

# TRAIL TALES

HIKING CLUB

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Spring 2007

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . .

Thanks to all who attended the Annual Meeting of the Club. It's good to see such interest in the business of the group. And thank you to the new board members Bonnie Becker, David Boos, Nello Modesto and George Chute, Assistant Hikemaster. Without the selfless contribution of time and talent, our club could not function. Our grateful appreciation to retiring board members Patti Greimann and Barbara Schild and Nominating Committee members Nancy Chandler, Jim Campbell and Lee Haartz.

Be sure to pay attention to the changing start times for the hikes. As the summer weather comes, we leave earlier. To those of you heading to other parts: have a great summer, go hiking wherever you are, and see you this fall.

*Harry Vaughan, President*



*On the Trail Following the Leader*

## NEW LEADER COMPLETE TRAINING . . .

Hikemaster Barry Murdoch reported to the board that eight new hike leaders have completed or are now finishing their training. They are Gary Icenogle, Sandy Noreen, Don Gfroerer, Beverly Rosenthal, Jim Riley, Larry Grove, George Pavey, Melinda Hendrickson, Gene Langlois.

Thanks to retiring Hike Leader Milt Foster for his many years leading groups and delighting them by identifying many unique birds. Milt joined the club in 1986 and became a leader in 1987.

## ASSISTANT HIKE LEADER'S REPORT . . .

**First-aid kits**—We updated all the first-aid kits. All out-dated medications have been replaced as well as anything that looked worn out or looked like it might not work or stick. Thanks to Sally for this... and she also washed all the kits. They don't look new, but they do look a lot better.

**Non-Thursday Hikes**—We have not yet completed the experimental Mon/Tues Hikes, however I would like to share some preliminary thoughts with you. We completed nine of these hikes. The last two will be Tuesday March 27. We picked some of the worst winter weather for the early hikes. Ten degrees at Madera Canyon and later hike dates produced wind and rain. One hike was cancelled due to the weather. We have averaged 21 hikers on the days the hikes were conducted, 185 total hikers thus far. Surveys from the hikers show a general consensus that later starting times are good when we are close and temperatures were cool, not so good as it got warmer. Most departure times were at 9:30am. Reasons people choose to hike on a different day were they wanted to hike more than once that week or they had something else to do on Thursdays. A few said they "don't like getting up so early". About 70% of the hikers who participated in these hikes did hike again on the following Thursday. A full report on the experiment will be made to the Board in April. I'd like to thank all the leaders, assistant leaders, record keepers, and everyone else who helped with the project.

We've received many compliments about the project from many of our hikers. From my standpoint, I feel the program was very successful. It did extend and promote our purpose of "safe and enjoyable hiking". I think we were able to do this project without any negative impact on traditional Thursday hiking. All leaders volunteered for the project. I will recommend that the Board continue a similar schedule next year.

*Budde Boysen, Assistant Hike Master*

**AWARDS . . .** *Patty Greimann, completing her third year on the Club Board and as Award Chair reports: two major milestones were recognized since last March. The 25th Anniversary of the Club was celebrated and the highest mileage patch of 5500 was awarded to Lillian Monson. Other outstanding awards were given to Margaret Bieber (5000), Freddie Carter, Helen Zaukas and Bob Lund all received the 4500 mile patches, and Winnie Kruper and Jim Moore both received their 4000 mile patches. Twenty-five hikers received their 50 mile patches. Congratulations to all club members who were recipients of other mileage patches in this past year.*

Patty thanks those who helped her this last year with the Awards: Phil Gray and George Chute, Computer Records, and her Award Team, Virginia Siebers, Marlene Isbell and Kathy Chute.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT . . .

As of March 17, 2007, there are 425 paid members. Of those, 37 are new. The 2007 Directories are now available.

*Barbara Powell, Membership Chair*

## "AS TIME GOES BY"

Development of the club becomes hazy as time goes by, so here is the story of Orientation.

At one time anyone who wanted to hike called a telephone number and connected with Bill and Jane Necker. As the club grew the then Hikemaster Cameron Beckwith asked the leaders to take the new hikers to one side at lunch time to fill them in on the rules. That was not very successful.

In the autumn of 1992 An Ad Hoc committee was formed to look into future ways of making the club run more smoothly as it was growing rapidly. Dues was discussed first, but putting quarters in the cans each hike morning and having the treasurer count them before deposits didn't seem to stir up much interest. But since giving people information about hiking had already been started on hikes, albeit, incomplete and not always done, a program to educate prospective hikers came up for discussion.

