

OCTOBER 2003

# ARIZONA MOUNTAINEER



*This beautiful bollard of Sedona sandstone is "The Mace," listed as one of the 50 North American Classic Climbs. Frank Vers will lead this multi-pitch 5.9 for the tenth consecutive year as an AMC outing on October 25th*

## The Arizona Mountaineering Club

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**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 \$13 or \$15. 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

**Schools:** The AMC conducts several rock climbing, mountaineering and other outdoor skills schools each year. Browse the AMC website or email [info@azmountaineeringclub.org](mailto:info@azmountaineeringclub.org) for information on schedules and classes.

**For More Information:**

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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 Fund representative Jutta Ulrich at (602) 234-3579.

**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 at [www.accessfund.org/join.html](http://www.accessfund.org/join.html)

## This Month in the AMC

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### Newsletter

The *Arizona Mountaineer* is published monthly by the AMC. Members are encouraged to submit articles and photos about their climbing- or mountaineering-related activities. Submit items for publication (subject to approval) to AMC Editor, 6151 N. 8th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85013 or through email to [azmountaineer@azmountaineeringclub.org](mailto:azmountaineer@azmountaineeringclub.org). Prints are preferred over slides. Digital photos should preferably be in JPG format and at least 300 dpi. Articles can be in any standard word processing format. For more info call the editor at (602) 246-9341.

**Advertising** in the *Arizona Mountaineer* is accepted, subject to approval, at the following rates. Personal ads are free to members. Business ads are \$5.00 for a business card, \$10.00 for half page, \$20.00 for full page, and \$25.00 for inserts.

**October Deadline: 12 September 2003**

## HOT STUFF!!

**Lead School  
Sep. 23**

**Grand Canyon  
Over-the-Rim Cleanup  
Oct. 4**

**Basic School  
Oct. 14**

**(Yup. Same as last time.  
But this AMC stuff is still as  
hot as it gets. Help Out!)**

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### Library

You must be an AMC member; i. e., your name must be on the most current membership list.

The circulation period is one 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.

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### October Birthdays

Bill Demlong 1, Deke Joralmon 2, Kari Carlisle 4, Ken Isaacson 4, Tracy Dugan 6, Garrett Johnson 6, Kim Petersen 7, Paul Norberg 8, Glenn Speight 8, Laurel Arndt 9, Kevin Stevens 9, Lori Horst 10, Kathi Reichert 10, Daniel Romero 10, Abe Mirich 11, Rogil Schroeter 12, Brian Schulman 12, Michael Millsap 13, Dave Lemons 14, Linda Locke 14, Alex Cameron 15, Greg Opland 15, Phil Ivey 16, Linda Steiner 16, Stacey Ivey 18, Kevin Kriegel 18, Teri Roeder 18, Dirk Gesink 19, Elizabeth Dunlop 20, Clarke Lambe 20, Jeffry Nagel 20, Mitchell Keast 28, Jeff Hatfield 29

# Minutes of the AMC Board Meeting: 8 September, 2003

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Board Members Present: Filsinger, Hoffman, McHenry, Ulrich, Ward, Granger.  
Committee Heads Present: W.Schroeter, Vegors, Burmer  
Members Present:

- I. Meeting Called to order at 7:15. A quorum present.
- II. Minutes of August Board Meeting approved as published.
- III. Treasurer's Report approved as submitted.
- IV. Old Business:
  - A. Liability Insurance — Current liability policy does not protect against member-to-member claims. Discussion on proposal to partially compensate selected members for personal liability insurance and umbrella policy as part of risk management process. Proposal to pay \$100 to current outing leaders and \$175 to School instructors. Proposal amended to include all T&S members at \$175 and board members at \$100. Funds will be considered expense reimbursement, not compensation. Motion made, seconded and carried to adopt proposal as amended.
  - B. Newsletter Distribution — Wally will resume handling the newsletter.
  - C. Documents on Club Web Site
    - i. Document from McHenry on list of suggested documents for website, type of documents classification and levels of access. Review of document types and putting policies on website. Discussion on policies vs. normal club business and what distinguishes a policy. Policy generally considered inflexible with accountability and applies to future situations and can go on web site, club business and decisions are recorded in minutes. Board will determine policy documents and club business decisions as needed.
    - ii. Motion by Keedy to put all governing documents as member only access. Discussion that at previous meeting papproved putting selected documents as public access. Motion amended that access can be public, member, or specific and board will determine access. Motion seconded and carries as amended.
    - iii. McHenry suggested a formal process to outline and review documents going on the web site. Documents will be placed in private area of web site and board will review select4ed documents for publication on the web site. The review is to ensure correct version, and web-publisheing standards are used.

D. Classification, board discussed pending Outing Leader candidates. Motion to approve pending candidates John Keedy and Tim Lange seconded and carried. Board will review additional pending candidates for Outing Leader for electronic votes.

## V. New Business

A. Web Site — Kirra is changing the ISP vendor for the web site; new vendor offers additional security features, and annual cost is the same.

B. Programs — Sheri Kenley has volunteered to take over program committee when Steve Helms-Tillery steps down. Motion made, seconded, carried to approve Sheri.

C. Rental Equipment — Tom Burmer proposed new pricing for deposits and rental of club equipment. Motion made to accept. Motion amended to remove the Yates Big Dudes from rental equipment. Motion seconded and carried. Bib Dudes will be given to T&S for demonstration juse only. Tom will also be removing worn out equipment and ordering replacements.

D. Outing Leader Activity Release form — Wayne proposed the release go to Secretary for retention, rather than Outings committee. Motion made, seconded and carried.

E. Outing Leaders — Wayne presented various ideas and discussion of Outing Leader career paths and suggestions to increase outing leaders. Idea of term for Leaders and other club positions suggested. Current policies will remain effective and formal proposals presented to board

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m..

## New Members

Christine Bolick	Kevin Miller
Barry Boyd	Shaun Opie
Mika Goldfeder	Vincent Pug
Charles Kurth Jr.	Matthew Skinner
Teresa Laszlo	

## Discount Directory

The following merchants currently offer a discount to AMC members:

**Arizona Hiking Shack**—11645 N. Cave Creek Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85020, (602) 944-7723. Show your AMC membership card and get a 15% discount.

