

SEPTEMBER 2003

ARIZONA MOUNTAINEER



Jeff Hatfield starts the down-climb to the rap station on the back of Stripe Rock, in City of Rocks National Reserve, Idaho. Jeff and Susan spent a few days here during their 4-week summer road trip. Photo by Susan Hatfield.

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 \$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 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

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. 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!!!

**Grand Canyon
Over-the-Rim Cleanup
Oct. 4
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**Lead School
Sep. 23
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**Basic School
Oct. 14**

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.

September Birthdays

Melissa Ewing 1, Bruce McHenry 2, James Kistler 4, Ethan Morton 4, Glen Schroering 4, Joe Manceau 5, Scott Long 6, Ray Schmal 6, Steve Wieczorek 7, Monica Guzman 8, Faye Cole 9, Tom Conner 10, Jennifer Baudais 11, Terri Gay 12, Rita Lake 12, Larry Reinmuth 14, Elizabeth Serraglio 14, Jan Harding 15, Scott Kirchhofer 15, Jef Sloat 15, Tim Ward 19, Peter Keast 20, Chris Arneson 21, Eric Babich 21, Robert Shea 22, Jay Stutzman 22, Maryann McKessy 24, Marc Mousseux 26, Jerzy Bergander 27, Marilyn Geninatti 28, Tim Schneider 28, Lungi Niemczyk 29, Tanja Woyke 29

Minutes of the AMC Board Meeting: August 11, 2003

Board Members Present: Filsinger, Hoffman, Keedy, Larimer, McHenry, Ulrich, Ward
Committee Heads Present: Miller, W. Schroeter
Members Present: Vollmer

- I. Meeting called to order at 7 pm.
- II. Minutes of July Board Meeting approved as published
- III. Treasurers Report approved as submitted.
- IV. Old Business:
 - A. Liability Insurance—McHenry received a quote from Colorado Western Insurance Company of \$1255.70 per year. This policy will not come under the Arizona Guaranty Fund and contains the insured vs. insured exclusion. Motion made, seconded and carried to authorize McHenry to purchase this policy.
 - B. Discussion on how to mediate the insured vs. insured exclusion:
 - i. Explore Umbrella Policy subsidy for Leaders.
 - ii. Explore separate Outing Leader Organization.
 - iii. Explore subsidizing Lead Instructor Umbrella policy at a greater amount than Leaders.
 - C. Newsletter Distribution—W. Schroeter is handling the publication. Keedy will handle the distribution this month.
 - D. Documents on Club Web Site
 - i. After lengthy discussion, motion made and seconded to include the AMC Bylaws, AMC Standing Rules and Membership Application/Waiver in the public area of the AMC Web Site. Motion carried.
 - ii. Motion made to include all AMC Documents in the public area of the AMC Web Site. Motion was withdrawn without a second.
 - iii. McHenry suggested we review all our AMC Documents and insure their accuracy and relevance. An inventory list of documents will be prepared to review at the next Board meeting.

- V. New Business
 - A. REI Club Day—we have received an invitation to participate in the REI Club day, Saturday, Sept 20. McHenry will investigate further and convene an electronic meeting to approve/disapprove this activity.
 - B. 2004 Budget submissions are due to McHenry by September 15.
 - C. Outings Schedule—The Board discussed the monthly outing solicitation email.
 - D. Vollmer presented proposed design for Grand Canyon tee shirts and requested approval to proceed with purchase of either 60 or 100 tee shirts. Approved for 60 tee shirts. Also approved purchase of supplies for a cookout as part of the Grand Canyon clean-up.
 - E. Vollmer presented a motion concerning a proposed 40th AMC Anniversary Celebration activity. No action taken.

VI. Committee Reports

- A. Larimer presented a Classification Committee update on several candidates for approval as Outing Leaders. Discussion was held on the current classification process and receiving feedback on candidates from existing Outing Leaders. Board agreed that all current Outing Leaders should be requested to provide feedback on candidates within a 30-day time frame from the request. There was also discussion on having candidates write summaries of their apprentice outings and the need to update and clarify the Outing Leader approval process.

