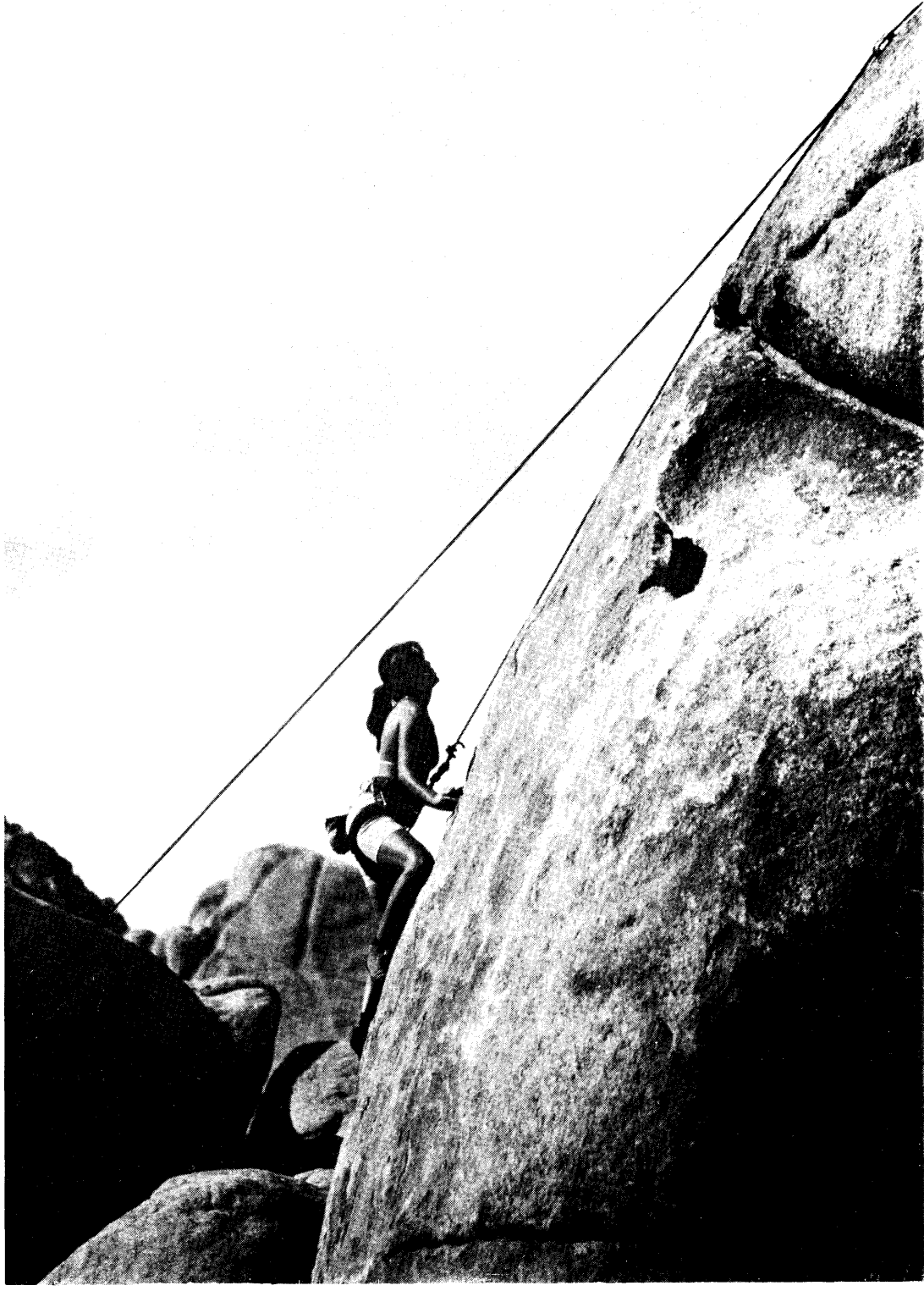


ARIZONA MOUNTAINEER

MARCH 2000

Alisa Reinhardt moves through the crux of The Block, 5.10a, at Feudal Wall, Joshua Tree.

Photo by Schroeter.



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 \$15.00 per year; \$20.00 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.

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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 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

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February Deadline: 18 January 2000

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**TO TEACH IS TO GROW
AND MARCH IS YOUR
BEST OPPORTUNITY!**

**PICK UP TWO
CHALLENGES —
LITTER ALONG 60
AND
QUEEN CREEK CLIMBS**

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. One of these may be a videotape, for which a \$50 deposit is required. Each guidebook requires a \$25

AMC MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Dale Benton 1, Susan Peterson 1, Gail Rowell 1, Jason Wesley 2, Kay Alderton 3, Laurie Provost 4, Ken Davis 6, Richard Horst 6, Mark Fleming 8, Marty Ward 8, Lisa Wolf 8, Tui Conner 9, Wayne Schroeter 9, Paula Berman 10, Dave Serena 11, Guy Bell 12, Bruce Donaldson 13, Kurt Korpong 13, Kathleen Shepler 13, Forest Brown 14, John Galloway 14, Shawn Donnelly 15, John Henderson 16, Pat Brouillette 17, Gerald Rattley 17, Greg Flowers 20, Laurie Fults 22, Nefertiti Buckingham 25, Melissa Rivers 26, Joel Breshin 27, Bill Kurek 28, Scott Nowacki 28, Tina Bickel 29, Brian Studer 29, Kevin Keller 30

MINUTES OF THE AMC BOARD MEETING: 2/14/00

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Sue Goins, Erik Filsinger, Lynn Alexander, Bill Stinson, Dan Langmade

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Wayne Schroeter, Don Thomas, Wally Vegors, Kim Huenecke, Jutta Ulrich, Charlene Todd, Jim Sumrall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Penny Medlock, Nathen Medlock, Shelby Medlock, Jef Sloat

Start time- 7:06 pm

ACCESS: Wayne discussed Baboquivari. Met with NACC (Northern Arizona Climbing Coalition), who have been working on Jacks Canyon, Overlook, etc. See web page for ACCESS updates.

