



FROM PRESIDENT Carolyn Bird:

Welcome back to another season of SAFE and ENJOYABLE hiking. Everything seems to be going smoothly, with a Board committed to making your year a very good one. All systems are go!

The year 2001-02 Board members are: Carolyn Bird, President; Bob Kotz, Vice President; Mary Ellen Lesko, Secretary; Dan Schroeder, Treasurer; Ken Fleshman, Hikemaster; Dick Paige, Asst. Hikemaster; Phil Gray, Records; Ruth Wenberg, Membership; Florence Gado, Social; John Fanning, Orientation; Asa Chamberlain, Trail Maintenance; Tom Johnson, Volunteer Service. A big thanks to those who completed terms last Spring.

FROM HIKEMASTER Ken Fleshman:

Hike descriptions, written by many different Leaders over a period of time, are condensed to about two lines for the Bulletin so that you may have an idea of the terrain, difficulty, and scenery. Mileage and elevation gain are actual, but it is sometimes hard to describe the condition of the trail. We are attempting to edit these descriptions as "great views" describes nearly all of our territory and doesn't always give a hiker the information to make a choice. If you have questions about a specific scheduled hike, the Leaders' phone numbers are provided – call and check it out.

Four new Leaders in Training are Judith LeClair, Budde Boyson, Ron Barry, and Gerry Davis. The total number of Leaders: 32. Assistants: 14. Margaret Bieber and Win Durant, long time Leaders, will now be Assistants. Ron Barry now puts the Hikemaster's draft into Bulletin format.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN Ruth Wenberg reports Membership currently stands at 515 as of October 19. Since July 1 thirteen people have joined.

After the INITIAL orientation, TWO trial hikes are permitted. To continue hiking with the Club, annual Dues (\$8) must be paid before the third hike. Membership forms are available from Leaders of the week or from the Club Website. Complete both sides, sign the release, and mail with your check to the address indicated on the form. Dues paid in November and December cover 2002 Membership. Please pay your Dues early so the 2002 Directory can be well assembled before the onslaught of winter members.

The Directory will be out the end of February. If your dues are not paid when Helen Zaukas publishes it you will not be listed. If you need a 2001 copy, check with a Leader of the Day, Ruth Wenberg, or Helen.

October 19, 2001 – 515 members, October 12, 2000 – 543 members, Oct. 31, 1999 – 495 members. October 31, 1998 – 425 members.

There are too many stories lately about Hikers running out of water and running into trouble, causing problems for the Hiker and the whole hike. Please, bring plenty of water AND drink!

Jim Perkins, after putting in many hours developing a Hiking Club Web page, has created a very interesting, informative, up-to-date place to find all kinds of Club information. You can find the most recent bulletins and check for hike changes, read the Policy Manual, Club Bylaws, Trail Tales, etc. – look it up at: <http://www.geocities.com/greenvalleyhikingclub/>

Jim organized the Club Policy Manual in 1996. He developed and set up data base records for all hikes to be used in computer records and bulletins. He was Hikemaster in 1994-95.

The RECORDS COMMITTEE, chaired by Phil Gray, includes Barb Bader, Kaye Gray, and Mary Ellen Lesko who take turns entering data on the computer files and generating the various hike reports. These include a weekly hike report, awards report, past dues report, and first hiker report. So far this year the club has awarded 105 patches, had 75 first time hikers, and had 46 guest hikers.

The most frustrating part of the job is dealing with Hikers who don't enter correct GVR numbers, compounded if the name is illegible. Print carefully and use your correct number if you want credit for doing the hike.

RECORDS includes current members as well as archived materials on past hikers.

PLEASE – When you have a NEW: address, GVR number, name, telephone number, Email, here is what you MUST DO: Notify: GVR Hiking Club Membership Chairman, P. O. Box 1074, Green Valley, AZ 85622. This way your hike credits will be correct.

THE CLUB TREASURY, as reported by Dan Schroeder, has a balance of about \$5200, and is in good shape for the coming year. In addition to the expenses for paper and printing, patches, first aid supplies, meetings, and potluck dinners, an increasing portion of our budget is set aside for computer related expenses.

The Club has purchased a software package for generating topographic maps of areas in which we hike, and a GPS (global positioning satellite) Unit for tracing accurate routes of our hikes. The Club has a number of area topo maps given by Frank Jappel. For ease of updating and distributing hike descriptions to Leaders, the Club is in the process of putting the descriptions on the computer.

58 Hikers on the "first time Club Hikes to Mt. Graham" Sept. 27 enjoyed not only the beautiful area, but also the "Leaders Treat" picnic for the hikers. A long but satisfying day!

During June when no Club hikes are scheduled there are always Hikers willing to lead an A and a B level hike each week. Many thanks to those who have done this over the years.

IN MEMORIUM – Kirsten Kristensen, wife of retired Leader Svend who moved back to Denmark in 1999.

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Mag Turner, fourth to receive a 4000 mi. patch was the first to have a matching T Shirt!

The October 28 Potluck is chaired by Bruce and Nancy Chandler. Freddie Carter is presenting the program about her wonderful mountain climbing experiences.

HIKERS: If you have a computer it is well to check the web page for any changes in hike plans for the week.

