

## SUMMER MILEAGE PATCH AWARDS



*Mayme, George, Helen*

“Dedicated to Safe and Enjoyable Hiking” is our club motto. Awarding our hikers with mileage patches has become a part of the fun in getting out on our trails every Thursday.

Thanks to Lillian Monson, who designed our wonderful embroidered patches, you may have already, or will soon experience the pride of receiving your first patch for hiking 50 miles with the GVR Hiking Club.

The awards given from May through September are: 4 – 50 miles, 2 – 250 miles, 1 – 500 miles, 2 – 1000 miles, 2 – 1500 miles, 1 – 2000 miles, 2 – 2500 miles, 1 – 3000, and 1 – 5000! That is a total of 21,200 miles! Congratulations to all of our recipients! Look for your names listed on the monthly bulletins.

The biggest celebration this summer was on July 10, 2008, when the leader and the assistant leader were both presented awards by George Chute, Hike master, on the Daniels’ Mine hike. Mayme Specht received her 1500-mile patch and Helen Zaukas received her 5000-mile patch and medallion. Congratulations Ladies!!

I am pleased to announce the members of the Awards Team 2009! Virginia Siebers, Marlene Isbell and Pam Boehms will be assisting in January, February and March, on Thursdays, to check the sign in sheets for those hikers eligible for an award. In addition, our Awards Team depends on our volunteers who update the hike files EVERY week. Special thanks to George Chute, Karen Chadwell and Phil Gray for the time they spend on this detailed task!

*Kathy Chute, Awards Captain*

## FROM THE PRESIDENT. . .

Welcome back to another year of great hiking. Our hike master, George Chute, and his assistant, Wayne Moshier, have arranged hikes for the club that accommodate all levels of ability, so join us Thursday mornings.

The Hiking Club is moving into our 28<sup>th</sup> year of service due to the spirit of volunteerism of our members. At the present time we need some of you to step up and volunteer for the following positions: **Trail Maintenance Coordinator, Trail Clean-up Coordinator, and Back-up Web Master.** The first two positions could be filled by co-chairs. For example, two or three of you could divide up the year. We have many members who are willing to work, but we need you to get them going! The Back-up Web Master must have computer skills and a computer capable of running the existing program. (See Ron Barry about what might be required.) If you’re ready to help the club with any of these positions please contact Thom Davies or Phil Gray.

A final reminder – if you have a new GVR number please let us know, and please check your GV R number when signing in. We’re having quite of few transposed numbers!



Safe and enjoyable hiking to all of you.

*Phil Gray, President*

### Board of Directors

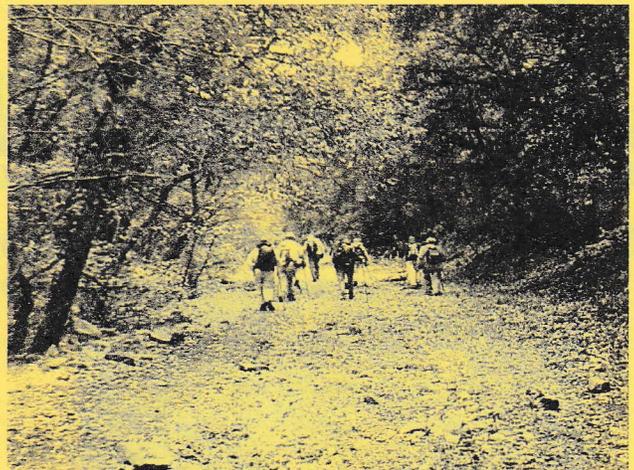
- President**—Phil Gray
- Vice President**—Philip Betzel
- Secretary**—Barbara Wuehmann
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- Hike Master**—George Chute
- Assistant Hike Master** — Wayne Moshier
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- Membership**— Barbara Powell
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- Volunteer Services**— Thom Davies

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- Computer Committee**—George Chute
- Directory, O&R Data** —Thom Davies
- Historian**—Pam Boehms
- Library**—Tom Johnson
- Name Tags**—Bev Rosenthal
- Trail Tales**—Kaye Gray
- Web Master**— Ron Barry

### 2008/9 CALENDARS

- Board Meetings:**  
East Center Lounge, 6:30 P.M. (Tues.)  
11/18/2008; 1/29/2019; 4/21/2009; 05/05/2009
- Hike Leaders Meetings:**  
East Center Lounge, 6:30 P.M. (Tues.)  
11/ 25/ 08; 01/ 27/ 2009; 04/ 28, 2009
- Pot Luck Dinners:**  
West Center, 5:00 P.M. (Sun.)  
11/ 03/ 2009; 02/ 08/ 2009; 04/ 05/ 2009
- Annual Meeting:**  
Desert Hills Social Center, 8:00 A.M. (Tues)  
March 10, 2009



Fall Hiking in the Huachuca Mts.

