



TRAIL TALES

HIKING CLUB

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Spring 2011

2010 Thanksgiving President's Hike to Devil's Cash Box



THE "C" HIKER'S LAMENT*

(To the tune of The Caissons Go Rolling Along)

Over hill, over dale, we still hike the dusty trail,
And the leaders go zooming along.
"Circle up! Hear me out!"
Hear the sturdy leaders shout,
As they tell us the trail won't be long!

For it's plain to see, they don't care for you and me.
"Just 'round the bend," is their old song.
But where ere we go, we will always know
That the leaders go zooming along!

Up the draw, down the wash, "Is it lunch yet? Oh
My Gosh!
Still the leaders go zooming along.
Split the squad? Oh my God!
Do I have to bare my "bod?"
Yes! The leader can never be wrong!

So it's, mur-mur loud, 'till it bounces off a cloud.
Maybe in time they'll bend an ear
To our hopeful plea, on a stiff old knee
That the leaders start STROLLING this year.
That the leaders start strolling this year!

**from an early GVHC hiker, Phil Collins*

MEMBERSHIP REPORT . . .

As of March 7, 2011, the Hiking Club had 426 members, including 68 new members. This year our numbers are down 17, but this year we have one more "new" member.

Barbara Powell, Membership Chair

Hike Master Report . . .

For the hiking year of 2010/2011, thus far, 3285 hikers have hiked on 357 hikes. Twenty-three hikes were cancelled due to, among other things, inclement weather.

Three long time leaders have resigned: Merle Batty, Bill Cummins and Tom Thompson. Merle and Bill will continue to serve the club in the position of assistant leader. Bill Isbel, an assistant leader has stepped down.

Three new leaders have completed training: Susan Beck-Brown, Bill Hill and Don Houge. The club has five new assistant leaders: Duane Dotson, Patsy Sills, Jim Van Stee and Jim Woodward, and Anita Woodward—who will be completing her training in March.

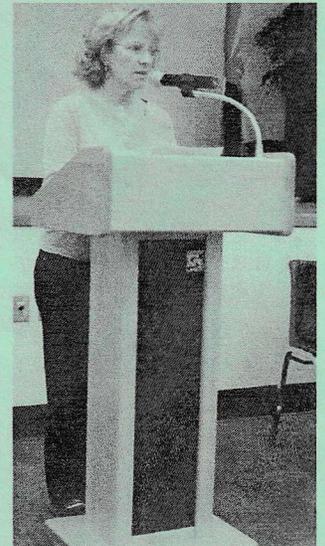
GPS sessions and a Terrain Navigator introductory session were conducted by Dick Paige for interested members and were well presented and well received.

Thanks to everyone for their service and support this year and for the efforts of several leaders in adding a number of new hikes to the club's inventory. A big thanks for the help of the Hike

Planning Committee members, Bill Becker, Judith LeClair and Dan Schroeder.

A meeting set up by Dan Schroeder, assistant hike master, in January with the Nogales Border Patrol Agent Paul Boulter and Dan, Jim Riley, Karen Chadwell and me. Information exchanged should prove useful for hike leaders when scouting hikes in areas known for illegal or smuggling activity.

Helen Zaukas, Hike Master



2011 CALENDAR

Board Meetings:

East Center Lounge, 6:30 P.M. (Weds.)
4/20/2011; 05/04/2011

Hike Leaders Meetings:

East Center Lounge, 6:30 P.M. (Weds.)
04/ 27, 2011

Pot Luck Dinners:

West Center, 5:00 P.M. (Sun.)
04/10/ 2011

Orientation:

East Center Lounge: 8:00 A.M. (Mon.)
Apr. 4,18; May 2,16; July 11,25; Aug. 1,15,29;
Sept.12, 26; Oct. 2,17,31.

BOY SCOUT TRAGEDY REMEMBERED

On November 15, 2010, sixteen hikers made a memorial hike commemorating the 52nd Anniversary of the Boy Scout Tragedy on Mt. Wrightson (then known as Mt. Baldy). Ralph Coltrin, one of the three surviving Boy Scouts of that fateful hike, graciously agreed to lead a hike to show us how and where the scouts traveled that day and where they got lost in the dark and snow. Ralph was very straightforward in his explanations, giving a very moving image of what they went through during the unexpected severe snowstorm and the terrifying days afterwards. He guided the group to the location where the other three Boy Scouts were found.



Ralph Coltrin in red shows Memorial Plaque with GVHC hikers.