The original committee with Bob Lund as Chairman, were Helen Zaukas, Lillian Monson, Frank Jappel, and Bill Fritz. After a number of meetings working on the necessary information and how it should be presented and recorded, the plan for the "Orientation and Registration" was presented to the Board. At first conducted on a trial basis, it became a requirement during the Spring of 1993. The committee took turns giving the orientation session.

When Orientation and Registration was made a requirement before hiking with the club, more Presenters were needed. Volunteers who stepped up to the task included Ed Bieber, Mert Urness, and Lee Kuiken.

Chairpeople over this time are: 1993/94 - Helen Zaukas, 94/95 - Frank Jappel, 95/96 - Ed Bieber, 96/98 - Al Dalen, 98/99 - Bill Zwicky, 99/00 - Zwicky to Jappel, 00/02 - John Fanning, 03 - Tad Bird, 03/05 - Lee Kuiken, 06/07 - Bob Porterfield.

Current presenters are Bob Porterfield, Mary Ann Jordan, Walt Prue, Phil Gray, Harry Vaughn and Budde Boysen with Helen Zaukas and Barry Murcoch serving as back-ups. A look at O & R statistics from January of 1999 through December of 2008 shows 1675 attended the training session, of those 960 (57% average) actually took a first hike, 669 (39% average) joined the club.

A round of applause goes to all the presenters who through the years have helped to promote safe and enjoyable hiking practices.

*Lillian Monson, Historian*

## LIBRARY...

The Hiking Club Library also has a Lending Library Section that is available to the general hiking club membership. There are a number of books and even a DVD that may be checked out for a two-week period. A listing of the items that are available may be found in the Library Web Site that is accessed through the club's home page ([www.gvrhc.org](http://www.gvrhc.org)). If you see an item that you would like to borrow, contact Tom Johnson at 648-5340 or [tjohnson1@cox.net](mailto:tjohnson1@cox.net) and he can either bring it to you at the next hiking day or arrange for you to pick it up at his house.

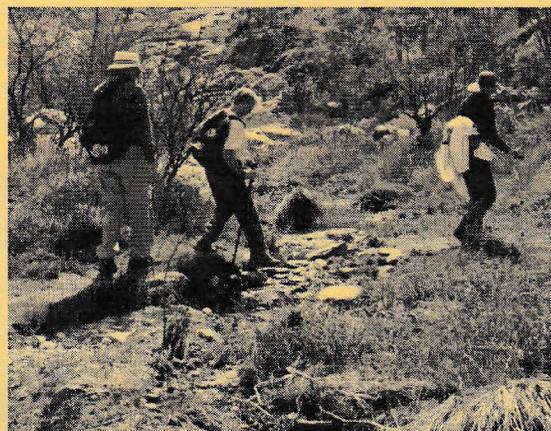
*Thomas N Johnson, Librarian*

## HOORAY FOR VOLUNTEERS!

The February 11 potluck held at West Center was an enjoyable and successful event for all. The Sonoran Desert Museum staff presented three awesome raptors—an American kestrel falcon, a Harris' hawk, and a juvenile Great Horned Owl. Special thanks to the hard-working volunteers:

Sue and Don Houge	Jean Ross	Fern Hampel
Barb and Don Gfroerer	Barb Wuehrmann	Jim Palazzolo
Gloria and Stan Musial	Emilie Sikora	Kathy Chute
Helen Zaukas	Cindy Summers	Barb Powell
Sandy and Mike Noreen	Marlys Johnson	Phyllis
Kenseth		
Lynn and Tom Theder	Doris Gerganoff	Lee Kuiken
Barbara Clark		

*Barbara Schlid, Social Chair*



## RECOGNIZED FOR SEVENTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE...

The Hike Club Board members thanked Helen Zaukas for 17 years of dedicated work in handling many duties including many computer record-keeping tasks for the club. The annual membership directory, orientation data and operation of the Club E-mail site, just to name a few things she has done for us. Thom Davies has been trained by the best, Helen, to continue those many jobs.

## 2007 CLUB EVENTS

### Board Meetings:

East Center Lounge, 6:30 P.M. (Tues.)

4/ 17/ 2007, 9/18, 2007, 11/20, 2007

### Hike Leaders Meetings:

East Center Lounge, 6:30 P.M. (Tues.)

04/ 25, 2006, 09/ 25, 2007, 11/27, 2007

### Pot Luck Dinners:

West Center, 5:00 P.M. (Sun.)

