

ARIZONA MOUNTAINEER

DECEMBER 2000

*Carrie Greene on her way up 5.9 at Jack's Canyon
Photo by Ron Logan*



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 wshroeter@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 \$20 or more 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 \$20 or more is needed to receive Access Notes, The Access Fund newsletter. One can also join electronically — <http://www.accessfund.org/Join.html>

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AMC NEWSLETTER

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**SHED SELF-SERVING
MINDSETS —
GIVE!**

**WORK OFF EXTRA
HOLIDAY POUNDS —
CLIMB!**

**ESCAPE THE
FETTERS OF
HABIT —
—unh...**

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

AMC DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sally Larimer 1, Tu Pham 1, Kawena Cushingham 4, Lionel Materassi 4, Wendy Gaynor 6, Charles Phillips 6, Kate Tillery 6, Shane Justice 7, Brian McHenry 8, Jon Fallon 9, Michael Archuleta 10, Leonard Dick 11, Perry Kearney 11, Bill Stevens 11, Keith Jendricks 13, Steven Kotowich 13, Carolee Wilkens 15, Sherrie Holbrook 16, Dan Langmade 16, Marcy Peters 16, Lenn Zazula 16, Al Potter 18, Fred AmRhein 19, Mark Church 20, John Keedy 20, Gloria Dayley 21, Philip Goebel 21, Paul Paonessa 21, Susan Peplow 22, Jan Ballard 23, Chuck Clover 23, Samantha Digard 23, Andres Meglioli 23, Wallace Vegors 25, Christopher Ward 25, Bob Wirth 26, Alec Digard 27, Sarah McGiffert 27, Michael Lehnhardt 28, Rod Pickens 28, Karin Callan 30, Mark Hubble 30

MINUTES OF THE AMC BOARD MEETING: 11/13/00

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Sue Goins, Erik Filsinger, Lynn Alexander, Bill Stinson, Sherrie Holbrook, Jeff Nagel, Tim Ward

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Wayne Schroeter, Wally Vegors, Don Thomas, Bruce McHenry, Wendy Gaynor, Kim Huenecke, Jutta Ulrich

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Query, Gary Youngblood

Start time- 7:05 pm End time- 8:00 pm

ACCESS: NR.

ADVERTISING: NR

CLASSIFICATION: Jeff will have a report by December.

CONSERVATION: About 20 people showed for the Queen Creek cleanup. Lots of trash this time. Climb rained out.

ELECTIONS: Voting will take place at January meeting, absentee ballots to be distributed w/ January NL. Due must be current to vote. Erik to run for president, Scott H. possibly for VP, Lynn for secretary, Bill for treasurer, Jeff for Director (2yr?), Ron L. and Bruce M. for (?). Anyone else? Go ahead! Toss your hats in the ring!

E-MAIL: NR

EQUIPMENT RENTAL: NR

LIBRARY: Chris donated another Land Nav book.

MEMBERSHIP: 545 (a record?)

MOUNTAINEERING: Have acquired 2 avalanche transceivers. Erik would like to add snow and avalanche related instruction to the club curriculum.

NEWSLETTER: Lookin' for copy...

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION:

DESPERATELY SEEKING COMMITTEE CHAIR!! C'mon guys, gimme a break!

OUTINGS: Sally no longer chairs this committee. Bruce flying solo. QC rained out, also 11/4 at Sven Slab. Outing Sat Dec 9, Scorpion Ridge. 4th annual Christmas day climb at Sven Slab. Bruce having a little trouble getting in touch w/ outing leaders.

PROGRAMS: Donna would like to look into a change of venue for our meetings. Would prefer not to be rushed out at 9:00. Discussed checking into the new community center on 12th St. and Indian School.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Correction from last month's minutes: Paper for brochures was donated by *Jeff Nagel*, not Jef Sloat (sorry Jeff... and Jeff!).

TRAIL MAINTENANCE: Nothing scheduled. Possibly something after the first of the year.

TRAINING AND SAFETY: NR, other than AARS went okay, considering we had the lowest instructor turnout Sherrie has ever seen. About 30 students attended.

TREASURER: Nothing exciting per Bill. Will furnish copy for the newsletter. Sue made some changes in the budget.

T-SHIRTS: NEW CLUB T-SHIRTS! Go Wendy! Board members and meeting attendees had first crack at these classy new shirts (let that be a lesson to all you absentees)! Long sleeve \$15, short sleeve \$10. Will be available at this month's meeting. Wendy said she'd bring 'em to J-Tree too.

WEBSITE: NR

OLD BUSINESS: NR.

NEW BUSINESS: Christmas party moved from Dec. 8th to the 15th. Will still be at Sally & Dave's.

The meeting was adjourned earlier than usual, at 8:00 pm, to accommodate the conference call with Mark Peils, our liability insurance broker.

NEW MEMBERS

Mark Curtis
Theresa Heckmaster
Jackie Jones
Mike Koehlmoos
Anthony Levin
Kristen Macconnell
Elliott Rachlin
Deanna Ramirez
Terry Roach
Steven Robarge
Ray Steiner

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 10/31/00
Category Description

Amount

INCOME	
Advertising	140.00
Book Sale & fines	2.00
Equipment Rental (incl shoes)	515.00
Interest	45.70
Membership Dues	7042.00
Program Income	105.00
Schools	58.44
Tee Shirts	250.00
Training & Safety	21,910.00

TOTAL INCOME 30,118.14

EXPENSES

Access	600.00
Administration	845.41
Bouldering Contest	250.00
Conservation	0.00
Club Functions	14.00
Equipment Maintenance	0.00
Equipment Purchase	1,982.75
Insurance	1,043.00
Library	108.70
Mountaineering	33.00
Newsletter	3,468.65
Outings	250.00
Programs	4,246.81
Bank Charge	41.79
T-shirts	325.00
Training & Safety	9,794.76

TOTAL EXPENSES 23,003.46

OVERALL FOR YEAR TO DATE +7,114.68**

ACCOUNT BALANCES

Savings	4,497.09
Checking	3,441.15

TOTAL ASSETS \$7,938.24

**** N.b.**— The editor worked all his life at pathetic-level salaries partly to avoid having to have anything to do with toting up, crunching, entering, thinking about, keeping track of, explaining, statistical analysis of or worrying about numbers, particularly those pertaining to money. These figures may not *exactly* agree with the Treasurer's computer's, but they are close enough for mountaineering purposes.

