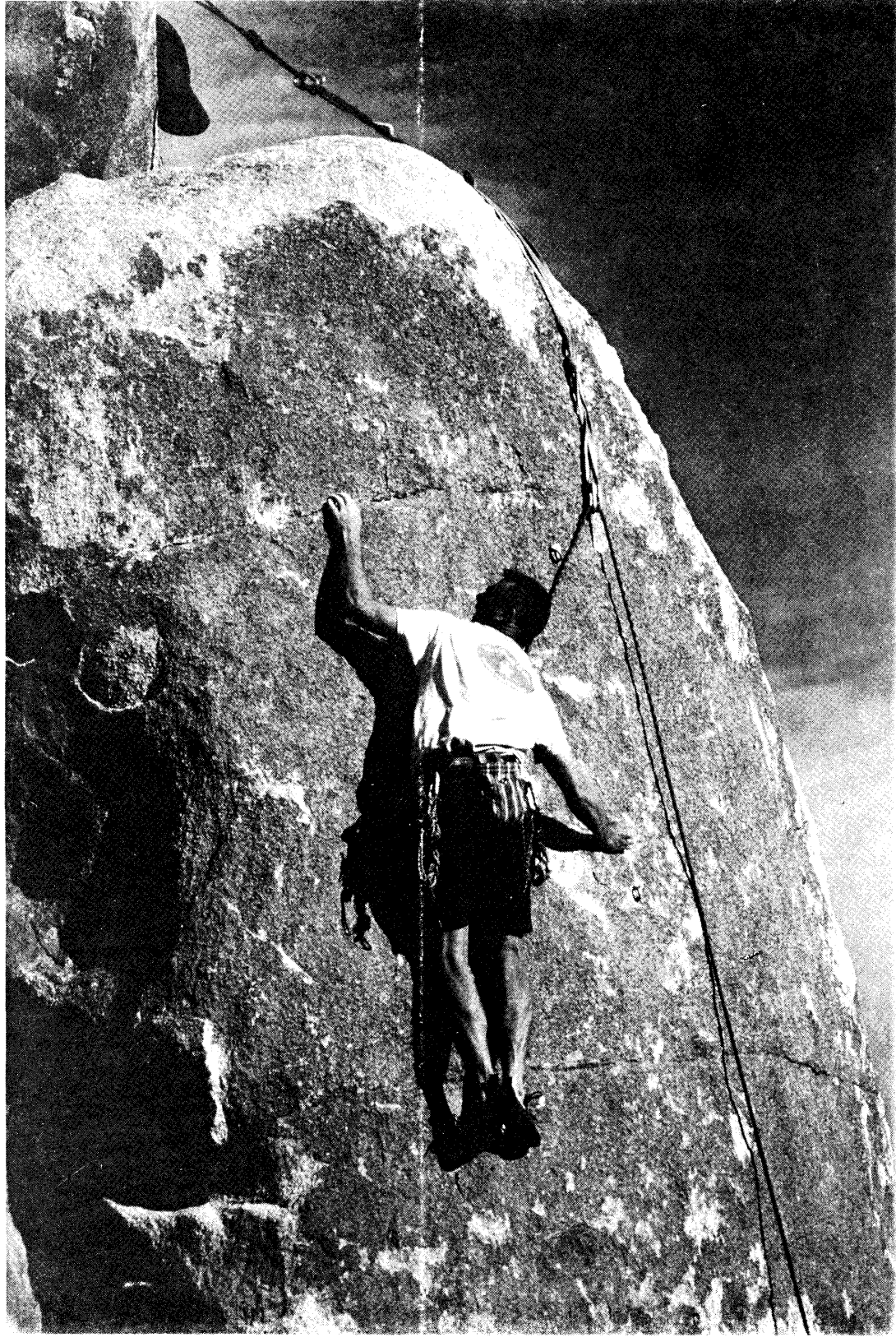


ARIZONA MOUNTAINEER

JUNE 2000

*Mick Strole grapples (delicately) with a J-Tree Problem.
Photo by Wayne 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 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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July Deadline: 16 June 2000

AMC JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Lynn Alexander 2, Lisa Polacheck 6, Peter Zurcher 7, Beth Rudner 8, Gale Dominy 9, Herb Stocking 9, Tim Medlock 13, Karen Schneider 14, Bosco So 16, Charlene Todd 18, Phil Kaman 19, Michelle AmRhein 21, Tim Woodward 21, Allen Alderton 23, Dave Tanton 28, Paul Schmitt 29, Tim Coffman 30, Elliott Rector 30



NOT STUFF!!!

