

# The Arizona Mountaineer

August 2011



AMC Member Thad Colgrove  
*Parker Canyon by Thad Colgrove*  
*Photo By Cheryl Beaver*

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Meetings: The member meeting location is:

Granite Reef Senior Center  
1700 North Granite Reef Road  
Scottsdale, Arizona 85257

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

Check Calendar for date.

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)

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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/join](https://www.accessfund.org/join)

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## Library

AMC Librarian:  
David McClintic 602-885-5194

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.

## Newsletter

The Arizona Mountaineer is published monthly by the AMC. The newsletter depends on contributions from it's members so PLEASE send us your articles and/or photos.

All submissions are subject to approval by the AMC newsletter committee:

*Cheryl Beaver, Tracy Fleming, Susan Harnage, and Jutta Ulrich*

Digital photos should preferably be in JPG format and 300 dpi. Articles can be in any standard word processing format.

Get a new piece of gear? Send us your reviews after you've tested it out. We'd love to hear about it

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.

Submit items for publication and direct any questions through email to Susan at [SHarnage@aol.com](mailto:SHarnage@aol.com).

## September NL Submission Deadline: August 1st

### August Birthdays

Jeni Tress 8, Tom Kreuser 11, Keith Waldrup 15, Kathy Sharp 17, Amanda Drake 19, Cheryl Beaver 20,  
Debby Brown 21, Nick Grounds 21, Jim Waugh 24, Roberto Franco 30, Tim Lange 31



# Discount Directory

These merchants offer a discount to AMC members:

- **Arizona Hiking Shack** - 3244 E. Thomas Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85018, (602) 944-7723 [www.hikingshack.com](http://www.hikingshack.com). 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. 10% off membership.
- **Phoenix Rock Gym** - 1353 E. University, Tempe, AZ 85281. 480-921-8322. 10% off membership.
- **Climbmax Gym** - 1330 W Auto Dr, Suite 112, Tempe, AZ 85284 - 480-626-7755. 10% off membership.
- **TUFA Gear Shop** - Located at these gyms: AZ on the Rocks, PRG, Climbmax, & Ape Index. 10% discount.

# 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 June 30, 2011

### INCOME

Admin (TRSM before scholarships)	0.00
Advertising	80.00
Dues	4,740.00
Grants Received	0.00
Interest	28.39
Mountaineering Schools	400.00
Rental Equipment	158.00
AARS Fall	0.00
AARS Spring	1,830.00
Basic Fall	0.00
Basic Spring	3,325.00
Lead Fall	0.00
Lead Spring	300.00
Training Other	475.00
Other	25.00

<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>11,361.39</b>
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### EXPENSES

Admin	1,556.58
Promotional	0.00
Bank chgs	0.00
Capital Expenditures	0.00
Equipment Maintenance	21.53
Grants Expended	0.00
Insurance	2,580.00
Land Advocacy Committee	64.88
Library	0.00
Newsletter	439.25
Outings	150.00
Outing Leaders	0.00
Programs Monthly Meeting	1,424.61
Training	5,714.29

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>11,951.14</b>
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<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>(589.75)</b>
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### ACCOUNT BALANCES

Checking & PayPal	10,117.06
Accounts Receivable	0.00
CD Account	15,000.00
<b>TOTAL CASH ASSETS</b>	<b>25,117.06</b>
AMC Outing Gear	3,467.43
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>28,584.49</b>

