



GVR HIKING CLUB

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN ---

The Board has established a balanced budget for 1998 based on a projected membership of 395. Dues remain at \$8.00 per person.

Tracy Ackerman studied the issues of "Save the Scenic Santa Rita Association." The major effect to us of Asarco obtaining additional land in the Santa Rita area by a land swap with the Forest Service is that our Hiking Club would lose many hikes we now enjoy. The above issue and State Land hiking trails that have been placed under "no trespassing" restrictions are a concern to our Club. The Board approved joining the Save the Scenic Santa Rita Association.

Since their resignations as leaders, Jan Dalen and Lee Kuiken have received Leader Emeritus patches for their dedicated service to this Club.

I'm happy to report that Amelia Chamberlain is recovering from her fracture. She came to West Center recently on a Thursday morning to "show and tell" her arm. Amelia, we look forward to having you hike with us soon.

Ed Bieber, President

BOARD MEMBERS FOR 1997-1998:

President, Ed Bieber; Vice President, Tracy Ackerman; Secretary, Dottie Babcock; Treasurer, Jim Moore; Hikemaster, Ted Haartz; Assistant Hikemaster, Winnie Kruper; Records, Rich Armstrong; Membership, Vickie Mattox; O & R, Al Dalen; Social, Lee Haartz; Trail Maintenance, Merle Batty.

CLUB SLOWLY APPROACHES THE 400 MEMBER MILESTONE! Twenty members were added to the membership role during the traditionally slow months of May through October 1997. Total enrollment is now 387.

1998 Membership forms will be available by November 2. A check for \$8.00 per person included with the form is to be mailed to the address shown on the application by January 1, 1998.

NOTES IN A WATER BOTTLE ---

Attendance has begun to increase for the 1997-98 year as dual residents return and the early winter visitors arrive in our sunny climes. For those who like statistics -- through October 16 the hike total is 735 vs. 798 for the same period a year ago.

Leaders total 22 and Assistants 9. We are always looking for new Assistant leaders who are willing to train in that position with the intent of becoming our future hike leaders. Our Club functions so well because of the interest and dedication of this cadre of leaders who are willing to take us out week after week to enjoy mountains and canyons. Please call 648-3454 if you would like to join the Assistant leaders ranks.

After 6:30 a.m. starts in July at the request of those hiking during that period, the August hikes departed the parking lot at 6 a.m. to take advantage of the early daylight. While this made for very early risings, and I remember one "This is lunch" at 8:30 a.m., we did tend to beat the worst of the heat, and more importantly, the thunderheads that start rolling in around noontime daily. In September we went out at 6:30 again, in October at 7 a.m., and November at 7:30. December, January, and February will be at 8 a.m.

I would like to reiterate Tracy Ackerman's words of a year ago in line with our "Safe and Enjoyable Hiking" motto, that hikers carrying medication with them let the hike Leader know in case the Leader's assistance is needed during the hike.

I would be remiss if I did not thank all the Hiking Club members who have helped me in so many ways during these first four months of this hiking year. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Ted Haartz, Hikemaster

Because of family health Marv Partin, longtime leader who was very active in the club, and his wife have moved to Florida. Club members wish them well!

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NOTES ON A NAPKIN --- from Lee Haartz

Hikers who attended the April 27 potluck enjoyed an interesting talk given by Jack Freeman of Red Willow Indian Arts in Tubac. Jack is a Qupaw (Oklahoma) and Cherokee tribes member. He was so impressed by the flan made by Gladys Collins that he gave her a gift certificate! That evening's dinner committee consisted of Gladys and Ken Cudworth - chaircouple, Jeanne and Jim Campbell, Donna and Bernie Hoefs, Jan and Walt Prue, Betty and Bill Short.

Serving on a dinner committee is a good way for club members and spouses to meet people and share their enthusiasm in being part of the hiking "family." If you are interested in helping at the February dinner call Lee Haartz at 648-3454.

Thanks to the November committee co-chaired by Marian Rumsey and Mayree Cranor, assisted by Bud Cranor, Erni and Jim Perkins, Mary Overby, Amelia and Asa Chamberlain, Lonetta and Charles Thompson.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE RESPONSE FROM NEW WORKERS, both ladies and men, has been gratifying. By calling Merle Batty (648-2508) for work days, he has been able to plan the work to be done much more easily. The past summer work time has been used to keep the Handicap Trail clear of debris. November 11 members will be assisting the Forest Service with repairs to the Atascosa Lookout building. The Club contributed \$500 in 1996 to promote this restoration. The Club recently purchased a second gas-powered weed cutter for trail use.

H I K E R ' S C R E E D

by Marion Kole

For the healthy boost we feel each week no matter what the pace;
For the splashes of the sun and wind and rain upon each face;
For the magic of each flower in its special desert vase;
For the sound of birds or timely flash of deer in anxious chase;
For the carefree happy spirit even pain cannot erase;
For the comradery of hiking friends exploring each new place;
To whoever rules this vast domain of mountain-valley space;
Thank you, thank you, thank you for such beauty, peace and grace.

Orientation and Registration--from Al Dalen

All people desiring to hike with the Club are REQUIRED TO ATTEND ORIENTATION BEFORE HIKING with the Club. O&R is to acquaint new hikers with the way things are done in our Club. Rules of the Club, how we are organized, equipment required, where we go, how to sign up on hike day, carpooling, etc. are discussed. Late fall and early spring are our busy O&R times. However, 55 people attended from March through October in 1997 vs. 52 in the same 1996 period. None of the 55 had a temporary GVR card. This indicates full time residents are attending. Meetings are held every Monday during January, February and March. The rest of the year the sessions are held the second Monday of each month. All meetings are at 8 a.m. at the East Center Lounge. If necessary a special session can be arranged. After attending O&R prospective hikers may hike twice before paying dues.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Expected expenses for 1997-98 fall into the following categories: Patches 25%, Printing 35%, Trail Maintenance 10%, First Aid Supplies 5%, Fixed Expenses (postal box, dues to organizations etc.) 5%, Operating Expense (computer records, paper, etc.) 10%, Reserve 10%.

AWARDS FROM MARCH 20 THROUGH OCTOBER 16:

17 - 50 miles; 10 - 250 miles; 1 - 500 miles; 6 - 1000 miles; 4 - 1500 miles; 4 - 2000 miles; 2 - 2500 miles.

The Hiking Club reached another milestone when the first 3500 mile award was presented to Helen Berbeck on August 7, 1997. Congratulations, Helen!

As of Sept. 16, 1997, hike participation was down by 14. However, 20 more patches were awarded this year for the same time period.

THE FOREST SERVICE HAS A FEE BOOTH AT THE lower part of the Mt. Lemmon highway where a \$5.00 fee is collected from each vehicle going up the highway. With the Golden Age Passport it is \$2.50. If you have one bring it along when hiking up that way.

Please note the suggested donation for cars going to Mt. Lemmon DOES NOT include this amount which is to be divided among the passengers.

"Trail Tales" - to keep Hikers informed about club happenings.

Lillian Monson, Editor/Typist