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Celebration of the Life of Bob Zimmerman By Michael Stanley

For so many in our community, Robert T. Zimmerman's name is synonymous with Summerhaven and Mt. Lemmon. Most of us had the pleasure of knowing this man, a kind and unusually generous person with a quiet demeanor. He had a unique sense of humor and always a smile or words of encouragement. The son of Tony, the "Old Man of the Mountain," and mom Sena, Bob was born April 15, 1935, and passed away this past spring on March 9, 2024.

Zimmerman grew up in Tucson and graduated from Tucson High School. He then completed a bachelor's degree in metallurgical engineering from the University of Arizona and a master's degree in material science from ASU. Following his studies, Bob entered the U.S. Air Force as an instructor pilot, serving in the Vietnam War as an F-4 pilot for ten years. After a short stint in the corporate world, he returned to his first love of Tucson and Mt. Lemmon to assist his dad, Tony, in various Zimmerman businesses. These included the Mt. Lemmon Sawmill, an actual working sawmill, where he harvested trees in the local forest to make lumber, mastered welding and repairing equipment for the mill, and cut and loaded large trees from difficult areas of the mountain.



A young Bob Zimmerman during his time in the Air Force (photo courtesy of Michael Stanley and the Zimmerman family)

Not one to sit idly, Bob also cleared lines for TRICO, learned to be a short order cook at the Mt. Lemmon Inn, and eventually obtained a real estate license to help develop, grow, and face continuing issues present in mountain life. And of course, he drove a snowplow for years for the community. Bob chaired the Water Co-op, was on the Fire Board, served as the MLHOA Board president, and worked tirelessly to help fight the USFS when they attempted to acquire private land. His efforts and many other endeavors provide more deeded land now than forty years ago!



Color Guard from Davis Monthan AFB present the flag to Fran Zimmerman (photo courtesy of Michael Stanley)

A beautiful Celebration of Life was held Sunday, May 19, 2024, at the MLCC for this remarkable man who brought the Summerhaven Dream to so many. Wife Fran, daughter Jenni, and many other family members joined over 150 friends from near and far to celebrate, remember, and share stories of life with Bob. The ceremony included a moving David Monthan Air Force Base Color Guard presentation of the American Flag to Fran.

The simple words "Mt. Lemmon Realty" on the sign as one enters the Village do not adequately convey the depth of Bob Zimmerman's history, involvement, and dedication to Summerhaven through the years. For decades, he built coalitions and advocated for the community he loved, ultimately helping it rebuild after the Aspen Fire of 2003. He is responsible in large part

for the success we see in Summerhaven today. Bob's legacies are his family, who will carry on his love of the mountain, a building that reflects his vision in the Sawmill Run, and of course, Mt. Lemmon Realty. Bob Zimmerman will be missed by everyone who knew him, and he'll always be remembered with admiration and gratitude.

Dousing a Literal Dumpster Fire: MLFD Urges Safe Disposal of Ashes by Dan Leade

On May 10, 2024, at approximately 7:30am, the Mount Lemmon Fire District responded to a report of a dumpster fire at Rose Canyon campground. Upon arrival, MLFD units encountered a dumpster with smoke and fire exiting the bear proof container doors. The fire was quickly extinguished by fire personnel. This is a good reminder that, with cool evenings hanging around and the start of barbeque season upon us, it is imperative to discuss safe ash disposal.

The U.S. Fire Administration has recommendations for discarding ashes safely, and these are helpful for homeowners and renters. **Always allow ashes to cool before disposing of them.** While this may seem self-explanatory, MLFD responds annually to incidents where this has not occurred.

In order to allow for cooling, place ashes in a tightly covered metal container and keep the ash container at least 10 feet away from the home and any other buildings. It should be noted that this includes decks, garages, woodpiles or anything else that is flammable. Plastic bins, cardboard boxes and paper bags are

unacceptable for ash collection. Also, do not use vacuums to collect ash, as their containers can melt or catch fire. Never put ashes that are not completely cold directly into the trash. This may require multiple days of cooling in the tightly covered metal container. Pouring water on the ashes in the container is recommended and will expedite the cooling process.

