clark Terry, Benny Carter, Richard Rodney Bennett, Julius La Rosa, Long John Baldry and more.

Byrnes is an award-winning vocalist, director and concert producer based in Tucson. She headlines Tapestry: The Album, a tribute to Carole King; and Piece of My Heart, a tribute to Janis Joplin. Byrnes has



**Jeff Haskell and Katherine Byrnes**  
*(Photo by Amy Haskell)*

toured China as lead vocalist for Art.if.act Dance Project's Great American Dance Tour and has toured Europe and the United States to sing with Blue Note recording artist Amos Lee.

Byrnes is co-director and choreographer of Tucson's Gaslight Theatre and music director of Gaslight Music Hall. She has sung solo with the Tucson Symphony Orchestra, international cumbia mambo band Orkesta Mendoza and Calexico.

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# After the Big Storm, the Big Cleanup



**Top to bottom: A fallen pine tree blocked the Meadow Trail near the top of Mt. Lemmon; a large pine tree came up by its roots along Sabino Canyon Parkway; falling timber nearly toppled the Forest Service boundary sign leading toward Marshall Gulch.**



## Fallen Trees, Debris Blocked Trails, Roads

U.S. Forest Service crews and others continued in May the lengthy task of clearing fallen trees and debris left from February's severe winter storms in the Santa Catalina Mountains.

While the snow and the high winds are long gone, numerous trees, snapped off or uprooted from the soaked soil, remained to be removed.

"Cleanup has already begun and will continue through the season," Starr Farrell, public affairs officer for the Coronado National Forest, said in an email.

The damage kept Spencer Campground closed, but Farrell said the cleanup there was expected to be completed before the end of May.

The Forest Service has a system for handling such cleanup, Farrell said in the email.

"Cleanup priorities are ranked by safety and recreational opportunities," she said. "After those are complete, general maintenance will take place where needed."

"Trees that are off the road and not impacting traffic (pedestrian or vehicular) will be left to biodegrade so those nutrients can go back into the soil."

The Faul Preservation Area in Summerhaven had several large trees downed by the storm. They were cut up and made available to residents for firewood.

Chipper crews worked in May to clear slash piles that had been stacked by cabin owners as part of the mountain community's Firewise program to prevent wildfires.



# Want to Be in Parade? Entry Deadline June 12

By Hazel Rugg

The Fourth of July Parade on Mt. Lemmon is one of the oldest traditions on the mountain. I am not certain when it started, although I remember it from the late 1960s.

It featured lots of dogs wearing scarves, horses and riders, hippies, kids riding in wheelbarrows, Gramma Rawley's goats and the local Sheldon boys riding on donkeys.

The Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club took over sponsorship and organization of the parade in 1975, with Fran Zimmerman in charge.

We had quite a variety of entries over the years. Arizona's governor rode in the parade one year. Other years saw the Statue of Liberty, trolls and gnomes and even a few forest fairies. Parade themes are always fun and patriotic.

You can join the fun this year by entering. Fill out the form below and read and sign the form on the next page. Or just show up to watch.

It begins at noon, heading south along Sabino Canyon Parkway from Turkey Run Road, and it concludes at the Mt. Lemmon Water District office, one-half mile down the road.

## MT. LEMMON FOURTH OF JULY PARADE ENTRY CONTACT INFO

Title of entry: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsor (Entity/club/group/family): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP code \_\_\_\_\_

## MT. LEMMON FOURTH OF JULY PARADE ENTRY FORM

Title of entry: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of group: \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. of participants in group: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Entry category: ☐ Patriotic. ☐ Humorous. ☐ Creative.  
 Mode of transportation (check all that apply): ☐ Walking. ☐ Walking dogs. ☐ Riding horse.  
☐ Dancing. ☐ Walking donkeys. ☐ Driving a tractor. ☐ Driving a car. ☐ Driving a truck.  
☐ Other. Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

If you will provide your own music, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parade emcee script (What you want the emcee to announce about your entry): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 or email to: [diana@mtlemmonlodge.com](mailto:diana@mtlemmonlodge.com) or [picanledesigins@hotmail.com](mailto:picanledesigins@hotmail.com)



## Fourth of July Parade Rules and Regulations Agreement

**Time:** The parade begins at noon, weather permitting. Have your entire group present by 11:45 a.m.

**Place:** Check-in table will be at Loma Linda Extension and General Hitchcock Highway, across from Ski Valley Road, starting at 11 a.m. The parade route will be south on Sabino Canyon Parkway from Mt. Lemmon Realty driveway to Mt. Lemmon Water District driveway.