ADVERTISING: NR

CLASSIFICATION: Chris Query voted in as a new outing leader. 2 others have applied and are close to passing.

CONSERVATION: Queen Creek cleanup next month. Will try and get Mine area, as well as our adopted mile, to prepare for Bouldering Contest. Outing leaders will set up routes as we clean so we don't have to wait to climb afterward.

ELECTIONS: Sue welcomed new Board members.

EQUIPMENT RENTAL: NR

LIBRARY: NR

MEMBERSHIP: NR

MOUNTAINEERING: 12 people signed up for Beginning Ice Climbing. May have an advanced class the 2nd weekend in March. May be unable to hold Crevasse Rescue class due to lack of snow.

NEWSLETTER: Any contributions welcomed

OUTINGS: NR

PROGRAMS: Steph Davis this month, March may be Jutta and Sue, Mike Gauthier in April. Donna working on an ACCESS Fund night for early Summer.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Discussed and approved placing a free ad in "The Source" yellow pages. Chuck Brown at ASU needs a speaker with "high adventure" experience for Outdoor Pursuits class. Desert Outdoor Center at Lake Pleasant requests our participation in their Outdoor Education and Recreation class in April. Banff Film Festival on

March 17th –could use some help at the AMC table. See Kim for details on all the above.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE: Jutta and Wayne discussed projects at Pinnacle Peak. Will work with Michael Baker, Scott Hamilton, City of Scottsdale, and/or Paul Dief on training some crew leaders for trail building. AMC may adopt a portion of the trail for regular maintenance.

TRAINING AND SAFETY: Recent lead school was a success. Next Basic is full, with 5 on waiting list.

TREASURER: Much thanks to Bill for all his hard work on the budget, financial statements, etc. Our funds need to be under tighter restraints this year. No reimbursements will be allowed for budgets without funds available. All requests for reimbursements MUST have receipts and proper documentation. Bill introduced new AMC Check Request Envelopes, which will be required for all transactions. Any questions regarding budget balances and required documentation should be directed to the treasurer. Briefly discussed raising membership dues for next year to help purchase more equipment and provide other member benefits.

T-SHIRTS: NR

WEBSITE: Changes from Wayne in ACCESS part of website. Discussed simplifying the event calendar. Bill Stinson will take care of site updates while Jim is away.

OLD BUSINESS: Special outing scheduled for Outing Leaders on March 4th at Titanic Wall. We will work on lowering and hauling systems.

NEW BUSINESS: NR

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm

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	Call
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

State00nt of Operations
01/01/00 Through 12/31/00
Category Description

Amount

INCOME	
Advertising	35.00
Book Sale & fines.....	0.00
Equipment Rental.....	12.00
Interest	0.00
Membership Dues.....	1111.50
Program Income.....	0.00
Tee Shirts.....	258.00
Training & Safety.....	0.00*

TOTAL INCOME 1,416.50

EXPENSES

Access	0.00
Administration	63.87
Bouldering Contest.....	250.00
Conservation	0.00
Equipment Maintenance.....	0.00
Equipment Purchase.....	0.00
Library	0.00
Newsletter	0.00
Outings	110.00
Programs	997.00
Bank Charge	0.00
T-sjorts.....	0.00
Training & Safety.....	28.92

TOTAL EXPENSES 1,679.79

OVERALL FOR PERIOD -263.29

ACCOUNT BALANCES

CD 8608-6895.....	4,432.80
Checking.....	714.71

TOTAL ASSETS* \$5,147.51

*Basic Climb School not entered yet,—Ed.

SUE, JUTTA AND BEN "DO" KILIMANJARO

Join Sue Goins, Jutta Ulrich and Ben Norris in reliving their adventures in Africa last August. The three joined an Alpine Ascents expedition to Kilimanjaro with Wally Berg, three-time Everest summiteer, as their guide. See the beautiful terrain on the mountain and experience the long days on the trail as they ascend the Machame Route and descend the Maweka Route.

After leaving the mountain the expedition team spent three "easy" days on safari at Ngorongoro Crater, Lake Manyara and Tarangire Reserve, spotting the "big five" and lots of other wild animals.

Following this, Sue stayed on for several days in Nairobi and then flew to Madagascar to spend a week in the rain forest and along the Indian Ocean on the northeastern coast of the island.

Look for the lemurs in the trees!

March 27th at 7:00 p.m. at the Los Olivos Senior Center, north of Indian School Road off 28th St.