If interested, the U.S. Fire Administration has pictographs that may be downloaded at https://www.usfa.fema.gov/gallery/pictographs/ pictograph43.html. This may be especially helpful for renters

(right) Aaron Lindflott of the MLFD puts out a dumpster fire at Rose Canyon campground on May 10, 2024 (photo courtesy of MLFD)



(above) MLFD responds to a dumpster fire at Rose Canyon campground on May 10, 2024 (photo courtesy of MLFD)







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Join the Firewise Effort! by Sally Crum

Our Community Wildfire Preparedness event on May 11, 2024, was a huge success, with many residents beginning their raking and hazardous fuels removal. The Catalina Council, Troop 172 Boy Scouts worked hard in Soldier Camp and Willow Canyon over the weekend. On the same weekend, volunteers helped Randall Miller and Lou Crum chip slash in Summerhaven, after meeting up at the Mt. Lemmon Fire Station at 8:00 am. The 'Michael and Susan Anderson Chipper' functioned wonderfully, allowing them to complete the task by early afternoon. THANK YOU to cabin owners for doing your part, to the Boy Scouts, and to the 'chipper team' for this great start on REDUCING THE RISK OF WILDFIRE.

CHEATGRASS: NOW is the time to pull, spray, or cut this invasive weed, while it is green, before it goes to seed. Try to remove it within 5' – 10' of your cabin and propane tanks. For more information, see the article by Lindy Brigham and Dorothy Johnson at mlfdaz.org/firewise

FIREWISE ASSESSMENT: Request your Firewise Assessment and have it completed, to be entered into a drawing to win a FREE night's lodging at the Mt. Lemmon Lodge, thanks to Diana and John Osborne. The Firewise Assessment is an opportunity for you to receive suggestions on what YOU can do to REDUCE THE RISK OF WILDFIRE to your cabin. Complete the form at mlfdaz.org/firewise. The form can be found under "Firewising on Mt. Lemmon." You will be contacted for an appointment. The drawing will be held at the Firewise Appreciation Celebration/Potluck on August 17.

And don't forget to report your hours and \$ spent on your Firewise work. Complete and submit your information for an opportunity to win a prize, including a quilt, a Henry Johnson photo and other prizes. The drawing will be held at the Firewise Appreciation Celebration/Potluck on August 17. Your work is valuable to our certification as a Firewise Community.

Our Firewise Block Party on May 25 was a huge success! Please see the article on page 11 for photos and details. And remember what Smokey the Bear says: "Only YOU can prevent a wildfire!"



(above) Community volunteers join Sally and Lou Crum (left) and Randall Miller (right) to help clean up debris on "Chipper Day," May 11, 2024. The chipper was donated to the Mt. Lemmon community by Mike and Susan Anderson. (photo courtesy of Sally Crum)

(below) Volunteers aid clean up efforts on May 11, 2024 (photo courtesy of Sally Crum)



Volunteer at the MLCC Visitor Center!

The Mt. Lemmon community is fortunate to continue to have our MLCC Visitor Center staffed by Paul Kriegshauser every Friday. Paul is enjoying some time with his grandchildren on the weekends this summer, however, so we urgently need volunteers to step up on Saturdays and Sundays during these next few months.

Volunteering at the Visitor Center is a very fun and rewarding way to spend a couple of hours on the weekend, greeting people from all over the world who would like to learn about Mt. Lemmon, where to eat, where to hike, and any other fun facts you might share. No training is needed, and the pay is outstanding (well, we know the reward is)! Please let Linda or John Mulay (ph: 520-327-4615) know if you can help, or contact Sally Crum or Linda Currin for information.

June Calendar

6/1, 1-4 PM (and Saturdays throughout June): Music on the Mountain, Mt. Lemmon Lodge (pg. 7)

6/7,7 PM: Movies on the Mountain, Mt. Lemmon Lodge (pg. 7)

6/8, 10:30 AM: MLWC Member Luncheon (pg. 10)

6/14, 6:30 PM: Bunko, Community Center

6/15, 8:30 AM: ML Water District Board, Zimmerman School

> 10 AM: MLHOA Board meeting, Community Center (pq. 6)

I PM: ML Woman's Club meeting, Community Center (pq. 10)

2:30 PM: Speaker Series: Butch Farabee, Search and Rescue (pg. 7)

5 PM: Trico Community Meeting on Fire Mitigation Efforts, MLCC (pg. 10)

End of day: Deadline to renew MLHOA membership (pg, 5)

6/17, 4 PM: ML Fire Board, Fire Station and via Zoom at mldaz.org

End of day: Deadline to submit entry for July 4th parade (pg. 5)

Upcoming July and August Events

7/4, 12 PM: Summerhaven 4th of July parade7/27, 5-7 PM: Loma Sabino HOA Potluck, MLCC8/17: Save the date for the Firewise AppreciationCelebration/Potluck!

