

# ARIZONA MOUNTAINEER



JULY 2005



*Route — Mars Attacks on “The Fin” Dry Creek Area, Sedona, Az.  
Tim leading, Monica rappelling and Kirra climbing.  
Photos by Monica and Kirra  
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## The Arizona Mountaineering Club

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**Meetings:** Tentative schedule for the rest of 2005: July and August, meet the 4th Sunday at the Phoenix Rock Gym, 1353 E. University Dr., Tempe, at 7:00 p.m.

Sep. thru-Dec 2005: Meet the 3rd Monday at the Washington Adult Center, 2240 W. Citrus Way, between Bethany Home and Glendale off 23rd Ave. at 7:00 p.m.

**Board Meetings:** Board meetings are open to all members and are held two Mondays prior to the Club meeting at Jutta's home..

**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.

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**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](https://www.accessfund.org/secure/joinnow/join_indiv.php)

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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.

# HOT STUFF!!!

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**FIRE CLOSURES AND  
FALCON CHICKS HAVE YOU  
STYMIED?**

**KEEP COOL, PEOPLE.**

**ATTEND AMC's JULY  
"CLUB MEETING" AT THE  
PHOENIX ROCK GYM ON  
JULY 24TH — A PIZZA  
POWERED TOP ROPE ORGY**

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

**August NL Deadline: 10 JULY**

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### July Birthdays

Ron Barton 2, Diana Sherwood 5, Terry Nelson 6, Lee Craven 7, Michael Anderson 9, Bruce Corey 12, Colin Chapman 13, Stephen Haydu 14, Steve Dilley 16, Tammy Vadasz 16, Joseph Ferrari 18, Lucas Tieme 20, Paul Valente 20, Lex Hoffman 23, Todd Neville 23, Valerie Paulus 24, Ron Jachimowicz 27, Jay Skardon 27, Gregg Strickland 27

## Minutes of the AMC Board Meeting June 13th, 2005

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### Attendees:

Board Members: Jutta Ulrich, John Keedy, Bill Fallon, Wayne Schroeter, Robert England, Scott Hoffman

Committee Chairpersons: Equipment Rental, Land Advocacy, and Mountaineering – Erik Filsinger; Website: Kirra Kurvink; Newsletter: Wally Vegors

AMC Members: Chris Query

Call to order – 7:06 PM

Reviewed minutes from the May Board meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes - John; Second – Bill; Approved

Reviewed the Treasurer's report.

Amend to:

Show the 'Leader Training' expense of \$750.00 in "Training" under 'Certifications' in "Training."

Clarify the \$320.00 income and expense for the Friends of Queen Creek.

Motion to approve as amended – Wayne; Second – John; Approved

### Updates:

**Mail** - None to date. Clay to contact Bruce to become potential alternate to pickup mail.

**Received** 'Thank You' note from Randy Leavitt for AMC T-shirt sent by Sally Larimer as thanks on behalf of the club for his excellent April presentation.

**Discussion** regarding how we (the AMC Board) structure/organize our board meetings in terms of rules of order, parliamentary procedure etc. Consensus is to address business first and expeditiously. Any remaining time is to be open (at the discretion of the President) to general or specific discussion by board members of items of importance to the club.

Committee reports:

**Classification** – Several members have formally applied for outing leader certification

**Land Advocacy** – general discussion

Committee members/area representatives/additional members requested to cover areas such as state lands, northern Arizona, etc.

General discussion regarding proactive contact with news organizations

**Library** – Wally and John to work out details of operating and housing the library in light of the loss of Los

Olivos as a permanent meeting place.

**Newsletter** – general discussion regarding layout and content, and how to include more calendar/outing information.

### Programs:

**June** – member meeting to be held at South Mountain Park. Original location is changed due to fire restrictions. We have a beer permit, need camp stoves or donated LP gas grills for cookout; otherwise food is up to individuals. Robert will take charge of on-site organization and logistics in the absence of Jutta and/or John.

