

From the Hikemaster, Bob Porterfield



My Assistant Hikemaster, Jim Chisholm, and I are dedicated to our Club's motto, **Safe and Enjoyable** hiking. With this in mind many of you will be returning to Green Valley starting in September / October and the Thursday hikes will begin to increase in numbers.

We request that you don't over reach on your first few hikes until you acclimate to our

environment and remember to carry more water than you think you will need (2 quarts or 2 liters minimum) as we can still have some very hot, transitional days before winter sets in. Also, check your State Land Permit (SLP) to make sure that it is current as hikes requiring this permit start in November.

Be prepared to show your GVR Member or Tennant card when you sign-in to hike and your SLP, if required for that hike. Please read the monthly bulletin for more information about sponsoring a 'Guest'. If you ever have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me, or the hike leader assigned to the hike you are interested in.

We need to increase the number of Leaders and Assistant Leaders. When we start scheduling 11 hikes per week in January through March it is critical that we not continue to demand so much from the current leader core.

Four new leaders will be added by early November--Rich Van Ess-Sept, Kay Pasley-Sept, Tom Kirchoff-early Nov and Pat Boeck -early Nov. Five more leaders are scheduled to start training in Nov, Dec and Jan----Steve White, Barb Dentzman, Dan Paxton, Rick Thrall and Gene Enders.

The door is always open for volunteers. Assistant Leader (AL) volunteers are important as well and many of them become our future Leaders. To date five AL's have been added—Rich Van Ess, Toni Garreffa, Kay Pasley, Pat Boeck and Tom Kirchoff. Additional AL's to be trained are David Linn (Oct), Donna Martin (Nov) and Mary Pulkrabek (Jan). We have attrition every year and need an on going annual replacement activity so when I pass the torch to Jim on May 1, 2017 he will be equally interested in continuing this activity.

Thanks to all of you for your continued support and understanding. This is an amazing Club and provides so much enjoyment for so many.

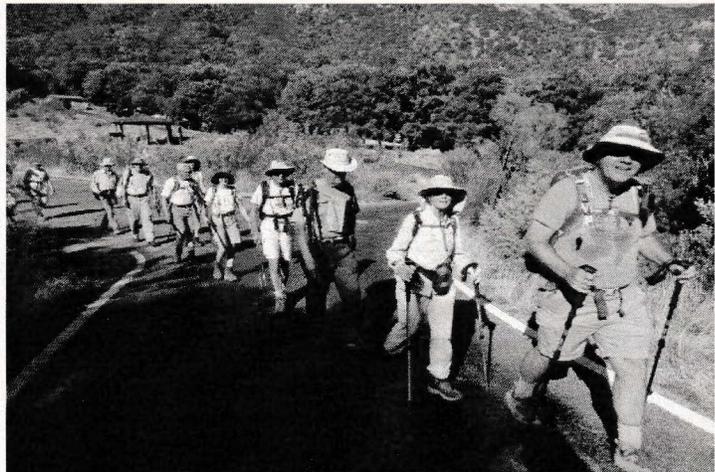
President's Message, from Jim Palazzolo

Welcome back seasonal and snowbird hikers!! The summer has passed with only one issue requiring my attention: setting up the GPS training program for club members, to be run in January and February by Bill Hill and David Colpitts. Watch for sign-up details later this year.

The Hiking Club needs a leader for the Trail Maintenance group, which maintains many hiking trails for us and the general public. The Forrest Service and the Friends of Madera Canyon have both expressed their gratitude for this service the Hiking Club has provided. If you are interested in serving, please contact Jim Chisholm.

Anyone wanting to serve on the nominating committee for screening candidates for board positions for the annual meeting in 2017 should get in touch with me.

There are many Hiking Club committee chairs and support people who work somewhat behind the scene to provide the many services that make the Hiking Club great. We all want to thank them for their contribution making our hiking experience so enjoyable.



Hikemaster Bob Porterfield, leading members on the National Trail Days Hike last June in the Madera's

THANK YOU KATHERINE !

The current editors congratulate **Katherine Carlson**, The **TRAIL TALES** editor for so many years, on her outstanding job, setting up and publishing the Club's newsletter. She was exceptionally helpful in facilitating the transition to our first issue. **ANOTHER JOB WELL DONE!**

In memoriam: Larry Boehms, 8-5-1948 /10-2-2016: Hike Leader, Hikemaster, and Friend.



VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEART AND SOUL OF OUR HIKING CLUB

Studies have shown that volunteering helps counteract the effects of stress, anger and anxiety, combats depression, increases self-confidence, provides a sense of purpose and makes you happy. So some among you may suggest that the hiking club's Volunteer Services Coordinator is responsible for making you happy. Not so! The benefits of volunteering will come to you only when you actively participate by donating your time and talent. The Coordinator's responsibility is simply to listen to your request and attempt to match you to an activity worthy of your talent.