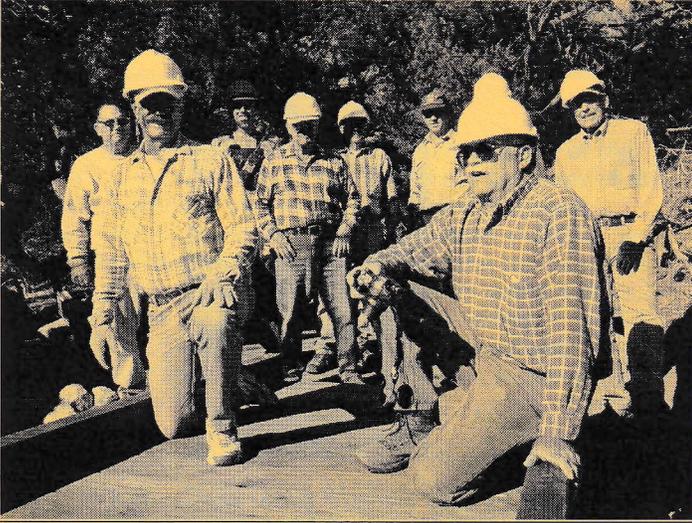
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## GVR Hiking Club Logo...

**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.

**Creative Coyote**, in Tubac, has the hiking club design available, (\$4) for application, while you wait, on select colors of tee shirts or sweatshirts that can be purchased at this store.

## BRIDGE BUILDING CREW VOLUNTEERS



### REBUILDING ONE MADERA CANYON BRIDGE . . .

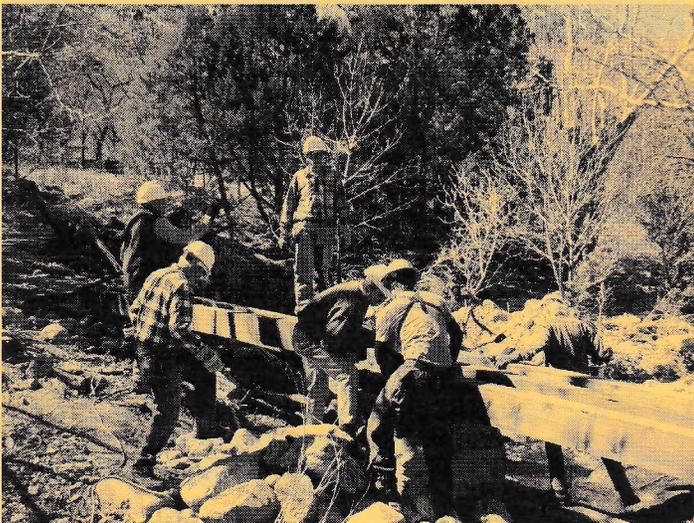
Fourteen of our volunteers in co-operation with Forest Service and FOMC have rebuilt a flood-damaged bridge on the Madera handicapped trail.

On January 27 ten of our folks removed the bridge, Forest service personnel then poured new concrete supports. Eleven of our people, assisted by two Forest service workers installed new stringers and redecked the bridge on February 24. Forest service people have since reinstalled railings and new ramps. We will be painting it soon.

This bridge is a part of the handicapped system that our club helped to install over twenty years ago.

I would like to thank all the volunteers for their labor and use of personal tools on this project.

*Wayne Moshier, Trail Maintenance Chair*



Trail maintenance and cleanup activities logged a total of 628 hours in 2006, mainly in Madera Canyon and west of Green valley. 157 bags of trash were carried out by crews. Thanks to John Brant, Richard Calabro, Wayne Moshier and all the volunteers involved

## ROSEMONT HAS A MINING HISTORY . . .

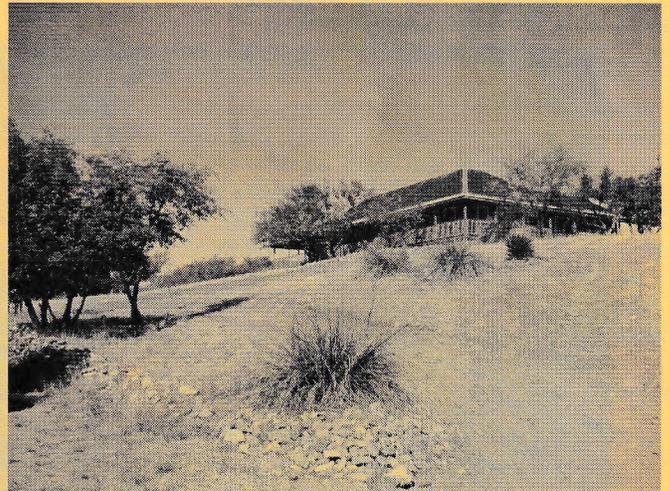
The ill-defined Rosemont area is based on mining claims filed by L.J. Rose and William McCleary between 1879 and 1894. They founded the Rosemont Smelting and Mining operation in 1894 but, while still under development, sold it to a NY company. The Lewishon Brothers created the Rosemont Copper Co. and began mining and processing copper ore. There were 46 mining claims and 7 mill site claims. Structures and buildings to support the operation included the smelter, assay office, store, hotel, stables and bunkhouse.