**July** – member meeting to be held at Phoenix Rock Gym on Sunday, July 24 instead of Monday July 25. The meeting time is from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Members are encouraged to bring their climbing gear (harness, locking biner, and climbing shoes). Equipment is available to members and guests that do not have gear at no charge. The AMC will provide several pizzas and soda. Any member or guest that has not previously climbed at the Phoenix Rock Gym will be required to complete the gym's orientation and sign a release of liability waiver.

**August** – member meeting to be held at Phoenix Rock Gym on Sunday, August 28 instead of Monday August 29. See details for July above. Robert is exploring potential presentation by several club members for this meeting.

**September through December** – Recommend moving the Board/Member meetings to the first and third Mondays of each of these months in lieu of the second and fourth Mondays to allow for a stable member meeting location.

### Schools:

**First Aid Training** for Outing Leaders – Based on outing leader critique of recent first aid training for OL's, Wayne will investigate several options for future first aid training and recertification.

**BEC Training** in September – Related expenses (instructor transportation costs, OL reimbursement, and additional/future training) – revisit at the next board meeting.

**Land Navigation Class** – Chris Query proposing to repeat Land Navigation training this year. Chris to follow up on the logistics of classroom location, permits, etc, and Bruce will contact the club's insurance broker to inquire about an insurance rider for conducting training on US Forest Service lands.

**Website** – Kirra to have proposal for posting club policies on the web in the next week or so.

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## Discount Directory

The following merchants currently offer a discount to AMC members:

**Arizona Hiking Shack**—11645 N. Cave Creek Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85020, (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** Inside Phoenix Rock Gym at 1353 E. University Dr., Tempe.. 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.

## NEW MEMBERS

Gwen Minnier

## Treasurer's Report

### Statement of Operations

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Category Description	Amount
<b>INCOME</b>	
Admin income .....	.00
Advertising .....	20.00
Decals .....	.00
Dues 2005 .....	4,760.00
Friends of Queen Creek .....	320.00
Interest .....	4.40
Merchandise (Tee Shirts & Etc).....	375.00
Mountaineering Schools .....	537.00
Program Income .....	.00
Rental Income (incl shoes) .....	26.00
T&S School Rental Income .....	175.00
Training Income .....	8,505.00
Other.....	202.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>14,955.40</b>

### EXPENSES

Administration .....	619.39
Capital Exp .....	302.60
Classification .....	.00
Equipment Maint .....	.00
Friends of Queen Creek .....	320.00
Insurance .....	.00
Land Advocacy Committee .....	2.55
Library .....	13.00
Merchandise Exp .....	(24.00)
Mountaineering.....	.00
Newsletter.....	1,404.67
Outings .....	48.12
Programs & Monthly Meeting Exp.....	3,145.00
Service/Bank Charge .....	73.00
Training .....	6,813.62
Other.....	202.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>12,919.95</b>

OVERALL FOR YEAR TO DATE ..... 888.55

### ACCOUNT BALANCES

CD Account 1/31/05.....	10,004.12
Checking12/31/05.....	13,880.57

TOTAL CASH ASSETS ..... 23,884.25  
Other Assets (gear) ..... 2,048.00

OVERALL TOTAL ..... 25,932.94

**The AMC Wants ...**

**YOU!**

**To provide your own “program” for the July club meeting.**

**Bring harness, locker, and wear your party shoes when you come to AMC’s Membership Meeting on SUNDAY, July 24th, at the Phoenix Rock Gym at 7:00 pm.**

**No gear? Dief and the Gym will provide at no cost. ‘tis free to AMC members, friends and family. Pizza and soft drinks will be provided.**

**It’s a nice change from hot rock, right?**

### **Outing Leader Logo**

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We are still seeking graphic designers and artists with good ideas for the Outing Leader logo to be used on T-shirts, caps and other places.

We have received three submissions, and are aware of one more coming. We have discussed the current submissions at the Board level, but are holding off until all submissions are in.

Please email your design to [board@AzMountaineeringClub.org](mailto:board@AzMountaineeringClub.org).