ACCESS — BABOQUIVARI AND COYOTE DOMES

Status: The BLM is currently holding public hearings to develop the Wilderness Management Plan for the Baboquivari and Coyote Domes Wilderness areas. There will be a (third) meeting as described below to finish defining the issues that will be addressed in the plan. At the conclusion of the meeting, a (fourth) meeting will be scheduled to start work on discussing each individual issue, with the intent of coming to a consensus about what should go in the Wilderness plan.

I feel that the results of the first two meetings emerged along predictable lines. The Tohono O'Odham Nation wants as much control as possible, particularly over what they consider the religious, cultural or archaeological sites or features. Most non-O'Odham people want to retain control over the area itself and want to continue to practice traditional recreational activities. While there is a lot of crossover sentiment that the beliefs and religion of the O'Odham people should be respected as much as possible within the larger framework of the Wilderness Plan, there is also a strong feeling that control ultimately should remain with the US Government.

A survey of cultural and archaeological sites and features is currently underway. Time has yet to tell whether or not this survey will turn up sites that will put recreational activities at risk.

Next: (This will be complete by the time this hits the newsletter.)

What: Public meeting (the third) to discuss the management of the Baboquivari and Coyote Domes Wilderness areas

Where: Baboquivari District Headquarters in Topawa, just south of Sells, including a potluck lunch

When: Saturday, Feb. 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

BACKGROUND:

Baboquivari is a wilderness area with some excellent climbing. The southeast arete was first done in 1957. There are at least ten published routes. In addition, Babo provides excellent hiking opportunities. Coyote Domes contains Mendoza Canyon, Elephant's Trunk, and other nice desert routes.

1999: Legislation was introduced by Arizona Representative Ed Pastor to turn Babo over to the Tohono O'Odham Nation. After much discussion, including public meetings, the legislation was

withdrawn and the BLM was instructed to develop a wilderness management plan with input from all interested parties. (The wilderness plan was mandated several years before the legislation was introduced.)

2000: The first meeting was held on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2000, to discuss the management of the Baboquivari Wilderness area. The BLM has been charged with writing the plan. The meeting was held in Three Points 30 miles from Tucson and occupied most of the day. The BLM identified issues and wrote them on large pieces of paper. The meeting attendees then stuck round stickers on the issues they felt most strongly about. Since the meeting was attended primarily by BLM employees and Tohono O'Odham Native Americans (about 60 or 70 total), this resulted in a strong emphasis on O'Odham issues, such as religion, respect, national sovereignty, and the possibility of archaeological sites being desecrated. Two climbers and two hikers showed up.

The second meeting was held on Saturday, Feb. 12, at the U of A Agricultural Farm. There were about 50 people in attendance: 5-6 BLM people; 4 Tohono O'Odham Native Americans; and 40 or so hikers, climbers, and wilderness supporters. (Organizations represented were Southern Arizona Hiking Club, Pima Trails Association, Southern Arizona Rescue Association, and Arizona Mountaineering Club.) The BLM asked each attendee to list five issues. They then asked each person to read off his/her top two priorities. They wrote them on large pieces of paper, which were then taped to the wall and numbered. At the end of the meeting, each attendee was given five "sticky-dots" to place on the five most important issues on the wall. The most popular were items such as:

1. Preserve the wilderness and its archaeological, historical and cultural resources;
2. Preserve the wilderness experience and the access to it;
3. Respect the O'Odham beliefs; and
4. Preserve access to the area for traditional activities (climbing, hiking, camping, religious).

The only action taken at this time was to schedule the third and final meeting.

I don't feel a need for a huge letter-writing campaign just yet. However, depending on the results of the third meeting, I may ask for letters and emails through our AMC email notification list.

-- Wayne

ACCESS — PINNACLE PEAK PROPOSED POLICY

Tom Matthews responded for the Access Fund and the AMC to the City of Scottsdale's proposed Rock Climbing Policy as follows (see text of policy in last month's newsletter). We will be meeting with the City in the next couple of weeks to discuss these issues.

Overall, the Arizona Mountaineering Club and the Access Fund are pleased with the plan regarding rock climbing at Pinnacle Peak Park. We would like to recommend a few changes, though. We believe that these changes are beneficial to both Scottsdale and the climbing community. Our recommendations, along with the portion of the plan to which they apply and rationale for the recommendations, follow.

Introduction

Add a sentence stating **"This climbing plan was developed specifically for Pinnacle Peak Park and may not be appropriate for other climbing areas."** *Rationale: There is significant concern within the climbing community that this plan will set precedent for all climbing areas within the City of Scottsdale and other cities, such as Phoenix (Camelback Mountain). The plan for each climbing area should be specific to the needs of that area. For example, the Pinnacle Peak plan may not be appropriate for the McDowells, which have geographically disbursed climbing areas, no development at the base of the climbing areas, longer approach hikes, less used climbing areas, and greater potential for new route development.*

Climbing Areas

Change "Y-Crack" to "Y-Crack Boulder."

Rationale: This will avoid confusion as Y-Crack is the name of a climb, while the area is called Y-Crack Boulder.

Warnings To Be Posted At Pinnacle Peak Trailhead

Change "New routes are not allowed" to "New routes **requiring fixed anchors** are not allowed."