New Members

Colin Chapman	Melody Moses
Kenneth Dammen	Kim Petersen
Chuck Flint	Rene Rodriguez
Sue Iverson	Kevin Rytter
Ethan Morton	Larry Tracy

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

The New World of Realty

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Treasurer's Report

Statement of Operations
01/01/03 Thru 08/11/03

Category Description	Amount
INCOME	
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
TOTAL INCOME	15,252.28

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
TOTAL EXPENSES	13,856.88

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

Anna Louise Keeling

Avoid International Hazards (climb in New Zealand)



Anna Keeling is an up and coming guide and climber. She climbs all over the world, but hails from New Zealand. Come to the AMC and see her slide show about alpine routes in the land of Hillary

**Monday, September 22,
Los Olivos Senior Center. 7 pm**

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 28th St.

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



Member Page

Get Involved with AMC

- Go on an Outing—always great fun climbing and friends
- Fold and Staple Newsletters at members meeting—meet other members and help with a task that is vital to our club
- Write an Article for the Newsletter—everyone has a climbing story to tell, share yours
- Sign up for Trail Work on Adopt-a-Crag day, September 6
- Help out with the AMC 40th Anniversary Celebration in 2004—your ideas and efforts are wanted
The Fall Calendar is filling fast. Lots of outings and hikes, Lead, Basic, and Anchors schools, Adopt-a-Crag day, the Grand Canyon clean-up, Joshua Tree—lots of exciting things to do. Sign up—get involved—help out—and have fun!!

Budget Call 2004!

The board is in the process of planning the 2004 club budget. If you have any requests or suggestions, please pass them on to the appropriate Committee Chairperson or a Board member. It's your club, speak up on what you think is important.

Bruce McHenry
president@azmountaineeringclub.org

To the AMC Membership:
AMC'er **James D. Holloway** (not James P. Holloway, a.k.a. "JP"), has recently undergone tests in preparation for surgery to remove a brain tumor that has been causing seizures. James is listed on the website below, where friends and relatives can visit him online and encourage him through this difficult time.

Website: www.visitingours.com

Click "Visit"

Patient Name: James Holloway

Visitor's Pin: V96813

Click "Agree to Terms/Enter" to visit.

James could use financial help. Donations are being accepted at James D. Holloway Benefit Account; Bank of America; Account # 004655593434; Bank Routing # 122101706.

Adopt-a-Crag Day

Trail Work—Community Service

For the annual **Adopt-a-Crag** Event sponsored by the ACCESS Fund, the AMC and the local REI stores will put some sweat equity into maintaining one of our favorite local climbing, hiking and bouldering areas: **Echo Canyon on Camelback Mountain.**

When? **Saturday, Sept. 6, 6:30 – 11:30 am**

Where? Echo Canyon, Camelback Mountain, trailhead / Ramada (north side of mountain, MacDonald Road east of 44th St.)

What? Redefine trails and close spider trails leading to climbing and bouldering areas

Coordinators:

Kathi Reichert, City Park Manager for Echo Canyon

Joseph Peck, REI Tempe

Jutta Ulrich, AMC

About 25-35 volunteers are needed. REI will also bring helpers as will the ASU Environmental Law Society. The city will provide all tools and guidance for the project; REI will provide Gatorade and water bottles for all volunteers. ACCESS will provide CLIF bars.

Bring: Water and snack, hat and work gloves, long pants and sturdy shoes recommended

Meet: at 44th St./Camelback parking lot at 6:20 (NE corner) to CARPOOL and/or use the overflow parking lot west of the entrance: from Camelback go north on 44th Street, just as the road curves to the right (east) there is a cul-de-sac on the north side of the road. Walk to the trailhead is 10 min.

Sign-up: We need to know who is coming, we need at least 20 people but no more than 30-35 total. Please call Liz Serraglio and leave your name and a phone number and whether you'll meet the group for carpooling at 44th/Camelback: (480) 704-1022.

Roommate wanted

\$400/ month 1/2 utilities 42nd St and Union Hills.
Great neighborhood, 4 blocks from 51 access. Contact Scott @ (602) 821-9536.

15th Annual Grand Canyon Over-the-Rim Cleanup

Time again for the annual Grand Canyon Over-the-Rim Cleanup! For those new to this event, we have been rappelling over the side of the South Rim's steep limestone cliffs for 14 years, searching for trash deposited by tourists and wind. We have scoured the slopes below Mather Point and spruced up the view from the ice cream store at Bright Angel Lodge (Will work for ice cream!). We have appeared in numerous home movies we have never seen and entertained scores of innocents who ask, "Did you climb all the way from the bottom?" (We always answer, "Yes!") Along the way, we have maintained a perfect safety record, partied at pristine Shoshone Point, and climbed the next day in the Kaibab limestone amphitheaters below the Rim. Come out and join us again this year.