## Rental Equipment

EQUIPMENT	Qty	\$Dep	1-3day	4-7day
4-season 2-3 man	1	58	18	29
4-season 1 man bivy	1	45	14	23
Sherpa Snowshoes	5	50	15	25
MSR Alpine snowshoes	3	32	10	16
Ski poles (var. sizes)	3	12	4	6
Hiking Poles	3	22	7	11
Ice Crampons	5	26	8	13
Ice axes (70cm)	4	16	5	8
Ice axes (90cm)	5	14	5	7
Snow shovel	1	8	3	4
Snow pickets	3	4	1	2
MSR Multifuel Stove	1	17	5	9
Haul bag	1	25	8	13
PortaLedge	1	100	30	50
Climbing shoes	Various sizes... Call			

Equipment Rental Guideline: 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 Tom Burmer (480) 354-1392.

## Treasurer's Report

### Statement of Operations

01/01/03 Thru 08/11/03

Category Description	Amount
<b>INCOME</b>	
Advertising	320.00
Dues	5,281.00
Interest	19.28
Library fines	0.00
Merchandise (Tee Shirts & Etc)	648.00
Mountaineering Schools	400.00
Program Income	10.00
Rental Income (incl shoes)	223.00
Training	8,111.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>15,252.28</b>

### EXPENSES

Access Committee	137.41
Administration	1,252.51
Bouldering Contest	300.00
Capital Exp (mtnrg)	539.20
Classification	475.00
Equipment Maint	125.00
Insurance	956.01
Library	0.00
Merchandise Exp	710.10
Mountaineering	72.85
Newsletter	2,270.41
Outings	80.78
Programs	1,762.09
Service/Bank Charge	51.57
Training	5,839.96
Uncategorized	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>13,856.88</b>

OVERALL FOR YEAR TO DATE.....1395.40

ACCOUNT BALANCES (05/09/03)

CD Account	5,220.24
Savings	1,668.32
Checking	11,586.34

TOTAL CASH ASSETS.....\$18,474.90

OTHER ASSETS (Club gear mainly) .....7,031.00

OVERALL TOTAL.....25,505.90

# Adrian Burgess In Search of Everest

Monday, October 27,  
Los Olivos Senior Center. 7 PM



Sometimes I wonder...  
how luck and coincidence  
separates those who live  
from those who die.

-Adrian Burgess  
Rock & Ice Magazine

World-class mountaineer Adrian Burgess recounts his life and climbs in an unforgettable slide show documenting in frightening realism his struggles to scale the world's highest mountains. He will relive near misses from avalanches, loss of climbing companions, and survival in the oxygen starved world above 20,000 feet. He has challenged Everest in the dead of winter and, on a separate visit, became one of the few people to witness dawn from the planet's highest peak



AMC Meetings are from 7 - 9 pm at the Los Olivos Senior Center,  
2802 E. Devonshire Ave. 1 block north of Indian School on the east side  
of 28<sup>th</sup> St.

Non-AMC members are asked for a \$5.00 admission fee



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER — October, 2003 — Bruce McHenry

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Many of you are aware the board has been searching for a liability insurance policy as part of the club's risk management process. The board set three goals as reasons for buying liability insurance.

- Protection from claims by members
- Protection from claims by third parties
- Meeting liability requirements from Land Management Agencies.

There have been some questions raised about the need for insurance. One concern is that having a policy may make us a target. The logic being something like "if we have nothing, we are not worth a lawsuit." There is some truth to that; the club itself does not have a lot of assets worth taking. We have some money in the bank, and ropes and equipment. However, even with having few assets, we would still have the potential expense of defending any claim or lawsuit. An insurance policy is not so much to protect club assets but to help pay the cost of any legal defense. And, to help protect any individual's assets who may be names as part of any claim.

The search, and state of the insurance industry in general, has been a good news/bad news situation. The insurance industry has been affected by factors such as the downturn of the economy and stock market, increased losses from lawsuits, and increased claims from things like weather and the terrorist attacks of 9/11. Companies that handle recreational groups like ours have been particularly affected by pending lawsuits such as the one filed against Jeff Lowe for a death in an ice-climbing incident. The bad news is that for most of 2002 and early 2004 many companies would not write new policies or accept applications.

The good news is many of these claims have been settled, and some insurance companies are accepting applications. During a search of several months, the club was able to obtain two quotes for a policy. One quote was for \$9,605 and one was for \$1,255. The more expensive policy did meet all three of the board goals for a policy. However, that price represents about one-third of the club's total annual revenue. The board felt that was too expensive at this time. The lower priced policy meets two of the three goals: meeting land manager requirements and protecting against third party claims. It does not cover member-to-member claims.

Regarding any possible claims against the club, be

board believes claims are most likely to be made on the board, outing leaders or Training and Schools lead instructors. Any claims against this group would have to be covered by their own personal insurance, such as homeowners' or umbrella liability policies. Because these folks are volunteers, potentially putting their personal assets at risk, the board has approved offering partial reimbursement for the expense of additional personal insurance. Board members and outing leaders will have up to \$100 and lead instructors up to \$175 in expense reimbursement.

Insurance is one of the things you don't like to pay for until you need it. Our club has an excellent track record on training and risk management. Having insurance is just one part of our overall approach to risk management.

### Basic School Instr. Meeting

The instructor meeting for Basic School will be at Dave & Sal's at 6:02pm on Wednesday, October 8th. We'll cut slings & prusiks, assemble gear packs for the class, organize harnesses, check ropes for wear, and measure and mark the length on all club ropes. We'll go over the class outline and get people lined up for demos. We'll also have refreshers on the munter hitch, auto-block, stopper knots, rope coiling, and anything else you want to brush up on. Pizza and soda will be provided by the club.

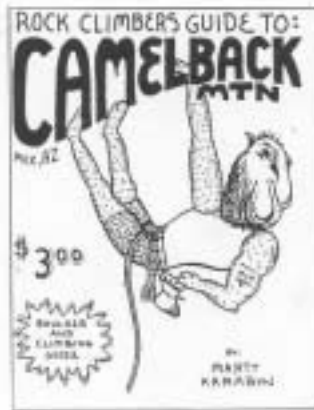
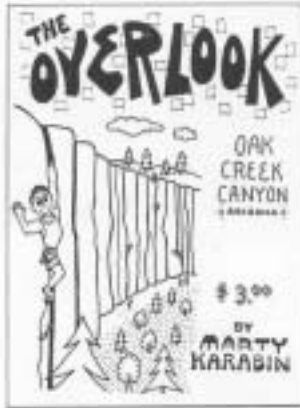
Attending the instructor meeting is not mandatory, but it's sure helpful. There's a lot of work to do, you can re-familiarize yourself with the munter hitch so you can look like a Pro, and you can catch up on old times with folks you may not have seen for a while. You don't have to call, just show up! If you can't make it, just show up for the class at N. Mountain Park on October 14th and we'll put you to work.