You have no doubt read many; times that the Hiking Club functions only because of volunteers. The Hike Master, Asst. Hike Master, Hike Leaders, Asst. Hike Leaders, Drivers, Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs and a slew of others operating largely out of the spotlight all volunteer their time and talent so that over 400 members can participate in safe and enjoyable hiking.

When you pay your Hiking Club dues this fall, you will have an opportunity to note on the membership form how you might like to help out. And if you are so disposed, please specify your volunteering preferences. Interested in becoming a Hike Leaders or Asst. Hike Leader? Just contact Bob Porterfield or Jim Chisholm to advise them of your availability. Cuisine services? Step forward and contact George Minervini or Fran Sutherland, the Social Committee co-chairs who are responsible for three potluck dinners this season. If personal sales are your forte, you may want to approach Sue Kazmier, the Orientation chair. She may have a job to fit your talents. If you have a penchant for writing, seek out the editors of Trail Tales; or if you enjoy landscaping, drop a line to the Trail Maintenance chair.

If you are reluctant to approach any of the people I have mentioned-then you should definitely contact me: email or telephone. What I need from you is an indication of how you want to help, or if you are unsure, a description of your talents that you feel might be useful to the Club. I cannot promise you that we will find a volunteer task that will satisfy your availability, personal desires and manifest talents. I can only assure you that we will make a sincere effort to help you in your search for happiness and that we appreciate your offer of service. Please remember that helping with even the smallest tasks can make a real difference.

David Powell, Volunteer Services Coordinator dapo22@yahoo.com (720) 235-9526)

Recent mileage awards since last fall:

- Patsy Sills, 1500 miles
- Bill Hill, 2000 miles
- Jim Palazzolo, 2500 miles
- Ron Barry, 3000 miles
- Bob Porterfield, 3000 miles

Impressive isn't it!



My grandpa starting walking five miles a day when he turned 60. Now he's 97 years old and we have no idea where the heck he is!



Did you know?

Since its inception in 1984, club hike leaders have led over 8000+ hikes? One of the reasons why the club has been so successful over the years is the startlingly large percentage of the club's membership who have volunteered in so many capacities to make it work. Congratulations to them all

Treasurer's Report for Autumn, 2016

At the beginning of 2016, the Club had a cash balance of \$8,681.18. Through August 31, income has been \$2,325.00 and expenses have been \$3,256.59 leaving a balance of \$7,749.59. In the next quarter, most of our annual income is expected when members submit their dues for the coming year.

Expenditures so far this year have included:

- January leaders' breakfast, the February & April members' potlucks and the March annual meeting
- Donations to Friends of Madera Canyon, Arizona Trail Association, Sky Island Alliance and Southern Arizona Rescue Association
- Printing & copying
- Web site maintenance
- Rental of a storage unit for trail maintenance equipment
- Award patches
- First aid supplies
- Miscellaneous office supplies & postage.

For more information regarding the Club's finances, please contact Janet BeMiller, janet_bemiller@yahoo.com or 206-200-3600.



Social committee news

Greetings from the new social committee chairpersons! Hopefully our chairmanship will be as successful, and enjoyable for all, as that of the previous committee, Kathy Davisson and Pam Boehms. Thank you both for all of your time, effort and for providing an excellent tenure.

The fall potluck is scheduled for Sunday November 6th, 2016 at the West Center, and will include a presentation by Richard Collins, rancher/author of **"Riding Behind the Padre: Horseback Views From Both Sides of the Border."** Mr. Collins operates a 13,000-acre ranch south of Sonita near the border with Mexico and will relate his story of joining a group of Mexican riders on a horseback journey along the Arizona - Sonora borderlands. The ride retraced parts of the route of Eusebio Francisco Kino who explored the region and established many missions in the area over 300 years ago. The journey encompassed some sections of the Arizona Trail familiar to the Green Valley Hiking Club. The social hour begins at 5:00 and dinner at 6:00 followed by Mr. Collins' presentation. GVHC members can sign up for the potluck in the west parking lot prior to hiking on Oct. 13, 20, 27 and November 3. This will be the first pot luck of the fall season so let's all sign up and plan to attend.

For 2017, hiking club potlucks are scheduled for February 12 and April 2. Speakers for these events are being determined. As you are aware, these events require quite a few volunteers so please, your help and assistance are greatly appreciated.

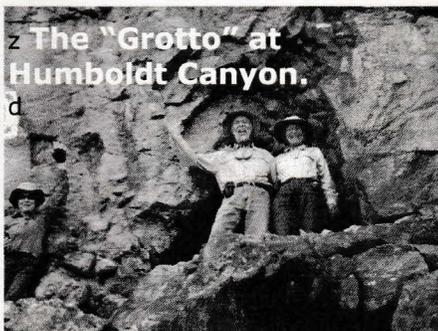
We're looking forward to seeing you all on the trails,
George Minervini & Fran Sutherland

Hiking club lending library: a fountain of information

The hiking club is fortunate to have veteran hiker and recently retired hike leader Tom Johnson as the chief librarian of the club. Over the years he has gathered a wide array of books, folios, maps and other materials that relate to the club's activities. Let Tom tell it: "The library contains a wide variety of books available for checkout. One of these books is titled; *"Hidden Treasures of Santa Cruz County"* by Betty Barr. This book contains numerous short articles pertaining to the pioneers and early settlers of Santa Cruz County. Remember our Hathaway Line Cabin hike? The book also contains four articles on the Hathaway family. The club has three hikes in the vicinity of the Sunnyside ghost town and there are four articles on Sunnyside to give you a little background on the town.

