

# JUNE 2003

## ARIZONA MOUNTAINEER



It isn't a 5-11 or even a 5.9, but it is an Arizona Landmark that takes some doing to get to its base and some more doing to get to its top. It is, of course, Weaver's Needle, set in the middle of the Superstition Wilderness Area east of Apache Junction. The east side is pretty darn easy so that older scout troops sometimes climb it. The west side is much less broken and protection possibilities are poor to non-existent when you really need some. Hot weather turns it into a killer ordeal — once you have climbed it you still have either a four or six miles to walk to your car and that blessed long, cold drink of water.

# 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  
4340 E. Indian School Rd.  
Ste 21-164  
Phoenix, Az. 85018

**SCHOOLS:** The AMC conducts several rock climbing, mountaineering and other outdoor skills schools each year. Contact the Training & Safety Committee for schedules and costs.

**NEWSLETTER**

Send stories and photos to Wally Vegors, 6151 N. 8th Ave., Phoenix, Az 85013 or e-mail <vegors@worldnet.att.net> Electronic photos should be 300 dpi in JPG. If possible.

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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>>

## **THIS MONTH IN THE AMC**

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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:  
Personal ads: free to members.  
Business ads: \$5.00 for business card;  
\$10.00 for half page; \$20.00 for full page \$25.00 for inserts/mo

**MAY Deadline: 10May, 2003**

## **HOT STUFF!!!**

**YOU ARE NEEDED FOR THE NEW  
LAND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE.  
THE JOB IS WAY TOO BIG FOR ANY  
ONE PERSON TO HANDLE.**

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**Check your gear for stuff you might  
swap for other neat stuff now owned  
by others who will bring their neat  
surplus stuff to the AMC Swap Meet  
on June 23rd in order to trade for your  
neat but unneeded (by you) stuff.  
Bring stuff to barbecue too.**

### **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.

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### **JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

Tim Steele 2, Shawn Swenson 2, Dana Dumins 3, Steven Towle 4, David Hansen 5, Lisa Polacheck 6, Nancy Birdwell 8, David Johnson 11, Sonia Overholser 11, Scott Parsons 11, Lynn Readicker 11, Alex Bonham 13, Chiara Azzini 14, Karen Schneider 14, Christian Sanich 16, Thu Duong 17, Stacy LaFrance 18, Charlene Todd 18, Charlene Weaver 18, Karol Harvey 21, Jennifer Iben 24, Shantala Ramaiah 25, Jeff Harvey 26, Dwight Bozarth 27, Tessa Cone 27, Bill Campbell 28, Lynne Hulvey 28, Dave Tanton 28, John Fritz 30, Tiina Hanni 30

## **MINUTES OF THE AMC BOARD MEETING: May 5, 2003**

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Board Members Present – Filsinger, Granger, Keedy, Larimer, McHenry  
Committee Chairs Present – Vegors

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

II. Minutes of April meeting were approved as published in the Newsletter.

III. No Treasurer's Report.

IV. President's updates:

A. McHenry presented "AMC Types of Documents" which specifies the Formal Governance documents of the AMC. Document was approved as a working model by the Board on July 9, 2001. Document types are By-Laws, Standing Rules, Policies, Guidelines and Procedures Folder. **Motion made, seconded and carried to reaffirm these as the headings of all AMC documents.**

B. **Motion made, seconded and carried to adopt Standing Rule 05-05-03-01 which states: "For any official vote taken at a General Membership Meeting, the outcome of that vote will be recorded in the minutes of the next AMC Board Meeting."**

V. **Old Business**

A. Insurance update – WOGA has not been responsive to McHenry's numerous requests, via phone, email and postal mail. He will send a certified letter to WOGA requesting response to our communications.

B. Recognition Plaques were presented at the last Membership meeting. A letter of appreciation was received from Tom Conner.

C. Land Advocacy – Filsinger presented proposal for the structure of the Land Advocacy Committee:

### **Proposal for Structure and Function of the Arizona Mountaineering Club's Land Advocacy Committee (LAC)**

*Mission:* To provide a mechanism for integrating the various efforts of the Arizona Mountaineering Club (AMC) with regard to public policy in the protection of climbing areas and related land uses in the State of Arizona.

*Structure:* The LAC will consist of a Chair, initially Erik Filsinger, and as many AMC members who wish to play an active role. The Chair will provide overall direction and coordinate with the AMC Board on LAC direction and efforts. He or she will work with LAC members as needed to implement committee objectives. The members of the LAC will each take on a specific role within the committee's efforts. These roles will consist of establishing a relationship with a

given land manager, monitoring the ongoing policy directives of the land manager, and seeking input on any policy matters that fall under the mission of the LAC. Members will be expected to attend meetings with landowners and land managers to whom they have been assigned. Members will develop written lists of the major topics and issues within their assigned jurisdictions. Members will report to and coordinate their efforts with the Chair.

