

THE TWO SIDES OF THE HIKING CLUB

Every Club member pretty much knows the Thursday side of the Hiking Club. From the parking lot routine to the trail and back you can see and feel the work of the Hikemaster, the Assistant Hikemaster, the Leaders, the Assistant Leaders and the drivers. Without the above volunteers we just don't hike on Thursdays. There is another important part of the Club with which most members are not that familiar. As a club under GVR we are 'required' to have a Board of Directors and approved By-laws. We must fulfill this administrative requirement to have a hiking club.

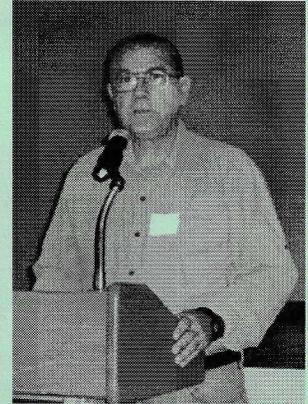
I am interested in trying to get you interested in serving on the Board of Directors. The Board consists of nine members with three new members being elected each year to serve for three years. The positions are President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Awards, Social, Orientation, Membership, and Volunteer Services. In this computer age email capability is important for all members. There is some computer skills required for some positions but for the most part they are minimal and in Green Valley full time is not a requirement.

Every year around December we start our search for three volunteers to serve on the Board and they are elected by the membership at the Annual Meeting. Volunteers should have a strong interest in the Hiking Club and willing to give back to the Club some of their time and talent. About 10% of our membership volunteers to be Leaders and Assistant Leaders and many of these members have also served on the Board. So, there is lots of good untapped potential available to serve on the Board. I hope that you will give this some thought and if the opportunity arises, you will step forward and serve the Club. If you have any questions or interest, please contact the President or any other current Board Director. We always seem to come up with three good volunteers every year, but I can tell you it is not always easy.

We are a phenomenal Club of volunteers but we can always improve.

Thank you,

Bob Porterfield, President



Annual Meeting on March 11, 2008

A crowd of about eighty members enjoyed wake-me-up refreshments before participating in the annual meeting. The business of the day included approving By-Laws changes that had been reformatted into a clearer and more appropriate document for how the club operates today. (To review the club's bylaws check the website: (www.gvrhc.org) and the



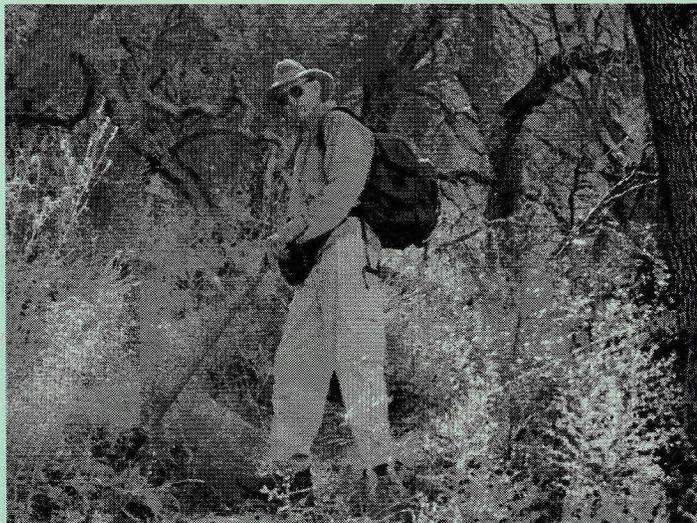
election of Phil Betzel, Barbara Wuehrmann and Barbara Power as new board members. Bob Porterfield and Harry Vaughn are the retiring board members.

Hiking Club Library

The Hiking Club maintains a library that is available for use by all of its members. One of the easiest ways to access some of the materials available in the library is to click on "Club Library" under "Club Information" on the Hiking Club's main web page at www.gvrhc.org. This will take you to the Library Web Site and the catalog where you can access those articles in the library that are available through the internet. One of the items listed in the catalog under the "General" category is the "Lending Library". This page lists the DVD's, CD's, and books that are available to check out and peruse at your leisure.

The Library Catalog currently has 75 links to either articles or other websites. A review of the Library Site statistics indicates a conservative estimate of over 5182 visits to library articles. The articles that received the most visits were the "Boy Scout Tragedy," "Cochise Stronghold," "Helvetia Mining District," "Kentucky Camp," "Old Stone House," and "Peck Canyon." The site is there for everyone to use so before you take a hike, or maybe after you return from one, check out the Library and learn little of the history where you hiked.