# AMC Board Minutes - July 11, 2011

1. Call to Order: 7:03 PM. Board members in attendance: Bill Fallon, John Gray, Curtis Stone, Jutta Ulrich, Steven Crane, Eric Evans, Kim McClintic, Gretchen Hawkins. Committee Chair: Erik Filsinger. Club Member: Gia Solo.
2. Minutes of last meeting as published in the June newsletter and previously submitted to board members via email approved as submitted.
3. Treasurer's report will be submitted at a later date due to some technology issues.
4. Committee Reports:
  - a. Membership-237
  - b. Programs:
    - i. The June program, the annual Gear Swap and Climb was held at PRG. Approx 40 members and guests attended. Thank you, Paul Diefenderfer, Michelle, and Erin, of PRG.
    - ii. Details are still being worked out for the August program and will be posted on the website, Meetup. Com, and via email.
  - c. Outings/Activities:
    - i. Billboard activity: July 16 and 17<sup>th</sup>: Climbing at the Overlook, Camping, and hiking Mt Humphries on Sunday (Curtis Stone).
    - ii. July 16<sup>th</sup>: Early morning climbing outing in the McDowells (Erik Filsinger).
    - iii. Weekly climbing nights at Climbmax (Tuesdays) and PRG (Thursdays).
    - iv. AMC presentation and climbing clinic slated for August 29 and 30, at the Tempe and PV REI's, respectively. Intro to climbing. Bill Fallon is in charge.
    - v. Reminder to Outing Leaders: please consider scheduling an outing.
    - vi. The Grand Canyon Clean up is coming. (September 30-October 2nd). Several training sessions will be offered and all participants are expected to participate. More information will be available as the trainings are scheduled. Susan Harnage is the event organizer.
  - d. Land Advocacy:
    - i. QCC: Climbing in the Mine Area, The Pond, and Atlantis is once more "legal" as QCC holds the license for climbing in the area. Committee meetings are going on the House of Representatives regarding Land Exchange Policies. The ACCESS Fund issued a statement to AZ Representative Paul Gosar that they cannot support land exchange legislation unless more access for climbing is provided.
    - ii. Construction has begun on the Tom's Thumb Trailhead Parking. Every effort is being made to encourage access to climbing areas during the construction period, which is estimated to take one year.

# AMC Board Minutes - July 11, 2011 (cont)

## e. Training and Schools:

- i. Update of the manuals is in progress. There are 26 chapters to be reviewed. Bill Fallon is heading up this project. Changes will be conservative and will comply with standards set forth in Freedom of the Hills and those of AMGA. Thanks to Jeff Watkins for his assistance on the new Beginning ORC flyer.
- ii. Correction from last month's meeting. Lead School will continue to be 3 week days and 2 weekend days. It was reported that the class would be changed to 2 days.
- iii. On-going consideration and exploration of a new venue for Basic ORCS. Current plans are to continue at Cactus Park, as no preferable location has been found.

f. Technology Committee: The committee is currently investigating making a domain change for the website. Meetup.com is working very well for signing up for activities.

g. Newsletter Committee: The committee is grateful for photos and article submissions. Keep them coming. They are working on a slightly altered time frame, therefore articles should be in by the first of the month for consideration for the next month's newsletter. Committee members are: Cheryl Beaver, Tracy Fleming, Susan Harnage, and Jutta Ulrich

## 5. New Business:

- a. Arizona Trail Association extended an invitation to REI and AMC to take charge of sections of the Arizona Trail in order to coordinate hikes for a planned salute to the AZ Trail involving the entire trail being hiked by various people during September and October 2011. Discussion took place and, although this is a wonderful activity, it would be dividing club efforts to take an official role.

## 6. Old Business:

- a. Club Docs: John Gray and Getchen Hawkins are working to reconcile current club documents with any changes and to eliminate duplications or outdated information.
- b. Eric Evans completed a spread sheet for access to information contained in the membership data base. Access to the information will be limited and access provided only as necessary to committee chairs, officers, etc.
- c. Advanced Learning Opportunities: John Farrell, John Gray, and Curtis Stone will be offering workshops for instruction and practice of Lead Belaying and Catching a Lead Fall.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Kim McClintic, secretary.



AMC thanks Rockford Corporation for the use of their facilities for board meetings. Rockford is a local maker and distributor of high-end audio components for cars, trucks and boats.

# August Member Meeting Program

*Photos by Tim Terpstra*



## **Please Join Us On Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> At 7:00 PM For A Presentation By Lydia Pyne**

### **She will be discussing the recent American-Iranian Climber Exchange**

Lydia Pyne recently returned from Iran after participating in an exchange with the American Alpine Club (AAC) and the Alpine Club of Iran (ACI). Members of ACI visited the United States and enjoyed Alpine experiences in the Tetons of Wyoming. Lydia was among the members of the AAC who traveled to Iran and climbed with members of the ACI.