### From the Hike master. . .

Through September, your hiking club has sent 3,334 hikers out on 260 safe and enjoyable hikes. And there are another 92 hikes scheduled for the fall months to round out 2008. During this past summer, almost 500 hikers braved the heat to join us on mountain trails. Thanks to an early and abundant monsoon, we escaped the wildfire season unscathed.

One of my responsibilities as hike master is our fine cadre of experienced and conscientious volunteer leaders and assistant leaders. These are the people who get us to wonderful hiking destinations, look out for our safety, and scout hikes in advance to ensure a good experience for the hikers who sign up for their hikes. Here's a bit of trivia for you—the average number of hike miles accumulated by our 45 leaders is 1,625 (and that doesn't include scouting). It's a seasoned group, and they deserve our gratitude.

I'd like to welcome new leaders Bob Porterfield and George Jones, and new assistant leader Lee Huey, to the ranks of those good folks who take us out each week. Also, a big tip of the hat to retiring leader Tracy Ackerman, who will now become a leader emeritus. In addition to his 19 years leading hikes, Tracy served the club as records person, vice president, president, assistant hike master, and twice as hike master. He was responsible for finding and perfecting many of our hikes, often going out with his wife Connie to discover a new hiking opportunity. His efforts significantly increased our inventory of hikes. Thanks, Tracy, for your many years of service to GVRHC.

*George Chute, Hike master*



Snacks at Devil's Cash Box Wash

Hello all

I continue to be amazed and very pleased at the response I get from you folks. You make the job easy.

On September 24th we did the whip and clip on the Handicap Trail at Madera Canyon. I was happy to have 18 workers out that day and could have had more if there had been work for them. Maintenance of this trail is a club commitment of well over 20 years standing

As the saying goes, many hands make light work! We were able to do both loops in about four hours. The cause was helped by the donation of another trimmer by Bill Becker. Also donating time and use of his trimmer was Bob Porterfield.

Thanks to all who helped on this project! See you on the next one.

*Wayne Moshier, Trail Maintenance Officer*

#### **VOLUNTEERING TO HELP THE HIKE CLUB**

It has been another busy year for the trail cleanup and maintenance crews. Hiking club members logged a total of 431 volunteer hours. The major trail maintenance work was done on the Florida Trail and on the handicap trail in Madera Canyon. The Florida Trail is now open for hiking and the Madera Trails have been cleared of brush, weeds and fallen trees. Clean-up work was centered in the Canoa West area. Our thanks to Wayne Moshier and Richard Calabro, recognizing their leadership of the club's efforts.

Thirteen volunteers completed the Memorial Day Flag Project this spring. Participating members enjoyed a nice day placing flags along La Canada for the holiday.

With the 2009 Membership sign up coming in November, please consider what areas you can assist the club next year. The form provides you an opportunity to choose activities that will help your club provide safe and enjoyable hiking and/or provide community service.

*Thom Davies, Volunteer Services*

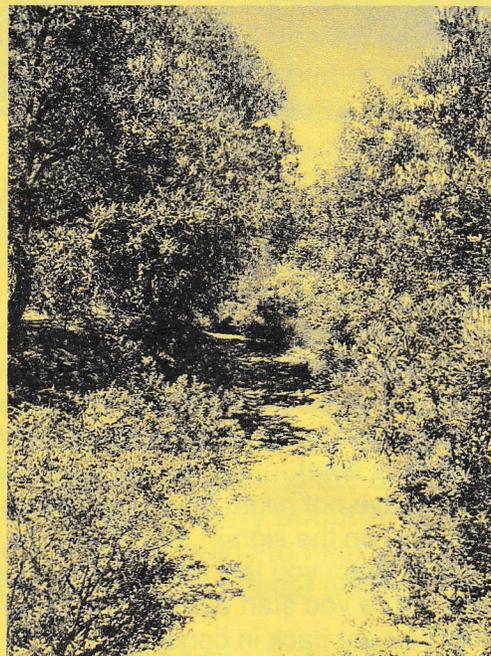
#### **❁IN REMEMBRANCE❁**

*Marie Gabbert Andy Koster*

*Marian Rumsey Jim Walton*

*Nlah Westhoven Edye Wolf*

*Some souls pass through this lifetime like a gentle summer rain, they touch our hearts and then return to heaven once again.*



*A New Trail to Explore*

#### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT . . .**

As of October 16, 2008 there are 452 paid members. 87 are new to the club this year. Check the website, <http://gvrhc.org> for your 2009 membership form.

