



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . .

It is a privilege to serve as your President this year. The Hiking Club is unique in many ways but most notable is the never-ending amount of volunteerism. The work within the Club is significant and it keeps us rolling along week after week in good fashion. But, there is work for the community such as Memorial Day every year when our volunteers put up and take down the US Flags on La Canada. Wayne Moshier and his 'gang' of trail maintenance workers do work mostly in Madera Canyon to support the Forest Service and the Friends of Madera Canyon. Richard Calabro and his clean up crew bag hundreds of pounds of trash left in the desert and on the trails every year by others. The people in the Club make it such a pleasure to be a part of it I thank all of you.

We have a good Board of Directors to serve you this year. Please feel free to contact me or any Board member if you have any questions or ideas for us to consider.

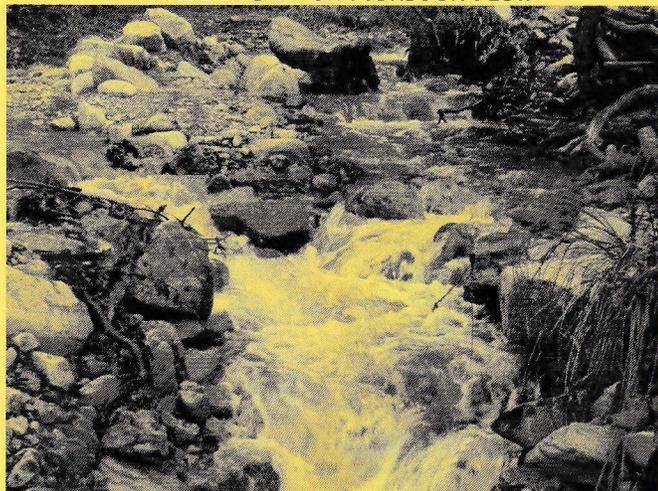
Other than the normal agenda items we will be reviewing the By Laws and the Policy Guide to see if there are any updates that need to be made. Any changes to these documents would require membership approval at the next annual meeting on March 11, 2008.

We are also evaluating an improved email system for the Club so we can communicate more effectively with all the members who have email capability, which is over 80%. Hopefully, this would also help offset our annual printing costs for Bulletins (schedules), Trail Tales and other miscellaneous paper uses.

See you on Thursday's,

Bob Porterfield, President

MADERA CANYON MONSOON FLOW



Joe MacIsaac

2006/07 CLUB EVENTS

Board Meetings:

East Center Lounge, 6:30 P.M. (Tues.)
11/20/07, 1/15/08, 4/15/08, 5/ 6/08

Hike Leaders Meetings:

East Center Lounge, 6:30 P.M. (Tues.)
11/25/07, 11/ 27/07, 1/22/08, 4/ 22/08

Pot Luck Dinners:

West Center, 5:00 P.M. (Sun.)
11/4/07, 2/ 10/08, 4/ 6/08

Annual Meeting:

Desert Hills Social Center, 8:00 A.M. (Tues)
March 11, 2008

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- President**— Bob Porterfield
- Vice President**—David Boos
- Secretary**—Kathy Chute
- Treasurer**—Mayme Specht
- Hike Master**— Budde Boysen
- Assistant Hike Master**— George Chute
- Awards** — Harry Vaughan
- Membership**— Barbara Powell,
- Social Chairperson**—Bonnie Becker
- Volunteer Services**— Thom Davies
- Orientation**—Nello Modesto

COMMITTEE HEADS

- Computer Committee**—George Chute
- Directory, O&R Data** — Thom Davies
- Historian**— Lillian Monson
- Library**—Tom Johnson
- Name Tags**—Lee Huey
- Maintenance Clean Up**—Richard Calabro
- Maintenance Trail**—Wayne Moshier
- Trail Tales**— Kaye Gray,
- Web Master**— Ron Barry

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of October 17, 2007, there were 452 paid members of the Hiking Club, 47 are new to the club this year.