## Film Benefit for Queen Creek Cause

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A film about sport climbing in Mexico will be shown at the Paradise Valley REI on Wednesday, July 6th, at 7:00 p.m. Proceeds of the \$7 admission will benefit the Friends of Queen Creek.

Called "Visions of Mexico," the 52-minute film opens with popular sport-climb areas near Monterrey—as El Potrero Chico, La Huasteca and El Salto.

Shifting to Mexico City, near Popocatepetl and Orizaba, the film features strong-woman Chere Silva climbing the cave at Actopan.

The travel concludes in the valleys of Guadalajara two hours from the beaches of Puerto Vallarta. Ricardo Ramos shows the most difficult sport climb at the local crag, El Cuajo.

Narrator Jeff Jackson highlights the history and culture of the areas traveled from the years of experience as a climber and traveler in Mexico.

### 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](mailto:info@friendsofqueencreek.com)

[www.friendsofqueencreek.com](http://www.friendsofqueencreek.com)

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

## Three Attack Mars

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On Sunday morning May 31<sup>st</sup>, I was in the company of my climbing mates Tim Lee and Kirra. We were deciding what climb to undertake on this beautiful day in Sedona, AZ. Hmm... Tim offered up two choices; Oak Creek Spire a 5.9+ with a jump across or Mars Attacks a 5.8+ with a scary 80-ft traverse on a limestone band with nothing but 200 feet of air below you. I spoke up, Mars Attacks, as I knew my injured ankle would appreciate this choice as well. And I have wanted to climb this route for a long time. Tim said, yes, Mars Attacks it shall be.

Off we went in pursuit of our mission. We located the climb from the distance; the limestone band is a dominating feature when you view the route. The approach hike up took about 45 minutes. We then prepared to climb. Tim was off on lead. The first pitch is all sandstone slab moves and about 15 feet to the first bolt...! And slick after the 3<sup>rd</sup> bolt to make the belay anchor. Tip: get on the balls of your feet, weight equally distributed, for pure fiction. Zero hands here. Tim Lee moves like Spiderman on slab. Up comes Kirra past the 3<sup>rd</sup> bolt, to the belay, she commended Tim on the lead.

Now then, we all prepared for the famous traverse moves. Wow, I engaged with pure focus on Tim. The first scary move begins by climbing down then stepping out across air to get one foot on the traverse shelf. You can now clip your first bolt. The look on Tim's face, priceless \$\$\$\$. There are a series of four bolts that protect the traverse. I carefully belayed Tim through the moves. Another awesome lead. My turn, the first move down gets your attention quickly as you have major air below you. The traverse moves were scary at first, but you better relax as you have 80 feet to go. You soon get into a groove as you get into the rhythm of the moves. Leaving the 4<sup>th</sup> bolt is the scariest move, as you cannot see around the bulge that you now must maneuver around. A brilliant solution, Tim had girth-hitched a sling in the quick draw so that he could lean back and see what was around the corner. I followed this move, and then realized Kirra would have to clean the draw and not have this extension. I then asked for slack so that I could return where she could hear me. I

yelled, girth-hitch the bolt, then clean the draw. The wind was blowing; she looked at me puzzled. I said you will understand when you get here. I then moved on to meet Tim at the 3<sup>rd</sup> pitch. WOW... the traverse was one of the "top ten coolest things I have ever done"...! I was psyched with mental and physical pleasure. Kirra was up next; she got into the groove and understood the 4<sup>th</sup> bolt instructions. Girth-hitched the bolt, and then used her teeth as a counter balance on the belay rope for her upper body as she cleaned the draw. Now that's some balance technique.

The third pitch is a yummy crack system that offers an array of climbing techniques such as chimney, stemming, off-width and hand stacking. The crack was awesome. Tim protected the pitch well. I left one directional piece for Kirra to follow. Tim and I were enjoying the magnificent view from the third pitch as Kirra was climbing. As she got closer all we could hear was pure laughter and enjoyment as Kirra was having a blast cruising through the third pitch crack system. At the 3<sup>rd</sup> pitch we were all reveling in the experience. We told Tim Lee that he rocked...as we were having a blast. Now it is not over yet... As the fourth pitch to the summit is all thin slab moves with bolts for protection. Absolutely great to climb as a second. Trust me, you better have your rhinestone lead panties polished up for this pitch. The summit offers breathtaking views. Thank you, Tim Lee for this great adventure climb we will always remember.

