

ARIZONA MOUNTAINEER

FEBRUARY 2002

Frank Vers warms up by leading a 5.10b to set up a top rope as his first climb of the day, "Pocket Powwow," at Upper Pond West. Every climb had to be led from the ground up, giving employment to a slew of AMC's lead climbers. Photo by Kirra.

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

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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

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

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MARCH Deadline: 15 February 2002

HOT STUFF!!!

AN ARIZONA MELANGE :

SUNNY CLIFF CLIMBS,

**YOUR CHANCE TO LEARN
TO LEAD (OR BRUSH UP
BY HELPING TEACH),**

OR PLAY IN THE SNOW —

AMC HAS IT ALL!!

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.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Carrie Howell 1, Teresa Stevens 1, Sutton Demlong 3, Melody Moses 3, Voytek Ciula 5, Cathy Johnson 5, Jonathan McLin 6, Sharon Nichols 6, Julie Dehlin 7, Emily Stuart 7, Robert Comp 8, Janine Menard 8, Donald Gotelli 11, Michael Baker 12, Daniel Gonzales 12, Linda Kriegel 12, Alex Richards 15, Brooke Bagwell 16, David Wright 16, Jim Wilson 18, Joe Gervais 19, Richard Balland 20, Pete Petersen 21, Patty Bucher 22, Lidia Nieckula 23, John Schneider 23, Rita Ingram 24, Sean Colonello 25, Robert Lea 25, Elissa Nowacki 25, Rick Taylor 26, Scott Hoffman 28

MINUTES OF THE AMC BOARD MEETING: January 14, 2002

Board Members Present: Filsinger, Hatfield, Hoffman, McHenry, Keedy, Larimer, Query, Stinson, Ward

Committee Chairs Present: Conner, Helms, Tilley, Schneider, Thomas

I. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7 PM.

II. Minutes of the December Board Meeting were approved as published.

III. Treasurers Report was accepted with thanks to Bill Stinson for his tireless work over the past two years.

IV. President's Update

A. Election – Thomas reported that he now has a full slate of candidates.

B. Membership Numbers – The AMC is 518 strong as of now. Quite a few members have paid their 2002 dues already. That number includes individual and family members.

C. Liability Coverage – A proposal was received from Worldwide Outfitters and Guides Association, which will be reviewed and returned for consideration at the next Board Meeting. Conners reported that it is the sentiment of the T & S Committee that Instructors and Outings should be covered by liability insurance.

D. The in-force D & O Insurance policy was received a placed in record.

E. We have received a copy of the Insurance coverage for Southwest Adventures, which McHenry will file.

F. Outing Leaders Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 30, 2002 at Larimer's.

V. Old Business

A. Multi-pitch/Back Country Outing – Conners will present proposal at Outing Leaders Meeting for discussion and come back to the Board at the next February Board Meeting.

B. Rope and Equipment Guidelines – Hatfield is documenting procedures, will develop rope marking system and will present a revision of SR 11-13-73-2 at February Board Meeting.

C. Club Policy Notebook – McHenry lost time in a computer failure, but Filsinger and McHenry will continue to develop that Notebook.

D. Emergency Contact information will be presented at the Outing Leaders Meeting.

E. Outing Leader inactive list. – Proposal to be presented at Outing Leader Meeting for two outings per year to remain on the active list.

F. Classification chair – no candidates are ready for consideration.

G. Library – Kim is still trying to get materials returned and collect fines.

H. Rules of Conduct and By-laws review tabled.

VI. New Business

A. Electronic Newsletter – discussed issues about current version

B. Penny is stepping down as Email monitor. Hatfield volunteered to take over duties.

C. Outing Leader Training - Proposal submitted to fund Outing Leader Training. Motion made, seconded and carried to fund up to 50% of Outing Leader Training to a maximum of \$150 per year per Outing Leader to cover class fees while budgeted funds last. Motion made, seconded and carried to consider any single day of Outing as one outing. This proposal will also be submitted to the Outing Leaders.