*Membership and Duties:* Initially LAC members will be sought to fill the following roles:

*Access Fund.* The Chair or a committee member will be assigned to keeping close contact with an obtaining the support of the Access Fund in ways to benefit the goals of the LAC. This member will also be assigned to coordinate the AMC's participation in the annual Access Fund Day each Fall.

*Closures.* A committee member will monitor and report to the Chair issues related to climbing-related closures by land managers or landowners.

*Outreach and Trails.* A member will be sought to coordinate the efforts of the former AMC Trails, *Public Relations and Conservation* committees. This will include coordinating AMC efforts with the Volunteers of America's trail building, coordinating with REI's trails efforts, managing the twice annual *Queen Creek Clean-up*, and reviewing submittals from others for the AMC's community outreach efforts, e.g., Phoenix Zoo nights, setting up an AMC table at public events, and the like.

*T&S interface.* A committee member will coordinate with the Chair of T&S and with the various AMC Schools for presentations on LAC mission and related topics including Leave No Trace ethic. *United States Forest Service.* A member will establish working relations with one or more of the many USFS National Forests in the State in which climbing areas are located.

*State Land Department.* A member will establish working relations with the State Land Department to monitor and engage in policy issues with regard to State Lands where climbing areas are located.

*City of Phoenix.* A member will establish a working relationship with the City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Commissions and their Trails-related committees to ensure continuing good relations between the AMC and PHX.

*City of Scottsdale.* A member will establish a working relationship with the City of Scottsdale Parks and Recreation Commissions and the McDowell Sonoran Land Trust and their trails related

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## DISCOUNT DIRECTORY

The following merchants currently offer a discount to AMC members.

Arizona Hiking Shack - 11645 N. Cave Creek Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85020, 944-7723

Show your AMC membership card and get a 15% discount.

### AMC RENTAL EQUIPMENT:

EQUIPMENT	Lb-Oz	Qty	Cost/Wk
Tents:			
4-season 2-3 man 7-6 .....	1	1	10.00
4-season 2 man .....	6-0	1	6.00
3-season 2 man .....	5-0	3	5.00
4-season 1 man bivvy .....	1-15	1	7.00
Sherpa Snowshoes .....	8	1	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 Tom Burmer 480-354-1392.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Statement of Operations

01/01/03 Thru 05/09/03

Category Description	Amount
<b>INCOME</b>	
Advertising .....	320.00
Equipment Rental (incl shoes) .....	107.00
Interest .....	9.63
Membership Dues .....	4,630.00
Mountaineering Schools .....	125.00
Program Income .....	.00
Tee Shirts & Etc .....	239.00
Training .....	5,410.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>10,840.63</b>

### EXPENSES

Access Committee .....	.00
Access ,other .....	137.41
Administration .....	1,029.29
Bouldering Contest .....	300.00
Capital Exp (mtnrg) .....	59.30
Classification .....	576.50
Equipment Maint .....	125.00
Insurance .....	956.01
Library .....	41.90
Merchandise Exp .....	644.40
Mountaineering .....	272.85
Newsletter .....	1,459.61
Outings .....	80.78
Programs .....	1,730.00
Service/Bank Charge .....	14.82
Training .....	6,314.96
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>11,524.02</b>

OVERALL FOR YEAR TO DATE.....-1,683.39

### ACCOUNT BALANCES (05/09/03)

CD Account .....	5,210.59
Savings .....	1,530.32
Checking .....	10,061.18

TOTAL CASH ASSETS .....\$18,480.33

OTHER ASSETS (Club gear mainly) .....7,779.00

OVERALL TOTAL..... 24,581.09

# **ANNUAL AMC GEAR SWAP!!!**

**Bring:  
Things to trade.  
Something to BBQ.  
YOB.**

**AMC will provide:**

**cold soft drinks, including bottled water  
fire**

**South Mountain Park, Las Lomitas Ramada:**

**6 pm - 10 pm.**

**Monday, June 23.**

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER – June 2003 TRADITION AND CHANGE

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The diversity of our sport is endless and fascinating. So many ways to try: top-rope, single-pitch, multi-pitch, sport, trad, big-wall, ice, and alpine. I like all of them, and don't ever get enough of any of them.

Most of all, I enjoy the diversity of climbers. As I watch and climb with climbers, I see we embrace both tradition and change. We are staunch traditionalists in honoring those who climbed before us, revering the first ascents, learning the history and lore of our sport, respecting the ethics of each area. We do homage to the Nose, and the Eiger. In how many other sports do you get to walk the same ground as the big names?

