



HIKING CLUB

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Autumn 2006

April Potluck - 25th Anniversary Event

This special potluck celebrated the GVR Hiking Club's 25th anniversary. The founders, Jane and Bill Necker attended as did many of the invited early club members. . . Shirley Spanner, John Reed, Bud Farmer, Connie & Tracy Ackerman, Kate & Milt Foster, Ed Zaukas, Bill & Jean Hills, Orville Jensen, Chuck Delbecq, Fred & Gladys Collins, Vince & Mary Ann Morrison, Mert Urness, Bernice Morrell, Ted Mouras, Jim & Ernestine Perkins, Olive Walker, Patsy Wiegand, William McMurray, Clayton & Evelyn Smith, Helen Burbick, Andy Juhasz, Marion Kole, Bob Lund, Meg Turner, Mary Ruth Buchheister, Dorothy Babcock, Marian Rumsey

Commemorative T-shirts were sold and historic items, and photos scrapbooks of recent and past years were displayed and a special edition of *Trail Tales* distributed.

Festive 25th anniversary streamers and Easter decorations with garlands, and bowls filled with Easter grass and various chocolate eggs decorated the tables.

Milt Foster served as emcee while Jane and Bill Necker and other past and present members shared memories and stories of their early hiking experiences. It was interesting to learn how the hiking club evolved from a small group to the present membership of about 455.

Dick Paige, past Hike Master and a current member, showed slides of two scenic backpacking trips that he and Wayne Moser experienced in Arizona. 145 members and 35 special invited guests enjoyed a fantastic dinner, with a great selection of meats, salads, vegetables, and desserts.

Fred Collins led a song adapted to hiking to close the memorable evening.

Special efforts were made to make the 25th Anniversary potluck a success, with special thanks to club president Patty Greimann, Kaye Gray, Milt Foster, Lillian Monson, Dick Paige, and Barbara Schild. All volunteers performed their assigned duties efficiently and were greatly appreciated.

Thanks to the hard-working volunteers who helped to make the club's 25th Anniversary Potluck a great success: Pam and Larry Boehms, Gayle Burkhart, Jim and Pat Doherty, Marilyn and Herb Geist, Doris Gerganoff, Don and Barb Gfroerer, Marcia and Doug Jurgens, Rose Marie Lemke, Liz and Henry Morelli, Gloria and Stan Musial, Peggy Smith, Barb Powell, Kathy Chute, Ruth Wenberg, Helen Zaukas, Phil Gray, and of course Dick Paige for his slide presentation.

Barbara Schild. Social Chair

President's Comments . . . Welcome back to all! The hiking season is in full swing for another year. A special thank you to all of those who assisted for the summer hiking season. A great number of people took over for those away and/or on vacation. It wouldn't have happened without you.

John Brant and helpers have done great work in assisting with the recovery of the Madera Canyon trails. Some of you may have missed the news that much of the lower canyon was damaged once again with floods due to our successful monsoon rains. It seems that with the good -- in this case the second or third largest monsoon season ever, there is always something to make you wonder, though.

See you on the trails.

Harry Vaughn, President

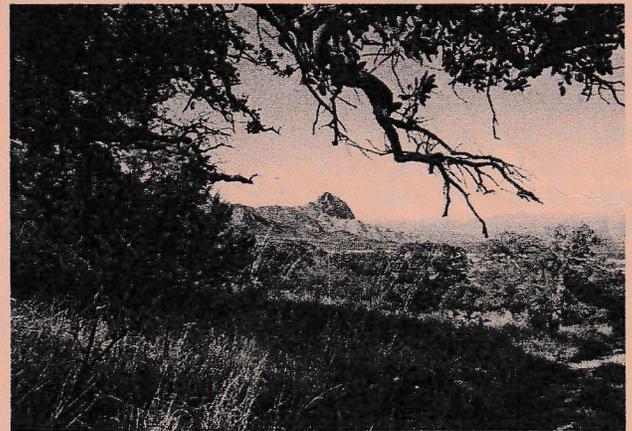
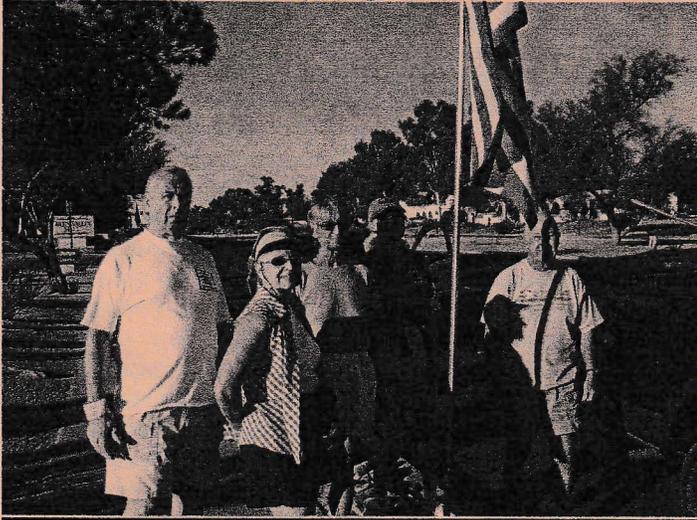