YOU HAVE A CHOICE:

UP ON THE RIM

OR

IN A GYM

OR

5:00 A.M. STARTS

HAPPY SUMMERTIME!

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 deposit.

MINUTES OF THE AMC BOARD MEETING: 5/08/00

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Sue Goins, Erik Filsinger, Lynn Alexander, Bill Stinson, Dan Langmade, Scott Hoffman, Jeff Nagel, Dan Bolin, Sherrie Holbrook

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Wally Vegors, Wayne Schroeter, Jef Sloat

MEMBERS PRESENT: none

Start time- 7:10 p.m. **End time-** 8:30 p.m.

ACCESS: Seneca Falls closed. Tribe says no climbers allowed, period (hunters, however, are welcome). Jef sighted peregrines at Jacuzzi spires, but no closure reported as yet.

ADVERTISING: NR

CLASSIFICATION: One new applicant. Board discussed offering basic first aid classes to leaders as well as members.

CONSERVATION: NR

ELECTIONS: NR

E-MAIL: NR

EQUIPMENT RENTAL: Took in \$46.00!!

LIBRARY: NR

MEMBERSHIP: 443 as of May 1st.

MOUNTAINEERING: 15 signed up for Crevasse Rescue. Erik would like to acquire "avalanche transceivers" for future classes.

NEWSLETTER: Last one "very choppy" per Wally. As always, need more input. Outing leaders - how about asking participants to write something up after outings? Photos too.

OUTINGS: Jef Sloat will help Sally w/ this committee. Seneca Falls outing canceled due to closure. Check website for possible alternative outing.

PROGRAMS: Swap Meet in June. See newsletter for location. (North Mountain Park off 7th St.)

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Six members so far lined up for Zooquest. Still need volunteers.

RISK MANAGEMENT: Looking at various companies for liability insurance. Wayne went over questionnaire for new enrollment. Some items have to be clarified.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE: Some work still being done at Pinnacle Peak.

TRAINING AND SAFETY: Not much going on - "thank goodness!" says Wayne. He did say that Ron's Big Wall class last weekend was very well done.

TREASURER: Discussed purchase of new CD to mature in time for next year's classes.

T-SHIRTS: NR

WEBSITE: Looking good! Jeff proposed some kind of bulletin board listing for lost and found gear.

OLD BUSINESS: No adverse reaction to proposed dues increase. Everyone who did respond said to go ahead. Received a great e-mail from a new member - Donna Garoutte - thanks for your input! Will vote at next club meeting. Also, we're still deciding on a site for "Adopt-a-Crag" on Sept. 9th. Leaning toward doing something in the North McDowells. Need to let ACCESS know by June 15th.

NEW BUSINESS: Renewed annual Corporation Commission. Sonoran Land Trust sent us a thank you for our \$100 donation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Lost — AMC's laser pointer used during slide shows. Please return to Rogil — 623-878-3914

NEW AMC MEMBERS

Phil Conde
Nicole Czaplewski
Leonard Dick
Don Eydenberg
Felipe Flores
Michelle Garland
Marti Herrera
Rachel Mayorga

Barry McRary
Sandy McRary
Lynn Readicker
Patrick Rousche
Jennifer Schaub
David Stone
Ed Tompkins
Shon Williams

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 bivvy	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 5/30/00
Category Description

Amount

INCOME	
Advertising	30.00
Book Sale & fines	0.00
Contra Acct	20.00
Equipment Rental (incl shoes)	206.00
Interest	40.98
Membership Dues	4,656.50
Program Income	25.00
Tee Shirts	80.00
Training & Safety	11,475.00
TOTAL INCOME	16,533.48

