

ARIZONA MOUNTAINEER

NOVEMBER 2000

Jutta Ulrich and Susan Morris during their September ascent of the Monch in "full alpine conditions." Erik presented a program of "Other Mountains," particularly some of Colorado's tougher 13'ers, at AMC's October meeting. Photos by Erik F.



THE ARIZONA MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

MEETINGS: The AMC meets the 4th Mon. of each month (Nov. and Dec. meetings are usually the 3rd Mon.) at 7:00 pm at:

Los Olivos Senior Center
2802 E. Devonshire Ave.
Phoenix, Az.

(28th St. just north of Indian School Rd.)

BOARD MEETINGS: Board meetings are open to all members and are held two Mondays prior to the Club meeting at Los Olivos Center.

DUES: Dues cover January through December. A single membership is \$25.00 per year; \$30.00 for a family. Those joining after June 30 pay 50% of the yearly rates. Members joining after October 31 who pay for a full year will have dues credited through the end of the following year. Dues must be given to the treasurer or sent to:

Arizona Mountaineering Club
P. O. Box. 1695
Phoenix, Az. 85001-1695

SCHOOLS: The AMC conducts several rock climbing, mountaineering and other outdoor skills schools each year. Contact the Training & Safety Committee for schedules and costs.

NEWSLETTER

Send stories and photos to Wally Vegors, 6151 N. 8th Ave., Phoenix, Az 85013

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THE AMC ACCESS COMMITTEE: The Committee works by itself and with the national Access Fund to maintain public access to climbing areas. If you know of areas that are threatened with closures or climbing restrictions, please notify the Access Committee Chair, Wayne Schroeter, at 878-3914, or wschroeter@sprintmail.com.

THE ACCESS FUND: This is a national, non-profit, climber's organization that works to maintain access to climbing areas nationwide. Climbers can join The Access Fund by mailing an annual, tax-deductible donation of any amount to: The Access Fund, P.O. Box 17010, Boulder, CO 80308, or giving it to the AMC Club Treasurer to be sent to The Access Fund in your name. A donation of \$15 or more is needed to receive Access Notes, The Access Fund newsletter.

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AMC NEWSLETTER

The *Arizona Mountaineer* is published monthly by the AMC. Items for publication, subject to approval, should be sent to the editor at 6151 N. 8th Ave., Phoenix, 85013. photos and other mountaineering photos are welcome (please submit prints). Climb write-ups ARE welcome. For info call the editor at 602-246-9341. Address e-mail to vegors@worldnet.att.net. Advertising in the *Arizona Mountaineer* is accepted, subject to approval, at the following rates:
Personal ads: free to members.

Business ads: \$5.00 for business card; \$10.00 for half page; \$20.00 for full page \$25.00 for inserts/mo

December Deadline: 10 Nov 2000



HOT STUFF!!!

PHWEET!!
HEY!!

**NOVEMBER'S
MEETING WILL BE
ON THE 27TH, AFTER
J-TREE WEEKEND...**

**COME SEE JARED
OGDEN'S TRANGO
TOWERS CLIMB**

AMC LIBRARY

You must be an AMC member; i. e., your name must be on the most current membership list.

The circulation period is 1 month. Materials are due at the next general club meeting. The overdue fine is \$2 per title per month. Please contact the librarian if you are unable to return your books and tapes.

The circulation limit is three titles per person.

AMC NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Roland Hintzman 1, Sandy McRary 1, Ross Astoria 2, Joe Horton 2, Tim Peters 2, Mary Sauve 2, Jeff Snyder 3, Jake Dominy 4, Michael Kelly 4, Barry McRary 5, Rick Rybarczyk 6, Ted Gartner 7, Phillip Runyan 8, Kevin Cherilla 9, Thommy Horlacher 12, Susan Morris 13, Terry Narazaki 13, Bill Berkley 14, Kathi Caudle 14, Sheri Kenly 14, Todd Barnes 17, Rich Day 17, Michelle Driscoll 17, Stephen Flynn 19, Bruce Robbins 19, Mike Swanson 19, Randy Cornelison 20, Clay Vollmer 23, Gregory Bellamy 26, Lee Rimbach 26, Curtis Drinkwine 27, Madelyn Kosovac 27, Cindy Stephens 27, Colleen Zirkle 27, Sandy Draus 28, Denise Belanger 29, Stan Marks, Jr 29, Greg King 30

MINUTES OF THE AMC BOARD MEETING: 10/09/00

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Sue Goins, Erik Filsinger, Bill Stinson, Sherrie Holbrook, Jeff Nagel, Scott Hoffman, Dan Langmade, Tim Ward.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Kim Huenecke, Dustin McDaniel, Don Thomas, Jim Sumrall, Wally Vegors

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wendy Gaynor, Ron Logan.

