

September 2005

ARIZONA MOUNTAINEER



*Rogil Schroeter leading Jill and Drill (5.10a) at Jacks Canyon, July 9th 2005
Photo by Dale Tittensor*

The Arizona Mountaineering Club

Meetings: 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

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Newsletter

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

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

HOT STUFF!!

OK, fall is here. You know you planned to sign up for lead school so get out your back pack and prepare to stretch those intellectual muscles. Just do it!

And for a final summer lark, awe the tourists by going "Over the Rim" at Grand Canyon to clean up trash. It is so cool !

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.**)

October NL Deadline: 12 Sep

September Birthdays

Scott Davis 1, Bruce McHenry 2, James Kistler 4, Steve Wieczorek 7, Lynnette Winn 7, Kimberly Kauffman 8, Faye Newberry 9, Bonnie Roill 9, Trevor Brown 10, Tom Conner 10, Paul Sylvia 11, Susan Pitts 14, Larry Reinmuth 14, David Dopilka 15, Jan Harding 15, Scott Kirchhofer 15, Jef Sloat 15, Paul Mandel 18, Charity Gonzales 21, Mark Driskell 24, Maryann Johnson 24, Grayson Kidd 25, Chris Boltz 26, March Mousseux 26, Tim Schneider 28, Lungi Niemczyk 29

Minutes of the AMC Board Meeting August 1st, 2005

Due to a lack of sufficient board members to constitute a quorum, those present August 1st demolished the goodies President Jutta prepared, joshed one another in a hearty, comradely way, related recent mountaineering scrapes, and finally hashed over the AMC survey which has been hanging fire for more than a year ...on the theory that everyone we know who had expressed an opinion favored the idea, that it had been bumped from the agenda for lack of time for at least four months, and so why don't we get the dang thing finished? Who is going to object?

Accordingly, inserted in the center of this NL is an 8 1/2 by 11 inch survey page to be removed, pondered, maybe even agonized over, carefully filled out and returned to the AMC address printed thereon.

It is a kind of satisfaction/dissatisfaction query — hopefully identifying the things AMC does that you like so we can keep doing them, and pointing out deficiencies we need to fix. And for Goodness Sake (*how's that for an archaic phrase*), if you have any ideas, please trot them out (*another anachronism*). The key up—to-date idea — please help us out!

We haven't touched on training for a variety of reasons centered around — yes — knowing what is good for you and “industry standards” as expressed by the AMGA and others. We cannot deviate too much from standard practices. But if you have opinions on what or how we teach, fire away. We want to know your thoughts.

For those who receive the newsletter by E-mail, the survey form follows the rest of the newsletter as an independent item. We hope you can print it out separately without having to print the whole newsletter.

If you cannot do so, call 602-246-9341 and I will mail you a copy. — Ed

Meeting Dates for Rest of 2005

Board	Members Meeting
Aug 29	Sep 19
Oct 1	Oct 17
Nov 7	Nov 21
Dec 5	Dec 19

NEW AMC MEMBERS

Brian Crawford
John Hamilton
Sarah Hews
Summer Holcomb
David Renner

Lynn Hill to address Arizona Parks and Recreation Assn

Lynn Hill, will be the guest keynote speaker at the Arizona Parks and Recreation Association conference on September 1.

The 2005 A.P.R.A. conference takes place August 29 through September 1 at Sheraton Wild Horse Pass, Gila River.

Her appearance will be open to the general public for a \$15 fee (conference registration is not required). Information and tickets for her appearance are available at the A.P.R.A. website, at www.azpra.org <<http://www.azpra.org>>. She will speak to the gathering at the closing session of the conference, at 10 a.m. that day.

Hill has been on the leading edge of climbing for nearly three decades. She has won more than thirty international climbing competitions, climbing some of the most difficult routes ever attempted by a woman, and she shocked the climbing world with a single-day free ascent of El Capitan's Nose Route in 1994, a feat that has yet to be repeated. She is the author of *Climbing Free: My Life in the Vertical World*.

For general information about the Arizona Parks and Recreation Association, please visit www.azpra.org <<http://www.azpra.org>>.

— Leslie Clark

Question for the month —

The AMC really needs a better mechanism to permit car pooling. A trip to J-Tree or the Chiricahuas or Grand Canyon can easily cost \$50 to fill the tank. Any ideas on how to make coordinating it a less onerous task? A ride-share AMC Yahoo site? A list of sure-to-go drivers, with space available, to be posted with the outing announcement? AMC buys a small bus? Do all our climbing on Camelback? Ideas?? — Ed

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.