Rationale: We believe that your intent is to prevent the placement of new fixed anchors. New routes that do not use fixed anchors (e.g., crack climbs, climbs protected with a top-rope) will not damage Park resources. Restricting climbers to established climbing areas will prevent resource damage as well as exploration. Finally, not all climbs are documented in guide books. It will be difficult, if not impossible, for Park personnel to determine if a

climber is enjoying an undocumented climb or establishing a new route.

Other Climbing Information

Add additional information after "Temporary or permanent closures of individual routes or specific climbing areas may occur to protect the natural resources or for visitor safety." We recommend **"The climbing community will be involved in the process leading to the potential closure of any route or area. The Arizona Mountaineering Club and the Access Fund will be contacted for a recommendation on appropriate climbing community participation."** *Rationale: Often, if the climbing community is involved, actions can be implemented that eliminate the need for a closure. Traditionally, the climbing community supports mitigation actions and closures when they are part of the process. By contacting both the AMC and the Access Fund, we can ensure that knowledgeable and concerned climbers are involved in the process.*

Fixed Anchor Policy

Change "Volunteers shall consult with organizations specializing in climbing issues like the Access Fund prior to replacing anchors" to **"It is recommended that volunteers consult with organizations specializing in climbing issues like the Access Fund or the American Safe Climbing Association prior to replacing anchors."** *Rationale: The rewrite changes an unenforceable rule to a good, common sense recommendation.*

Change "...the addition of fixed anchor locations or development of new routes will be prohibited at Pinnacle Peak Park" to "...the addition of fixed anchor locations or the development of new routes **requiring fixed anchors** will be prohibited at Pinnacle Peak Park." *See rationale under "Warnings To Be Posted At Pinnacle Peak Trailhead."*

Definitions

Add under "Rock climbing includes the following" - **"Belaying: Using a rope to protect a person from a fall while ascending or descending a steep slope or rock face."** *Rationale: Belaying is a common climbing activity that will be occurring at Pinnacle Peak Park.*

SPRING LEAD SCHOOL

It was a dark and stormy day. And lead school marched on.

Rain threatened and sometimes fell, and some sleet came down, too. But Mick and the instructors and students sucked it up and toughed it out and went into Sullivan Canyon and completed the aid-climbing portion. Rogil made them.

The next day, the weather cleared some and we went to Watson Lake for the top-roped leads. It was cold and windy, but it was the smoothest class so far. And so ended another AMC lead school.

Special thanks to Ron Jachimowicz for video-taping the lecture portion of the class. The tape will be put in the library in case anyone wants to review it. Sorry about the lighting, lack of talent, and lack of makeup. Ron – no Oscars for this.

I had to go to Tucson on Saturday for a meeting about the Baboquivari Wilderness Plan, so Mick handled the class that day. Thanks to Mick and all the other instructors who came out on Saturday and Sunday to help aspiring leaders get started.

And I need to make this very clear. Thank you very much to everyone who volunteers their time to help teach our classes. YOU make the difference.

- Wayne

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Debby Brown
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Sue Goins
Daniel Gonzales
Seth Hennessee
Scott Hoffman
Sherrie Holbrook
Ron Jachimowicz
John Keedy
David Larimer
Sally Larimer
Tim Medlock
Bruce Robbins
Paul Schmitt
Rogil Schroeter
Wayne Schroeter
Jef Sloat
Bill Stinson
Mick Strole
Charlene Todd
Tim Ward
Harry Zulch

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Gary Johnson
Chris Kirkpatrick
Janet Krisinski
Tim Lange
John Lyons
Pete Petersen
Melissa Rivers
Donald Rubin
Rick Rybarczyk
Steve Schauer
Curtis Storlie
Paul Sylvia

SUPERSTITION RIDGELINE

“Longest 10 mile hike I’ve ever done”

Look to the east. Imagine hiking from one end to the other along the top of the great rampart that composes the west face of the Superstitions. Imagine a predawn start, complete with rockets.....imagine racing the setting sun to the cars.

Imagine looking to your left and seeing the rugged beauty of the Superstition Wilderness, where Weaver's Needle is dwarfed by your stance. Imagine turning your head to the right and seeing the metropolis of Phoenix with its gazillions of people. The feeling of being "on the edge of two worlds" takes over your senses. On one side, the wilderness.....on the other, the city.....(and, sometimes, I wonder if there's any hidden meaning when all of my group's "adventure forays" took us deeper towards the wilderness.)

Imagine the constant climbing and descending, ever searching for the next cairn. Imagine the toll the day takes as your water runs low and your knees start to scream out in pain. Imagine hitting auto-pilot mode -- every step taking you closer to the cars -- closer to food and stores -- back to the civilization on the other side of the ridge.

And imagine sharing it all with 30 or so other hikers -- many of who agree: "That's the longest 10 mile hike I've ever done."

(Rogil Schroeter organizes this trip on a yearly basis -- with help from Bill Fallon. It's no small feat to get the logistics organized and make sure that nobody gets lost or injured along the way. Thanks Rogil and Bill!)

—Charlene Todd

BASIC ROCK CLIMBING SCHOOL

ARIZONA MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

LEARN:

Equipment care and usage
Rope handling; Climbing knots; Belaying; Rappelling
Rock climbing techniques
Self-rescue techniques

Interested in SAFE rock climbing? The Arizona Mountaineering Club (AMC) has been teaching basic rock climbing for over 30 years. We maximize emphasis on safety and self-rescue.