The 2008 Membership forms will be available November 1 from Hike Leaders or off the web site. Dues are \$8.00 (checks only, mailed to address on the form please) and are due by January 1, 2008.

Barbara Powell, Membership Chair

As Time Goes By

HISTORY OF THE HIKING DIRECTORY. .

Prior to 1991, there was no record of hike club members available to the members. Other than the database used to track those who had hiked each week, no printed record existed. Some who were tracked in the hiking record were guests of regular hikers. Names of all who hiked with the club were entered on the hike record.

At the Annual Hiking Club meeting in May of 1990, Helen Zaukas asked for and received permission to collect names and begin compiling a list of members. Permission was granted with the stipulation that the names were not to be given to any commercial enterprises. That autumn, Helen began carrying index cards on the hikes to collect addresses and phone numbers of those on the hikes. John Pierce, who then did the club hiking records, printed a list of those who had hiked that year and gave it to Helen to compare with against the cards she had collected.

Then, Helen went to GVR and asked to check each name against the GVR list of its members to make certain all who were hiking were members and to fill in the "blanks"—names she wasn't able to collect on hikes. GVR at that time did not have anything computerized. Everything was on a large printout and each name and address was manually checked—even the renter hikers. Having found only one or two hikers who were not legitimate GVR members, Helen prepared the first list was using a word processing program in DOS. Since some criterion had to be used to determine whom to include, Helen decided to follow the Hiking club's By-Law guideline for voting at the annual meeting—at least four hikes in a hiking season. Treasury monies being tight most of the time then—pre dues era in the club—Helen had the Directory printed and then "sold" copies in the parking lot for twenty-five cents each in 1991.

The following year, the same process was used, gathering index cards with names and corrections on them and comparing them to the list once again provided by John Pierce. Only by now, Helen had learned to use the Data Base in the program she was using and entered all names into the Data Base. Once again after it was printed, copies were sold in the parking lot on Thursdays and the money given to the board to be applied against the cost of printing.

This process continued until 1995 when the hiking club board voted to begin assessing annual dues. This not only made acquiring of the data easier, it made life easier because the copies no longer had to be sold for a quarter. The club at that time decided that the Directory was one of the benefits of membership and the money was now in the treasury to pay for its cost so it was to be provided at no cost to each member. Helen continued to use the Eight In One program to produce the Directory until the club began using Excel for hiking records in 2000. She converted all her files into Excel files and the Directory has been produced ever since in Windows format using Microsoft Excel. Helen continued to produce the directory for the club until March of 2007 when she retired from the job and it was taken over by Thom Davies.

Lillian Monson, Historian



Lloyd Perry and Jim Campbell on a desert run to collect 39+ bags of trash for disposal.

Trail Maintenance Clean Up Report

On Friday, June 22, there was a fire in Madera Canyon that spread to both sides of the road from before the Information booth at the Proctor Parking Area and continued up beyond Proctor Road. This was one day after the Pima County Design Review Committee heard a request for a 280-unit development proposed for a parcel of land that is one mile from the Proctor Parking Area. Were it not for the red retardant dropped from the air the site of this proposed development might well have burned. Pima County wants to acquire and preserve this land but the asking price has been unacceptable to them.

On July 4, Larry Pratt, Urban Developed Recreation Team Leader for the Coronado National Forest, requested assistance from hiking club president Bob Porterfield with their after-fire maintenance along the trail from the Proctor Parking Area to Proctor Road. With the help of Harry Vaughan, Gerry Davis, Lee Huey, Bill Isbell, and Gerry Kontz we completed the work the morning of July 14. It was 22 volunteer-hours, and with the 1 bag of trash we picked up I felt right at home while filling in for Wayne Moshier. The ash and soot on our clothes washed out a lot better than I expected.

