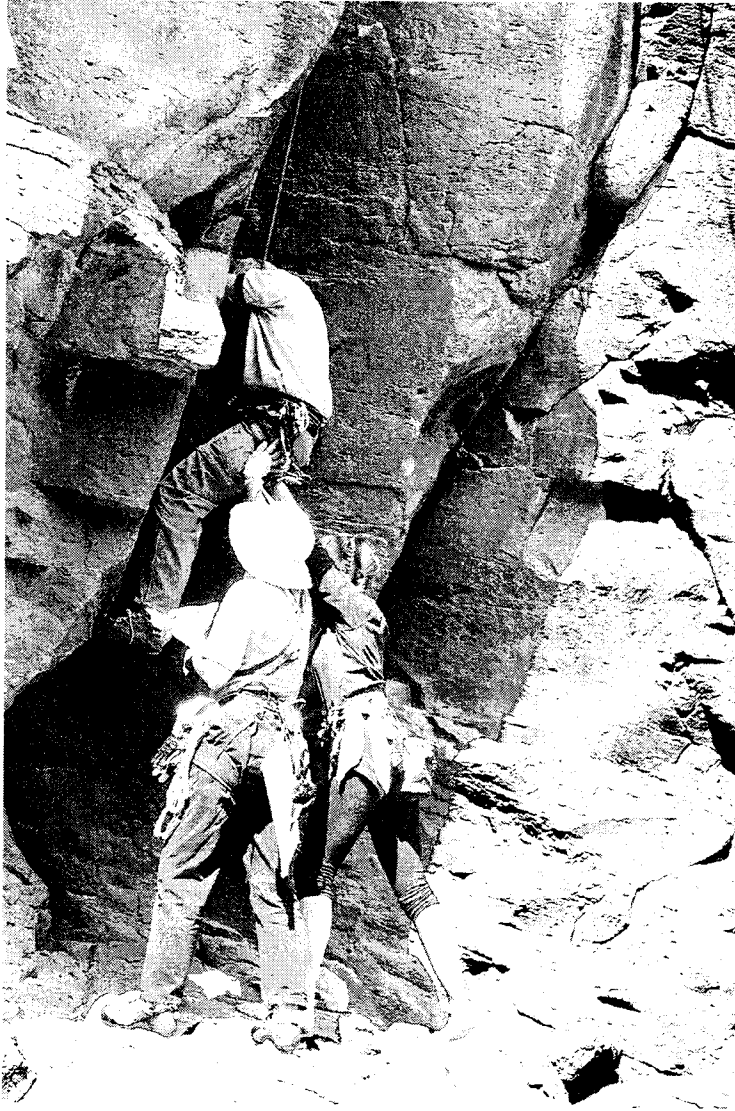


MAY 2004

# ARIZONA MOUNTAINEER

*This photo is an antidote to the kinds of photos that appear in the slick magazines where lithe, muscular, Greek-god-type gymnasts, trailing ropes, cling to barely discernable cracks and crimps above horrendously yawning chasms. This is AMC at Sullivan's Canyon. It is a top-roped hard start just off the deck — with Kirra and Rogil giving a much-needed boost to a mercifully unidentified male climber. Stylish it is not. Fun — it is. Photo by Kathy Sharp.*



# 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](mailto:info@azmountaineeringclub.org) for information on schedules and classes.

## For More Information:

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T-shirts .....	Sally Larimer .....	480-425-9689
WebSite .....	Kirra	
.....	<a href="mailto:webadmin@azmountaineeringclub.org">webadmin@azmountaineeringclub.org</a>	

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**The AMC Access Committee:** The Committee works by itself and with the national Access Fund to maintain public access to climbing areas. If you know of areas that are threatened with closures or climbing restrictions, please notify the Access Fund representative Jutta Ulrich at (602) 234-3579.

**The Access Fund:** This is a national, non-profit, climber's organization that works to maintain access to climbing areas nationwide. Climbers can join The Access Fund by mailing an annual, tax-deductible donation of \$20 or more to: The Access Fund, P.O. Box 17010, Boulder, CO 80308, or giving it to the AMC Club Treasurer to be sent to The Access Fund in your name. A donation of \$20 or more is needed to receive *Vertical Times*, The Access Fund newsletter. One can also join electronically at [www.accessfund.org/join.html](http://www.accessfund.org/join.html)

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## Newsletter

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

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

**June Deadline: 15 May 2004**

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## NOT STUFF!!