DATES, TIMES AND PLACES FOR THE SCHOOL ARE:

Mar 7	Tuesday	6:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Havasupai Ramada, North Mountain Park*
Mar 9	Thursday	6:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Havasupai Ramada, North Mountain Park
Mar 11	Saturday	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	North McDowell Mountains, Scottsdale **
Mar 12	Sunday	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	North McDowell Mountains, Scottsdale
Mar 14	Tuesday	6:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Arizona Climbing Center ***
Mar 16	Thursday	6:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Arizona Climbing Center
Mar 18	Saturday	all day	Various times, various places
Mar 22	Saturday	6:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Graduation party

*West off 7th St. at Peoria.

**118th St. and Rio Verde

***Cheryl Ave. west of 19th Ave.

ITEMS YOU NEED TO BRING FOR THE CLASS:

- Any amount due on the \$150 fee
- Casual dress.

ITEMS PROVIDED BY THE AMC:

- Technical climbing gear that you will require for the school (**and is yours to keep**): 1 figure-8 belay/rap-pel device, 4 non-locking carabiners, 2 locking carabiners, 3 prusiks, one 5' sling
- Basic climbing textbook
- Instruction through all phases of the class
- Membership for the rest of the year in the AMC.
- Discounts on other climbing gear

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR THE CLASS: Climbing shoes are recommended. The AMC rents climbing shoes, on a first-come, first-serve basis on the **first** night of class for \$10 for the class (shoes require a \$20 deposit in the form of a check). We will discuss what to look for in a shoe the first night of class.

PAPERWORK: You will be required to read, fill out and sign an AMC waiver on the first night of class. Students under 18 MUST have the waiver signed by their parent or guardian (no students under 14 please; students 14-15 years of age must be accompanied by an older adult).

Glacier Travel and Crevasse Seminar

We are still taking sign-ups for the Glacier Travel and Crevasse Rescue Seminar planned for next month. This year's seminar will include one evening session on Wednesday, April 19 and a practicum at Snowbowl on April 22 and 23.

We plan to cover the following topics:

Snow and glacier travel skills – use of ice ax, crampons, self-arrest, demonstration of French, German, combined techniques for hands and feet with 1 and 2 tools, roped travel, running belays, fixed ropes, and ascenders,

Snow and ice anchors -- pickets, flukes, deadmen, and bollards with practice so you can see how well different techniques seem to hold, and Crevasse rescue – this will build on the snow and ice anchor materials

The seminar fee is set at \$30. To sign-up, please call Erik Filsinger at 480-443-2621. (If you are not religious, at least sincerely *hope* for snow.)

May 26th-29th, Indian Creek, Utah, Richard Horst.

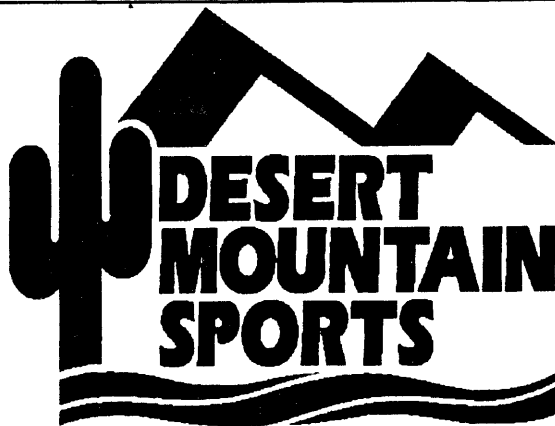
Can you say "crack" boys and girls?

Don't be intimidated by rumors of hard routes; Richard has found some new walls with moderate routes and the climbing is

OUTSTANDING!

Call Richard to sign up, you don't want to miss this outing. 602-971-5738.

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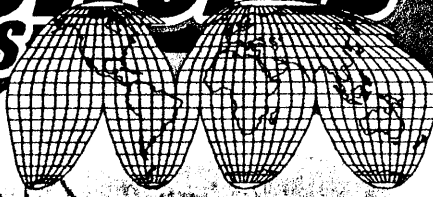
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Paul Reinshagen and Dave Blackbourne on "Velvet Elvis" A3 Fall 99 Clinic

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Pinnacle Peak Trail News February 2000

The days are getting longer, and the rocks are beckoning. So, you'll be pleased to know that the trails at Pinnacle Peak are looking better every day. HOWEVER, a little more bodily help from AMCers would go a long way toward completing the trails. Access is not just the legal right to go climbing; it also means providing the physical means of sustaining the traffic, i.e. parking areas, waste management and trails.

The trail is one aspect we can do something about, and WE ARE DOING something about it. On Saturday, the 19th of February, a crew of dedicated climbers and hikers worked once again on the climbers' trail above the main trail. Thanks to Wally and friends, Bill, Denise, Michael, Alex, Marty, John and a few others who came out to help. We hauled up dry concrete and, yes, more rocks, but we also hauled stuff from the first cache at the big boulder up on the climbers' trail and started a new stash at AMC Boulder. We concluded the day by putting in steps along a 10-foot section. Hard work, slow work, but the results are great. Special thanks go to PAUL DIEF who once again led our effort and provided guidance. He also keeps in touch with the ACCESS Fund and is getting their support for such things as buying the concrete.

Next time PLAN TO COME OUT and HELP.