Our attack on Mars was successful. We then made two double rope rappels to the base of the climb. Packed our gear and headed off for a posh Sedona resort for some hot tubbing, story telling and exotic libation consumption. A perfect day, and perfect will just have to do..!

- *Monica D. Miller*





## Oak Flat, Arizona Land Exchange Bills Introduced

### A Few Minutes of Your Time Could Save Oak Flat

On May 25, 2005, Arizona's Senator Kyl and Congressman Renzi introduced identical land exchange bills into Congress moving Resolution Copper Company (RCC) one step closer to destroying the publicly-owned Oak Flat area East of Phoenix resulting in the single largest loss of climbing ever. These bills value the profits of a foreign mining company and discount a more responsible approach to environmental, as well as the recreational and health concerns of Arizonans and the many others who recreate at Oak Flat. Despite many promises of compromise these bills will allow RCC to push ahead with the destruction of Oak Flat and surrounding areas if they are passed without revision.

### **Don't wait for Oak Flat to be destroyed to voice your opposition A loss of climbing in Arizona is a loss of climbing no matter where you live**

Your voice **WILL** make a difference and **must be heard** to stop these dangerous precedent-setting bills from passing unamended. There is a blank "placeholder" provision in the *Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2005* (SECTION 8(b)(4)) meant to address the preservation and replacement of climbing resources. Call or write to Congress and tell them that provision must provide for the protection of climbing resources. Deficiencies concerning the lack of a recreational easement and omission of discussion of federally-protected land in these bills make it clear that compromise will only come by applying pressure to our elected officials.

#### **Deficiencies and omissions in the bills:**

- There is no language maintaining **any** public access to the Oak Flat area.
- The bills fail to specifically identify any "replacement" climbing areas.
- The bills only direct the US Department of Agriculture to identify and develop alternate climbing sites on public land. Anyone could at anytime develop these public areas.
- Despite much discussion and promises from RCC, the bills fail to require RCC to provide any "replacement" climbing areas. Nonetheless, RCC has hired climbers to develop as-yet unidentified replacement climbing sites without any climbing community input.
- The land exchange bills provide no acknowledgement that Oak Flat has been federally protected from mining for over 50 years by executive order. This order - PLO 1229 - is still as valid today as it was in 1955. Oversight of this fact shows that the profits of a foreign mining company (RCC) outweigh recreation loss, environmental impact, and community interest.
- The bills were drafted through a closed process showing disregard for the public interest.
- No statement of water resource use, acquisition or disposal for proposed mine at Oak Flat.
- No discussion of the enormous environmental and recreational loss, mountains of mining tailings, and associated pollution caused by this mine.
- The bills fail to require any environmental analyses under the National Environmental Policy Act which could consider the long-term implications of this massive proposed mine.

“Oak Flat, Arizona Land Exchange Bills Introduced” - contd.

**NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD.**

There is still time to make a difference. Over the next several weeks Congress needs to be convinced to specifically address this enormous loss to the climbing community, the environment, and other recreational users. Let your elected officials know that the loss to the environment and the community will be the legacy of all politicians that vote for this version of these bills.

Write US Senator Kyl (R-AZ), US Representative Rick Renzi (R-AZ), **and** your Congressional representatives today and urge them to require Resolution Copper Company (RCC) to work with the Access Fund and Friends of Queen Creek to mitigate the loss of the unique public recreational resource at Oak Flat. Make sure to reference the bill number (S. 1122 for Senate letters and H.R. 2618 for the House) and emphasize the following points for insertion into the blank placeholder

1. **The land exchange bill must include ‘specific’ language that conserves climbing opportunities at Oak Flat and environs; and**
2. **The land exchange bill must ‘specifically’ identify replacement climbing areas.**

The Access Fund and Friends of Queen Creek have consistently pushed for responsible mining techniques at Oak Flat that will allow RCC to make a profit while still maintaining some public access to Oak Flat and environs. Help make the case to Congress and write them today - you won't get another chance to help Arizona climbers conserve central Arizona's most extensive climbing area.