Bill and Lizanne's

Climbing Honeymoon

Bill & Lizanne met at the AMC Basic School. After a few years, they got married at Queen Creek and went on a honeymoon climbing around the world for a year: Europe, India, Nepal, Thailand, Malaysia, Borneo, Indonesia, and Taiwan. They've been climbing/living in Cape Town, South Africa for the past three years, climbing in Namibia and Kenya, too.

Their slide show covers climbing, culture, people, and scenery from their travels.

The meeting will be held on Monday, December 18th, 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.

Bring your favorite munchy to share with the group.

ACCES FUND REPORTS PROGRESS

Negotiated Rulemaking Partly Successful, says Access Report

Recently the special committee appointed by the US Forest Service concluded its negotiation regarding the issue of fixed anchors in wilderness. The Access Fund played a key role in the committee's discussion and attended all four two-day meetings between June and October.

To date the Access Fund has invested thousands of hours over the past ten years to resolve this controversial issue. We are now cautiously optimistic the Forest Service will adopt a new rule which can be supported by climbers.

Although the committee did not reach a unanimous agreement on some issues, it did agree to nine statements thanks to the efforts of the Access Fund and other climbing interest groups. Key points of agreement were that fixed anchors are used in climbing, some types of fixed anchors should not require special Forest Service authorization, and climbing is a legitimate use of wilderness.

In addition, the Forest Service has suggested that almost all existing routes in wilderness will remain open for climbing. However, fixed anchors on these routes may be replaced if consistent with local management planning.

Still, the committee's failure to reach a unanimous agreement on a recommendation to the Forest Service was disappointing, according to Sam Davidson senior policy analyst of the Access Fund.

"In the end, we were unable to bridge the philosophical gap," said Davidson. "The crux issue was whether climbers could ever again place a bolt in the exploration of a first ascent."

All parties of the committee made significant efforts to reach a consensus, and the Forest Service has stated publicly that it will use the committee's discussion to develop its new rule. It will be very important for climbers to comment on the draft rule when it is released to ensure that it honors the committee's work, provides clear guidance to local wilderness managers, and preserves climbing opportunities. The draft should be released later this year.

As the Access Fund has previously stated, we view the Negotiated Rulemaking as an opportunity to redefine the "clean climbing" ethic for the next generation of climbing. By law, wilderness is a unique

---from Access Fund's internet report.

CLIMB CHRISTMAS DAY!

The 4th Annual Christmas Day Outing is on again. A tradition, a climbing outing to Sven's Slab will take place again this year, followed by dinner at la casa del presidente. Sue Goin's house for dinner afterwards. This outing is specifically for all us folks who are alone on Christmas day... but everyone is invited. Please RSVP to Jeff Nagel, Chris Q or Sue Goins to let us know if you will be climbing so we have enough gear, and if you will be attending dinner at Sue's. This is a pot luck dinner.... so we will have a sign up sheet to sign up at the next club meeting for bringing a drink or food item.

The day will start at 8:00 AM meeting at 118th & Rio Verde (The same place we meet for classes) and then proceeding on to Sven's Slab for a LEISURELY day of climbing. Some of us folks may wander off to do some multi-pitch climbs over at Morrell's Wall via the ridgeline. What will Santa bring our climbers this year???? :)

---Jeffry Nagel

Eat, Drink, & Be Merry

The AMC's annual holiday party will be held on December 15th at David and Sally Larimer's home. This is one holiday party you don't want to miss! BYOB and something for the potluck dinner. AMC will provide a ham or turkey and some non-alcoholic beverages. After a delicious dinner, we'll have our gift exchange.

The gift exchange is tons o' fun, so bring a gift valued at up to \$15 if you want to participate. Everyone opens a gift, then the trading begins. When the time runs out, if you are lucky, you end up with that beautiful locking biner or the camp chair. If you're not so lucky, you might end up with those bath salts or the Lawrence Welk CD!

The party starts at 6:02PM on Friday night and lasts until 10 PM or when David and Sally throw everyone out. Their address is 5617 E. Windsor Ave. Scottsdale. That's 1 block S. of Thomas, just east of 56th St. From the 202, take the McDowell exit. Go east on McDowell to a light at 52nd St. Go north two lights to Thomas. Go east on Thomas to the light at 56th St. Go south on 56th St. and the first left turn is Windsor. It's a white house on the SE corner of 56th Pl. & Windsor.

We want to climb with you in 2001, so please bring a designated driver and drink responsibly!

---Sally Larimer



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2824 E. Indian School Rd. We are on the N.E. corner of 28th St
and Indian School Rd. 602 955-2875.

VOLUNTEERS TO REPAIR RAIN-ERODED PINNACLE PEAK TRAILS

AMC'ers have helped build trails at the yet-to-be opened Pinnacle Peak Park on several aweekends. Individuals have worked long hours to allow access to climbing areas. And AMCer Michael Baker has also involved the Volunteers of America in the project

The recent rains did bad things to the trails. Here, let Michael tell about it__

“The unusual October rains have done some work on the Pinnacle Peak Trail. There are several areas worked by VOA led crews starting last April that have eroded. We expected some problems on the steeper slopes, where it is hard to get off of the trail. Dips and waterbars will need to be added. Often the damage occurs at points where water coming down the hill hits the trail. The soil is so fragile that we now have several deltas across the trail. In a few instances totally unexpected cross drainage flows opened up. However, many of the sections we have worked are holding up well.

“On December 2, we will repair the most serious damage done by the recent rains, using the patterns of erosion to guide us to more stable solutions. As time permits, we will move on to new sections with serious erosion. Work is easy to hard. You will be hiking to work areas and should be in reasonable good physical condition to participate in this event.

“Time—8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Work until mid-day, if that is all the time you can give. Lunch will be provided. VOA and the City of Scottsdale will provide all tools.”

Call Michael Baker, 602.522.9127 or e-mail <michaelb@dgcenr.org> in order to register

A RAINY (but fun) QUEEN CREEK CLEAN-UP

On a rainy Saturday in October – twenty AMCers showed up to pick up trash along a one mile stretch of US 60. Their work will make it easier for those of us on the next clean-up outing – which will be the weekend prior to the Phoenix Bouldering Contest.