Some BACKGROUND on Pinnacle Peak trails and FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

There are now two trail projects under way, both of them in cooperation with the City of Scottsdale. Paul Dief is leading the effort to build the climbers' trail leading from the main trail up to the peak itself. The AMC has been helping by scheduling trail days, two so far this year. A few individuals have also been joining Paul on other days to

work in smaller groups. Please continue to contact Paul directly at the rock gym to keep up the work. Secondly, Michael Baker, AMC member and leader of VOA (Volunteers for Outdoor Arizona), is working on improving and maintaining the main trail. VOA is planning various events for volunteers to help with that effort. AMCers are invited to sign up for these events; there's one on April 1. (480) 368-9321.

Which brings us to the food for thought: How can and should the AMC be involved in the future? Should we try to help more with the ongoing efforts to build trails? Should we arrange for more frequent but smaller work sessions? Does the AMC have an interest in helping with the long-term routine maintenance and clean up in the climbing areas? **The AMC Board is discussing these issues and would like your input. Please talk to us: any board member and especially your designated trail maintenance person .**

Jutta Ulrich (h) 602 / 234-3579;

e-mail: ulrichj@t-bird.edu



Like monster dung beetles, volunteers roll a heavy rock into position at the Pinnacle Peak Trail Project, which is now complete to AMC Rock.

ARIZONA CLIMBING CLOSURES THIS SPRING

Baboquivari Wilderness Area

The climbing guide for southern Arizona notes that the Cougar Cave area is a sensitive area and asks that people camp elsewhere to prevent impact to this area.

Cochise Stronghold

Contact:

Coronado National Forest
Douglas Ranger District Office
520.364.3468

Dome Park, inc. Rockfellow Dome, What's My Line Dome (about 340 acres of surrounding area): closed Feb 15 - Jun 30.

Jack's Canyon

Contact:

Henry Brill – Recreation Forester (liaison)
Coronado National Forest
Blue Ridge Ranger District
520-354-2216

Jack's Canyon is closed to new route development. This is an issue that is currently being looked at by the Access Fund.

Prescott

Contact:

Noel Fletcher – Wildlife Biologist
Prescott National Forest
Bradshaw Ranger District
520.445.7253

nfletcher@fs.fed.us
<http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/prescott/>

Granite Mountain (peregrines): closed Feb 1 - Jul 16.

This includes the entire cliff face of Granite Mountain, the rim above the rock face and extending 100 feet back from the edge of the cliff. Thumb Butte

This year, there are no restrictions. The FS is watching for peregrine activity and may decide on closure later in the year.

Tucson

Contact:

Steve Romero – Wildlife Biologist
Coronado National Forest
Santa Catalina Ranger District

520.749.8700 <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/coronado/scrd/rec/rockclmb/rockclimb2.htm> (not current as of 2/14/2000) scrd/r3_coronado_santacatalina@fs.fed.us

Mount Lemmon (peregrine restrictions)

Rappel Rock and the immediate area, including **Fortress and Ravens:** closed Mar 15 – Jun 30

Barnum Rock northwest of San Pedro Overlook: closed Feb 1 – Aug 31

Wheeler Wall near San Pedro Overlook: closed Mar 15 – Jun 30

Panorama Wall at Bear Canyon: closed Mar 15 – Jun 30

SCOPE OUT THE SKY At Estrella (Star) Park

The Saguaro Astronomy Club will set up their telescopes to provide an opportunity to observe the sky. This astronomical viewing session is free but a small fee is charged to enter the park.

I went to one of these in the past, found it very interesting. One telescope they had was over 6 feet long and 18 inches in diameter. We looked at the moon, I thought we were coming in for a landing.

Come see the Moon, Jupiter, Saturn, double stars, star clusters and the Orion Nebula on Saturday March 11th from 6:30 to 9:30pm at Estrella Park, south of Goodyear.

Take I-10- west to Litchfield Road:
Turn left (south) on Litchfield for 2 miles to Main St. / M.C. 85 (just past Railroad tracks).
Go right (west) 1 mile to Bullard Ave.
Then turn left (south) 2 miles to Vineyard Ave.
Then go right on Vineyard Ave 1/4 mile to Park Entrance (not the golf course entrance).
Turn left into park and follow the road around to Arena Drive.

Right on Arena Drive leads to the observing area.

If you need more information, contact Bill Stinson @ 602549-9968 or billphxhome@aol.com.
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IT LIVES! IT LIVES!

Phoenix Bouldering Contest is back after a one-year hiatus and fears that the biggest and best event of its kind had joined the trilobites as a long-wildly-successful but now extinct species.

Organizers have found sponsors to offset the costs of putting on this 17th edition of the Arizona climbing event of the year.

The USFS campground at Oak Flats, between Superior and Globe just off U.S. Highway 60, will be home to the several hundred climbers, vendors, and volunteers who make April 14th through 16th a climbers rendezvous without equal.

In addition to the bouldering contest, with its scores of graded routes, many age group classifications, and \$25,000 plus in prizes and merchandise giveaways, a Superior Desert Dare team-challenge involving a 5 to 7 mile trail run, 10 to 12 mile mountain bike course plus as yet unspecified additional team problems is planned.

AMC'ers have traditionally turned out enthusiastically to compete and to help as volunteer belayers and spotters or assist in registration and camp management. Virtue has its reward (in this case anyway) since volunteers receive various goodies at the event's windup.