VII. Other Committee Reports – None

VIII. Adjournment – Board Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

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NEW AMC MEMBERS

Fred Avery
Marilia Baker
Matt Davis
Dave Eddy
Marilynn Grieser
Justin Iske
Allison Johnson
Andy Johnson
Garrett Johnson
Lisa Johnson
Garrett Kimball
Richard Landry
Richard Lozon
Bruce McIntyre
Paul Sebesta
Kari Svab
Alex Woodall
Tinja Woyke
Carol Zoner

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
MSR Alpine snowshoes			15.00
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 12/31/01 — final	
Category Description	Amount
INCOME	
Advertising	140.00
Equipment Rental (incl shoes)	526.00
Interest.....	127.39
Membership Dues	7,370.50
Mountaineering Schools	670.00
Program Income.....	10.00
Tee Shirts & Etc.....	962.00
Training & Safety.....	17,507.50
TOTAL INCOME	27,313.39
EXPENSES	
Access	905.53
Access Committee.....	200.00
Administration	1,808.07
Bouldering Contest.....	300.00
Capital Exp.	1,389.323
Equipment Maint.....	117.12
Insurance	877.51
Library.....	196.28
Merchandise Exp.....	1,164.86
Mountaineering.....	717.94
Newsletter	3,822.38
Outings	519.29
Programs.....	3,148.20
Service/Bank Charge.....	25.88
Training & Safety.....	9,128.20
TOTAL EXPENSES	24,323.58
OVERALL FOR YEAR TO DATE	2,989.81
ACCOUNT BALANCES	
CD Account	5,116.93
Savings	526.22
Checking.....	5,420.96
TOTAL ASSETS	\$11,064.11

DUES BE DUE

Everest from the North

Michael Otis

May 19, 2001: After breaking route up the North Col, conditioning the climb, and fixing ropes on the way to the summit, Terry LaFrance of Albany, NY and Michael Otis of Phoenix were the first group to summit Mt. Everest in the 2001 climbing season. Remarkably, this climb consisted of Michael, Terry, and four Sherpas.

Michael began mountaineering in the mid-90s, and in 1999 topped off the western hemisphere with a climb of Aconcagua. While on that mountain he first gave serious consideration to climbing in the Himalaya. Two years later he was taking photographs on the summit of Mt. Everest.

Join us in welcoming Michael as he presents those pictures and stories from his adventure.

The meeting will be held on Monday, February 25th, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Los Olivos Senior Center, 2802 East Devonshire Avenue, one block north of Indian School on the east side of 28th Street.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER —

President's Corner - A Year in Review
February 2002

The AMC's membership totaled 518 at year-end 2001. Thank you all for making another good year for the Club. We always need to give a word of thanks to our volunteers, whether they be our club leaders, the school instructors and helpers, the Outing Leaders, and everyone else who makes the Club go 'round.

A lot was accomplished this past year. Much the Club's volunteer administrative efforts went into reviewing and updating Club policies and guidelines and considering various risk management issues. The Club graduated 81 individuals through its Basic Rock School, 56 through its Anchors and Advanced Ropework School, and 31 through its Lead School. A similar number of "assistant instructors" came back to help teach these courses. In addition over 20 AMC'ers took Basic Ice Climbing and 12 went on AMC sponsored multi-pitch ice climbing Outings.

The basic snow skills class, Glacier Travel and Crevasse Rescue, was attended by 20 AMC'ers. Other special interest offerings in Map and Compass, Wilderness First Aid, and Basic Survival attracted significant participation.

AMC'ers continued their tradition of volunteerism and spend considerable hours with trash pick-ups in the Queen Creek area and at the Grand Canyon. Volunteers also assisted a local Hispanic youth organization being introduced to rock climbing. The committee chairs and the Board put in significant hours helping the Club and reaching out into the community and we made significant strides in increasing channels of communication and access to club decision making.