A cleanup project that holds the record for overall duration was in the Esperanza Wash area of the Ocotillo Road that is part of our Demetrie Wash hike. On July 2, 7, 10, and 23, a total of 45 bags of trash were hauled up a steep slope out of the wash, and transported by wheelbarrow to the Ocotillo Road. There they waited until October 8 for Lloyd Perry and Jim Campbell to load them into and on top of Lloyd's Jeep and take them to the Sahuarita landfill. Volunteers for that project were Jim Campbell, Harry Vaughan, Bill Hammond, Mary Melland, Bill Barkley, Herb Grove, Ken Johnston, Dan Mulhall, and Lloyd Perry. It was 65 volunteer-hours.

Thank you to our volunteers and especially to those who provided vehicles and equipment for these projects.

Richard Calabro, Trail Maintenance Clean Up

“TRAIL MAINTENANCE

September 21 we had a work party of 8 that did the majority of the cleanup on the handicap trail. We whipped the grass/weeds and then blew the trail clean.

While this was going on others of our group were busy lopping and clipping. They took care of the brush and low branches intruding onto the walkway.

On September 28 two of us went out and completed the odd jobs that remained.

Tom Johnson has contacted the forest service about the possibility of reopening the lower part of Florida Trail. We feel the trail can be reclaimed to Florida Spring. This would give us two of our hikes that have been off the active list, Andy’s overlook and Florida spring. If we get the OK from Forest Service we will have a workday to clip that trail.

Thanks to all who have helped with the recent trail work.

Wayne Moshier, Trail Maintenance

X” HIKES

During January, February, and March we, again, will have a few hikes on days other than Thursdays. Most of the hikes will be scheduled on Mondays or Tuesdays. We are calling these hikes “X Hikes”, for X-tra hikes. There will be one big difference from last year’s experimental hikes; there will be no mileage credit given for the “X Hikes” this year due to recording problems. Plans are to follow the same format as the Thursday hikes, however we may be a little generous with the 25-limit in order to be sure all who show up will have the opportunity to go on a hike. If we have a similar level of interest as last year, the plan will be to schedule three to five hikes each month.

The hikes and dates have not been selected yet. They will be listed beginning with the January Bulletin be listed by date and marked as “X” hikes. Watch for them beginning in January.

Budde Boysen, Hike Master

Forest Service Workshop

The Forest Service notified the Hiking Club a workshop will be held on November 7,2007 at Rio Rico High School to discuss Santa Rita, Atascosa, and Tumacacori Mountains Forest Service Plans. This is scheduled for 6-8pm and will cover the following five topic areas: public access and travel patterns; collaboration and partnerships; preservation of open space; safety and information; and ecosystem restoration.

There will be workgroups for each topic and one for all topics. The primary purpose of this workshop is to describe in a collaborative public process the desired future conditions for the Coronado National Forest. Anyone interested in attending should contact Bob Porterfield.



Circle Up for Cave of the Bells.

Recognizing the miles . . .

Since January award patches Hike Leaders have awarded patches totaling 49,000 miles. Receiving patches over 1,500 or more were Ron Barry – 1,500, Gerald Koontz – 2,500, Margaret Bieber – 5,000, Barbro Laud – 1,500, Peter Smith – 1,500, Freddie Carter – 4,500, Lee Huey – 2,000, Bill Cummins – 1,500, Bud Boysen – 1,500, Bill Hinklemen - 1500 , Barb Schild - 1500 , Bill Isbell -1500, Marlene Isbell -1500, Kathy Chute – 1500, Peggy Smith –2000, Dick Paige – 2500, Virginia Siebers – 2500, Richard Calabro – 1500.