**Fine print:** Read, sign and return this form via email to Diana at [diana@mtlemmonlodge.com](mailto:diana@mtlemmonlodge.com) or Hazel at [picanledesigns@hotmail.com](mailto:picanledesigns@hotmail.com) before parade day. Pick up your Parade Line Up Number at the check-in desk. Parade entry form (on the previous page) must be filled out and sent in by June 12 to secure your entry's spot in the parade.

**Staging:** After check-in, you and your group will be directed to one of the staging areas on adjacent streets.

**Parking:** You may park in staging areas along Ski Run Road, Loma Linda Extension, Bisbee Avenue or General Hitchcock Highway, as long as your vehicles are well off to the road sides. You may also park at the end of the parade route near the Mt. Lemmon Water District.

**Certificates/Awards:** A participation certificate will be given to each entry at the end of the parade route. Award certificates will be distributed at the Chuck Bowden Community Center.

**Water, facilities:** Bottled water and restrooms will be at the Bowden Community Center.

### PARADE ETIQUETTE

\* All efforts must be made to keep the parade moving at an even pace without gaps that cause spectators to believe the parade has ended prematurely. That requires your undivided attention.

\* Singing, dancing and playing music must be done as you walk in the parade, maintaining an even pace.

\* No performing at the judges' stand; pause only long enough for the emcee to announce your group.

\* Do not stop to allow spectators to pet animals in the parade.

\* Spectators must sit or stand on either side of Sabino Canyon Parkway, off the roadway.

\* Small children must be accompanied by adults.

\* Animals must be harnessed or leashed and with their owners at all times.

\* No political entries are allowed.

\* Water may be shot into the air overhead, but no shooting water into the crowds of spectators. No water cannons are allowed.

\* No candy, Frisbees or objects of any kind may be tossed to the crowd. Candy and other goodies may be handed directly to spectators or left at their feet. Do not provide any incentive for children to run into the street.

\* Parade participants, including children, must not at the end of the parade route turn around and walk back through the oncoming parade entrants. Please have a plan to accompany children and walk them back behind spectators to their parents or guardians.

**I agree for myself and on behalf of my group to respectfully follow the above rules and regulations and parade etiquette.**

Name

Signature

Group name

Date



# The Echoes is 50 Years Old

The Mt Lemmon Echoes is 50 years old this year.

The newsletter originated in 1973 to keep mountain residents in the know. Page 1 of its first edition (at right) featured a story about that year's Mt. Lemmon Homeowners' Association annual meeting.

The first editor was Frances Morse, who also was the first president of the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club. The club also was founded in 1973 (50th anniversary story, Page 3).

The Echoes succeeded another Mt. Lemmon

publication, *Tall Pine Tales*, which was "published periodically," as the front page announced, and its final issue in the Arizona State Library archives went out in January 1973.

## The Echoes Seeks A New Editor

The volunteer editor position for *The Mt. Lemmon Echoes* is open.

Interested? Contact Sally Crum at the Mt. Lemmon HOA at [info@mtlemmonhoa.org](mailto:info@mtlemmonhoa.org).

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### REPORT ON THE ANNUAL MEETING

A Sheriff's Office Substation for Mt. Lemmon is among the items on the bonding proposal voted on by the people of Pima County last Tuesday. If this proposal carried, work on the substation should start this spring.