Mining continued intermittently until 1910. It had moved further up the mountain toward the Gun Site pass area, developing into more of a tent city. Frequent smelter breakdowns often halted all activity. Unfortunately the investors ultimately lost all.

The only easily visible remains today is the smelter slag, seen from our usual parking spot. Archeological excavation in 1982 found the site of the hotel. Another easily seen foundation is the remains of the Forest Service headquarters, originally build in 1905.

Anamax acquired the claims in 1970. Subsequently it transferred to ASARCO who recently sold it to Augusta Resources. Each of these owners explored with core drillings, currently being actively being carried out by Augusta in anticipation of their starting a large open pit operation. This operation would be on patented land in Barrel and Wasp Canyons and on additional land requested from the U.S. Forest Service

*Ken Fleshman*



**RESTORED EARLY ROSEMONT MINING HEADQUARTERS** at Kentucky Camp. The GVR Hiking Club has many trails in the Rosemont area. Some of these trails may have to be abandoned if mining operations begin in the area.

**F.Y.I... Check out the Hiking Club's WEBSITE:**

<http://gvrhc.org>

**Monthly bulletins, board minutes , calendars, historical information and much, much more.**

## RULES TO HIKE BY...

1. Definition - a New Member is someone who has never belonged to the club before.
2. A person who may become a new member has two perks that can be used only once. First, that person can hike twice without having to join the club and pay dues. Second, that person can join the club in November or December and receive membership privileges through the following calendar year.
3. Definition - a guest is a person whose principal residence is 20 miles or more from Green Valley and who does not have GVR membership.
4. Hikers, regardless of status, must wear hiking boots.
5. Hikers who are not guests must take Orientation before hiking with the club.
6. Definition - a continuing member is someone who is applying for an annual membership and who was a member in the year preceding that.
7. Definition - a returning member is someone who is applying for an annual membership and who had been a member sometime before the year preceding that.
8. A returning member, regardless of length of absence, does not get new member perks, except that Orientation is not required.
9. Dues are assessed for the calendar year, and are not prorated for a partial year.
10. A continuing member is in arrears for dues if not paid before his first hike in the new membership year.
11. A returning member is in arrears for dues if not paid before his first hike upon returning.
12. Hikers who are current members may sponsor guests provided that the adult guests have a GVR issued guest card and are accompanied by HC member. (See 3. & 4. above.)



**VOLUNTEER SERVICES.** . . The success of our club is a result of the volunteer efforts of the membership. Volunteers plan, select, scout, lead and sweep the hikes. They drive us to the trailhead, provide high clearance vehicles, help with potluck dinners, maintain and clean trails, assist with community projects, provide name tags, keep track of mileage awards, publish a newsletter, and maintain records, a library, and a web site. Please consider for a moment how you can help in providing the great enjoyment that the club provides. You will find the effort very rewarding.

THOM DAVIES, VOLUNTEER CHAIR



On February 19, 2007 Margaret Bieber was awarded her 5000 patch joining Lillian Monson and Andy Juhasz in this elite group. Margaret took her first hike with the club on October 21, 1981 shortly after the club started. She became a leader in 1987 and received her Leader Emeritus patch in November 2001. Tad Bird paid Margaret the following poetic tribute

Margaret Bieber  
Faithful leader  
How does your hiking go?  
With rocks and rills  
And wooded hills  
For 5000 miles in a row.

Through sun and wind and sleet and storm  
Steadfast hiking has been your norm  
Always happy, always there  
More than ready to do your share.

You have certainly had your ups and downs  
As you traveled and hiked all over this town.  
But the down remembered as the BEST  
Is the time you lost your car at WEST.

All hikes were in, the lot was bare  
Only three cars were sitting there  
You went to a blue one and tried the door  
You pushed and pulled 'til your fingers were sore.

Over behind you, having a stew  
Was another car all painted blue  
Its trunk was open, its lights were flashing  
If it had had them, its teeth would be gnashing.

You walked over to it with some chagrin  
Opened the door and stepped right in.  
And as you slowly drove away  
Those standing by were heard to say.  
***You will never, be allowed to forget this day.***

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