



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN-----

I'm honored to serve as president of this distinguished Green Valley Hiking Club. I've seen a small informal group of hikers that started in 1981 grow to 385 members. Margaret and I are the only active hikers of that original group. The growth and change is manageable through programs like Orientation for new hikers; experienced, trained hike leaders and assistants; also the contribution of time and talent that the Hikemaster, his assistant, board members and others make to this organization.

I am pleased to announce from the board the 1997 dues will remain \$8.00 per hiker. Hikes will continue to assemble at the north parking lot by the tennis courts. We will appreciate hikers not planning to drive to park in any of the other three lots at West Center.

----- Ed Bieber

The Board, elected April 23: Ed Bieber, President; Helen Zaukas, Vice President; Dottie Babcock, Secretary; Wally Morrell, Treasurer; Tracy Ackerman, Hikemaster; Ted Haartz, Assistant Hikemaster; Records, Rich Armstrong; Membership, Marian Rumsey; O&R, Al Dalen; Social, Lee Haartz; Trail Maintenance, Frank Jappel.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: 385 members have paid 1996 dues. This is an increase of 35 over 1995. The new 1997 Application Form allows husband and wife to use one form. (Each pays dues of course.) 1997 forms will be available at the November potluck, and from Leaders on Thursdays during sign-in. As in the past, dues are to be mailed as directed on the application. New members joining in December have that month included in their 1997 dues.

HIKING AWARDS FROM JAN. 1, 1996 - OCT. 10:

50 miles - 51      250 miles - 21      500 mi. 10  
1000 miles - 9      1500 miles - 2  
2000 miles: Dottie Babcock, Kate Foster, Olive Walker, Tracy Ackerman  
2500 miles - Margaret Bieber, Bob Lund  
3000 miles - Svend Kristensen, Mag Turner, Lillian Monson, Marv Partin. Helen Berbick was first to receive it.

HIKEMASTER TRACY ACKERMAN REPORTS:

Our '96-97 hiking year officially starts in July, but it really seems to begin now in the Fall, when hiking weather is at its best and many hikers are returning from their summer travels.

On a comparative basis with last year we have a dead heat...798 total hikers from July through mid-October in 1996 vs. 798 during the same period in 1995.

Presently we have 25 Leaders and ten Assistants.

The Membership Roster of our club is ever changing as new people join and others drop out. The same is true of our Leader group. We were notified recently that Marv Partin will resign as Leader at the end of the year. Marv has contributed much to our Club as Hikemaster, Trail Maintenance supervisor, and Leader for 11 years. He has earned our gratitude for his many services. We wish him well and expect he will be hiking with us for years to come.

This year we will try a system of identifying certain "C" hikes as C-Star (C\*). This will be when more than one "C" is scheduled. It will be the hike with the least elevation gain and/or the best footing of the hikes scheduled that day. They will still be fully accredited "C" hikes, not altered in any way, but will allow hikers to select a hike that best suits their comfort level.

The Hiking Club has several safety policies many of which are well known. One that needs more recognition suggests that Hikers requiring medication while hiking notify the Leader or Assistant if they are carrying such medication, its location, and if there might be some possible reaction during the hike. This is for the Hiker's safety. It could prevent potential problems and is one more step to provide "Safe and Enjoyable Hiking."

As a service to the restoration of the Atascosa Lookout building, the Club has made a \$500 contribution plus some volunteer help. \$50 was earmarked for the Arizona Trail program. These are ways to show our appreciation for hiking in Arizona!

NEEDED: TRAIL MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEERS. Call FRANK JAPPEL FOR PARTICULARS.

GVR LIAISON/COMMITTEE CHAIR LEE HAARTZ REPORTS:

Committee members who decorated the Hiking Club float, the Club's first float, for the Country Fair Parade discovered there could be humor even under the most adverse weather conditions. "Decorating Day" was blustery and overcast, causing worry concerning survivorship of the "Lost Hiker Mine" and ore cart, trees and adobe walls. Every bit wrapped in plastic and weighted down with rocks held up beautifully.

