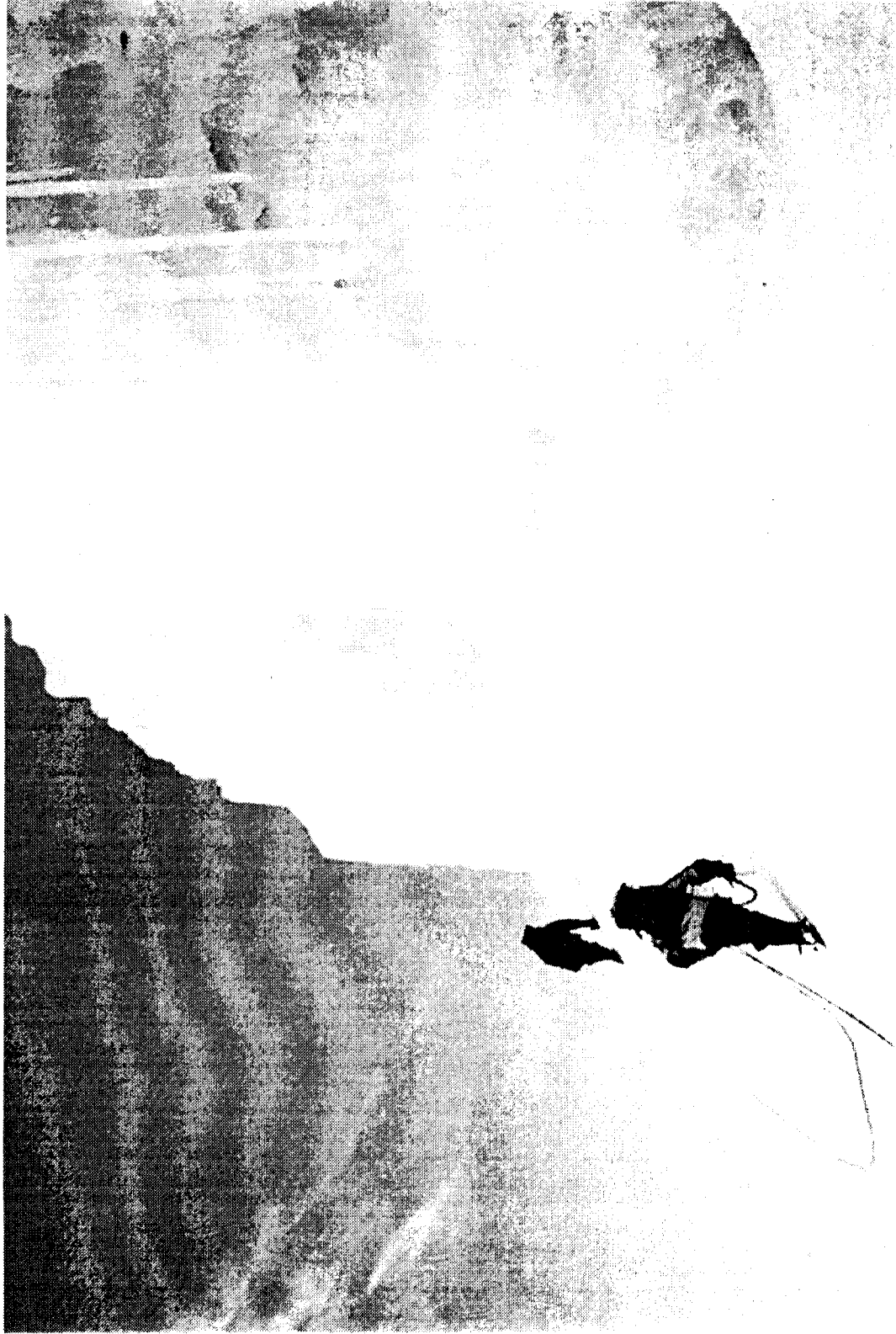


ARIZONA MOUNTAINEER

OCTOBER 2001

AMC Members chose this photo as the first prize entry in the AMC Photo Contest held at the September Membership meeting. It shows climbers approaching the 18,997 foot summit of Cayambe, in Ecuador.

Photo by Jeff Haffield



THE ARIZONA MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

MEETINGS: The AMC normally meets the 4th Mon. each month (Nov. & 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 sent to:

AMC Membership Committee
6519 W. Aire Libre Ave.
Glendale, Az. 85306

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

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 or e-mail <vegors@worldnet.att.net>

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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, Jen Davies, 480-473-7342.

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 Vertical Times, 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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Personal ads: free to members.
Business ads: \$5.00 for business card; \$10.00 for half page; \$20.00 for full page \$25.00 for inserts/
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October Deadline: 15 September 2001

HOT STUFF!!!

THE MOST HEARTLESS "ISM"
THAT EXISTS
BRINGS SUFFERING TO AFRICA,
THE BALKANS,
THE MIDDLE EAST —
AND HERE
TRIBALISM!

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 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.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Bill Demlong 1, Deke Joralmon 2, Melissa Masteller 2, Michael Nevels 3, Vic Ayala 6, Paul Norberg 8, Heather Ryan 9, Kevin Stevens 9, Lori Horst 10, Kathi Reichert 10, Rogil Schroeter 12, Michael Frazer 13, Gisela Kluwin 14, Lucinda Larocque 14, Dave Lemons 14, William Germann 15, Thomas Kieffer 15, Greg Opland 15, Linda Prideaux 16, Christy Wilson 16, Kevin Kriegel 18, Teri Roeder 18, Chris Mikos 20, Jeffrey Nagel 20, Anthony Levin 22, Roberta Sunkin 22, Ron Whitt 22, Brad Sanders 23, Greg Archer 27, Annika Gray 27, Eric Kendle 28, Jeff Hatfield 29, Sue Goins 31

MINUTES OF THE AMC BOARD MEETING: 9/10/01

Board Members Present: Filsinger, Hatfield, Hoffman, McHenry, Keedy, Stinson, Ward
Committee Chairs Present: Davies, Huenecke, Thomas, Vegers

I. Having a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 7 PM

II. Minutes of August Board Meeting were approved.

III. Treasurers Report was presented and discussed.

IV. Presidents Updates:

A. Budget for 2002 needs to be submitted at the November meeting.

Hatfield, Stinson, Ward and Filsinger will spearhead this. Committee Chairs need to review past budgets and submit their requests for 2002 by next meeting.