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 needed for the Cleanup:

- Helmet—mandatory
- Gloves—mandatory
- Hiking boots (no sandals or open-toed shoes)—mandatory
- 3 prusiks (4', 6', 10')
- 1 climbing harness
- 1 rappel device
- 3 locking carabiners (harness biners)
- 1 5-foot or 6-foot tied sling (depending on arm length)
- 2 20' slings and 2 lockers (for anchors)
- 6 extra regular biners for fire hose
- Hat with tie-down, sunscreen, lip balm
- Water & lunch (or go to a restaurant)
- Long pants, long-sleeved shirt
- Knee pads—optional (\$6 at Home Depot, \$5 volleyball pads at Sports Authority; these are useful for aid climbing and lead school, also)
- Whistle—optional (just in case)

Club equipment provided the day of the Cleanup:

- 2 pieces of fire hose
- 2 short prusiks
- 1 rope bag

Schedule:

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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

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Lead Climbing School

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—Introduction, the lead fall, equipment

Wed—Equipment (continued); the process and techniques of leading

Thu—Multi-pitch techniques, the descent, leader rescue, aid climbing

Sat—Natural pro placement (Prescott)

Sun—Leading on bolts (Prescott or Scottsdale)

Class schedule:

Sep 23, Tuesday, 6:30 pm–9:30 pm, *Dreamy Draw

Sep 24, Wednesday, 6:30 pm–9:30 pm, Dreamy Draw

Sep 25, Thursday, 6:30 pm–9:30 pm, Dreamy Draw

Sep 27, Saturday, 9:00 am–5:00 pm, Prescott

Sep 28, Sunday, 9:00 am–5:00 pm, Prescott

*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 for more information. The class limit is 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
 - 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 AMC website at www.AzMountaineeringClub.org.

Attention Lead School Instructors:

We will not be having an instructor meeting prior to this lead school due to lack of time. Come on out and help, though; we plan on having a good time as usual.

Grand Canyon Cleanup

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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*



**It's going to be HOT and we aren't
talking about the weather.**

If you can't stand the heat, visit the website of
Arizona's largest and FULLY AIR-CONDITIONED
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We're located 1/8 mile south of Cactus
on Cave Creek Rd.

Three great reasons to shop at the Arizona Hiking Shack for all your climbing gear

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, Marmut, 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.

4 Weeks on the Road by Jeff Hatfield

“Hey Hatfield... Wake up!! You are going on a *CLIMBING ROAD TRIP!!* To call it anything else would be disrespectful. You’ll get plenty of hiking and birding in on your way to the crags.” That was Mick Strole, upon learning that the scope of the 4-week road trip Susan and I were planning had changed. Originally conceived as a *climbing* road trip, it had become more accurately an all-things-in-the-course-of-one-vacation road trip. Besides climbing, we had added hiking, birding, and general sightseeing to the mix. We were in agreement on the most important goal of the trip, though: It didn’t matter what we were doing as long as we were having fun. Well... we had a blast! It was the best trip we’ve ever been on.

“Road Trip”... No two words sound quite so good when you’re tired of your job and looking for a way to deal with the heat of another Arizona summer. When I hear “road trip” spoken in the context of rock climbing, it conjures up images of diehard men and women, their tanned bodies tight and chiseled, cranking endless difficult routes, climbing late into the day, staggering back to camp exhausted. Then they rise the next morning and do it all over again, eschewing proper sleep, nutrition, and personal hygiene. That sounds good, and makes for great reading in the climbing rags, but for the Hatfields that definition wouldn’t exactly ring true. After all, I have a desk job, which doesn’t do much for that tight and chiseled look. (More like white and fizzled, really). And let’s face it, I don’t climb enough to be able to lead many of those classics I always read about that require me to have actual *technique* on the rock. As for climbing late into the day: I’d much rather knock off by mid-afternoon and relax in the shade with a cold beer and a good book. And then there’s the issue of personal hygiene. No one enjoys that dirtbag look (and smell) when they have to share a confined sleeping space for a month. On our trip, we would be taking showers. No, our definition of “road trip” would definitely be different.