By picking up the trash of careless motorists, we clean up a beautiful stretch of road and we can feel proud to showcase the Queen Creek area to climbers who come from out-of-state. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU THAT CAME OUT TO HELP! I wish I could read everyone's names from the signature page – but your signatures are all as illegible as mine! ☺ You know who you are – and I thank you for your dedication – even in light of the unlikely chance of climbing that day.

Usually the plan is to climb at the Queen Creek climbing area after the trash pickup. But Mother Nature had other plans. With all of the rain, we knew that the rocks would be wet and climbing would not be a good option for the day. Ever the mountaineers, we were not daunted by a little inclement weather – and several of the folks headed out to hike up Picket Post Mountain instead. This was a fantastic adventure – as the hiking route follows a draw up through the cliff walls to the top. And a draw in a rain storm is, essentially, a stream. One set of moves – that normally would have been a mere couple of exposed steps on dry rock – was a slippery, wet couple of steps as the route crossed the draw at this point. Everyone cautiously decided that a handhold was key to navigating this section. Of course, to reach the hand hold, everyone had to stick their hand INTO A WATERFALL! By the time the group reached the top, the clouds were clearing and we were treated to 360 degree views. THANKS TO ROGIL FOR THE IDEA – AND TO SALLY AND TOM FOR POINTING THE WAY!

What's even better is that our gracious climbing leader, Sally Larimer, offered to head back out to the Queen Creek area on Sunday (the day after the pick-up) in hopes of finding dry rock. And, by golly, we did find perfect conditions! It was one of those beautiful AZ days – a little stream running by the climbing area – big puffy white clouds against the bluest of blue skies – nice dry routes – and decidedly comfortable temperatures. THANK YOU SALLY AND EVERYONE ELSE THAT SHOWED UP FOR SOME CLIMBING COMERADERIE!

Y'know, it takes a great group of people that can show up, and roll with the punches that Mother Nature hands out – and even better, have a fun doing it. THANKS AGAIN – YOU GUYS ROCK!

—Charlene Todd



Rogil Schroeter and Richard Theobald pick up trash on a rainy Queen Creek clean up outing. Photo by Charlene Todd

December 9th Outing (Saturday) Climbing at Scorpion Ridge.... again!

For those of you unfamiliar with Scorpion Ridge, this is a new climbing area being developed near Pumpkin Center by Chris Query, Kevin Ryan, Jeff Nagel, and Gumby.

Routes are generally two pitches in length, and entirely traditional protection. (Or a VERY rope-stretching 60 meter single pitch) Grades range from 4th class to 5.7-5.8. Rock is blocky quartzite with fantastic undercut holds, but runout in nature, making for some exciting leading for new leaders, and fun following for new climbers. Helmets are ABSOLUTELY mandatory as loose rock abounds here.

Descent is via a walkoff on the side of the cliff, or hopefully via rappel soon. We will be meeting BEHIND the McDonalds on Shea Blvd three blocks West of the Beeline Highway at 7 a.m., and then driving to the climbing area from there. Bring food, water, cold weather clothing, helmets and headlamps (in case Gumby comes with). Just kidding Gumby! But seriously, we usually leave right at dusk, so headlamps are a big help for getting back to the cars. There is also lots of room for first ascents here, so bring your sense of adventure with too!

The limit will be eight. No limit for outing leaders who want to come out and help.

—Jeffry Nagel

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| Mar 18 – Mar 31 | Springtime in the Annapurnas, 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, 2002 | Guatemala: Land of the Maya, with the Sierra Club |

FIVE VIEWS FROM THE NEW HANCE TRAIL

A poem, of sorts, about our trip along the New Hance Trail — Charlene Todd:

The trail descends into the Canyon.
Ever steeper it goes. Barely a trail, but a wash of scree.
And, each step is a measure of concentration as the body - the machine - inches slowly closer to the raging River below.

The Canyon is intimate.
It is sight and smell. It's sound engulfs the soul.
And, each step is a measure of sensation as the body - the machine - inches slowly closer to the raging River below.

The Rocks become a record of history beyond imagination
Down through the layers of geologic time.
And, each step is a measure of chronology as the body - the machine - inches slowly closer to the raging River below.

The River roils over rapids.
Ever carving the Canyon deeper and deeper.
And, each step is a measure of depth as the body - the machine - inches slowly closer to the raging River below.

The Canyon top is far overhead
It is far distant and the body is weary.
But, each step is a measure of strength as the body - the machine - inches slowly closer to the Rim above.

THANK YOU! TRASH-RAPPERS

The Grand Canyon cleanup was on September 23. I got the first Phone call in mid August. There were people to train, procedures to update, copies to make, signs to laminate, phone calls ad infinitum-1, rope bags to repair, and 15 new ones to be made. Busy, Busy, Busy... so naturally I had a lot of neglected personal stuff to deal with when I got back from the Canyon. Time passed, and

I was surprised and relieved when I called Wally to ask how long I had left to get him an article about the trip for last month's newsletter and he told me it was at the printers... but no worries, Sally up and wrote one just in time. That made this one a little longer. Here goes

Thanks, Sally! You rule!

Thank you to all the guys who helped me train newbies at Papago on the 9th, and to all the newbies for knocking themselves out to get ready for the real thing.

Thank you Chris Query and Mary Sauve for helping me sew the new bags, and for being most excellent carpool pals.

Thank you John Ficker, Rogil Schroeter, Sherrie Holbrook, and others for getting all the gear and such up there. Thanks to Dustin McDaniel for expediting the new batch of T-shirts and driving all the way across the valley to get them to me.

Thanks to John Ficker, Tim Medlock, Chris Query, and Scott Hoffman for serving as my "lieutenants", handling things where I couldn't be so I could keep an overview and trouble-shoot.

Thanks to everyone who helped topside. If you hadn't done that I would have had fewer members over the side doing the photogenic stuff. Thank you every one who saw that something needed to be done, knew how to do it, and just did it without being asked, or cleared it with me first, which is cool, 'cause that can save us a lot of confusion.

For example, Thanks to "Wild" Bill Kurek for picking up the charcoal and lighter fluid, and leaving early to get the coals going for us at Shoshone. That saved me a big gob of time and synapse space.

Thanks to all our Friends in S.A.R.A. and C.A.M.R.A. They not only clean stuff well, they're also kind of comforting to have around.

Thanks to Ken Phillips at G.C.N.P. for coordinating at that end, and supporting us so well.

Thanks to all of you for not dying and making me look bad.

Love, Gumby Dammit.

Outing Leaders Needed (the few, the brave....)