B. All Board positions except Larimer and McHenry will be up for vote for 2002. Hatfield will draft article for newsletter.

C. Discussion on security of our funds and bonding. No decision was made.

D. Discussion on frequent failure in getting through agenda items. We will start meetings at 6 PM starting next meeting.

E. Club liability insurance expires this month. Insurance costs are rising exponentially. Tim will draft article explaining our situation for the newsletter. Obtaining Director and Officer's insurance coverage will be discussed and acted on at the next Board meeting. Members will be invited to attend at the next Member meeting.

F. Bylaws were sent to all Board members. Comments/corrections/deletions/ additions should be sent to Filsinger.

V. Old Business

A. Dues – No action needed. Approved at last meeting.

B. Newsletter alternative – Electronic version will begin in 2002 for all who elect that option on their membership renewal.

C. Standing Rules – Motion made, seconded and carried to replace Standing Rule 11-13-73-3 with revised Standing Rule 09-10-10-1 which reads: " The board recognizes that it has the responsibility to make club position and policy decisions. The president is the designated spokesperson for the club regarding this responsibility. The board may authorize individual club members to be a spokesperson for specified club positions and policies.

Members of the board and chairman of club committees have the authority to communicate with the media and individuals under the aegis of the club in their special areas. This authority is for the

communication of general information and does not include being a spokesperson of club positions and policies. "

Revision of Standing Rule 11-13-73-11
Revision will go to outing leaders for discussion and comments before being acted upon by the board.

D. Motion made, seconded and carried to require all Outing Leaders to maintain current CPR and First Aid certification. The Certification Committee will set up procedures.

E. Library – There are a number of library materials overdue. The secretary will compose a letter to all those have outstanding library materials requesting verification of our records and return of those materials.

F. Club Email – Belay Queen Email was discussed. Penny will be contacted.

G. There was a continued discussion of the Yahoo Groups electronic discussion group. While it was recognized that it serves a valued function for the members of the group, it was felt that the AMC should not be in the business of running and overseeing an electronic discussion group and that the group could exist and function outside of official AMC oversight. Motion made seconded and unanimously passed to disconnect the AMC from oversight of the Yahoo Groups, remove AMC logo from that site. The Board would request that the Yahoo Groups site carry a disclaimer stating that it is an independent entity and is not an official function of the AMC. The AMC will entertain bulletin board type announcements of the Yahoo Groups existence to allow for recruiting of members to the site in a way similar to the ability of members to announce unofficial activities they are doing in the bulletin board section of the newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

BOARD MEETING TIME CHANGE

In a move designed to permit the AMC Board to fully cover its agenda, the meeting time has been moved up an hour, to 6:00 p.m., for the indefinite future. They normally are held second Tuesday.

As always members are encouraged to attend any and all board meetings in order to present their views and suggestions or to simply observe.

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%.

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
Ice Crampons			15.00
Snow 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	5.00
Snow pickets; flukes		10 @	5.00
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
01/01/01 Thru 8/31/01
Category Description

Amount

Category Description	Amount
INCOME	
Administrative	0.00
Advertising	20.00
Book Sale & fines	0.00
Equipment Rental (incl shoes)	207.00
Interest	7.29
Membership Dues	6,980.50
Mountaineering Schools	352.80
Program Income	10.00
Schools	352.80
Tee Shirts	555.00
Training & Safety	14,505.00

TOTAL INCOME 22,1772.59

EXPENSES

Access	1,105.53
Administration	1,238.15
Bouldering Contest	300.00
Club Functions	0.00
Equipment Purchase, Maint	392.59
Insurance	33.51
Library	134.81
Mountaineering	251.22
Newsletter	2,422.00
Outings	146.00
Programs	2,082.53
Bank Charge	11.71
T-shirts	1230.46
Training & Safety	6,592.50

TOTAL EXPENSES 15,935.85

OVERALL FOR YEAR TO DATE 6,921.15

ACCOUNT BALANCES

CD Account	5,077.73
Savings	525.38
Checking	8,812.42

TOTAL ASSETS \$14,415.53

Bolivia

A slide show by Tom and Tui Conner

Bolivia is the Tibet of the Americas – the highest and most isolated of the Latin American countries. High mountains, clear skies virtually every day during the climbing season, and easy access to great mountaineering make Bolivia a prime target for Alpine adventures.

In June 2001, Tom and Tui visited Bolivia. The trip starts at the La Paz airport, more than 13,300 feet above sea level, and moves to the city itself, somewhat lower but at 12,500 feet still the highest capital city in the world. The show is part travellog (the high plains, ruins of Tihuanaco, Lake Titicaca) and part climbing, including attempts on Huayna Potosi (19, 974') and Illimani (21, 125').

At the AMC Membership Meeting

Monday, October 22

7:00 P.M.

Los Olivos Senior Center, 2802 E. Devonshire

PONDERING INSURANCE PROS—CONS

Currently the AMC does not have a liability insurance policy.

Historically, the club operated without any type of insurance purchased by the club to protect members against lawsuits arising out of negligence on club outings, etc. Last year in response to a reassessment of risk management issues in the climbing world, the board explored the need and availability of liability insurance. A policy was located for a cost of approximately \$1300.00 per year. Ultimately, the club's membership voted to authorize funding in order to purchase this insurance policy. It was acquired on September 1, 2000.

Since then, the insurer has made a change to the policy that eliminates protection to club members from claims made by other club members against them. The board feels this limits the protection provided by the policy to incidents least likely to occur and fails to provide protection to the club's members from the most likely sources of claims. While this changed policy is available at a reasonable rate of about \$1,000, it does not do what we had envisioned from a risk management perspective.

Another insurer has offered to provide the desired coverage at a cost of approximately \$9,000.00, almost nine times the cost of last year's policy. While that cost would seem to be out of line for us, the board is continuing to seek liability coverage and explore its options.

However, another risk management concern has been raised both by our insurance agent and by our risk management legal counsel. That is the question of Director's and Officer's Insurance coverage.