Club members continued their mountaineering interests with private and guided ascents throughout North and South America, and treks worldwide.

The Club continues to monitor local access issues and has been involved in the forefront of access issues across Arizona and hopefully the City of Scottsdale will open Pinnacle Peak Park. We are even helping fund a portable lavatory at Jack's Canyon.

Let's hope 2002 is as good and as safe a year as was 2001.

— Erik Filsinger

OUTING LEADER CONFAB

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

A meeting of the AMC Outing Leaders has been set for Wednesday, January 30 at 6:30 P.M. Various items and information will be presented and discussed. Your attendance is much appreciated.

Meeting will be at Sally & Dave Larimer's - The address is 5617 E. Windsor Ave, Scottsdale. That is 1 block south of Thomas Rd, just east of 56th Street. From the 202 take the McDowell exit. Go east on McDowell to 52nd St. Go north to Thomas. East on Thomas to the light at 56th St. Go south on 56th St and take the first left turn onto Windsor. It is a white house on SE corner of 56 Pl. and Windsor

The traditional climbers meal (pizza and a drink) will be served!

— Bruce McHenry

COLD WEATHER OUTING INFO

On February 2nd and 3rd, Erik Filsinger and others will lead a winter camping trip on Mt. Humphries. The primary focus will be on camping and honing mountaineering survival skills with alternatives to tents in very cold conditions.

Participants must have OK of trip leader for necessary skills and equipment. Group size will be limited. Catch Erik at smorefil@aol.com for more details.

KUDOS FOR KEITH

Sally Larimer wrote in her Basic School Report article encouraging instructors to invite new Basic students to go climbing independently of group outings.

Keith Jendricks did just this. He has adopted a small group of us and has taken us on several outings and we have plans for more.

He sets up a variety of climbs to keep all levels of climbers happy. He is a great encourager and he is genuinely happy when we do well. We newbies to the sport greatly appreciate his efforts. Markita Martinez, Vicki Kooney and Lee Bennett want to extend our heartfelt appreciation and send a great big thank you to Keith!

— Kathy Granger

ACCESS REPORT – Jennifer Davies

Devil's Canyon – Queen Creek

Questions have come up recently regarding the closure of the access road to Devil's Canyon in Queen Creek. Yes the road to Devil's Canyon is closed, however, the climbing areas are not. Kendrick is mapping out a copper ore body in this area and after much debate, the Ranger station for Coconino National Forest has decided to close the access road for this area. However, again, I repeat, the climbing is still open. You are not allowed to drive your car on the road, but feel free to get out and stretch those legs. Plus, if you have driven the road you know that it's faster to hike it anyways! The road should be reopened sometime later this year – maybe early summer.

Update on Pinnacle Peak Opening

I wish I could write down the date and time of the Grand Re-Opening party for Pinnacle Peak. Unfortunately, I'm not able to. Although construction of the trailhead facilities are well underway, work is not progressing as quickly as the City of Scottsdale had expected. A new Grand Opening date has not yet been announced, but as soon as I hear something, I will be in touch.

Note that the Park is still closed to the public until construction of the trailhead facilities are complete. There is no legal access to the Peak at this time.

Further, the City of Scottsdale is still looking for volunteers for a variety of jobs once the park opens. Please contact me if you have an interest or any questions.

McDowell Sonoran Land Trust Update

There have been several reports over the past month about cars parked at a Preserve trailhead at the northernmost end of Alma School Road being broken into. Please be careful and report any activity to the Scottsdale Police Department.

Also, if any of you have visited the Browns Ranch area in the northern part of the Preserve, you will see native tree seedlings that have been planted as part of a habitat restoration project overseen by the Center for Native and Urban Wildlife in cooperation with the McDowell Sonoran Land Trust and the City's Preservation Unit. Please respect and stay out of the roped off areas so the trees can grow.