Start time 7:00 p.m. End Time 8:55

ACCESS: Sue reported that Wayne Schroeter has resigned the overall AMC Access Committee chairmanship due to insufficient time. However, he will continue to monitor access issues at Baboquivari, the Overlook, Pinnacle Peak and the McDowells. A note elsewhere in this newsletter invites volunteers. It was noted that those present at the last membership meeting voted by a show of hands for the AMC to join other conservation groups in opposing Prop 100.

CLASSIFICATION: Scott reported that the process of being designated a climb leader is being revised in light of suggestions made at the last Leaders' meeting in September. See new business.

CONSERVATION: NR Sue reported Charlene needs outing leaders to set up topropes at the Queen Creek Highway Cleanup on 28 Oct. at Magma Mine. (480-917-5253).

E-MAIL: NR. Despite moving to Colorado Springs, Penny Medlock will continue as E-Mail coordinator. <belayqueen@yahoo.com>

ELECTIONS: Don Thomas asked anyone interested in running for an officer or director position to contact him as soon as possible (480-892-9513). There will be several vacancies for 2001. As always, any qualified member may run for an office whether it is occupied or not. The election will occur during the January Members' Meeting. Mail-in ballots will be distributed with the January Newsletter (published in mid-December). Dues must be current to vote.

EQUIPMENT RENTAL: NR

LIBRARIAN: NR

MEMBERSHIP: NR

MOUNTAINEERING: Erik reported that AMCs may choose from a full array of winter mountaineering classes this season. The basics of snow travel and crevasse rescue will be taught near Flagstaff by AMC. This will qualify AMC'ers to take any of several ice climbing and avalanche classes to be offered near Durango by a

professional guide service. Erik will purchase two avalanche transceivers for training and use by AMC'ers.

NEWSLETTER: Wally thanked those submitting stories and pictures and said he welcomes all submissions of photos, trip reports. etc.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION: NR. Lynn Alexander (who is also AMC Secretary) hopes to be relieved of this "temporary" task. See appeal elsewhere in newsletter.

OUTINGS: Sally Larimer has resigned. Bruce McHenry is the new chairman assisted by Jef Sloat. The lineup of AMC outings appears on the Outing Calendar page. There are openings on Nov. 18-19 and December is "wide open".

PROGRAMS: NR. However, note the Trango Trilogy Program for set for November's Membership Meeting.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Kim reported that several hundred AMC "Climbing" brochures have been printed on donated paper by Jef Sloat. Also, AM was listed in KDKB's "Arizona Ultimate Adventure" guide.

TRAILS: NR

TRAINING AND SAFETY: Sherrie reported AMC is ready for the basic class in October. Tim Medlock (despite moving to Colorado Springs) will head the Anchors School in November.

TREASURER: Bill presented up-to-October figures on AMC's budget vs. expenditures. See page 3.

T-SHIRTS: Dustin McDaniel resigned because of job pressures. Wendy Gaynor will take over with Jeff Nagel doing the design work.

WEBSITE: Jim Sumrall (just back in Arizona) reported no changes.

OLD BUSINESS: 1) Sue presented a draft AMC budget for 2001. It was discussed item by item and revisions made. A budget will be presented at the November Membership Meeting for members consideration. Members will vote on the 2001 budget at the December Membership meeting.

2) During the Mountaineering Committee report, the matter of Club Outings contrasted with Third Party Providers was discussed. Henceforth A) only official AMC outings led by AMC leaders will be listed in the Outing Calendar. B) The "Billboard" listings are for "non-AMC-sanctioned" events - basically offers by persons to include others in their outings or activities C) "Commercially Provided Training and Events" will include training and events offered to AMC members at special rates. To be included in this section, the provider must have a suitable certificate of insurance on file which lists the AMC as "also insured." D) Firms my purchase advertising space in the Newsletter. AMC

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DISCOUNT DIRECTORY

The following merchants currently offer a discount to AMC members.

Arizona Climbing Center - 1911 West Cheryl Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85021, 997-4171. Show your AMC membership card and get a 10% discount at gym and shop, special orders 20%.

