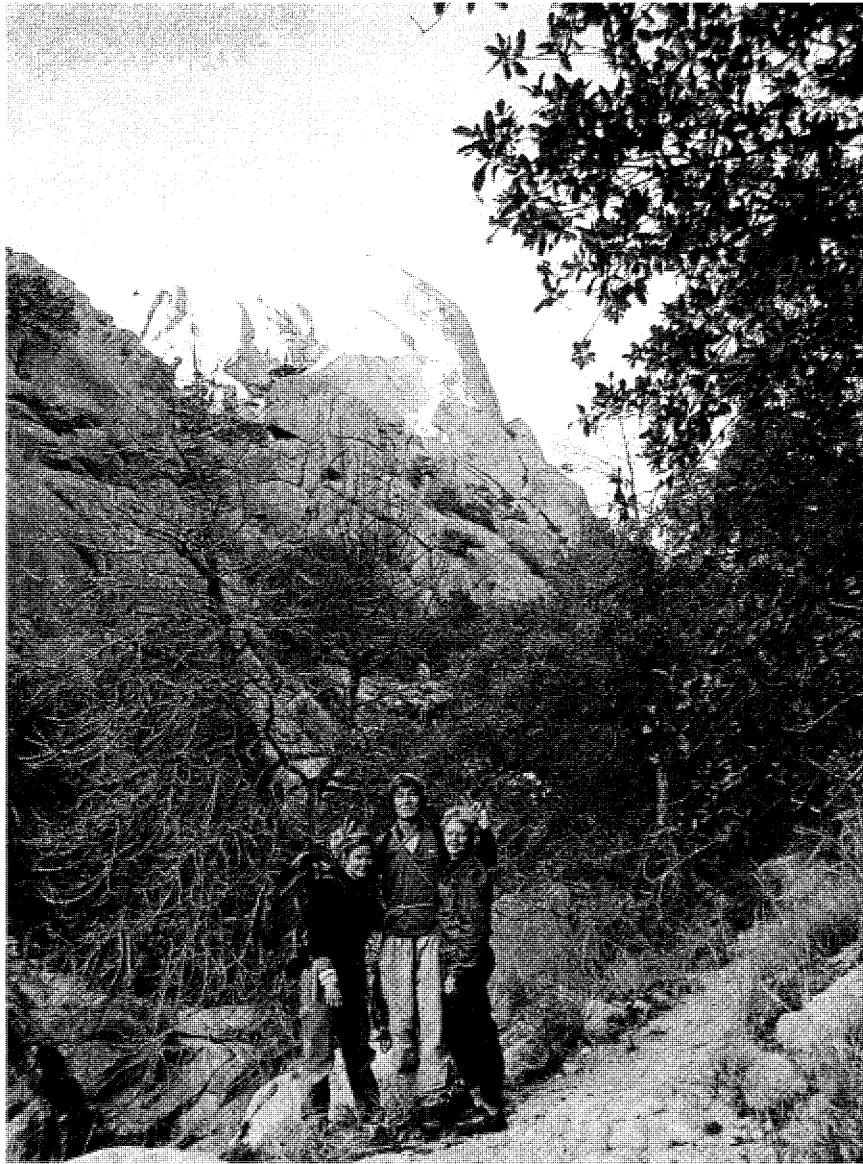


MARCH 2005

ARIZONA MOUNTAINEER

The Great White Whale breaches from the ridge of Cochise Stronghold-West in bright sunshine. Catherine Conner, Mike Knarzer, Eric Stevens and Monica Miller enjoyed a perfect climbing adventure doing Moby Dick's multiple pitches on Feb. 14th.

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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

*****Note: See page 4 for meeting locations for Mar-May 2005.*****

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 for information on schedules and classes.

For More Information:

Call: (623) 878-2485

Email:

president@azmountaineeringclub.org
board@azmountaineeringclub.org

Website:

www.azmountaineeringclub.org

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Director 2-year Jeff Nagel 602-318-9538
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webadmin@azmountaineeringclub.org

The AMC Land Advocacy 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 Land Advocacy representative Erik Filsinger, 480-314-1089.