Figure 1 Elephant Head

Board of Directors

President—Harry Vaughn
Vice President—Bob Porterfield
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Hike Master—Barry Murdoch.
Assistant Hike Master—Budde Boysen
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Web Master—Ron Barry,
Computer Committee—Barry Murdoch,
Historian—Lillian Monson,
Name Tags—Lee Huey
Orientation—Bob Porterfield

Memorial Day Flags Volunteers



Every Memorial Day, the Club places American flags along La Canada between Continental and Esperanza. We are part of a community effort to provide this service. This years effort was coordinated by Brock Brockhaus, who led 19 other volunteers in both placing and taking down the flags (Our club is the only group that handles both the morning and evening shifts in a single day!). It was a nice sunny day and a slight breeze made the flags a great sight to behold. Thanks to Brock and our hard working team, especially the truck providers Jerry and Marilyn Rambo, Don Campbell and Terry Flanagan. Barbro Loud, Karen Kalk, Marshall Rakosky, Nello Modesto, Bill Snyder, Jean Huseman, Ronald Huseman, Thom Davies, Carl Bowman, Vee St John, Russ Denmark, Armand Johnson, Marky Overby, Harry Hughes & Jack Smith.

Visit the Hiking Club Library

The GVR Hiking Club Library Web Site has been upgraded so that it is now based on WORD generated HTML files. The Library write-ups are now in the same format as the hike descriptions in the Leader's Web Site. You will probably not notice much difference when you access the write-ups but the new format will make it much easier to add pictures in the future. The Webmaster has also begun to establish direct links between the hike descriptions and the applicable Library write-ups. This will simplify the Hike Leader's effort in determining if there is anything in the Library Web Site to assist them in hike planning.

Tom Johnson, Chair Library

Liaison with Friends of Madera Canyon

As your vice president, one of my responsibilities is to represent the Hiking Club at the FOMC board meetings. We have a common interest in so many things that it makes a lot of sense to have and to maintain a close working relationship with this organization.

On October 6, 2006, there was a ground breaking and media day ceremony in Madera Canyon to formally announce the "Bud Gode Interpretive Nature Trail". I

attended this ceremony on your behalf and it was an extremely well done event. When I joined the Hiking Club in late 2002, I missed the opportunity to meet Wally Morrell but I have heard so many nice things about him. To put all of this in perspective I think that Bud was to FOMC as Wally was to GVRHC. Bud's family made a significant monetary contribution to FOMC to work with the Forest Service to initiate the interpretive trails that had been talked about for years but never able to fund. So many members of the Hiking Club enjoy the Canyon and are interested in what will be going on there. So, below is a brief outline of what you can expect to see when all the plans are completed:

Site 1-Proctor Parking Area "Upper Mesquite Grassland"
New 20' hexagonal ramada with 2 benches and 10 interpretive panels: Introduction & Bud Gode Biography, Sky Island Life Zones, Climate and Seasons, Plants-Overview, Animals-Overview, Birds-Overview, Fire Ecology, Recent History, Geology and Mineralogy, and Desert Grassland Habitat.

Site 2-White House Picnic Area "Mesquite Bosque"
New bench and 3 interpretive panels: Native Peoples, Oak Woodland Life Zone and Invertebrates.

Site 3-Madera Picnic Area "Oak Woodland & Riparian Habitat"
New bench & butterfly interpretive panel. Platform with bench and 2 interpretive panels: Sycamore Trees and Hummingbirds.

Site 4-Amphitheater and Nature Trail parking area "Oak & Pine Woodlands"
New wildlife viewing and birding platform overlooking Madera Creek and 3 interpretive panels: Oak to Pine-Oak Woodland Transition, Oaks, and Madera Creek.