Our trip plan started coming together towards the end of April, a relatively late date considering we would end up hitting the road in June. After talking on and off the past couple of years about how great it would be to escape the grind for an extended vacation, we found ourselves in a position where that idea had become a real possibility. Susan would complete her first semester as a third-grade teacher in mid-June and would have four weeks off before the start of the next semester. My company was going through a changing-of-the-guard in the President’s position, so I took advantage of the new guy’s desire to make a good impression by hitting him up for extra vacation time as soon as he arrived. It took him two weeks to make a decision, but in the end he made the right one. With our vacation time in order and our excitement levels soaring, it was time to get serious about planning.

We knew from the start where we wanted to go: *everywhere*. The trick though, was to come up with a reasonable list of places. Initial plans had us visiting relatives in the Midwest and climbing as far east as the Gunks, but in the end we wisely chose to limit ourselves to a tour of the West. Still, the West is a big place, so our list was pretty big. I thought four weeks would be plenty of time to see everything, but once we started planning in earnest, we realized that we were being overly optimistic. As a sanity check, we sent a sample itinerary to Mick & Sherrie and Dave & Sally (both couples are veterans of extended trips), and got back the obvious response: We were trying to do too much. As it stood, we would constantly be on the move, without the luxury of staying in one place longer if we liked it, or heading off early to the next place if the weather turned bad. So after eliminating some destinations we could live without (to Susan’s chagrin, the Pacific Ocean was now *out*), and changing the number of days we’d like to spend at other locations, we came up with our trip: A counter-clockwise loop through Colorado, South Dakota, Wyoming, Idaho, and California. One of the great things about this trip was that Susan had never visited any of these places, and it had been upwards of twenty years since I’d been to most of them. We were understandably excited. Along the way, if everything went as planned, we would spend time hiking in Rocky Mountain National Park; climbing in the Black Hills of South Dakota; hiking in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks; climbing at City of Rocks, Idaho and Lover’s Leap, California; and hiking and climbing in Yosemite National Park.

The weeks leading up to the trip involved a steady stream of planning and preparation as we attempted to get everything in order. There is a lot involved when you’re going to be away for a month. (I’ll spare you most of the details... You’re welcome). We purchased a number of things for this trip that we’d been wanting for a while but had never got around to buying: a digital camera, a video camera, a bulk propane tank, a new stove, an extra air mattress, a #4.5 Camalot (of *course* we need a new cam, dear). We traded in the Jeep for a Suburban. (We used Mick and Sherrie’s method and put an air mattress in the back instead of pitching a tent). We made lists, bought food, packed climbing gear and clothes, set up all of our bills on automatic payments. We bought guidebooks and researched climbing areas. We made camping reservations for the places we knew would fill up early. We lined up someone to water the plants and get the mail. There were so many little things to do, that up until a few days before we left, it seemed like all of our free time revolved around getting ready for the trip.

It’s impossible to accurately convey the experiences we had during such a long trip. First, it’s one of

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those things where you have to be there. Pictures help, but everyone knows that the pictures never capture what you saw. Second, if I wrote about everything we did and saw, you'd fall asleep, if you haven't already. So below are a few highlights from the trip. The climbing write-ups will appear in a future issue.

Colorado. We stayed overnight at a campground near Telluride, testing out our new sleeping arrangements in the back of the Suburban for the first time. Verdict: excellent. The next morning we drove to Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park for a short visit. This is a place to which we need to return to do some climbing in the future. (We would end up saying we needed to return to *every* place we visited; four weeks truly isn't enough time). We spent the next day near my hometown of Evergreen, showing Susan around my old haunts. We saw Coney Island, the burger joint that's shaped like a hot dog. We drove past Tiny Town, a tourist trap where you can ride a miniature train on a miniature track through a miniature town. We stopped by Red Rocks amphitheater, where I sulked because Iron Maiden hadn't made it to town yet. Then it was on to Rocky Mountain National Park for a few days. We spent our time there hiking, mostly in the rain. We hiked up Deer Mountain, where we saw no deer. We visited Bear Lake, where we saw no bears. We spent time driving around the park. We had tentatively planned to climb at Lumpy Ridge, outside of Estes Park, but the only day we left open for climbing ended up gray and rainy. Instead, we took pictures of it and vowed (like every other place) to return again to climb. We identified many new birds in the park, and saw a mountain goat, a herd of bighorn sheep, and several hundred elk.