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 \$35 or more to: The Access Fund, P.O. Box 17010, Boulder, CO 80308, or calling 888-8MEMBER or giving it to the AMC Club Treasurer to be sent to The Access Fund in your name. A donation of \$35 or more is needed to receive *Vertical Times*, The Access Fund newsletter. One can also join electronically at https://www.accessfund.org/secure/joinnow/join_indiv.php

NOT STUFF!!

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Our Board may consider adding wild-river-crossing techniques or even scuba training to our basic climbing class if this rain pattern continues. But take heart —the Basic Class is held mostly under a ramada. Bring your slicker and come help! Coiling wet ropes is fun!!

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.

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. (Note — Library is kaput during Los Olivos expansion.)

April Deadline: 19 March

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Jordan Dilley 1, Bruce McIntyre 1, Joseph Kidd 2, Kay Alderton 3, Richard Horst 6, Tui Conner 9, Wayne Schroeter 9, Addison Demlong 10, Jennifer Trask 10, Ronald Auerbach 11, Catherine Conner 11, Kurt Korpong 13, Beth Ransford 13, Elisa Scinto 13, Kathleen Shepler 13, Forest Brown 14, Roger Fuller 15, Bill Broyles 16, John Perlman 16, Nick Hoffman 20, Alexander Hardt 21, Teresa Laszlo 21, Gary Christ 22, Nina McClure 22, Randy Goodale 23, Jason Sartor 23, Eve Hoffman 27, John Kynyk 27, Timothy Lee 27, Bill Kurek 28, Roger Webb 28, Brian Studer 29, Michal Danek 30, John Sagasta 30, Terri Mavis 31

Minutes of the AMC Board Meeting February 14, 2005

Board members present: Jutta Ulrich, Bill Fallon, Wayne Schroeter, Clay Vollmer, Bruce McHenry

Committee members present: Wally Vegors

Call to Order at 7:01 PM. A quorum was present.

Jutta installed the new officers and board for 2005.

Minutes of the January, 2005 meeting were approved without changes Motion – Bill, Second – Wayne.

Treasurers' report was presented and approved. Clay updated board on status of CD. Motion – Bill, Second – Wayne

Clay will bring options for handling depreciation to the next meeting.

Presidential Updates

Distribution of the monthly membership numbers. Present membership is 463.

Jutta opened discussion on priorities and goals for the board. Board agreed priorities were as follows:

Outing Leaders – getting more

Outings - more

Club structures and document tracking

Liability and risk management

Social atmosphere

Old Business

Newsletter – Wally has some articles, looking for more. Wally appreciated John Keedy and others taking care of newsletter distribution last month.

Per Wayne and Kirra – we now own the domain www.amcaz.org Kirra will be setting up email and forwarding for that domain.

The Outings Chair will be listed as vacant in the newsletter. Bruce McHenry will temporarily handle any inquiries or feedback.

Land Advocacy – Clay gave an update on Friends of Queen Creek and latest on the mining issue.

Meeting Place – the board approved meeting at Pueblo Grande for April and May members meeting. The June meeting will be the annual B-B-Q and swap meet.

Repeat Ascenders – Clay presented proposal from Dave Van Hook to ask for donations. Motion passed-Clay – motion, Wayne – second.

Also noted that club can offer two scholarships to the Repeat Ascenders group for Basic School within the guidelines provided by Wayne.

Reviewed and discussed proposal for reimbursement of expenses for Outing Leaders. The board was provided input and feedback from several outing leaders as part of the discussion.

On proposal for reimbursement of mileage – motion made, no second. Motion failed without vote. On proposals for various incentives – no motion submitted. On proposal to reimburse for various expenses – postponed to next meeting for Wayne to research costs on campsites, permits and other items.

New Business

Wayne submitted proposal and discussion on structuring of club documents. Motion to accept proposal passed with two changes – added a requirement of archive of written documents removed from website, and blending existing guideline documents into policy and procedure. Motion – Bruce, Second – Bill.

Motion to accept Nancy Birdwell as new Classification chair, passed pending confirmation of Bylaw changes. Motion – Clay, Second – Bill.