Bulletin

Doug Black, the Arizona Mountaineering Club's Founding President, is recovering from his 13 Aug. heart attack and is expected to return to his home in Florida in about another week. He is presently undergoing therapy at a rehab center.

Treasurer's Report

Statement of Operations

10 July 05

Category Description	Amount
INCOME	
Access	202.00
Admin income00
Advertising	20.00
Decals00
Dues 2005.....	4,760.00
Return of NSF expenses	31.00
Friends of Queen Creek	320.00
Interest.....	102.31
Merchandise (Tee Shirts & Etc).....	375.00
Mountaineering Schools	537.00
Program Income00
Rental Income (incl shoes)	59.00
T&S School Rental Income	175.00
Training Income	8,505.00

TOTAL INCOME 15,086.31

EXPENSES

Access Fund Payment.....	202.00
Administration	651.43
Capital Exp	302.60
Classification	750.00
Equipment Maint00
Friends of Queen Creek	320.00
Insurance00
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	3,262.61
Service/Bank Charge	73.00
Training	6,063.62

TOTAL EXPENSES 13,069.60

OVERALL FOR YEAR TO DATE 2,016.71

ACCOUNT BALANCES

CD Account 1/31/05.....	10,102.03
Checking12/31/05.....	13,778.72

TOTAL CASH ASSETS 23,880.75
Other Assets (gear) 2,048.25

OVERALL TOTAL 25,929.00

...wendelcheese enterprises presents...

¡VAGABONDS!

(four seasons of climbing and living on the road)

Ever wondered what it's like to "live the dream"...to live on the road, in your vehicle, year-round, traveling from climbing area to climbing area, following the weather and your whims as you schlep around the continent, homeless?

Join seasoned road-tripper and climbing addict Alli Rainey Wendling as she invites you to check out the ins and outs, ups and downs, romance and raunchiness of the true nomadic climbing lifestyle, from the wondrous and wonderful aspects of living the simple life to the not-so-savory downsides of the very same existence. This four-part slideshow takes you through a year in the life of the dirtbag climber. Captured through the camera lens of photographer/climber Matt Wendling, with some added snapshots from Alli's own hands, you're invited to step, if only for an hour, into the world of living on the road in pursuit of climbing outside in all seasons.



AMC's September Program at the Washington Adult Center
2240 W. Citrus Way
Between Bethany Home and Glendale off 23rd Ave
Time — 7:00 p.m.

For more information on her books and biography, see page 9.

17th Annual Grand Canyon Over-the-Rim Cleanup

Time again for the annual Grand Canyon Over-The-Rim Cleanup! For those new to this event, we have been rappelling over the side of the South Rim's steep limestone cliffs for 16 straight years, searching for trash deposited by tourists and wind. We have scoured the slopes below Mather Point and spruced up the view from the ice cream store at Bright Angel Lodge. We have appeared in numerous home movies we have never seen and entertained scores of innocents who ask, "Did you climb all the way from the bottom?" (We always answer, "Yes!") Along the way, we have maintained a perfect safety record, partied at pristine Shoshone Point, and climbed the next day in the Kaibab limestone amphitheaters below the Rim. Come out and join us again this year.

The Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday September 17th. You must be an AMC Club member trained in the proper rappel technique and in prusiking to go over the side; non-members can help at the top.

Technique seminar and planning meeting:

We will be holding a technique seminar at **6:00 pm on September 13th** at Dreamy Draw Park.

This is mandatory for anyone who has not participated in the cleanup before. Old-timers are welcome to come for a refresher. We won't be teaching any of these techniques on-site at the Canyon. Please bring all the technical equipment listed below to the seminar.

Technical - Personal equipment needed for the Cleanup:

- Helmet—mandatory
- 3 prusiks (4',6',10')
- 1 climbing harness
- 1 rappel device
- 3 locking carabiners (harness biners)
- 1 5-foot or 6-foot tied sling (depending on arm length)
- 2 20' slings and 2 lockers (for anchors)
- 6 extra regular biners for fire hose
- Hiking boots (no sandals or open-toed shoes)—mandatory
- Gloves—mandatory
- Long pants, long-sleeved shirt
- Sunscreen, lip balm
- Water & lunch

- Whistle—optional (just in case)

Club equipment provided the day of the Cleanup:

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

Schedule:

Friday, September 16: Camp at the group site

Saturday, Sept 17:

8:00 am—**Mandatory meeting** at Mather Point (we will sign waivers)

9:00 am—disperse to cleanup areas

4:00 pm—wrap up, shower, and get ready for barbecue

5:00 pm—meet at Shoshone Point, or caravan from campsite

Sunday, Sept 18:

9:00 am—meet at parking lot by railroad station for climbing outing (helmets required)

3:00 pm—head back to Phoenix

Entrance to the Park:

If you arrive at the entrance station when it is open, tell the Ranger on duty that you are with the AMC and are here for the "**Over-the-Rim Cleanup**" (these are the magic words). They should let you in without paying the normal \$20.00 entrance fee (feel free to pay if you want, since the money collected at the entrance station does go directly to the park's upkeep).