During our discussions about insurance and risk management, the issue of insurance designed to protect the members of the board from claims was raised. This situation is analogous to the D&O protection almost all homeowner's associations put in place. The concern is that some members of the club may choose to not participate as members of the board in the absence of some type of insurance to protect them from the expenses of litigation. Consequently, the board is considering the need for Directors and Officers policy in addition to a liability insurance policy. While it is a separate stand-alone issue, D&O coverage would help us recruit and retain our volunteer club leaders.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As we all get about the business of establishing some normality to our lives after the tragic events of September 11, much of the type of thing I normally write about in this column seems rather trivial, so I am going to take this occasion to tell you about something very moving I experienced on Saturday the 15th of September.

Rogil Schroeter has been wanting for several years to do the Four Peaks ridgeline. This year she assembled a total of 7 AMC'ers to tackle the hike/climb. The cast of characters was Rogil, Richard Kocher, Tom Conner, Deke Joralmon, Harry Zulch, Susan Morris, and myself. The climb was successful under hot, but beautiful weather. I hope one of the group reports on the outing separately.

What I wanted to report here was that this group of varied personalities and persuasions unbeknownst to the group as a whole had hit upon a singular idea: we wanted to plant the American flag on each summit. Susan, Deke, and Richard each placed our country's flag on the summits in the spirit of patriotism and reserve. On Brown's peak, our last one for the day, Susan read aloud an entry in the summit registry from another hiker the day before about his reaction and thoughts to the events of the 11th. It was a deeply poignant moment I'll always remember.

We should each be a little wiser and deeply grateful for our freedoms. We should thank the heroes who save lives while possibly losing their own. And we should each reach out and touch someone with the life that runs through us.

God Bless America.

(Insurance for the club — Contd.)

The cost is estimated to be about \$1,000 a year and we would have monies available for it. The Board would decide whether to institute it this year and/or put it into the budget cycle for next year.

We are seeking input from the members of the club—please use one (or more) of the following methods to participate in this discussion: 1. Attend the next board meeting scheduled for October 8 from 6:00pm - 9:00pm at the Los Olivos Senior Center, 2. Email the board at <mailto:board@azmountaineeringclub.org?subject=Suggestions to Board Members-AMC> board@AzMountaineeringClub.org, 3. Speak with one of the board members prior to the next board meeting.

—Tim Ward

Arizona Preserve Initiative – Preserving North Scottsdale

As many of you are aware, Scottsdale's Arizona Preserve Initiative petition recently asked Arizona State Land Commissioner Michael Anable to reclassify 16,600 acres in North Scottsdale for conservation. These acres are important to the AMC because they include Little Granite Mountain and Cholla Mountain. It is also important because this additional land will help increase the size of the Sonoran McDowell Preserve and will provide a corridor between the Preserve and the wilderness land just north of this area.

Unfortunately, we didn't get all of the 16,600 acres reclassified. However, in a complex arrangement, about 70% of the land will be held off the market and State Land Commissioner Anable promised to work with city officials to help them by all of the acreage. Thank you to everyone who placed phone calls to the Governor's office. It looks like our voices were heard in this partial victory. I will keep you posted on any new developments.

Pinnacle Peak Update

Construction of the trailhead facility has begun on Pinnacle Peak. Assuming that the construction is not delayed due to weather or other unforeseen events, the facility will be completed in January, 2002. In the meantime, the park will remain closed. An opening date will be announced as soon as more information regarding the progress of the construction is available. I will forward new details as they become available.

Would you like to be a Volunteer at Pinnacle Peak Park? Volunteers are needed for a variety of jobs once the park opens. If you enjoy people and the outdoors, this is your opportunity to make a difference in your community. Some volunteer duties needed include tour guides, trail rovers, trail maintenance, office work, or your specialty. All volunteers will be trained in the various fields that they choose to work. Training sessions are expected to be conducted in November and December. A commitment of a few hours a week or once a month is all it takes. If you are interested, please contact John Loleit, Pinnacle Peak Parks Coordinator at (480) 312-7955 or jlleit@ci.scottsdale.az.us.

Access Fund Donation

The AMC has been a long time supporter of the Access Fund. This year it was approved by our Board of Directors that our yearly donation would be made in the memory of AMCer Noel Suderer.

Remembrances of Noel from fellow AMC members include his wonderful sense of adventure. He enjoyed the many climbing adventures with the Club, and especially the trips to Joshua Tree. Noel loved to work with youth, especially disadvantaged youth and kids with disabilities. He had a degree in Recreation Management from ASU West and worked for Tucson Parks and Recreation. Noel spent his last three years scuba diving in Thailand and teaching English to young children in Taiwan.

BASIC SCHOOL INSTRUCTOGRAM

The Basic School instructor's meeting will be held at 6:30 PM Thursday, October 11, at Sally & Dave Larimer's home, 5617 E. Windsor Ave., Scottsdale.

Drive to 56th St and Thomas or 56th St and Oak; 56th St does not go through from McDowell on the south. Closest freeway access is 52nd St. exit of 202; go north on 52nd St to Thomas or Oak, turn east to 56th St. From 56th St and Thomas, drive south to Windsor. From 56th St and Oak, drive north to Windsor. Turn east on Windsor to 5617 - white house on the SE corner of Windsor and 56th Place.

We will measure and mark all the rope, discuss changes for this class and ask for volunteers for the lectures and demos. Call Sally with questions, etc. 480-425-9689.

The Basic School dates are:

Oct 16, 18 Tue., Thu. 6:00pm - 10:00pm
Havasupai Ramada, North Mountain Park.

Oct 20, 21 Sat., Sun. 8:00am - 5:00pm
North McDowell Mountains, Scottsdale.

Oct 23, 25 Tue., Thu. 6:00pm 10pm
Arizona Climbing Center.

Oct 27, Sat. all day Grad climbs & Grad party.
If you can host the grad party please let Sally know ASAP. Thanks

— Sally

Trip Report - U.S. Grant Peak (13,767 feet), Class 4/5

My dilemma with mountain climbing, like probably most of us who live in central Arizona, is that we are here and the mountains are, well, there. With limited time to catch an occasional peak and with acclimatization considerations, we either are fortunate enough to be able to catch a plane or we have to settle for driving for those long weekend trips.