Pending Board items-

Advertising Policy

Reimbursement for OL

Inactive OL

Motion, second, and vote to adjourn at 9:10 PM.

New Members

Robert Barton

Barbara Danek

Stephen Haydu

Jonathan Houf

Caitlin Kovacs

Fruzsit Kovacs

Tami Kovacs

Tim Kovacs

Emily Perlman

Paul Peterson

Tamara Richards

Deb Scisco

Thomas Tusia

Karen Van Hook

**MARCH, APRIL, AND MAY
MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT
PUEBLO GRANDE AUDITO-
RIUM—4916 E. WASHINGTON**

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.

Az on the Rocks Gym — 16447 N. 91st St., Scottsdale, Az.85260. 480-502-9777. Gym membership 10% off for AMC members.

OvertheCrux —2655 W. Guadalupe, #4, Mesa, Az 85202. 480-890-0997. 15% off to AMC members.

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
MSR Alpine snowshoes	5	32	10	16
Ice Crampons	5	26	8	13
Ice axes (70 cm)	6	16	5	8
Ice axes (90 cm)	5	14	5	7
Snow shovel	1	8	3	4
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 Erik Filsinger at 480-314-1089.

Treasurer's Report

Statement of Operations

31 Jan 05

Category Description	Amount
INCOME	
Admin income	0.00
Advertising	0.00
Decals	0.00
Dues 2005	1,415.00
Friends of Queen Creek	0.00
Interest	4.40
Merchandise (Tee Shirts & Etc)	0.00
Mountaineering Schools	0.00
Program Income	0.00
Rental Income (incl shoes)	0.00
T&S School Rental Income	0.00
Training	300.00

TOTAL INCOME 1,419.40

EXPENSES

Administration	188.62
Capital Exp	0.00
Classification	0.00
Equipment Maint	0.00
Friends of Queen Creek	0.00
Insurance	0.00
Land Advocacy Committee	0.00
Library	0.00
Merchandise Exp	0.00
Mountaineering	0.00
Newsletter	216.22
Outings	48.12
Programs & Monthly Meeting Exp	440.00
Service/Bank Charge	6.00
Training	0.00

TOTAL EXPENSES 898.96

OVERALL FOR YEAR TO DATE 820.44

ACCOUNT BALANCES

CD Account 1/31/05	10,004.12
Checking 12/31/05	12,665.56

TOTAL CASH ASSETS 22,669.68
Other Assets (gear) 2,048.00

OVERALL TOTAL 24,717.93

Note —Old CD (0.95%) matured and replaced by new 6-month CD at 2.37%

One of the world's foremost alpinists,

Jim Bridwell

will present summits, accomplishments, works in progress, and a 'to-do' list of climbs in Alaska. This is no 'follow an established trail' climber, this is THE guy who 'establishes' those trails.

Jim, "the dean of American rock climbers" has a Climbing career that spans five decades and is still going. There can hardly be a climb in Yosemite that doesn't bear his thumbprint. He even founded the Yosemite National Park Rescue Team. From there it's down to Patagonia and then up to Alaska with forays to many other international climbing locales.

Sssshhh.....rumor has it that this guy can tell a great story!
Come early and get a good seat!

Date : March 28th

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Auditorium, Pueblo Grande Museum

Address: 4916 E. Washington

Via: Off US 143 at Washington Exit and turn West.

President's Corner

As the club's new president, I have the pleasure to start my duties with several enjoyable tasks. I want to welcome all the officers and directors to this year's Board and thank them for giving their time and energy. We also have a number of committee chairs and members who help the club run efficiently. If you're not sure who these folks are, take a look at page 2 of any newsletter. The next time you see one of them, say hi and thank you. Then I want to thank Bruce McHenry in the name of the whole AMC for being the club's president for the last two years and getting a lot of stuff done. That is quite a commitment to an organization, and Bruce continues on the Board as past president. Bruce—thank you!

Congratulations to Monica Miller on becoming our newest outing leader (OL); she has several outings planned for the near future. In the process of becoming outing leaders are Robert England and Mike Knarzer; they appreciate all the support and beta they are getting from current outing leaders. If you're considering becoming an OL, contact Nancy, the classification chair. We do have a top-rope-leader category for those of you who might want to start organizing just top-rope climbs.