Camping:

The Park Service will provide two group campsites (40 per site) and only four cars on Sept 16-17. The group sites are to be determined (TBD) at this time. They are usually at the Mather Campground area. The vehicles bringing the club equipment will be the two vehicles to park at the site, so that we can monitor the ropes and other Club gear. All other vehicles must park at Babbitt's General Store, about 1/4 mile from the campsite. While inconvenient, this is the Park Service group campsite policy and they do monitor the campsites. The main concern is that they need the fire trucks to be

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Lead Climbing School

Arizona Mountaineering Club — Fall 2005

This is an advanced climbing class. Even if you don't plan on leading, you will learn much about the dynamics of climbing, and it will make you a safer climber. Protecting a climb is a different skill from climbing itself. We will talk about the dynamics of lead falls, how to prepare for a climb, the differences between single-pitch and multi-pitch, and the differences between clipping bolts and placing natural pro. There will be no "true" lead climbs during the class, but we will provide simulated leading exercises.

Class curriculum:

Tue Lecture, slide show: introduction, the lead fall, equipment
Wed Lecture, slide show: equipment (continued); the process and techniques of leading
Thu Lecture, slide show: multi-pitch techniques, the descent, leader rescue, aid climbing
Sat Hands-on practice: natural pro placement (Prescott)
Sun Hands-on practice: leading on bolts (Prescott or Scottsdale)

Class schedule:

Sep 27, 28, 29	Tu– W--Th	6:30 pm–9:30 pm	Dreamy Draw Park
Oct 1	Saturday	9:00 am–5:00 pm	Prescott (directions will be in syllabus)
Oct 2	Sunday	9:00 am–5:00 pm	Prescott or Scottsdale (directions will be in syllabus)

To get to Dreamy Draw Park take SR 51 (Piestewa Peak Parkway) to Northern and turn east. This dead-ends at the Park. We will be at the big ramada next to the parking lot.

Experience required: Preferably, AMC Basic School and AMC Anchors School or equivalent experience. This includes knowing how to tie a variety of knots, belay, rappel, prusik and set anchors.

Cost: \$75 plus membership if not already a member (\$13 for an individual and \$15 for a family). Membership is good through Dec., 2005. Register by sending a check payable to AMC Lead School to 1654 W. Boston St, Chandler, AZ, 85224. No credit cards accepted. (Please note: the registration fee is fully refundable if you cancel.) Call Nancy Birdwell at 480-821-1932 or email lead.school@AzMountaineeringClub.org for more information. The number of students will be limited to 30.

Equipment required for the class:

The following will not be needed the first night. Listen to the gear lectures before making purchases.

1. All climbing gear (harness, prusiks, biners, etc.)
2. Helmet—mandatory for all on-rock sessions
3. Specifically needed:
 - 2 20' slings (untied length), preferably different colors
 - 2 10' slings (untied length), preferably different colors
 - Nut pick
 - Quickdraws with biners—at least 5 per person
 - All pro that you own, which may include cams, hexes, wired nuts, Tri-cams, etc.
 - Consider combining with another person to have enough gear
4. Hiking boots or shoes with stiff soles for Saturday, climbing shoes for Sunday
5. Optional: kneepads for Saturday (\$3–6 at Home Depot, \$5 volleyball pads at sporting goods stores)

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

Where Have All the Climbers Gone...?

One place to find a bunch of them is in CAMRA, the Central Arizona Mountain Rescue Assn. As one who attempted to get something like the famed Rocky Mountain Rescue started here with the Arizona Mountaineering Club, I was invited to attend an annual CAMRA Dinner on Aug 13th at Monte's La Casa Viejo in Tempe. Vice-president John Keedy was AMC's official representative to the event.

I was hoping to see Doug Black, AMC's first president, who was visiting from his home in Florida. Unfortunately, he had a heart attack that very day and could not be there. Otherwise we would have had a picture of AMC's first two presidents - arms wrapped around each other—to stay upright.