South Dakota. Why would anyone go to South Dakota, you might ask? Well, there's that big rock sculpture of the Presidents, for one. The Badlands are there. And there are a couple of big caves. But the main reason a climber would go there is to climb in the Black Hills. As everyone does who visits South Dakota, we saw Mount Rushmore. I'd seen it as a kid, but was again in awe of the work that went into it. We saw a mountain goat there, calmly grazing next to the hordes of milling people, some of whom never realized it was there. We saw the Crazy Horse Memorial, similar to Rushmore except the carving is of Crazy Horse, is much bigger, and is nowhere near completion. (That was an interesting ruse; at least it seemed that way. We thought if we paid the \$9 per person entrance fee, we could get close to the monument like we did at Rushmore. All the entrance fee did was get us off the road, from where we could already see the monument, and into a building that was just as far away from the monument as the road was. This will be a better destination once they complete it and let people venture closer). We took a tour through Wind

Cave; it has nothing on Kartchner Caverns. We dodged the tourists at Custer State Park who were taking pictures through the tunnel next to the Needle's Eye, waiting as they were to see what yahoo would scrape up the side of his car navigating the narrow hole in the rock. We hiked through the Cathedral Spires. We climbed at Sylvan Lake, where we had the climbing almost to ourselves. We climbed in the Ten Pins area; no one was around. We could easily have spent a week climbing here.

Wyoming. Another truly beautiful state, once you get to the good stuff. Eastern Wyoming is uninspiring, except for Devil's Tower. We stopped there to take pictures, knowing that the voluntary climbing ban was still in effect and would preclude us from climbing. Voluntary for us, but not for the two losers who ignored the ban and were halfway up the Durrance route. It was raining, so maybe the gods were trying to tell them something! We passed a place called Dirty Sally's, near the sport climbing area of Ten Sleep Canyon, and thought that would be a good moniker for 5.10 Sally Larimer. (Either that, or Poodle-Girl, we're not sure which one). We spent a few days in Yellowstone... freezing our butts off. It was cold and rainy during our entire stay there. One morning it was snowing and 30 degrees when we woke up. We never even unpacked our cooking gear, we were so cold, opting instead to eat in the overpriced park restaurants. We spent our time driving around the park, looking for wildlife and identifying new birds. We managed to get one hike in. We chose the hike because a park worker told us he saw grizzlies every time he went there. We must have heard him wrong. He must have said *mosquitoes*, not *grizzlies*. There were lots of mosquitoes; no grizzlies. We eventually would see a grizzly from the road, a mother black bear and cub, a few birds, hundreds of bison, and even a moose. After Yellowstone was a brief stop at Grand Teton National Park. Again, a truly spectacular place, and a place we'd like to climb in sometime. We walked around part of Jenny Lake, taking a side trip past Moose Ponds, where we saw no moose. We visited Jackson, which has lost its small-town charm in the twenty years since I've been there. Nice place if you like crowds and stores full of cheap tourist junk, though.

Idaho. Southern Idaho, to be exact. We got a rare treat upon entering the state at the Snake River overlook: two bald eagles perched in a tree, surveying the river. These really are majestic birds, almost regal in the way they conduct themselves. We were on our way to the only destination we had in Idaho: City of Rocks National Reserve. We'd never heard of this place until we started climbing, but we'll never forget it now. It has what might be the best granite we may ever climb on. We spent a few days here, climbing a little and suffering the heat a lot. Definitely a worthwhile stop on our road

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trip, and a place we'll be returning to when it's cooler.

California. After a brief stop in South Lake Tahoe to partake in the kitsch of the casinos and junk (er, I mean *gift*) shops, we headed to Lover's Leap for a few days of climbing. It was here we had our highest concentration of climbing on the trip (we climbed each of the three days we were here), as well as the best