AMC is growing! Membership is climbing (pun!) As an all-volunteer organization, you help make this club successful. So get involved! There is a need for more Outing Leaders to help with club outings.

Leaders pick climbing areas, coordinate a meeting point, and provide guidelines for a specific climb (ratings, helmets, carpooling, multi-pitch, or appropriate climbing experience). At a climb Leaders select routes, help set-up and check anchors, and make any decisions to bail or tear-down due to weather or other concerns. For approved AMC outings, club ropes and gear may be used.

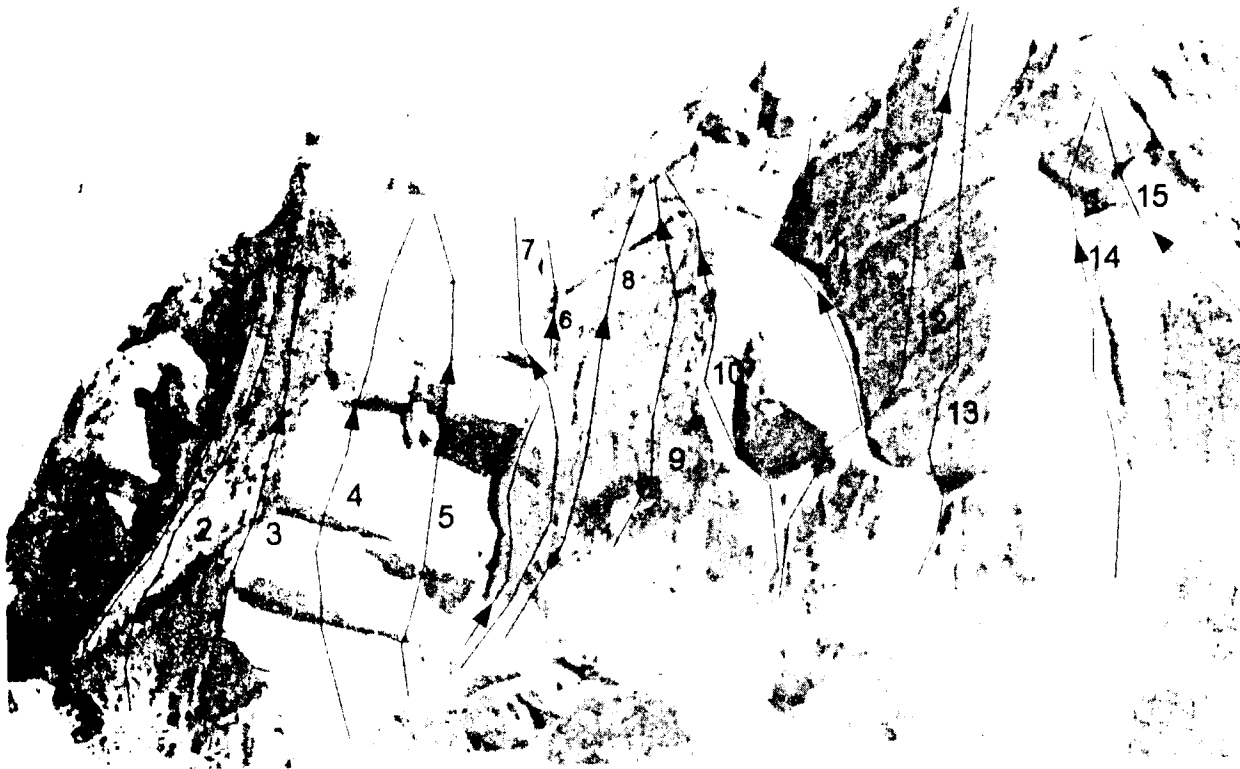
To be a Leader - take the Basic, AARS, and Lead schools (or equivalents), be an AMC member for a year, and complete a basis First Aid/CPR course (8 hours or more). There is a formal application process and final approval by the Board of Directors. As part of the application/approval process; new Outing Leaders will be assisting/seconding on a select number of outings, with an experienced leader acting as mentor. What a great way for all that hard-learned beta to be passed on to another generation of leaders!

Ready to SIGN UP??? Contact Jeffry Nagel or Scott Hoffman from the Classification committee.

—Bruce McHenry

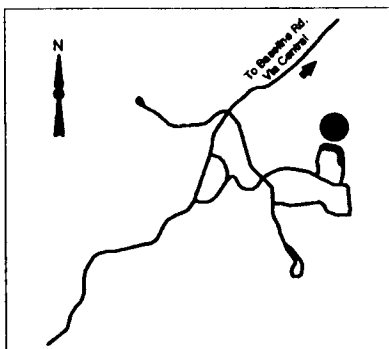
Teddy Bear Wall at South Mountain

□ Teddy Bear wall is not a recommended weekend climbing destination, but suited for an after work crag. The wall faces south and tends to cool off nicely. One can climb as late as mid summer before the temperatures become unbearable. Teddy bear wall is a small top-roping wall about 30 ft tall. This wall was not developed for lead climbing so leave you lead rope at home. The short nature of the routes can benefit from the M belay or one standard rope on two adjacent climbs. The wall is also a great learning experience for new anchor setters. Almost all anchors require gear, so bring your rack. There have been previous bolting attempts, but have been removed by the local climbing community. Keep accesses open, no bolting, and help with the ongoing litter problem at the base of the wall. Teddy Bear wall is a little hidden gem in the city. Lets keep this area open for years to come



WARNING: Climbing is an inherently dangerous activity. Proper equipment and training for
Produced by: Chris Query

Any Question, Comments, and Complaints: TOO BAD you did not pay for this guide



Here is the info for the South Mountain Teddy Bear Wall outing on December 16th.

Meet at South Mountain (see thumbnail map on this page) at 9:00 a.m. to climb or come earlier to help with anchors.

No limit but only about a dozen routes will be set. The wall is short but has climbs of all difficulty ratings.

Please RSVP for this one because of the small number of routes.

Sign up early for your free color guide of the wall.