ORIENTATION: will be given at Casa Paloma 1 Rec Center until East Center construction is finished. The people taking turns informing potential hikers about our Club are John Fanning, Chairman; Phil Gray, Lee Kuiken, Barry Murdoch, Walt Prue, Marian Rumsey, Mert Urness, and Helen Zaukas. To date in 2001, of the 74 attendees 53% took a first hike, 61% of them joined the Club. (Do your math for the actual numbers!) Check the bulletin or the announcement at the Centers for the scheduled dates, some Mondays are not included.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE: Club volunteers spray waterseal on the benches, tables, and bridges on both paved loops in the canyon as well as the Nature Trail before the monsoon rains. The Club owns one sprayer with a spray head designed for this type of work, and we plan to acquire a second unit before the next watersealing event. Volunteers have used their own sprayers which require time to apply a sufficient coating to each bench. The Forest Service supplies the spray material.

When grass and weeds grow the Club crews get to work with power string trimmers, blower rakes, and brooms. Weeds and grass were cut the end of July and the end of August. Tree growth was pruned in early August. Final trimming for the season will likely be the end of October.

The Club owns two gasoline powered weed whackers" and a gasoline powered blower.

Since 1991 Flags are displayed on LaCanada for eight holidays and events. Each Memorial Day Hiking Club volunteers take care of the display of flags which are stored at the LaCanada Fire Station. Jim Campbell, Chairman this year, organized two teams, one at 6 a.m. to install and one at 6 p.m. to remove the flags. Each of the teams was divided with one group starting from the north and the other from the south. This minimized the time to complete the task. Those participating were Russell Anderson, Merle Batty, Jim Campbell, Bill Cummins, Jan Dalen, Gerald Davis, Lee Huey, Max Klessig, Don Kruper, Homer Miles, Bert Mueller, Inge Mueller, Harry Wilcox, and Mert Urness. MANY THANKS TO ALL who have participated in our Club's contribution to Memorial Day Activities.

GUESTS: Must live 20 miles away (GVR rule), must be accompanied by a member, and must observe all Club rules. This includes wearing appropriate hiking boots.

RIDERS: After signing in if you wait in a car, make sure it is the car you are going to the trail head in – you may get left at the parking lot. Keep an eye on your hike so you will be ready to go when your hike is ready to leave.

Club T Shirts: Creative Coyote shop in Tubac
Logos on Clothing: Discount Embroidery, 3504 E. Grant, Tucson

ATASCOSA LOOKOUT PROJECT COMPLETED!

Atascosa Lookout, listed on the National Historic Lookout Register, is a dramatic reminder of our past. It is one of two such ground house structures in our area of southern Arizona. The other one, not on the Register, is Red Mountain near Patagonia.

At a meeting called by the Forest Service to discuss the restoration, four of our Club members attended as did others from the area. \$6,000 was needed to replace the catwalk, the roof, and windows.

In April 1996 the Hiking Club board voted to donate \$500 toward restoration of this Lookout. Members were willing to volunteer under direction of Mark South of the Forest Service. He arranged mules and helicopter help.

In June 1996 Merle Batty headed the project. September work was deferred until Forest Service personnel would be back from fighting fires out of state. In 1997 project materials were at the Lookout but work trips were cancelled because of rain. April 11, 2000, pack animals were not available to bring necessary materials for reroofing the remaining one-fourth of the roof. All windows had been repaned and the outside repainted. Work party Volunteers on 12/14/99, 2/1/00, and 3/26/01 included Budde Boysen, Darold Brockhaus, Jim Campbell, Jim Jordan, Gerald Kontz, Bob Kotz, Wally Morrell, Wayne Mosier, Barry Murdoch, Dick Paige, Dan Schroeder, and Tom Johnson. For those who helped earlier and your names aren't listed, thank you, too.

Work done included removal/installation of the cedar shingle roof, replacement of 12 broken windows, new front door, double insulated chimney for installed stove, and general cleaning and hauling of the trash off the mountain.

From April 6, 1996 to March 26, 2001, Club members persisted in getting the job completed. It looks great – a project completed for the benefit of many. Thanks to all who helped preserve this landmark ground Lookout.

There probably were other organizations that helped with the funding and other things, but information is not available.

Atascosa Lookout was built between 1930 and 1933. It is a 14' x 14' ground house with an unusual modified hip roof with a 2' overhang. It had gutters to collect rainwater for a cistern, a common-sense solution that was not used often in the West.

The National Historic Lookout Register has been developed to recognize both active and inactive fire towers and ground lookouts. Fire lookouts have had a proud and prominent history in forestry. They are perceived as a symbol of forest conservation. Although their role in fire detection has changed, Lookouts, even abandoned ones, remain popular with visitors. Lemmon Rock Lookout in the Catalinas, north of us, was constructed in 1913 and replaced in 1928. It is listed on the NHLR also. For more information about this program that combines positive public involvement and protection of historic sites go to <http://www.firetower.org/>

Review: 8 hikes-50 mi. patch, 36 hikes-250; 72 hikes-500; 143-1000; 215 hikes-1500; 286 hikes-2000; 358 hikes-2500; 429 hikes-3000; 500 hikes-3500; 571 hikes-4000; 643 hikes-4500; 715 hikes-5000.

Weekly winter hikes: 8 in 97-98, 11 in 2001

Trail Tales – To help Hikers know what is going on in the Club.
Lillian Monson, Editor