Anyway, when it came time to hand out certificates and acknowledgements about a half-dozen ex-AMCers joined the line. Unfortunately, I did not have a notebook to record names.

If you have a masochistic desire to train interminably in the selfless art of helping save lives (and retrieving bodies), here is your opportunity. While not essential you might begin with an Emergency Medical Technician course at a community college. Another semester will earn you an IEMT rating, where you get to stick needles and tubes into people. The group also does abandoned mines and flood waters. So add rigging, long line extractions, swift water rescue, communications, equipment management, etc., etc. to your syllabus.

Doug Black was a driving force in convincing the sheriff's office that climbers did not really have to be fully certified, gun-toting deputies to do a mountain rescue. That was the hangup when I was still here. No one had the spare time for that.

Thanks to CAMRA. for 30-some years the AMC has not had to field calls from the SO or Phoenix PD or Fire Dept to pluck people off Camelback or Tempe Buttes. We did a lot of it before CAMRA got going, however.

For info on CAMRA call Tim Kovacs at 602-819-4066 or write tkovacs@cox.net. It should keep you occupied for a few years. —Ed

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.

Basic Rock Climbing School

Arizona Mountaineering Club Fall 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):

Oct 11	Tuesday	5:30 pm–10:00 pm	*Havasupai Ramada, North Mountain Park
Oct 13	Thursday	6:00 pm–10:00 pm	Havasupai Ramada, North Mountain Park
Oct 15	Saturday	8:00 am–5:00 pm	North McDowell Mountains, Scottsdale
Oct 16	Sunday	8:00 am–5:00 pm	North McDowell Mountains, Scottsdale
Oct 18	Tuesday	6:00 pm–10:00 pm	TBA
Oct 20	Thursday	6:00 pm–10:00 pm	TBA
Oct 22	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 (\$13 for an individual and \$15 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.



Arizona Hiking Shack
11649 N. Cave Creek Rd.
Phoenix, AZ 85020
Phone: (602) 944-7723
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, Marmut, Boreal, Pica Mountaineering, and Trango are just a few of the brands we carry. If we don't have what you need in stock. . . we'll order it for you. . . with **FREE** shipping!

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

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

Over the Rim at Grand Canyon (Continued from page 7)

able to get through the campground. If you camp in your vehicle, you will need to camp outside the park or get a private campsite. **Private Camp site Reservations for Mather Campground call 1-800-365-2267** Costs: \$15.00 per night – 6 person max, with 3 vehicles allowed at each private campsite, so you may want to pool with others. Other campsite rules are: no ground fires (use the grills) and quiet hours between 10 pm and 6 am.

Facilities at the campground include bathrooms with pay showers (bring quarters). Hot breakfasts Saturday morning are available at Yavapai Lodge at the Babbitt's parking lot.

Shoshone Point: Theme "ROCKTOBER FEST"

Shoshone Point is about 2.3 miles east of the intersection of State Hwy 64 and the East Rim Road that goes to Desert Watchtower. There is a 270-degree view of the Canyon, a great sunset. This year we will celebrate the bountiful harvest of our great nation with "Rocktoberfest" featuring a planned menu and the 1st annual climber knot race. This year our planned menu will include grilled brats served with an array of slices grilled red, yellow, green peppers and onions served on whole-wheat buns with your choice of fine mustards. Fruit cobblers will be the center stage dessert. This meal is being prepared by our club volunteers. **The BRAT DINNER IS A FEE REQUIRED dinner at \$5.00 a head. You must RSVP in advance. If you would like to help with this event let us know as we hope this will be a fun group effort.** Of course bring your own beer, wine or other beverage selections. We always encourage bringing home made baked goods to share...!

Your option to cook and or grill your own meal is also welcomed. There are two huge grills. And several picnic tables in the area. Bring your own meat selection and grilling tools. We will have a campfire too. The last people around the fire must have enough water to put the fire dead out. Also, someone in the last car out should lock the gate.

Car-pooling:

Since many participants will be at the Tuesday September 13th seminar, this is the best place to arrange car-pooling to the Grand Canyon, as parking is always tight.

Directions:

Drive north on State 64 into Grand Canyon National Park. Stay on the main road until you see the sign for Mather Campground directing you to the left (south). Follow the signs to the campground kiosk. On your right will be the showers. Look on the campground kiosk for a list of assigned sites. Follow the map on the kiosk. Park at the assigned campsite and unload, set up your tent, etc. Then drive back out to the kiosk and back to the parking lot at Babbitt's General Store. Hike back to the campsite the same way, on the asphalt.