Note: **June 18** is the deadline for submitting items for the July 2024 issue of the <u>Echoes</u>. Please submit any articles, photos, or events to mtlemmonechoes@gmail.com

How to Stay Up to Date on Mt. Lemmon Information

by Matthew Grossman and DJ Johnson

We have several resources that help to keep Mt. Lemmon residents informed between editions of *The Echoes*:

1. Join our Google Group for email updates. To join go to https://groups.google.com/g/mtlemmonhoa and request to join. You will receive an acceptance email within days.

2. The Mount Lemmon Homeowners' Association maintains a website at **mtlemmonhoa.org**.

3. Sign up at **Nextdoor.com**, using your cabin street address. This is an informal network that many residents use for sharing information.

4. MLFDAZ.org is the web address for our Fire Department's website. Its Firewise tab takes you to the Mt. Lemmon Firewise Community website, the doorway to important information and forms to get connected (Connections, Neighborhoods and Request Assessment), plan your firewising (an invaluable 13-minute video and Firewising Your Mt. Lemmon Cabin), access support, understand bark beetle and cheatgrass, and provide information to your overnight guests.

5. For the most timely updates, open "Mt Lemmonite Connections" on the Firewise website and click to fill out the form that provides your email to Mt Lemmon Firewise and, *only if/as you choose*, to Mt Lemmon Fire District, Mt Lemmon Women's Club, MLHOA, and Sky Islands Kids Club.

About The Mt. Lemmon Echoes

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The Mt Lemmon HOA has extended the deadline for the annual dues to June 15th. If you pay your dues by the 15th, you will continue to receive *The Mt. Lemmon Echoes*. Due to increased publishing costs, we cannot continue to send the *Echoes* to cabin owners who have not paid their 2024 dues.

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Update from the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners' Association by Sally Crum, President

'And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on trees, just as things grow in fast movies,
I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over again with the summer.'

F. Scott Fitzgerald, The Great Gatsby

And.... it's time for a new summer season on the mountain. Even as the season is new, it will also be filled with many old traditions. It's always a joy to welcome back old friends and to say 'hi' to those of you just beginning to venture up from the heat in the valley.

Our Firewise Block Party kicked off the season (see page 11 for details and photos), and that will be followed by our first Bunko of the year on June 14th. We hope you will join us at 6:00 PM for a night of fun, food, and fellowship. There is no experience required: Linda and John Mulay provide great instruction! Bring your own drink and a snack to share with others from the community. We hope to see you there!

After attending the Celebration of Life for our dearly loved Mt. Lemmon Hero, Bob Zimmerman, I realized yet again what an incredibly unique community we belong to. As Brett Hinsch reminded us, 'when something needs to be done, someone steps up and gets it done.' There are many opportunities for YOU to step up and volunteer to help our community. If you are interested in serving on the MLHOA Board and helping to take us into the next 50 years, please let us know at info@mtlemmonhoa.org. We're actively looking for new Board members! Also see the information on page 3 about volunteering at the MLCC Visitor Center.

Homeowner's/fire insurance continues to be a challenge for Mt. Lemmon residents and business owners. The MLHOA and the Mt. Lemmon Business Economic Association/MLBEA sent a letter to Steve Christy, our Pima County District 4 Representative, highlighting the problem along with suggestions and ideas for helping those impacted. We will continue to advocate for the availability of insurance in our Wildland Urban Interface community, and we'll keep you posted on developments.

The Fourth of July will be here before you know it. Please see information on page 5 to see how YOU can participate.

Thanks to all of you for your support!



A Limerick Remembering Bob Zimmerman

Whenever we think back of Bob, however busy he was on the job, there were never sad thoughts or a sob. Good memories would spring up as a fountain

of his good life here on this mountain.

We and the mountain will miss him.

Dennis & Pam Winsten

Movies and Music on The Mountain!