For quite a few years my goal was to bag the CO 14'ers, so I gradually ticked off that list of the select 54. Then I started on the top CO 100 and have 70-some of them done, including the 14'ers. Along the way I decided that a list of peaks arranged by height lead to less great adventures than evaluating the climb itself. I've even come to say that height is probably one of the least important aspects of mountaineering. And I have come to appreciate the total mountain experience: setting, aspect, route aesthetics, grade and class, purity of line, solitude, etc.

To my pleasant surprise the high 13'ers I started doing in the top 100 were more pleasurable as a complete mountaineering experiences than most of the crowded 14'ers. Heck, even if a peak is not in the top 100...you get the picture. And the benefit for central Arizonans is that there are many fine 13'ers within that 8 to 10 hour drive from Phoenix. I am speaking of great looking peaks hiding among 14'ers, like Gladstone between the Wilson's and Dallas, Teakettle, and Potosi flanking Sneffels.

A hidden set of gems, that I frankly have been shy about proclaiming but want to share with you, are just outside of Silverton, CO. The peaks I speak of surround Ice Lake Basin. They are, rotating from the south to the west and then north, Fuller, Vermillion, Golden Horn, Pilot Knob, and US Grant.

A particular benefit to these climbs is the beautiful approach. You park next to the South Mineral Creek USFS Campground (I try to haunt winters here too for the great water ice climbing across the creek.) A winding and solid trail brings you about 2 miles up to Lower Ice Lake. Given my relatively poor acclimatization (damn that biology stuff), I do best on a long weekend by camping in the meadows here at about 11,400 feet. Others could push another 800 feet or so to Ice Lake itself, but that is above timberline and of no real benefit. In years where I have been particularly in shape after a week of CO climbing I do the climbs in a day from the trailhead. I'm sure many of you could do that option as well.

This Labor Day Susan and I hiked into Lower Ice Lake Basin Saturday afternoon and planted our tent in idyllic surroundings just beneath the approach to US Grant, rated

by Garratt in his 13'ers book as "difficult." We figured that the climb from tent to summit was less than 2 miles over less than 2,400 vertical feet. Afternoon storms were rolling in, so we were tent-bound much of the rest of the day.

Sunday morning we arose to be able to place our boots on the grassy/flowery hillside at first light. One of the beauties of the high 13'ers is that you don't have crowds and there seldom are trails. It is you and the mountain, often with fairly meager route description. It's often kind of, "go up grass slopes and head NW to the saddle", never mind the cliff bands, etc., to be negotiated along the way.

Elevation gain was definitive and we soon topped into a truly magical surrounding - Island Lake sits below the US Grant cliffs with grassy slopes rimming its banks and a major island of rock, grass, and flowers sitting in the middle.

Stiff scree led to the saddle at the bottom of the SW Ridge (I would not call it as the guidebooks do the S ridge) of US Grant. Scrambling along, we arrived at what was portended to be the crux and thus the "difficult" rating.

A 12 to 15 foot vertical section of cliff lead to a narrow shelf/ledge that circled back to the east onto the South Face. I had come somewhat loaded for bear (sorry for the expression) with stoppers and cams, but little of that was needed. I imagine a lot of folks would be comfortable scrambling up it unroped. I led up to the ledge and had to be careful of handholds and footholds that were a little shaky (no, not thin, shaky as in you could shake them, loose in other words). I could not find placements directly above in the rotten rock, so went about 20 feet along the ledge to a blocky corner where I placed an anchor and brought Susan up.

I then led back around a couloir, still on the same ledge. I guess it would be here that the guidebooks suggest that folks might also want a rope and the drop was probably in the greater than 100 foot range, but neither of us felt the exposure particularly. However, the rope was probably a good idea because of the loose nature of the rock and the consequences of a slip. I place another piece in the back of the

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PHOTO CONTEST RESULTS



Debby Brown reins in her gallant steed on a recent outing. Climbing gets you into interesting places! This photo won first in the Humor categories of AMC's recent photo contest.

AMC'ers voted for their favorites at the annual Photo Contest held during the August regular meeting. They had a relatively small but very diverse selection to choose from.

The first place pick in the mountaineering category appears on our front cover – a shot of traversing a 50-degree snow slope on Mt. Cayambe in Ecuador taken by Jeff Hatfield. Sherrie Holbrook's entries won second and third.

Debby Brown (subject) and Bruce Robbins (photographer) took first in the humor-whimsy category. It appeared she was riding a bouldery snail or camel with sling reins. Entries by Kurt Korpong and Tom Kreuser filled second and third.

Kurt Korpong to first in the landscape category and Bruce McHenry led in "other". Tom Kreuser struck again with a second in landscape and Jeff Hatfield scored again with third in landscape.

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ANCHORS SCHOOL

This course is the next step for Basic School grads and will teach you to safely set anchors for top-roping.

First session: We will cover anchor components, anchor types, knots, hitches.

Second session: We will cover basic anchor system setups and characteristics.

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

Fourth session: This is an opportunity to practice your newly learned skills. We will have a climbing outing where you set the anchors under supervision of instructors and then we climb on your anchors.

DATES, TIMES AND PLACES FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL ARE:

Nov 6, Tue. (6:00 pm - 9:30 pm): Dreamy Draw Park (Northern Ave & Squaw Peak Freeway, turn east on Northern)

Nov 8, Thu. (6:00 pm - 9:30 pm): Dreamy Draw Park

Nov 10, Sat. (8:00 am - 4:00 pm): North Scottsdale

Nov 11, Sun. (7:00 am - 4:00 pm): Location to be announced

To get to Dreamy Draw Park take the 51 "Squaw Peak" to Northern and turn East on Northern. This will take you directly into the Park. We will be at the big Ramada next to the parking lot. Directions to the other locations will be given out then.

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

COST: \$50 (\$65 non-members). Register by sending a check payable to AMC Anchors School to Rogil Schroeter, 6519 W. Aire Libre, Glendale, AZ, 85306. No credit cards accepted. (Please note: the registration fee is fully refundable if you cancel.) Call Rogil Schroeter at 623-878-3914 for more information.

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR THE CLASS WILL BE:

- 2 non-locking "D" or Oval carabiners
- 2 locking carabiners (one of which should be a parabiner)
- 1 rappel device (figure-8, Sticht plate, Trango Pyramid, Black Diamond ATC, etc.)
- 1 climbing harness
- 1 ea 4', 4', 6', 10' 6mm prusiks (untied length)
- 2 5' slings (AKA runners, 1" tubular webbing, untied length)
- 2 10' slings (1" tubular webbing, untied length)
- 2 20' slings (1" tubular webbing, untied length)
- 1 helmet

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

Students will be required to wear a helmet during the Saturday and Sunday sessions. We have helmets available if you do not have one.