Arizona Hiking Shack - 11645 N. Cave Creek Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85020, 944-7723
Show your AMC membership card and get a 10% discount; special orders 15%.

Desert Mountain Sports - 2824 E. Indian School #4, Phoenix, AZ 955-2875
Show your AMC membership card and get a 10% discount - ask at DMS for further details.

AMC RENTAL EQUIPMENT:

EQUIPMENT	Lb-Oz	Qty	Cost/Wk
Tents:			
4-season 2-3 man 7-6		1	10.00
4-season 2 man	6-0	1	6.00
3-season 2 man	5-0	3	5.00
4-season 1 man bivy	1-15	1	7.00
Sherpa Snowshoes		8	5.00
Ski poles (var. sizes)		4	0.50
Crampons (sizes 6-14)		10	2.00
In-step crampons		1	2.00
Gaitors (Goretex)		2 pr	2.00
Ice axes (70-90 cm)		12	2.00
Snow shovel	1-10	2	3.00
Snow pickets, flukes		10 @	1.00
MSR Multifuel Stove		1	3.00
Yates Big Dudes #6, #7			5.00
Haul bag		1	10.00
PortalEdge		1	50.00
Jumars		3	5.00
Climbing shoes	Various sizes .. Call		

EQUIPMENT RENTAL GUIDELINES: Your name must be on the most current membership list. Deposit required; varies by item; generally \$20-\$50. The two-personal-checks system works best. Advance reservation suggested. If not using the reserved equipment, please call and cancel. Call Linda Locke at 602-997-4235 for shoes. For everything else, call Paul Norberg at 602-808-9244.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Statement of Operations
01/01/00 Through 9/30/00
Category Description

Amount

INCOME	
Advertising	95.00
Book Sale & fines	2.00
Contra Acct	20.00
Equipment Rental (incl shoes)	345.00
Interest	45.70
Membership Dues	6944.50
Program Income	105.00
Tee Shirts	250.00
Training & Safety	18,045.00

TOTAL INCOME	25,892.50
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EXPENSES

Access	100.00
Administration	804.39
Bouldering Contest	250.00
Conservation	0.00
Club Functions	14.00
Equipment Maintenance	0.00
Equipment Purchase	1,909.75
Insurance	1,043.00
Library	85.52
Newsletter	3,287.28
Outings	250.00
Programs	2,931.91
Bank Charge	41.79
T-shirts	325.00
Training & Safety	9,101.04

TOTAL EXPENSES	20,394.38
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OVERALL FOR YEAR TO DATE	+5,698.21
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ACCOUNT BALANCES

Savings	4,497.09
Checking	3,441.15

TOTAL ASSETS	\$7,938.24
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For sale — Black Diamond X-15 ice tool, 55 cm, brand new (purchased but never used), straight red shaft style, \$90. Used Alaska pick for BD ice tools, \$15. Call Erik Filsinger at 602-906-1186 or email: smorefil@aol.com.

THE TRANGO TRILOGY

Jared Ogden

Attend and hear presenter Jared Ogden speak on his travels to the magnificent Trango Towers of Pakistan.

The journey consisting of third world travel, epic climbing, and wild tales of expeditioning. In the past 5 years, Jared has completed first ascents on Trango Tower, Shipton Spire, and Great Trango Tower. Come hear his stories, see the vivid images, and live the terrifying moments on these great ascents.

There will be a \$5 admission charge for non-members.

The meeting will be held on Monday, November 27th, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Los Olivos Senior Center, 2802 East Devonshire Avenue, one block north of Indian School on the east side of 28th Street.

IS J-TREE FOR ME? YA BETCHA!

J-Tree Thanksgiving has become at least a semi-hallowed tradition for the AMC, and for good reason!

It combines disparate but pleasurable elements – wearing your fingertips bloody doing 5-7s to 5-12s on sharp granite, attiring oneself in cheerful plaid raiment, gorging oneself to a state of comatose torpor, leading climbs that test your ability, telling lies around the campfire, following on routes that stretch your ability, flaunting your culinary competence, chugging up toproped “standards” to enhance your skills, earning stars in your crown by feeding the hungry, and having a great time unless you are terminally out-of-it.

Some may show up at the Indian Cove groupsite #1 as early as the evening of November 22nd, driving the five hours straight from work. The main crew will arrive noonish on the 23rd – some not until Friday. Both 29 Palms and the town of Joshua Tree are about 15-20 minutes drive from camp if you need a meal, motel or shower. Yucca Valley is not much farther and offers more variety.