Climbers are also change masters and revolutionaries. We pore through catalogs and climbing shops looking for the newest gear. We hunt for that one 'best' shoe, pack, or pro. We search for beta on better ways to train, prepare, and go up. We often defy the conventional wisdom. We also use modern ways of collaboration, networking and politics to protect and preserve the land and climbing access.

As a club we also embrace tradition and change. Approaching our clubs fortieth anniversary in 2004, we can look back at a fine record of contributions and accomplishments and many 'traditions.' We appreciate those who have developed and led climbing in Arizona. We truly live in a climber's paradise.

The club also has changed to meet changing conditions. Our speaker programs are often becoming multimedia shows. We shift resources of committees to support club initiatives. We have the web site and look for more ways to use it. We are expanding our involvement in land management to protect our access.

Finally, as this is your club, the club changes based on members feedback. We look for ways that more members can be involved and contribute. More member feedback makes us a more effective and responsive club. So-Speak Up-Get Involved! What are your ideas?

Bruce McHenry  
president@azmountaineeringclub.org

## LAND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE TO BE FORMED LED BY ERIC FILSINGER

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Fellow AMC'ers,

The Board has formed a new standing committee, the Land Advocacy Committee, to coordinate much of our public policy work on land use and access issues. The approved LAC proposal is included in its entirety below. This new committee subsumes a number of previous standing committees which are now dismissed as separate entities.

I have been asked to be the initial Chair of the Committee and I want to invite all interested folks to an organizational meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 2 at Sally and Dave Larimer's House. As always, we are setting a new "un-norm" of beginning the meeting promptly at 6:02 p.m.

At this meeting we will identify specific roles various folks can play, e.g., being the primary contact with specific land managers like the cities, state, USFS, and the like. We will also discuss how to get involved and how the committee will operate to coordinate our strategies on land use and access.

Please feel free to contact me at smorefil@aol.com if you have questions. All of those folks who have already volunteered can just show up at the meeting. Immediately below please find the proposal which lays out more detail on the committee, its purpose, and its structure.

A complete "prospectus" for the committee is included in this month's AMC Board minutes.

See you on the 2nd!

— Erik Filsinger



## MEMBERS' PAGE

### Fun Facts on First Aid

At a recent first aid class held for our Outing Leaders, we learned some great First Aid tips. It's the kind of information you hope you never use, but vital when you need it.

Helmet – besides protecting your brains, your helmet has other uses, such as

- Write your blood type inside your helmet, it's the first thing EMT's want to know
- A flat pressure bandage can be taped inside a helmet

Tie a small 'dog tag' into your shoelace with medical insurance and emergency contacts

Carry a breathing mask or shield for CPR

Your first aid kit should include gloves and scissors

If needed, a splint can be made from cardboard, newspaper, sticks, pack stays, even pillows

**Get Involved with AMC** —More ways to get involved with AMC

Join the Land Advocacy Committee – help save trails and climbing access

Distribute newsletters around town – Every month helpers are needed to get newsletters to REI, Hiking Shack, Wilderness, ClimbMax and Phoenix Rock Gym

Write an Article for the Newsletter – everyone has a climbing story to tell, share yours

Come to the members meeting – our speakers appreciate a good crowd

### HELP!

Help is needed, Your Help! Volunteers are always needed, wanted, and welcomed for contributing to the many tasks of running our club. Current needs include a Chairperson for Newsletter Distribution,

assistance with club equipment, Membership. More Outing Leaders are always appreciated, as are assistants with the schools. Or contribute your special talent with a class or newsletter article.



*A member of last month's epic assault on Southern Arizona's Pingora — Baboquivari Peak — uses the ancient and ever useful art of the rappel to get down what he got up. The unnamed photographer was apparently scrunched securely into the back recesses of a homey chimney to take this shot..*



## A Day with Jeff Lowe

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Sometimes Fate throws you into a whirlwind of self pity. We piously wallow in our daily troubles. Then sweet Fate opens the door of Life a crack and we glimpse something truly remarkable that dissolves our daily travails and touches our Soul.

Jeff Lowe gave the AMC member slide show in April. While maybe not standard fare in today's climbing magazines, Jeff has truly had a major impact on the world climbing scene. His talk was called 1000 First Ascents, and many climbs throughout the World bear his mark. With Canada being a special place for me, I frequently see "first ascent J. Lowe" in route citations. His brother Greg's inventions are now the mainstay of outdoor recreation and climbing -- those inventions include the modern internal frame pack, passive (tri-cams) and spring-loaded camming nuts, Snarg ice pitons, Footfang crampons, and many other tools of the trade.