Susan on top of the Hogsback at Lover's Leap, after leading the final pitch of *Manic Depressive Direct*.
Photo by Jeff Hatfield

weather and best camping. Surprisingly, we were able to score a campsite in the climber's campground just a few days before the busy 4th of July weekend. After our visit to the Leap, we headed to Yosemite National Park, our final destination. Although we kept saying that every place we were visiting was the most beautiful we'd seen on the trip, Yosemite might actually qualify as the most beautiful of all of them. From the smooth domes of Tuolumne Meadows to the vertical walls of the Valley, the place is simply breathtaking. We were in such awe of the beauty around us that we abandoned our climbing plans (we didn't have much of a plan, anyway) in favor of seeing as much of the park as we could. Even though we didn't climb, we spent some

time using our SuperTopo guides to get our bearings and scope out some route possibilities for the future. We hiked up to Cathedral Lake, eyeing the beautiful lines on Cathedral Peak en route. We visited one of the giant sequoia groves. We made the drive up to Glacier Point, with its expansive views from the Valley floor all the way over to Tenaya Peak in Tuolumne. We stopped by El Cap meadow, and spent some time watching two poor souls working in the 95-degree heat to get across the King Swing pendulum on the Nose. It was humorous (to us, anyway) watching them, as they swung again and again, almost making the grab for the crack system, almost getting that piece of gear in, then swinging (and sometimes tumbling) back across the face. Watching these guys do their thing 1500 feet above the ground was inspiring, though. It helped us realize that the only way we'll ever get to that point and be up on a big wall like that is if we quit doing things like canceling climbing plans and actually get out on the rock! We hadn't done anything too strenuous during the trip, as most of our hikes and climbs were fairly moderate, but we made up for it in Yosemite. The most physical effort we put into the trip was the day we made the long hike up to the top of Half Dome in the mid-July heat. This is a 17-mile roundtrip hike, which gains 5000 vertical feet and took us 10-1/2 hours to complete. The last 800 feet of the "hike" is actually a 4th-class scramble, made possible by the improbable-looking cables that are set up in parallel with wooden cross pieces every 8 or 10 feet for you to stand on. At the bottom of the cables is a pile of gloves that the Park puts there for hikers every season. We grabbed a pair, then started the strenuous (and frankly, somewhat intimidating) ascent to the top. This was literally and figuratively the high point of our trip. On the way back down, now out of water and overheated, we hiked the Mist Trail past Vernal and Nevada Falls, grateful for the refreshing spray coming off them as they thundered to the ground.

We've now been back at work (and for me: school, too) for almost a month, as of this writing. We were ready to turn around and head out again as soon as we got back! I still think about this trip daily. Remembering it helps get me through some of those days when I just want the customers, the coworkers, the traffic, and the headaches to go away. Luckily, we'll have plenty of help remembering it: we came back with 850 digital pictures, 8 rolls of 35mm pictures, and 6 hours of video! In the end, we didn't climb as much as we may have wanted. We didn't hike as much as we wanted to. We spent more money than we should have. We put too many miles on the Suburban (4670 miles, to be exact). But it was worth it, because we had a great time... and that's all that matters.

-Jeff Hatfield

Tracing Alpine History on Lizard Head (13,113 feet) by Erik Filsinger

The vague humming sound reverberated through the metal shell of my van. I opened my eyes. I had left the side door open to allow some of the wetness to air out. The hummingbird was inside the van, hovering over a sleeping Dan Bolin and fluttering a bit toward me. My inner voice gave powers of communication to the spirit, or did she actually speak to me? “Just checking. Are you okay?” she asked and was gone as I blinked my eyes that we were fine. All was good. I turned onto my back and began to reflect.

At the time of its first ascent (1920) Lizard Head peak may have been considered the toughest rock climb yet done in the United States. Albert Ellingwood and his partner Barton Hoag had somehow managed to ascend this formidable summit in hobnailed boots and with a hemp rope and three pitons. Their retreat had been marred by a stuck rope that had to be left behind. Yesterday Dan Bolin and I had stood atop the rock pinnacle 350 feet above the ridgeline and 3,000 feet above the namesake pass near Telluride, both a bit amazed at the challenging nature of the climb and the intrepid souls who had gone before. At the rating of 5.7+ and alpine conditions, indeed it was an ascent one should not take lightly.

We had spent the night after the drive from Phoenix at the Cross Mountain trailhead 2 miles south of Lizard Head pass, about 10 miles south of Telluride, Colorado. A 5:00 a.m. wake-up and 6:00 a.m. (MTS) start put us up the well-maintained trail and at the Lizard’s base by 9:00 a.m. The last bit had been a bit loose without much of any sort of path. In past years, Lizard Head had been a bit of a prize, but its rotten rock and changing climbing fashions had left it for locals and a few wandering modern climbers who cared to do more than gaze at it from afar.