Seasonal Closures

It is that time of year again for seasonal closures in parts of Arizona. Here is an update:

Cochise Stronghold: There are several restrictions in Cochise Stronghold due to Peregrine Falcon nesting. Dates of closures are from February 15th through June 30th. Areas included in the closure are all routes on the Rockfellow Group (including End Pinnacle, Rockfellow Dome, Bastion Towers, Lost Tower, Hawk Pinnacle, Buzzard's Roost, and Chay Desa Tsay), all routes on Waterfall Dome, all routes of Squaretop and Lower Squaretop, all routes on Cochise Dome (including What's My Line Dome), and Dome Park. Please contact me if you have a question about any of these areas, or contact the Cochise Ranger Station at (520) 826-3593.

Granite Mountain and Thumb Butte: Traditionally, there have been closures in this area also due to Peregrine Falcon nesting. Areas have included the entire rock face of Granite Mountain, the rim above the rock face, and the north side of Thumb Butte. There has been some talk of expanding the Thumb Butte closure to the south side also. If you are planning on climbing in this area, it would be best to contact the Ranger for more information. Closure dates run from February 1st through mid-July. The Ranger who handles this area is out of the office as of time of publication of our newsletter so I could not confirm dates and areas. If there are any major changes to these closures, I will provide an update to the AMC membership. Also, if you plan on climbing in this area, you may contact the ranger office at (928) 771-4733 for updated information.

Mount Lemmon: There are several different restrictions and closures in this area. Some portions of the Pusch Ridge Wilderness are closed from January 1st through April 30th due to Bighorn Sheep. Barnum Rock will be closed from February 1st through August 31st because of peregrines and other species. Areas closed from March 15th through June 30th include Rappel Rock, Raven Rock, the Fortress, Branching-Out Crag, and some routes on Panorama Wall. Further information on these areas can be obtained by calling (520) 749-8700.

Camel's Head: From early-March through the end of May, there are climbing restrictions on the Camel's Head. For more information, please contact the City of Phoenix Parks department at (602) 261-8318.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call or send me an email at climbonaz@yahoo.com. Happy climbing to all!

—Jennifer Davis

BASIC ROCK CLIMBING SCHOOL

ARIZONA MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

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

Interested in SAFE rock climbing? The Arizona Mountaineering Club (AMC) has been teaching basic rock climbing for over 35 years. We place maximum emphasis on safety and self-rescue.

WHEN & WHERE (the class lasts 2 weeks): Spring 2002

March 12	Tuesday	6:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.	*Havasupai Ramada, North Mountain Park
March 14	Thursday	6:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.	Havasupai Ramada, North Mountain Park
March 16	Saturday	8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.	North McDowell Mountains, Scottsdale
March 17	Sunday	8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.	North McDowell Mountains, Scottsdale
March 19	Tuesday	6:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.	Phoenix Rock Gym
March 21	Thursday	6:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.	Phoenix Rock Gym
March 23	Saturday	All Day	Various times, various places

*North Mountain Park is located at Peoria and 7th St, 5 miles north of Camelback on 7th St. Turn west into the park and look for the orange traffic cones imprinted “AMC” at Havasupai Ramada.

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING FOR THE FIRST CLASS:

- Dress casually; the class will be held outside, so bring warm clothes or not, depending on the weather

WHAT IS PROVIDED BY THE AMC:

- Technical climbing gear that will be used for the school (**and is yours to keep**): 1 belay/rappel device, 2 non-locking carabiners, 3 locking carabiners, 4 prusiks, one 5' sling (subject to change)
- Harness and helmet provided free by the AMC for the duration of the class if needed
- Basic climbing textbook
- Instruction through all phases of the class
- Discounts from local retailers on other climbing gear

WHAT IS RECOMMENDED FOR THE CLASS: Climbing shoes are recommended. The AMC rents climbing shoes, on a first-come, first-serve basis on the **second** night of class for \$10 for the class. We will discuss what to look for in a shoe on the first night of class.

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

CLASS FEE: \$125 plus membership if not already a member (\$25 for an individual and \$30 for a family).