EXPENSES	
Access	100.00
Administration	616.43
Bouldering Contest	250.00
Conservation	0.00
Equipment Maintenance	0.00
Equipment Purchase	1,909.75
Library	85.52
Newsletter	873.81
Outings	110.00
Programs	1,597.00
Bank Charge	32.94
T-shirts	0.00
Training & Safety	8,390.33

TOTAL EXPENSES 13,965.78

OVERALL FOR YEAR TO DATE +2,567.70

ACCOUNT BALANCES	
Savings (4,470.13 from CD)	4,473.78
Checking	1,831.58

TOTAL ASSETS* \$6,305.36

WILDERNESS FIRST RESPONDER CLASS

The UofA Outdoor Adventures Program will host a Wilderness First Responder certification course July 15 through 23 on the UA campus in Tucson.

Cost is \$440 for the 72-hour course.

Lodging on campus is \$175. For information call Outdoor Adventures at (520) 621-8233.

AMC's SUMMER BARBECUE AND SWAP MEET

**North Mountain Park
Havasupai Ramada**

7-10 p.m.

Monday, June 26th

7th Street and Peoria Ave.

Bring your own food to barbecue and beverages.

We will have a beer permit.

(No glass containers are allowed!!)

Charcoal and lighting fluid will be supplied.

**Here is your chance to pick up veteran equipment
at a fraction of its new price.**

**Who knows what goodies lurk in the closets of
AMC crag rats?**

ACCESS

Oak Creek Overlook:

Last month I mentioned a meeting with Ken Anderson, the Ranger in charge of the Sedona District. The meeting will be about reopening the rest of the Overlook to climbing. The meeting was scheduled for May 9, but was canceled and will be rescheduled. Stay tuned . . .

Scottsdale elections:

Mary Manross was elected mayor of Scottsdale on May 16 by a 55%-44% margin. The Arizona Republic stated Mary ". . . ran on her record of pushing desert preservation over uncontrolled growth . . ." Mary has always been a strong supporter of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve and of Pinnacle Peak, and I expect her work in that vein to continue.

Pinnacle Peak:

Trail work continues. The planning for the parking area continues.

Many people don't remember the times when we scheduled outings for every Thursday afternoon from 5:00 pm to dark from May to July. On first blush, it may seem like it is too hot for climbing during the summer, but Pinnacle Peak is over 2,000' elevation, and its east side is in the shade from about 1:00 pm on every day. I well remember the days when 15-20 people would show up, some early to set anchors, and we would spend the rest of daylight climbing our buns of granite off. I learned to love climbing there, tackling the same routes week after week. I dreamed at night of Lizard's Lip, and by the end of the summer's outings, I could actually climb it - all 5.8* of it.

Next year at this time, we should be able to return to PP Park for weekly afternoon outings.

But for now .

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Paul Dief has pushed the climber's trail up to AMC Boulder (Mickey Mantle, 5.8**), about halfway to the base of the summit rocks (Birthday Party, 5.7**). I spent part of the last two weeks hauling 840 pounds of concrete up to Base Camp 1, passing Dead Meat (5.7**) and Loafer's Choice (5.10a**). I hauled rocks from the main trail junction to Base Camp 1. Paul has hauled more water up, and I will have hauled more up by next week. So much concrete, rock and water, so little trail.— Somebody needs to apply these materials. So I want to practice for next year. I am going out

every Thursday afternoon for the next eight weeks, starting May 25 and continuing through July 13. I will be doing trailwork to push it from Varicose (5.6*) and Rurpture (5.10b*) near Base Camp 1 to South Crack (5.3***) and Beegee, considered Phoenix's oldest 5.11 (*)

And I need help.

Just think. You probably do some exercise hiking during the week now, right? A little bit of gym climbing? So do it at Pinnacle Peak!

Need to hike? The trail is about a half mile from the parking lot to Base Camp 1. Come out and carry a gallon of water (8.57 pounds at 39.2 degrees Fahrenheit) up, then go down, get another and carry it up. After four miles of hiking, you will have gotten your normal exercise AND carried up 34.28 pounds of water. You're ready for the Canyon! Or the Tahquitz approach!