Full information and forms are available on http://www.rocklist.com/pbc/sdd_info.html.

LOOKING FOR AN OLD-FASHIONED GOOD TIME?

Huzzah!

It's time for the 3rd annual AMC gathering at the Renaissance Festival!

Meet us at 10 am, Sunday, March 5th, at the footbridge inside of the gates east of Apache Junction off U.S. Hwy 60. Full costume is highly recommended (although not required) and available for rent just outside of the festival. A group photo will be taken and submitted to the newsletter, so come on out and enjoy the fun!!!

Please contact Penny Medlock if you plan to attend or with any questions! 480-807-4920

Time to Earn That Apple!

AMC'ers — come enjoy some of the best free training that is to be had — teach a section of AMC's March Basic Climbing School. It is splendid experience in "peoplecraft" as well as a fine way to refresh your skills in mountaineering.

Past and future instructors of the Basic School meet at Mick Strole's home at 6:30 p.m. on March 2nd to discuss improvements for this spring's go-round and to divvy up teaching segments. It is not necessary to lecture to help out since AMC likes to have one experienced member with every two novices.

If nothing else, it is a way to go through Basic again, for free. (Too much information comes too fast to really get it all, and remember it, the first time through).

Mick's place is generally south of Bell and west of Cave Creek. From Greenway Parkway take 20th St. south to Greenway Road. Turn west to 19th Way, then south to the end of the cul-de-sac. Address is 15225 N. 19th Way. 602-788-4013.

"Clean up your highway and then you can go out and play."

"Help us to showcase the Queen Creek area to the participants of the Phoenix Bouldering Contest by coming out to the Queen Creek Clean-up and Climb on March 25.

We will pick up trash for about an hour. Several leaders will help out by setting up top-ropes for us in some of the more popular climbing areas at Queen Creek.

Meet 3/25 at 8:00 at MCC or at the Oak Flats turnoff beyond Superior at 9:00. Details, call Charlene Todd (480) 917-5354

Hope to see you there!"

—Charlene Todd

SCREE — *By Wally Vegors*

The recent wedding of Sally Borg and Dave Larimer had, as one might expect, a distinctive flavor. For starters, the bride carried a bouquet of Camelots and Friends. Consider the implications if this sets a trend -- in the future gals lining up to catch the bouquet would be wise to wear climbing helmets. And the lucky catcher of the rack/bouquet will enjoy a real edge in attracting rope partners.

The Access Fund spent some of our donated dollars here in Arizona in 1999. It provided funds for equipment and monitoring the nesting peregrine falcons at Cochise Stronghold. Result -- the birds finished early so climbing restrictions were lifted early.

I have repeatedly noted the positive response in AMC'ers who take on club responsibilities, be it simply teaching a segment of the climb classes, working on a committee or becoming a board member or officer of the club. It happens time and time again -- people expand their competence to meet whatever needs they encounter. Often they visibly relax as their self-confidence in their abilities and skills grows. And it is nice to be among a batch of people who are selflessly putting themselves out for a somewhat wacky idea -- to have the best club possible for people who do dumb things like climb rocks.

The idea of an AMC brochure has been around for decades. Sports shops said -- Newsletters are nice, but why don't you have a brochure too? Why indeed? There have been several versions printed in the past and there have been several new versions proposed. Generally they get as far as being circulated among the Board and committee members once, are revised and sent around again, whereupon questions about things like "does the warning blurb meet our legal needs?" or "Is the artwork too close to xxxx?" creates a two month long delay.... About the third or fourth revision the perpetrator runs out of steam. The brochure just doesn't happen.

Happily, Jef Nagel (a board member who is a self proclaimed rug artist by trade) went ahead and did it. He hit the usual dissuasions and road blocks, but bashed onward to actual production. Maybe you have seen it? I think it does the desirable things a brochure should do very well, and thereby brings

credit to AMC. Thanks, Jef. Now our problem is getting enough printed to saturate the civilized world.

I missed the December meeting, so my report on the AMC photo contest is skimpy. First place winners include Tim Medlock, Sally Borg Larimer, Bruce Robbins and Tom Kreuser. Beyond this I can report nothing other than that winners were chosen by membership vote and that it went well.

Scottsdale Parks Dept. has prepared a site plan for the parking/trailhead area of Pinnacle Peak. It features 50 slots for cars and four for trucks with horse trailers. The plan also shows restrooms, a ranger "office" and a small ramada. See it at Scottsdale Parks or on www.PhoenixRockGym.com.

Remember the ASU researcher's request for climbers, male and female, to take part in a high-altitude metabolic study? She selected eight men and eight women from among those who volunteered and now has some preliminary results that do show some differences between men and women in their responses to hypoxic exercise.

There were no real differences between the response of men or women in heart rate or blood pressure. Lactate production was greater in hypoxic men; plasma glucose and cortisol levels were greater in women. This suggests that men use more carbohydrates at altitude.

Says the researcher, Darleen Sandoval, "Last year you put an ad in your newsletter... and I had an enormous response... I should have final results later this year... Thanks to all of my subjects from the Arizona Mountaineering Club!" She invites her subjects to call her at 480-727-6093 or darleen@asu.edu if they have questions.