Getting there: 5167 E. Windsor is ½ block south of Thomas, just east of 56<sup>th</sup> Street. From the 101, exit on Thomas and head east to the light at 56<sup>th</sup> St and turn left. The first left off 56<sup>th</sup> St. is Windsor. We're on the SE corner of Windsor and 56<sup>th</sup> Place. From the 202, exit on 52<sup>nd</sup> St and go north to Thomas. Right on Thomas to 56<sup>th</sup> St, right on 56<sup>th</sup> St, the first left off 56<sup>th</sup> St is still Windsor!

—Sally



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## THE TALE OF OWL ROCK

Arches National Park, inside the Garden of Eden, stands a magical desert sandstone spire, Owl Rock. I had dreamed of this ascent and shared this desire.

While at Indian Creek, Utah the night before Labor Day, I announced to several in our camp that I was going to Arches to lead Owl Rock, a desert tower. In concern, several read about the climb, conveyed their thoughts and gear in an effort to make sure that on my rack I had all that was required. My partner knew of my dream and personal mission to make this ascent, and because he wanted to assist in making my dream come true, he fueled the flame and saw that nothing or no one would stand in our way. We invited two others to share in our journey, as they expressed excitement in ascending the spire as well.

We arrived Monday morning in the Garden of Eden, and there the Owl stood, perched

100 feet high across the desert, looking out into the mighty La Sal Mountains. We hiked to the base all was quiet as I racked up. My confidence was turned on, as my mission was before me, my first 5.8 trad lead. I looked at my partner and said "I will see you at the top"... A promise I intended to keep...

The sandstone felt smooth as my hands began to feel the climb. The holds felt sculpted, as I began to connect with the rock and the flow of my ascent. The views were breath taking all was well. As I climbed on things began to start feeling more intense, my heart rate was rising as I was beginning to confront the crux move area, Elvis

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Monica Miller standing below Owl Rock.

## Nine Times Out of Ten . . .

We began early on the morning of an Independence Day climb I insisted would be okay if we got up and down early, before the heat became so overpowering. I got to the Lost Dutchman State Park entrance a bit early, just before 4 to watch the skies paint first light on our Nation's birthday and wait for John Keedy and Robert Englund. Both are experienced climbers but had missed the Hand in all their trips. The park calls that formation the Praying Hands, due to their shape, but climbers just call it the Hand. It's not real tall, or overly vertical, or long or difficult but it is a classic due to its shape, the exposure and the long, vertical/free rappel.

I'd climbed the route several times before and recently and was comfortable leading others there. We met on time about 4:30 and left for the 1-¼ mile approach hike without delay. We arrived at the base and I explained the route, the belay stations, and offered the lead to my partners. Robert chose the second pitch. As second, I trailed a rope, clipping it in to Robert's lead pro for John, who cleaned. I led the third pitch and pretty soon, we were all on top. After a few moments of quiet reflection and admiring the view, I be-

gan to set up the rappel. Although the climb is three pitches, the elevations of the start and the rappel finish permit rappelling with two 50-meter ropes. I tied a triple grapevine, cinched it tight and threw the ropes over. One tangled, so I pulled it up and threw it again in two butterflied coils.

The rappel route is a bit overhung and you have to lean out to see the ropes hit bottom, or in this case a large flake in front of the desired landing area. They appeared to be okay so I put the ropes through my belay device. The Hand is known for wind and tangled ropes, but I had untangled many rappels while on my way down. July 4 was a similar day and unseen by me, the ropes had tangled a bit, just 25 feet above the flake. I rappelled quickly, to within a few feet of the tangle. With my free hand, I jiggled and tiggled the knot, coaxing it to unwind and fall free to the flake. Nine times out of ten a little jiggle will do it. But knot today. It stayed knotted so I descended to within a couple of feet of the knot.

Getting close enough to untie the two overhand knots in the rope, complicated with additional bights of rope, became difficult as the rope slipped though

# Basic Rock Climbing School

Arizona Mountaineering Club

Fall 2003

The Arizona Mountaineering Club (AMC) has been teaching basic rock climbing for over 35 years. We place maximum emphasis on safety and self-rescue. This is a beginning climbing class. We will teach you equipment care and usage, rope handling, climbing knots, belaying, rappelling, climbing techniques, and self-rescue. Enrollment fills up quickly, so don't delay; make a reservation to join us soon!

## Class schedule (this is 2-week class):

Oct 14	Tuesday	5:30 pm–10:00 pm	*Havasupai Ramada, North Mountain Park
Oct 16	Thursday	6:00 pm–10:00 pm	Havasupai Ramada, North Mountain Park
Oct 18	Saturday	8:00 am–5:00 pm	North McDowell Mountains, Scottsdale
Oct 19	Sunday	8:00 am–5:00 pm	North McDowell Mountains, Scottsdale
Oct 21	Tuesday	6:00 pm–10:00 pm	Phoenix Rock Gym
Oct 23	Thursday	6:00 pm–10:00 pm	Phoenix Rock Gym
Oct 25	Saturday	all day	Various times, various places

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

**Experience required:** None. Even if you have never climbed a tree before, this class is for you.

## 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 climbing gear

**Equipment recommended for the class:** You will wear a climbing harness at every class, so dress casually. Most sessions will be held outside, so watch the weather. Climbing shoes are recommended for the weekend sessions only. 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:** \$160 plus membership if not already a member (\$13 for an individual and \$15 for a family).

**Registration:** The class is limited to 40 students. To reserve a spot, send a check for \$160 + membership cost (see Class Fee above) made out to AMC Basic School. Include your clearly printed name, address and current phone number(s). Mail to: AMC Basic School, 1025 E. Highland Ave., #26, Phoenix, AZ 85014. No credit cards accepted. If you have further questions, please call Slawa Ciula at 602-265-2661 or email at amcbasic-school@hotmail.com. (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 \$160 will be refunded.)

**For more information:** Visit the Arizona Mountaineering Club website at [www.AzMountaineeringClub.org](http://www.AzMountaineeringClub.org).