Or, do you need some wrist-forearm exercise? Trailwork is the answer, not some silly gym. By the end of the eight weeks, you'll be climbing 5.12! I guarantee it, or your money back!

The point is, if you are out doing exercise during the week on Thursdays, come out and do the same thing at PP Park in the shade, where it's cooler. I have a key to the gate (no, we are not going to set up climbs), I have trail-building training by Paul Dief, I have the trail-building expertise of Michael Baker to fall back on, and I have the support of the Trails Coordinator and PP Park Coordinator for the City of Scottsdale to ensure we don't get shot by the Security Guards at Estancia.

You don't have to carry 60-pound bags of concrete or 80-pound rocks. It's already there. If we need extra, I'll send the big, dumb guys (me) to get it. I want to spend this time building the trail, not hauling heavy stuff. If you can dig shallow trenches with a shovel and pick, mix concrete and water, shovel wet concrete or carry even a single gallon of water uphill, I need your help.

We'll meet at 5:00 pm at PP Patio parking lot and work until you are tired. If all you have is one hour, that's great. Or come at 6:00 and carry up two gallons of water and leave. If you can come later and build trail for 40 minutes, we're golden. I'll keep track of the climber-hours we put in and report it in July.

So come on out and play. Check the calendar for dates.

-- Wayne



HEY AMC! THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Don't Forget your 15% discount with a current membership card when you purchase on Club Meeting Day.

Gift Certificates in any amount available for that hard-to-buy-for ropemate.

We are open 9:30 - 6:30 Monday thru Friday
9:30 - 5 Saturday, 10:30 - 5 Sunday
2824 E Indian School Road, in the Desert Market shopping center
602 955-2875

One Way To Improve Your Leadership Skills — Attend Guide School

Did you ever want the opportunity to learn how guides train to lead clients or groups up mountains? This is a unique opportunity to learn the techniques and strategies that guides employ a 3-day guide school offered in southern Colorado by Southwest Adventures.

We will tailor its Guide Training Class to teach AMC'ers the skills of guiding. Topics to be covered and applied to technical mountaineering terrain will include:

- Client/group orientation and preparation
 - Equipment selection
 - Proper anchor station management
 - Short roping and short pitching
 - Fixed ropes
 - Descending with clients/group
 - Self-rescue
 - Safety and hazard evaluation
- After a day of instruction, you will "guide" a

party of three, one of whom is an instructor, up an alpine climb in the Durango area of Colorado. During this field training session the instructor will critique your skills as you employ them. The climb will be a technical Class 4 or lower 5th class with the emphasis on the skills needed to lead groups safely in that terrain. To qualify for this course you should have taken the AMC Lead School and the AMC Glacier Travel and Crevasse Rescue course or their equivalents. You should have at least 2 years of leading. Knowledge of self-rescue rope work, e.g., belay escapes, raising and lowering, etc., is preferred. You will also need to bring your own gear, camping, and food. The cost for the school will be \$360.00. There are size limits due to the client to guide ratios that Southwest Adventures requires. If you are interested, contact Erik Filsinger at 480-443-2621 or email smorefil@aol.com. We would like to offer this class in early June.

—Erik

"THORNS" - CRYSTAL AND LICHEN

Several weekends ago I finally made it to Jeff Nagel's new climbing area - Crown of Thorns. Imagine a challenging dusty 4x4 road; imagine an approach hike to the crag including some bouldering; imagine views from Four Peaks to Lake Pleasant; imagine great weather with enough wind to keep it cooler rather than hotter; imagine a great meal and brews at "The Mill"; imagine camping in a remote area overlooking valleys and a clear night sky full of stars.

What a great pristine area for climbing. Granite everywhere. All the first ascents that you want to accomplish and name. On a Saturday mid-morning five of us headed for Crown King and, after a stop for refreshments at the General Store, on to the trailhead to Crown of Thorns. My car has passed the test - it made it over the roads. Whew!!! We ended up towards the far end of Horsethief Basin (I think).