**Time to Plan Your Summer Adventures. Will it be —  
Tetons, Wind Rivers?  
Rainier, Adams, Etc?  
Backpack the Rim?  
Colorado 14'ers?  
Paria Canyon ?  
Shady Side Sport Climbs?  
Yosemite?  
Kayaking a River?  
Gear up at June Swap Meet.  
Find Guidebooks and Maps  
Now. And Don't Forget  
Camera Batteries —**

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## Library

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

The circulation period is one month. Materials are due at the next general club meeting. The overdue fine is \$2 per title per month. Please contact the librarian if unable to return your books and tapes.

The circulation limit is three titles per person. One of these may be a videotape, for which a \$50 deposit is required. Each guidebook requires a \$25 deposit.

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## BIRTHDAYS

Ernie Babich 1. Susan Hatfield 1. James Iverson 2. David Dumins 4. Rebecca Ruckman 8. Steve Sharp 9. Kevin McDonald 11. Richard Theobald 11. Kim Huenecke 12. Daniel deMos 15. Dylan Downhill 15. Seth Hennessee 15. Mihai Iancu 15. Shelli Valles 15. Chuck Flint 16. Annette Morrell 17. Kevin Rytter 19. Julie Sagasta 19. Randy Ryan 22. Jutta Ulrich 22. Shaun Opie 23. Jacob Thorp 23. Brenda Insley 25. Caroline Valdez 25. Dave Eddy 26. Jeff Quam 27. Feliciano Vera 28. Kevin Abney 29. Michael Boylan 29

# Minutes of the AMC Board Meeting: 12 April 2004

Board Members Present – Erik Filsinger, Scott Hoffman, John Keedy, Rich Kocher, Bruce McHenry, Lynn Readicker, Wayne Schroeter, Jutta Ulrich, Tim Ward

Committee Chairs Present – Wally Vegors  
Visitor – Charles Kurre

site. Charles was asked to come back with a more substantive proposal.

**VII. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM**

**I. Meeting called to order at 7 PM with quorum present.**

**II Minutes of March 8 Board Meeting approved with one correction.** Correction is under "Goals for Board. Item O 'It has been noted that Scottsdale Parks Department is issuing citations to individuals who are in the park after closing time which is generally dusk.'"

### **III. Treasurer's Report**

- A. Discussion concerning Ice Climbing/ Mountaineering outing fees as listed on the web site.
- B. Discussion concerning Basic Solid Rock Climbing Gym fee of \$300.00 per night, \$600.00 for spring class which is over budget. We will need a budget override approval from the membership for the fall Basic class.
- C. Motion made, seconded and carried to approve Treasurer's Report as submitted.
- D. Motion made seconded and carried for the AMC board to approve override of \$100.00 to pay Solid Rock Climbing Gym for the use of their facility for the spring Basic class.
- E. Motion made, seconded and carried to table further discussion of T & S budget override for two months.

### **IV, Presidential Updates**

- A. Club membership is up over last year. Now 348.
- B. Board Goals – everyone is asked to get their job descriptions to Bruce ASAP. Secretary Job Description submitted.

### **V. Old Business**

- A. Newsletter – as always, Wally needs articles and pictures.
- B. Outing Leader Classification – Jutta Ulrich presented her work thus far. Board approved direction she is going. Board assigned Wayne Schroeter to help with Classification revisions.

### **VI. New Business**

- A. By-Law change – Wayne submitted proposed change to AMC By-Laws. Constructive amendments were submitted; Wayne will make appropriate changes and send the proposal to Wally for publication in the Newsletter.
- B. Hiking Shack proposal – Charles Kurre discussed some ideas about increasing AMC/Hiking Shack joint participation possibly through the AMC web

## Inspiration

For those of us who may be approaching (or experiencing) middle-age, and wondering how long we'll be able to keep climbing hard, the answer apparently is: Darn near forever. Take as evidence the Patagonia ad on the back cover of the current issue of *Rock & Ice* magazine. There is a picture of 83-year-old Stimson Bulitt leading *Illusion Dweller* in Joshua Tree, a 5.10b crack route. That's not a misprint: Stimson is 83, the climb is a 10b, and he's *leading* it, no less. Truly inspirational.

-JH

## NEW MEMBERS

Darin Anderson  
Steve Aron  
Dani Atlas  
Ron Barton  
Gary Christ  
Lee Craven  
Scott Davis  
Roger Fuller  
Bill Keedy  
Susan Keedy  
James Kehoe  
Jason King  
Ryan King  
Carla Parisi  
Isabelle Plante  
Dick Severson  
Neil Staves  
Roger Webb  
Andrew White

## 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.

**Solid Rock Gym** — 23620 N. 20th Dr, Phoenix, Az 85027 (623) 587-7625 Gym membership 10% off for AMC members.

## Rental Equipment

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

Equipment Rental Guideline: Your name must be on the most current membership list. Deposit required; varies by item; generally \$20-\$50. The two-personal-checks system works best. Advance reservation suggested. If not using the reserved equipment, please call and cancel. Call Linda Locke at (602) 997-4235 for shoes. For everything else, call Tom Burmer (480) 354-1392.

