

A photograph of a person rappelling down a rock face next to a waterfall. The person is wearing a white helmet, a dark jacket, and dark pants. They are positioned in the center of the frame, with their arms outstretched. The rock face is reddish-brown and has a textured, layered appearance. The waterfall is on the left side of the frame, cascading down the rock face. The sky is blue with some white clouds. In the bottom left corner, the back of a person's head wearing a red helmet is visible.

# The Arizona Mountaineer

June 2010

Patti Waldrup  
at Salome  
*Photo by  
Kathy Sharp*

# The Arizona Mountaineering Club

Meetings: The member meeting location is:

Phoenix Country Day School  
3901 E. Stanford Drive  
Paradise Valley, AZ 85253.

The meeting time is 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

Board Meetings: Board meetings are open to all members and are held two Mondays prior to the Club meeting.

Dues: Dues cover January through December. A single membership is \$30.00 per year: \$35.00 for a family. Those joining after June 30 pay \$15 or \$18. Members joining after October 31 who pay for a full year will have dues credited through the end of the following year. Dues must be sent to:

AMC Membership Committee  
6519 W. Aire Libre Ave.  
Glendale, AZ 85306

Schools: The AMC conducts several rock climbing, mountaineering and other outdoor skills schools each year. Browse the AMC website for information on schedules and classes.

For More Information:

Website:

[www.amcaz.org](http://www.amcaz.org)

Mail:

Arizona Mountaineering Club  
4340 E. Indian School Rd., Ste 21-164  
Phoenix, AZ 85018

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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) or at <https://accessfund.org/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, 2267 W Periwinkle Way, Chandler, AZ 85248 or through email to robert\_england2@yahoo.com. Digital photos should preferably be in JPG format and 300 dpi. Articles can be in any standard word processing format. For more info call or write the editor at (480)-688-5412, robert\_england2@yahoo.com.

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 !!!

**Thanks to this  
month's article  
and photo  
contributors!  
You Rock!**  
(pun intended)

## 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.

**JUL NL Deadline: 23 JUN**

## June Birthdays

Nicole Rodriguez 1, Chris Curtis 3, Steve Hovanec 3, Stormy Rose 3, Tyler Sharp 3, John Kadylak 5, Dax Marshall 6, Nancy Birdwell 8, Daniel Erwin 8, John Prouty 9, Eric Evans 11, Scott Parsons 11, Justin Hatfield 13, Jason Garvan 15, Steven Crane 18, Ashlee Beishline 21, Chelsea Beechel 26, Greg Crook 27, Tiina Perlman 30

# Discount Directory

These merchants 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 10% discount.
- **AZ on the Rocks Gym** - 16447 N. 91st St., Scottsdale, AZ 85260. 480-502-9777. Gym membership 10% off for AMC members.
- **Phoenix Rock Gym** - 1353 E. University, Tempe, AZ 85281. 480-921-8322. 10% off membership to AMC members.
- **AZ Cliffhanger** - at the Phoenix Rock Gym. 480-642-9507. 10% off membership to AMC members.
- **Climbmax Gym** - 1330 W Auto Dr, Suite 112, Tempe, AZ 85284 - 480-626-7755. 10% off membership, Grand Opening 15% off through 4/30.
- **APE Index Rock Climbing Gym** - 9700 N. 91st Ave Suite 118 Peoria 85345 Phone 623-242-9164 10% discount for Day Pass and Membership. Show AMC Membership card.

# Rental Equipment

<b>EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>\$Dep</b>	<b>1-3day</b>	<b>4-7day</b>
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
Avalanche Kit (probe & shovel)	2	10	5	8
Curved Ice Tools (pair)	2	40	20	35

Call Bruce McHenry at (602) 952-1379 for information on how to rent AMC equipment.

# Treasurer's Report

## Arizona Mountaineering Club Income Statement Period Ended February 28, 2010

### INCOME

Advertising.....	200.00
Dues 2009 .....	4,870.00
Mountaineering Schools .....	550.00
Rental Equipment.....	205.00
Anchors .....	1,425.00
ORC Spring 2010.....	4,900.00
<u>Lead Spring 2010.....</u>	<u>1,125.00</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME .....</b>	<b>13,275.00</b>

### EXPENSES

Admin .....	1,281.88
Capital Expenditures .....	69.02
Equipment Maintenance .....	18.29
Land Advocacy .....	240.22
Newsletter .....	564.43
Programs Monthly Meeting .....	1,495.64
<u>Training.....</u>	<u>3997.69</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES .....</b>	<b>7,807.17</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL.....</b>	<b>5,497.83</b>

### ACCOUNT BALANCES

Checking .....	8,730.27
CD Account .....	15,000.00
<b>TOTAL CASH ASSETS .....</b>	<b>23,730.27</b>
<u>AMC Outing Gear.....</u>	<u>3,467.43</u>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL .....</b>	<b>27,197.70</b>

# AMC Board Minutes - May 10, 2010

Board members present: Bill Fallon, Curtis Stone, John Gray, Steven Crane, Kim McClintic, Eric Evans, and Erik Filsinger

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Fallon at 7:01 p.m.

