



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN ---

This Club continues on its mission of safe and enjoyable hiking. We see constant change, for instance Marv Partin, Svend Kristensen, and Clayton Smith have retired as leaders. Emeritus badges have been awarded them for their dedicated service.

Five "50" Mile" patches were awarded on Fred Collins' hike recently---a record number for a single hike. These new hikers are the replacements and the Leaders for tomorrow's hiking club.

Thanks to Jim Perkins for his leadership in consolidating all of the Club's policies. This will be a useful tool for Board members, Leaders, hikers, and for Orientation. The new Policy Manual will be available at our April 29 Annual meeting.

Jefferson said, "I like the dreams of the future, it's better than the history of the past."

----- Ed Bieber

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE AS OF MARCH 19, 1997:

360 Members. Last year at this time 352 Members. 8.9% of the 1997 members are new to the Hiking Club.

-----Marian Rumsey, Membership Chair

ORIENTATION AND REGISTRATION REPORT

All people desiring to hike with the Club are REQUIRED to attend Orientation BEFORE hiking with the Club. O & R is to acquaint new hikers with the way things are done in our club. Rules of the club, how we are organized, equipment required, where we go, etc., are discussed.

During January and February 73 attended. 38 of the 73 (52%) made their first hikes during these months. 28 of the 73 (38%) were here temporarily as indicated by GVR cards. In 1996 during this time 91 attended.

O & R meetings are every Monday in January, February, and March. The rest of the year meetings are the second Monday monthly. All meetings are at 8 a.m., East Center lounge.

AFTER attending O & R prospective members may hike twice before paying dues.

----- Al Dalen, Chairman

NOTE THE SPRING POTLUCK IS THE LAST SUNDAY IN APRIL SO PEOPLE LEAVING MAY ATTEND.

ANNUAL MEETING: TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 9 A.M. DESERT HILLS SOCIAL CENTER. New candidates are Ted Haartz, Vicki Mattox, and Jim Moore.

The present Board members have written up their job assignments and responsibilities which will make future Board members' positions easier by having this for reference.

At GVR's invitation to show what our Club is all about, Ed Bieber presented a good slide program at the GVR annual meeting.

The Southern Arizona Rescue Association, a Volunteer Team that finds lost people in mountains of the area, survives on membership dues and community donations. Our club donated \$100 recently. Hopefully, the club will never have to call on them.

1997 Directories are available. If you missed getting one see Helen Zaukas.

HIKING AWARDS OCT.10, 1996--MARCH 20, 1997

Miles	Number	Miles	Number
50	43	1500	6
250	32	2000	1
500	9	2500	3
1000	4	3000	3

Marion Kole, Wally Morrell, and Bill Fritz bring the total of 3000 milers to eight.

Seeing the gravel parking lot filled on Thursdays shows how cooperative hikers are. Thanks to all of you.

A Special Leaders/Board Members hike to the Muleshoe Nature Conservancy northwest of Willcox is one all who attended will long remember - especially the drivers who navigated four miles of ROUGH terrain that was lined closely with cat's claw and mesquite. A special, fun day. Thanks, Tracy.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE---Twenty-nine Hikers contributed 312 hours on 631 miles of Madera Canyon maintenance. People are always needed to help maintain the Nature Trail. The first Tuesday of each month. Check the Bulletin.

TRAIL TALES - to keep Hikers informed!

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"NOTES ON A NAPKIN" --- Lee Haartz, Social

This season's potluck dinners have been a successful collaboration of willing workers, famous hiking club "Good Cooks," and interesting programs. Commendations to the dinner committees and their hard working chairmen:

Nov. 3 --- Alberta Jordan assisted by Marie Gabbert, Florence Gado, Anna Gebhardt, Curt Merritt, Marje and Jack Oshel. 150 ate and enjoyed hearing about the 1997 Senior Olympics to be held in May in Tucson.

Feb. 2 --- Kay and Jim McAllister, assisted by Jan and Bill Doxtader, Betty and Bill Short, Marilyn and Lou Snyder, and Anna Mae Sublett. 230 people had a Kartchner Caverns update.

April 27 --- Gladys Cudworth is chairman. Jack and Rose Freeman of Red Willow Indian Arts in Tubac will tell about Native American dances, chants, and philosophy. Rose is a Taos Pueblo member, Jack is Qupaw (Oklahoma) and Cherokee tribes member.

Originators of the Club, Jane and Bill Necker, were special guests at the February potluck. Ed and Margaret Bieber were part of the original group in 1981.

Eunice Yocum moved March 17 to Assisted Living, 750 LaPosada Circle, G.V., Room 36. Call 648-8436, she's waiting to hear from all her hiking club friends!

Helen Berbeck takes care of replacing the Scout wreath on Josephine saddle as needed.

SOME THINGS JUST NEVER CHANGE:



HIKEMASTER TRACY ACKERMAN REPORTS:

Our hiking season has reached the peak hiker participation and is now approaching the time of lower turnouts as the weather warms and people start their summer scattering across the country.

Comparative turnouts to date:
95/96--3789/37 wks. Average 102.4 per day
96/97--3694/36 wks. Average 102.6 per day

It has been another year of stability of numbers, an excellent safety record, and hopefully much enjoyment by the members.

Our club continues to add new hikes to the master list. Eighteen have been added this year. This is a desirable and necessary trend as we face increasing pressures from developments, private property owners, restricted numbers of hikers, State land closures, proposed Forest Service entry fees, and eventually the Asarco mine project. These will start to erode places to hike in the next few years.

Our Leader list continues to change. Bob Kotz and Vicki Mattox became new leaders, and Patty Greimann and Jack Hummel were appointed new Assistant Leaders. The roster is now 24 Leaders, nine Assistants. Marv, Svend and Clayton are Leaders Emeritus

Many things and many people make our Club one of the best in Green Valley. Probably the least known but of most inestimable value are the services provided by our computer experts, Jim Kuhns and Bob Montague. They keep our extensive hike data and record keeping under control.

I must thank our Leaders, Assistants, and Board members for their willing support and assistance throughout the year, without which it would be impossible for the Hike-master to do an effective job.

All members should be grateful to drivers with high clearance vehicles. They allow us to enjoy hiking in the remote, wild, and beautiful back country that would be impossible to reach without the HCVs.

Keep hiking, do it safely, and enjoy!

Get the club Logo on caps and clothing at Discount Embroidery, 3505 East Grant, Tucson

Notify Leader when carrying special meds.
Use GVR's Lost and Found when necessary.
If riding try to have exact change.
If possible take your turn driving.

Lillian Monson, Editor/Typist