Site 5-Mt. Wrightson Picnic Area "Mixed Coniferous Forest"
New 16' hexagonal ramada with accessible paths and steel bridge, bench and 9 interpretive panels: Fire Ecology, Elegant Trogon, Mountain Reptiles, Pine-Oak Woodland to Mixed Coniferous Forest, Upper Madera Canyon Life Zones, Introduction & Bud Gode Biography panels.

Bob Porterfield, Vice President and Liaison to FOMC

2006/07 CLUB EVENTS

Board Meetings:

East Center Lounge, 6:30 P.M. (Tues.)
11/21/ 2006, 01/ 16/ 2007, 04/ 17/ 2007

Hike Leaders Meetings:

East Center Lounge, 6:30 P.M. (Tues.)
11/ 28/ 2006; 01/ 23/ 2007; 04/ 25/ 2006

Pot Luck Dinners:

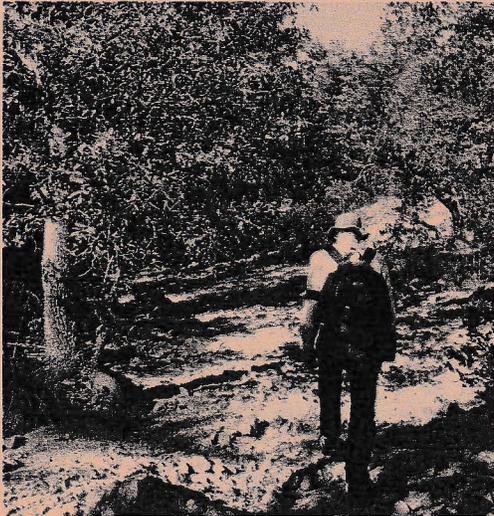
West Center, 5:00 P.M. (Sun.)
11// 5/ 2006; 02/ 11/ 2007; 04/ 1/ 2007; Nov. 4, 2007

Annual Meeting:

Desert Hills Social Center, 8:00 A.M. (Tues)
March 13, 2007

Membership as of 9/25/06...GVHC had 496 paid members, of those 88 are new to the club.

Barbara Powell, Membership Chair



MONSOON CHALLENGES

Occasionally, we have a hiking season in which conditions conspire to create nuisances and challenges, and, yep, we are in one of those. The policy of zero road maintenance for many areas, as practiced by the local Forest Service administration, as well as an unusual amount of summer rainfall which spurred the growth of lush, tall, grasses, have combined to make many of our hikes either unreachable or unrecognizable – or both. Hikers are cautioned to watch their footing carefully. Lots of hidden rocks and the occasional slithering critter.

Everybody is to be commended for the ease with which they made the transition from West to Desert Hills for the Thursday assemblies. Unfortunately, those who were of the “hold your breath” persuasion have long since expired. We are now being told that the parking lot project, which has taken on a life of its own, will be finished some day and we will once again be home.

Last year we saw some new faces among the leader ranks. This year we hope to see a few more. Look for them and support them. Your hike leaders perform a welcome service, allowing the majority of the members to simply show up and be led off on yet another wonderful Thursday outing.

Berry Mardock, Hike Master

FYI . . .

One frequently asked question of the AWARDS Team is “What is the significance of the little red dot you put on the sign-in sheet?” Today we are prepared to divulge the mystery... It does not denote when a Hiker is to be awarded a patch, but rather where we left off checking the list the last time we passed through. Lee Huey, predecessor in this role, developed this technique to save us time as we search for Hikers who are due to receive a patch that day! And now you know

GVR Hiking Club Logo . . .

Discount Embroidery, 3504 E. Grant St., Tucson, will machine embroider the club logo on an item of clothing that you bring to the store, i.e. sweatshirt, jacket, vest, etc. The cost is \$5 and the turn around is about 2 weeks. **Creative Coyote**, in Tubac, has the hiking club design available, (\$4) for application, while you wait, on select colors of tee shirts or sweatshirts that can be purchased at this store

Summer & Fall Monsoon Damage Repairs

In the first work party we had enough people for three separate crews. A crew at the Amphitheater bridge working toward the picnic area just past the cabins. The second crew began work on the trail just past the picnic area and continued toward the Whitehouse parking area. The third crew started from Proctor parking area and worked toward the Whitehouse parking lot where all the crews met and finished.

The second and third parties worked on The Nature Trail top to bottom. We repaired and cleaned water bars. Similar repairs were made on the trail across from Amphitheater parking to Bog Springs Rd.