To get there, go toward Los Angeles on I-10 passing through Blythe and Desert Center. Then watch for the Joshua Tree Cottonwood entrance. Drive about one hour north through the park – past White Tank and Belle Campgrounds and the main park entrance, go right at the “T” – to 29 Palms. Then go west on Hwy 62. The turnoff to Indian Cove from Hwy 62 is west of 29 Palms.

The campground is primitive which means no electrical hookups or water within miles. If you can get some, bring firewood for the evenings. Space is limited to carpooling is highly desirable. Days will *probably* be sunny and warm and nights will certainly be chilly. Nothing is certain this time of year, however, so be prepared for anything including rain and high winds.

Usually from 40 to 60 AMCers attend at least a day or two over the long weekend. So far the weekend is shaping up as a BYOL outing (bring your own leader). However, some leaders are susceptible to flattery or threats and can be counted on to rig some topropes for the leaderless. There are numerous guidebooks available in Phoenix shops and it is an excellent idea to own one that covers the correct portion of J-Tree. There must be 4,000 routes in the park listed in at least a half-dozen guidebooks.

In addition to your normal camp chow and gear, be sure and bring eatments for the pot-luck on Thursday evening. Call Elizabeth at 602-241-6681 for suggestions and to indicate what you plan to bring. She also needs non-food items such as tables, lanterns, wash water, etc. Call her or e-mail elassuv@eudoramail.com.

Many climbs afford real “bumper belays”, and the climbing walls are *all around* you. But that is just one of the lures of a J-Tree Thanksgiving!

CAN YOU GIVE WHAT IT TAKES?

We are looking for volunteer committee leadership positions to be filled. You, as a member, help make this club successful, so please consider helping out. Contact Sue Goins if you are interested or want more information.

Access Chairman for AMC requires a passion for safeguarding access to climbing areas. It means keeping tabs on rulemaking and policy developments in the USFS, State Land Dept., cities and counties. Also, one must liaise with the local and national Access Fund representatives. Wayne Schroeter will handle current “hot” issues while you become acclimated. We all appreciate the many hours that Wayne has devoted to access issues that so affect our ability to climb in our favorite areas. Thank you Wayne!

A Newsletter Distribution chairperson is needed to organize the distribution of newsletters to local climbing and outdoor stores, and to line up members to mail the monthly newsletters and make sure there are stamps for the mailing.

Thanks to Ron Logan for helping with membership and mailings and to Tim Ward for volunteering to check our voice mail and to help Rogil with membership. Thanks to Wendy Gaynor for taking over the t-shirt committee. Jeff Nagel will help her with designs. If you have an idea for a t-shirt contact Wendy. She will be happy to hear your suggestions.

Stop and say “Thanks” to Donna Forst and Lisa Barnes for the great programs they give us each month. WOW! They really line up some great shows. And wait until you hear what is coming up next year...

—Sue Goins

AMC'S NEW MEMBERS

Nancy Birdwell	Rob Morden
Bill Davis	Rachel Morgan
Bill Demlong	Craig Parrish
Jana Fry	Aaron Poss
Mike Grady	Amanda Scioscia
Janelle Hatfield	Tanya Sharp
Carolyn Lim	Matt Toton
John Mogk	Steve Wiczorek

A GRAND PLACE, A GRAND CREW, A GRAND DAY!

The south rim of Grand Canyon National Park near Mather Point and the village is cleaner today, thanks to the efforts of volunteers from the AMC, Southern AZ Rescue Association, and Central Az Mountain Rescue Association. The AMC's 68 volunteers bravely went where few others have gone before – over the side of the canyon to pick up litter.

The cleanup operation, led by Gary Youngblood at Mather Point and Tim Medlock at the Grand Canyon Village, was a good time for all. Working in teams of two, we set anchors and sent one person over the edge while the other stayed on top to keep the tourists away from the anchors and answer questions. I think the most common question was "How far down do they go?" I should have said "To the river", but I found myself giving honest answers instead.

It was disappointing to see all the trash below the rim when we first arrived, but the wind gusts quickly demonstrated that at least some of the trash gets there by accident. At least one person had to go over the edge to get his own coffee cup! We made a huge visual improvement, picking up frisbees, hats, cups, water bottles, etc. and had fun the whole time. The wooden snake that was recovered by one team somehow found its way to a ledge so that another team could discover it on their way up. THAT got someone's attention!