Contact: Scott Hoffman at: shoffman228@yahoo.com or call (623) 580-8909

To verify your attendance to these planned events.

*Scott Hoffman – Outing Leader- Event Director
Monica D. Miller – Outing Leader- GC Activities Coordinator*

Bio Info on Alli Rainey Wendling, AMC's September Program

Climbing since 1992, Harvard grad Alli has climbed nearly 30 5.13's p to 5.13d, 140 5.12s, to bouldering V9, and won or placed high in numerous competitions. Her first book, *Bouldering USA*, was published early this year. A second, *Montana and Wyoming: an Explorer's Guide*, will be out later this year. She has written articles for *Climbing, Rock and Ice, Alpinist, Men's Fitness, American Alpine News*, among many others.

Her program is Sep 19th at the Washington Adult Center, 2240 W. Citrus, north of Bethany and south of Glendale, at 7:00 p.m.

Mountaineering vs. Desert Rock Climbing — Erik Filsinger

Pick up issues of The American Alpine Club Journal or the British Alpine Journal and you will likely read a lot of articles and see a lot of photos of

climbers in harnesses, placing pro, and wearing rock shoes. You may even see climbers on rock faces with ice dangling and crampon points used on 5.10ish rock pitches.

As someone who grew up in those alpine circles and came later to desert rock, I have learned of some unique perspectives among the desert rock climbers. I tend to believe that most all perspectives are true to some extent and arguments can be offered for their "truth." However, different perspectives may or may not be as fully functional when applied to real life circumstances.

One of the perspectives I see among desert rock climbers is a tendency to see rock climbing as "rock climbing" whether it is 100 yards from your car at Queen Creek or 10 miles up a mountain side at 14,000 feet. I also see a tendency to see folks making a distinction between "mountaineering" and "rock climbing" where in if you put on rock shoes you are rock climbing (no matter where) and mountaineering as being something else and little harder to identify. I feel those perspectives reflect the fact that many desert rock climbers have developed their skills and perspectives on nearby local rock. They tend to see mountains as either something that involves snow and ice (it can) or they see mountains as having long approaches with rock climbs at the end of the approach. I might tend to reverse both perspectives -- rock climbing is different depending on where it is done and rock climbing is part of mountaineering.

Having lived and climbed in both arenas extensively for about 50 years, and having climbed with folks from around the world, I would tend to argue that holding to that perspective that rock climbing is rock climbing and that it is different from mountaineering is not the most useful way to see the climbing world. I would also argue that in fact that perspective may inhibit your development as a complete climber. My experience is that folks who develop their rock climbing skills in the mountainous areas, e.g., Colorado or Switzerland, tend to have a different perspective than the folks who have developed their skills on lowland crags (whether AZ or PA) and it may facilitate their climbing in different places.

Climbing rock on mountain sides is not just a big version of desert rock climbing with a trail or scramble leading to the base of the climb. I hold that

it is mountain climbing from the trailhead to the summit and back again. The rock climbing challenges in the two media are both the same, yet a different variation of rock climbing. Different skills and perspectives apply.

I personally believe that it is more useful to see rock climbing as a subset of the mountaineering endeavor. Rock climbing can take a variety of forms depending on the medium chosen for the day's activities. I find it useful to look on a continuum of activity that we can call "Climbing". I also find it useful to apply the dual concept of rating climbs that are reflected in the distinction between Grade of a climb (overall commitment and resources required) and the Class of the climb (technical difficulty).

(As a side note, I would suggest that there may be another meaningful continuum that goes from local rock crags to big walls, but I'll forego that comparison herein and I will also acknowledge that Many big walls exist in the mountains.)

To place a baseline the desert rock to mountaineering continuum, I might put most AZ climbing at the less than half-day end of the rock climbing scale and might anchor the mountain rock climbing at the other end. I might put something fairly clean and straightforward like Tahquitz or Red Rocks a step or two up from the desert rock end because the climbs are a bit longer and involve slightly more commitment, e.g., most Tahquitz climbs are 7 or 8 pitches at most and should take a competent party moving smoothly about half a day.

If a continuum is the most useful perspective in my mind, then I would further argue that there are some a host of variables that can be used to distinguish various aspects of the continuum. So here are the 10 variables to think about.

1. Complexity of issues.

Climbing in the mountains tends to be a more multivariate experience. There many, many more issues to consider on a big mountain than at a local crag. These factors include some of the additional items I have listed below as separate points, but viewed collectively make the decision making all the tougher. What is good technique in one place may not be in an other place because of the multivariate considerations.