The Mount Lemmon Lodge will be hosting several wonderful events in June:

June 1 - Music on the Mountain - Tiny House of Funk - Funk & R&B 1-4pm

June 7 - Movies on the Mountain - Lodge Deck 7pm

June 8- Music on the Mountain - John Hughes Saxaphone 12-3pm

June 15 - Music on the Mountain -Joe Weinberg/Marco Rosano Duo Jazz 4-7pm

June 22 - Music on the Mountain - Porch Rockers Blues 5-8pm

June 29 - Music on the Mountain - Liz & Pete Original Folk 2-5pm

In June (on June 7, to be exact), the Mount Lemmon Lodge will begin hosting **Movies on the Mountain** on the first Friday of the month! Diana Osborne says it will be the full movie experience. They will have a popcorn machine and butter stand, and a variety of candy and snacks will be available as well as beer, wine, soda, and charcuterie boards. And if that isn't enough: they plan to show the movie in the café and on the deck simultaneously. So if you need a bathroom break, you can even catch more of the movie on the way there...even *better* than a theater!

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Summer Speaker Program by Robin Kirk

The Summer Speaker Program is going strong! In May, we were delighted to have Don Delmastro from the US Forest Service present to the community. We will continue having speakers once a month to address various topics of interest to residents and all who love the mountain.

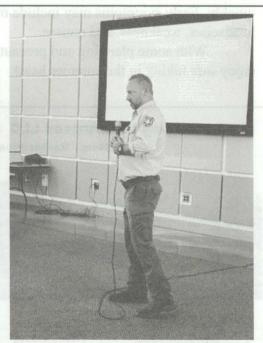
All events are free and open to the public. Join us at the MLCC at 2:30 PM on the following Saturdays:

June 15: Butch Farabee, Search and Rescue information

July 20: Don Hickman, on Heritage Mt. Lemmon apple trees and Jesús Garcia, Mission Garden

August 17: Terry Wilson, RN, "Preventing Domestic Abuse"

September 21: Mt. Lemmon Artists Panel and Exhibition



Don Delmastro (USFS) presents at the May 18 Speaker Series event (photo courtesy of Robin Kirk)

Summer Hiking Safety by Amanda Adams, USFS

Greetings from the US Forest Service! As we head into summer, the temperatures will rise. Here are some tips for hiking safely in the heat.

First and most important, hydrate. Proper hydration begins before your hike. Prior to heading out, be sure to drink enough water in the days before your hike. Hiking on a hydration deficit is dangerous. Drink a glass of water before hitting the trail. Carry at least a liter of water for every two hours of hiking, and carry more when in extreme temperatures or difficult terrain. When your water is half gone, that means your hike is half over! Turn around, regardless of whether you've reached the destination you intended to reach. Use electrolytes to help your body use water more effectively by replenishing important minerals.

Next, go early or go up. Hike near sunrise. Avoid the heat of the day by hiking early in the morning. Start before sunrise and be done by 10 am. Hiking in the mountains also helps you stay out of the extreme heat. Higher elevations tend to have more shade and better breezes along with cooler temperatures. Choose trails with shade to stop and rest in. Be aware of the weather and heat warnings.

Finally, protect yourself from the sun with a hat, sunscreen, and sunglasses. Wear light colored, light weight clothing with full coverage like long sleeves and pants.

Listen to your body and rest or turn around when needed. Heat related illnesses can be fatal if not addressed quickly. Early symptoms may include muscle cramping, headaches, weakness, and nausea.

With some planning and precautions, you can enjoy safe hiking in the summer heat!

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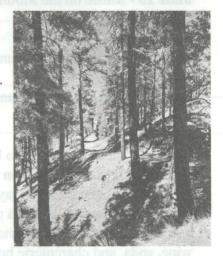
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The Aspen Draw Trail provides shade and a gradual elevation change from Summerhaven to Ski Valley (photo courtesy of Susan Miller-Cochran)

The popular
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Sky Island Kids Club: The Sun Sets for This Time, But Not Forever By Christina Grossman

Hello Sky Island Kids Club Families! It has been a wonderful six years in providing activities and making memories with all the families on Mt. Lemmon.

The initial inspiration of creating Sky Island Kids Club was to teach my children and yours about the Forest Biome, where drinking water comes from on the Mt. Lemmon, learning from our community members, cleaning up our mountain, how to Firewise, and connecting back with Nature. In all those years of making memories along the way, I firmly believe we achieved success. The Pandemic could not put a stop to the Sky Island Kids Club! That is the mountain spirit, perseverance.

If you read one book this Summer, let it be "Last Child in the Woods" by Richard Louv. It shed light and urgency for kids to explore and connect to their environment. Whether we live up here full time or part time, the Mountain calls us to come back to Nature time and time again. We need to listen. We are the caregivers of this beautiful Mt. Lemmon, both adults and children, all of us.