After determining that we did not need 5 racks and five ropes we hefted our packs and headed for this "secret" crag that Jeff is so proud of. The first problem was finding the "cairns" that had been placed to mark the trail. Once accomplished, we headed to an old helicopter pad (for fire fighting I guess) where we got our first view of our objective - a few hundred feet below us. From there it was all downhill, doing trail maintenance as we went.

Crown of Thorns is a large solid granite outcropping sitting above a valley with great views. Jeff and friends have already established a number of routes so we decided we would start with them. Chris Query and I set up a top rope on a buttress with several cracks. The cracks probably ranged from 5.5 to 5.7 or 5.8, depending on the start. The rock was solid and there were lots of good pockets.

Meanwhile another member of our group led a route that might have been a 5.7 crack climb, but since it was northfacing and covered in lichen it was a challenging climb - good lead! Jeff set up a top rope on the other side of the crag. By then it was getting late in the afternoon and we still had a 45 minute hike out, hopefully get to our campsite before dark to set up tents, then head to "town" for dinner. We were really "roughing" it!

The great thing about climbing here is that we just left everything setup, left gear at the climb, and had no fear that it would not be there the next morning. Made it much easier for that uphill hike

out. An even rougher road led to the "secret" campsite that sits close to the ridgeline of the Bradshaws with great views again.

Dinner at The Mill, in Crown King, is a great way to end the day. The food and beer is definitely worth the drive. Sunday morning we broke camp and headed back to climb some more. We spent a fair amount of time improving the trail and placing cairns. Once back at the "Crown" I wanted my first climb of the day to be the crystal sea on the south-facing wall. What a great experience. I rapped off the top to the bottom to do the climb (too much bushwhacking to try to walk to the base of the wall). Almost the entire face is crystal nubbins imbedded in granite and granite ridges for the fingers. What a delight to climb.

Mid-afternoon we broke down the climbs and headed back to our cars. Jeff should be proud of this area. It is definitely worth the effort to get there. I know I want to go back again and take on some more of that granite. And everywhere you look over the valley, there are other walls of short to multi-pitch granite to be explored and climbed. Be sure to get on one of Jeff's trips to Crown of Thorns.

—Sue Goins.

NO PLANS FOR THE 4TH? CONSOLE YOURSELF AT MARILYN'S PARTY

AMC'ers are automatically included in Marilyn Geninatti's friends list, along with assorted Sierra Clubbers and others of outdoor ilk. She is planning a 3rd of July party at her place for those stuck in town, to include a cookout, wall traversing, a Haiku contest (if you want to organize one), but no fireworks.

Marilyn is off climbing Mount Washington in New Hampshire at the moment. More info at the AMC's Barbecue/Swap-Meeting at North Mountain Park on June 26th.

LEADING LAPSES LESS THAN LAUDATORY

I've done a lot of climbing since I graduated from the AMC basic school a few years ago. I'm grateful for the way the AMC emphasized safe practices. Every now and then I see someone out on the rocks practicing non-safe climbing and it renews my sense of appreciation for what I've been taught. Those non-safe climbers are out teaching their friends non-safe practices and it's pretty scary! Here are some things I've seen, with my opinion on what should have been done differently in italics.

A big lead climber, belayed by a much smaller climber, unanchored and sitting 10 feet from the base of the climb.

Anchor in when belaying a leader. A lead fall would have dragged the belayer into the wall, causing the leader to take a bigger fall and possibly injuring the belayer. And what if the sudden jerk caused the belayer to lose control of his brake hand?

Lead climbers teaching their friends how to belay for the first time, unsupervised.

Supervise ALL beginning belayers; don't lead climb with a complete novice responsible for your safety. (In one situation, the belayer was lowering the climber after his lead and she had no idea how to apply the brake on the belay device. She had her brake hand out in the direction of the climber and was burning her hand trying to grip the rope to lower him. How was she going to stop a lead fall? In another situation, the belayer had a PILE of slack on the ground between the belay device and the climber. The leader could have fallen 25 feet, even if he had fallen immediately after clipping a bolt above his head.)

Leading without a helmet - "it's an easy 5.9 sport climb!"