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### At the Arizona Hiking Shack, **AMC Members get a 15% discount** on everything they buy, everyday of the week, every week of the year. Why? Two Reasons

First, we respect the job the AMC does. The AMC not only teaches people how to climb safely, they also teach an ethic of responsibility to the outdoors that is essential to keeping our climbing areas open. Second, you learn to climb in the valley. . . well, like it or not. . . we consider you one of OUR homeboys or girls and simply said, we want your business! Ultimately, we know you have many choices when it comes to purchasing your equipment and by having a great selection of gear, a knowledgeable staff, and totally killer deals, we hope you'll come shop with us.

## Alpinist Magazine

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The current slate of climbing magazines is pretty thin: Climbing and Rock & Ice. Mountain Gazette is back in publication, although it's not devoted to climbing. Ascent, Summit, Mountain, and others have long since vanished. About a year ago, though, Alpinist magazine hit the newsstands, and recently completed a year of publication with the release of issue #4.

Alpinist bills itself as a magazine for climbers, by climbers. It is primarily what people might refer to as a big-wall magazine, although more accurately it is a magazine about alpinism around the world, and documents some of the hardest climbs on the biggest peaks and walls in the world. Each issue features a profile of a notable climber, short stories and articles from readers, in-depth articles about the world's greatest (and possibly least-known) alpine routes, first-person reports of new routes, and the best climbing photography around.

It reminds readers of the American Alpine Journal, with its high-quality paper and detailed reporting; but where AAJ contains only a few color photographs, Alpinist is filled with them. This "archive quality" approach to the magazine is due to its editor, Christian Beckwith, who edited AAJ for the past seven years. His experience at that publication pays off here, with a beautiful publication that lacks the clutter of the current advertisement-riddled climbing magazines. The lack of ads at Alpinist comes at a price, though: a yearly subscription of four issues runs \$46, and the cover price of a single issue is \$13.

If you come across a copy sometime, take a look. Many people feel it's the best climbing magazine out there right now. It's not yet stocked at all climbing stores, probably because of the steep price, but it looks like the major bookstores (B&N, Borders) have it. For more information, you can also visit [www.alpinist.com](http://www.alpinist.com).

—Jeff Hatfield

## Success at Echo Canyon

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On September 6 about 15 volunteers gathered in Echo Canyon on Camelback Mountain for trail work. The occasion was Adopt-a-crag day, an annual event coordinated by the ACCESS Fund to support climbers sustain their climbing areas.

We met at 6:30 am. And started working on the trail that branches right next to the ramada; straightening the trail, fixing steps and waqer damage. From there we defined the climbers' trail to Suicide and neighboring climbs, closing off the spider trails and marking the main trail. At 10:30 we put the last tools back in the vehicles: four hours well spent with rewarding results.

We wish to thank Kathi Reichert, AMC member and Phoenix park manager, for designating the project; park ranger Robin Sch3weitzer for working with us and guiding our efforts; Elizabeth Seraglio for taking messafes/signs-ups for the event; and Joseph Peck from the REI store in Tempe, who helped with the planning and getting volunteers and water bottles and gatorade donated by REI. Other freebies for the AMC/REI volunteers from commercial sponsors included Nalgeen bottles, Clif bars and lip balm from Gore-Tex.

### VOLUTEERS:

Ropn Auerbvack, Dave Tanton, Bruce McHenry, Seth Hennessee, Kevin Abney, Bill Fallon, Kim Peterson, ose Demoret, Erik Seraglio, J>F> Scott, Mike Velazquez, Maria Stoianova, Monica Lilly, Angela Riccobono, Jennifer Ramikrez, Joseph Peck (and a few others).  
— Jutta Ulrich

# Climbing Anchors School

## Arizona Mountaineering Club

Fall 2003

The AMC Climbing Anchors School teaches participants how to set climbing anchors for top-roping. This course is the logical next step for AMC Basic Climbing School graduates.

### Class curriculum:

Tuesday: Learn anchor components, anchor types, knots and hitches.  
Thursday: Learn anchor system characteristics and construction.  
Saturday: Experience setting anchors by practicing "hands-on" scenarios under instructor supervision.  
Sunday: Apply new skills setting real anchors on an optional climbing outing where students set the anchors under instructor supervision and then spend the day climbing.

### Class schedule:

Nov 11, 13	Tuesday, Thursday	6:30 pm–9:30 pm	*Dreamy Draw Park (Phoenix)
Nov 15	Saturday	8:00 am–4:00 pm	North Scottsdale
Nov 16	Sunday	7:00 am–5:00 pm	Climbing area to be announced during class

\*To get to Dreamy Draw Park take SR 51 (Piestewa Peak Freeway) to Northern; turn east on Northern. This takes you directly into the park. Class is at the big ramada.

**Experience required:** AMC Basic School graduate or equivalent, which must include knowledge of how to belay, rappel, prusik, tie a figure-8-on-a-bight and figure-8-on-a-follow-through, and make a girth hitch.

**Cost:** \$75 (plus \$13 for non-members). Register by sending a check payable to AMC Anchors School to 1654 W. Boston St, Chandler, AZ, 85224. No credit cards accepted. The registration fee is fully refundable if you cancel. Call Nancy Birdwell at 480-821-1932 or email [info.anchors.school@AzMountaineeringClub.org](mailto:info.anchors.school@AzMountaineeringClub.org) for more information. The number of students will be limited to 35.

### Equipment required for the class:

2 non-locking "D" or oval carabiners (at least 2, bring more if you have them)  
3 locking carabiners (at least 3, one of which should be a parabiner)  
1 rappel/belay device (Trango Jaws, Black Diamond ATC, Trango Pyramid, Figure-8, etc.)  
1 climbing harness  
1 ea 4', 6', 10' 6mm prusiks (untied length)  
2 ea 6', 10', 20' slings (1" tubular webbing, untied length, AKA runners)  
1 or 2 personal anchor slings (commercial daisy chains or 4' sewn Spectra runners or equivalent)  
1 helmet—**required for Saturday and Sunday sessions**, helmets are available if you do not have one.  
(The slings and harness are the only additional equipment needed over the Basic School requirements)

**This class is designed to teach you how to set top-rope anchors.** 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 Anchors School, but if you have some, you will be able to practice setting it in class. All of the gear recommended below can be used for Lead School, 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 you may want to bring:

- Any 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)
- Extra slings (perhaps four 5', two 15' slings, untied lengths)

**For more information:** Visit the Arizona Mountaineering Club website at [www.AzMountaineeringClub.org](http://www.AzMountaineeringClub.org).