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Routes

- ▲ 01 No Name 5.6
- ▲ 02 No Name Variation 5.7
- ▲ 03 Lizzard Move 5.10
- ▲ 04 Barn Door City 5.9
- ▲ 05 Teddy Bear Face 5.6
- ▲ 06 Teddy Bear Crack 5.6
- ▲ 07 Hang A Left 5.7
- ▲ 08 Middle Face 5.8
- ▲ 09 Yes You Can I 5.9
- ▲ 10 Topsider Arete Variation 5.7
- ▲ 11 Topsider 5.0
- ▲ 12 Topsider Face Variation 5.9
- ▲ 13 Step On What ?! 5.9
- ▲ 14 Rack & Roof 5.9
- ▲ 15 Battle of the Bulge 5.9+
- ▲ 16 Gumby's Heinous 5.10 Roof 5.10+

number	Name	Anchor
2	No Name Variation	all sling
3	Lizzard Move	gear med-large
4	Barn Door City	gear med-large
5	Teddy Bear Face	all sling
7	Hang A Left	gear sm-med
8	Middle Face	gear sm-med
11	Topsider	gear med-large
15	Battle of the Bulge	gear med-large
16	Gumby's Heinous 5.10 Roof	gear med-large
9	Yes You Can I	gear sm-med
10	Topsider Arete Variation	gear med-large
12	Topsider Face Variation	gear med-large
13	Step On What ?!	gear med-large
1	No Name	all sling
6	Teddy Bear Crack	all sling
14	Rack & Roof	gear med-large

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ch equipment is highly recommended.

PROPOSED AMC 2001 BUDGET

The following is the proposed operating budget for the Arizona Mountaineering Club for the year 2001. It was prepared by the board of directors and committee chairmen after reviewing income and expenditures of all committees through September.

Note that a deficit of approximately \$1,000 is planned for 2001. AMC carries bank balances sufficient for timely payment of all anticipated outlays, even with this imbalance of income and expenditures. AMC's Directors see no point in carrying large bank balances.

INCOME

Advertising	\$ 150.
Dues	8,750.
Interest on Savings	25.
Library fines	20.
Program income	100.
Rental income :	
Basic School	300.
Other	200.
T&S	
AARS fall&spring	2,500
Basic fall&spring	12,000.
Lead fall&spring	1,500.
First Aid	2,500.
Mountaineering	750.
Tee shirts	<u>1,000</u>
Total Income	\$29,795.

Total Income	29,795
Total Expenses	<u>30,925</u>
Deficit for year	1,130

EXPENSES

Access Fund	\$500
Access Committee	400
Administrative	
Other	200
Postage	350
Printing	150
Promotion	600
Telephone	540
Website	300
Bouldering Contest	300
Club Functionsd	300
Equipment Purchase:	
Capital Expend.	1,000
Rental equip	300
Equipment Maintenance	
Rental Equip	200
Insurance	1,000
Library	200
Newsletter	
Other	200
Postage	,350
Printing	2,600
Outings	500
Programs:	
Monthly	4,500
Other	100
Service Charges	135
T&S	
Equipment	6,000
Facilities	400
First Aid Seminar	2,500
Food	850
Other	400
Postage	300
Printing	1,000
Leader Training	1,000
Mountaineering	750
Tee Shirts	<u>1,000</u>
Total Expenses	30,925

BASIC SCHOOL GRADS FLIP THE PANCAKE HOUSE

Saturday, October 21. Eight Basic School students and eleven instructors head to Queen Creek for the Graduation climb at the Pancake House. We were all in for a bit of a "blustery day", as it was overcast, breezy and occasionally sprinkling rain. Undaunted, students waited patiently while Leaders and Instructors set-up climbs.

Finally the ropes were up and students were off! After 2 weeks of school, it was climbing 'real rock'. At first, there were a few shaky knees, Elvis feet, and skinned thumbs. But as students made it up to kiss the biners, confidence increased and more challenging climbs were conquered. Students, and instructors, climbed numerous routes, including the classics Cool Breeze, Lumberjack, Dr. Giggles, and Crackerjack Crack. At about 3 p.m., dark clouds rolled in with a boom of thunder, and everyone hurried to tear it all down. Up in the parking area proud Graduates received their AMC patch and handshakes from everyone. To top off the day, there was a spectacular sight of the setting sun highlighting a foggy mist rolling up through Lower Devils Canyons. We also watched the storm clouds pass over and dump rain on the groups doing Grad climbs on the Supes. Later, at the Grad Party everyone got to relax and trade stories on their "epics".

Basic schools Grads at the Pancake House:

Phillip Goebel Victor Henckel
Karen Lenaburg Tony Levin
Carolyn Lim Rebecca Ruckman
Steve Sharp Tanya Sharp

Instructors:

Rogil Schroeter (Outing Leader) Chris Query
Karin Callan Sean Colonello
Lenny Dick Perry Kearney
Craig Parrish Ron Logan
Kathy Sharp Richard Theobald
Bruce McHenry

- Bruce McHenry

THE DIPLOMA MILL GRINDS ON

Most likely the students who completed the last AMC Basic Climbing School would take exception to the headline above.

Yes, 65 AMC club members, acting as instructors, harried their charges pell-mell through knots, fitting and adjusting equipment belaying, rappelling, prusiking, self rescue, and all the other skills and bits of know-how necessary to be competent and safe climbers, but ...let's call it well-planned efficiency born of considerable practice.

There was plenty of repetition and double checking to make sure everyone "got" everything. After all these years of introducing new people to the joys of rock climbing, the club has developed a fair level of expertise in teaching people to climb.

All in all, the 41 students spent six evenings and three days devoted to the esoteric art of getting on top of a rock. A list of those earning their AMC patches follows:

Trent Baudais
Michael Berkowitz
Diana Callebaut
Mark Curtis
Thu Duong
Philip Goebel
Karol Harvey
Victor Henckel
Bryan Howell
Carrie Howell
Lynne Hulvey
Cathy Johnson
David Johnson
Jackie Jones
Pam Kalish
Kevin Kriegel
Dave Lemons
Karen Lenaburg
Anthony Levin
Carolyn Lim
Heather Markert
Brian McHenry
Kelly McKibbin
Janine Menard
John Mogk

Jennifer Ottolino
Aaron Poss
Elliott Rachlin
Deanna Ramirez
Julie Recob
Randy Recob
Rebecca Ruckman
Jennifer Salerno
Glen Schroering
Amanda Scioscia
Steve Sharp
Tanya Sharp
Jay Skardon
Bill Stevens
Steve Wiczorek
Susan Wilczewski

THE GRAND TETON CLIMBING EXTRAVAGANZA —Lenn Zazula

By Lenn Zazula

In our ongoing effort to challenge the elements and safely return from a full-out adrenaline rush, the assault of the Grand Teton is at hand. Packed with layers of fleece, a gore-tex factory, snow gear and ice equipment, a party of three tackles the plum of the range. In addition to myself, I stand flanked by Steve Mallory, with climbing in his blood, and guide extraordinary, Mark Limage. Together, we embark on our mission to explain the answer, "Because it's there".