Lydia's presentation will highlight the camaraderie of climbing, the exchange experience, and the types of climbing. She looks forward to returning to Arizona, having lived here for a number of years. Lydia has climbed extensively in the Southwest.

### **Visitors Are Welcome To Attend!**

Come early and socialize before the meeting and program begin.

The program will take place at:  
Granite Reef Senior Center  
1700 North Granite Reef Road  
Scottsdale, Arizona 85257

Join us afterwards for drinks and conversation at Duke's Sports Bar at Miller and McDowell.

**If you have questions about the program or the location, contact Kim McClintic @  
(480) 213-2629 or [canyonkim@gmail.com](mailto:canyonkim@gmail.com)**

# AMC Lead Climbing School - Fall 2011

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:

Sept 13	Tuesday	6:30 pm–9:30 pm	*Chateau de Vie 5 Clubhouse, Scottsdale, AZ
Sept 14	Wednesday	6:30 pm–9:30 pm	Chateau de Vie 5 Clubhouse, Scottsdale, AZ
Sept 15	Thursday	6:30 pm–9:30 pm	Chateau de Vie 5 Clubhouse, Scottsdale, AZ
Sept 17	Saturday	9:00 am–5:00 pm	Prescott (directions will be in syllabus)
Sept 18	Sunday	9:00 am–5:00 pm	Prescott or Scottsdale (directions will be in syllabus)

\*Address for the Chateau de Vie 5 Clubhouse: 5900 N 83<sup>rd</sup> St., Scottsdale, AZ 85250

Directions: From McDonald Rd East of Hayden Rd and West of Granite Reef, turn south on 83<sup>rd</sup> St. Take the 2<sup>nd</sup> right into the parking lot. The Clubhouse is the only free standing building in the complex.

**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: \$95**, plus membership if not already a member (Prorated for half year -\$15 for an individual and \$18 for a family). Membership is good through Dec., 2011. Register thru PayPal on the AMC website [www.amcaz.org](http://www.amcaz.org) or by sending a check payable to AMC Anchors School to PO Box 11883, Tempe, AZ, 85284.

No credit cards accepted. The registration fee is fully refundable if you cancel. Contact Nancy Birdwell by email: [Lead.School@amcaz.org](mailto:Lead.School@amcaz.org) for more info. The number of students will be limited to 30.

## Equipment required for the class:

The following will not be needed the first night. You may want to 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.amcaz.org](http://www.amcaz.org).



# AMC Outdoor Rock Climbing School - Fall 2011

The Arizona Mountaineering Club (AMC) has been teaching basic rock climbing for over 35 years. We place maximum emphasis on safe climbing and self-rescue skills. This is a beginning climbing class for outdoor rock climbing; no previous climbing experience required. 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	*Scottsdale Cactus Park
Oct 13	Thursday	6:00 pm–10:00 pm	Scottsdale Cactus Park
Oct 15	Saturday	8:00 am–5:00 pm	TBD
Oct 16	Sunday	8:00 am–5:00 pm	Queen Creek – Magma Gardens
Oct 18	Tuesday	6:00 pm–10:00 pm	Phoenix Rock Gym
Oct 20	Thursday	6:00 pm–10:00 pm	Phoenix Rock Gym
Oct 22	Saturday	all day	Various times, various places

\*Scottsdale Cactus Park is located on the NE corner of Scottsdale Rd. and Cactus Rd. The park entrance is on Cactus Rd.

**Experience required:** None. This class is for anyone who wants to experience the feel of being outside on real rock. With many volunteer instructors, virtual one-on-one instruction is provided and tailored to every level of ability.

## **What is provided by the AMC:**

Technical climbing gear that will be used for the school (and is yours to keep): Climbing Instruction Manual, 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 outdoor retailers and climbing gyms.