REGISTRATION: The class is limited to 40 students. To reserve a spot, send a check for \$125 + membership costs made out to AMC Basic School. Include your clearly printed name, address and current phone number(s). Mail to: AMC Basic School, 456 W. Stacey Lane, Tempe, AZ 85284. No credit cards accepted. If you have further questions, please call Kevin or Linda Kriegel at 480-705-0428. (**Please note:** \$75 is a non-refundable deposit; the rest will be returned if you cancel. If someone else can be found to take your place, the entire \$125 will be refunded.)

LEAD CLIMBING SCHOOL

ARIZONA MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

PURPOSE

This is an advanced climbing class. Even if you don't plan on leading, you will learn much about the dynamics of climbing, and it will make you a safer climber. There will be no "true" lead climbs during the class. Protecting a climb is a different skill from climbing itself. We will talk about the dynamics of lead falls, how to prepare for a climb, the differences between single-pitch and multi-pitch, the differences between bolted routes and natural pro, and we will provide actual leading exercises.

DATES, TIMES AND PLACES FOR THE LEAD SCHOOL ARE:

Feb 26	Tuesday	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Dreamy Draw Park
Feb 27	Wednesday	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Dreamy Draw Park
Feb 28	Thursday	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Dreamy Draw Park
Mar 2	Saturday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Prescott (directions will be in syllabus)
Mar 3	Sunday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Prescott (directions will be in syllabus)

To get to Dreamy Draw Park take SR 51 (Squaw Peak) to Northern and turn East. This dead-ends at the Park. We will be at the big Ramada next to the parking lot. Directions to the other locations will be given out then.

ITEMS YOU NEED FOR THE CLASS:

- 1) \$50 (\$75 for non-members). Register by sending a check payable to AMC Lead School to 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.
- 2) All climbing gear (harness, prusiks, biners, etc.)

The following will not be needed the first night, if you want to wait to talk with us before making purchases.

- 3) Helmet - mandatory
 - 4) Specifically needed:
 - 2 20' (untied length) slings, preferably different colors
 - 2 10' (untied length) slings, preferably different colors
 - Nut pick
 - Quickdraws w/biners - at least 5 per person
 - All pro that you own, which may include cams, hexes, wired nuts, Tri-cams, etc.
 - Consider combining with another person to have enough gear
 - 5) Hiking boots or shoes with stiff soles for Saturday, climbing shoes for Sunday
 - 6) Optional: kneepads for Saturday (\$3-6 at Home Depot, \$5 volleyball pads at sporting goods stores)
- (Note: the first night, you will need harness and biners)

ITINERARY

<u>Tue</u>	Lecture, slide show: Introduction, the lead fall, equipment
<u>Wed</u>	Lecture, slide show: Equipment (continued); the Process and Techniques of Leading
<u>Thu</u>	Lecture, slide show: Multi-pitch techniques, the descent, leader rescue, aid climbing
<u>Sat</u>	Prescott: practice natural pro placement (Sullivan Canyon)
<u>Sun</u>	Prescott: practice leading on bolts (Watson Lake)

THE POND

The Pond was flooded with AMC'ers on January 5 as we started our New Year off with a day of awesome climbing. Even the approach could be called fun climbing! The weather was perfect, sunny and warm, just the right temperature for climbing or taking a cat-nap after working too hard on a route.

We set up 10 climbs, from Fat Boy Goes to the Pond (easy) to Ethnic Cleansing (5.11), so there was something for everyone. There were a couple of 5.7s, 5.8s, and several 5.10s for us mortals work on. It seems like all the climbs at the Pond are slightly overhanging. You have to learn to use those feet to avoid forearm burnout! Maybe next time we should have a Popeye look-alike contest to see whose forearms are the most pumped.