On Tuesday, June 13, 2000, having completed inspection the night before, we release the compression straps on our packs to cram them full of the essentials necessary for our ordeal. We load up and begin the seven-mile trek to our base camp located at 10,700 feet and near the foot of Tepee glacier. The first five miles, along the Lupine trail, meanders along while providing fuel to our anticipation as we make our way towards Taggart Lake and absorb the view of our goal. Past the first turn off at 1.7 miles we have little interest in continuing toward Taggart or Bradley Lake. We press on to the second turn off at 3.0 miles and leave the opportunity to get up close and personal with Surprise and Amphitheater Lakes; we have bigger fish to fry. The next two miles of trail weaves through the meadows and we are afforded a visual display unknown to those that remain at sea level. There are brilliant flashes of purple and yellow as the flowers fight the receding snow. The white blankets that remain try to cover the saturated green carpet of the alpine lawn. Thundering waterfalls crash down from the peaks above and the raging waters melt through the snow to open pockets of icy water and boulders. Navigating the switchbacks, we press on toward Disappointment Peak. After starting at 6,650 feet, we have completed 5.0 miles and gained an additional 2,000 feet.

We stop to hydrate, snack and then change shoes and relinquish our approach versions for the winter variety. This lightens our pack load but adds considerable effort to raising one's appendage. We cross the threshold into Garnet Canyon, so named for the semi-precious stones that can be found embedded in the surrounding rocks. These garnets can be seen clustered about and only adds to the beauty. The next two miles will require maneuvering uphill through giant piles of boulder debris; loose gravel to assist with continued unsure-footedness and frozen snow of

more than a foot packed hard from its weight along with thawing and re-freezing. We will continue on our march to gain another 2,000 feet in elevation over the next two miles.

Passing fellow explorers along the way, we make our final approach to high camp. Upon arriving, we are surprised to be greeted with the six inches of newly fallen snow and the prospect of cold and windy weather for the duration of our adventure. We settle in, lay down our packs and establish a path to the facilities, au-natural, before daylight wanes. Hot chocolate is a priority, as is order in the headquarters. We clear out the excess equipment, wick away the accrued condensation left by the previous occupants, stake out sleeping arrangements and assess our vinyl vacation house for the next few nights.

Before we get too comfortable, an excursion seems in order. We change into the proper attire and venture out into the dusk. We make our way over to a nearby ridge and scramble through the snow to a viewing gallery of the next moraine. The air is chilly, but the impending full moon brightens our path. We are delighted to find that our environment is homey and I feel wrapped in the arms of the Teton range. As we tramp through the breezy evening air, the sights of the nearby peaks and gullies and the stillness that surround us are reminders of why we subject ourselves to this type of escapade.

Gradually making our way back, we settle into our 15 X 20-canvas haven and prepare for the evening. Since we are the only occupants, we have ample pads and sleeping bags available so we take advantage of the abundance by piling stacks of synthetic warmth nearby. Starring in the leading role of my mini-production of *The Prince and the Pea*, I will spend the next few evenings teetering on my tower of stacked foam. We prepare for the evening meal with hot chocolate, again, the first order of business followed by boil-a-meal. The hot, not the taste is more important.

Some local music station belts out the classic rock and discussions of tomorrows activities completed; we make our first attempt at high camp slumber. The wind has other ideas. Gusting regularly, drifting off is difficult and the night slowly passes. When the alarm is triggered at 7:00 a.m.

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we are relieved to find an extension granted and the next hour doubles the amount of our actual sleep.

Mark, our high camp host, tends to breakfast. Well, boiled snow, our water source is covered by the last precipitation. Combining the fluid with instant oatmeal, we prepare for the morning's activities. We adjust our crampons, lighten our packs and head out for Tepee Glacier, in the shadows of its neighbor Glencoe Spire, and our first class of snow school. Because the weather continues to stay fairly cool, we hug Tepee Pillar to avoid the debris being dislodged from the Grand, which remains shrouded in a wispy cloud. We can see the remnants of melting ice filling the crevices that have been etched into the wall. Snow now clings tightly to these frozen wrinkles and periodically loose their grip to plunge downward. The snow is very firm and caked with a thick coat of ice. These are not the best conditions for training but we do get a chance to try out the sharp devices attached to our boots.

The crusted surface is also less than ideal for our glissade lessons. This is the technique of sitting down in the snow, lifting your feet and sledging down until you perform a "self arrest" with your invaluable snow axe. We passed and were now half way through our preparation. We again head toward high camp for liquid refreshments, lunch and a well-deserved nap. The host is engrossed with the cleaning of a stained pan and we tend to the items necessary in the wilderness and pass the time eagerly listening for an encouraging weather report. Our summit attempt will occur tomorrow or Friday and our anxieties increase, as the news is less than encouraging. Although we will have a chance on Thursday, the next day looks better. But, if we miss on both days...

After our rejuvenation, we press on to the Fairshares and it's guardian Pemmanic Peak to practice the technical climbing we will be required to perform in our crampons. A route is selected, and after a few hours and a couple of successful attempts, we graduate. Climbing in this fashion has a totally different feel because you must compensate for the gloves you are wearing sacrificing the contact of skin on rock and the crampons you are wearing that require an additional two inches of clearance along with the adjustments needed to merge steel and rock. Back to high camp. We need an early night. It's onward to the summit with a 4:00 a.m. wake-up call.

We don our fleece, attack the bags of freeze

dried nourishment and settle down to the NBA finals on the radio. Since this is an NBC simul-cast we don't get to hear much of the game. We are left to imagine the moves we are watching, the unknown outcome of shots and usually the score. How many times can you hear "did you see that" or "let's just watch" through the radio without being left unfulfilled. After a Lakers overtime win, on a missed three-pointer, we lay down to rest. Ha! The wind, or should I say, freight train that constantly rumbles by our abode is not going to make sleeping an option. Between the howling sounds of the passing current, the rippling resonance of material seemingly pelted with rocks and the foot-high upheavals of our plywood floor we prepare for takeoff! Since this reverberation is constant, when the alarm sounds, we are jilted from our zombie-like cocoons only to face the realization that the weather will, in deed, postpone our ascent.