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

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

- any other pro you may have (hexes, stoppers, camming devices, Tri-cams, etc.)
- extra biners (regular D's, ovals, and lockers - stay away from specialty biners at this time)

LIGHTNING DANGERS –Continued from last month

The following is excerpted from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA):

Lightning - The Underrated Killer

In the United States, there are an estimated 25 million cloud-to-ground lightning flashes each year. During the past 30 years, lightning killed an average of 73 people per year in the United States based on documented cases. This is more than the average of 68 deaths per year caused by tornadoes and 16 deaths per year caused by hurricanes. However, because lightning usually claims only one or two victims at a time, and because lightning does not cause the mass destruction left in the wake of tornadoes or hurricanes, lightning generally receives much less attention. While documented lightning injuries in the United States average about 300 per year, unreported injuries caused by lightning are likely much higher.

Lightning Safety Outdoors

The Single Most Dangerous Place

Being out-of-doors is the most dangerous place to be during a lightning storm. It puts you and your loved ones at increased and unnecessary risk. When lightning is seen or thunder is heard, or when dark clouds are observed, quickly move indoors or into a hard-topped vehicle and remain there until well after the lightning storm ends. Listen to forecasts and warnings from your local National Weather Service Office through NOAA Weather Radio and other sources. If lightning storms are forecast, have in mind an alternate plan for the day's activities or know where you can take cover quickly.

Lightning Doesn't Take A Vacation

The lightning "season" in the United States corresponds closely with the traditional summer vacation. Holiday periods during the summer such as near the Fourth of July are historically among the most deadly. Throughout the summer, a lot more people are exposed to the deadly effects of lightning in such locations as the beach, the golf course, the mountains, or on a ball field. During the summer lightning season, outdoor jobs such as those in construction and agriculture, and outdoor chores such as lawn mowing or house painting are at their peak, putting those involved in danger. This is highlighted by the fact that there are three times as many males struck by lightning.

Stay Away From Trees and Water

Although anywhere outdoors involves risk during a lightning storm, certain locations are more vulnerable than others. These include: near the water,

such as when involved in boating, fishing or just lying on the beach; near trees, such as on the golf course or near picnic grounds; on high places such as house roofs during construction or working on antennae; in other open areas, such as a farmer's field or hiking trail; near vehicles or planes such as police, airport baggage handlers and heavy equipment operators.

When People Congregate

A particularly dangerous situation is when people congregate such as at a sporting event or concert. The potential for multiple casualties with a closely gathered group of people is great.

A single lightning strike can kill several people who are either in physical contact with one another or are in close enough proximity that the strike can spread out over the ground. This includes spectators sitting on the same bleacher seat or football players in a huddle. School children are particularly vulnerable when at recess, at phys. ed., at band, football and baseball practice, and walking in groups to and from school.

Safety Rules

1. Go quickly inside a completely enclosed building, not a carport, open garage, covered patio, or an open window
2. If no enclosed building is convenient, get inside a hard-topped all-metal vehicle
3. Do not take shelter under a tree.
4. If there is no shelter, avoid being the tallest object in the area. If only isolated trees are nearby, crouch on the balls of your feet in the open, keeping twice as far away from a tree as it is tall.
5. Avoid leaning against vehicles. Get off bicycles and motorcycles
6. Get out of the water...off the beach and out of small boats or canoes. If caught in a boat, crouch down in the center of the boat away from metal hardware. Avoid standing in puddles of water, even if wearing rubber boots.
7. Avoid open spaces, wire fences, metal clothes lines, exposed sheds and electrically conductive elevated objects
8. Do not use metal objects like golf clubs, fishing rods, tennis rackets or tools
9. Do not work on fences, telephone or power lines, pipelines, or steel fabrications
10. Stop tractor work and heavy construction equipment, especially when pulling metal equipment, and dismount. Do not seek shelter under the equipment.
11. Avoid congregating in groups. Do not hold hands with others and space yourself several yards from one another.

Becoming familiar with outdoor lightning safety rules can save your life or that of a loved one.

U.S. GRANT REPORT

(Continued from page 7)

This Labor Day Susan and I hiked into Lower Ice Lake Basin Saturday afternoon and planted our tent in idyllic surroundings just beneath the approach to US Grant, rated by Garratt in his 13'ers book as "difficult." We figured that the climb from tent to summit was less than 2 miles over less than 2,400 vertical feet. Afternoon storms were rolling in, so we were tent-bound much of the rest of the day.

Sunday morning we arose to be able to place our boots on the grassy/flowery hillside at first light. One of the beauties of the high 13'ers is that you don't have crowds and there seldom are trails. It is you and the mountain, often with fairly meager route description. It's often kind of, "go up grass slopes and head NW to the saddle", never mind the cliff bands, etc., to be negotiated along the way.

Elevation gain was definitive and we soon topped into a truly magical surrounding – Island Lake sits below the US Grant cliffs with grassy slopes rimming its banks and a major island of rock, grass, and flowers sitting in the middle.

Stiff scree led to the saddle at the bottom of the SW Ridge (I would not call it as the guidebooks do the S ridge) of US Grant. Scrambling along, we arrived at what was portended to be the crux and thus the "difficult" rating.

A 12 to 15 foot vertical section of cliff lead to a narrow shelf/ledge that circled back to the east onto the South Face. I had come somewhat loaded for bear (sorry for the expression) with stoppers and cams, but little of that was needed. I imagine a lot of folks would be comfortable scrambling up it unroped. I led up to the ledge and had to be careful of handholds and footholds that were a little shaky (no, not thin, shaky as in you could shake them, loose in other words). I could not find placements directly above in the rotten rock, so went about 20 feet along the ledge to a blocky corner where I placed an anchor and brought Susan up.

I then led back around a couloir, still on the same ledge. I guess it would be here that the guidebooks suggest that folks might also want a rope and the drop was probably in the greater than 100 foot range, but neither of us felt the exposure particularly. However, the rope was probably a good idea because of the loose nature of the rock and the consequences of a slip. I place another piece in the back of the couloir and then anchors around the next corner.