Besides having fun, we almost got celebrity status by the tourists. They were pretty impressed with what we were doing. I observed several tourists taking video footage of the people picking up trash over the edge - where else are trash picker-uppers get treated with such reverence? Several people I talked to expressed sincere appreciation to us for doing what we did.

The Mather Point crew got the treat of being out on a prominent lookout point and picking up coins from all over the world, but the Village crew (a.k.a the Village People) got a different kind of treat. We were lucky to be able to observe a California Condor hanging out on a ledge near Bright Angel Lodge. There were apparently four of them in the area, all raised in captivity and released near Vermilion Cliffs a few years ago. It was a real blessing to see such a rare bird. It was HUGE.

After a long day of beautifying the Grand Canyon, we all met at Shoshone Point for a spectacular sunset and dinner. Thanks to all the volunteers and organizers who make this event possible!

—Sally Larimer

Participants for the Sept. 23, 2000 Grand Canyon clean-up by organization:

CAMRA
 Chuck Clover
 Jeff Jowett
 Mark Walsh
 Walter Moffat

SARA
 Walter Pickett
 Brian Caillet
 Debbie Buecher
 Jeff Mayhew
 Henry Schneiker
 Bill Brown
 Bob Buecher
 Pete Lindsley

AMC
 Ken Akerman
 Ross Astoria
 Richard Ballard
 Jerzy Bergander
 Karen Blakeley
 Isabel Brady
 Alex Cameron
 Jennifer Davies
 Jon Davies
 Julie Dehlin
 Bruce Donaldson
 Sage Dunham
 Bill Fallon
 John Ficker
 Christina Flores
 Felipe Flores
 Daniel Gonzales
 Carol Green
 Jan Harding
 Gary Hendrickson
 Scott Hoffman
 Rita Ingram
 Shane Justice
 Perry Kearney

John Keedy
 Sheri Kenly
 Thomas Kieffer
 Bill Kurek
 Tim Lange
 David Larimer
 Sally Larimer
 Melissa Masteller
 Rachel Mayorga
 Nathen Medlock
 Penny Medlock
 Shelby Medlock
 Tim Medlock
 Jeffry Nagel
 Lidia Nieckula
 Monica Nieckula
 Paul Norberg
 Fred Padgett
 Pete Petersen
 Al Potter
 Chris Query
 Elliott Rector
 Gary Rector
 Lance Roth
 Patrick Rousche
 Mary Sauve
 John Schneider
 Glen Schroering
 Rogil Schroeter
 Denise Scott
 Kathy Sharp
 Evan Smith
 Scott Steinhagen
 Dave Tanton
 Rick Taylor
 Emily Theobald
 Richard Theobald
 Kate Tillery
 Steve Tillery
 Clay Vollmer
 Tim Ward
 Gary Youngblood



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ANCHORS AND ADVANCED ROPEWORK SCHOOL -- AARS

This course is the next step for Basic School grads and will teach you to safely set anchors for top-roping. We will not cover lead climbing anchors in this class.

First session: Learn anchor components, anchor types, knots, hitches.

Second session: Learn basic anchor setups and characteristics.

Third session: You will test yourself in nine "hands-on" anchor scenarios.

Fourth session: We will cover some self-rescue techniques.

WHEN & WHERE:

Nov 7, Tue. (6:00 pm - 9:30 pm); Dreamy Draw Park - Squaw Peak Parkway, turn east on Northern and follow into park. Big ramada east of parking lot.

Nov 9, Thu.. (6:00 pm - 9:30 pm); Dreamy Draw Park

Nov 11, Sat. (8:30 am - 4:00 pm); North Scottsdale

Nov 12, Sun. (all day); Queen Creek

EXPERIENCE REQUIRED: AMC Basic School Graduate or equivalent (to include knowledge of how to use prusiks, how to tie a figure-8 on a bight and a follow-thru, and how to make a girth hitch.)

COST: \$50. (\$65 non-members) Register early by sending a check payable to AMC Anchors Class to Rogil Schroeter, 6519 W. Aire Libre, Glendale, Az., 85306. Please pay before first class. Call Rogil Schroeter at 878-3914 for more information.

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR CLASS WILL BE:

4 non-locking "D" or oval carabiners

2 locking carabiners (one of which should be a parabiner)

1 rappel device (figure-8, Sticht plate, Trango Pyramid, Black Diamond ATC, etc.)

1 climbing harness

lea 4', 6' 10' prusiks (untied length)

2 5' slings (1" tubular webbing, untied length)

2 10' slings (untied length)

2 20' slings (untied length)

1 helmet

(The slings are the only additional equipment needed over the Basic School requirements)

Students will be required to wear a helmet during the

Saturday session. We have helmets available if you do not have one.

