



TRAIL TALES

GVR HIKING CLUB

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A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT HELEN ZAUKAS:

Who would ever have thought, five years ago, that the "insignificant Board Member" would serve two terms as president of this wonderful club! Thank you for your cooperation and support as the Club made changes that affected us all. It has been a privilege and pleasure to work with the Board members. If I seemed to be doing a good job it's because everyone working for the Club has been doing a good job.

There are ways to help the Club that do not involve leading or serving on the Board. Helping at potlucks, showing up on the first Tuesday of the month for trail maintenance, and assisting at O&R sessions come to mind.

One of the reasons hikers are a special lot is that hiking is basically non-competitive. The goal is to reach the lunch spot or the mountain top, not to get a better score than someone else. We all love the outdoors and enjoy hiking with a group--if we didn't, the Club wouldn't be experiencing the growth that it is.

Bill Fritz and Chuck Rogers recently chose the status of Hike Leader Emeritus. Thanks to both for their service to the Club. This brings the total to twelve Leaders Emeritus. Bill was one of the first leaders of the Club, contributing much in the formation of the wonderful organization we have.

AWARDS FROM NOVEMBER 1995 THROUGH MARCH 7:

Miles	Number	Miles	Number
3000	2	1000	3
2500	1	500	7
2000	2	250	26
1500	2	50	47

Helen Berbick received the first 3000 mile patch, Svend Kristensen received the second.
March 1986 - 283 active hikers
March 1996 - 1388 active hikers

Our Club takes care of flags on LaCanada one holiday a year. Call Frank Jappel if you would like to help.

"Old age is like climbing a mountain. The higher you get the more tired and breathless you become. But your view becomes much more extensive." - Ingmar Bergman

THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 9 a.m. at Desert Hills Social Center.

The nominees for the Board are: Rich Armstrong, Tracy Ackerman, and Lee Haartz. Leaving the Board are Freddie Carter, Lee Kuiken, and Jim Perkins.

Members will vote on revised By-Laws. The annual meeting has been changed from May so more members will be able to attend. How many attend will influence the continuation of the date change.

The spring potluck will be the last Sunday in April this year to accommodate those who leave in May.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

350 people joined the club in 1995. By March 19, 1996, 352 have joined. This year 95 are NEW members, about 27% of the membership. The turnover of about 95 could be attributed to renters and people who come to Green Valley for only one year. Health is always a factor.

The new members, many of whom are couples, are a quality group of hikers.

The response in paying dues has been good. Except for a few "goofs" such as sending the check but no form, the form and no check, one application for two people, things are going well. (One check for two people is o.k.)

JOHN PIERCE, who has kept the weekly records of hiker participation by computer for many years, has resigned. Words cannot express the appreciation for a job well done.

BOB MONTAGUE, another non-hiker, has agreed to do this voluntary job. We are very happy he has agreed to be the Club's new Data Processor.

THE 1996 DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS, compiled by Helen Zaukas, is now available. If your name is missing, your dues were not received at the time of publication.

Time for CPR training? Call 625-9400 for the reservation schedule. Cost is \$3.00.

TRAIL TALES, the Club newsletter, was started in 1991 to inform Hikers about club happenings, keeping them up-to-date.

HIKEMASTER WALLY MORRELL WRITES:

As we near the end of our 1995-96 hiking year I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you Hikers, and especially our Leaders and Assistant Leaders, for their cooperation and help. You have all made my job a pleasure rather than a chore. The help given to the Hikemasters by Jim Kuhns and his trusty computer has been of inestimable value. I want to express to Jim my personal appreciation as well as that of the Club. I also want to thank Win Durant for his help as my Assistant this year. It was probably a busier year for Win and Marianne than for the Hikemaster but he still managed to be there when I needed him.

I am sure you realize that there are a lot more folks working to make this organization successful, and we hope that others will take their turns at such jobs as record keeping (patches), orientation, membership, hikemaster, etc. After all, we are all retired and no one needs a job forever. (Although we would like to keep Andy Juhasz doing that great records job for another 20 years.)

So good luck and safe hiking to each and everyone of us in the years to come.

Marv Partin, Trail Maintenance Supervisor, reports thirteen volunteers and Forest Service personnel replaced the bridge over the creek below the Madera picnic area. three 20 foot utility poles were used to stabilize the bridge, providing safer crossing of the creek. The turnout has been outstanding to fulfill the Club's obligation.

A study on how to preserve the building at the Atascosa Fire Lookout off Ruby Road is being done by the Forest Service and other volunteer organizations. This is one of two such structures in southern Arizona and is a dramatic reminder of our past. It is on the National Register of historic places. We hope to do our share in this worthwhile project where labor and funds are needed.

The February Potluck dinner accommodated almost 270 people. The Committee did a great job serving so many in an orderly way. The Entertainment, arranged by Marion Kole and Fred Collins, surpassed all the terrific Hikers' Talent programs of the past with clever skits, dancing, and singing.

Lillian Monson, Editor and Typist

ORIENTATION AND REGISTRATION:

To date in 1996, 111 people have attended O & R. In 1995 to date 97 attended. The first two weeks in March, 1996, 20 attended. During the same time in 1995, 27 were there.

Beginning in April orientation sessions will be held the second Monday of the month at East Center Lounge at 8 a.m.

Attending orientation and registration before hiking with the Club has proved to be very successful.

A special thanks to the Committee: Ed Bieber, Chairman; Al Dalen, Frank Jappel, Lee Kuiken, Bob Lund, Lillian Monson and Mert Urness. Their contribution helps new hikers come on first hikes better prepared, benefitting both new hikers and leaders as the new hikers know what is expected.

A RECOGNITION DINNER TO HONOR LEADERS, ASSISTANTS, BOARD MEMBERS, AND THEIR GUESTS was given January 7 at Desert Hills Center. Marion Kole, in charge of the affair, reported 62 people were served a delicious cornish hen dinner by twenty committee member volunteers of the Club, all appropriately attired in Hiking Club T shirts and white shorts. Thanks to the donations by members of salads and desserts, the cost was under the allotted \$100 from GVR and \$100 from the Club. Although lack of space limits listing all who made the evening so successful, it is true Bud Cranor purchased and fixed all the hens while Mayree arranged the beautiful natural desert centerpieces and placecard holders. (Marion reported good "feedback" from all who were honored.)

HIKERS' QUIZ

(Check the column you think is correct)

	Yes	No
Carry sticks perpendicularly		
Guests DO NOT use a GVR number (and live 20 miles away)		
Drink water even if you're not dry		
Carry raingear, dress in layers		
Each Hiker signs sheet individually		
Park on far west side of west lot		
Discount Embroidery, 3504 East Grant, does the Club Logo on caps & jackets		
O & R REQUIRED before hiking with Club		

SCORING: All Yes? Keep Hiking!

Any No? Go to O&R to start again!

"Always watch where you are going. Otherwise you may step on a piece of the Forest that was left out by mistake." Winnie the Pooh (Contributed by Pooh Lover Lee Haartz)