Minutes of the April 12, 2010 meeting were approved as submitted.

The treasurer's report was approved as previously submitted to Board members.

## Committee Reports:

**Programs.** Kim McClintic discussed the possibility of changing the By-Laws to allow for the possibility of Quarterly Member Meetings. That rationale and proposal appears elsewhere in this Newsletter. The proposal was moved, seconded and approved by the Board. This newsletter constitutes official notice to the members. A formal vote on the By-Laws change will occur at the June meeting.

The Board also voted to cancel the July and August member meetings this summer.

**Mountaineering.** John discussed the upcoming Memorial Day plans for an outing to Colorado . It will be announced again to see if others may be interested.

**T&S.** Bill Fallon discussed Anchor School in which 27 students participated. Thanks to Justin, Jason and Eric Evans for a job well done.

**Outings.** The Board discussed several outing ideas and hopes that AMC OL's will offer more outings over the summer.

**Classifications.** There was a discussion of potential OL applicants. There may be up to 4 candidates in the process if all submit their paperwork.

**Land Advocacy.** Erik gave a brief report on the McDowells and Queen Creek.

## Old Business:

**Meetup.com AMC group.** Steven Crane led a discussion of the potential for the AMC to increase its activities and awareness via the MeetUp.com web site. Steven was given authorization to begin rolling out a version of the site. Stay tuned for more movement into the 21st Century.

The Board approved using the web site line item for paying for 6 months of AMC membership on the MeetUp.com web site. This amount was under the authorization amount permitted by the Board over and above the approved line item amount.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

# Anchors School Participants

## Students

Dan Anderson  
Cynthia Arellano  
Andrew Baumgardner  
Cheryl Beaver  
Emerson Beishline  
Tom Bentley  
Alison Cook-Davis  
Matt Crego  
Greg Crook  
Jeff Crosby  
Todd Gartman  
Charles Hanson  
Gretchen Hawkins  
Li Jiang  
Traver Jones  
Tricia McKee  
Annie McVay  
Angela Mick  
John Rague  
Alicia Rutledge  
Tyler Sharp  
Josh Sladek

Kim Smith-Stout  
Michael Traubert  
Tristan Wimmer  
Shan Zhong

## Instructors

Ronald Auerbach  
Jeffrey Baum  
Nancy Birdwell  
David Cameron  
Mark Christiani  
Scott Davis  
Eric Evans  
Bill Fallon  
Michael Faux  
Tracy Fleming  
Shannon Flowers  
Randi Folwell  
Tom Folwell  
Brandon Forrest  
Jason Garvan  
Daniel Gonzales  
John Gray

Susan Harnage  
Eve Hoffman  
Nick Hoffman  
Colten Kollenborn  
James Perey  
Rogil Schroeter  
Joshua Sherko  
Curtis Stone  
Diane Taulborg  
Patti Waldrup  
Justin York

## **NEW MEMBERS:** *Climbers - Please Welcome*

Rick Craycraft  
Traver Jones

Annie McVay  
Alicia Rutledge

# Member Meetings - Proposed By-Law Change

Proposed By-Laws Change – to change the frequency of Member meetings from “at least once a month” to “at least once a Quarter”.

## 4. Meetings

- a. The Board of Directors shall meet at least once a month at such time and place as the Board shall designate. Participation by five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. Decisions of the Board shall be by a majority of those voting. The President or any three members of the Board may call a special meeting of the Board. All such monthly and special meetings shall be deemed Board Meetings and shall be recorded and reported as such.
- b. The regular Membership Meetings shall be held at least once each Quarter at such time and place as the Board shall designate and, consistent with these Bylaws, shall be governed and guided by such AMC policies as the Board may adopt for such purpose.

## Rationale.

After rigorous discussion about the level of attendance at the primary Monthly Member meetings, the Board voted to propose the above-cited change to the AMC By-Laws to allow for the possibility of more flexibility of scheduling member meetings to better serve the AMC membership. Some months it has been difficult to attract members to the meetings, and the AMC does not have unlimited funds to attract big name speakers. In fact, the funds available if used judiciously as based on four big name speakers a year. In addition, the Board has been wrestling with the possibilities of holding member meetings that are either more activity based or educational in their format. This reflects the input the Board has received from the membership over the last several years. By giving the club the flexibility of quarterly meetings, the Board feels it can better lay out a program of events to better serve its membership and their needs as those change over time.