The third work party was on Proctor Trail cutting Weeds, and also helping the Forest Service work at some of the bridges on that same trail by putting in waterbars to let the water flow around the bridges.

Sincere thanks to all the people who helped on these projects.

John Brant, Trail Maintenance

GVHC Gives Community Service Time Summary for Report for 2006 Annual Meeting

In the past 12 mos., Trail Area Cleanups crews worked in:

Last Spring: Cienega Creek in Vail.

Summer: Pima Community College in Green Valley.

Fall: Cerro Colorados in Arivaca.

Tapon Tank at McGee Ranch.

Winter: Anza Trail in Rio Rico.

Sawmill Canyon in the Santa Ritas.

- 16 Outings, either for Scouting or Cleanup.

- 306 bags of trash removed.

- volunteers participated 118 times.

- a total of 493 hours of Community Service.

The beneficiaries of this Service were:

- Pima County: 183 hours, BLM: 129 hours,

- Forest Service: 110 hours,

- National Parks: 41 hours, and State Trust: 30 hours,

- And of course Mother Nature: all 493 hours.

Richard Calabro, Trail Maintenance Committee - Trail Area Cleanup

RULES TO HIKE BY...

1. Definition – a New Member is someone who has never belonged to the club before.
2. A person who may become a new member has two perks that can be used only once. First, that person may hike twice without having to join the club and pay dues. Second, that person may join the club in November or December and receive membership privileges through the following calendar year.
3. Definition – a guest is a person holding a valid GVR Guest Card.
4. Hikers, regardless of status, must wear hiking boots.
5. Hikers who are not guests must take Orientation before hiking with the club.

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6. Definition – a continuing member is someone who is applying for an annual membership and who was a member in the year preceding that.
7. Definition – a returning member is someone who is applying for an annual membership and who had been a member sometime before the year preceding that.
8. A returning member, regardless of length of absence, does not get new member perks, except that Orientation is not required.
9. Dues are assessed for the calendar year, and are not prorated for a partial year.
10. A continuing member is in arrears for dues if not paid before his first hike in the new membership year.
11. A returning member is in arrears for dues if not paid before his first hike upon returning.
12. Hikers who are current members may sponsor guests provided that they accompany those guests on a hike (see 3. and 4. above).

AWARDS

September 29, 2006 marked the first time a hiker was awarded a patch recognizing the completion of 5500 miles. Hike Leader Lillian Munson received this award during a hike to Devil's Cache Box. By the way...a hike Lillian led.



Doris Gerganoff and Margaret Bieber congratulate Lillian

July 20, 2006 marked a hiking day in which a record for the total of 14,500 miles in patches were awarded with Bob Lund and Helen Zaukas receiving patches for 4500 miles each. Jim Campbell was awarded a 3500-mile patch and Vickie Mattox received her 200 miles patch.

Awards totaling 55,750 miles have been since January 1st including 45(50-mile), 12(250-mile), 7(500-mile), 8(1,000-mile), 5(1,500-mile), 3(2,000-mile), 3(2,500-mile), 1(3,500-mile), 1(4,000-mile), 2(4,500-mile) and 1(5,500-mile). That's a lot of boot leather! Will all ninety awardees take a bow?



Looking at a view in the Chiricahua Mts.

REMINDERS:

1. **SIGNING IN:** Have your GVR Card checked for number accuracy. Write your name and legal GVR# legibly, please.
2. When signing in guests, do not use the GVR guest card number, but please write "guest."
3. If this is your first hike with the club place a check mark in the first hike column.
4. **HIKING STICK RULES** to observe. **SWING YOUR STICK IF YOU MUST, Up and Down, NOT BACK AND FORTH.** Keep the stick ends down and in front of you.
5. **ALLOW SIX TO EIGHT FEET** between you and the Hiker in front of you.
6. **DRINK WATER** every time the group stops.
7. **KEEP TRACK OF YOUR DRIVER.** he/she may leave early.

GPS Classes

Hike Leader and former Hike Master Dick Paige will hold instruction classes on the use of GPS during January. At this time, the schedule is as follows:

General Introduction classes – January 9, 2007

Small group hands on – January 15, 2007

Small group hands on – January 22, 2007

Small group hands on – January 29, 2007

Location: Desert Hills Rec Center **Time:** 6:00

Please check Website and bulletin for registration info.

F.Y.I... Check out the Hiking Club's **WEBSITE:**

<http://gvrhc.org>

Monthly bulletins, board minutes and much, much more.

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