Harry Vaughan, Awards

HIKING CLUB MEMORIAL DAY FLAG PROJECT

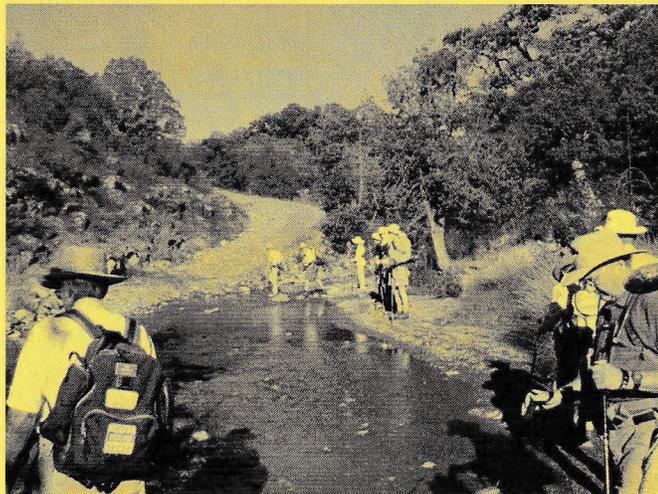
For many years, Hiking Club volunteers have participated in the Memorial Day Flag Project. Approximately 100 American Flags are laced along La Canada between Continental Road and Esperanza. They are placed early in the morning and taken down in the evening under the auspices of the Avenue of Flags Association, a volunteer group in Green Valley that provides and stores the flags. The flag display is set up by various volunteer groups during holidays throughout the year. The Hiking Club handles Memorial Day. This year, a group of 15 volunteers enjoyed a nice day and a fresh breeze.

Thanks to Jim Campbell, Judith LeClair, Bert & Inge Mueller, Barbro Loud, Nello Modesto, Marilyn Harpring, Mayme Specht, Jerry Kontz, Vee St John, Russ Denmark, Barbara Powell, Harry Hughes, and Thom and Ian Davies. Please consider joining the group next year. As you know, the club relies on volunteers for this project and many others. Your 2008 membership form provides you with many options to help your club provide safe and enjoyable hiking and community service.

Thom Davies - Volunteer Services

Regarding the club finances . . .Our finances are in good order. This year’s auditor suggested the club should be receiving interest on our money, so we have opened a Liquid CD at Bank of America. We now have a checking and a CD account.

Mayme Specht, Treasurer



Crossing a water challenge

Surfing the Web??

- ... Check out the Hiking Club's **WEBSITE:** <http://gvrhc.org>
- ...Monthly bulletins with up-to-date changes
- ...Board minutes
- ...profiles of early leaders
- ...LIBRARY listing of the many books and DVDs
- ...Membership application

... Other web site of interest:

- ... www.fs.fed.us/r3/Coronado
- ... www.aztrail.org
- ... www.tumacacoriwild.org
- ... www.sanpedroriver.org
- ... www.nps.gov/tuma/Anzatrail.htm

Welcome back for our winter hikers! In case you have been away from hiking for any length of time, please consider:

1. **Get in shape by doing the Madera Trail from Proctor to Roundup.**
2. **Find out when the next Orientation is and take a refresher.**
3. **Make sure your Doctor has given you an o.k. for vigorous exercise. Very few of our hikes are easy.**

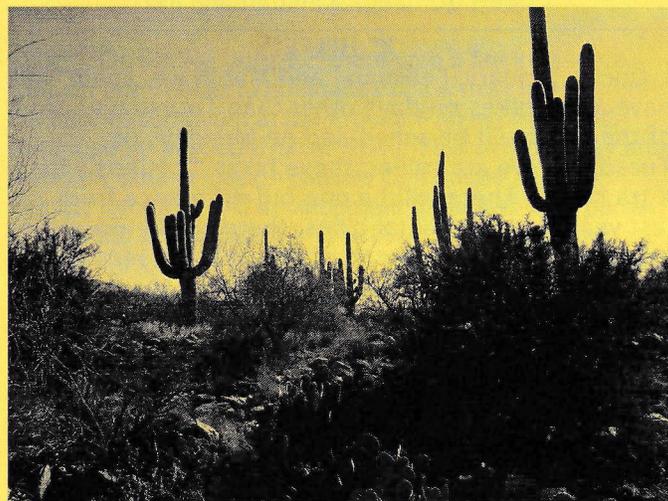
GVR Hiking Club Logo. . .

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. Hiker can order a 25th Anniversary Logo Tee also.

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

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.**



Along Hope Camp Loop

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