Saturday morning the rains came. But it was a cheerful, joking crew and accompanying hikers who made the best of the less-than-desirable weather to show off the cleverly designed and constructed scene of a Hiker (Olive Walker) sitting on a rock near the entrance to the "Lost Hiker Mine" situated amid rocks and trees, replete with "ghost miner" Fred Collins. Did it matter that our trees had tinsel on them? We called it snow--and for good reason. It really did snow later in the afternoon.

The committee consisted of Tad Bird, Fred Collins, Bud and Mayree Cranor, Frank Jappel, Bob Kotz, Bernice Morrell, Erni Perkins, Maggie Ramlow, Marilyn Snyder, Mag Turner, and Olive Walker. Additional assistance was given by Carolyn Bird, Jim Campbell, Ted Haartz, Don and Winnie Kruper, Bill McMurray, Lillian Monson and Bob Munsie. Marian Rumsey's wonderful cookies were especially appreciated!

Patches and Rockers are earned, using seven miles as an average hike. Eight hikes and \$3 - 50 mi. patch; 36 hikes, 250 rocker; 72 hikes, 500 mi. rocker; 143 hikes, 100 mi. patch; 215 hikes, 1500 mi. rocker; 286 hikes, 2000 mi. patch; 358 hikes, 2500 mi. rocker; 429 hikes, 3000 mi. patch.

PASSENGER HIKERS RIDING TO THE TRAILHEAD:

When you see the drivers for your hike gather for directions, "load up" and be ready to go. Confusion results otherwise.

The 1997 Directories will be out the end of February, after dues have been paid. If you need a 1996 Directory call Helen Zaukas.

The National Parks and the Forest Service agencies are limiting hikes to 15 people in the Pusch Ridge area and certain National Park areas hiking trails.

"TRAIL TALES"--to keep Hikers informed about happenings in the Hiking Club.

ORIENTATION AND REGISTRATION AS

Reported by Al Dalen, Chairman:

143 have attended to date in 1996 vs. 127 in 1995. 99 have gone on one or more hikes. A special thank you to the committee: Frank Jappel, Lee Kuiken, Bob Lund, Lillian Monson, and Mert Urness. Their contribution helps new hikers to be better prepared on first hikes. This benefits Leaders and Hikers as well. REQUIREMENT: ATTENDANCE AT O&R BEFORE GOING ON THE FIRST HIKE. Special sessions can be arranged if necessary.

Jim Perkins is organizing a committee to work on a Club Policy Manual to fill in gaps left in the By-Laws. New rules, regulations, changes, etc. will be added as necessary.

IN MEMORIUM

Al Mattox, husband of Asst. Leader Vickie

We are fortunate to have Robert Montague continue the service to keep our records up-to-date and complete. If you want credit, sign your name legibly and your GVR number correctly. If your number changes make a bold note of it. Call the Records Chairman to make sure it is noted.

You may have the Club Logo put on caps and clothing at Discount Embroidery, 3505 E. Grant.

On a Tumacacori Ramble Hike Tad Bird told us "Alice Algae was a real good cook. She could cook anything under the sun. Freddie Fungus was a real Fun guy----- Freddie and Alice took a Lichen to each other and started hanging around together on rocks and cliffs and boulders, You see them everywhere!"

REGULAR REMINDERS THAT NEVER CHANGE:

1. Keep at least six feet between hikers.
2. Guests live 20 miles away and do not use a GVR number - write in "Guest."
3. Carry Raingear, even a big baggie helps.
4. Take items left in cars to GVR Services Lost and Found. Owners can check there.
5. Drink water whether thirsty or not.
6. Dress in layers. Gloves are good!
7. Park in one of the nearby lots if you know you aren't driving to the trailhead.
8. Write legibly when signing in, and only for yourself.
9. 1997 Dues - January 1 (or before.)

Lillian Monson, Editor/Typist