Some of the better known Jeff Lowe first ascents include: First Solo Winter Ascent of the North Face of the Eiger, First ascent of Octopussy in Vail, First Ascent of Bridalveil Falls in Telluride, and First Ascent of Grand Central Couloir of Mount Kitchener in the Canadian Rockies. I could go on and on. But any short list is a bastardization of a truly remarkable climbing career.

Now in his 50's, Jeff is facing a mountain of a different form. Those who attended the slide show may have detected a limp. A true mountain man, Jeff is facing a physical challenge that has ended his string of glorious first ascents. For several years Fate has lead Jeff to turn away from climbing. He has trouble with the use of his legs and feels unstable on uneven ground. I can't imagine a Mountain Man being faced with a life on the flat ground of everyday sidewalks and thoroughfares. You might imagine the mental anguish such a Fate would install.

But Jeff's mountainous determination is leading him back out of the Gloom. He is once again joining his community and sharing his wealth, and maybe even in a longer lasting form of generativity to those that follow. The AMC was only the second audience he has opened up to. I had the sincere pleasure of having Jeff stay at my house Monday night and then going to the Mace with him on Tuesday. Steve Tillery, Maja Kotarska and I took this gentle soul up to the Mace. With walking pole Jeff ambled up the approach, forcing his legs onto the contours of the trail.

On the rock Jeff met and conquered his demons. I was truly honored to watch this brave man find new ways of climbing. He hasn't been on the rock much in several years and old ways would not work. He has little

leg strength and any knee bending doesn't always result in a workable foot placement. There simply isn't enough strength. So I watched as this proud man reached down to lift his right and then his left foot onto holds. When one old movement wouldn't work, he invented a new.

I watched in amazement as Jeff actually lead pitches two (5.9) and four (5.9+). He slithered, he crawled, he pulled, he placed his way up. I couldn't imagine his Triumph as I struggle through a right arm in bird poop up passed the bolt to the summit under Jeff's steady and assuring belay.

While average humans would have accepted their Fate and assign themselves to the Flat Land of a two-dimensional world, Jeff climbed into his Third Dimension again. He lifted our Souls in the process. Jeff Lowe is back and he will continue his Song.

God Bless You, Jeff Lowe, and thank you for Sharing. You are my Hero.

— Erik Filsinger

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## PASSING THE TORCH — Uh — HARDWARE — TO THE NEXT GENERATION

(Note received by Nancy Birdwell)

I am a climber past my prime. We are in the midst of moving to a new home and I have a lot of climbing gear that I have been keeping I guess hoping that would somehow keep my youth close by. In any case I am sure that some more youthful individual could actually put it to use. I don't want to give it away but the prices will be "right".

There are stoppers, hexes, Friends, Camalots, an ice axe (used once on Chimborazo), nut pick and other odds and ends. If anyone is interested please call. My name is Walter Wright (I was an AMC member in my youth and rented my crampons for Chimborazo from the club.

I live in Chandler and my number is 480-857-2001. I think the "Pro" items are pretty much complete of each type.

Regards — Walt

## Climbing Adventures Come to Those Who —JUST DO IT!

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Hi all,

I've been hiking and backpacking the Superstitions from more than 10 years. The wilderness area has an allure mixed with Indian ruins, lore, Conquistadors and Lost Dutchman's legend I find compelling. And of all the miles I've covered the center hub or point of reference is Weaver's needle. The needle is the most prominent feature in the Superstitions and is seen from far north of Fountain Hills on the Beeline to Superior, AZ. in the East. The needle is mentioned in the Dutchman's infamous map to his "Lost" gold mine and has been the focus of numerous treasure hunters.

It tops off around 4,553' some 1500' above the Peralta trail below. The needle was mined and thought to be the location or near the location of the Lost Dutchman's Gold as recently as 1959 when a disagreement in claim stake resulted in a gun fight where a miner lost his life. Tales of treasure hunters and Indian fighters abound, check out "Hiker's Guide to the Superstition Wilderness" By Jack Carson.

Anyway in the last three or four years I've desired to climb to the top and have been waiting patiently for a club outing and developing my climbing skills to manage the ascent safely. The club outing never came and the climbing guide suggests the needle be climbed during the week when there is little climbing activity and less risk of rock fall. So my climbing partner Frank and I discussed the technical aspects of the climb talked to several climbing leaders who provided excellent beta, discussed our combined climbing skills and decided I would lead and Frank would be my second. We picked Mon. morning (5/5) as our day to attempt the climb and began to organize our gear for the trip.