## Treasurer's Report

Statement of Operations  
01Jan 04 Thru 11 Apr 04

Category Description	Amount
<b>INCOME</b>	
Advertising.....	140.00
Dues.....	6,354.00
Interest.....	0.00
Library fines.....	0.00
Merchandise (Tee Shirts & Etc).....	385.00
Mountaineering Schools.....	0.00
Program Income.....	30.00
Rental Income (incl shoes).....	135.00
T-Shirts.....	490.00
Training.....	8,300.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>15,449.00</b>

### EXPENSES

Access.....	0.00
Administration.....	335.46
Bouldering Contest.....	300.00
Capital Exp (mntng).....	0.00
Classification.....	0.00
Equipment Maint.....	63.00
Insurance.....	0.00
Library.....	0.00
Merchandise Exp.....	0.00
Mountaineering.....	0.00
Newsletter.....	1,078.10
Outings.....	0.00
Programs.....	2,531.17
Service/Bank Charge.....	35.66
Training.....	5,376.32

**TOTAL EXPENSES** ..... 9,719.71

**OVERALL FOR YEAR TO DATE** ..... 5,729.29

**ACCOUNT BALANCES (11 Apr 04)**

CD Account.....	5,235.71
Savings.....	1,668.32
Checking.....	14,310.97

**TOTAL CASH ASSETS** ..... 21,224.32

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

**OVERALL TOTAL** ..... 28,255.32

# BASIC SCHOOL GRADS TELL ALL —

Continue the celebration of AMC's 40 years by reliving the excitement and enthusiasm of Basic School! Teaching about climbing has been the foundation of AMC for years. Most of us would not be climbing without it. So, come and remember what it was like when you learned how to climb up the rock.

Follow a new group of AMC'ers as they take their first exciting steps to become climbers. See it through their eyes, walk it in their tight shoes, hear it with their ears and feel it with their hearts.

Take a walk with AMC's Mark Christiani as he fulfills one of his life's ambitions: *To climb!*

Los Olivos Center — 7:00 pm.

MEMBERS' PAGE — B McH

## AMC is 40!! 1964—2004

Happy Anniversary!!

## Get Involved!

The Board is looking for someone to fill a Marketing & Promotions Committee Chair. This position would help publicize club events and activities, generate new members, retention of current members, and generally promote the club. If you are interested see a Board Member.

## WANTED! OUTING LEADER CANDIDATES

Wayne Schroeter is developing a "Career Path" that will train and prepare Outing Leader Applicants, or OLA's, to apply to be an AMC Top-Rope Outing Leader.

Final details of the "Career Path" are expected to be completed and presented to the May Board Meeting. Wayne is looking for candidates to start the training program as soon as the details and approval are completed. If you are interested in being a candidate, contact Wayne as soon as possible.

## QUEEN CREEK CLEANUP(S) A SMASHING SUCCESS!

You don't never know what you can pick up when you are doing AMC QC cleanups! That's what we like to warn everyone! It was March 30, 2002 when we - Tiina and John met the first time picking up trash at QC, we

shook gloved hands and tied our very first knots together at the Pancake House, where we climbed the rest of the day, little knowing we would soon tie the knot forever.

We have now been almost one year happily married and we are very honored to have hosted the two latest QC Cleanup and Climbs.

The first was held on November 1st, 03, and more recently one on March 27, 04. Both were marked by good turnouts and plenty of good climbs (not to mention muchos bags of trash collected!)

Tim Lange and Tim Ward orchestrated the climbing setups in November at Magma Gardens near the Mine Area. Perfect weather graced the day and everyone had a great time.

Likewise in March, the weather was about as fine as could be and Tim & Tim again did an excellent job of setting up a variety of climbs at the Pancake House in Upper Devil's Canyon.

What also made this clean up special, was that our Basic class students put an extra effort for their Grad Climb by first picking up trash and then doing their rain-delayed graduation climbs at the Pancake House.

March Grad Climb Instructors: Tim Lange, Danny Gonzales, Bruce McHenry, Nancy Birdwell,

Jim Watson (helped set anchors) Chris Kline (also helped set anchors)

Grad Climb Students: Monica Willbrand, Eric Vandebossche, Nicole Arihood, Mare Czinar, Ryan Braasch

Other folks: Paige Birdwell, Melody Gonzales, Tim Ward (set anchors), Sonia Overholser (set anchors).