For more info., contact Access Fund's Policy Director Jason Keith at [jason@accessfund.org](mailto:jason@accessfund.org)

Senate Bill version S. 1122: [http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/ query/z?c109:S.1122:](http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c109:S.1122)

House Bill version H.R. 2618: [http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi- bin/query/z?c109:H.R.2618:](http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c109:H.R.2618)

or go to <http://thomas.loc.gov> and enter S. 1122 for Senate bill and H.R. 2618 for House bill in Search window (remember spaces and periods)

Letter writing template and talking points: <http://accessfund.org/display/page/AA/5>

Congressional addresses: <http://www.congress.org/congressorg/dbq/officials/?lvl=L>

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Jason Keith – Access Fund Policy Director  
Access Fund | 207 Canyon, Suite 201 South | Boulder | CO | 80302

(edited k.k. / for complete notice – see AMC general email 6/13/05)

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For additional background information on this issue please go to -  
[http://www.azmountaineeringclub.org/QueenCreek/UrgentFOQC\\_climbing.html](http://www.azmountaineeringclub.org/QueenCreek/UrgentFOQC_climbing.html)

Thank you for your time and attention, Arizona Mountaineering Club

## Friends of Queen Creek Meeting: Oak Flat Bill Introduced

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On June 2, the Friends of Queen Creek (FOQC) Steering Committee members and guests met at AZ on the Rocks to hear details of the long anticipated introduction of a bill into Congress. Referred to as the “*Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2005*”, this bill is a complete loss for climbers as no specific details of any comparable climbing area is mentioned for exchange.

Curt Shannon (FOQC) and Jason Keith (Access Fund) were both present lobbying in DC on our behalf when identical copies of the bill were introduced into both the House of Representatives and the Senate. Not much had changed from a “draft” version that had circulated back in March.

Curt reviewed details of several meetings and follow up ideas with various political officials. Unsuccessful in trying to meet with Senator McCain, it seemed that he was perhaps trying to avoid contact. McCain had been the co-sponsor of the Senate bill following Senator Jon Kyl's lead. We need him to support us and letters to him are greatly encouraged due to his strong political and public image. Davis Brooks, Senior Counsel Committee on Energy and Natural Resources could possibly be a key debater for our side, having held up the Yavapai Land Swap for years.

After a bill is introduced, it is then referred to specific committees for review. Frank Gladics (Committee on Energy and Natural Resources) was helpful with advice about the timing of the discussions and hearings for public opinion that will follow. This could be June, July or even August. Curt and Jason (and/or Adam Cramer, Access Fund's attorney) will be returning to Washington once the hearings have begun.

We then reviewed the need for “talking points” to be rewritten for our next letter-writing campaign. Curt and Jason will put it together with issues that need to be addressed focusing on the Bill recently submitted. (June 9, Action Alert / AMC announcement, 6/10) FOQC will continue to focus on access issues for “all” outdoor activity groups, though some are already satisfied by the land swap offers i.e.. Audubon Society and birding groups will receive comparable areas.

It was decided a press release needs to be created. Paul Dief volunteered and Kirra would send him a list of fax numbers of relevant government committee members. Due to anthrax testing of all mail sent to Washington DC, it was agreed that due to the urgency of our letters, all future correspondence should be faxed or emailed to DC and/or snail-mailed to local government addresses. A list of these addresses will be made available via links within future announcements.

Curt then passed his article for next month's *Climbing* magazine. John Sherman will also submit an article expressing his side. A “Kill Bill” Rally was deemed necessary to inform people of the latest developments and encourage continued support. It will be held June 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Phoenix Rock Gym.