Tom Johnson, Librarian



Tom Johnson, Florida Trail rebuilding maintenance

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Major trail maintenance work has been underway on the Florida Trail in the Santa Ritas. The trail has been closed since the Florida Fire in 2005. Wayne Moshier has led 42 volunteers this year in opening the trail to Andy's Overlook with plans to reach Florida Spring. The 255 hours already logged by Club volunteers have allowed several club hikes to be reinstated. Thanks to the club's efforts, the Forest Service is applying for grant funding to finish rebuilding the trail from Florida Spring to Florida Saddle. Our thanks to Wayne and the club volunteers.

Thom Davies, Volunteer Chair

TRAIL MAINTENANCE ACTIVITY

During January and February our trail maintenance folks answered the call in large numbers to work on renewal of the Florida Canyon Trail. The efforts of over forty people made big differences up there. The clipping, sawing, moving rocks and debris resulted in new areas of trail and many improved watercourse crossings. A total of 255 hours of sweat and pain were expended on this project.

In the picture are 9 of the volunteers who worked on the trail. They were part of a survey group who enjoyed the hike to Andy's overlook on March 6th. By the way, I talked with Andy he said, Thanks for the good work!

Wayne Moshier, Trail Maintenance Coordinator



Club Hikers enjoying the newly rebuilt Florida Trail

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

It's been another good season for hiking club potlucks -- as usual, good food and lots of it. In November for the program we had the Friends of Madera Canyon, and in Feb. we had fellow hiker Dan Schroeder do a presentation on the plants. The up coming one in April should also be a very interesting program.

I would like to take this opportunity again to thank all the willing volunteers who help me with the potlucks -- if were not for your help, I would not be able to put it together on my own. THANKS!

Suggestions for future potluck programs are welcome. I would love to hear from you.

Bonnie Becker, Social Chairperson

...IN REMEMBRANCE...

◆ CHARLES (CHUCK) ROGERS

FOR ROGERS ROCK

◆ WAYNE TOWNLEY



A trail into the Tucson Mountains

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of March 10, 2008, there were 414 paid members of the Hiking Club. Of these, 60 are new members.

The club directory was printed on March 6 and includes the names of 410 paid members. It has been distributed and will be available at the potluck.

We will be changing the 2009 Membership form so that in the case of spouses or significant others, each person will fill in their own form.

Barbara Powell, Membership Chair



Cleaning trash out of Belota Canyon

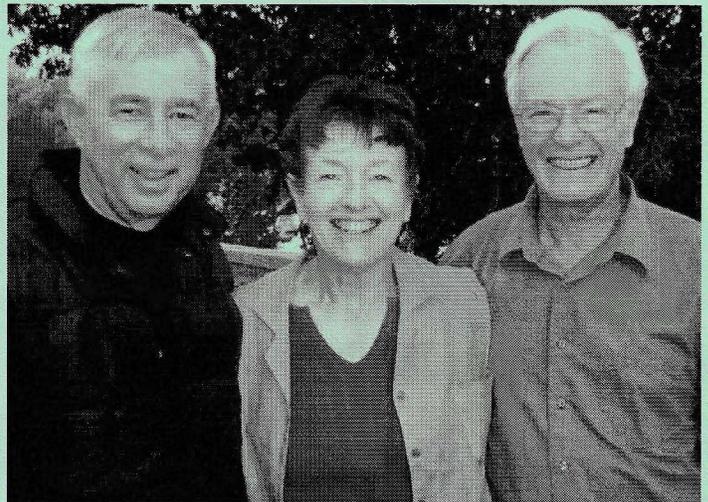
Orientation

In 2007 we had 163 take orientation; 73 (45%) took their first hike and 56 (34%) joined the club. So far in 2008, we have had 77 people take Orientation & Registration. The volunteer presenters are: Bob Porterfield, Budde Boysen, Phil Gray, Mary Ann Jordan, Walt Prue and Harry Vaughn.

Nello Modesto, O & R Chair

Hike Masters Report

The statistics indicated we are down 3% overall for the full year of 2007. The X-hikes are down from last year, by 52%. The future of the X-hikes program will need to be evaluated. New leaders trained this year are Larry Boehms, Bob and Lorri Koons; new assistant leaders are Geri Lancia and Kathy Chute. Leaders retiring are: Bob Kotz, Peggy Smith, Tad Bird, Ted Haartz, Jim Moore and Freddie Carter who all made so many contributions to the Hiking Club over the years. We thank them for their knowledge and experience



New leaders—Larry Boehms, Lorri and Bob Koons

Did you ever wonder where a "new hike" comes from? Our hiking club has been fortunate to have as members many hikers whose curiosity to find a new destination, or a new route to an old destination, led to those new hikes. Over the years, some of your fellow hikers—many of them hike leaders—have scouted and written descriptions of hikes that have become part of our regular rotation. Just in the past eight months, the club has added 14 new hikes as a result of the efforts of these explorers.

