



# TRAIL TALES

### From the President's desk . . .

Hi to all. I am composing this message from my back patio, looking out to the beautiful Santa Ritas, where we have lots of enjoyable club hikes. I am grateful for the camaraderie and the exercise that the club hikes have afforded me.

My portion of the newsletter will focus on the importance of all the volunteers that make our hiking club the success that it is. If you are already involved as a volunteer, thank you for your help. If you have not gotten into volunteering, I encourage you to become involved. Dip your toe into the water, you may find it to be very rewarding.

So, how many volunteers does it take to achieve the smooth running organization that we have? The short answer is "A lot." It may be 60 or 70 or more, plus all those that help out on trail maintenance and trail clean up. Some are active year around; others are active seasonally, when they are here in Green Valley.

Our volunteer activities include hike leaders and sweeps, orientation, membership records, name tags, awards records, pot luck suppers, drivers, trail maintenance, trail clean up, newsletter, computer committee, web site master, historical records, librarian, hike master and assistant hike master, and board of directors. There probably are other categories that I have forgotten. I apologize for any oversight. In any event, thank you to all of you that are part of the volunteer group.

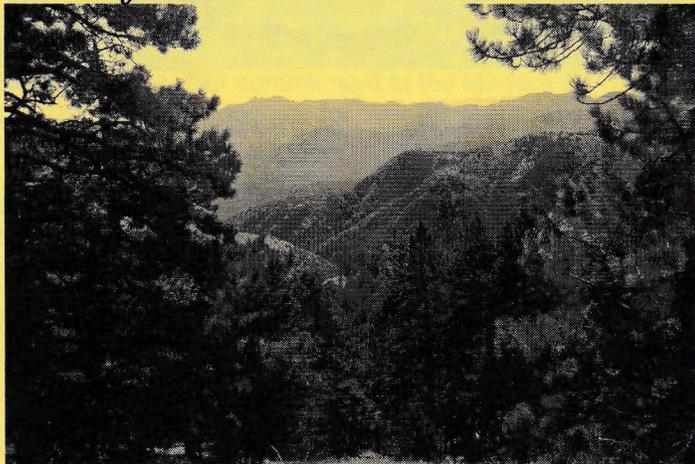
Now, for the offer. . . Would you consider being a volunteer for our club? . . . The more help we have, the easier it is for all, and the better for the club. Give me a call at 777-8657 to discuss how you may help our club, and enrich your club experience at the same time. . . Thank you.

Other volunteer opportunities related to our hiking club include The Friends of Madera Canyon (FOMC), at ([www.friendsofmaderacanyon.org](http://www.friendsofmaderacanyon.org)) and The Friends of Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge, ([www.friendsofbanwr.org](http://www.friendsofbanwr.org)) near Arivaca. The FOMC has many opportunities, from board members, to docents, to many behind the scenes activities. Go to either web site to learn more about those organizations.

Thanks for your help. Remember to call me at 777-8657 if you would like to learn more. . . See you on the trail.

*Phil Betzel, President*

*A great view in the Chiricahua Mountains*



*John Brint*

### Surfing the Web??

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

### Board of Directors

- President**— Philip Betzel
- Vice President**—Karen Chadwell
- Secretary**—Barbara Wuehmann
- Treasurer**—George Pavey
- Hike Master**— Wayne Moshier
- Assistant Hike Master** — Helen Zaukus
- Awards** — Phil Gray
- Membership**— Barbara Powell
- Orientation**— Nello Modesto
- Social Chairperson**—Bonnie Becker
- Volunteer Services**—Don Gfroerer

### Committee Heads

- 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

## 2009/10 CALENDARS

### Board Meetings:

East Center Lounge, 6:30 P.M. (Weds.)  
10/21/2009; 1/20/2010; 4/21/2010; 05/05/2010

### Hike Leaders Meetings:

East Center Lounge, 6:30 P.M. (Weds.)  
10/28/2009; 11/18/2009; 1/27/2010; 04/28, 2010

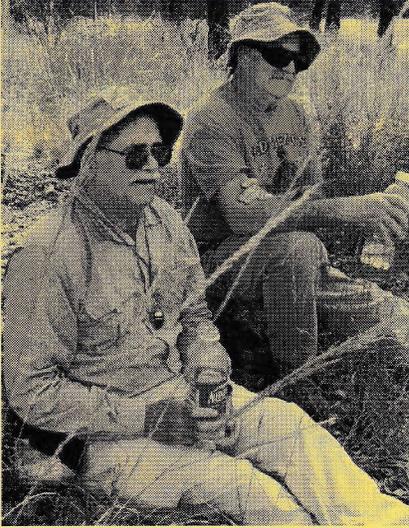
### Pot Luck Dinners:

West Center, 5:00 P.M. (Sun.)  
11/01/2009; 02/14/2010; 04/18/2010

### Annual Meeting:

Desert Hills Social Center, 8:00 A.M. (Tues)  
March 9, 2010

*Don't forget to drink water!*



## A Word from the Hike Master. . . AH Fall!

*Cooler Weather—Color in the Canyons—Snowbirds Flying South.*

All this is very welcome after a HOT and DRY summer. This did not stop the hikers, during summer, there were fewer for sure but unless it was raining we went to the mountains!

As most of you know State Land Permits have been the issue for the last six months. The state legislature gave the State Land Department the task of becoming self-supporting; we all know what that means for us.