*Barbara Powell, Membership Chair*

#### **FINANCIAL . . .**

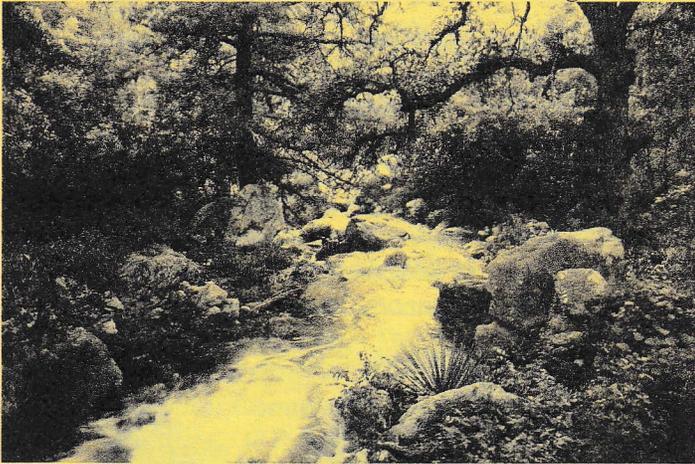
The cash on hand in the checking account as of September 30, 2009 was \$1277.92; the Cash on Hand in the CD was \$5231.84, making a total of \$6509.76. The CD was renewed with a 3.31% interest rate in August, 2008.

*Mayme Specht, Treasurer*

#### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE . . .**

Serving on this year's nominating committee are Bud and Sally Boysen, Virginia Siebers and Bob Porterfield.

Mountain streams flowing!



John Brant

### If it's Thursday, it must be Hike Day!

With many Hike Club members returning from far away places, the number of hikers is rapidly increasing each Thursday. There are a few reminders for new and returning hikers.

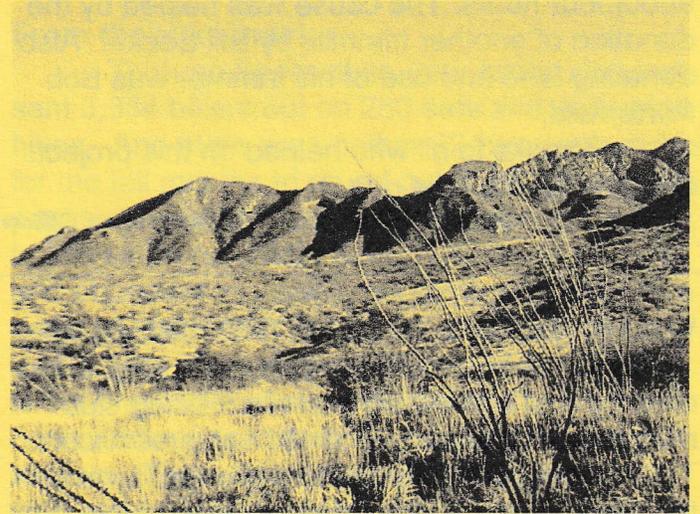
- Have your GVR card handy to verify your number as you sign in. *(Your hiking records are kept by this number and it saves the recorders time)*
- If you have not hiked for several years, please note this on the sign-in form. Give the O & R year or when you last hiked if you know it.
- Make sure you start out with the easier hikes until you get back in condition.
- The club welcomes qualified GVR guests. But, as a GVR sanctioned club we must follow the GVR rules on guests. This means guests must reside over twenty miles from Green Valley. The sponsoring club member must hike on the same hike as his/her guest. Guests need to have proper hiking equipment, including shoes with good tread and sufficient water.
- Many of our hikes have very tall grass due to the wet monsoon. You may want to consider wearing long pants. *(Check with the leader in advance if you are unsure what to wear.)*
- On the trail. . .
  - Remember if you swing your hiking sticks, please only up and down, not back and forth.
  - Allow 6 to 8 feet between you and the hiker in front of you.
  - Carry enough water and take drinks often.
  - Remember you hat and sunscreen.
  - After signing in, remember to keep track of your driver, the hike may leave early.

### 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](http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/Coronado)
- ... [www.aztrail.org](http://www.aztrail.org)
- ... [www.tumacacoriwild.org](http://www.tumacacoriwild.org)
- ... [www.sanpedroriver.org](http://www.sanpedroriver.org)
- ... [www.nps.gov/tuma/Anzatrail.htm](http://www.nps.gov/tuma/Anzatrail.htm)



Helvetia Area Vista

Wildhorse Tank - Rincon Mts.



It's downhill now!



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