I was trying to place the rock features into the two different guidebook descriptions I had. Garratt said go 20 yards and climb a couloir; Rosebrough said go about 60 yards. After the climb I concluded what I have often done before – those guys did not write their descriptions on the scene or they would have been closer to the features of the mountain. For what it's worth, I take guidebook descriptions as general guidelines, not to be interpreted literally. You need to be able to read the mountain and select your path accordingly.

From that second corner anchor, the climb turned surprisingly easy and was a mere upright scramble up some loose and grungy rock to a fairly level summit. We arrived before 10:00 a.m., perfectly on time, and after a quick lunch and obligatory photos, headed down.

We reversed our uphill ropework, except for the 15 foot vertical pitch. There was no evidence of a rap station, so we just downclimbed. Actually Susan felt very confident and belayed me down and then downclimbed with a bottom belay (to keep a fall from continuing down the slopes to the right or left. Her scrambling around the summit block of Squaw Peak after her lightening ascents has given her more and more confidence in her skills. (I'm usually a huffing and puffing mass of illiterate jelly.) I personally did not mind having the rope along, but confident rock climbers could probably do without it and save the extra weight of the rope and gear. Nevertheless, it is not a bad idea to take along a half-length rope when you are in the mountains as contingency planning.

The weather and the day stayed fine and we circled Island Lake on the northern side to see the other side of the island (on pretty days you should play with your time). But sure enough afternoon rains and thunder forced us back into our tent to await the leisurely hike out in sunshine Monday morning.

Unfortunately, as all my climbing experiences, it had to end and we battled the holiday traffic back to the Valley of the SSSSun. Oh well,...

SCREE — by Wally

AMC's Board is faced with a dilemma. The insurance policy that protected AMC members against injury has now expired. Fees have skyrocketed so that comparable insurance for next year would cost \$9,000 instead of \$1300 -- requiring our membership fees to *double*.

The club could get a cheaper kind of coverage but it would cover only damage suffered by non-club members — which has never been a matter of concern. In the unlikely event that an outsider sued AMC now and won all they could collect would be some used ropes and carabiners and a slim bank account.

There is another kind of insurance that is desirable that we can afford but it covers only the directors and officers of AMC — not general members. It protects them against suit for bad decisions (or at least decisions that some person feels are bad). It includes such matters as what is taught in our classes, how we conduct them, how we qualify climb leaders, scheduling trips in potentially hazardous seasons and places, etc.

In a way it affords more protection to the club itself than any other kind. If someone successfully sued one or all of the Directors or Officers — and won — it would effectively mean the end of AMC. No one would risk taking a leadership job from then on. We can buy more ropes. We cannot buy leadership.

Initially, AMC's officers, directors and leaders were uniformly dirt poor. We all operated under a gentler person's agreement: Members accepted certain risks by participating in a potentially dangerous sport; the club is not a commercial enterprise; The Directors, Officers and Climb Leaders are all volunteers who receive nothing tangible for their work. The incorporation was done later to give some slight protection of the officers against suit. Requiring club membership and waivers to participate in training or trips was another measure in this vein.

The upshot? I believe that D&O insurance is desirable and provides the best "insurance" for the club itself that can afford. Charging a \$50 membership fee each year would cut our numbers so drastically that dues would have to be raised to \$100 for those who stayed members — just to pay insurance. AMC would probably cease to exist.

We preach and teach and practice safety almost ad nauseum. Considering the hours members spend on rock, AMC has an enviable accident record. But accidents can happen. From the standpoint of all us climbers, the D&O, tho imperfect, makes sense.

LAST MINUTE GRAND CANYON NOTES

For camping at Mather campground you need to show a letter sent to me by ranger Ken Phillips at the campground entrance. I will have copies available at the club meeting on the 24th, and at the refresher on the 27th at Az. Climbing Center.

I remind you that the first 50 people to sign up for the cleanup get to camp at Mather. The rest of us will camp in National Forest just south of Tusayan. That's where I will be.

Call me if you are among the first 50 but will be good enough to camp in N.F. to make room at Mather for those less rugged. (I have 18 signed up now, and we have had about 80 each of the last 3 years.)

As for entrance to the park itself, Bring your AMC newsletter and tell the rangers at the entrance that you are there for the "Over-the-Rim Cleanup" on Saturday. This will get you in free. Of course you can pay the fee anyway, to help support the park.

Regardless of where you camp, we all meet at Mather POINT (not the campground) at 0800 (that's 8:00 AM) Saturday morning. After briefing and team assignments we will send one team and some gear to the Grand Canyon Village. The rest of us will clean at Mather Point.

Those staying at Mather will receive more specific info, so don't run off when the Village team clears out. Stay with me.

The requisite party that night will likely be at the Nat'l Forest site because there is a 10:00 PM Quiet Time rule at Mather Campground and we will respect it. If you plan to get well lubricated, please camp in the Nat'l Forest area so you won't have to drive later.

The Plan "B" party is a raid on the pizza joint in Tusayan. We'll take a vote on Sat. AM, the last time we'll all be together before the party.

Thanks in advance to everybody, especially those who help out at Papago, my sewing helpers, and those who help get all the gear to me or the sites when we need it.

Questions? Gumby at 602-508-9696.

: Expedition Planning

September 6 Mountaineering Seminar

After a two-month summer hiatus, our AMC Mountaineering Seminar series resumed on Thursday, September 6 with a discussion on expedition planning by AMC President Erik Filsinger. A mountaineering expedition can range from anywhere from an overnight backpacking trip close to home, to a three-month excursion to 8,000-meter peaks in the Himalayas. Therefore, knowing how to properly organize and plan an expedition is not only of interest to professional mountaineers but also to recreational climbers whose biggest trips may be weekend excursions to rock crags close to their own homes.

There are a number of considerations to take into account when planning an expedition. First, where do you want to go, and what are the characteristics of the locale? How far is it from home, what kind of weather can you expect, is it in the USA or a foreign county and if outside the USA, is it a highly developed or less developed country? Should you spend more money and go with a guided operation, or organize your own climbing team and climb on your own? If you do organize your own team, how do you form such a team? How do you find and select the climbers to join such a team?