This was the best news dropped on our organization by the panel of county employees at the annual meeting of the Homeowners' Association recently. Our guests were D. A. Ritchie of the county highway department, Bud Deoley of the county sanitation department, and Alex Garcia of Planning and Zoning. Ron Sharman, County Manager, informed that unless we tried to straighten up these three things, our zoning, our road situation, and our pollution problems - we couldn't expect much help from the county in our continuing battle with the Forest Service. But, he stressed that we would receive full support if we went to work on these problems immediately.

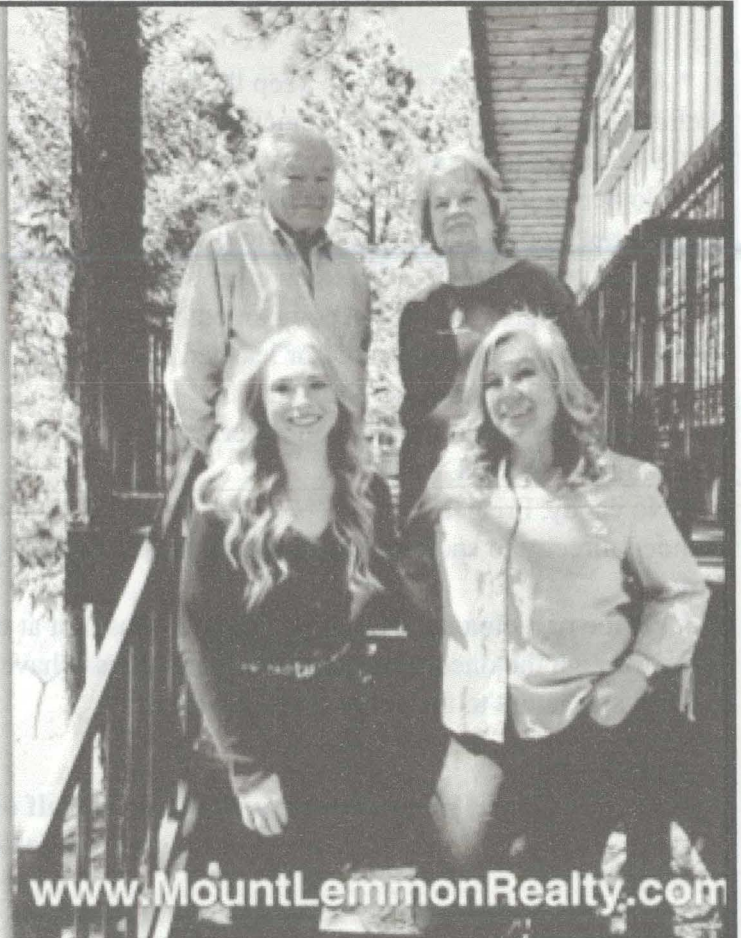
Approximately 120 people were present for the talk and the dinner. New Board Members elected were Dr. Jim Bennett of the Loma Linda area, Gerry Mackney and Bill Rhind, both from the Summerhaven area.

Bob Zimmerman, our President, gave a brief speech on what the group had accomplished this past year and what the major aims for 1974 would be.

He also gave the following list of new committees for this year and the chairman. If any of these committees interest you, give the Chairman a call or drop us a note and we'll forward your name to the correct Chairman. Two committees, Forest Service Liaison and Pima County Liaison are without Chairmen. If you feel you have the time and interest to work on either of these, give Bob Zimmerman a call some evening. Chairmen will be picked from these volunteers by the Board of Directors.

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# MLHOA President's Report: Busy Summer Ahead

**By Sally Crum**  
**MLHOA President**

It has been reported that we received more than 1.5 inches of rain in May. How exciting is that?

Based on information from the U.S. Forest Service, the wildfire possibility is the lowest it has been in many years because of high humidity and winter moisture. That's good news, but not a guarantee, so please continue your Firewise efforts and due diligence when it comes to fire.

We are marking the 20th anniversary of the Aspen Fire, and I feel gratified at what a strong, resilient community we are.

With Memorial Day weekend behind us, we see more friends and neighbors return to the mountain, and social season is officially underway!

Inside this issue you will find information on our upcoming concert on June 10. Please get your reservations in; it is bound to be a sellout. You also will find details and registration information for the annual Fourth of July Parade.