Let us know your ideas, questions, suggestions for AMC events and programs. This is your club, and the more input there is from members, the better. To help with committees, events and, yes, some of the paperwork, you do not have to be an expert climber or a long time member. Check out the "Help wanted" section in this newsletter.

See you at the meeting.

— Jutta

Thanks from the Ex-Prez

Thanks to All!

I would like to thank the members of the club for their support while I served as President. I appreciate your contributions on behalf of the AMC and look forward to many more. It's "our" club and nothing is done without your time and effort. Please pat yourself on the back....and let's go climbing!!

—Bruce McHenry

Elections

"The Envelope Please...."

The annual elections were held at the members meeting on January 24, 2005. The results are:

President -- Jutta Ulrich
Vice President -- John Keedy
Secretary -- Robert England
Treasurer -- Clay Vollmer
2 yr Directors -- Bill Fallon, Jeff Nagel

The incumbent board members:
1 yr directors -- Scott Hoffman, Wayne Schroeter
Past President -- Bruce McHenry

Let us also thank the outgoing board members for their dedication and contributions:

Erik Filsinger
Rich Kocher
Lynn Readicker

Congratulations and thanks to all!

Help Wanted

Advertising Chair

We are looking for someone to handle advertising that goes in the newsletter and perhaps solicit more discounts from merchants for Club members.

Outings Chair

We are looking for a new Committee Chair for Outings - this person would contact the Outing Leaders and schedule outings for the AMC, would solicit help form the OLs for specific events, and would make sure the information gets on the calendar. The Outings Chair does not have to be an Outing Leader.

Yahoo Group Monitors

We are looking for two members who can help manage our Internet mail groups. This will take very little time, so if you don't have much time but wanted to contribute to the club, consider this opportunity. We have one group set up, and two more need to be created. Afterwards, there is minimal maintenance, perhaps occasionally changing a name

Queen Creek climbing area access issue Climb it? Or mine it?



Recreational access to the Queen Creek climbing area is being threatened by a copper mine that has been proposed by the Resolution Copper Company.

Resolution Copper is trying to take over Oak Flat campground via a congressionally legislated land swap, which in turn would threaten access to all these areas: Queen Creek Canyon, Apache Leap, Devils Canyon, Hackberry Canyon, etc.

We need your help to keep this world-class climbing area (and home of the Phoenix BoulderBlast) from disappearing forever into a big hole in the ground. Join the Friends of Queen Creek!

We are not opposed to mining. But we are FOR ACCESS! We need to make Resolution Copper develop their mine in such a way as to preserve recreational access to these public lands.

Be a Friend of Queen Creek. Act now to help preserve access to your public lands by subscribing to the Friends of Queen Creek FREE e-mail action list at info@friendsofqueencreek.com

www.friendsofqueencreek.com

The AMC is represented on the Steering Committee of Friends of Queen Creek.

Friends of Queen Creek

Friends of Queen Creek update - February 2005

The Friends of Queen Creek hosted a meeting of the Access Fund in Phoenix during the last weekend of February. The public meeting and gear raffle/fundraiser was held at the Phoenix Rock Gym.

Mining experts Dave Chambers and Jim Kuypers have been engaged by the Access fund to develop independent mining and economic studies of the proposed copper mine in the Queen Creek area. We expect that many more jobs for Arizona will be created if the proposed mine is developed as "stope and fill" or "room and pillar" than using the "block cave" method proposed. Only the block cave method will cause surface subsidence requiring permanent closure of the surface to the public.

It is reasonably likely that Arizona Senator John Kyl will introduce a bill into the US Senate in March authorizing a congressional land swap which will give the mining company unrestricted surface and subsurface rights to the Oak Flat Campground area. Please write Senator Kyl to express your opinion opposing this land swap.

- Clay Vollmer

Photo Contest Winners

Winners of the January AMC Photo Contest include Mark Clarkson, whose beautiful rattlesnake won first in "Other."