**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:** \$175 (plus membership if not already a member - \$30 for an individual and \$35 for a family). Membership is good through December, 2011. For the Fall class, new membership dues are reduced 50% - \$15 for an individual, \$18 for a family)

The class is limited to 40 students. To reserve a spot, register using Pay Pal on the AMC web site, or send a check for \$175, \$205 or \$210 (or \$175, \$190, or \$193 for the Fall class) – see the Class Fee schedule above - payable to AMC Basic School. Include your clearly printed name, address and current phone number (s). Mail to: AMC Outdoor Rock Climbing School, 15508 W Bell Road #101-150, Surprise, AZ 85374. No credit cards accepted.

**Questions???** Contact Eric Evans by email at [AMCBasicSchool@gmail.com](mailto:AMCBasicSchool@gmail.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 \$175 will be refunded.)

**For more information:** Visit the Arizona Mountaineering Club website at [www.amcaz.org](http://www.amcaz.org).

# Gear Head

## **Recall for replacement: GRIGRI 2**

Concerns all GRIGRI 2's (D14 2O, D14 2G, D14 2B ) with the first five digits of the serial number between 10326 and 11136.

Petzl has discovered that exerting excessive force on the fully extended handle of the GRIGRI 2 can cause internal damage, such that the GRIGRI 2 handle may become stuck in the open position.

When the handle is stuck in this position the assisted braking function is disabled. A damaged GRIGRI 2 in this configuration will function similarly to a manual belay device (e.g. tube style device).

When using a damaged GRIGRI 2 with the handle stuck in the position as shown in Figure 1, failure to control the braking side of the rope will increase the risk of an uncontrolled descent. A GRIGRI 2 with a damaged handle must be immediately retired from service.

It is important to note that failure to control the braking side of the rope is a misuse of the GRIGRI 2 under any circumstance (See GRIGRI 2 Technical Notice - pdf file, 2,5Mo).

As of June 20, 2011, seven damaged products have been returned to Petzl through our worldwide distribution network. Petzl has no knowledge of any accidents resulting from a damaged GRIGRI 2 handle.

For more information, go to: <http://www.petzl.com/en/outdoor/recall-replacement-grigri-2>

**Get a new piece of gear? Send us your reviews after you've tested it out. We'd love to hear about it.**

# Queen Creek Update

Land Exchange legislation is being discussed in the current Congress that will affect climbing around Queen Creek and environs. The topic of “Queen Creek”, the Land Exchange, and the Mine has been around since 2004. The AMC has generally taken a position of supporting Queen Creek Coalition in its efforts to negotiate the best deal it can on behalf of climbers. AMC has a policy statement on its web site reviewing some of the history and its goals - <http://www.amcaz.org/access.asp>. All individuals who care about climbing should become informed and exercise their rights of free expression.

Some significant news has occurred, namely the Climbing License under which climbers could climb at the Pond and Atlantis expired in May of 2011 and it has now been reissued to QCC on behalf of climbers so rock climbing can continue as has been the case in the past.

The following update from the QCC is available on the Queen Creek Coalition’s web site – [www.theqcc.org](http://www.theqcc.org). Feel free to direct any comments to the QCC to them via their web site. The preliminary agreement builds on the drafts made available in several public meetings over the past 3 years.

## July 6, 2011

### NEW POND/ATLANTIS LICENSE

The Pond and Atlantis, two of the most popular Queen Creek climbing areas, are owned by Resolution Copper Mining (RCM). For many years, the public was able to climb at these areas without drawing much attention from the owner, but since RCM began active operations in the canyon several years ago, it has required a climbing organization to hold a license allowing the public to have access for day-use recreation including rock climbing. The initial license, held by The Access Fund, expired in May 2011. RCM has granted a new license to Queen Creek Coalition (QCC) on terms similar to those of the previous license. This is an interim license that allows climbing to continue at these areas while RCM and QCC finalize a more permanent arrangement.