If you can see your way clear to being in Islamabad, Pakistan, on August 1st, you may be able to help study the endangered giant woolly flying squirrels with a University of Massachusetts researcher. Involves rappelling, jumaring, catching squirrels. See where your basic climbing class can lead?

Volcanos aren't the only reason for a climber to visit Mexico, but they are a good one. A local guide can help you learn what else is possible, where to find it, and (if necessary) how to get up it. Ernesto Trejo, director of Alpine Mexico offers his services at www.ramtec.com.mx or Anahuac #133, Coapa, Mexico D.F. 04950, Mexico.

**COMMERCIALLY PROVIDED TRAINING AND SERVICES
ESPECIALLY FOR AMC MEMBERS****

- Apr 9 - May 3 **Manaslu Trek, Nepal.** Off the beaten track in Nepal. Jim Sumrall, 480-966-4525
 May 4-Jun 2 **Annapurna Circuit** (essentially) plus attempts on two 6,200m. peaks at bargain rates. Jim Sumrall, 480-966-4525.

BILLBOARD — Other Scheduled Events **

- Mar 4,5 **Arizona Trail Work** Camp free at Roosevelt Lake (showers!). Work with AMC'ers Sally Borg and Michael Baker. "If we get enough done on Saturday, we can climb at Queen Creek on Sunday!"
 Apr 1 **Pinnacle Peak Main Trail Rebuilding** Join Michael Baker and his civic group volunteers to fix erosion problems built into the main Pinnacle Peak Park trail. Must preregister by calling Michael at 480-368-9321
 Mar 17 **Banff Film Festival Road Show** Arizona Science Center 6:30-11:00. Tickets on sale at REI t.
 Tuesdays **North Mountain Hikes** Evening. Rogil Schroeter, 623- 878-3914
 Wednesdays **Arizona Climbing Center** - 6:00 p.m., Rogil Schroeter, 623-878-3914

** 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 outinbg. You should always be aware of the risks involved in outdoor activities and conduct yourself accordingly.

NEW AMC MEMBERS

Ken Akerman
 Troy Axelrod
 Jeff Beaupre
 Dean Bothwell
 Cammie Cantrell
 Kathi Caudle
 Wade Conroy
 Elizabeth Dunlop
 Margene Fogleman
 Johnny Garippa
 Donna Garouitte
 Jacob Guzman
 Joe Guzman
 Monica Guzman
 Heather Houk
 Wayne Houk

Adil Hussain
 David Johnson
 Kauffman
 Stephanie Koes
 Steven Kotowich
 Kirra Kurvink
 Dawn Langston
 Mark Lucas
 Derek Maczka
 Jeremy Marceills
 Heather Markert
 Andres Meglioli
 Curtis Mott
 Marcy Peters
 Erik Postma

Jeff Raymond
 Alvin Rodrigues
 Lance Roth
 Gail Rowell
 Rebecca Ruckman
 Chris Ruettinger
 Mary Sauve
 Sam Scheurich
 Yvonne Schillaci
 John Schneider
 April Schultz
 Steve Sharp
 Susan Turner
 Rachel Woodburn
 Cody Young

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

- Mar 2 **Basic School Instructor Meeting.** Mick Strole 602-788-4031.
- Mar 4 **Outing Leader Workshop - Hauling & Lowering Systems.** Titanic Wall, Queen Creek. We will meet at 9:00 am at the turnoff to Oak Flats. Wayne Schroeter 623-878-3914.
- Mar 7 **Basic Climbing School.** Mar. 7, 9, 11, 12, 14, 16, 18. \$150. Rogil S. 623-878-3914.
- Mar 25 **Queen Creek Cleanup and Climb.** Meet at Mesa CC lot at 8:00 a.m. or at the Oak Flats turnoff beyond Superior at 9:00 for a hour of litter picking; then try popular climbs on topropes set up while you were working. Charlene Todd, 480-917-5354
- Mar 30 **Anchors School Instructors Meeting.** Tim Medlock, 480-807-4920.
- Apr 4 **Anchors School** Apr 4, 6, 8, 9. \$65 (\$50 if already a member). Rogil S. 623-878-3914.
- Apr 14-16 **Bouldering contest** near Oak Flats. (Not an official AMC outing but most of the troops will be there to compete or help as volunteers.)
- Apr 22-23 **Crevasse Rescue Skills.** \$30. Erik Filsinger. 480-443-2621.(Pray for snow.)
- May 26-29 **Indian Creek, Utah.** A good range of difficulty in crack climbing including some fairly easy.. Richard Horst 602-971-5738.

*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 Sally Borg, 602-788-3552. 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. Contact Tim Medlock at (480) 807-4920.

Bill Berkley	480-945-4346
Sally Borg	602-788-3552
Tom Conner	temp inactive
Mark Donahue	602-866-0133
John Ficker	602-867-1487
Sue Goins	480-821-0535
Scott Hoffman	623-580-8909
Richard Horst	602-971-5738

David Larimer	602-604-0532
Tim Medlock	480-807-4920
Jeff Nagel	480-968-2020
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
Mick Strole	602-788-4031
Frank Vers	480-947-9435
Allan Watts	602-866-0557
Gary Youngblood ..	602-508-9696

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AMC Calendar of Events

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Unless you have refreshed your AMC membership for 2,000, this will be your last issue of the club Newsletter.