## THE TALE OF OWL ROCK (Continued from page 7)

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leg was setting in... I began to shake... I knew I must get my body under control as I was in an awkward position and was looking at peeling off if I didn't get it together. My inner self began to rationalize, get your heel down on the rock, this was always the cure. My partner was trying to talk me through the ordeal, when three dirt bike motorcyclists appeared on scene...! Broom, Broom, Broom, Now, I was really wiggling out. The motorcycle sounds pounded against the rock as it echoed through my helmet at what seemed an intolerable decibel. In my loudest voice as I looked their way, yelled out can you please turn the #%\$&# motorcycles OFF....!!! My partner was giving them the cut-throat signal everyone's senses were heightened, my team members watched from the ground in hopes that I would not peel from the rock. My body was so rigid and paralyzed. Then, all the sudden ...the bikers were gone. I heard my team encouraging me to climb on. I was looking good, and in those words I found the inner strength, pulled my act together arose and made move after move, the climb was quite sustained. I then hit a thin shelf with a fist lock off and slotted a large nut, as I went for another quick draw I realized that I had no more. I took a deep breath and yelled down to my partner, "Houston we have a problem"... I conveyed my plight. I then heard, "can you make some up"? "Are we going to have to lower you"? I had come too far...! I looked on my escape gear parabiner, with my one free hand unlock the gate grabbed my auto block, and clipped it into the nut. I knew that I would have some rope drag but at the moment in time it was the best solution. I then removed a 6 ft piece of webbing put it over my shoulder, noted my remaining gear and how much further I must climb. I could see the top it was so close, nothing was going to stop me now. I had the desire and a few tricks left in the bag.

I placed my final piece, a hex. My heart skipped a beat in time, as I knew this climb was now mine.

When I reached the anchor bolts and clipped in a sudden inner peace came unto my senses. I gazed North unto the hinterland and realized that I had completed my mission. My dream was now a reality.

In my reflection on that peak, I remember the first time that I laid eyes on Owl Rock, and saw those anchor bolts, it was with my main partner, Patrick Clay Vollmer, Labor Day 2002. One of my favorite pictures of him was shot at those bolts. Tears rolled from my eyes as I was sad that he was not with me in the moment, as it was his face that I too, longed to see come around that corner. It was my prayer that someday we return together.

Who knew that 365 days later I would return to lead this desert spire. I looked for the satisfaction that was... and it was revealed, that I too gave this magical

climb to another. The torch had once again been passed on to a new climber. As I saw the exhilaration in David Paul's face as he came to meet me on top of the spire.

Leader, Mike Knarzer and his partner, John Kynyk ascended the spire to join us. We all rejoiced on top of the Owl, as we felt the wiser in our accomplishments. We sat cross-legged in yoga position as we gazed out into the La Sal Mountains. Dreams do come true.

With great love and respect, I dedicate this piece to my partners Clay Vollmer and David Paul. Each has given me the magical essence of Owl Rock, a classic in my life that I will never forget.

"When you reach the top, keep climbing" ...

—Monica D. Miller

## Nine Times (Continued from Page 7)

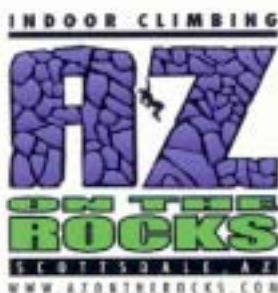
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my ATC. As the knot got very close to the belay device, my hand became a fist around the tails of my rap lines and became wedged between the ATC and the knot. I knew that getting the knot pulled up into the belay device could make self-rescue quite difficult. The hard part was that the ATC was very hot and I got a second-degree burn from the hot ATC, on the back of my hand between the thumb and the forefinger. I held it there for the 20-30 seconds it took me grab a prusik off my harness and tie it onto the rope above me.

And then I tied on a second prusik, and stood up in it, unlooping the tangled mess below me. The whole rescue effort didn't take very long, between 5-10 minutes, but the entire little episode was quite awkward, because I was in the free part of the rappel, without my feet able to stabilize my rotation. After the ropes were straightened out, I cleared the ropes over the flake and we were all down safely.

I've often had adventures, epics and memorable moments around holidays and holiday trips, and some generated some pretty good stories. Until something better comes along my Independence Day memory will be the two lessons I learned (or relearned) this year, always carry your prusiks ALWAYS and try to always make sure your ropes are free and untangled, because one time out of ten could make you very, very unhappy.

—P. Clay Vollmer



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## PREPARE — Ice Age Is Coming

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This year we will again be offering ice climbing and winter mountaineering classes through Southwest Adventures out of Durango, Colorado. We are enhancing the structure and sequence of the classes to better serve our students. Basically we are identifying the core sequence and trying to allow students to go through the entire progression in one season if they so choose. We are also making sure that all students have the fundamental ice climbing and avalanche awareness skills to take part in the multipitch experience offered later in the season.

We will offer the **Basic Ice Climbing and Avalanche Awareness** class, January 17 to 19. This class will be held in the Durango, CO area. It has a prerequisite of Basic Rock climbing.

A new course, **Advance Ice Climbing**, will focus on the development of competency on steeper ice and the practice in skills necessary for seconding on ice. This new course will be offered in Ouray, CO, at the Ice Park, over February 14 to 16. It will have individualized instruction on ways to improve your ice climbing technique. The optional third day will be a repeat of the Avalanche Awareness class. It is necessary to have taken Beginning Ice Climbing or obtained the permission of the instructor before enrolling.

**Multipitch Ice Climbing** of some of Silverton's classic waterfalls will be held March 13 and 14. We are requiring that students have taken the Beginning and Advanced Ice climbing before enrolling. Also, this year it will be mandatory to have taken an approved Avalanche Awareness class before enrolling. That class must have included proficiency with avalanche transceivers.

Please see the AMC Newsletter Calendar of Events under the Commercially Provided Training and Events for class fees and additional information as the season progresses.

As always, individuals interested in other winter activities such as a guided Winter Mountaineering Class, Level One Avalanche Certification, and the like should contact the SWA representative for additional information on other offerings. An AMC discount may be available under certain conditions.

If you want to enroll or find out more information, please contact Erik Filsinger at smorefil@aol.com.

## Bylaw Change Proposal

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I am proposing a Bylaw change to be voted on at the October member meeting. The current verbiage in the Bylaws reads:

“9. Notice.