# Baboquivari

Baboquivari on April 3rd. My climbing partner, Sarah Rosenbloom, and I headed out for the Southeast Arete route on Baboquivari this weekend. We left Friday around noon and drove to the East entrance, where we hiked in to the saddle near the start of the Lion's Ledge and camp for the night. Since it's a long hike in, we decided camping was good because we could sleep in and get a fresh start the next day.

When we were racking up, we had the pleasure of meeting Eric Evans! He had two people and just arrived at the Lion's Ledge!

Sarah and I started working at the Lion's Ledge around 9:30am and arrived at the base of the climb around 10:15. We immediately took off so we wouldn't hinder Eric's group. This was my first trad leading in about five months, so I was a little nervous about being slow.

The climbing went well and we made summit in a pretty decent amount of time. To my surprise, my leading went really well, I guess it's like riding a bicycle. The only "drama" was when I accidentally climbed past the third belay ledge. Sarah called out that I only had around 10' of rope left and I needed to go about 30' to the top of the third pitch. So we created our own belay ledge on small ledge.

We decided to descend via the Forbes / Ladder route on the North side of the mountain. This however was really slow due a large amount of snow! There were places where it was half way up to my knee! At one point Sarah slipped and started sliding and I had to grab onto her to stop her from going down the gully. The rest of the descent went pretty much uneventful after we got past the first rappel because we were out of the snow and ice.

We ended back at our packs around 3:30, it took us nearly as long as to get down as it took us for the climb. Both of us were starting to worry about Eric's Group. Mainly because the descent down Babo can be a little tricky, especially if you don't know it, especially in the dark. We heard them at the top of the 3rd pitch, but never again on the climb.

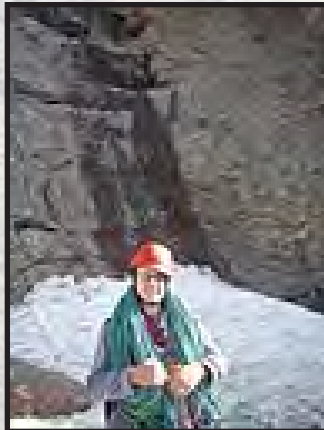
However, as we were packing up, we heard voices way off the trail bushwhacking. We called out and it was indeed Eric's Group, they decided not to make summit and rap on down. We called them over and showed them the trail out.

We took our time coming out, ended up doing the last two miles on head lamps, way behind Eric's group. All in all, it was a great day out. Baboquivari is really my favorite climb in Arizona. The scenery, exposure, and approaches really makes this more of an adventure. I am all ready making plans on going back there when it cools off in the fall.

John P. Farrell



# Baboquivari



# The Urban Mountaineers: Kachina Country

By 3:00 am Chris was at my place with car running, ready to roll. Eight minutes later I threw my pack into the trunk, admitted to not printing the topo-map, and helped the big-guy remember that he had forgotten the precious ice-ax. Would we need it? Maybe... So, we made a pit stop to retrieve the potentially life saving tool. After filling-up on gasoline, coffee, calories, and conversation, we had arrived at the base of our objective. Exiting the benz, we lamented that we couldn't park any closer to the peak, as the Ski-Lodge parking lot, 200 yards away, was blocked by a gate!

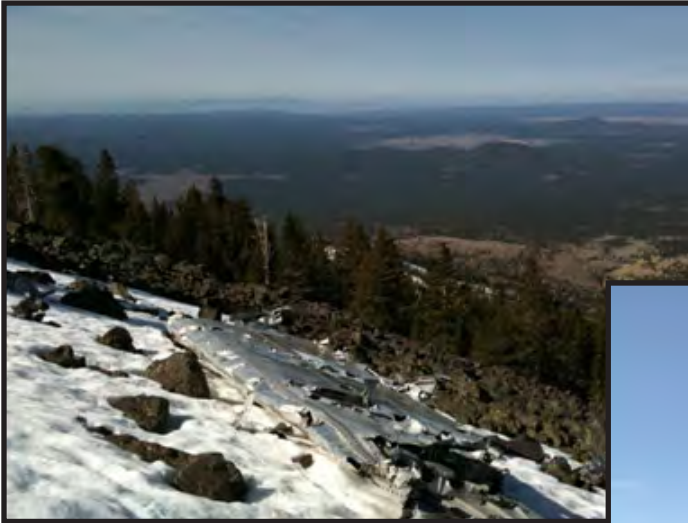
Well after sunrise, we were off to the summit of the San Francisco Peaks, Starbucks in hand. The trail was easy to find, for the first few hundred feet. Soon, we had completely lost the trail and were following fading footprints into evermore treacherous terrain. **WARNING!** People who make random footprints in the woods are not necessarily expert outdoorsmen, and may not have known what the HECK they were doing; trust your instincts and next time print the dang topo!