- ✦ Mansfield Canyon Overlook—Tom Johnson
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- ✦ Squaw Peak Loop—Bill Becker
- ✦ Linda Vista Trail—Frank Surpless, Dan Schroeder
- ✦ Bug Springs—Joe MacIssac
- ✦ Cerro Colorado South—Frank Surpless, John Brant
- ✦ Patagonia Mowry Mine—Wayne Moshier
- ✦ Wasson Peak King Canyon Loop—Ron Barry
- ✦ Hunter-Miller Canyons—Tom Johnson
- ✦ McGee Ranch Vistas and Ridges—John Brant
- ✦ Anza Trail GV South—Helen Zaukas
- ✦ Esperanza Knoll—Jim Campbell, Harry Vaughn
- ✦ Anza Trail to Colossal Cave—Marylee Adamson
- ✦ Montosa Ridge C hike—Dan and LaVern Schroeder

Budde Boysen, Hikemaster

How Are Trails Made?

The Calf Path

*One day through the primeval wood
a calf walked home as good calves should
but made a trail all bent askew
a crooked trail as calves all do.*

*Since then, 300 years have fled,
and I infer the calf is dead.
But still he left behind his trail,
and thereby hangs my moral tale.*

*The trail was taken up next day
by a lone dog that passed that way;
and then a wise bellwether sheep
pursued the trail o'er vale and steep,
and drew the flock behind him, too,
as good bellwethers always do.*

*And from that day, o'er hill and glade,
through these old woods a path was made.
And many men wound in and out,
and dodged and turned and bent about,
and uttered words of righteous wrath
because 'twas such a crooked path;
but still they followed . . . do not laugh,
the first migrations of that calf.*

*This forest path became a lane,
that bent and turned and turned again.
This crooked lane became a road,
where many a poor horse with his load
toiled on beneath the burning sun
and traveled some three miles in one.*

*The years passed on in swiftness fleet;
the road became a village street;
and this before men were aware,
a city's crowded thoroughfare,
and soon the central street was this
of a renowned metropolis.*

*For men are prone to go it blind
along the calf-path of the mind
and work away from sun to sun
to do what other men have done.*

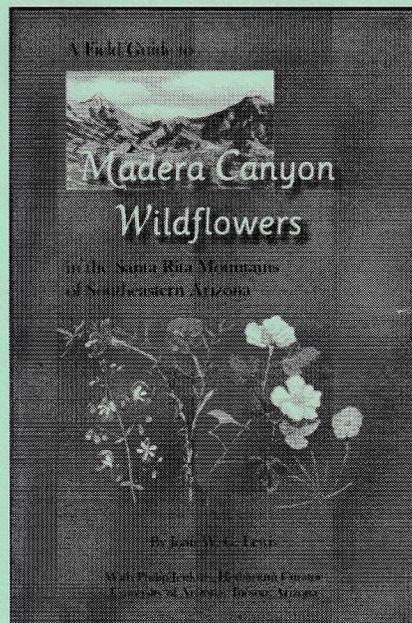
*They follow in the beaten track
and out and in and forth and back
and still their devious course pursue
to keep the path that others do.*

*They keep the patch a sacred groove
along which their lives they move.
But how the wise old wood-gods laugh
who saw the first primeval calf.*

--Anonymous

Friends of Madera Canyon

Repairs have been made from the fire last year to the education supplies building, thanks to funds from the Forest Service, FOMC and a grant from the White Elephant. The Bud Gode Trail opening was held in October 2007. The AZ Tourism Bureau received a matching grant of \$50,000 earmarked to rebuild the Amphitheater Bridge, beginning in July 2008.



Proceeds from the newly published book "**Madera Canyon Wildflowers**" will benefit FOMC. The book may be bought locally at the Green Valley Book Store and the Santa Rita Lodge

2008 Calendar

- Board Meetings:** 4/15/2008, 5/6/2008
9/16/2008, 11/18/2008
 - Hike Leaders Meetings:** 4/22/2008, 9/23/2008
11/25/2008
 - Pot Luck Dinners:** 4/6/2008, 11/2/2008
- Remember for the latest trail schedule info and events, plus the Hike Club Library, the Hall of Fame bios - check out the website:
www.gvrhc.org.

Tribute-Editor's Comment

The five retiring leaders will be missed. With collective total of miles logged of almost 17,000 miles, and probably 3 or 4 times that amount in scouting and developing new hikes these leaders have brought the joys and pleasures of SW Arizona trails to so many. I vividly remember being charged by a raging bull on Bob Katz's Granite Door Mine, taking a side trip with Ted Haartz to view the weather balloon after a hike to Total Wreck Mine, listening to Freddie Carter point out the surrounding Mountain ranges and peaks on many hikes, enjoying Tad Bird interpretation of Scrooge on the Daniel Mine Christmas hike and sharing a snack with Peggy Smith on Carr's Peak when my low-carb diet ran out of energy a quarter mile from the top. I am sure many of our club's hikers could share similar memories of these five leaders.

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