Michael Chihak, volunteer editor of *The Echoes*, will leave us after the July issue. He and his wife sold their cabin and will do some traveling. We were privileged to have Michael, the former editor and publisher of the *Tucson Citizen*, as the editor

of our little hometown paper, and we will miss his expertise and professionalism. Thank you, Michael, and we wish you the best in your new adventure.

Thank being said, we are looking for someone to step up and assume his duties. If you are interested in the position, please contact us at [info@mtlemmonhoa.org](mailto:info@mtlemmonhoa.org).

There have been an increasing number of motor vehicle accidents on the highway; be safe and patient and look out for the other guy!

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## Cordilleran Flycatchers Are Back and May Be Nesting in Your Yard

By Charles van Riper III  
and Harold F. Greeney III

The cordilleran flycatcher is a small, neotropical migrant bird that nests at higher-elevation sites on Mt.

Lemmon. There are several mechanisms that you can use to find if one is nesting on your property.

First, you must be able to recognize the bird, by sight and sound, and then you can use behavioral cues to determine if they are nesting.

The cordilleran flycatcher is very small, about 0.3 of an ounce or 10 grams, and from 5 1/2 to 6 inches tall, about the size of a sparrow. With their relatively drab plumage, they are easily overlooked.

This bird is olive-colored above, with yellowish feathers below, has a peaked crown, a whitish eye ring that is thickest behind the eye and two white wing bars. The beak is fairly broad and flat, with a dark-colored mandible above and a lighter one below.

These birds have a habit of flicking their tails up and down every time they land. They forage almost exclusively on flying insects and can often be seen flying out from a perch to capture passing insects.

Once you become visually aware of this bird, you can recognize it by a high-pitched, two-note "wee-deep" call, sounding much like a

squeaking dog toy. You can hear numerous renditions of this song at the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology website, [allaboutbirds.org/guide/Cordilleran\\_Flycatcher/sounds](http://allaboutbirds.org/guide/Cordilleran_Flycatcher/sounds).

If a cordilleran flycatcher decides to breed on your property, the nest may be built in a variety of locations. A favorite nest site is a horizontal beam over the deck or in a crevice under the deck. The birds also use stream banks, ledges on rocky outcrops, fallen tree stumps, crevices on downed logs and crevices in the bark of upright large trees.

More than 50 people on Mt. Lemmon have provided nesting platforms for flycatchers on their properties. Not all platforms have been used, but these structures provide flycatchers with much-needed extra nesting locations.

Anyone interested in obtaining a nesting platform can contact Kenn Block, 520 975-1053, or Gordon Hunter, 520 425-4510.

If you find a nest, it will be small - about six inches wide - cup-shaped, built mostly of moss and leaves on the outside, with dried grass and rootlets inside. All of the nest materials are held together with large amounts of spider web that the female bird gathers on her "whiskers"



**Cordilleran flycatcher, scientific name *Empidonax occidentalis*. (Photo by Harold F. Greeney III)**

and then wipes on the outside of the nest.

To the human eye, all cordilleran flycatchers look alike, so we place tiny colored bands on their legs, allowing recognition of individuals. If you see one flying around your property on Mt. Lemmon, know that it could either be looking for a place to nest or it may already be nesting.

If you want assistance with finding your cordilleran flycatcher nest, call Charles van Riper, 520 307-1658, or Harold F. Greeney, 818 441-2163.

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# Woman's Club Report: Cabin Tours, Parade Preparations, More

By Sandi Triplett

**ML Woman's Club President**

Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club members Luann Waldron, Linda Mulay, Connie Taylor and Sandi Triplett represented the club at the General Federation of Women's Clubs state convention May 5-7 in Mesa.

Upcoming activities:

\* June 3 - Cabin tour. Sally Crawford is once again chairing the event, and we can't thank her enough for the work she does.

\* June 10 - 50th anniversary luncheon at Mickie Gelsinger's cabin. Contact chairwoman Connie Taylor for more information. Members may pay annual dues of \$40 at the gathering.