My climbing partner Frank and I arrived at the Peralta trailhead around 7:45 am to begin the 4 mile trek to where the hiker leaves the trail and begins to climb the steep talus to the base of the climb. Frank and I carried copy of the AZ rock climbing (A Falcon Guide) guide for Weaver's needle and bushwhacked our way to the base of the climb. The first and second pitch are easy maybe 5.3 moves at the most difficult but the rock is crumbly and difficult to protect. The climb is rated a 5.0 but there are some variations if you like. There are two pieces of pipe secured in the rock one near the start of the first pitch and one about two-thirds the way up to the top of the second. I slung runners with a slip knot on them like they were chicken heads and clipped in for protection. The pieces I placed on lead were run out and the most difficult moves were at the top of the second pitch that I linked with the first so my rope drag was beginning to wig me out. I never put my climbing shoes on and found out too late that was a mistake but standing 20' feet above

my last piece of protection 120' on a vertical wall was no time to change shoes. I climbed through the fear and finished my lead at the top of the second pitch about 130' above Frank.

There were bolted anchors on top a chockstone where I built a belay station and brought Frank up behind me. The third pitch we climbed together was easy but exposed and too dangerous to down climb so we brought ropes to rappel with on the descent. The fourth pitch was easier yet but it was getting near 2:00 PM and the guide said the route went out on the SW wall which was looking really exposed and dangerous. After some discussion we pooled our route finding skills and went up an easy crack with plenty of big hand holds, scrambled up the 5th pitch and reached the summit by 2:30 PM. After some photo ops and a bite to eat Frank and I began the descent with an eye on the clock. Daylight would run out around 7:15 PM and we didn't want to bushwhack that steep talus in the dark. Rather than risk a dangerous down climb Frank and I began a series of (3) rappels to the base of the climb. The rappel stations were clearly marked. Bolts and a chain slung between them at the top of the fourth pitch. And from climbers previous webbing was on every conceivable anchor station we backed up everything with new webbing cutting out and removing old sun baked/ fatigued webbing as we went. The rappels were difficult in that the new ropes we had were twisting badly and tangling every 40' or so. I rigged a prusik as a brake leaving both hands free to untangle at every problem, Frank said it looked like I had a macrame project in progress. This wrinkle added a lot of time to our descent and by the time we packed our ropes and gear it was after 6:00 PM.

Immediately after beginning the walk down we picked up a trail we missed on the way in I'm sure this trail saved us a half hour getting back to the main Peralta. We found the Peralta 15 minutes before darkness, so we had the last 4 miles back to the Jeep to hike in headlamps with numerous sightings of scorpions and one rattlesnake. We were back at the Jeep by 9:00 PM exhausted, completely rung out with that wonderful glow of reaching a goal and being thoroughly thrashed and ready for a hot shower and bed.

We spent 13 hrs in my favorite wilderness area in the best time of year when the desert bursts green and cactus flowers abound. We never saw one other hiker which gave the sense of wilderness that one can't find during weekends in the Sup's. Thanks to the AMC which freed me from being just a boring engineering geek/cubicle jockey and taught me the skills to ascend and descend safely and to Carl "Minnesota" Dawson and Diana Sherwood who taught me more about climbing in one weekend then I learned a year of club outings.

— Scott Parsons and Frank Fisher

## Breakfast with Lionel Terray

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My dear Tasha,

The other day I was sorting through some old correspondence, much of it related to my early climbing activity in the 1960's, and I came across an interesting letter I had received at the time from Mr. Joseph Brighton, a rather remarkable man in his own right. He had just entertained the famous climber Lionel Terray at his bungalow in Sussex and was rather effusive about the encounter. I thought you might find it of interest, so I including it in its entirety below.

Warmest regards,  
Erik

"Greetings Herr Dr. Filsinger,

This morning, having tidied up a bit from last night's festivities, I had a most marvelous morning on my deck visiting with a one Lionel Terray. You may have heard me speak of him in the past - all sorts of tomfoolery on Mont Blanc you know. He was reading to me from a manuscript he is going to submit to some publication in the Americas, the colonists' equivalent to our fine Alpine Journal.

Mr. Terray and several French comrades in arms have recently ascended a delightful mountain ridge in Alaska, perhaps not unlike our own Tour Ronde Frontier Ridge on Mont Maudit. If I recall correctly the gentlemen conquered a remote Alaskan peak named Mount Huntington, and despite their ancestry I must say, "Good show old chaps!"

Mr. Terray tends to speak in the first person present tense, and affliction you know too well I also possess. Nevertheless it befitted our conversation on the deck quite well. His expedition was sponsored by the French Climbing Federation and with the esteem gained over the years by Mr. Terray it does appear a young American chap named Bradford Washburn was a bit of assistance too. Washburn, by the way, is a most marvelous photographer. I must show you some of his work sometime. A Harvard man I think.

To quote Mr. Terray, the expedition proceeded apace and "Without transition we had been plunged into the great bath of adventure." I find it a little hard to believe but in Alaska they have some breed of men called "bush pilots" who actually fly into the mountains to drop their clients off near the base of the peak. I wish we had had such assistance back in our Himalayan days, don't you agree?