Whenever and wherever Notice is called for in these Bylaws, such Notice shall be to all Members and shall be provided at least 10-days prior to the event or activity respecting which Notice is being provided. Appropriate Notice shall constitute official AMC electronic mail, official AMC web page, AMC Newsletter or similar publication.”

I propose to change this verbiage to read:

“9. Notice.

Whenever and wherever Notice is called for in these Bylaws, such Notice shall be to all Members and shall be published in both the official AMC electronic mail and the AMC Newsletter (both printed and electronic) at least 10 days prior to the event or activity respecting which Notice is being provided.”

The term “Notice” refers to how the membership is informed, or given “notice,” that an event or activity is forthcoming and that anyone interested should be aware of this in order to be able to weigh in on said event or activity. For example, current bylaws call for “Notice” to be given to the membership about vacancies on the Board, so that an election can be held to fill the vacancy. According to the current provision, the Board need only post on our website the fact that there is a vacancy and that an election will be held, **or** send an AMC email about the vacancy announcing that an election will be held, **or** publish in the newsletter that there is a vacancy and that an election will be held, in order to have “Noticed” the membership. The reason I am proposing this change is threefold. First, the current Bylaw can be construed as contradictory in that it requires that all members be “Noticed,” but then it allows the Board to “Notice” only a selected few members (for example, those who are on the email list). Second, it is not right for the Board to give Notice to only a select few when important matters are at issue. Third, the grammatical error that states, “Appropriate Notice shall constitute official AMC electronic mail, official AMC web page, AMC Newsletter or similar publication” needs to be corrected (it is publication in such media that is Notice, not the media itself).

—Wayne Schroeter

# Lead Climbing School

Arizona Mountaineering Club  
Fall 2003

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. 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, and the differences between clipping bolts and placing natural pro. There will be no "true" lead climbs during the class, but we will provide simulated leading exercises.

## Class curriculum:

Tue Lecture, slide show: introduction, the lead fall, equipment  
Wed Lecture, slide show: equipment (continued); the process and techniques of leading  
**Thu Lecture, slide show: multi-pitch techniques, the descent, leader rescue, aid climbing**  
Sat Hands-on practice: natural pro placement (Prescott)  
Sun Hands-on practice: leading on bolts (Prescott or Scottsdale)

## Class schedule:

Sep 23, 24, 25 (Tues., Wed, Thurs) from 6:30-9:30 pm at Dreamy Draw Park\*  
Sep 27 Saturday 9:00 am-5:00 pm Prescott (directions will be in syllabus)  
Sep 28 Sunday 9:00 am-5:00 pm Prescott or Scottsdale (directions will be in syllabus)

\*To get to Dreamy Draw Park take SR 51 (Piestewa Peak Parkway) 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.

**Experience required:** Preferably, AMC Basic School and AMC Anchors School or equivalent experience. This includes knowing how to tie a variety of knots, belay, rappel, prusik and set anchors.

**Cost:** \$75 plus membership (\$13) if not already a member. Register by sending a check payable to AMC Lead School to 1654 W. Boston St, Chandler, AZ, 85224. No credit cards accepted. (Please note: the registration fee is fully refundable if you cancel.) Call Nancy Birdwell at 480-821-1932 or email [info.lead.school@AzMountaineeringClub.org](mailto:info.lead.school@AzMountaineeringClub.org) for more information. The number of students will be limited to 30.

## Equipment required for the class:

The following will not be needed the first night. You may want to listen to the gear lectures before making purchases.

1. All climbing gear (harness, prusiks, biners, etc.)
2. Helmet—mandatory for all on-rock sessions
3. Specifically needed:
  - 2 20' slings (untied length), preferably different colors
  - 2 10' slings (untied length), preferably different colors
  - Nut pick
  - Quickdraws with 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
4. Hiking boots or shoes with stiff soles for Saturday, climbing shoes for Sunday
5. Optional: kneepads for Saturday (\$3-6 at Home Depot, \$5 volleyball pads at sporting goods stores)

**For more information:** Visit the Arizona Mountaineering Club website at [www.AzMountaineeringClub.org](http://www.AzMountaineeringClub.org).

## LEAD SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS

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We will not hold a lead school instructor's meeting this year since there are no significant changes to discuss.

The lead school schedule is as follows:

Sep 23, 24, 25 at Dreamy Draw Park, 6:30pm–9:30pm.  
Sep 27, 28 at Prescott, 9am-5pm (Sullivan Canyon Sat., then Watson Dells Sun. ).

The three weeknights will be lecture, slide shows and equipment discussions. If you're looking to re-view, please come out.

**WE NEED INSTRUCTORS FOR THE WEEK-END SESSIONS!**

Please call Nancy (480) 821-1932 and let us know if you plan to help out on the weekend.

Wayne (602) 402-1631 or wayne@iwayne.com.

On Saturday meet at 7am at the Denny's on I-17 and Bell Road to caravan. We are working on discount prices at a Prescott hotel, and camping is always available.

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## Dief — “Help Save Black Mtn.”

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For decades hikers have enjoyed the trail to the summit of Black Mountain in Cave Creek and Carefree Arizona on the northern edge of Phoenix. Unfortunately the trail ran across private property and those land owners no longer wanted people crossing their property (which is their right) so the trail is closed. Currently the summit is owned by the BLM. The towns of Carefree and Cave Creek are brokering a deal to take over control of the mountain from the BLM (basically a good thing). But, for some reason both town councils decided to prohibit a new trail up the mountain. There is a legal easement up the mountain but without a trail this is useless.

Please help save public access to public property. As many of you know I lead the charge to regain access to Pinnacle Peak. I now need your help to regain public access to Black Mountain. If you wish to help please email Cave Creek Mayor Vincent Francia (vfrancia@turfpardise.net mailto:<vfrancia@turfpardise.net>) and ask him to keep Black Mountain open to the public. The only way to do this and protect the environment is with a dedicated trail. (Which I have offered to help build). Please send this email now. Keep it short and polite.

If you wish to be kept informed of events concerning Black Mountain please let me know.

—Paul Dief - Friends of Black Mountain

—dief@phoenixrockgym.com

## Super Topo Guides

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Those of us who climb a lot in Arizona are lucky with respect to the guidebooks we use. Two of the major local books—Greg Opland's *Phoenix Rock II* and Marty Karabin's *Rock Jock's Guide to Queen Creek Canyon*--are among the best out there for their accurate approach directions and easy-to-read route maps. Other guidebooks aren't as friendly, and sometimes are downright misleading.