\* The Fourth of July Parade committee is working to bring the event together, under leadership of Hazel Rugg and Diana Osborne. Volunteers are still needed for parade day; if interested, contact Hazel.

\* The club will meet June 17 at 1 p.m. at the Bowden Community Center.

\* The speakers program resumes June 17 at 2 p.m. at the Bowden CC with naturalist David Dean on "Biodiversity of the Santa Catalina Mountains."

## Summer Speakers Program Resumes

The Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club speakers program resumes June 17, with naturalist David Dean, "Biodiversity of the Santa Catalina Mountains.

On July 15, the speaker will be Hernan Castro, "Foraging for Mushrooms on Mt. Lemmon."

The Aug. 19 speaker will be Henry Johnson, "Birds of Mt. Lemmon and the Southwest."

The September speaker will be announced at a later date.

All programs will begin at 2 p.m. at the Chuck Bowden Community Center.



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*May was a month for cleanup as part of Firewise efforts to reduce wildfire fuels. Here are two groups that made a difference.*



**Top photo:** Chipper crew members who worked to rid the mountain's residential areas of slash piles. **At right,** cheatgrass pulling volunteers pose after a hard day's work. **Front row,** Henry Johnson, Bridget Werchan, Alison Maricic. **Middle row,** Henry Werchan, Abby Nastase and daughter, Ryan Nastase. **Back row,** Marty Herde, Jim Herde. **On the crew but not pictured:** Nate Clark, Caia Thompson

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## 'Honor Flight' Recognizes Military Vets, Including Mt. Lemmon's Kenn Block

Mt. Lemmon community member Kenn Block was among six dozen U.S. military veterans from the Tucson area who traveled to Washington, D.C., in April on an "Honor Flight."

"It was a helluva trip. The three years I spent in the military don't match up to those three days on Honor Flight," Block said.

He served in the Army from 1960 to 1963 as an enlisted man, first in an armored unit, then as an administrative staff member at Ft. Hood, Texas.

He was escorted to Washington by Sandi Triplett, an Honor Flight "guardian" and president of the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club.

The two were among 71 veterans, 71 guardians and 14 Honor Flight team members to take a chartered plane from Tucson to Baltimore on April 23. They visited Washington the following day, taking in the World War II Memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial among other stops.

The evening they returned to Tucson, hundreds of supporters cheered Block and the other veterans.

"To see combat veterans come back to the greeting they got and feel good made it a gratifying event," Block said, referring specifically to veterans of the Vietnam War who made the trip.

Honor Flight Network is a national nonprofit organization that works with 125 hubs across the country. It provides all-expenses-paid trips to Washington to honor and show appreciation for veterans of World War II and the Korean and Vietnam wars. It gets no government funding, raising all its money from private donations.



**Honor Flight participant Kenn Block and 'guardian' Sandi Triplett at Ft. McHenry, Md., on April 25.**



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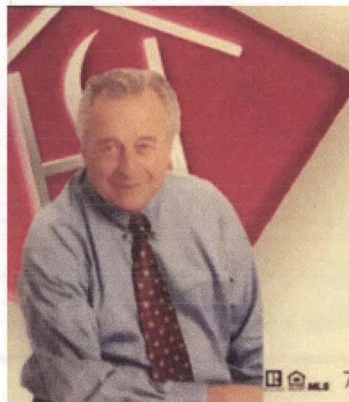
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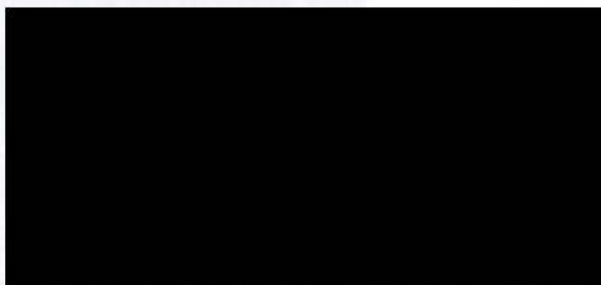
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