Mark Christiani, John Kynyk, Doug Popadince, Joe Garcia, John Sagasta, Julie Sagasta, Richard Theobald, Jan Theobald, Ken Isaacson, Tyler, Tiina and John Perlman.

After climbing we headed for the steaming pizza andicy drinks at Edwardos in Superior!

If you haven't been on a cleanup & climb in a while, you can pay penance for that napkin that blew out of your car and have a great time climbing in one of Arizona's most climber-friendly areas. The weather is almost always wonderful, the climbing is plentiful, the company is grand and of course, there's the pizza afterward!

Special thanks to those who helped setup the climbs and a round of applause for those who worked so hard to keep our highways beautiful! And congratulations to the Grad Climbers!

We hope to see you at next Cleanup & Climb!

—Tiina & John Perlman





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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, Mammut, 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.



# Spring Basic School Students — Weathered All Difficulties

Forty two enthusiastic students and probably that many instructors have made it through another AMC Basic Climbing Class. The weather proved to be one of our biggest challenges for this class – reminiscent of the Spring 2003 class.

On our Thursday night session at the park, we had a heavy rain and had to practice belaying and rappelling under the shelter of the ramadas. Every roof had leaks, but it was better than being out in the steady rain. I had a couple dozen wet ropes to dry out on Friday, ugh!

Students were excited and anxious to get out on the rock Saturday, but Mother Nature had other plans. Heavy rain all night on Friday and into Saturday morning caused us to postpone the Saturday session until Sunday. There were a lot of disappointed folks on Saturday morning when we cancelled the class.

Sunday, the weather was good, and everyone got a chance to practice on short problems and do some short rappels. We encountered 3 rattlesnakes, who were also out enjoying the wonderful weather. Two of them found a nice resting spot right under someone's backpack while we were over on the dome practicing rappels. With a long stick and some gentle encouragement, we got both of them to relocate – but they let us know they weren't too excited about moving.

The Tuesday and Thursday prusik sessions were held at the Solid Rock Gym, on the north side of town. Everyone seemed to enjoy learning how to ascend ropes and get past obstacles using prusiks – when you think about it, it's pretty slick stuff to know. I've used those self-rescue techniques several times and can vouch for how handy they are!

We held the Sunday session the following Saturday out at Lost Bandana Wall. It was really hot, but not quite as bad as last fall's class. Students had a blast, learning how to get their weight over their feet and walking up walls that looked awfully vertical. We had climbs ranging from nice and easy, to pretty challenging – something for everyone. We saw a snake on the way out – so remember be careful out there this time of year!

The grad party was held Saturday night, since we had Marilyn's house reserved for it already. It was easier to leave it 'as is' than to try to reschedule after all the grad climbs. Thanks for hosting the party MG!

Grad climbs were all rescheduled, miraculously accommodating the schedules and climb preference of almost every student, thanks to the outing leaders and instructors who were willing to do that. The day after the grad party, Wayne Schroeter took a group to the Pancake House, Jef Sloat took a group to the Hand, and Scott Hoffman took a group to Jacuzzi Spires.

The next weekend, Rogil took a group to the Hand on Saturday, Tim Lange and Tim Ward took a group as part of the Queen Creek Cleanup, and Dave and I took a group to the Hand on Sunday. Another outing to Jacuzzi Spires was led by John Keedy on April 3, and the final group went up the Monk with Jeff Hatfield on April 10.

Whew, it's good to have it all over with and get the harnesses and helmets stowed away until the October class. Not all the survey forms are in yet, but preliminary feedback indicates that the students learned more than they expected to and that our class is the best value in town! Special thanks to all the instructors who helped with the class – I REALLY appreciate it, and I know the students do too.

*Sally Borg Larimer — Basic School Chairman*

## Basic Students

Darin Anderson  
Nicole Arihood  
Dani Atlas  
Ryan Braasch  
Frank Christensen  
Jeanette Christopher  
Tracey Clark  
Lee Craven  
Mare Czinar  
Scott Davis  
Chuck Flint  
Roger Fuller  
Tony Guido  
Kurt Gusinde  
Alexander Hardt  
Mary Hartwig  
Joshua Jarowicz  
Burke Kascha-Hare  
James Kehoe  
Julia Kletzker  
Domenic Lopez  
Paul Mandel  
Nina McClure  
Steve McClure  
Meredith Moody  
Annette Morrell  
Lee Morrell  
Bryson Ochoa

Carla Parisi  
Isabelle Plante  
James Pyne  
Elisa Scinto  
Dick Severson  
Neil Staves  
Dan Toraason  
Mark Trisler  
Shelli Valles  
Eric Vandebosche  
Roger Webb  
Andrew White  
Monica Willbrand  
Stephanie Wyckoff