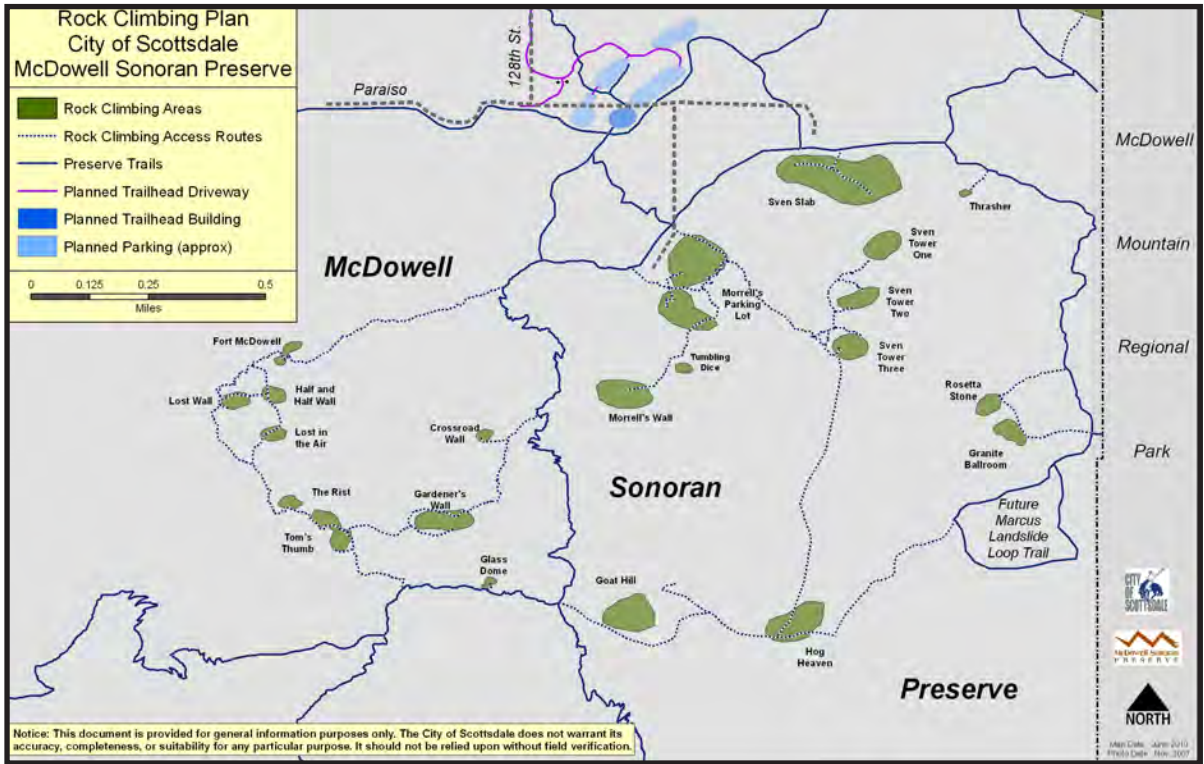
### OTHER AGREEMENTS WITH RCM

QCC has reached a preliminary agreement with RCM pursuant to which RCM will provide substantial funding to QCC for the development and maintenance of regional climbing resources. QCC is working with RCM to finalize the details of this agreement and to address in a mutually satisfactory way: 1) long-term public access to climbing areas located on land owned by RCM (The Pond, Atlantis); 2) access to areas that in the future may be owned by RCM (The Mine Area, Euro Dog Valley, Oak Flat); and 3) access via RCM property to areas located on public land (Upper Devils, Lower Devils, Apache Leap).

For more information and updates, including a QCC statement of the rationale behind their advocacy positions, please see the aforementioned QCC web site – [www.theqcc.org](http://www.theqcc.org)

*Submitted by Erik Filsinger, AMC Land Advocacy Chair*

# McDowell Crags - Half and Half Wall



Half and Half Wall is a prominent slab down and right (north west) from Tom's Thumb when viewed from the north. The name refers to the half-height horizontal crack that runs across the slab. It is a sunny location and excellent for winter cragging. A locator map is printed nearby.