This class is designed to teach you how to set anchors for your own climbing experience. In order to become independent and set your own anchors, you should start acquiring anchor gear. These purchases will be limited by how much money you want/have to spend and how much interest you have in climbing independently. The following gear is not required for the anchors class, but if you have some, you will be able to practice setting it in a controlled, learning environment during the class. All of the gear recommended below can be used for the lead class, and none of it will be wasted if you intend to set your own anchors. All gear should be marked prior to bringing it to class to prevent confusion between it and other people's gear. If you don't know how to mark gear, check with an instructor before doing so to avoid weakening equipment due to improper marking.

OTHER GEAR that you may want to bring to anchors class:

1 partial set of hexes, about sizes 4-10, already slung

1 partial set of stoppers, about sized 4-10

any other pro you may have (camming devices, Tri-cams, etc)

extra biners (regular D's, ovals, and lockers -- stay away from specialty biners at this time)

extra slings (perhaps four 5', two each of 15', 20' slings, untied lengths)

BITS AND ODDMENTS

Tim Medlock is yo-yoing between his new home in Colorado Springs and Phoenix to set up the fall Anchors School. That means he is hard to reach. Sally Larimer is acting as coordinator pro-tem. We should have details on the instructors' meeting at the October meeting, and an Instructogram will go out soon after.

Out of the frying pan — Don Bolin, who jumped the AMC ship recently to join the US Coast Guard, is being assigned to Alaska after completing basic. Nothing like the Gulf of Alaska in January. But be assured, he will survive. He had the wisdom to marry Brandy before going.

Restlessness seems to be catching. Others hitting the road, beside Tim and Penny and Don and Brandy, include Toby and Alex (to Sydney, Australia) and Sherrie and Mick (to Benson area).

AMC's annual election of officers and directors is coming in January. If you would like to put your name forward, call Don Thomas or Sue Goins in order to be put on the printed ballot.

There are also committees that need your help; even some vacant honcho spots available. Be useful. Otherwise you'll just watch television or earn money or do some other inconsequential activities.

CLAY PATTON SLIDE SHOWS

International mountain guide Clay Patton will present a free slide show on high-altitude mountaineering in the Himalayas, Andes and Alaska at the Paradise Valley REI at 7:00 p.m. on November 7th. He will present the show again on November 8th at Tempe REI.

Clay is the owner of Southwest Adventures in Durango, Colorado and has been climbing and guiding worldwide for 20 years. This is a great opportunity to see some fantastic photos and ask questions about international mountain climbing.

—Erik F.

ICE CLIMBING CLASSES FOR 2,001

We are taking sign-ups for several ice climbing classes offered through Southwest Adventures this winter. To sign-up or for more information contact Erik Filsinger at 602-906-1186 or email at smorefil@aol.com.

Beginning Ice Climbing

The 2-day course for those who want to learn the skills the right way or those who would like to refresh their skills before venturing on up. The class is held near Durango, Colorado and has been a great success for the past three years. Sign-up now for either Martin Luther King weekend, January 13-14, 2001 or President's Day weekend, February 17-18, 2001. The cost will be \$110.

Avalanche safety

In conjunction with the beginning ice climbing class, a third day is added to the weekend to go out into the field and practice avalanche safety skills. This will include hazard evaluation, snowpack analysis, and training with avalanche transceivers. The cost for this component is \$50.

Intermediate Ice Climbing

This 2-day course is designed for those students who feel pretty confident of their "swinging the tools" and who want to extend their ice climbing experience to multi-pitch terrain. Previous formal instruction, e.g., the Beginning Ice Climbing class, is advised. The first day there will be time to practice your skills and to learn the skills of seconding a multi-pitch ice climb. The second day will be a guided multi-pitch ice climb. A class is scheduled for New Year's weekend, December 30 through January 1, 2001. The cost for this class is about \$195 for the 2 days if there is sufficient enrollment. For details on costs call me.

Dates have not yet been set for the beginners Snow Travel and Crevasse Rescue classes which AMC will teach near Flagstaff this winter and spring.