Indeed, as we located the southern, left-facing corner system that marks the route and began to gear up, the rotten nature of the block was brought home. Dan was moving close to the base and put his weight against a two-foot by two-foot column of rock. It promptly toppled with a loud crash. A wake-up call indeed.

To the two Phoenician lads poised at the bottom of the vertical to overhanging face, the possible storm clouds to the West and the seeming bitter cold set a somber backdrop. We were to swap leads with the sec-

ond carrying a pack with rain clothes, 2 liters of water, and some small essentials.

I made several moves as I started up the first pitch, but after about 20 feet, my fingers were absolutely numb and I couldn’t begin to feel the rock. I set a solid piece and downclimbed with apologies to Dan. After a brief bathroom break, regained blood circulation to my fingers, and calmed nerves I headed up again on lead. I climbed gingerly and set up a belay on a ledge with a rap station about 80 feet off the ground. The need for big pieces was evident if we were to sew it up. The climbing had seemed somewhat stiff, perhaps made more so by the chilly conditions.

After bringing Dan up, we discussed the options to the middle Class 3 section about 30 feet up. It looked like you could go straight up the remainder of the chimney-corner system. However, a route description had discussed moving onto the left face and then making an airy traverse to easier ground. We saw a pin (piton) about 15 feet up the left face and Dan decided to head that way. Just as he was about to say “climbing,” the foot-square block on which he was standing next to me gave way and thundered down the path we had just ascended. I had him tight, and I know my heart was popping. We really did not need that type of “encouragement” from the mountain gods!

Placing two large camming units in the back of the chimney, Dan made the crux moves onto the face and up to the pin and clipped it. He back-cleaned the higher piece to alleviate rope drag. Another pin several feet higher and soon he was at the beginning of the airy traverse. He set a two-piece midway anchor and began to edge across, arriving at the main rap station and a solid belay. I was happy as the second that he had also been able to place some good pro intermittently across the 20-foot traverse.

He yelled down holding some object in his hand. At the rap anchor he had noticed an old ring piton and gave it a tug. That was what he was holding aloft. We wondered which pioneer’s it was.

I swung by him onto lead and scrambled up to the base of the summit block, about a rope length of very loose Class 3. The rope wasn’t necessary, but it seemed easiest just to trail it up behind me. I gathered the rope into a pile as Dan followed up.

We looked over the several final pitch possibilities

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and discounted the one of the left, but gave further looks at the middle, grungy gully with the 5.8 move that appeared to be the guidebook description. The grungy gully involved a body-width chimney above it and the whole thing looked a little loose. Instead our focus went to the right hand option out on the orange face to the right. It involved a bouldering type of move or two over a slight overhang, but then a solid ramp that lead up to what we assumed was a short move to the top. We did have some comfort that the route coincided with the photo in Rosebrough's guidebook of the first winter ascent in 1970 by a strong party of Art Howells, Mike Dudley, Don Doucette, Chuck Behrensmeyer, R.J. Campbell, and Fletcher Smith.

I racked up again and lead off. Placing one of my favored Aliens quite high, I overcame the initial moves and was soon on the 60-degree-plus ramp. Fortunately I was able to slot my green Big-Bro between the flake that constituted the ramp and the main wall. Higher up I clipped a piton, happy that at least someone had gone this way before me. The top of the flake was actually a small pinnacle, which I encircled with my Web-O-Lette before noticing two pins on the main wall a few feet above me. What a nice, airy two-foot by two-foot perch. The whole NE face fell out behind me several hundred feet to the ground.

To continue would have involved forming a Z with the rope, so we chose to make a second pitch to this part of the climb. Dan came up and we looked at the final obstacles. A ramp lead leftwards, but looked chossy, so after a move or two Dan backed off and came back down. He took the big pro from me and assaulted the 20-foot chimney directly above our position. Using his right leg as a large wedge, he slithered upwards and found a solid Big-Bro placement that protected another "crux" move. Soon he was scrambling out of sight.

I slithered and grunted up the off-width chimney as Dan brought me to the summit rap station. The summit was about 20 feet higher and across the short ridge. Summit photos followed and I hurried back to fix our rappel.

Storm clouds and audible thunder motivated a quick descent, this time down the guidebook-preferred route in the middle of the summit block. After discussing the pluses and minuses of the alternative summit routes, we scrambled back down the Class 3 section to

the lower rap station. Dan replaced some old webbing and using a retrieval cord along with the 60-meter lead rope we soon were back at the base of Lizard Head.