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Death Clouds on Mt. Baldy by Cathy Hufault, the sister of the youngest survivor, recently published this book about the tragedy. It is available from the Hike Club Library or may be purchased at the Madera Canyon Gift Shop.

GOVERNMENT BUDGET CUTS AFFECT HIKING TRAILS . . .

The Coronado and Tonto National Forest were eligible for \$830,000 in grants to improve roads and trails. Local hiking groups including GVHC, SAHC, QC and SV submitted suggestions for use of the grant money of needed work in hiking areas our club frequently use. Unfortunately, due to budget cuts the Forest Service did not have the manpower to follow up with the necessary paper work including estimates, etc., so none of the grant monies will come our way.

Arizona State Land Department

State Land Recreational Use Permit

The Hiking Club requires each member to have an annual Arizona State Land Department "Individual Permit" to hike on State Trust Lands. Please visit www.land.state.as.us for the application. Individual (\$15.00) or Family (\$20.00) permits are mailed by return mail upon receipt of the application. The Hike Club bulletin lists when a permit is required for each hike. Hike Leaders will check to verify each hiker has a permit to hike State Trust Land.

POWER LINE, DEMETRIE WASH AREA & BREECH DAN WASH CLEAN-UP

In December the GVRHC clean up crew went to the subject areas and cleaned up the remains of an old Chevy van and a Ford pickup truck, plywood, carpet, glass and many non-metal parts. From there we proceeded to the Breech Dam Wash and picked up 16 bags of trash dropped by illegals.

We had seven volunteers, five men and two women. Our thanks goes to: Jim



Campbell, Jim Chervenka, Vee St. John, Neil Bashore, Sandra Westhoven, Hugh Gates and Ed Westhoven.

A very special thank you goes to Jim Chervenka who donated his time and truck that we could not have done without. He and Jim Campbell hauled all the trash to the dump. Credit 22 working hours and a full load. Also encountered were two rattlesnakes and one mouse.

Ed Westhoven, Trail Clean-up Chair

Volunteer Services Report

"Trail Maintenance" and "Trail Clean Up" are two of the ways that our club "gives back" to the community. Dick Shimanek is the Trail Maintenance Chair, and Ed Westhoven is the Trail Clean Up Chair.

Our club had a total of 13 projects in 2010. Eight were trail maintenance projects, six of them in Madera Canyon (including two days of cutting and clearing downed trees from the Roger's Rock and Carrie Nation Trails), one on Magee Ranch, and one in Ironwood Forest. Project leaders included Dick Shimanek, Wayne Moshier, and Bob Porterfield.

We completed five trail clean up projects, all of them in the Esperanza Wash area (The December 13th clean up included encounters with two rattlesnakes and one mouse, with no injuries to either side). Project leaders included Ed Westhoven and Jim Campbell.

There were a total of 423 volunteer hours and 167 bags of litter collected. Thank you to all the leaders, and to the members that gave of their time on these projects.

There is an upcoming project on Old Baldy Trail. The Feb 3-4 freeze caused breaks in 20+ locations in the water lines. Luis Calvo, Chuparosa Inn, is heading a team to replace these sections of broken pipe. Our club has volunteered to retrieve the broken pipes and carry them down to the Round Up parking lot for disposal.

Phil Betzel, Volunteer Services Coordinator

CELEBRATING THIRTY YEARS OF HIKING— 1981—2011

In 1981 early GVR residents Jane and Bill Necker suggested forming a group for hiking rather than walking. The first group of 35 hiked the Nature Trail in Madera Canyon. In 1984 a group of 90 hikers became the charter members of the newly formed GVR Hiking Club.



By autumn of 1895 A and B hikes began limited to 40 hikers. Now hikes are limited to 25. C hikes were added in 1987. By 1989 four hikes were needed each week. Today in the winter months as many as a dozen hikes may be scheduled weekly.

The inventory of 22 possible hikes in 1983-84 swelled to over 300 hikes today. Many hours of planning, scouting and training were needed to keep fresh hikes available for members. GPS technology today provides more accurate mileage and elevation stats, plus better maps of trails.

Orientation sessions began in 1993 to better prepare new hikers. These informative sessions help assure safe hiking standards.

The current GVHC organization has a nine-member board of Directors serving staggered three-year terms. Early hikers paid 25¢ a hike until 1995 when annual dues were implemented. Paid members with four hikes in a membership year have voting privileges at the annual meeting held in March.

GVHC members enjoy three club potlucks annually, in late fall, winter and early spring.