**Approach:** From the Tom's Thumb trail head (temporary or future permanent) hike the Tom's Thumb Trail to the TT3 trail marker (this is part of the emergency response system as well as trail markers for users). Hike west across the wash on the climber trail. The trail gradually ascends the west rib of the right arm of the Tom's Thumb cirque and passes the Fort McDowell crag. It continues to zig zag up the hill until approximately horizontal with Half and Half Wall. At a zig in the climber trail look for a climber path leading down and left across a small wash and then following cairns up to the top of the Half and Half crag. From the high point of this approach follow down right and around the back of Half and Half until you come out on top of the slab. A large boulder is equipped with bolts that can be set up for a 30-meter rap to the bottom of the slab. By scrambling back and forth along the bottom of the crag you can access all of the climbs from the bottom of the rappel. There is another potential rap anchor at the top of Head Crack.

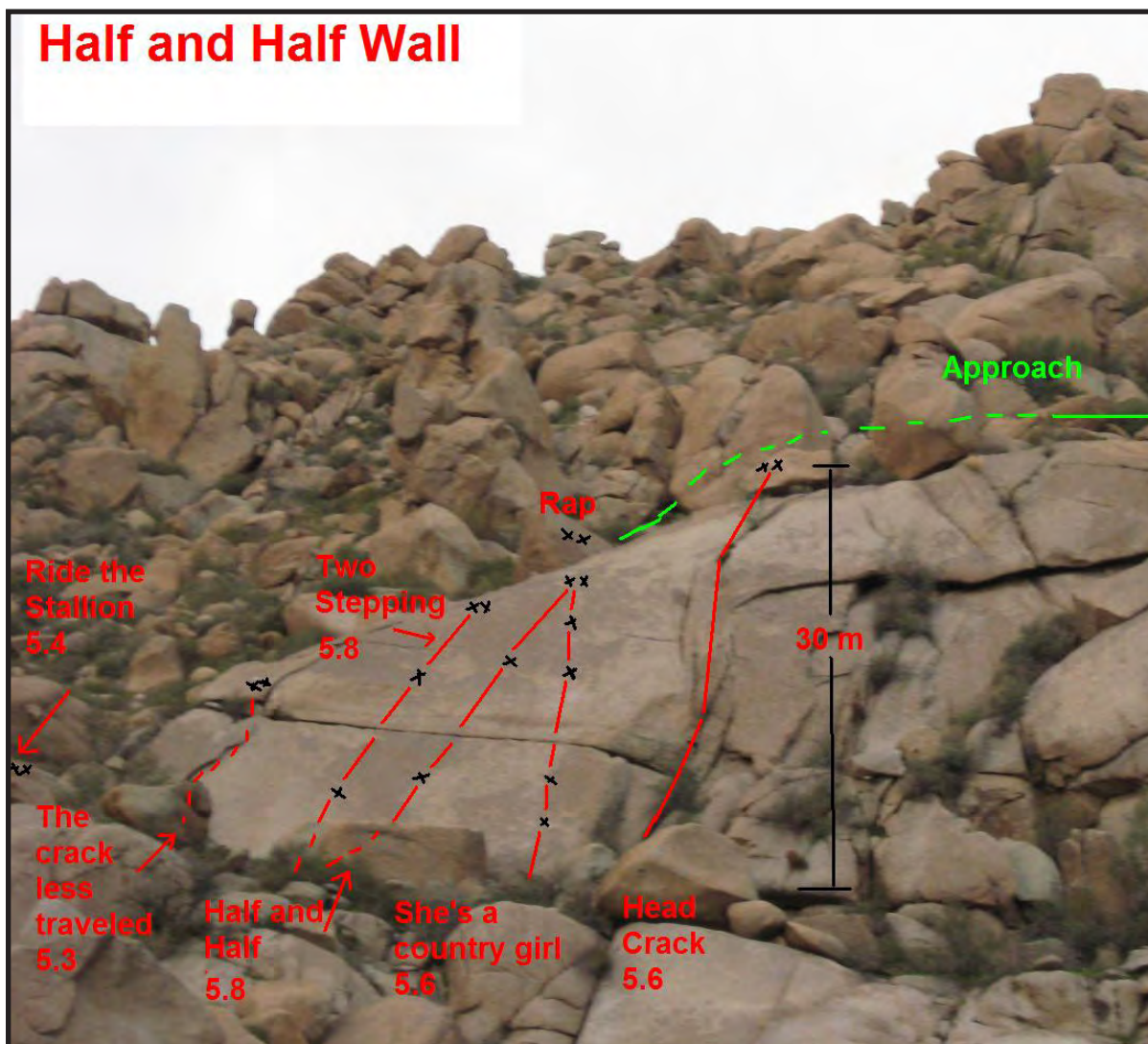


# McDowell Crags - Half and Half Wall (cont)

Depending on level of fitness the approach is about 20 minutes.

**Routes:** The climbs are shown on the accompanying route photo. While mostly bolted, the horizontal crack requires gear placements, as do some of the cracks. Take a light rack up to 3" and half a dozen draws. The climbs on the left side of the slab have 2 bolt anchors at the top of the steep section of each climb so it is not necessary to repeat the very low angle last 20 feet or so each time.

*Erik Filsinger*



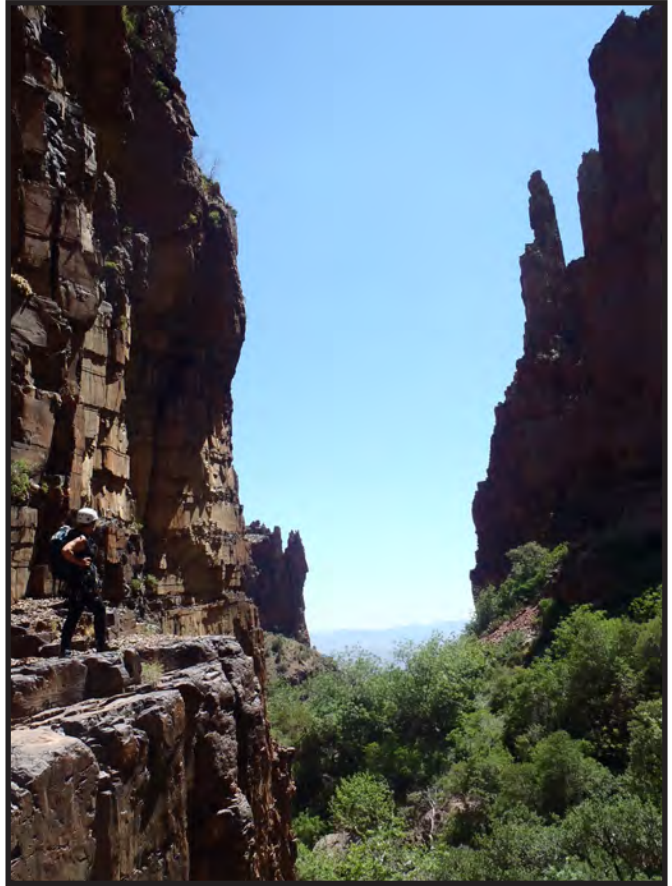