Success! 1:00 p.m. Colorado time. Four hours on the rock. But wait! Here were my pack and hiking shoes, but where were Dan's shoes? It was starting to rain and hail. There had actually been a fair amount of rock fall during our climb and soon we saw two socks and one shoe down the scree slope under the climb. Dan's second shoe was missing. By now the thunder and lightning were on us and we snuggled under the overhanging wall trying to decide what to do. Hiking out several miles in one approach shoe and one climbing shoe didn't seem like a fun option.

Had a wayward mountain goat taken a fancy to nibbling on Dan's shoes? Was a villain marmot at work? Or had somehow the heavy rockfall taken the shoes down the fall line.

Because I had my boots available, I donned my raingear and explored, occasionally dodging rock the rain had loosened from above. Indeed, enough exploded somewhat near me that standing at the base of the peak not tucked under an overhang was a risky proposition. Luckily, or maybe hopefully, the rocks usually gave a second's warning by bouncing somewhere above. I explored left and right and down the fall line about 50 yards. No luck.

As soon as that storm cell passed by, we had a short window before the next one down-valley would be on us, so we had to act. Dan headed down the fall line with the idea of traversing across the lower cliff band to meet me on the descent ridgeline. I would take the ridgeline in case the animal shoe-poacher would drop her prize.

Just as we were about to give up, Dan noted the shoe in a tongue of scree about 100 yards below the peak. One of the larger pieces of rock must have exploded near his shoe and the kinetic energy somehow had been imparted to give the shoe flight. Weird!

The hike out was actually enjoyable in context of the alternative we had been facing. The rain and storms even abated as we finally achieved the trailhead.

Every mountain can hold a surprise. Who would have think that a missing shoe would provide a new level of challenge on a Lizard's Head?

-Erik Filsinger

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 rogil.schroeter@honeywell.com.

Sept 13 **Hike the Four Peaks..!** VERY strenuous hike to bag all 4 peaks. Top physical condition, limited to 8. There will be a shorter, easier version at the same time, unlimited. Please contact by email if possible: rogil.schroeter@honeywell.com, else call Rogil at (623) 512-8465.

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. \$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.

None scheduled at present.

Indian Creek, Utah Aug. 29 thru Sep. 2.

Drive up on Friday night (Aug 29) and camp out, usually at Newspaper Rock State Park or near the reservoir. The drive takes about 6-8 hours through Kayenta and Monument Valley into Utah. Indian Creek is on a mix of private and BLM land. The camping is dry with no facilities.

Participants climb on Saturday, Sunday and Monday and then return to Phoenix on Tuesday. Indian Creek is full of single-pitch cracks (and some multi-pitch); plan on bringing tape for your fingers. No limit. Contact Richard Horst at (623) 434-4769 (just back from enjoying Alaska's miserable weather) for further details.

Calendar of Events

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.

- Aug 29 **Indian Creek, Utah.** Aug 29–Sep 2. Amazing crack climbing on Wingate Sandstone. Details page 15. Richard Horst (623) 434-4769.
- Sep 6 **Adopt-a-Crag Day.** Echo Canyon Trail at Camelback. Details page 5. Liz Serraglio (480) 704-1022.
- Sep 23 **Lead School.** Sep. 23, 24, 25, 27, 28. Details page 7. 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.

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AMC Calendar

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31 Aug Indian Creek	1 Indian Creek	2 Indian Creek	3 <i>Sunrise 6:04 am Sunset 6:51 pm</i>	4	5	6 Adopt-a-Crag Day (page 5)
7	8 AMC Board Meeting	9	10 <i>Sunrise 6:08 am Sunset 6:42 am</i>	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 <i>Sunrise 6:13 am Sunset 6:32 pm</i>	18	19	20
21	22 AMC Mtg. Anna Louise Keeling	23 Lead School (page 7)	24 Lead School <i>Sunrise 6:18 am Sunset 6:23 pm</i>	25 Lead School	26	27 Lead School Prescott
28 Lead School Prescott	29	30 GC Cleanup Seminar 6:00 pm (page 6-7)	1 Oct	2 Oct	3 Oct	4 Oct Grand Canyon Cleanup (page 6-7)
5 Oct Grand Canyon Climbing (page 6-7)	6 Oct	7 Oct	8 Oct Basic School Instructor Meeting	9 Oct	10 Oct	11 Oct