Also discussed were additional strategies for letter-writing campaigns via rockclimbing.com and approaching businesses in states where we need letters written. Governmental officials will be targeted in states that are on the committees directly responsible for reviewing these Bills.

AZ Addresses: [azmountaineeringclub.org/QueenCreek/congressAddressAz.doc](http://azmountaineeringclub.org/QueenCreek/congressAddressAz.doc)

Other States: [azmountaineeringclub.org/QueenCreek/congressAddressOtherStates.doc](http://azmountaineeringclub.org/QueenCreek/congressAddressOtherStates.doc)

- Kirra

### June Board Minutes (From Pg. 4)

#### Old Business

**Member voting records** – discussion concluded that the results of voting at member meetings would be recorded in the board meeting minutes for the month in which the vote was taken.

**Discussion of general liability** implications for the club in light of recent court action. – Bruce to address the same to the club's insurance broker for guidance and report findings to the board.

#### Meeting adjourned.

Motion to adjourn: John; Second – Bill; Approved.

## Climbing — and Lying

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So...do the two things—climbing and lying—go together? Is there something about the enterprise that can make climbers into liars?

Climbing history certainly contains a strong element of potential lying. Witness the pretty much now disbelieved first ascent of Mt. McKinley by Frederick Cook in 1906 (See account of dispute in May 1998 issue of *Climbing*). Witness Cesare Maestri's questioned first ascent of Cerro Torre in 1959 by a route that has yet to be repeated (See an interesting account by Ermanno Salvaterra of his attempts on the route in *Alpinist* 8, Autumn 2004). Witness questions about the too impossible solo ascent of the South Face of Lohtse in 1990 by Tomo Cesen (See article entitled "Reasonable Doubt" in March 1994 *Climbing* magazine).

But there also appears to be some everyday occurrence of lying among friends with regard to their climbing.

What, some might proclaim in horror? It cannot be! Okay, let's use some of the euphemisms for the Deceit: "Exaggeration." "Omission." "Puffing." Maybe even, "Impression Formation."

You know, the acquaintance who in casual conversation talks about their tough climbs at Jack's, but you don't really know whether they were doing 5.7's or 5.10's. You ask yourself, "Were they leading?" You hear people talk about climbing in Yosemite, leaving the impression of hard-assed big wall stuff, but the truth being nearer to some top ropes merely within the Park boundaries. Of the gnarly off-widths in Sedona that they have heard someone else talk about but seems like they've run up themselves... Of training that may not have occurred as reported. Of...quite a few things. I've heard people talk about "climbing" Long's Peak, but upon a few directed questions finding out that all they did was walk on the trail to Chasm Lake.

I'm sure you've heard about the 50-degree ice climb, but what was the real steepness? And when someone actually compensates another person to climb with them, but refers to their trip as "climbing with a friend," are they being truthful. What is their intent? Would admitting to being "guided" make others think less of them?

Perhaps a personality characteristic or need of some climbers leads them to fulfill that need through climbing. They "use" climbing to make themselves sound important or to impress friends—maybe if they believe what they are saying they even impress themselves.

Clear cases of that for me are the business folks who pick up climbing to brag about their exploits at their social functions. Climbing makes for excellent impression formation among those climbing the corporate ladder. And few others in that setting will actually know that deceit is occurring, and those that do will be motivated by a reciprocity agreement among friends not to disclose the deceit for fear that they too might subsequently be outed.

Climbing seems to be a hard sport to confirm the truth of the reported activity. Usually not many other folks are around the climb to verify. Did the person actually summit? Who knows but the person talking? Was the rock rib as technical as it's made out to sound? Heck, technical for that person may be Class 3.

I, for one, would appreciate more honesty. It sure can affect whether you or some friend might want to tie in with them. I actually would also like to see more use of climbing resumes. Written documentation in black and white of the truth of it. What was the expression, "Trust but Verify"?