## Basic instructors

Kevin Abney  
Ronald Auerbach  
Nancy Birdwell  
Kirsten Brock  
Bill Broyles  
Mark Christiani  
Slawa Ciula  
Julie Dehlin  
Thu Duong  
Robert England  
Bill Fallon  
Donna Forst

Michelle Garland  
 Philip Goebel  
 Daniel Gonzales  
 Kathleen Granger  
 Jason Grothaus  
 Karol Harvey  
 Jeff Hatfield  
 Sheila Hesselgrave  
 Scott Hoffman  
 Gabriel Howe  
 Bryan Howell  
 Carrie Howell  
 Milo Kauffman  
 John Keedy  
 Chris Kline  
 Jim Kline  
 Mike Knarzer  
 Rich Kocher  
 Bill Kurek  
 Charles Kurth Jr.  
 Tim Lange  
 David Larimer  
 Sally Larimer  
 Dave Lemons  
 Anthony Mavis  
 Bruce McHenry

Monica Miller  
 Shaun Opie  
 Sonia Overholser  
 Scott Parsons  
 Kim Petersen  
 Lynn Readicker  
 Jennifer Rembisz  
 Daniel Romero  
 Lance Roth  
 Jason Sartor  
 Rogil Schroeter  
 Wayne Schroeter  
 Kathy Sharp  
 Jef Sloat  
 Scott Steinhagen  
 Richard Theobald  
 Charlene Todd  
 Jutta Ulrich  
 David Van Hook  
 Tim Ward  
 Jim Watson  
 Geoff Willis  
 Scott Winkler

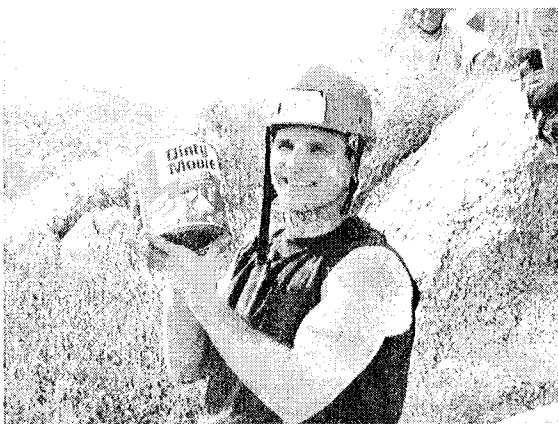
*Roster by Rogil*

## ...And Spring Lead School Too

The spring Lead School was affected by weather again—too cold in Prescott and the chance of rain in the desert. The weather held for us, though, and we went to Lost Bandanna Wall. We used Spectrum, Owl Out Direct and the upper pitch of Slot for aid climbing, and several of the faces for the simulated leads. Several students actually flashed Spectrum under the safety of a backup top-rope belay.

It's tough to handle the re-scheduling and re-planning, but I would like to thank this instructor crew for being adaptable and for sticking with it. Some of the instructor stances were in the shade and very cold, but they stuck to it. I would like to especially thank some of the repeat instructors that are out there every class: Bill, Karol, Tim, Monica and Rogil. Some people I only see at Lead School time, like Lenny, and some are becoming regulars, like Ron and Mike. Since this class was particularly difficult for me, I want to again thank those instructors who helped.

And if you took the class, remember to thank these people as well. -Wayne



*Joshua Jarowicz shows the "lunch of champions" that he and partner Ryan Braasch brought to Basic School. They even carried a 2-burner stove out to Little Granite Mountain to heat it up. One problem: they were too busy climbing to stop for lunch! Photo by Sally Larimer*

**Instructors:**  
 Ronald Auerbach  
 Nancy Birdwell  
 Lenny Dick  
 Bill Fallon  
 Karol Harvey  
 Eve Hoffman  
 Scott Hoffman  
 John Keedy  
 Mike Knarzer  
 Tim Lange  
 Monica Miller  
 Rogil Schroeter  
 Wayne Schroeter  
 Geoff Willis  
 Sheri Kenly

**Students:**  
 Mark Christiani  
 Ken Dammen  
 Jason Grothaus  
 Samantha Hicks  
 Nick Hoffman  
 Gabriel Howe  
 Charlie Kurth  
 Terri Mavis  
 Terry Nelson  
 Scott Parsons  
 Kim Petersen  
 Patrick Riley  
 Isolda Strom  
 Jim Watson

## Epics on Olive Oil - Red Rocks, Las Vegas, NV

*Olive Oil is a classic 5.7 six pitch climb located in Juniper Canyon on Rose Tower.*

6:30 AM at the trailhead, as we knew others would be seeking our route. We arrived minutes behind the 1st very unfriendly party of two from the northeast, enough said.