2. Altitude.

Climbing rock at 3,000 feet and at 13,000 feet are
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both somewhat the same and different. Acclimatization is a whole book in its own right. I had to down-climb the first pitch of Lizard Head because my fingers were frozen and I had to thaw them out before a second go. Not only was there a storm brewing and it close to freezing, but we were at 13,000 feet and Dan and I were puffing pretty good (Grade II, 5.7).

3. Weather.

Lowland weather issues usually means avoidance. Upland weather is a fact of life, and planning. Sleeping in is done on off days, not on climb days, often because of afternoon weather. The Matterhorn's Hornli Ridge in dry conditions is nice 5.4, but it is practically unclimbable after a storm.

4. Route finding.

Lowland rock usually follows known and often bolted lines. Where is the line on a ridge or a face thousands of feet high? It takes many years of experience to learn how to read the mountain and find where it will let you go. (If there is one skill that desert rock climbers should seek practice at, it is finding ways up rock without topos.) Tahquitz begins the transition to route finding skills, but try locating the line on the North Buttress of Sneffels, a climb that Bill Leo of Ouray Mountain Sports says generates more epics than not (Grade IV, 5.6).

5. Scope.

Mountain rock can often involve distances and time that not so subtly change the activity's nature. Hiking, Scrambling, and Climbing (on snow, ice and rock) are constantly intermixed over the course of 8 to 24 hours activity as a norm. Heck, Maria and I couldn't even find Mt. Washington in Oregon during the snow storm.

6. Commitment.

A sprained ankle 100 yards from the car and it's Miller time. A sprained ankle 50 miles from a trail-head... "Falling is not an option" used to be the mountaineer's motto. But can you survive the frozen and unplanned bivvy? Many good mountain climbs are 1.5 days (after basecamp), e.g., East Ridge of Temple (Grade IV, 5.7)

7. Hazards.

Local crags tend to be clean and known. Mountaineer's have to discuss a host of objective and sub-

jective dangers. Loose rock is the norm, and not just loose rock that you knock off (and need to learn not to). Natural rock fall and avalanche are constant parts of the mountain environment. In analyzing risk in an article entitled "The Hard Way" in the July 2005 issue of Outside Magazine, experienced alpinist and adventurer Mark Jenkins states, "(rock climbing)...creates a high perceived risk while the actual risk is typically pretty low -- as long as you and your partner are following basic safety

procedures....Mountaineering, on the other hand, carries with it significantly higher, very real risk" (p. 60). He then goes on to discuss one of the last conversations he had with Alex Lowe. Great climbers like Alex Lowe can be tragically unfortunate. The Mountain Gods don't care.

8. Changing conditions.

Season to season, week to week, and even day to day, the same rock route in the mountains can be substantially different. What was dry yesterday may be verglased today. The East Ridge of Edith Cavell (Grade III, 5.3) was all ice one Friday but a fun romp the next.

9. Physical ability.

You can hide your windedness on that desert crag approach, but it may be painful on an all day affair. The Colorado Mountain Club rates their climbs, and their climbers. Group A climbers can't go on a Group B climb until they prove their stamina and build their experience.

10. Team dynamics.

If I don't like what you just said or did 100 yards from the car, who cares? Put us in a tent together at altitude during a two-day long storm and we've got issues.

I believe that my arguments have been confirmed sufficiently by the experience of taking good 5.10 AZ rock climbers to the mountains. We talk. We experience.

Hopefully you get hooked on the high stuff. Contact me at _smorefil@aol.com to discuss your take.

Looking for some cool action? Then check out this event...

Joshua Tree Climb Smart 2005 - September 30 through October 2

Kick off the Joshua Tree climbing season with Patagonia rock ambassadors Ron Kauk and Brittany Griffith, and Black Diamond athlete Eric Decaria. They and other notable climbers, along with AMGA guides, will offer clinics for all abilities, as well as some inspirational and eye-popping presentations. Dinner will be served on Saturday evening followed by a silent auction.

Registration fee: \$70 early registration (\$85 regular) includes campsite for first 100 sign ups in Indian Cove Group campgrounds, choice of clinics, Saturday night dinner and raffle entry. Park service project on Sunday to show our climbers' spirit!