As my children have experienced each Summer on Mt. Lemmon and continue to do so, I have seen the fruition of planting those seeds since we moved up here, over ten years ago. They have taken on such deep affection and interest in their own way. I hope for the same for your children. It is time to hand the baton to someone who would like to continue this tradition.

Thank you to the MLHOA and MLWC for sponsoring the kids for all these six years. Thank you to all of you who made this possible. You are wonderful!



Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club by Sandi Triplett, MLWC President

The consistent contributions of the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club were recognized this spring by the larger General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC), of which we are a member. The Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club is proud to have received six awards for community service at the GFWC Southern District Spring Convention, and we also received another award at the GFWC Annual State Convention. Your efforts and contributions to the Tucson community are making a difference!

We also are happy to report that on May 18, the MLWC installed our 2024-2026 officers. Thank you to Jennifer Schacter for presiding over this ceremony. We welcomed Sandi Triplett, President; Luann Waldron, First Vice President; Terry Wilson, Second Vice President; Donna Schotter, Secretary; and Karen Burrows, Treasurer (see pictures on this page). We also honored our outgoing Secretary, Mary Hunter. We are extraordinarily grateful to have this team serve as our leadership for the next two years.

The annual MLWC Cabin Tour is taking place on the first of June this year. Thank you to Sally Crawford for planning our 2024 event! This is Sally's twenty-first year chairing the Cabin Tour, and we look forward to the event every year. Look for the pictures from this cabin tour in the July *Echoes*.

Our annual Membership Luncheon will take place Saturday, **June 8 at 10:30 AM** at 13061 N. Upper Loma Linda. All members are welcome as well as any who are interested in membership. We are anticipating that our GFWC State President, Sue Shipley, will join us for this luncheon. Please bring a salad to share (green salad, Jello salad, potato salad, Cole slaw, fruit salad, etc.). Also remember to bring cash or check for \$40 for your annual membership dues. Thank you to Luann Waldron for chairing this event and to Leigh Anne Thrasher for hosting this luncheon at her cabin.

Our June Woman's Club meeting will take place Saturday, June 15 at 1:00 pm at the Mt Lemmon Community Center. Our Done in a Day project this month will be donating supplies for Sister Jose's, a shelter for homeless women. Their greatest needs are women's clothing, personal hygiene products, sunscreen, chap stick, pet food, and cash. We hope to see you there!



The Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club installed officers for 2024-2026 on May 18, 2024.

(above) From left: Jennifer Schacter presided over the ceremony that installed Sandi Triplett, President; Luann Waldron, First Vice President; Terry Wilson, Second Vice President; Donna Schotter, Secretary; and Karen Burrows, Treasurer.





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Trico Event on June 15th

Join Trico Electric Cooperative for a Summer Preparedness Town Hall on Saturday, June 15 at 5 p.m. at the Mt. Lemmon Community Center. Trico staff will discuss fire risk and preparedness on the Mountain, and they will also be able to answer questions from community members.

Welcoming a New Business in Summerhaven: Robin's Nest

by Susan Miller-Cochran

You might have noticed a new business along Sabino Canyon Parkway, nestled between the Mt. Lemmon Coffee and Tea Co. and the Swanny Haus bicycle shop. Joining the Mt. Lemmon Shops is Robin's Nest, a gift shop owned by Robin Lamont and Bob Roberts of Tucson. They opened the store four weeks before Memorial Day, and they're ready to welcome customers during the summer season.

Open on the weekends, Robin's Nest offers an array of unique gifts. They have vintage and new sterling silver jewelry, custom made knives (which Bob makes himself), outdoor patio gifts and "unusual collectible treasures." They also feature locally made art in their shop. You can read more at their website: www.robinsnestintucson.com.

Stop by and welcome this new business to our community! And while you're at it, stop by our other wonderful local businesses. These locally owned businesses help keep Summerhaven vibrant and welcoming for visitors to our community!

Want to get involved? Volunteer at the MLCC Visitor Center!



Lou Crum helps some visitors to the mountain on a sunny Saturday at the MLCC Visitor Center. If you would be willing to help greet visitors to the mountain by volunteering at the Visitor Center on weekends, see **information on page 3** of this issue (photo courtesy of Susan Miller-Cochran)



Robin Lamont and Bob Roberts, owners of Robin's Nest, outside their store on Sabino Canyon Parkway (photo courtesy of Susan Miller-Cochran)



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