As we were racked and ready to go another party of two showed up. Off we went. David Paul and I swung leads for the route and Sheri Kenly climbed 3rd. Some exposed face climbing moves on the first pitch then up about 80 feet to an alcove for the belay. David Paul was off on the second pitch lead and I on belay when I heard a young man's voice: "Do you mind if we climb through?" I looked quite sternly at this young man who had little gear, no water and no shirt on. I said sure fella, climb on but stay away from my leader's rope...! I was a bit tiffed, as I had never been climbed through before. A few seconds later another buff young man appeared, pulling in slack through his belay device. He introduced himself as Josh. He said thanks for letting my partner Paul and I climb through as we are trying to set a speed record today. Now that made more sense. Sheri and I felt like these guys do know what they are doing. We let Josh know the mean party ahead was really going to love them...be prepared. We wished him well.

The second pitch: beautiful climbing with exposure. Met David at the belay anchor, picked up some gear, and then I was off for the 3rd pitch lead. I was to traverse out. I did but this beautiful dihedral was calling my name, come cam me... so I did. I heard a rope length call, I responded, I saw the anchors ahead, ok. I reached the anchor all right—it was made with trad gear, oops! Off route! The dihedral had lured others as well. I brought David and Sheri up to meet me. I added an oval to the anchor, rappelled out, found the route and set up a new belay. David and Sheri followed on rappel.

I then led up a short section to the bomber belay bolts for the famous 6th pitch lead. David Paul had his name on it. By now there were a total of five of us at the 5th belay ledge/rock top. I met a fellow Texan, while on rappel as he was leading, and recommended he not go the way I went. He thanked me as he said that dihedral looked good to him, too. Tex and friend led off for the 6th pitch, we heard the leader yell down this is scary dude...! We all looked at each other with big eyes, as we were next!

David starts his lead, as he steps up and starts the



*David Paul with Rose Tower in the background. Miller photo.*

very exposed traverse over to the Dihedral. The Dihedral crack is now very shallow requiring that you go up about ten feet before you place your first pro. Now you are looking at a 15-foot chimney off width that pros well and is great climbing. Be prepared for a very wiggly about-face award move approximately 12 feet up. Atta boy David! Again during this lead another party began climbing the route. Cleaning the 6th pitch was a trip, gear and ropes everywhere. The second party even clipped our pro!

Finally we were on top of Rose Tower...! Magnificent views. We were all quite pleased with our venture.

There were a total of 5 parties on Olive Oil that day. Later in the evening at the Red Rocks Rendezvous we learned that Paul Addison and Josh Thompson set the speed record for the climb at 1 hour 29 minutes car to car. That was not the only record Paul set that fine day in March, but that is another story...! March 19th, 2004—a record day at Red Rocks.

--Monica D. Miller--

## Praying Monk Grad Climb Creates a Buzz

There was a lot of buzz surrounding the last grad climb of the Spring 2004 Basic School. Grad climb reports from a standard route like the Praying Monk are usually pretty straightforward, but this one had a couple of items worth mentioning.

The first buzz was due to the bees. With the knowledge of the deadly accident on the Hart Route a few weeks earlier, we were mindful of the presence of bees in the area. Indeed, from the top of the Monk we were able to watch swarms rushing back and forth near the ground between us and Gargoyle Wall. I was happy that I had recently refilled my outdated Epi-Pen prescription. As students cycled through the climb, I noticed a team of two heading for the Hart Route. I called out from the top of the Monk and asked if they were aware of the accident on that route. They hollered back that they were aware of an accident, but thought it had happened on the Monk, not the Hart Route. I tried to set them straight, but when they proceeded to rack up for the Hart Route anyway, I radioed down for Bruce to hike up and make sure they understood what they were getting into. None of us wanted to see a repeat of the previous accident, let alone get forced into a situation where we'd have to help them if they got into trouble. Bruce talked to them, but reported back that they'd decided they wanted to climb it anyway. At least we tried. We continued our climb, occasionally glancing over to see how the Hart team was doing. They seemed to be making very little progress on the first 50 feet of the route. At first it appeared that the leader had climbed up to just below the first ledge, then down-climbed to give his partner a shot at the lead. Instead, we found out later that as soon as they started the route, the bee activity around them increased, so they wisely chose to pack up and follow us up the Monk instead. Apparently the buzzing was too disconcerting for them.