Always wear a helmet when you lead. It helps to keep your brains on the inside of your head. I saw a climber take a lead fall on a non-threatening looking sport route. His leg got caught in the rope and slipped upside down, so that he ended up dangling head first, less than a foot off the deck. If he had dropped just a little more, his unprotected head would probably have burst open. If he had dropped a LOT more, even a helmet wouldn't have saved him.

Slingshot anchor made of one piece of sling

around a medium sized jug handle at the top of a climb.

Always make your anchors redundant and solid. Anchor school grads, remember SRENE? This anchor was not redundant, nor was it solid as far as I could see.

Climbers getting into a rappel without anchoring in. The top of the rock was flat and comfortable, and the chains were easy to reach so none of the three climbers ahead of us anchored in.

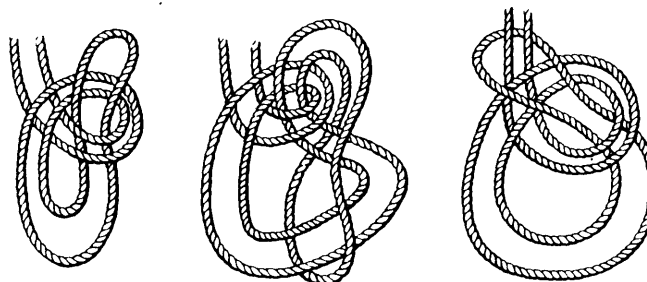
ALWAYS put yourself on an anchor before you rappel, so that you can lean back and test your rappel setup. If you've made a mistake in getting the rope through the belay device or your harness locker, your anchor will save your life when you weight your rappel device and it blows out

Dogs unleashed, unattended, and behaving badly at the crags. Although this is not an issue of CLIMBING safely, does affect CLIMBERS' safety.

I've seen an unattended dog bite a child at Mt. Eldon. I've seen numerous dog fights at Jack's Canyon and Queen Creek (that will distract you when you're leading!) We had a dog jumping all over our lead rope as David was starting the first pitch of the Wasteland -- the dog was panicked and trying to follow his owners who went up ahead of us. I had a large doberman guard me from my own pack at Paradise Forks until his owner showed up. Leash your dogs at all times if you feel you MUST bring them and never leave them unattended. Better yet, leave them at home.

—Sally

CAN YOU TIE IT?



Bowline-on-a-bight.

Better Than Carrying Buckets

No, you don't have to carry water to the elephants, or the rhinos or even the antelopes. The zoo has modern plumbing nowadays; they no longer let you in free if you do this chore.

But wait! There is a way into the zoo without paying. REI, the Phoenix Zoo and volunteers from AMC are joining together for the first ever Zoo Quest!

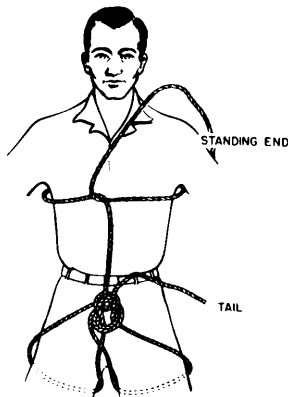
"Kids" of assorted ages will explore the zoo at night and, while still inside its walls will try rock climbing, kayaking, orienteering, and mountain biking

AMC has been asked to take care of the climbing wall that will be at the zoo. It is a self belaying system (hydraulic) and we only need to make sure that people are in the harnesses the proper way. (We do not belay!) We will have a table there for our club information.

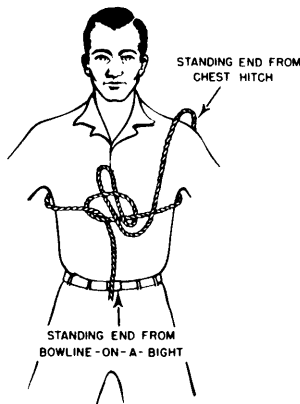
The days are Thurs., Fri., and Sat from 6 to 9pm. starting June 1st and running until July 1st. We must have three people working at the climbing wall to operate it

We can bring our families (they get in free) while we are working the wall. I really think we should support this event. I have a good start on the volunteers but we still will need more. Come on out and join in the fun. Call me at 602-569-0790 if you can help out one evening. Thanks—

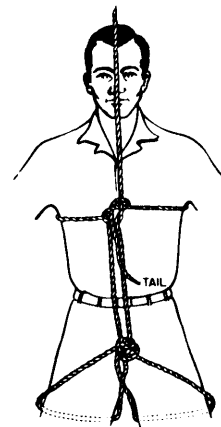
-Kim Huenecke



BOWLINE IN POSITION ON BODY



SECURING CHEST HITCH



-COMPLETED LIFE BASKET

Find a non-climber in trouble? No extra harness? Make a civil defense rope-only rescue basket.