Mr. Terray turns a nice phrase or two, if I quote accurately, "It is not the goal of grand alpinisme to face peril, but it is one of the tests one must undergo to deserve the joy of rising for an instant above the state of crawling grubs." Dare I say that Mr. Terray holds a rather dim view of the common folk! I shall return to this theme later.

They begin their progression up the ridge, and lay down fixed lines that they ascend with the aid of some newfangled device called Jumars. I must speak personally, but sometimes these new technologies seem to take the "fair fight" out of the game.

The weather was abysmal and progress was slowed. A 6-person snow cave aided greatly to their daily pleasures. The weather hung below zero degrees on that American Fahrenheit scale.

Being somewhat of an ice master yourself, I thought you might enjoy Mr. Terray's description of a particularly challenging section of the climb. He stated, "A vertical bulge makes me traverse right. After several meters I find bare ice, and what ice! It is smooth as a mirror and hard as glass. I have never struck such ice! Following the technique taught to me by my master, Armand Charlet, I progress methodically, holding my axe in both hands and cutting large but well-placed steps." My friend, you may remember our trip to Mr. Charlet's factory in northern Italy where all that fine metal work was being done on ice axes and crampons. If you recall I did remark at the time that I thought Mr. Charlet would have a thriving business someday.

Mr. Terray indeed seems to possess a "will of iron" as he and his countrymen fight upward. They survive an avalanche, but the true test occurs when balancing along a knife edge ridge Mr. Terray has the snow break under his boots and he jumps to avoid the fall. Unfortunately the Alaska snow is hard and he begins to slipcrampon strap, and Mr. Terray takes a rather long plunge, only to be arrested by the grace of God by a thin line wrapping itself around a piece of gear. He is abysmal at the change in circumstance, "...my arm hurts frightfully. Moreover I am mortified! Now I am sure I shall never stand on the summit of Huntington. This is too unjust!"

His belayer is adjusting a crampon strap, and Mr.

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Alas, it does appear that Mr. Terray is through, but two members of his team progress upward and at 4:30 p. m. on May 25 they stand on the summit of the peak. Great joy was spread all around.

The next day, despite his painful injury, Mr. Terray shows his true metal and accompanies the other members of the party to the summit, where they, "...yodel and shout for joy." A well deserved triumph.

My dear friend, perhaps you too can identify with Mr. Terray's closing sadness on having to leave the peak, "Suddenly I feel sad and despondent...How sad I feel leaving that crest! On this proud and beautiful mountain we have lived hours of fraternal, warm and exalting nobility. Here for a few days we have ceased to be slaves and have really become men. It is hard to return to servitude."

Many a day you and I have shared with that same feeling.

Sincerely yours,  
Joseph Brighton, Esq."

(Liberally adapted from the American Alpine Journal, 1965) — *Eric Filsinger*

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## Close Out Special \$10

We have approximately 2 dozen AMC shirts left. On the front, is the colorful AMC logo. The back says "Climb now, work later." We have sizes M, L, and XL. Colors are white, grey, and wheat. We've got a new t-shirt design in the works, so this may be your last chance to own one of these AMC classics! I'll bring the T-shirts to club meetings and sell them for \$10 each until they're gone. Already have one? They'd make a great gift for one of your climbing buddies that lives out of town!

If you'd like to get one by mail, call me at 480-425-9689. I'll see if we have your size and color -- you can pick it up from me or for an extra charge, I'll mail it to you.

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## AMC Graduates new AARS Class

AMC volunteer instructors marshaled by AARS training chair Tom Conner have opened the door of independence to another two dozen Anchors and Advanced Ropework students. Formerly, they were pretty well limited to club climbs or trailing along with more experienced climbers. With they anchor-setting training, if so moved, they can go to any top-rope area and set climbs of their own.

The class is also an introduction to setting pro incidental to creating bomb-proof anchor points for belaying as well as for top roping, and that shades into skills needed for leading — but that's another class — coming up soon.

Congratulations, grads. You're obviously on your way up in life.