# Parker Canyon

*“In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks.” - John Muir.*

You will find this statement true with Parker Canyon. Parker Canyon is a charming red quartzite canyon located in the Sierra Ancha Wilderness. It is a technical class 3 (requires rappelling) canyon. Water flows through the canyon in the spring making it the best time to explore the canyon, but can be done during other seasons of the year. The canyon contains waterfalls, a water slide, rock spires, lush vegetation, birds, and butterflies. Katie could name every butterfly we saw.

During our canyon trip we were also amused by a red-black-yellow striped snake that Cheryl almost sat on. No one in the group could remember the rhyme to determine the color combination to identify if the snake was friendly or not. So after the trip Susan looked it up and it was determined the snake was friendly. Red touching black is a friend of Jack, Red touching yellow can kill a fellow.

One of the exits is named Cadillac exit because you can see remnants of an old car 100' up from the canyon floor. However, if you continue on there is a 50' waterfall and an 80' waterfall with a steep exit on the right side after the 80' waterfall. A worthwhile side trip is to continue approximately 15 minutes down canyon to view another scenic waterfall. Once back on top of the canyon there are vistas of Roosevelt Lake. We found Parker to be a very scenic canyon with lots of character not to mention the fun time we had rappelling, swimming and taking pictures. It is advisable to get information on the canyon before exploring. Many AMC members have explored this canyon and can be used as a resource.