—Erik Filsinger 602-906-1186

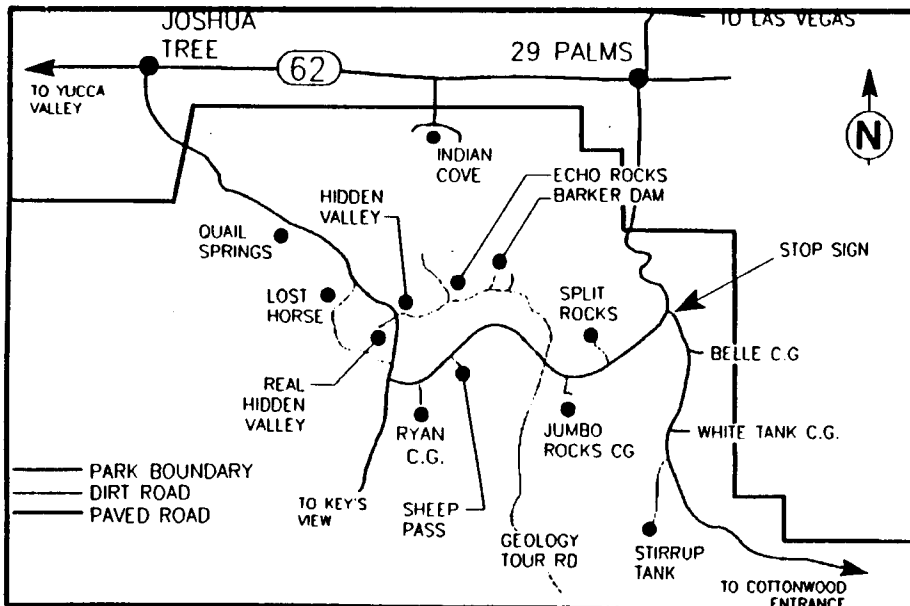
Sierramar Adventures in 2001



**Join AMC member Jim Sumrall
with adventures in Nepal and
around the world.**

- Mar 18 – Mar 31 Springtime in the Annapur-
nas, with the Sierra Club
- Apr 10 – May 5 Around Manaslu
- May 8 – Jun 9 Annapurna Circuit – Summit
attempt on Chulu West
- Sep 14 – Sep 28 Iran Unveiled,
with the Sierra club
- Oct 6 – Nov 10 "The Home Town Tour" Badel
to Gokyo, the Everest region
- Nov 13 – Dec 15 Kanchenjunga Base Camp
- Dec 23 – Jan 5, Guatemala: Land of the Maya,
2002 with the Sierra Club

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BILLBOARD — Other Scheduled Events

Outings listed in these sections are not AMC sanctioned outings. Any AMC member can list an event he or she is planning and which is open to other AMC members. The member does not have to be an approved AMC Outing Leader. If you wish to participate you should be physically and mentally prepared and equipped with the appropriate gear and should contact the member planning the outing. You are responsible for your own safety, not the person leading the outing. You should always be aware of the risks involved in outdoor activities and conduct yourself accordingly.

- Tuesdays **North Mountain Hikes** Evening Rogil Schroeter, (623) 878-3914
- Wednesdays **Arizona Climbing Center** - 6:00 p.m., Rogil Schroeter, (623) 878-3914.
Contact Rogil: 623-878-3914 or Rogil.Schroeter@Honeywell.com
- Apr 6-8 **Phoenix Bouldering Contest.** Mark your dance program.

COMMERCIALLY PROVIDED TRAINING AND EVENTS

The events listed below are provided by commercial outfitters for the benefit of AMC members. These are not AMC Outings, nor are they led by AMC Outing Leaders, though they may be open only to AMC members. The commercial outfitter is solely responsible for all aspects of the outing, not AMC. While, in most cases, an AMC member may provide a service by AM by collecting names of prospective participants and handling the logistics for out-of-town events, participants will sign up directly with the commercial outfitter.

- Dec 30-Jan 1 **Intermediate Ice Climbing** offered by Southwest Adventures, Durango, Colorado. Limited class size. For details call Erik Filsinger, 602-906-1186.
- Jan 13-15 **Beginning Ice Climbing and Avalanche Rescue** offered by Southwest Adventures, Durango, Colorado. Limited class size. Call Erik Filsinger, 602-906-1186, for info.
- Feb 17-20 **Beginning Ice Climbing and Avalanche Rescue** offered by Southwest Adventures, Durango, Colorado. Limited class size. Call Erik Filsinger for details, 602-906-1186..

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NEW BUSINESS: 1) Because of Thanksgiving's early position on the calendar this year, the November AMC Board and Membership meetings will be the second and fourth Mondays, November 13 and 27. The December meeting dates will shift to first and third Mondays, as usual - Dec 4 and 18.