Everything at the Pond has to be led, so thanks to everyone who helped set up the climbs: Dave Schultz, Jason Laird, Mick Strole, Frank Vers (rope gun), and David Larimer. — *Sal Larimer*

At right -Mick Strole leads Sappy Lovesong, 5.8, at Upper Pond West

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PBC — VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Your help is needed for the 19th Phoenix Bouldering Contest. We will need about 95 volunteer judges and officials, plus people to handle numerous other volunteer activities. Kim Huenecke and helpers will have a signup table setup at the January and February membership meetings. If you sign up then, it will save us making extra phone calls. Kim also needs people to help make phone calls to recruit volunteers. If you can help her call her at 602-569-0790.

The competition is held on April 20th, with the rainout date being the 21st, east of Superior at Oak Flat Campground and the Queen Creek climbing areas. Officials and judges must commit to both dates (in case of rain). Officials and judges must camp out the night of the 19th and check in before midnight that night.

We need people for more volunteer activities on the 18th and 19th, so if you can spare the time, we would greatly appreciate it, and you get to have lots of fun too.

The volunteer meetings will be held at 6:00pm on Wednesday March 27 and Monday April 1. You only need to attend one meeting and it will be in the Tempe area (site yet to be determined; you will be emailed the location).

Problem review assignments will be at Oak Flat Campground on Saturday April 6, Sunday April 7 and Saturday April 13 for volunteer officials and judges. You will only have to attend for about 3 hours on one of the days.

There will be many outdoor and climbing gear companies during the weekend and great deals on clothing and equipment. Lots of bands and entertainment for your enjoyment.

If you have questions, Kim can answer them at signup. You can also email me at skgoins@amigo.net with questions, or call me at 719-395-6418, and I can also email you the signup form and you can return it email. Also you can contact Bob Zimering with questions at 602-205-2351 and fax the completed form to him at 602-231-1353.

This is a great fun weekend! AMC always contributes a major number of the volunteers and is a major factor in making this event so successful. I hope we can count on you.

—Sue Goins
Volunteer Coordinator

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER WOES

Some of you experienced the first e-mail edition of the newsletter last month and (unless you were blind) noted certain — uh — deficiencies.

Some can be fixed quickly. Others will take a bit of time..... Photos, for example.

Some photos can be included in the electronic version without really difficult problems (I think). Specifically, I should be able to use photos I get by e-mail in tif format that have sufficient quality. I should also be able to use ordinary photographic prints that I scan into my computer. (My present scanner is not up to the task; I'm planning to get a new one.)

A scanner will also let me also include many pre-printed ads, fliers and inserts in the E-NL as well. Within a month or so, photos and ads should not be a big problem.

There are other awkwardness's, of course, like having to get the thing in two separate downloads. This can be fixed. It is just a matter of me learning how to use more than the 4% of the total capabilities of my computer that I have had to use in the past.

Printing out a particular page, rather than the whole shebang, was a problem for some. Dunno. We will work on it.

I welcome (he says, manfully) your reports of problems you may have regarding the electronic newsletter. I will seek help from any and all sources to try to work them out.

Just don't expect me to get it all the first time through when you explain it to me over the phone. I date from the compositor's stick and hot type days!!

—Wally V. (Editor)

FECUNDITY AIDS AMC MEMBERSHIP

Maribeth and Frank Vers had a new baby, a boy, on January 8th at 1:00 p.m. He weighted in at 7 lbs. 6 oz., was 19 3/4 inches long and had a Black Diamond quickdraw in his hand, according to impeachable sources. No doubt with Frank as his Dad he may be "warming up" on 10's a year from now, as Frank does.

DUES BE DUE

AMC OUTING CALENDAR *(Continued from page 12)*

Mar 30 Queen Creek Cleanup and Climb. Charlene Todd 480-917-5354.

Apr 4 Anchors School Instructor Meeting. Tom Conner 480-897-7623.

Apr 4 Conditioning. Alpine seminar series. Paul Norberg will give the secrets to conditioning for mountaineering. This is really where it all begins. Please come to the PV REI at 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call Erik Filsinger for details at 602-906-1186.