Another of his photos won a first in "Climbing." Jeff Nagel's shot was second in that class and Kurt Korpong's photo took third.

Kurt also took a first in the "Humor" category and a second in "Scenics." Bruce Robbins was first in that class with one of his J-Tree snow shots as shown in this newsletter in the past. Jacob Thorp took a third in his category.

Prizes were far from the golf-tournament winner size—uh, actually they were in the two-figure area. The low two-figure area. But, hey, it pays for developing at Walgreens.

AMC Mountaineering Classes

Repeat Ascenders

Sign Up for the AMC Glacier Travel and Crevasse Rescue Class

The AMC is pleased to offer a Glacier Travel and Crevasse Rescue Class April 27, 30, and May 1. It is intended to provide a good introduction to modes of travel on snow, as well as offer the basics needed to travel safely on glaciers and perform crevasse rescues. The class will cover ice ax usage, crampons, self-arrest, roped travel, snow anchors, belays, and rope techniques for crevasse rescue. This class is a good one for new students entertaining ideas for climbs like Rainier, or as a refresher for returning students.

The evening session will be held on April 27 at 6:30 p.m., at a location to be determined and announced when you sign up. The weekend session will occur on the 30th and 1st. Crevasse rescues will be simulated!

Participants will be asked to provide their own personal equipment, e.g., warm clothing, crampon-compatible boots, ice ax, crampons, harnesses, and prussiks. Crampons and ice axes can be rented from the AMC. A complete list of suggested personal gear will be provided when you sign up.

We will provide group climbing gear, e.g., pickets, flukes, ropes, and the like.

It is highly recommended that all participants must have completed AMC Basic School and the Anchors class (or equivalent with permission of the instructor) and be a current AMC member.

The class size will be limited, so sign up early. The cost for New students will be \$75 and the cost for Returning students will be \$25. Full payment from those signed up will be due on April 12. Refunds will only be offered after that time if a substitute can be found.

Obtain details or Sign up by emailing Erik Filsinger at smorefil@aol.com.

Repeat Ascenders is ...

A group of climbers and volunteers from the AMC, the National Latino Peace Officer Association and New Hope Church. With the assistance of the climbing community, we use climbing to teach life skills to intercity kids. Last fall we had our first gym outing. Thank you again to those who helped at the gym. We have another gym outing scheduled for later this month and our first real rock outing is scheduled for next month at Teddy Bear Wall. We are looking for experienced volunteers to assist. As before, an email will go out asking for volunteers before each outing.

Right now, we are looking for your tax-deductible donation. We have a couple of teens we would like to start sending through AMC classes so the program becomes self-perpetuating. We could also use some funds to continue scheduling gym events.

All donations are tax deductible and should be made to the N.L.P.O.A. P.O. Box 1551 Phoenix, AZ 85001. Please write "Repeat Ascenders" in the note field.

For more information or to make a donation directly, please contact Danny Gonzales at DGonza9724@aol.com or Dave Van Hook at davevanhook@yahoo.com

We have received some used gear from local gyms and we can always use gear especially shoes and harnesses but right now we need some cash. Just think, if every AMCer gave up the cost of one Fat Tire after an outing we could send at least 15 kid's to Basic.

Basic Rock Climbing School
Arizona Mountaineering Club
Spring 2005

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

Class schedule (this is 2-week class):

Mar 8	Tuesday	5:30 pm–10:00 pm	*Havasupai Ramada, North Mountain Park
Mar 10	Thursday	6:00 pm–10:00 pm	Havasupai Ramada, North Mountain Park
Mar 12	Saturday	8:00 am–5:00 pm	North McDowell Mountains, Scottsdale
Mar 13	Sunday	8:00 am–5:00 pm	North McDowell Mountains, Scottsdale
Mar 15	Tuesday	6:00 pm–10:00 pm	TBA
Mar 17	Thursday	6:00 pm–10:00 pm	TBA
Mar 19	Saturday	all day	Various times, various places

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

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

What is provided by the AMC:

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

Equipment recommended for the class: You will wear a climbing harness at every class, so dress casually. Most sessions will be held outside, so watch the weather. Climbing shoes are recommended for the weekend sessions only. The AMC rents climbing shoes on a first-come, first-serve basis on the **second** night of class for \$10 for the class. We will discuss what to look for in a shoe on the first night of class.