When Susan and I were planning our summer road trip, we sought as much information as possible about the climbing areas we planned to visit. This included buying several guidebooks for those areas. The problem was, many of the guides were difficult to use, and didn't contain as much information as I would have liked.

To supplement these books, we bought a couple of guides from SuperTopo.com. These are without a doubt the most detailed and easy-to-use topos I've come across. We bought “Lover's Leap Select”, “Yosemite Ultra Classics”, and “Tuolumne Ultra Classics” for our trip. Other available guides include Red Rocks, Moab, and the High Sierra.

There are some advantages to using these guides. First, since you can buy the electronic book in PDF format, you can print out a copy of your route to take with you on the climb, without the hassle of photocopying it advance (or forgetting to copy it, and then tearing it out of the guidebook). Also, these topos give you a detailed list of gear, plus show you where you'll use it on the route. And they give concise and detailed approach and descent directions. For leaders like me, who like as much information in advance and get off-route all the time, taking these maps on the route has proven invaluable.

The electronic books run anywhere from \$14.95 to \$19.95. The printed books are slightly higher. Information on ordering, plus recent trip reports, beta, etc., are available at [www.supertopo.com](http://www.supertopo.com). Jeff Hatfield

## OVER THE RIM — FOR 15TH TIME

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Here are the essentials for “Over the Rim” — a great way to get into the busy fall “public service” season. See last month’s Newsletter for all the details.

### Training Prerequisites

The Cleanup is scheduled for Oct. 4. You must be a Club member trained in the proper rappel technique and in prusiking to go over the side; non-members can help at the top. You must call Scott Hoffman to sign up (623) 580-8909.

### Technique seminar and planning meeting:

We will be holding a technique seminar at 6:00 pm, Tuesday, Sep 30, at Dreamy Draw Park. It is mandatory for anyone who has not participated in the cleanup before, and old-timers are welcome to come for a refresher. We won’t be teaching any of these techniques on-site at the Canyon. Please bring all the technical equipment listed below to the seminar.

### Personal equipment:

Bring your basic climbing outfit, not forgetting helmet and gloves, boots, biners (including some lockers), and assorted slings.

### Schedule:

Friday, Oct 3: Camp at the group site

Saturday, Oct 4:

8:00 am—**mandatory meeting** at Mather Point (we will sign waivers)

9:00 am—disperse to cleanup areas

4:00 pm—wrap up, shower, get ready for barbecue

5:00 pm—meet at Shoshone Point, caravan from camp

Sunday, Oct 5:

9:00 am—meet at parking lot by railroad station for climbing outing (helmets required)

3:00 pm—head back to Phoenix

**Entrance to the Park:** If you arrive at the entrance station when it is open, tell the Ranger on duty that you are with the AMC and are here for the “**Over-the-Rim Cleanup**” (these are the magic words). They should let you in without paying the normal \$20.00 entrance fee (although you should feel free to pay if you want, since the money collected at the entrance station does go directly to the park’s upkeep). Show this newsletter at the entrance station.

**Camping:** The Park Service will provide two group campsites for 100 people but only four cars on Oct 3-4 at Mather Campground. The campsite number on the “Sage Loop” is assigned on arrival, but the number should be listed on the side of the entrance kiosk by the time you get there. The vehicles bringing the club equipment will be the two vehicles to park at the site, so that we can monitor the ropes and other Club gear.

All other vehicles must park at Babbitt’s General Store, about 1/4 mile from the campsite. While inconvenient, this is the Park Service campsite policy and they do monitor the campsites. The main concern is that they need the fire trucks to be able to get through the campground. If you camp in your vehicle, you will need to camp outside the park or get a private campsite by calling 1-800-365-2267 (up to 5 months in advance and \$12; there are 2 vehicles allowed at each private campsite, so you may want to pool with others). Other campsite rules are: no ground fires (use the grills) and quiet hours between 10 pm and 6 am.

Facilities at the campground include showers (bring quarters) and bathrooms. Hot breakfasts Saturday morning are available at Yavapai Lodge at the Babbitt’s parking lot.

**Directions:** Drive north on State 64 into Grand Canyon National Park. Stay on the main road until you see the sign for Mather Campground directing you to the left (south). Follow the signs to the campground kiosk. On your right will be the showers. Look on the campground kiosk for a list of assigned sites. Follow the map on the kiosk. Park at the assigned campsite and unload, set up your tent, etc. Then drive back out to the kiosk and back to the parking lot at Babbitt’s General Store. Hike back to the campsite the same way, on the asphalt.

**Barbecue at Shoshone Point:** Shoshone Point is about 2.3 miles east of the intersection of State Hwy 64 and the East Rim Road that goes to Desert Watchtower. We have reserved it for Saturday evening. There is a 270-degree view of the Canyon, a great sunset, and a small Anasazi granary. The AMC will provide charcoal and lighter fluid. There are two huge grills and several picnic tables. Bring your own dead meat or other grilling material. Extra barbecue tools (tongs, forks, spatulas) are always welcome (keep track of them, and maybe mark them). We will have a campfire. The last people around the fire must have enough water to put the fire dead out (ask around—there is a lot of excess water). Also, someone in the last car out should lock the gate.

**Car-pooling:** Since many participants will be at the Tuesday seminar, this is the best place to arrange car-pooling.

**Call me** at (623) 580-8909 to tell me you are coming.

- *Scott Hoffman*

## Calendar of Events *(Continued from page 20)*

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### Billboard—Other Scheduled Events

*Outings listed in this section 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 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.*

**Wednesdays North Mountain Hikes after work.** Rogil Schroeter (623) 512-8465 or Oct 11

**Backpack to Reavis Ranch, Superstition Wilderness,** Saturday, Oct. 11th and 12th, 2003. Rated: moderate, 6.5 miles in & 2350' of elevation gain. Trailhead elevation: 2480', Reavis Ranch: 4830', Circlestone: 6210', Mound Mtn.: 6266'. The exact route is 0.6 miles on Campaign Trail #256, 5.5 miles on Reavis Gap Trail #117, and 0.4 miles on Reavis Ranch Trail #109. Meet at 6:00 A.M. Saturday morning, meeting location yet to be determined, for carpooling in high clearance vehicles to Upper Horrell Trailhead. Previous backpacking experience helpful but not required. This eastern portion of the Supers is a remote, uniquely forested, lush, riparian area. Backpack through an area known for Indian sites, petroglyphs, and springs. Sample many varieties of apples at a large apple orchard and possibly sample apple pie, cake, or other made from scratch goodies made over a wood campfire. If interested and not too tired a few people may want to check out the ancient ruins at Circlestone, just (1160') above the ranch, early Sunday before departing. Circlestone is next to and almost even with the highest point in the Supers, Mound Mountain. Leave No Trace ethics will be expected of participants. For questions or a list of gear suggestions and strategies contact Dave Tanton: dave@apexdc.com or (480) 894-1112.