There was a period of indecision apparent in that office while permits were restructured. They eliminated the permits of the type our club had used for many years to cover the entire membership. There were many, many, e-mails and phone conversations between the ombudsman Richard Oxford at State Land Department Office, Phil Betzel, and myself.

It was finally concluded that individual and family permits were our only option at a reasonable cost. As a result everyone who wants to take club hikes that enter state trust lands must have a permit. If you are found on state land without a permit you will be liable for fines up to \$450.00. We felt it was better to buy the permit.

You may have noticed our hike leaders continue to come up with new hikes. This gives us a chance to see different areas even as we enjoy our old favorites. Looking forward to an enjoyable winter of hiking with all of you.

*Wayne Moshier, Hike Master*

# Arizona State Land Department

## STATE LAND RECREATIONAL USE PERMIT

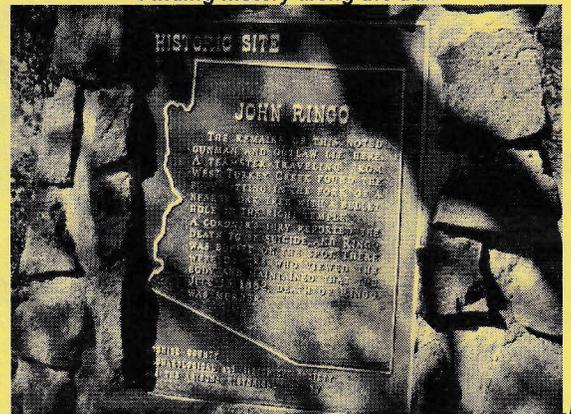
The Hiking Club, as well as the Arizona State Land Department will require all Hike Club members, to have an "Individual Permit" to hike on State Trust Lands. Please visit [www.land.state.as.us](http://www.land.state.as.us) for the application. Individual (\$15.00) or Family (\$20.00) permits will be mailed by return mail upon receipt of the application. The Hike Club bulletin lists whether a permit is required for each hike. Hike Leaders will check to verify each hiker has the permit if hiking on State Trust Land. (A sign of the troubled state economy in Arizona.)

## Great Hiking in the Chiricahua Mountains



*John Brint*

## Finding history along the trail!



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*Keeping Watch over Barrel Canyon**Barbara Powell***2009 Trail Maintenance Activity. . .**

This is my first report as the new Trail Maintenance Officer and I can say it's been a busy and productive year. Thanks to Wayne Moshier for an easy transition to this post as TMO.

In April I met with Don Marion, US Forest Service Supervisor at Madera Canyon, and he requested the handicap trail at Madera Canyon be maintained two times a year. April 13<sup>th</sup> Lee Huey, Doug Jergens, Bruce Allard, Earl Wohlman, Duane Dotson, Bill Hammond, Wayne Moshier and I knocked out the trail in 4 hours time. Thanks to the volunteers who make the job easy.

During May GVHC members Jim and Linda Gleason, Lew and Sachiko Stallman and Jim Campbell volunteered along with other groups to cleanup the old Titan Missile site near Madera Canyon of debris from lay-up sites where illegal immigrants leave behind tons of trash. Members' help was greatly appreciated by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality.

August 17<sup>th</sup> members Barb Schild, Carol Lagden, Jim Campbell, Gerald Kontz and I whipped and clipped the lower HC trail in 5 hours time. Jim Campbell, Wayne Moshier and others whipped and clipped the upper trail the following week. Our commitment to the Madera Canyon HC Trail has been ongoing for over 20 years; let's keep it going!

A little story....before each clean up I gather the equipment to make sure all is in good working order, going through the bag with trimmer line, I come upon a reel with a price sticker from "Pay 'n Pak". My wife worked for Pay 'n Pak in the Seattle area for 22 years 1970-1992 as a purchasing agent and Manager. Now for the rest of the story—Pay 'n Pak closed its doors for good June 1992 ...so do you think our line could be **'over the hill'**?

Again, thanks to all who helped and I hope to see more of you at the clean-ups in 2010.

*Richard Shimanek, Trail Maintenance Officer*

**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. or you may buy T-shirts.

**GVR CARDS**

As GVR members need to carry their cards for access into more and more GVR facilities it is easier for each of us to remember we need our GVR card with us on hike day. Please be sure to check your GVR number as you sign in. The accuracy of your number is vital to the club's record keeping system. Awards are based on these records. Guest hikers should also present their GVR guest card. Remember only guests who live over twenty miles from Green Valley and have a guest card may hike with the club. **HELP OUR CLUB RECORD KEEPERS BY MAKING SURE YOUR NUMBER IS CORRECT**

*6,000 miles of hiking recognized**Ken Fleshman & Jerry Koontz***MEMBERSHIP REPORT. . .**

As of October 7, 2009, there were 465 paid members of the Hiking club. Of these, 104 are new members.

*Barbara Powell, Membership Chair*

**Welcome back winter hikers! If 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.**
4. **Remember if you swing your hiking sticks, please only up and down, not back and forth.**
5. **Allow 6 to 8 feet between you and the hiker in front of you.**
6. **Carry enough water and take drinks often.**
7. **Remember your hat and sunscreen..**
8. **After signing in, remember to keep track of your driver, the hike may leave early**