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

Class fee: \$160 plus membership if not already a member (\$25 for an individual and \$30 for a family). Membership is good through Dec., 2005.

Registration: The class is limited to 40 students. To reserve a spot, send a check for \$160 + membership cost (see Class Fee above) made out to AMC Basic School. Include your clearly printed name, address and current phone number(s). Mail to: AMC Basic School, 1025 E. Highland Ave., #26, Phoenix, AZ 85014. No credit cards accepted. If you have further questions, please call Slawa Ciula at 602-265-2661 or email at amcbasic-school@hotmail.com. (Please note: \$75 is a non-refundable deposit; the rest will be returned if you cancel. If someone else can be found to take your place, the entire \$160 will be refunded.)

For more information: Visit the Arizona Mountaineering Club website at www.AzMountaineeringClub.org

The "Other" photo winner

Mark Clarkson encountered this neatly stacked reptile in Parunuweep Canyon in Zion National Park last summer, colored to match the local sandstone.

Snakes you meet high in the Bradshaws are a dark grey, blending in with much of the the local granite and litter there.

Ain't nature Grand!
(So long as you watch where you put your hands.)



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- 3/19/05 Desert Rage II - Camp Verde
- 4/23/05 Night Adventure Race
- 10/22/05 Desert Rage III - Lower Salt River
- 11/12/05 Women's Adventure Race - Tempe

COMING SOON!

- ** Early morning summer series of adventure races.
- ** Ride-n-tie (bikes)
- ** Canoe and kayak races



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adventure racing





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www.hikingshack.com

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.

AMC Email

The club uses the following email addresses:
azmountaineering@cox.net

All “official” AMC email comes from this address. Emails from this address are usually sent from a Board or Committee member, and are used to inform members of club events, instructor meetings, and the monthly electronic newsletter link.

If you haven’t been receiving emails from the club, here are some possible reasons and easy remedies:

The club does not have a current email address on file for you: Contact Rogil with the correct address or send your new address to azmountaineering@cox.net.

If you have a web-based email service like Hot-mail or Yahoo, you may have exceeded your mailbox storage allocation: Delete some messages to free up space.

Your email program may have a filter that blocks bulk email: Configure your filter to accept messages from azmountaineering@cox.net.

azmtclub@yahoo.com

This is the address for members of the Yahoo discussion group called AzMtnClub. This group is comprised of and managed by AMC members. Emails from this address are usually from members looking to communicate with other members, and are used for such things as looking for climbing partners, seeking route information, selling gear, etc. To join the group, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AZMTNCLUB/> and click on “Join This Group.”

A Southern Arizona Classic Moderate

In pursuit of Moby Dick, a whale of a good time was had by all. The two climbing teams of Mike Knarzar and Catherine Conner as team and myself and Eric Stevens conquered Whale dome on Sunday February 13th 2005. It was our great fortune to have had the entire Cochise West Stronghold unto ourselves for a stellar approach, sunshine climb and descent. The waterfalls in the wash were wonderful as they roared in song and trickled in melody much to our delight. It seemed as though we were twelve again as we hopped through some of nature’s finest majesty on this fine day. A trip we will all remember as this was Eric and Catherine’s first long multi-pitch ascent. The glow in their eyes and smiles on their faces conveyed a pure sense of accomplishment and joy.

- Monica D. Miller

AMC’s Yahoo Group

The AMC Board recently decided to fully support the Yahoo Discussion Group that was started several years ago. The purpose of this group is to provide a forum for AMC members to seek partners, talk to each other, share photos, etc.

To check out this Yahoo Group, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AZMTNCLUB/> and click on the button to join the group. If you already have a Yahoo ID and password, you just sign in and proceed to the group. If not, you will have to sign up for a Yahoo ID and password and then proceed to the group. All of this is free.