As a listener, what can you do to ferret out the truth? Actually, probably the first step is to have some degree of skepticism upon listening to climbing stories. Second, ask direct questions to ascertain the exact role and accomplishment of the speaker. For example, "What route did you take?" "Which pitches did you lead?" "What was the most exciting part of the climb?" As in good job interviewing, ask enough questions to be clear about what the climber actually did. So, "what type of gear did you place?"

One neat thing about lies is that they often are transparent under honest questioning. Lies are stories that don't hold up usually. If the story is a lie, you'll hear about using ice screws on Humphreys; you'll hear about overhanging 5.10's in a hailstorm; etc.

Climbing is a pretty doggone neat sport. Let's keep it honest.

- Erik Filsinger



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At the Arizona Hiking Shack, **AMC Members get a 15% discount** on everything they buy, everyday of the week, every week of the year. Why? Two Reasons. First, we respect the job the AMC does. The AMC not only teaches people how to climb safely, they also teach an ethic of responsibility to the outdoors that is essential to keeping our climbing areas open. Second, you learn to climb in the valley. . . well, like it or not. . . we consider you one of OUR homeboys or girls and simply said, we want your business! Ultimately, we know you have many choices when it comes to purchasing your equipment and by having a great selection of gear, a knowledgeable staff, and totally killer deals, we hope you'll come shop with us.

## Outing Leader Training

The first two rounds of Outing Leader Training are history. Four AMC'ers went through the course in May and two more in June, along with some current Outing Leaders. Now each of the attendees is ready to go through the Outing Leader approval process to be peer-reviewed by current Outing Leaders.

We held the first course in Queen Creek, Prescott and Flagstaff. Due to the heat, we moved to Prescott (and were blessed by beautiful weather) and Mount Elden. Thanks to several AMC'ers who volunteered to serve as guinea pigs for the training: Keith and Patti Waldrup, Jutta Ulrich (who then took the course), Paul Mandel and Frank Christensen.

The course was pretty intense, but these potential Outing Leaders didn't complain as they practiced the special rappels, lowering systems, haul systems and transfer techniques used to solve problems on the rock. Hopefully, we will have several new Outing Leaders by the end of the year, and a slew of outings after that.

Please give encouragement and thanks to Bill Fallon, Melissa Neubauer, Scott Winkler and Paul Valenzuela (a Criminal Justice major who is wise beyond his years) for their sacrifice of two weekends to training. And the same to long-time AMC'ers Jutta Ulrich and Bruce McHenry for spending three long days listening to me talk. Thanks also to John Keedy, Scott Hoffman, Tim Lange, and Robert England, current Outing Leaders who came to update and refresh skills and help to critique the program.

And consider becoming an Outing Leader. I have already been approached by four recent Basic School graduates for a course this fall. For more information, call me at (602) 402-1631 or email me at wayne@iWayne.com.

- Wayne Schroeter

## Land Navigation Class 2005

It is my intent to offer an introduction to map reading and land navigation course to the Arizona Mountaineering Club. This course will outline many of the basics on land navigation. There will be a strong focus on the USGS 7.5 min topographic maps.

Things to be covered:

Map interoperation, focusing on the USGS 7.5 min quad series

Navigation with map and compass, even if you only have one of the two

GPS integration to land navigation

Numerous navigation techniques and tricks

The course will include two nights of instruction at the Longview Neighborhood Recreation Center (southeast corner of 14th Street and Indian School Road). Scheduled classroom sessions are for Tuesday August 2nd and Thursday August 4th. Also one full day in Flagstaff on Saturday August 6th (or alternate area due to fire restrictions) to practice the newly acquired skills on a land navigation course that I will set up for the day. I will also host a bouldering outing to Priest Draw on Sunday the 7th. The cost for the course is \$25 for AMC members. Others interested in the course must join the AMC to be eligible for this class. Limit 20 students.

Please RSVP to:  
cquery@hotmail.com  
(602) 323-5927

## 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.

### Outing Leaders

See this page about Outing Leader training.