Patch awards recognize hikers beginning at 50 miles and now range up to 5500 miles hiked with the club. Currently the high mileage patches belong to: 5500-mile — Lillian Munson, Helen Zaukas; 5000-mile — Andy Juhasz, Tracy Ackermann, Margaret Bieber; 4500-mile — Winnie Kruper, Jim Campbell, Freddie Carter.

The efforts the Club's Historians— Wally Morrell and Lillian Monson preserved the club information for the early years. More than twenty volunteers carefully have tracked members by recording each hike taken, although some of earliest hike records are no longer available.

The applause for dedication of those kept us hiking—the Hike Masters: Cameron Beckwith, Bill Fritz, Vince Morrison, Bob Lund, Frank Jappel, Tracy



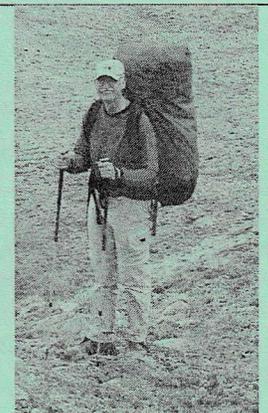
Ackerman, Marv Partin, Jim Perkins, Wally Morrell, Ted Haartz, Winnie Kruper, Jim Moore, Bob Kotz, Ken Fleshman, Dick Paige, Ron Barry, Peggy Smith, Merle Batty, Barry Murdock, Budde Boysen, George Chute, Wayne Mosier and Helen Zaukas.

Editor's note . . . As Arizona hikers each of us have discovered the beauty hidden in the mountains, arroyos, the breath-taking vistas— sometimes with flora and fauna struggling to survive, the awe inspiring sights of spring wild flowers in bloom as far as the eye can see or the rush of water in monsoon swollen washes as the moisture brings life back to a harsh land. We owe a great debt of gratitude to those volunteer leaders of the Green Valley Hiking Club who over the years have made these discoveries possible by devoting their time and energies to organizing, scouting and leading so hikers may explore our southwestern environment. *Kaye Gray, Editor*

A full house for the 2011 GVHC Annual Meeting



REMINDER
APRIL 10th POTLUCK
West Center —5:00 P.M.
Dean Feige will share his adventures backpacking in the northern wilderness.



Watch out for Rabbit holes!



Mary Lee Adamson had just told everyone to be careful because there were holes in the ground that couldn't be seen because of the tall grass. Well, soon without warning just like Alice in Wonderland Mary Lee almost disappeared, but thankfully the hole wasn't any deeper.

ASSISTANT HIKE MASTER REPORT . . .

The Hiking Club has an ample supply of fully stocked First Aid kits. Twelve full-sized kits and seven mini-kits are available for distribution on Thursdays, and two kits are on loan to Richard Schimanek and Ed Westhoven for trail work activities. All medications are up-to-date and, at the current rate of usage, will likely reach the expiration dates before being used.

Except for a few band-aids and a few pills, little has been used from the kits. The most frequent weekly report from Helen during the past ten months has been "Nothing used from the First Aid kits today." **Safe and Enjoyable Hiking** continues to describe nearly all of our time on the hiking trails. The leaders thank you for that.

Work is well underway for the coming hiking season. As first announced at the Leaders' Breakfast in January, my assistant for the 2011-12 season is Frank Surpluss.

Dan Schroeder, Assistant Hike Master

TREASURER'S REPORT . . .

As of December 31, 2010 the Hiking Club's checking account balance was \$1,951.99 with a CD balance of \$5,470.30 making total of \$7,422.29. Records show 2010 income received was \$4,070.99 and club expenses totaled \$4,078.56. A financial review conducted by Elton Waack who concluded "the financial statements of as 12/31/2010 accurately reflects the cash balance of the GV Hiking Club."

Larry E. Grove, Treasurer

Surfing the Web??

- ... Check out the Hiking Club's WEBSITE: <http://gvrhc.org>
- ... Monthly bulletins with up-to-date changes
- ... Board minutes
- ... Profiles of early leaders
- ... LIBRARY listing of the many books and DVDs
- ... Membership application

... Other web site of interest:

- ... www.fs.fed.us/r3/Coronado
- ... www.aztrail.org
- ... www.tumacacoriwild.org
- ... www.sanpedroriver.org
- ... www.nps.gov/tuma/Anzatrail.htm
- ... www.land.state.as.us State Land



Clean up crew at work



A job well done and deeply appreciated

IN REMEMBRANCE

CURT MERRITT
IRENE RICH



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