Apr 9 Anchors School. Apr 9,11,13,14. \$50, \$75 non-members. Rogil 623-878-3914.

*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.

Feb 2 **Superstition Mountain Ridgeline**, strenuous hike. Contact Rogil for more info: 623-878-3914 or rogil.schroeter@honeywell.com

Mar 27/1 Apr **PBC Briefing/signup** — Bob Zimmering 602-231-1353

Apr 19-21 **Phoenix Bouldering Contest** — (See story elsewhere)

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

Wednesdays **North Mountain Hikes** Eves . Rogil Schroeter, (623) 878-3914 rogil.schroeter@honeywell.com

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 AMC collecting the names of prospective participants and handling the logistics for out-of-town events, participants will sign up directly with the commercial outfitter.

The following classes/outings are being offered to AMC members through Southwest Adventures, a professional guide service located in Durango, Colorado. Please contact Erik Filsinger for more information at smorefil@aol.com if you are interested and want to sign up.

Feb 16-18 Durango. Basic Ice Climbing and Avalanche safety.

Feb 16-17 AMC Beginning Ice Climbing, \$125 for 2-days

Feb 18 Avalanche safety, \$50

Mar 29-30 AMC Multi-pitch Ice climbing, \$235 for 2-days, \$190 for the second day alone.

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 .

- Feb 2 Groundhog Day Climb.** Limit 12. We'll go to Mt. Lemmon, Crown King, or somewhere in between. 5.9-5.10. Location depends if groundhog sees a shadow? Dave & Sal Larimer, 480-425-9689.
- Feb 2-3 Winter Camping/Mountaineering survival skills enhancement.** Limited Participants. On Mt Humphreys. Erik Filsinger. 602-906-1186
- Feb 16 The Dry** Saturday. A new area in SE Arizona about 3 hours from Phoenix. Mick Strole, 602-788-4031. No pets.
- Feb 17 Mt Lemmon Sunday.** Area depends on weather. No pets. Call Mick Strole for details, 602-788-4031.
- Feb 15,16,17,18 2002 Indian Creek or somewhere?** Come Crank on the best sandstone cracks in the world, or the best multi pitch you have ever done. Tie into the sharp end and send. Richard Horst 602-953-9198
- Feb 25 AMC Membership Meeting** Phoenician climbs Everest north side
- Feb 26 Lead School.** Feb 26,27,28 Mar 2,3. \$50, \$75 non-members. Rogil 623-878-3914.
- Mar 7 Basic Climbing School Instructor Meeting.** Sally Larimer 480-425-9689.
- Mar 7 Alpine seminar series.** Introduction to the series. Erik Filsinger's slide show on the history of mountaineering to set the stage for the discussion topics and group projects over the next year. This is a good seminar to attend to see what topics you may be interested in attending later. PV REI at 6:30 - 8:30 pm.
- Mar 12 Basic Climbing School.** Mar 12, 14, 16, 17, 19, 21, 23. \$125, \$150 non-members. Kevin or Linda Kriegel 480-705-0428.

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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
Sally Borg Larimer ..	480-425-9689	Jeff Nagel.....	602-318-9538	Bill Stinson.....	602-547-2560
Tom Conner.....	480-897-7623	Paul Norberg.....	602-808-9244	Mick Strole.....	602-788-4031
John Ficker	602-867-1487	Paul Paonessa.....	602-493-7356	Rick Taylor	623-487-8507
Eric Filsinger	602-906-1186	Chris Query.....	480-967-9268	Tim Ward.....	602-212-1929
Jeff Hatfield.....	480-783-8779	Brad Sanders.....	480-961-3674	Frank Vers.....	480-947-9435
Scott Hoffman.....	623-580-8909	Tim Schneider	480-497-8377	Gary Youngblood	602-508-9696
Richard Horst.....	602-953-9198	Rogil Schroeter	623-878-3914		
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