



# TRAIL TALES

GVR HIKING CLUB

P. O. BOX 1074, GREEN VALLEY, AZ 85622

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### MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TRACY ACKERMAN:

Welcome back all Hikers who have spent the summer elsewhere! We have a big, friendly club, and it is very helpful if everyone wears a name tag. You may order them from Lee Kuiken at sign-in on Thursdays. It is gratifying to have so many newer members volunteering, participating, and accepting responsibilities in club activities. We welcome the involvement of our newer members - they are important to the on-going efficient operation of the club.

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High Clearance Vehicles are appreciated! If you plan to go on a hike where one is needed the Leader will appreciate a call. It is reassuring to know there will be HCV drivers!

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A POLICY MANUAL, produced by Jim Perkins, clarifies policies reflecting the wishes and needs of Hiking Club members. Safe and enjoyable hiking, fulfilling responsibilities to the environment, being best of neighbors and improving the area by packing out items that don't belong are fostered by our Club.

Anyone interested in reading these manuals is welcome to do so...ask a Board member or a Leader.

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The Hikemaster meets with a committee to plan hikes for each month. Hikes are categorized by mountain range, degree of difficulty, distance, etc. The schedule is matched with Leaders, then sent to Jim Kuhns who uses data base records to complete the bulletin on his computer. It is printed locally. This year planning is being done in three-month segments to eliminate a lot of telephoning. A lot of time and planning keep hikes going in so many directions with a wide variety of hikes.

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## ORIENTATION AND REGISTRATION

Summer proved quiet with scattered individual O & R presentations. At the present rate in September and October, there will be an overall 25% increase in those oriented to the club. Typically about 66% of those will take a first hike.

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Bill and Jane Necker who started the Hiking Club moved to Friendship Village in Tempe last July.

Club Logos on hats, your jackets, etc.: Discount Embroidery, 3504 E. Grant, Tucson

Lillian Monson, Editor and Typist

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The places where trails do not exist are not well marked."

Trail Tales started in 1991 so Club members may be up-to-date on what is new or worth repeating during the year. This is issue #15.

Tell Leaders if you carry medications that you might need.