### School Leaders

The Training and Schools Committee (T&S) is looking for people who are interested in becoming more involved in the schools. Some of us who have been teaching for a while would like to start developing replacements. If the idea of teaching interests you,

please talk to Sally Larimer, Robert England, Wayne Schroeter or Jeff Hatfield or email T&S at wayne@iWayne.com. It is much easier for us to train people gradually than to try to get replacements quickly.

### 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 three groups to monitor. There is minimal maintenance, perhaps occasionally changing a name.



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tober. There is no need of experience, just the passion to climb and learn. Hueco has everything from easy to V-hard. This will be a bouldering workshop to help you boulder safer and stronger, but most of all have fun!!! Since Hueco is a Texas State Historical Site I need to make reservations. You must confirm reservations and pay the balance of \$4.00 a day (\$12.00 for the trip) by September 15, 2005. Contact Richard Horst 623-434-4769.

### **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

### **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.*

Sep 9-11 **Backcountry Emergency Care.** \$125. A 20-hour class in Wilderness First Aid. Friday evening, all day Saturday and Sunday. Limit first 20 students to pay. Make check to Rogil Schroeter and send to Rogil Schroeter, 6519 W. Aire Libre, Glendale, AZ 85306. Info at 623-512-8465 or [rogil.s@honeywell.com](mailto:rogil.s@honeywell.com)

### **Zen-Lizard Systems Presents**

#### **X-Chalk**

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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.*

**Please note:** Car-pooling is optional on all outings and is not part of the outing. The outing begins at the trail-head designated by the Outing Leader and ends at the same place. It is suggested that Outing participants donate gas money to the Outing Leader, and that car-poolers share the cost of gas for the driver.

Jun 25-26 **Mt Lemmon, Tucson.** Join me for the weekend at Mt Lemmon, located in Tucson on Saturday, June 25th thru Sunday, June 26th. I will be hosting a new area of Munchkinland on Saturday with an overnight at General Hitchcock Campground at an elevation of 6,000 ft under a brilliant array of ponderosa pines and juniper trees. Sunday will be spent on some fun routes in the Ridgeline area where 50-meter ropes and 10 quick draws are welcome. Climbs range from 5.8 to 10.c. Limit 10. Requirements: must have completed Anchors and answer the following trivia question: What is the name of the famous all-nut ascent climb in Yosemite and who established the route? Contact Monica Miller at monkml-ler510@yahoo.com

Jul 24 **AMC Meeting at Phoenix Rock Gym.** Sunday instead of Monday. See details page 6.

Aug 2, 4, 6 **Land Navigation Class.** See page 12 for details.

Aug 28 **AMC Meeting at Phoenix Rock Gym.** Sunday instead of Monday. See details page 6.

Sep 2-5 **Enchanted Tower, New Mexico** Let us beat the heat and go climbing in Central New Mexico at an elevation about 8500 ft. Cool pines, with abundant wildlife, and of course perplex pocket pulling over stellar stone. The biggest hold you have ever fallen off. When? Labor Day weekend. For details call Richard Horst 623-434-4769.

Oct. 27-30 **Hueco Tanks, Texas.** The bouldering mecca of the world!!!! You have watched people climb boulders for years, tried it at the local gym or even outside. So let's go on a road trip to Texas this Oc-

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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 Nancy Birdwell at (480) 821-1932.

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## AMC Outing Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6 Sunrise 5:24 Sunset 7:42 M-set 8:24p New Moon	7	8	9
10	11 <i>AMC Board Meeting</i>	12	13 Sunrise 5:28 Sunset 7:40 M-set 11:46p	14 1st Qtr Moon	15	16
17	18	19	20 Sunrise 5:33 Sunset 7:36 M-rise 7:35p	21 Full Moon	22	23
24 <b>AMC Mtg at Phoenix Rock Gym</b>	25 <i>NO AMC meeting: See Sunday</i>	26	27 Sunrise 5:37 Sunset 7:32 M-rise 11:29p Last Quarter	28	29	30
31			NOTE Celestial events occur about 10 minutes earlier on Arizona's eastern border; 10 later on its western edge.			