### AARS instructors:

Nancy Birdwell  
Dan Bolin  
Michael Boylan  
Debby Brown  
Forest Brown  
Thomas Burmer  
Bill Fallon  
Daniel Gonzales  
Eve Hoffman  
Nick Hoffman  
Ron Jachimowicz  
David Johnson  
John Keedy  
Mike Knarzer  
John Kynnyk  
Jason Laird  
Tim Lange  
David Larimer  
Sally Larimer  
Mara Linder  
Anthony Mavis  
Bruce McHenry  
Monica Miller  
Jeffrey Nagel  
Scott Parsons  
Lynn Readicker  
Bruce Robbins  
Lance Roth  
Rogil Schroeter  
Wayne Schroeter  
Kathy Sharp  
Dave Tanton  
Charlene Todd

### AARS Students

Ernie Babich  
Kirsten Brock  
Faye Cole  
Catherine Conner  
Elizabeth Dunlop  
Graham Ginn  
Matthew Hanly  
Jill Iverson  
Chris Kline  
Jim Kline  
Stacy LaFrance  
Scott Long  
Sonia Overholser  
David Ponce  
John Sagasta  
Julie Sagasta  
David Self  
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1. The Arizona Hiking Shack has **IN STOCK** the largest selection of climbing gear in the Valley. Petzl, Metolius, Black Diamond, Misty Mountain, Omega, DMM, 5-10, Scarpa, La Sportiva, Yates, PMI, Sterling, 2-Cam, Climb Tech, Kong, Trango, Camp, Marmmut, Boreal, Pica Mountaineering, and Trango are just a few of the brands we carry. If we don't have what you need in stock... we'll order it for you... with FREE shipping!

2. The **staff** at the Arizona Hiking Shack **are climbers** too. You get knowledgeable, friendly advice on gear, places to climb, and the absolute best fit on harnesses, shoes and helmets. The Arizona Hiking Shack is locally owned and has been selling gear to valley climbers since 1972. We take pride in helping to select the right hardware for your climbing adventures. (Besides most of us are AMC members also!)

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.

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committees to ensure continuing good relations between the AMC and Scottsdale's many climbing-related issues.

*Maricopa County.* A member will establish a working relationship with the Maricopa County's Parks and Recreation Commissions and their Trails-related committees to ensure continuing good relations between the AMC and Maricopa County.

*Bureau of Land Management.* With many climbing areas falling under the jurisdiction of the BLM. A member will establish a working relationship with the BLM's equivalent to a Parks and Recreation Commissions and their Trails-related committees to ensure continuing good relations between the AMC and the BLM.

*Northern Arizona Climber's Coalition.* A member will be assigned to maintain consistent and on-going communications with the NACC in order to coordinate the efforts of the AMC and the NACC. The member may be assigned to play an active independent role the AMC's interests in climbing related issues in northern Arizona.

*Tucson Climbers Coalition.* A member will be assigned to maintain consistent and on-going communications with the TCC in order to coordinate the efforts of the AMC and the TCC. The member may be assigned to play an active independent role representing the AMC's interests in climbing related issues in southern Arizona.

*Prescott, Sedona,* and other small climber's groups. A member will be assigned to maintain consistent and on-going communications with those user groups in order to coordinate the efforts of the AMC and the user groups. The member may be assigned to play an active independent role representing the AMC's interests in climbing related issues in those respective areas of Arizona.

Any other activities suggested by members and judged fitting the mission of the LAC.

1. **Motion made seconded and carried to adopt this structure for the Land Advocacy Committee.**
2. **Motion made, seconded and carried to formally dissolve the current Trails, Access and Conservation Committees with those duties being assumed by the Land Advocacy Committee.**

D. AMC Procedures for Inactivation of Outing Leaders – Discussion held concerning these procedures. The consensus was that we need a more comprehensive policy governing Outing Leaders. McHenry will develop a Policy and bring it to the Board.

E. Newsletter Distribution – Wally needs early submissions this month.

F. Following discussion, **motion made, seconded and carried to publish the following documents on the web site for use of Outing Leaders.**

Standing Rule 11-12-01-01 On Participation of Non-Members

- Arizona Mountaineering Club Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnification Agreement (2 pages)
- Rock Climbing Leader Application Form
- AMC Policy on Selection of Outing Leaders
- AMC Emergency Contact Listing (2 pages)
- AMC Incident Report Form (2 pages)
- AMC Evacuation Guidelines

### VI. New Business

A. T & S Meeting Update – McHenry and Filsinger attended last meeting.

B. BYOL Outings – Following discussion, motion made, seconded and carried that BYOL outings will be classified as Bill Board activities and not AMC sanctioned Outings.

C. Waiver for School Manuals – this document will be sent out for legal review before publication in our manuals.

VII. Other Business and Committee Reports

A. Program Chair Steve Helms-Tilley has notified the President that he intends to step down from that position at the end of the year.

B. Discussion held on types of climbs being scheduled, multi-pitch, back-country, etc. McHenry and Larimer will address individually.

C. Door Greeter for next Membership Meeting – Dave Larimer.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 PM

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## LIBRARY RECEIVES GENEROUS GIFT

Andy Kurtz recently made a remarkable donation to the AMC library in the form of well over 50 climbing guidebooks! An amazing collection in itself it will improve the library guidebook selection considerably. Watch for some new titles at the next Members meeting! Many thanks Andy on behalf of the entire club for this incredible donation.