We discussed the major styles of extended high-altitude mountaineering ascents. The traditional approach is expedition climbing, which involves setting up a number of camps, requires more equipment, and generally takes more time but which may provide a greater margin of safety. The other approach is the alpine style, in which the climbers carry everything with them as they move up the mountain. This is a lot faster but may be a riskier approach, particularly under extreme weather conditions. We discussed types of shelter, both man-made (i.e. tents, sleeping bags) and shelters made from natural materials (i.e. snow shelters, caves), and talked other equipment such as sleeping bags, ground pads, water filtration units, and camp stoves. We also discussed about how much food and fuel to bring on an expedition.

The AMC schedules its Mountaineering Seminars on the first Thursday of every month. Our next regular Mountaineering Seminar will be on Thursday, October 6 at 6:30 PM at the REI. AMC Trip Leader Jeff Hatfield will discuss clothing systems and will present examples of types of clothing to bring on mountaineering trips that will help protect you from the elements and will keep you warm and dry.

—Ken Akerman

FREE AT LAST!

Amnesty to all late library books for the month of October!

I am the acting librarian until the club has a appointed a new librarian. I was noticing that there are a lot of overdue club library books. Some people have fines that are more than the actual cost of the books!

PLEASE check around your house to see if you have club books

If you are not sure if you have a club book - just look inside the cover. It will either say "Property of the Arizona Mountaineering Club" or there will be a white envelope in it (library card goes into the envelope) For the month of October all fines will be waived for the return of the overdue library books!!!

The policy is that you must be a current member of the AMC. The circulation period is one month. Materials are due at the next general club meeting. The overdue fine is \$2 per title per month. 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. Please get the books in because we do have other club members that to enjoy them as well.

Remember October is amnesty for all overdue library books! If you are not able to make the meeting, please call a board or committee member to return the books for you. After October we will need to get the librarians with the long skirts and after you. If you have any questions, please call me at 602-569-0790.

Thanks! —Kim Huenecke

ACCESS TO ACCESS DOIN'S

AMC members (with cards) are to be admitted at no charge to the Flagstaff Kickin' Access event held on September 29th. This will occur on the strength of an AMC donation to this event, reports Bill Stinson, AMC treasurer. Of course, buying a ticket helps Access even more.

The party is from 2 to 10 p.m. at the Vertical Relief Rock Gym in Flag. If you leave right after the trash-pickling festivities at the Grand Canyon Cleanup you might drop by. There will be music, chow, gear raffles, climbing contests and a slideshow.

The Anchors School instructor's meeting will be held at 6:30 pm Thursday, Nov 1, at Sally & Dave Larimer's house, 5617 E. Windsor Ave., Scottsdale, 480-425-9689.

Drive to 56th St and Thomas or 56th St and Oak; 56th St does not go through from McDowell on the south. Closest freeway access is 52nd St. exit of 202; go north on 52nd St to Thomas or Oak, turn east to 56th St. From 56th St and Thomas, drive south to Windsor. From 56th St and Oak, drive north to Windsor. Turn east to 5617.

The Anchors School dates will be:

- Tue, Nov 6 Anchors Class, 6:00-9:30 pm, Dreamy Draw Park
- Thu, Nov 8 Anchors Class, 6:00-9:30 pm, Dreamy Draw Park
- Sat, Nov 10 Anchors field day, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Little Granite Mountain
- Sun, Nov 11 Anchors field day, 7:00 am - 4:00 pm, Promised Land (Prescott)

Rogil Schroeter

It's not too early to start thinking about the annual election of AMC officers and board members which will take place at the regular member meeting on January 28th. The positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, as well as three director positions, will be up for a vote.

If you're interested in serving on the board and you'd like to see how it functions, we invite you to attend one of the upcoming board meetings. Meetings are open to all club members, and are held at the Los Olivos Senior Center two weeks prior to the regular club meeting. Board meetings generally run from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., but on a temporary basis, the meetings will start at 6:00 p.m. in order to allow extra time to clear out a backlog of agenda items.

If you are considering running for a board position, please contact Elections Committee Chairperson Don Thomas, or President Erik Filsinger to have your name added to the ballot.

Sierramar Adventures in 2001



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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

Mt. Elden Outing Report

The third time was a charm! The September 1st outing to Mt. Elden was a success, and there was no rain the entire day. After experiencing rain on two other AMC outings to the area, I was expecting the worst, but we were blessed with a gorgeous day.

Fifteen of us enjoyed a day of fun climbing in the South Uptown area on a half dozen climbs ranging from 5.5 to 5.10. Tim Ward was on hand to provide beta on some of the harder moves. We joked that his *flailing* was better than some of the *climbing* the rest of us were doing. Everyone seemed to have fun, and we were all sufficiently tired by the end of the day.

Thanks to everyone who participated, and thanks especially to those who carried gear to the top of the climbs and helped set up anchors.

(Note to self: Bring bells to tie on Carrie so we can find her the next time she wanders off).

-Jeff Hatfield

NEW MEMBERS

Grace Anderson
Michael Anderson
Tim Collins
Robert England
JoAnne Gallante
Garry Kachkovsky
Vanessa Lizarraga
Santiago Lopez
Anita Pietrofitta
Scott Roeder
Teri Roeder

Schnebly Hill Road

On many trips to Flagstaff, I've often wondered what lies off the road to the west of Interstate 17. After 15 years of passing the Schnebly Hill Road exit on trips to and from northern Arizona and southwestern Colorado, I finally decided to have a look. Susan and I made the drive recently for two reasons: To see the incredible views of Sedona, and to check out the Schnebly Hill crag that's detailed in Tim Toula's *A Cheap Way to Fly*.

The road takes off at exit 320 and travels southwest for approximately twelve miles to Sedona. At 5.5 miles, there is a large pullout that overlooks Sedona and the surrounding landscape. I've been to Sedona many times, but this perspective revealed much more than a drive through its crowded streets ever has. The view is truly spectacular, with all shades of red, orange, and yellow coloring the formations. Other than the Grand Canyon, this area may be one of the best photo opportunities in northern Arizona.