*Susan surveys the canyon at the bottom of the 80' rappel.  
Photo by Cheryl Beaver*



## Parker Canyon (cont)



*From Top Clockwise:*

*May 14th excursion: Susan Harnage, Cheryl Beaver, Katie Beaver, and Thad Colgrove*

*Photo by Susan Harnage*

*Susan and Thad watch Katie on the slide*

*Photo by Cheryl Beaver*

*Katie on rappel*

*Photo by Susan Harnage*



# Salome Jug - 2011



*Kathy Sharp, Richard Theobald, Bill Fallon, John Farrell, Josh Sladek, Stormy Rose, Mark Lucas, Mike Lust, Nancy Birdwell, Jill Daugherty, Charles Hanson, and Troy Lucas at the beginning of the Jug Trail*



*Josh Sladek finishes a trip down the big slide.*



## Salome Jug - 2011 (cont)



*From Top Clockwise:*

*Tim Lange starts the rappel and below are Rogil Schroeter and Nick Hoffman.*

*Bill Fallon watches Stormy Rose start the rappel to the bottom of the waterfall.*

*John Farrell had been taking a photo of the big waterfall.*

*Photos by Kathy Sharp*

# 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

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# Thank You Robert England!

On behalf of all the AMC members, past and present, I want to express our gratitude to Robert England for his many years of service as the AMC Newsletter editor. As many of you may recall, Robert took over this job several years ago from Wally Vegors, one of the founding members of the AMC and long-time Newsletter editor. Following Wally's model, Robert took on the commitment and responsibility single-handedly to make the AMC Newsletter a reality month in and month out, from soliciting (read nagging, cajoling, begging) for inputs to getting it published and printed. Among his notable achievements, Robert managed to collect, scan, and post the Newsletter going back to 2000. Thanks to his efforts, most of us receive our Newsletters electronically and save a tree or two in the process.

The process of publishing a monthly newsletter requires commitment and many hours of work each month, as the new Newsletter Committee can attest. I again say Thank You, Robert, for a job well done.

*Bill Fallon*

# Calendar of Events - Outings/Schools/Events

## AUGUST

- 8 AMC Board Meeting
- 22 AMC Member Meeting

## SEPTEMBER

- 5 Labor Day (Monday)
- 12 AMC Board Meeting
- 13 Lead School Sep 13, 14, 15, 17, 18
- 26 AMC Member Meeting

## OCTOBER

- 1 Grand Canyon Clean up
- 5 Outdoor Rock Climbing School Instructors Meeting
- 10 Columbus Day AMC Board Meeting
- 12 Outdoor Rock Climbing School Oct 11, 13, 15, 16, 18, 20, 22
- 24 AMC Member Meeting
- 29 Queen Creek Cleanup and Climb (the whole weekend?)

## NOVEMBER

- 3 Anchors School Instructor Meeting
- 9 Anchors School Nov 8, 10, 12, 13
- 11 Veterans Day (Friday)
- 14 AMC Board Meeting
- 25 Thanksgiving at Joshua Tree
- 28 AMC Member Meeting

## DECEMBER

- 5 AMC Board Meeting
- 16 Holiday Party
- 19 AMC Member Meeting - Photo Contest
- 25 Christmas (Sunday)

*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.*

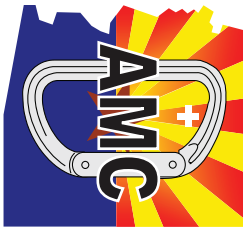
### Billboard—Other Scheduled Events

*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.*

**Tuesdays**      **Ape Index Gym Climbing - Rogil Schroeter (623) 512-8465**

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

**Thursdays**      **Phoenix Rock Gym Climbing - AMC Members \$10 admission with ID card.  
Curtis Stone - Kim McClintic**



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