For sign up and additional information please visit: <http://www.friendsofjosh.org>

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Clinics

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- Protection assessment
- Anchor reinforcement
- Wilderness First Aid primer
- Movement technique
- Crack skills
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- Ecology of Joshua Tree
- Bouldering Circuit
- Top rope festival (hands on aplenty)

Submitted by: - Monica D. Miller

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The practice is totally out of sync with today's climbing styles, especially in bouldering, but in Medieval Times (as in my youth) I was taught what is now an ultraconservative idea as a "given" assumption — something one *must* do. That is, be ready and able to downclimb anything you have just climbed up. Rappelling was a separate, very useful, but playtime thing to do. Competent climbers could *always* downclimb their route.

This mindset also mandated testing holds before using them, keeping three point suspension at all times, and watching the weather. I know that this philosophy hindered my development as a rock climber. I was most reluctant to try a dicey move if I did not see how I could return to my old stance. It was a huge psychological barrier.

But if you want a totally new and disagreeable experience, downclimb the next route you climb. You almost certainly won't like it. But believe me, it will present challenges, build balance and muscle, and will make you a safer mountaineer.

What brought this to mind was Erik Filsinger's article comparing Desert Rock Climbing and Mountaineering in this issue. He points out that there are differences between the two and considers rock climbing as an integral component of mountaineering. He does not denigrate "mere" rock climbing. He just points out that mountaineering includes vastly more and, when one is ready for it, provides additional satisfaction. Compared to rock climbing, mountaineering changes one's perspective from "Life is Good" to "Life is Really, *Really* Good".

In September the AMC returns to the quaint tradition of having a fixed meeting place (for at least three months). The club has led a peripatetic existence since

Los Olivos began its renovation and transmogrification into a daytime only facility. You will agree with me that being homeless is no fun.

Incidentally, we heartily thank those who have granted us succor and a place to meet. It is much appreciated.

But now, with any luck at all, we will have a *regular* meeting place that will not require fresh directions in the newsletter each issue on how to find that month's site. Check the inside cover to refresh yourself on directions to the Washington Adult Center.

As an ex-park ranger I was delighted that, albeit about 25 years late, the park and recreation community is acknowledging the existence of rock climbing and mountaineering by inviting Linn Hill to speak to the Arizona conferees on September 1st. She has given the AMC good programs in the past and I'm sure she will enlighten them, possibly even infect them with a smidgen of enthusiasm for the best recreation that is.

As the developers (and miners) encroach on our climbing areas, it would be reasonable for the parks powers that be to help preserve climbing and access to it. The reasons follow:

Climbing exemplifies a classic situation where parks should become involved. The vast majority of people cannot afford to buy a lakefront beach. Taking the part of these citizens, parks departments have traditionally stepped in to purchase and preserve lake access for ordinary citizens. It seems to me that climbing is the exact same situation — no one individual climber can afford to buy his own crag or canyon wall or arête any more than he could buy a lake. So to meet the recreational needs of its citizens, a community park department should create a park devoted specifically to climbing. Yes, I know, the way parks are (not) funded now you'll pay two bucks to get in. But that is better than viewing a mile wide copper mine pit or have homeowners sic their pit bulls on you.. — Ed

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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.

Oct 29 **Queen Creek Cleanup and Climb.**

Nov 2 **Anchors School Instructor Meeting.**

Nov 5 **Alpine Rock Seminar.** The AMC Mountaineering Committee will hold its annual Alpine Rock Seminar on Saturday November 5, location and time tbd. This is designed as an advanced sharing session for folks who have solid leading skills but want to venture into alpine and mountainous terrain. \$50 for new students. \$25 for refresher students. For information and details contact Erik Filsinger at smorefil@aol.com. Class size limited.

Nov 8, 10, 12,13 **AMC Anchors School.**

Nov 23-27 **Thanksgiving at J-Tree.** Details next time.

9 Dec **AMC's Holiday Party.** Place to be announced later.

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 (Class is full)

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AMC Outings

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. Each participant should bring a First Aid kit. If you leave the outing, with or without the leader's permission, you are considered to be on your own until you rejoin the group. Each participant will be required to sign an AMC Activity Release Form at the beginning of the outing.

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

Aug 29 **Sept. Board Meeting**

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.

Sep 13 **Trash Rappel Training** at Dreamy Draw, 6:00 p.m. Mandatory for over the rim rappels.

Sep 17 **Over the Rim Cleanup at Grand Canyon** See page 7 for details.

Sep 18 **Canyon Climb** in cirque along canyon rim.

Sep 27, 28, 29, Oct 1, 2 **AMC Lead School.** (See page 8)

Oct 1 **Adopt-a-Crag Cleanup.** Place not yet determined.

Oct 5 **Basic School Instructor Meeting.**

Oct 11, 13, 15, 16, 18, 20, 22 **AMC Basic School** (See page 10)

Oct 17 **Membership Meeting** at Washington Adult Center on third Monday.