Heading north from this area is the trail that accesses the climbing area. A five-minute hike along the cliffs took us to an overlook of the south-facing wall. While Susan waited at the overlook, I hiked around to the top of the climbing area, then climbed down through a small drainage west of the wall to access its base. If you're prepared for bushwhacking, hot temperatures and loose, jumbled starts to your climbs, then this is the place for you. There are ten climbs listed in the book, ranging from 5.5 to 5.10. All are basalt trad routes than can be led and topped-out, and they appear to be easy to top-roped with some gear at the edge and long static ropes to tie off the juniper trees. I had hoped to lead an outing here someday, and I still might, but I think the area is better suited for very small groups that don't mind a little discomfort.

From the pullout, the road descends another five or six miles to Sedona. Note that at the pullout, as well as along the road down to town, you will need a Red Rock Pass in order to legally park and use the area. Note also that beyond the pullout, there are signs warning that the road is not suitable for passenger cars. A Chrysler convertible in front of us didn't seem to have much trouble, but I was glad to be in our Jeep because of some high clearance sections.

If you go, don't forget your camera. If you're feeling adventurous, take a rack and let us know how the climbing is.

-Jeff Hatfield

Newsletter Distribution

Another AMC newsletter has made it into your hands, thanks to the efforts of a few of your fellow members. This is typically a thankless job, so from time to time it's nice to acknowledge the people who get it to your mailbox each month.

Primary credit should go to the many members who contribute articles and photos each month. Without the efforts of these people, of course, there would be nothing to read. If you have something you'd like to contribute--AMC outing reports, personal trip reports, or virtually anything you think the members would enjoy reading about--contact Wally. Thank you, contributors.

Credit also goes to Wally Vegors, who has been putting together the newsletter for the past 5-1/2 years. Yes, 5-1/2 years! This represents a great deal of work for one person, and Wally deserves the thanks of all of us who enjoy reading the newsletter every month. Thank you, Wally!

Also deserving thanks is the person who ensures the newsletter is distributed each month. This task usually is the responsibility of the Chairperson of the Newsletter Distribution Committee. The chair for this committee is currently vacant, so Sue Goins has

been handling distribution for most of 2001. Thank you, Sue — and your predecessors..

The club is currently looking for someone to take over for Sue, and someone to fill the position on the Newsletter Distribution Committee. As the committee chairperson, that person would be responsible for ensuring that the newsletters are picked up from the printer on the afternoon of the club meetings. That person would also solicit help from the membership for folding, stamping, and delivering the newsletters to the post office in a timely manner. If you are interested in this position, either as chairperson, or co-chairperson, please contact Jeff Hatfield.

On a temporary basis, Jeff will pick up the newsletters, and he and Sally Larimer will split the effort of finding volunteers to help with the distribution tasks. They will be passing around a signup sheet at the meetings asking for members to volunteer to fold, stamp, etc. for a particular month. If you see this list come your way, please consider helping out.

-J.H.

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AMC OUTING CALENDAR

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- Nov 1 **Anchors School Instructors Meeting.** Tom Conner 480-897-7623.
Nov 3 **Queen Creek Cleanup and Climb.** Charlene Todd. 480-917-5354
Nov 4 **The Nursery, Lower Sullivan Canyon** Easy to moderate climbing on short basalt cliffs north of Chino Valley. 5.5 to 5.9. Limited to recent Basic School graduates. Limit 15. No pets. Jeff Hatfield at 480-783-8779 or jeffandsusan@mindspring.com.
Nov 6 **Anchors School.** Nov 6,8,10,11. Tom Conner 480-897-7623. \$50, \$75 non-members/ Signup with Rogil, 623-878-3914
Nov 21 **J-Tree Thanksgiving.** Nov 21-25.

*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.

BILLBOARD

Other Scheduled Events

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

Tuesdays **North Mountain Hikes Evening.** Rogil Schroeter, (623) 878-3914 or Rogil.Schroeter@Honeywell.com
Wednesdays **Arizona Climbing Center.** 6:00 p.m., Rogil Schroeter, (623) 878-3914.

Commercially Provided Training and Events

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

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 .

- Sep 27 **Grand Canyon Cleanup Refresher** Arizona Climbing Center, 1911 W. Cheryl Gary Youngblood hjmn 602-508-9696
- Sep 29-30 **Grand Canyon Clean-up and Climb** Gary Youngblood. 602-508-9696.
- Oct 4 **Alpine Seminar** PV REI 6:30-8:30 p.m.. Speaker is Jeff Hatfield discussing clothing systems. The seminar will begin at 6:30 p.m. promptly at the REI at Paradise Valley. For information contact the series moderator Erik Filsinger at 602-906-1186.
- Oct 6 **Baboquivari** Paul Norberg's third annual outing to the classic Southern Arizona climb. Will come in from the East side (long approach). Depending on the response will do the Forbes Route (4 easy pitches) or the SE arete 6-7 pitches 5.6 or harder when we get lost. Either is a long fairly hard day. Drive down Friday night. Camp. No facilities. Early start Sat. morning. BBQ back in camp Sat nite where we can lick out wounds (shin daggers, etc.) Paul Norberg, 602-808-9244.
- Oct 6-8 **Multi-sport outing on Granite Mountain.** Limit 4. Climb, hike and mountain bike, in cool Prescott. Paul Paonessa 602-979-9688
- Oct 6 **Strenuous Grand Canyon** day hike down Boucher trail. Contact Rogil at 623-878-3914 or rogil.schroeter@honeywell.com.
- Oct 8 **Board Meeting**, Los Olivos, 6:00 p.m.
- Oct 11 **Basic School Instructors Meeting.** Sally Larimer. 480-425-9689.
- Oct 16 **Basic School.** Oct 16,18,20,21,23,25,27. Sally Larimer 480-425-9689. Sign up with Linda/Kevin 480-705-0428.
- Oct 18-21 **Indian Creek** Cantankerous Continuous Crack in Utah sandstone, Richard Horst, 602-953-9198.
- Oct 22 **Regular AMC Meeting** — Tom Conner on Bolivia
- Oct 27 **The Mace** Limit 4. Frank Vers will lead his 8th annual ascent of the Classic multi-pitch sandstone route in Sedona. Solid 5.9+. Helmets mandatory. Frank Vers 480-947-9435.
- Nov 1 **Alpine Seminar** at PV REI, 6:30 p.m.

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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 Scott Hoffman at (623) 580-8909.

Bill Berkley.....	480-945-4346	Tim Medlock.....	719-494-1171	Jef Sloat.....	602-843-2490
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