The second buzz that day was a result of several people's warped senses of humor. It seems that the nickname *Buzz Lightyear* had been bestowed on a certain outing leader during a previous Basic School. Someone with a computer and too much idle time decided it would be a good idea to paste that outing leader's head onto a picture of Buzz Lightyear's body. Imagine the childish joy of those perpetrators as they passed around the altered picture of Buzz. It apparently doesn't take much for some people to crack themselves up. But imagine the even *more* childish joy of taping a 5x7 color photo of the same picture to the front of everyone's



helmets, then having them yell "*To infinity and beyond!*" as they reached the top of the climb. Very funny, guys. Not that it was such a bad idea. It gave everyone a laugh at one person's expense. And at least they weren't pictures of *poodles!*

Thanks to the students who participated: Darin Anderson, Roger Webb, Kurt Gusinde, and Tony Guido. And thanks to the instructors: Julie Dehlin and Bruce "I Really Crack Myself Up" McHenry.

- "Buzz" Hatfield

## Report on Red Rocks Rendezvous March 19-21

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Vegas on belay...! Hosted by Mgear.com

I had the opportunity to attend this climbing event with friends David Paul and Sheri Kenley. The event kick off Friday night March 19th at the Mountain Springs Ranch located in Red Rocks State Park. We checked in registration at 7:05 pm where we got a nice bag full of climbing goodies such as a Red Rocks Rendezvous T-Shirt, water bottle, minnie bidders, calendar, playing cards, key chains and accessories.

We then selected the clinics, which we would attend on Saturday hosted by professional climbers such as Tommy and Beth Caldwell, Jared Ogden, Peter Croft and Adam Stack to name a few. David and I chose the "Climbing Photography" clinic held by Gabe Rogel. (His work can be viewed at [HYPERLINK "http://www.mountain-film.com"](http://www.mountain-film.com) [www.mountain-film.com](http://www.mountain-film.com)) Gabe showed us some great set up techniques for handling rope, ascenders and camera equipment at Dog Wall.

Our second clinic selection was, "Advanced Sport Climbing" how to improve on 5.10 + sport routes held by Adam Stack. This clinic was held at the "Sweet Pain Wall" which had some great 5.11 sport routes. We learned some great tips for mental and physical preparation for sport climbing. Sheri Kenely was fortunate enough to snag the last spot in Jared Ogden's gear placement class.

Transportation to and from the clinics held at various locations in Red Rocks was via air-conditioned tour buses complete with complimentary cold water, sports drinks and facilities in the back. We were traveling in style.

Party event hosts included Baja fresh for food and Fat Tire for ale, now that was a great combination. The film, the friends, the vendors and the camaraderie were all great. This was a quality event and gathering of some top talent and great guests from all over the US. This was definitely a two thumbs up event!

— *Monica D. Miller*

## The Touch

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It might have been  
a climb, some rock,  
a crevice that contained  
a small blue flower.  
It clung in silence  
vibrating as she passed  
she paused, as much as I could see.

The chalk from her hand  
she wiped on her shirt  
and she leaned to touch  
that flower secure  
Amid the ageless granite.  
For a second and eternity  
her skin and the petals were one.

That look of distant reflection  
came upon her eyes.  
She was transported  
to some other place  
that only her soul  
could go  
to share the grace.

It lasted but a moment  
but in that moment  
she lived and loved.  
And I was happy knowing  
that life was full  
and small blue petals  
had felt her touch.

In a golden day once  
I touched her skin  
And felt the warmth  
of those soft petals.  
It was but fingers  
that shared  
of all so much  
that I have cared.

*By Erik Filsinger*

## Proposed By-Law Change

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The Board is proposing a Bylaw change that will eliminate the requirement that the Classification Chair be an Outing Leader, thus allowing for more options in filling the position. The change is also intended to ensure input from all parties that have a part in the responsibility for preparing and approving individuals to be Outing Leaders.

**The current Bylaw creating the Classification Committee reads as follows:**

5. Committees.
  - a. The following committees, whose existence and duration shall be perpetual, shall be established and maintained by the Board:
    - i. An Elections Committee to conduct the annual elections. The Elections Committee may propose to the Board rules pertaining to elections, consistent with these Bylaws, which, upon board approval, shall become a part of the Standing Rules.
    - ii. A Classification Committee, the chair of which shall be approved to lead outings, to establish and maintain standards for Members who may be approved to lead outings, and to advise the Board of those Members who satisfy such standards. The Classification Committee may propose rules pertaining to its charge, consistent with these Bylaws, which, upon Board approval, shall become a part of the Standing Rules.

**We propose to change it to read (changes underlined):**

5. Committees.
  - a. The following committees, whose existence and duration shall be perpetual, shall be established and maintained by the Board:
    - i. An Elections Committee to conduct the annual elections. The Elections Committee may propose to the Board rules pertaining to elections, consistent with these Bylaws, which, upon board approval, shall become a part of the Standing Rules.
    - ii. A Classification Committee to establish and maintain standards for Members who may be approved to lead outings, and to advise the Board of those Members who satisfy such standards. The Classification Committee shall consist of a Classification Chair and such members as the Board shall

define by a Standing Rule to help the Classification Chair make his or her recommendations to the Board. The Classification Committee may propose rules pertaining to its charge, consistent with these Bylaws, which, upon Board approval, shall become a part of the Standing Rules.