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!

Meet at Broken Tooth Saturday morning. As you drive into Canyonlands from Newspaper Rock (3rd gate from reservoir) turn right. If you pass a good-sized safety pullout, you have gone too far.

See you there!

Call Richard to sign up, you don't want to miss this outing. 602-953-9198.

Sally

SCREE — *By Wally Vegors*

There has been a desultory debate in AMC for years about why some people don't keep up their memberships. Unfortunately, our records are maintained in such a way that we lose them totally, both name and address, if someone does not renew each year. We hope to fix this in the future by simply printing an annual mailing address run on plain paper, rather than labels, and then filing it away to an archive.

But the upshot is that right now — we can't find the dropouts to ask them *how come?*

My impression is that "life" is the main culprit — people are graduated from school, they move out of state to take a job, they get promoted elsewhere, they have babies, a health problem or injury grounds them, or their family members require full-time care. They are just "not available" and cannot go on outings.

Others get harnessed into the rat-race so they have to work weekends and evenings. The worst-case scenario is that, in order to stay in the fast track, they have to (gack!) play golf with their boss or co-workers when they should be climbing. I note a constant slow attrition of club leadership due to the demands of careers, or at least to putting food on the table. (Fortunately, new leaders keep appearing.)

I'm sure some people get everything they need from AMC and then leave. They learn the basics of safe climbing, learn the climbing areas, and then tie in with a climbing partner or two. No need to wait for an outing — they can build their own whenever they want. AMC becomes irrelevant by giving them all they need to do it on their own. This is not bad. It is one of the reasons the club was founded.

Then there is the social (to put it euphemistically) aspect. Where better place to find a healthy, smart, strong, daring girl than on the rocks? Boy climbers chase girl climbers and vice-versa. The club (sooner or later) has the weddings to prove it.

But suppose your PRESENT boy/girl friend is totally turned off by climbing? The pressure can be strong to give up climbing for Jet Skiing or antiquing or getting smashed in sports bars. The biological imperative doesn't permit unlimited time for shallying around.

These are things the AMC must accept. It is simply what happens. However, I'm sure this does not encompass ALL the reasons people drop out. And it is these unknown reasons that have aroused my curiosity. Here is a tentative list of whys, some of which the AMC can do something about, some which it can't. Can you think of others?

- It costs too much for gear and travel. I have to put my money into necessities..
- Club climbs are not challenging enough.
- I aspire to do big walls — and the club cannot fill this need.
- AMC is too fuddyish with its emphasis on safety.
- Club climbs are usually harder than I can do.
- I cannot get away for days to go on climbs in California or Utah or even distant parts of Arizona.
- I weigh 20 pounds too much to do it well.
- I dislike having to wait to get on a club outing climb because of the number of people.
- I tried it to see if I liked it — and I didn't.
- Dues are too high.
- Same old areas over and over.
- Training costs too much.
- I don't much like some people in the club.
- I can't take my kids along, and baby sitting is too expensive.
- I now realize you can get killed if you goof up.
- My dog can't follow where I go.
- The leaders can climb, but they don't help make it enjoyable or fun — I'm just slowing them down.
- It is not so much a thrill as hard work.
- I'm built wrong to be a good climber.
- Scares the b'jeezus out of me.
- My friendship with my climbing girl/boy-friend has ended. He/she was my reason for climbing.
- I have taken up motorcycle racing, etc.
- I'm too dang old and stiff.
- It is too hot/cold here to really enjoy it.
- Not enough eligible women/men.