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 October. There is no need of experience, just the passion to climb and learn. Hueco has everything from

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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.

Tom Conner	480-897-7623	Tim Lange	480-598-9124	Tim Schneider	480-497-8377
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Scott Hoffman	623-580-8909	Monica Miller	623-362-0456	Mick Strole	520-856-3335
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AMC Outing Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> NOTE: Celestial events occur about 10 minutes earlier on Arizona's eastern border; 10 later on its western edge. </div>				1	2 En- chanted Tower, NM	3 Enchanted Tower
4 Enchanted Tower	5 Enchanted Tower	6 <i>CAMRA Mtg</i>	7 <i>Sunrise 6:07 Sunset 6:45 Mset 8:46p</i>	8	9	10
11 <i>1st Q Moon</i>	12	13 Gr Canyon Trash Rap- pel Tng Dreamy Dr	14 <i>Sunrise 6:11 Sunset 6:36 Mrise 4:48p</i>	15	16	17 Over the Rim at GC <i>Full Moon</i>
18 Climb at Grand Canyon	19 AMC Members, Wash.Adult Ctr w/ Alli Wending	20	21 <i>Sunrise 6:16 Sunset 6:26 Mrise 8:41p</i>	22	23	24 <i>Last Q Moon</i>
25	26	27 Lead School	28 Lead School <i>Sunrise 6:21 Sunset 6:16 Mrise 1:58a</i>	29 Lead School	30	Lead School Oct 1 & 2

Dear AMC Member:

The AMC tries to provide climbing opportunities for all its members. But since we rely entirely on volunteer leaders, most of whom already devote many hours to teaching (as well as family life and earning a living), we know there is a "shortfall." We hope to offer more and more varied outings in the future. Will you help direct our efforts by telling us your preferences?

1 How many (non class) AMC organized climbs did you attend in the last 12 months? _____

2 Number of days you participated in an AMC class as student____, teacher____ or climb leader ____ in the past year?

3 How many non-AMC-led climbs did you participate in last year? _____

4. Number of these kinds of AMC outings you would like to attend next year?

_____ Top rope/Slingshot half days (eg., Pinnacle Peak, Teddy Bear Wall, Camel's Head.)

_____ Sport/top rope outings for one day (eg. The Overlook, Promised Land, Queen Cr.,)

_____ Lead/multi pitch one-day outings (eg. Supes, Little Granite Mtn, , Sedona)

_____ Lead/multi pitch weekend (eg. Cochise, Granite Mtn., Jack's Canyon, Mt. Lemmon etc.)

_____ Lead/multi pitch out of state (eg. J. Tree, Indian Gardens, Yosemite, Nev. Red Rocks)

_____ Three day Peak Bagging (Colo, Calif. 14'ers)

_____ "AMC Nights" at various rock gyms

_____ Service Outings as Grand Canyon, Teaching Classes, Adopt a Crag, Etc

_____ Family oriented climb, camp, kayak, fish, swim, hike, bike outings

_____ Ice Climbing Outings – long weekends

_____ Other -- Mountain Biking/Canyoneering/ Backpacking/ Day Hikes/ or...

5 Number of Membership Meetings/programs you attended in the last year? _____

6 Which did you like best? _____

7 What subjects would you like to have programs devoted to in the future?

_____ Noted climbers/"rock stars"

_____ Programs reporting on specific climbs or expeditions

_____ Club Members' climbs/experiences

_____ Climbing gym "meetings"

_____ Brief educational segments as part of program -- as on hypothermia; desert survival, altitude illnesses, using new devices and equipment, elementary rescue, winter camping kinks, GPS use, reports on climbing possibilities in different ranges, etc. or
_____?

Other? Make suggestions in box on reverse side.

8. Why did you initially join the AMC?

_____ To learn technical climbing

_____ To brush up on latest techniques

_____ To meet other climbers

_____ To go on AMC outings

_____ To meet climbing "stars" or see their shows.

_____ To support climbing as a sport; help preserve access to climbing

_____ Other _____

9 How long have you been an AMC Member?

Since _____

10 Do you plan to remain a member of AMC? Yes
No (If not please state why.)

11. What would you like to see changed at the AMC?

Do you have any suggestions for improvement?

Please write additional comments on the reverse side.

Please detach/print out this form, fold, add stamp and drop it in the mail. Your name on a return address is optional.

Thank you,

The AMC Board.

AMC's Address: 4340 E. Indian School Rd. 21-164
Phoenix, Az. 85018