This Bylaw change proposal will be presented to the membership at the April member meeting. If approved, the Board will consider the following proposed Standing Rule at the next Board meeting:

“The Classification Committee shall consist of a Classification Chair, the Activity Chair, one or more Officers or Directors, one or more Outing Leaders, and one or more members of the Training and Schools Committee.”

*-The Board*

## Queen Creek Access Issues...

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*The following information is from Sierra Club Bulletin - Palo Verde Group — sent in by climber-chick.*

Recreational access to the Queen Creek climbing area is being threatened by the proposed Resolution Copper Mine. Resolution Copper claims their mine will be underground, but they are not addressing the issue of loss of access that will be caused by their mining footprint, nor are they addressing a host of other issues such as surface subsidence that will be caused by the particular method of cave block mining that they are currently planning to use, or hydrological impacts to the nearby Devils Canyon canyoneering area.

A coalition of groups called “Friends of Queen Creek” is forming to ensure that recreational access will continue at Queen Creek. Paul Diefenderfer of the Phoenix Rock Gym has been designated as spokesperson. Please take a moment to contact Paul [dief@phoenixrockgym.com](mailto:dief@phoenixrockgym.com) and tell him that you want to be put on the “Friends of Queen Creek Canyon” roster.

## Calendar of Events *(Continued from page 24)*

*should contact the member planning the outing. You are responsible for your own safety, not the person leading the outing. You should always be aware of the risks involved in outdoor activities and conduct yourself accordingly.*

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

### **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.*

May 1 Kayak Orienteering, Rick Eastman.

## **SCREE— By Wally**

Received a query about a very early AMC member. And it came from France!!

Maybe some of you can help me here — it was a query about Don Best who, if I rightly recall, was a member during the first three or four years of AMC's existence. I remember the name, and that is about all. Maybe some of you can help me. Here is what I received from Alan Watts:

"I was recently contacted by a Mr. Stephane Pennequin of Corsica, France, who is writing a book

on the history of rock climbing devices. He asked for my help in contacting US climbers Steve Byrne and Donald Best in regard to their contribution in this area. At least one of them apparently has lived in Arizona. I was wondering if you would put a note in the AMC Newsletter asking anyone who knows how to contact either of these gentlemen to contact me, Stephane, or have Mr. Byrne or Mr. Best contact Stephane directly. Stephane's e-mail address is [pennequin.nutstory@wanadoo.fr](mailto:pennequin.nutstory@wanadoo.fr), Phone: (00 33) 4 95 21 43 31, and I can be reached at [awatts@swlaw.com](mailto:awatts@swlaw.com) or 602.382.6267.

Google doesn't hold much hope for a name like "Don Best", unfortunately. Anyone have any leads?

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## Calendar of Events

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### AMC Outings

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

May 8 **Mount Lemmon.** Face and crack climbing on excellent rock, 5.7-5.10. Limit 8. Wayne Schroeter at wayne@iWayne.com (preferred) or 602-402-1631.

May 28-Jun 1 **Indian Creek, Utah (Memorial Weekend)** Big Racks and long cracks....! Outstanding sand stone climbing in a beautiful setting. Contact: Richard Horst 623-434-4769 or horstrichard@aol.com for specific driving and camping directions.

**Outing Suggestions Request:** Got a special place in mind but don't have the guns to climb for Labor Day week end in September? Contact Richard Horst as he is offering to lead areas submitted. The place with the most votes wins. Richard Horst: 623-4344769 or horstrichard@aol.com

See Billboard and Commercially Provided sections for non-AMC ice and snow opportunities,

**\*\*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.

### 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*

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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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David Larimer.....	480-425-9689	Rogil Schroeter.....	623-512-8465		



# May 2004

## AMC Outing Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Full Moon	5 Sunrise 5:36 Sunset 7:15 M-rise 8:44p	6	7	8 Mount Lemmon
9	10 AMC Board	11 Last Quarter	12 Sunrise 5:30 Sunset 7:20 M-rise 2:16a	13	14	15
16	17	18 New Moon	19 Sunrise 5:25 Sunset 7:25 M-set 8:15p	20	21	22
23	24 AMC Reg. Meeting	25	26 Sunrise 5:21 Sunset 7:30 M-set 1:24a on 27th	27 1st Qtr	28 Indizn Creek, Utah	29 Indian Creek, Utah
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