—Rich Kocher - Librarian

**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 623-878-3914 or rogil.schroeter@honeywell.com.
- Mondays         **Climbing at Phoenix Rock Gym** Starting about 6:00 p.m. Ca \$10 per nite. Rogil S.
- June 21-22     **Tahquitz Rock**, California Climb from 5.0-5.11 superb multi-pitch. Camping Fri. and Sat. nights, Jun 20-21. We have reserved three sites that will hold 18 people and six cars. There are showers and overflow parking. Cost for the campground will range from \$6 a night to about \$15 a night depending on how many people go per campsite. Bring your own leader. Call Wayne at 602-402-1631 or email at wschroeter@cox.net. Reservations must be made by June 13.

**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 AM 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.

None scheduled at present.

<p><b>New Members</b></p> <p>Brandi Bolin Bruce James Rachael James Mitchell Keast Peter Keast Vanessa Keast Maria Kotarska Glenn Speight Jeff Swanson</p>
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<p><b>ECO-GRUMP OF THE MONTH</b></p> <p>Everyone mourns the loss of favorite climbing areas, but far too few do anything about it. AMC has lost a batch over its brief history.</p> <p>Look into the club's new Land Advocacy Committee that meets June 2nd at Sally and Dave Larimer's house. We can at least learn what dastardly usurpations of our favorite playgrounds are afoot — and know who to yell at with most effect.</p>
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## AMC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Participation in AMC outings requires club membership. Outings vary in degree of danger. When you participate in an outing you should be both physically and mentally prepared and equipped with the appropriate gear. You should always be aware of the risks involved in outdoor activities and conduct yourselves accordingly. The outing leader is not responsible for your safety; you are. Please contact the outing leader before going on an outing, discussing your capabilities with the outing leader. You must be over 18 years of age to participate, or must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult, and obtain prior consent from the outing leader. Those accompanying minors are responsible for the minor's safety.

### WHEN & WHERE & WHAT & WHO

- May 23-26 **Molas Pass** area, Colo. Five mi. backpack to 5th class alpine ascents on north face routes on Twilight Peak. Alpine rock seminar or permission of OL required. High level of physical fitness required. Erik Filsinger at smorefil@aol.com.
- May 24 (Memorial Weekend) **Lady Bug Route**, (4 pitches) Four Peaks, Limit 8, Jeff Nagel (602) 318-9538 or azfreedheart@aol.com
- May 24-26 **Eleven Mile Canyon** climbs, Colo. A wild array of climbing. No AMC gear provided as this is an out of state climb offered by an out of state leader. tim.medlock@kla-tencor.com or 719-494-1171.
- Jun 9 AMC Board meets
- Jun 21-22 **Tahquitz**, Calif. Details in Billboard Section
- Jun 21 **Mount Elden** Climb 5.6-5.10 in cool Flagstaff. Camping Sat. night optional. Meet behind the Denny's at I-17 and Bell at 6:30 a.m. No Limit, no reservations, just show up. Contact: Tom Conner at 480-897-7623 or conner\_tom@hotmail.com
- Jun 22 **Humphrey's Peak** Hike to the top of Arizona's highest peak. Roundtrip 9-miles, 3800 ft. Elevation gain, takes about 6 hours. Meet in the lower parking lot of the Snow Bowl (just NW of Flagstaff off Hwy 180 at 8:30 a.m. to begin the hike. No reservations. TomConner at 480-897-7623 or conner\_tom@hotmail.com.
- Jun 23 AMC Member Meeting, Barbecue and Gear Swap Meet.

To request outings: call outings chairperson Monica Miller 623-362-0456. To cancel after saying you will participate in a climb, call the outing leader as soon as possible; there may be a waiting list. Also, the leader will know not to wait for you on outing day.

\*A group outing: Where possible a campsite is reserved by 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 may be limited or only for equipment vehicles.

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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 David Larimer at 480-425-9689.

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## AMC Outing Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Sunrise 5:19 Sunset 7:35 Moonset 11:42p	5	6	7  1st Qtr
8	9 AMC Board	10	11 Sunrise 5:18 Sunset 7:38 Moonrise 4:48p	12	13	14  Full Moon
15	16	17	18 Sunrise 5:18 Sunset 7:41 Moonrise 11:43p	19	20	21 <b>Mt. Elden Rock</b> — Tahquitz
22 <b>Mt. Mum- phreys</b> — Tahquitz	23 Members Meeting — BBQ and Swap Meet	24	25 Sunrise 5:20 Sunset 7:42 Moonrise 2:26a	26	27	28
29  No Moon	30					