After comparing notes, yes we heard the mouse munching on unknown scrapes and scampering across the sleeping bags and yes, we saw the marmot, affectionately referred to as Blackie, attempting to infiltrate our fortress and yes, no one got a single wink, we finally doze off. The next few hours will be comprised of the time allowed for our sleep deprivation and the ingestion of nutrients required for performing the task set forth. With little debate, it is decided that we gear up and go as far as we can. No summit is promised.

The anticipation builds and at 9:45a.m. we depart for higher ground. The winds are noticeable but not bothersome. The traverse across a rocky moraine leads us to our first snow field and the impending vertical climb towards the lower saddle. Using our trekking poles to help stabilize us, slowly we ascend, trying to use the footprints Mark has kicked out to conserve energy. After several hundred feet, we arrive at the National Park Services high camp perched on the rim. We scramble past an un-erected high camp of another guide service and press on.

Additional snowfields to negotiate in an upward, crossing pattern some of a very acute angle. More ground to cover as we at

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tempt to attain the upper saddle. The lapsed time appears to be anticipated and the schedule held. More promising, is the hint of blue sky that is moving in our direction. As the puffy ceiling blows away, our enthusiasm grows. We stop for snacks and replenish lost water; we have taken one tank of warm liquid carefully deposited among our heavy clothing and a second source of cooler fluids. It's difficult to consume either, the altitude and endorphins have not left me wanting for nourishment. I force down what I can and continue.

Now strung together by a rope lifeline, Mark keeps us apprised of the numerous new peaks that appear into view. Molar Tooth, Second Peak, Ice Cream Cone, Gilkey's Tower, Spalding Peak, Cloudveil Dome, Nez Perce and Petzoldt and Underhill. These sights keep our peripheral vision busy in the ever-changing skyline. We can now also spot some of the best known icons in the region. Black Ice Couloir, the abyss that provides an abrupt granite chute to the distant surface below, the Idaho Express, so named because one slip and that's where you end up, the Black Dike, with its charcoal band and across the gorge, the infamous, Wall Street. We continue onward, I look up only to see the rope snaking around the next set of obstacles. Higher we go trudging through numerous fields of the white stuff. At last, around the next bend, we reach the upper saddle. It's time to shed our trekking poles in favor of ice axes and back to crampons for steadiness. The next phase unfolds and the Owen-Spalding route waits.

As the protection is anchored for the first pitch, Steve and I belay Mark. I need his help temporarily so I can add an additional layer of fleece. It's cold sitting on the side of a mountain when you seat is above 12,500 feet. The commands exchanged, we mount our attack. Up through the chimney out around protrusions passing beneath the steep Wittich Crack, we are stopped by a ledge which is two feet wide, fourteen feet long, but with an overhang eighteen inches high, this is the belly roll followed by the crawl. I survey my options and after inspecting the lip of the ledge and the ridge available for a foothold, it's over the edge and hand over hand to the anchor.

Now given a snow pillow to relax in, the middle extremity cools down. The second pitch starts with a tricky straddle and another chimney move. After scrambling about and testing out the crampons, I am tightly clipped into the ring again. The third pitch leads out away from the main rock onto a large free-standing boulder. After mounting this structure, you merely leap over to the main route. Clambering about, one enters the icy double chimney. The ice axe serves

as an excellent arm extension and easily grips the cold substance to help pull you up.

The forth pitch is very long and requires nearly the entire length of our sixty meters of umbilical cord. We shimmy up Owen Chimney, complete a number of handholds through the Upper Cliff Band, leaving the dihedral. After consuming the remainder of our rope we enter the Douglas Chimneys, for our last pitch. A quick burst of energy and we stand poised for the last push. We complete this short maneuver just as the clouds break and blue floods in.

We prepare for the final steps to the hallowed ground. Several yards pass and the summit comes in view. As we proceed, the last of the clouds take leave and as we seize the zenith, our senses are filled with a visual wonderland. Idaho is easily observed, the entire Teton range unfolds for our scrutiny, the Wind Rivers can be viewed and over sixty miles away, Yellowstone can be examined. Success!

We clamber around the top and experience the majestic sights. We have the entire zone to ourselves and the serenity is an added bonus. However, it is now 6:30 p.m. and there is little time to dwell on our accomplishment. We snap off take the obligatory pictures, dial our victorious phone calls, with exceptional clarity, and savor the moment. Then, time to retreat.

After a short scramble, we begin the rappels and belays that quickly get us back to the upper saddle. The first is down a rock corner and descends over a hundred feet. The second maneuver, even longer, requires hanging free of the rocks entirely as the overhang prevents contact with the surface. The remainder of the daylight is spent anchored to various immovable objects as we backtrack down the snow banks. Speed is not an issue because fatigue is warning on you, but more importantly, slipping is not an option. We tactically complete the Idaho express and successfully finish the other undulations and the elevation disappears. So does the daylight.

We slip on our headlamps and hit the slopes; there are more gradients to put behind us. In the dark, with the moon illuminating our corridor, we slowly retrace our steps. Twinkling like a three star constellation descending from the heavens, we revel in the tranquility that these surroundings have to offer. Although it has been a tiring experience, the sense of accomplishment far outweighs any feeling of being physically drained.

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The last grueling terrain requires us to conquer boulder jumping and uphill, gravel littered trails that exhaust my last reservoirs of stored energy. The pace slows and my breathing is labored as I strain for each step back to our bivouac. Alas, our home in the clouds comes into view and the moment of a well-earned rest waits. We storm the enclosure and endeavor to shed our drenched clothing for the warmth and comfort of fleece. Mark addresses the stove and fires up a kettle of hot water. Although food is not a priority, we force down a few morsels along with a hot beverage. Then it's time to reminisce about our accomplishment, exchanging more congratulatory remarks and preparing for a well-earned sleep. It is almost midnight when we arrive back at camp, and the half-day marathon of our aerobic workout has come to an end.

Sleep is easier to attain and the morning holds a clear sky with little wind. Across the chasm, Middle Teton beckons, perhaps another time. I wonder around camp and notice the surroundings alive with activity; marmots, pica and a variety of other small rodents scurry about among the rocks. After storing the permanent supplies, repackaging our loads and performing a first class cleaning, we begin our travels back to civilization.