PR professionals would be aghast at what I have just done — invited criticism of the club. — "Don't plant seeds of dissatisfaction. We're the greatest!" But the fact is that about 5% of the club's members have to make the decisions for the other 95%. There is plenty of room to miss opportunities, or misinterpret "facts" and to generally screw things up through ignorance or simple habit or tradition..

Club membership peaks are higher now than they have ever been in the past. So AMC has to be doing some things right. But I can't help wondering if we could rather easily do things better, if we just knew where improvement was needed. Any ideas? Let board members know. Better yet, come to a board meeting with your impressions, thoughts and ideas.

- you can spare. Bring gloves, shovel, pick. See page 5 in Newsletter. Wayne 623-878-3914
- Jun 23-24 **Jack's Canyon** NO LIMIT. Scott Hoffman, 623-580-8909
- Jun 26 **Swap Meet** Regular AMC meeting at **North Mountain Park**, 7th St and Peoria, 7-10 p.m..
- Jun 29 **Pinnacle Peak trailwork** Meet at PP Park east side (Patio area). 5:00 p.m. to dark or whatever time you can spare. Bring gloves, shovel, pick. . Wayne 623-878-3914
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- July24 **Richard Horst** meeting program.
- Aug 28 **Photo Contest** at regular meeting
- Sep25 **Rebecca Rusch** program at regular meeting

*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.

**COMMERCIALLY PROVIDED TRAINING AND SERVICES
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June **Guide School** near Durango, Colorado. Erik Filsinger, (480) 314-1089

BILLBOARD — Other Scheduled Events **

Tuesdays **North Mountain Hikes** Evening. Rogil Schroeter, (623) 878-3914

Wednesdays **Arizona Climbing Center** - 6:00 p.m., Rogil Schroeter, (623) 878-3914

Thursdays **South Mountain Park** Teddy Bear Wall after work, Chris Query, (480) 394-9780H, (602) 258-6471W.

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

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

- May 22 **Big Ditch Escapades** program at regular meeting, Dave Ganci
- May 25 **Pinnacle Peak trailwork** Meet at PP Park east side (Patio area). 5:00 p.m. to dark or whatever time you can spare. Bring gloves, shovel, pick. See page 5 in Newsletter. Wayne 623-878-3914.
- May 26-29 **Indian Creek, Utah.** A good range of difficulty in crack climbing including some that are fairly easy. Meet at Broken Tooth Saturday morning. As you drive into Canyonlands from Newspaper Rock (3rd gate from reservoir, turn right. If you pass a good-sized safety pullout, you have gone too far. See you there! Richard Horst 602-953-9198.
- Jun 1 **Pinnacle Peak trailwork** Meet at PP Park east side (Patio area). 5:00 p.m. to dark or whatever time you can spare. Bring gloves, shovel, pick. See page 5 in Newsletter. Wayne 623-878-3914
- Jun 3-4 **Jack's Canyon** Fun limestone sport climbing near Winslow. Dry camp and climb both days or come out for a day. Bill Stinson billphxhome@uswest.net.
- Jun 3 **Four Peaks** A strenuous, one-day, multi-pitch climb (5.6 or 5.8). Jeff Nagel 602-721-1968.
- Jun 8 **Pinnacle Peak trailwork** Meet at PP Park east side (Patio area). 5:00 p.m. to dark or whatever time you can spare. Bring gloves, shovel, pick. See page 5 in Newsletter. Wayne 623-878-3914
- Jun 10 **Mount Elden.** Climb and camp (Sat. night) in cool Flagstaff, 5.6-5.10. Meet behind the Denny's at I-17 and Bell at 6:30 a.m. NO LIMIT. Tom Conner (480) 897-7623.
- Jun 11 **Humphreys Peak.** Hike to the top of Arizona's highest peak. Meet in the lower parking lot of the Snow Bowl (just north of Flagstaff off of Hwy 180) at 8:30 a.m. NO LIMIT. Tom Conner (480) 897-7623.
- Jun 15 **Pinnacle Peak trailwork** Meet at PP Park east side (Patio area). 5:00 p.m. to dark or whatever time you can spare. Bring gloves, shovel, pick. See page 5 in Newsletter. Wayne 623-878-3914
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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 Jeff Nagel at (480) 968-2020.

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