One-mile later, the snow slopes became steep-n-deep enough for us to dawn snowshoes. Navigating through the enchanted forest, we broke tree line (~11,000 ft) at the bomber wreck. The downed aircraft is best accessed when the mountain has snow, and we were able to get up close and personal with its metallic remains. From here, we ascended a low angle, exposed, snow slope up to San Francisco Peak. This was my favorite part of the climb. Rhythmic crunching and whistling wind made a symphony on the mountain. Perched on the ridge-line, we were greeted with 60 mph gusts that threatened to send us over the other side. I was glad for the ice-ax as we barged along the windy, rocky, snowy, ridgeline in a NE direction to Humphrey's Peak. The wind continued to escalate, inhibiting any sort of distance communication. Alas, balance and bravery won out and before we knew it we were at the tumultuous Humphrey's peak (12,633 ft), sheltered by the rock wind break.

Chris and I executed the usual top-o-the-mountain shenanigans and headed down the ridge-line, back to the saddle. At this point, fatigue was apparent and we were reminded of how easy one can slip and fall several times on the return. We descended well south of our approach slope, with the intention of trying to regain Humphrey's Trail. However, swaths of unstable snockice (snow + rock + ice) drove us down a west facing arête; snow shoes back on. After switch-backing and sliding through the singing trees for a final assault on our tendons, we arrived at the Hart Prairie lift. On the final stretch we scavenged the area under the ski lift for booty. One dollar in quarters later we were back at the car, sipping a brew and reviewing our route.

*Brandon Forrest & Christopher Kosko*

# The Urban Mountaineers: Kachina Country



Up close and personal with the remains of a B-42 bomber that went down in 1944

Brandon Forrest, working up a low-angle slope of “snockice.”



Chris Kosko on top of Humphrey's Peak!

June 28th Member Meeting



# Annual Swap- meet and Climbing

Bring gear to sell or swap or  
come to shop

Location:

Phoenix Rock Gym,  
1353 E. University, Tempe  
7:00 PM-9:00 PM

For more information call  
Kim McClintic at  
(480)213-2629

# 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 (602) 770-8326.

## Outing Leader

## Contact Info

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Mike Knarzer .....	602-751-1701	thrashndangle@gmail.com
Grant Loper .....	602-684-3042	grantloper@loperandassociates.com
David McClintic.....	602-885-5194	david.mcclintic@cox.net
Bruce McHenry.....	602-952-1379	
Monica Miller .....	623-362-0456	
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Frank Vers .....	480-947-9435	climbros@gmail.com
Justin York.....	480-229-8660	

*Your Name Here!*

# Calendar of Events - Outings/Schools/Events

**May 28-31, 2010. Colorado Mountain Climbing.** Summer mountaineering in the San Juans near Durango/Ouray. Target peak is Snefflels. Specific requirements for participants. Contact Bruce McHenry at bamchenry@att.net. **Limited size outing.**

*Footnotes: Car-pooling is optional on all outings and is not part of the outing. The outing begins at the trailhead designated by the Outing Leader and ends at the same place. 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.*

## **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.*

**Mondays**            **Ape Index Gym Climbing - AMC Members \$10 admission with ID card.**

**Rogil Schroeter (623) 512-8465**

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

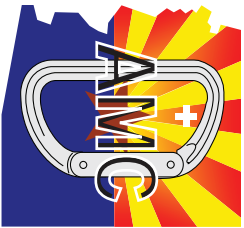
# Bookworm Request

The AMC library is looking for a new librarian. Duties include tending the library during the monthly meetings, checking books in and out, and maintaining a neat catalog. There is also a small amount of AMC library overflow material that needs to be kept at the librarians house. Fringe benefits include access to the entire AMC book collection, and a small annual budget for the purchase of new library materials is also available to the librarian. This is a great way to get involved with and support the AMC without sacrificing much if any personal time, since showing up at the monthly meetings is the only real time commitment.

Please contact the current librarian, Rich Kocher, with any questions (480-966-5568).

# June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Sunrise 5:19 Sunset 7:34 M-rise 11:52P	3	4	5
NOTE: Celestial events occur about 10 minutes earlier on Arizona's eastern border; 10 later on its western edge.						
6	7	8	9 Sunrise 5:18 Sunset 7:14 M-rise 2:48A	10	11	12
						
13	14 Board Meeting	15	16 Sunrise 5:18 Sunset 7:40 M-set 11:10P	17	18	19
						
20	21	22	23 Sunrise 5:19 Sunset 7:42 M-rise 5:33P	24	25	26
						
27	28 Mbr Mtg	29	30 Sunrise 5:22 Sunset 7:42 M-rise 10:21P	31		



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