We navigate the surrounding rocks at a much quicker velocity and zero in on the powder. When we reach the first snow field, we move down even faster. Utilizing our glissading skills we are able to slide down the mountain several hundred feet at a time. This is definitely quicker and traversing snowfields and glissading where possible, the altitude recedes. Practicing our self-arrests and continuing our downward spiral, we can cruise all the way back to the meadows.

Here it's time again for a wardrobe change and a slosh of whatever liquid is available. We have worked up quite a glow and shedding the layers of water resistance has an immediate cooling effect. We pack up our winter attire, stow the axes and crack out the poles for the last few miles. The scene is surrealistic as the elements of snow, water, rock and foliage merge to create a symphony of sight and sound. Strolling down the edge of the canyon, glistening with fool's gold, we watch the final views of our quest vanish from sight as the twisting trails leave obstacles in our wake.

While the trail wanes, we stop to admire the brilliant yellow balsam, the violet larkspur and even a pink geranium. A playful marmot amuses us with its lumbering antics while a proud tufted grouse stands vigilantly guarding the path. The lakes are again the backdrop for our scenery and as we peek over our

shoulders the magnificent giants stand at attention through the trees. We pass fellow hikers and a large party, enroute to an encore presentation of our experience. Ambling back to our cars, it is time to loose our packs and feel the inner gratitude of completing a difficult project, safely.

It's time for that long overdue shower and a fresh set of clothes. Multiple days in the mountain breeze smells much more pleasant than at sea level. We clean up nicely and after a relaxing stretch on a soft bed, we make our way to the local beef house to ingest huge quantities of the specialty. No offense to the high camp host, but we were ready for something that didn't require boiling water to prepare. Surrounded by the wares of an over anxious taxidermist inserted among black and white photos of Jackson Hole days gone by, we find the meal filling, the conversation mostly reminiscing and all in all quite satisfying. No, it's not a beer commercial, it's camaraderie.

The following day, we return to the scene of our accomplishment and gaze at the immense structures that dominate the skyline. We pick out the obvious landmarks as we drive past various viewpoints. Steve and I snicker at each other knowing that just hours ago we were allowed to share the top spot with his majesty. We looked down on the terrain we now share with passing motorists, hauling trailers, and assuming they are seeing the wilderness by stopping in all the pullouts. We know better. And, as we see the Tetons fade in our rear view mirror I'm not sure if they look taller or shorter than what I remembered.

Fun Facts:

Members born on the same day of the same year:

Bill Fallon & Ted Stratton
Tom Conner & Cheryl Farson
Nicholas Morigi & Eric Ramsey
Sam Digard & Scott Steinhagen
Terri Gay & Paul Rumery
Dean Bothwell & Tim Lange
Denise Belanger & Stan Marks
Jason Cooper & Kim Kauffman
Greg Bodi & Adil Hussain

—Rogil Schroeter

HEY! AMC ICE CLIMBERS —

Give yourself what you really want this Christmas!

There is still time to get into most of the ice climbing classes planned for this January and February. However, since your room and special equipment reservations have to be made in advance, time is getting very short.

Erik is still taking sign-ups for the ice climbing classes offered through Southwest Adventures. To sign-up or for more information contact Erik Filsinger at 602-906-1186 or email at smorefil@aol.com. The menu:

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 that 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. This 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. Call Erik for details..

AARS GETS RESULTS

Despite the problems involved in doing a thousand mile commute to set up and teach this class, Tim Medlock carried out a very successful Advanced Anchors and Ropes School. It will be his last as head honcho, at least for a while. Making arrangements from Colorado Springs is awkward.

Probably as a result of these impediments, the instructor list is a bit shorter than usual this time. Even so, 26 AMCs came out to do their bit to advance mankind's progress towards perfection by instilling the concepts of redundancy, multiplication of forces, neat new knots and other esoterica into the minds of would-be anchor setters. Thanks, Tim. You will be missed!

Anchor school instructors: Anchor school students:

Sean Colonello
Tom Conner
Jennifer Davies
Bill Fallon
Daniel Gonzales
Sherrie Holbrook
Mark Hubble
Ron Jachimowicz
Perry Kearney
Sheri Kenly
Tim Lange
David Larimer
Sally Larimer
Elizabeth Lassuy
Bruce McHenry
Penny Medlock
Tim Medlock
Paul Norberg
PJ O'Connell
Rogil Schroeter
Kathy Sharp
Jef Sloat
Scott Steinhagen
Mick Strole
Tim Ward
Bob Zimering

Dean Bothwell
Leonard Dick
Philip Goebel
Victor Henckel
Bryan Howell
Carrie Howell
David Johnson
Mike Koehlmoos
Kevin Kriegel
Dave Lemons
Karen Lenaburg
Anthony Levin
Kristen MacConnell
Derek Maczka
Heather Markert
Craig Parrish
Julie Recob
Randy Recob
Pat Royer
John Schneider
Glen Schroering
David Schultz
Amanda Scioscia
Lisa Sivey
Jay Skardon
Evan Smith
Susan Wilczewski
Rob Yee

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

- Dec 9 **Scorpion Ridge** by Pumpkin Center towards Payson. Limit 8. Helmets mandatory. No limit for outing leaders who can help. Jeffry Nagel. 602-318-9538 See story page 7
- Dec 15 **Christmas Party** at Dave and Sally Larimer's. See story page 5.
- Dec 16 **Teddy Bear Wall** at South Mountain Park. No limit but RSVP Chris Query so he knows how many to prepare for. 480-394-9780. See story and climbing guide on page 10.
- Dec 25 **Sven Slab** in north McDowell's. 4th annual Christmas Day Climb. Jeffry Nagel and Chris Query. 480-394-9780. Then adjourn to Sue Goins for potluck dinner. Sign up at AMC meeting or call Sue at 480-821-0535.
- 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) 318-9538.

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DECEMBER 2000

AMC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 AMC Board moon 1st Q	5 CAMRA mtg	6 Sunrise 7:19 Sunset 5:20	7	8	9 Scorpion Ridge
10	11 moon - full	12	13 Sunrise 7:24 Sunset 5:21	14	15 AMC Party	16 Teddy Bear Wall
17	18 ill&lizann Show MEMBERS MEETING moon - last Q	19	20 Sunrise 7:28 Sunset 5:24	21	22	23
24	25 moon - new Sven Slab	26	27 Sunrise 7:31 Sunset 5:28	28	29	30 Ice - Interm.
31 Ice - Interm.						

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