Just about everyone has taken a hike along Proctor Road, but who was Proctor? There is an interesting article on the Charles Proctor family. The Empire Ranch? There are two articles on the Vail family who started the Empire Ranch and one article about the Boyce family, the last private owners of the ranch. We could list many more locations and names of people that you might be familiar with that are presented in the book but this should be enough to whet your interest and encourage you to immerse yourself in the book for a thoroughly enjoyable read.

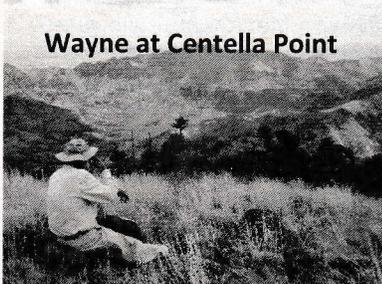
Looking for something different? Check out the Lending Library table at the November or February potluck for a sampling of the books that are available. For a complete listing, go to the Library Web Page (*accessed via the menu bar on the Hiking Club's home page*) and click on "Lending Library" under the General category".





THE CHIRICAHUAS...A HIKE TOO FAR?

For many hiking club members, when a month's hike selections appear, the Chiricahua Mountain hikes get short shrift because of the driving distance involved. It's true, the Chiricahuas do require a lengthy drive of up to three hours (most of which is on I-10), but the spectacular mountain range certainly makes the time well spent. Considering that a drive to the trail heads of a number of treks in the Catalinas, Huachucas or Rincons can take upwards of two and a half hours, the Chiricahua hikes are really not that much further.



Wayne at Centella Point

Why, then, do Chiricahua hikes hold such an allure for those who have already taken them? Maybe the perspectives from four veteran hike leaders who have each devised new hikes in the Chiricahuas will throw further light on their attraction. Jim Chisholm says, "Old familiar trails are comfortable as an old sweater, but new trails are as exciting as a wrapped present. Enjoying new scenery on a new trail is like opening that present. And for each wonderful trail and rock formation visited locally, an equal number awaits at a new destination."

As Wayne Moshier points out, "Those of us who go there enjoy a much different hiking experience than what we get in, say, the Santa Rita and Catalina ranges. And we get solitude: hiking trails away from the monument finds few hikers other than those on your hike. The views from the Crest Trail, Monte Vista Lookout, and Centella Point are utterly spectacular. Fall color is excellent, and some of the summer flowers found in the Chiricahuas do not occur in other ranges we hike." And the time involved? "If it takes all day to get there, hike, and get back, that's what Thursdays are for!"



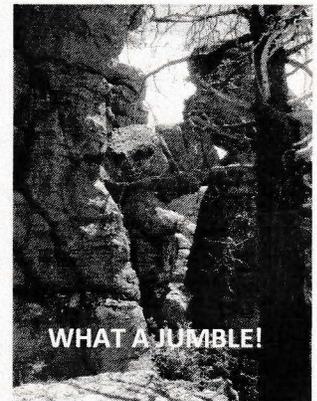
A New Sweep!



TOWERING TOWERS!

"How about the fields of wild iris at Bootlegger Saddle and the meadow on the south side of Fly Peak?" says Tom Johnson; "or the unique foliage along the Centella Trail and in Bear Wallow, or the crazy rock formations in the national park? History buffs will appreciate Apache Pass on the Fort Bowie hike where early Arizona history took place".

For Patsy Sills, "Chiricahua National Monument provides easy to follow, well-maintained trails through a maze of rock formations like you have seen nowhere else. And you are surrounded by scenic vistas, birds, lizards, canyons, peaks, flowering burn areas, and old growth forests with giant pine trees which were missed by fires. And the drive east along I-10 offers the Texas Canyon rest stop with its incredible rock formations. Finally, if you choose a Chiricahua hike and you have the right driver, you can look forward to an ice cream stop on the way home at The Thing's Dairy Queen."



WHAT A JUMBLE!

What's there not to like about the Chiricahuas? Why not give them a trek?

Got interesting photos from your hike(s)? Why not share them with the club membership by uploading them to the club website, www.gvrhc.org. Just follow the instructions.

Who knows, one of your photos might be the star attraction on our next issue of **Trail Tales!**

Suggestions for articles or items of interest for the next edition should be sent to Frank Surpless, fsurpless@aol.com or Duane Dotson, texagg68@yahoo.com. your **Trail Tales** editors.