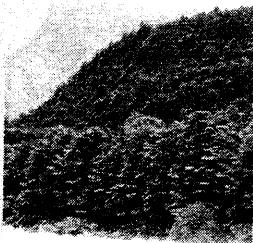
Once you have signed on, edit your membership options to receive the postings as emails on an ongoing basis, or receive a daily digest once a day that includes all postings for the day, or receive only special notices from the administrator, or receive no emails at all. Subscribers choosing the latter option can log on and read the postings at any time without receiving emails.

Please keep all email addresses found in this group confidential. Also, although there are no specific rules about what can be said or posted, please treat each other with respect, as this will make for a better group

— *Jef Hatfield*

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Wednesdays North Mountain hikes after work. Rogil Schroeter (623) 512-8465

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.

Member Meeting Locations

Mar, Apr, May 2005

The January, February and March member meetings will be held at Pueblo Grande Museum on the SE corner of 44th St. and Washington in Phoenix (4619 E. Washington), just off the freeway. The entrance to the property is off of Washington. There are two buildings; follow the signs to the Community Room. This is a sizeable conference room which will accommodate our programs and meetings. (The dates will remain as scheduled on the fourth Mondays of the month.)

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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.

- Mar 5 **Mt Lemmon, Munchkinland.** Sport routes from 5.7 to 5.10a on quality granite. Located at the Rose Canyon Lake area at 6,000 ft., participants will experience this area's biodiversity while appreciating spectacular vistas. Because the 2003 Aspen fire affected this area, the group will have an opportunity to further its knowledge and understanding of fire ecology. As part of the recreational fee demonstration area of the Santa Catalinas, a day-use (\$5) or annual pass is required, which can be purchased en route to the climbing area. Camping overnight in the Molino Basin. Sunday March 6th is your free day to enjoy Mt. Lemmon. Limit 8. Contact Molica Miller at monkmillers510@yahoo.com. Camping information: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/coronaco/forest/recreation/camping/siteso.shtml>
- Mar 8 **Basic School** March 8,10,12,13,15,17,19. See page 10
- Mar 13 **The Promised Land - New Adventures.** Sunday. Trek further up the canyon from the usual area for some stellar new routes ranging from 5.9 to 5.11. Limit 12. Contact Frank Vers 480-947-9435
- May 27-30 **Indian Creek.** The place of long cracks and big racks. Come climb on outstanding sandstone. Contact Richard Horst at 602-309-1072 or email at horstrichard@aol.com.

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.

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Outing Leaders

Requirements for becoming a leader: take the Basic, Anchors and Lead classes (or equivalents), be a member for at least one year, complete a basic first aid and CPR class (8 hours or more), and be approved for leadership by at least five current leaders through formal application process and by the Board of Directors. Contact Dave Larimer at (480) 425-9689.

Tom Conner.....	480-897-7623	David Larimer	480-425-9689	Tim Schneider.....	480-497-8377
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John Keedy	623-412-1452	Paul Paonessa.....	602-493-7356	Frank Vers.....	480-947-9435
Tim Lange	480-598-9124	Chris Query.....	602-323-5927	Tim Ward	602-212-1929

March 2005

AMC Outing Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Sunrise 6:55 Sunset 6:26 M-rise 12:10a	3 <i>Last Quarter</i>	4	5 MtLemmon
6	7	8 Basic Sch	9 <i>Sunrise 6:46 Sunset 6:32 No moon</i>	10 Basic Sch <i>New Moon</i>	11	12 Basic Sch
13 Basic Sch <hr/> Promised Land	14 <i>AMC Board At Jutta's</i>	15 Basic Sch	16 <i>Sunrise 6:37 Sunset 6:37 M-set 12:33a</i>	17 Basic Sch <i>1st Quarter M</i>	18	19 Basic Sch Grad Climbs
20	21	22	23 <i>Sunrise 6:28 Sunset 6:43 M-rise 4:52p</i>	24	25 <i>Full Moon</i>	26
27	28 <i>AMC Meeting, Pueblo Grande</i>	29	30 <i>Sunrise 6:18 Sunset 6:48 M-rise 12:20a on 31st</i>	31	NOTE Celestial events occur about 10 minutes earlier on Arizona's eastern border; 10 later on its western edge.	

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