2) This year's A Christmas Party will be held on Friday, 8 December, at Sally and Dan Larimer's house. Find directions in next month's newsletter.

3) During the Program Committee report and discussion a motion was approved to provide

\$500 from "programs" and \$500 from other unused AM's budget items to Erik Weihenmayer's Everest 2001 climb expenses with one string - an AMC program to report on his climb

4) Sue reported on the Leaders Meeting at which the following items were discussed - "ticketing" leaders for three or four categories, (as top-rope only, multipitch leaders, alpine, mountaineering, etc); a packet of information for each leader will include incident reports; an apprenticeship sequence for aspirants; an explicit list of leadership requirements and guidelines. Work groups were set up.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55.

AMC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Participation in AMC outings requires club membership. Outings vary in degree of danger. When you participate in an outing you should be both physically and mentally prepared and equipped with the appropriate gear. You should always be aware of the risks involved in outdoor activities and conduct yourselves accordingly. The outing leader is not responsible for your safety, you are. Please contact the outing leader before going on an outing, discussing your capabilities with the outing leader. You must be over 18 years of age to participate, or must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult, and obtain prior consent from the outing leader. Those accompanying minors are responsible for the minor's safety.

WHEN WHERE & WHAT & WHO

- Oct 28 **Queen Creek Cleanup and Climb**. Charlene Todd 480-917-5354. Carpoolers meet at Mesa CC parking lot (NE Dobson and US 60) at 8:00. Others collect at the turnoff from US 60 to Oak Flats Campground east of Superior at 9:15 for an hour of road trash pickup and a day of climbing.
- Oct 28 **The Mace** Frank Vers will lead his 7th annual ascent of this classic multi-pitch sandstone route in Sedona. Solid 5.9. Helmets required. Limit 4. Frank Vers 480-947-9435
- Nov 2 **Anchors School Instructor Meeting**. Tim Medlock is OIC but is out of town.— Call Sally Larimer for info. at 480-425-9689.— Watch for Instructogram
- Nov 4 **Sven Slab**. Great granite climbing in the McDowells. Limit 15. Scott Hoffman, 623-580-8909.
- Nov 5 **The Monk** 1 p.m., Camelback Mountain — limit 3. (New basic school grads: here is your chance to get on the Monk if you missed it for your grad climb.) Sally Larimer 480-425-9689
- Nov 7 **Anchors School**. Nov 7,9,11,12. Tim Medlock 480-807-4920.
- Nov 22-26 ***J-Tree Thanksgiving**. Group campsite #1. See page 5 for information.
- Jan 6-11 **Ouray Ice Park** Refresh your desert atrophied skills on this top-roped ice climbing outing Limit 6. Richard Horst 602-953-9198

*Group outings: The campsite, where possible, is reserved by the AMC. There is no designated leader, although there may be a leader to work with non-leaders (call to find out). Call to find car-poolers. Parking is first-come, first-served in some cases
To request outings: Call Outings Chairperson Bruce McHenry 602-952-1379. To cancel: Please call the outing leader to cancel as soon as possible: there may be a waiting list. Also, the leader will know not to wait for you on outing day.

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AMC OUTING LEADERS

Requirements for becoming a leader: take the basic, AARS and Lead classes (or equivalents), be a member for at least one year, complete a basic first aid and CPR class (8 hours or more), and be approved for leadership by at least five current leaders through formal application process and by the Board of Directors. Contact Jeff Nagel at (602) 721-1968.

Bill Berkley	480-945-4346
Sally Borg Larimer	480-425-9689
Tom Conner	480-897-7263
Mark Donahue	602-866-0133
John Ficker	602-867-1487
Sue Goins	480-821-0535
Scott Hoffman	623-580-8909
Richard Horst	602-953-9198
Kevin Kozup	480-460-5940

David Larimer	480-425-9689
Tim Medlock	480-807-4920
Jeff Nagel	602-721-1968
Paul Norberg	602-808-9244
Paul Paonessa	602-493-7356
Chris Query	480-394-9780
Brad Sanders	480-961-3674
Tim Schneider	480-497-8377
Rogil Schroeter	623-878-3914

Wayne Schroeter ..	623-878-3914
Jef Sloat	602-843-2490
Bill Stinson	602-547-2560
Mick Strole	602-788-4031
Frank Vers	480-947-9435
Allan Watts	602-866-0557
Gary Youngblood ..	602-508-9696

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