**Dec 27 Ouray Ice Climbing.** Dec. 27, 2003–Jan. 4, 2004. Ouray, CO. Visit website [www.ourayicepark.com](http://www.ourayicepark.com). \$50.00 deposit for lodging reservation, in nice large furnished house retained for the outing. For more details contact Richard Horst (623) 434-4769.

### Commercially Provided Training and Events

*The events listed below are provided by commercial outfitters for the benefit of AMC members. They 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 of out-of-town events, participants will sign up directly with the commercial outfitter.*

During 2004 Southwest Adventures will offer the following ice climbing and winter mountaineering activities to AMC members:

#### **Beginning Ice Climbing and Avalanche Awareness**

Offered January 17-19 (MLK Weekend) Minimum number of participants: 4 (AMC or Other).

Registration Dead lines: 30 days before course start date. Cost: \$138 plus equipment rentals for Ice Portion, plus \$55 for optional Avalanche Awareness Prerequisite: Basic rock climbing

#### **Avalanche Awareness**

1/19, 2/16 Registration Dead lines: 30 days before course start date. Cost: \$55 plus equipment rentals

Prerequisite: None

#### **Advanced Ice climbing**

Dates: 2/14 to 2/16 (President's Day Weekend) Registration Dead lines: 30 days before course start date.

Cost: \$150 plus equipment rentals for ice portion, plus \$55 for optional Avalanche Prerequisite: Basic ice climbing course

#### **Multi-pitch ice Climbing**

Dates: 3/13 and 3/14 Registration Dead lines: 30 days before course start date. Cost: \$260 for both days. \$210 for second day only. Prerequisite: Advance ice climbing course and Avalanche awareness

In addition, arrangements can be made for guided Winter Mountaineering and for Level One Avalanche Certification class.

To sign up or for more information contact Erik Filsinger at [smorefil@aol.com](mailto:smorefil@aol.com).

## Calendar of Events

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### AMC Outings

*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.*

- Sep 23 Lead School. Sep. 23, 24, 25, 27, 28. Details page . Nancy Birdwell (480) 821-1932 or email info.lead.school@azmountaineeringclub.org.
- Sep 30 Grand Canyon Cleanup seminar. Details page 6-7. First-timers need to attend this seminar at 6:00 pm at Dreamy Draw. Others may come for a refresher if you want. Scott Hoffman (623) 580-8909.
- Oct 4 Grand Canyon Over-the-Rim Cleanup. Details page 6-7. Scott Hoffman (623) 580-8909.
- Oct 5 Grand Canyon Climb. Kaibab limestone, helmets required. 5.7-5.10. For Cleanup participants only. Scott Hoffman (623) 580-8909.
- Oct 8 Basic School Instructor Meeting. Sally Larimer (480) 425-9689.
- Oct 14 Basic School. Oct. 14,16,18,19,21,23,25. Slawa Ciula (602) 265-2661 or email Info.basic.school@azmountaineeringclub.org.
- Oct 25 The Mace. One of the 50 North American Classic Climbs. Frank Vers will lead his 10th annual ascent of this Classic multi-pitch sandstone route in Sedona. Solid 5.9+. Helmets mandatory. Limit 4. Frank Vers (480) 947 9435.
- Nov 01 Queen Creek Cleanup and Climb. Charlene Todd (480) 917-5354.
- Nov 05 Anchors School Instructor Meeting. Wayne Schroeter (602) 402-1631.
- Nov 11 Anchors School. Nov. 11,13,15,16. Nancy Birdwell (480) 821-1932 or email info.lead.school@azmountaineeringclub.org.
- Nov 26 Joshua Tree Thanksgiving. Nov. 26-30.

**\*\*Cancellations:** Please keep in mind that most outings have limits and that there is usually a waiting list to attend. Call at least 24 hours in advance to cancel. Courtesy dictates that you be on time for the outing, and that if you are sick or an emergency occurs the day of the outing, call the Outing Leader so the group doesn't lose time waiting on you.

To request outings: Call the Outings Chair, Monica Miller, at (623) 362-0456.

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### Outing Leaders

Requirements for becoming a leader: take the Basic, Anchors 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 Dave Larimer at (480) 425-9689.

Tom Conner .....	480-897-7623	Tim Medlock .....	719-494-1171	Wayne Schroeter .....	602-402-1631
Erik Filsinger .....	602-906-1186	Jeff Nagel .....	602-318-9538	Jef Sloat .....	602-316-1899
Jeff Hatfield .....	480-783-8779	Paul Norberg.....	602-808-9244	Mick Strole .....	520-856-3335
Scott Hoffman .....	623-580-8909	Paul Paonessa .....	602-493-7356	Rick Taylor .....	623-487-8507
Richard Horst .....	623-434-4769	Chris Query .....	480-967-9268	Frank Vers.....	480-947-9435
David Larimer .....	480-425-9689	Tim Schneider .....	480-497-8377	Tim Ward.....	602-212-1929
Sally Borg Larimer...	480-425-9689	Rogil Schroeter.....	623-512-8465		

# AMC Calendar

## October 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		30 G. Canyon Cleanup Seminar	1 Sunrise 6:22 Sunset 6:13 Mset 10:33p	2 Moon 1stQ	3	4 Grand Canyon Cleanup
5 Grand Canyon Cleanup	6	7	8 Basic Sch. Instr. Meeting Sunrise 6:27 Sunset 6:04 Mrise 5:38p	9	10 Full Moon	11
12	13 AMC Board	14 Basic School Class	15 Sunrise 6:33 Sunset 5:55 Mrise 9:19p	16 Basic School Class	17	18 Basic School Class 1st Qtr
19	20	21 Basic School Class	22 Sunrise 6:38 Sunset 5:47 Mrise 3:18a	23 Basic School Class	24	25 Basic Grad Climbs / The Mace New Moon
26	27 AMC Mtg	28	29 Sunrise 6:44 Sunset 5:39 Mset 9:34p	30	31 Moon 1stQ	1 Queen Cr. Clean and Climb