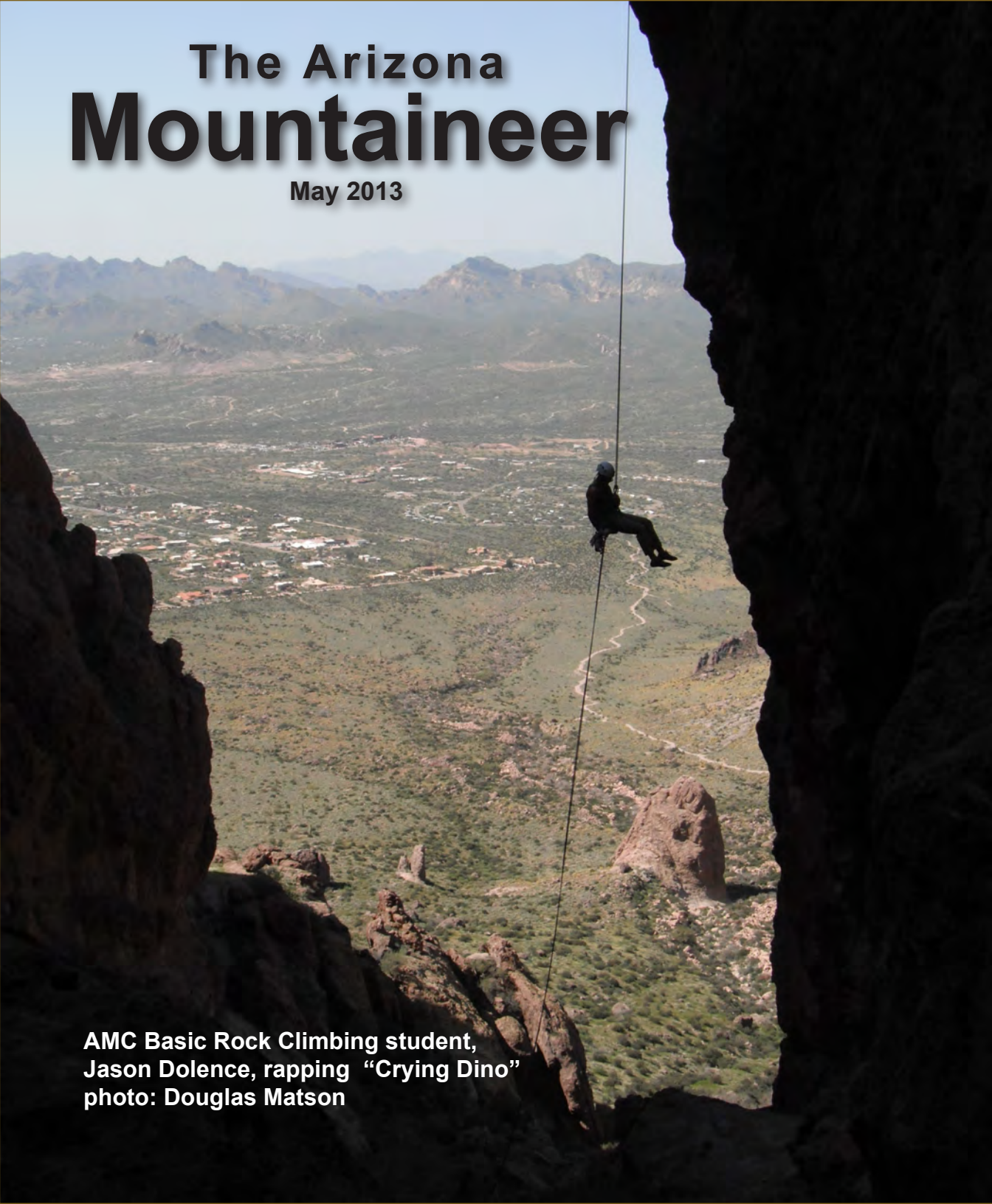


# The Arizona Mountaineer

May 2013



AMC Basic Rock Climbing student,  
Jason Dolence, rappelling "Crying Dino"  
photo: Douglas Matson

# The Arizona Mountaineering Club

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  
PO Box 30163  
Mesa, AZ 85275-0163

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 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 at [smorefil@aol.com](mailto:smorefil@aol.com).

**Newsletter:** The Arizona Mountaineer is published monthly by the AMC. The newsletter depends on contributions from its members so PLEASE send us your articles, gear reviews and/or photos.

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

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. Contact Dave McClintic at 602-885-5194 about billing. All ads are to be submitted to the newsletter committee by the 1st of the month prior to the month to be published.

Submit items for publication and direct any questions through email to Susan at [SHarnage@aol.com](mailto:SHarnage@aol.com). All submissions are subject to approval by the AMC newsletter committee: *Cheryl Beaver, Tracy Fleming, Susan Harnage, and Jutta Ulrich.*

## 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 Lust at (602) 770-8326.

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## Treasurer's Report

### Arizona Mountaineering Club Income Statement Period Ended March 2013

#### INCOME

Advertising	0.00
Dues	3,480.00
Grants Received	0.00
Interest	0.00
Mountaineering Schools	1,190.00
Rental Equipment	233.00
AARS Fall	0.00
AARS Spring	1,330.00
Basic Fall	0.00
Basic Spring	5,575.00
Lead Fall	0.00
Lead Spring	760.00
Training Other	5.00
Merchandise & Other	697.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>13,270.00</b>

#### EXPENSES

Admin	639.28
Promotional	1,526.86
Bank chgs	294.70
Capital Expenditures	0.00
Equipment Maintenance	0.00
Grants Expended	0.00
Insurance	0.00
Land Advocacy Committee	41.20
Library	0.00
Newsletter	120.23
Outings	73.59
Outing Leaders	0.00
Programs Monthly Meeting	1,627.94
Training	5,001.62
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>9,325.42</b>

**OVERALL TOTAL 3,944.58**

#### ACCOUNT BALANCES

Checking & PayPal	19,305.40
Accounts Receivable	0.00
CD Account	15,000.00
<b>TOTAL CASH ASSETS</b>	<b>34,305.40</b>
AMC Outing Gear	0.00
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>34,305.40</b>

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## 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 15% discount.
- **AZ on the Rocks Gym** - 16447 N. 91st St., Scottsdale, AZ 85260. 480-502-9777. 10% off membership.
- **Climbmax Gym** - 1330 W Auto Dr, Suite 112, Tempe, AZ 85284 - 480-626-7755. 10% off membership.
- **Phoenix Rock Gym** - 1353 E. University, Tempe, AZ 85281. 480-921-8322. 10% off membership.

**JUNE NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MAY 1ST**

## May Birthdays

Ernie Babich 1, George Denny 4, Michael Inzano 4, John Williams 9,  
John Furniss 9, Steve Sharp 9, Kim Huenecke 12, Bill Butler 15,  
Chris Curtis 15, Lynn Folden 18, Robert Kessenich 20, Angela Storey 21,  
Randy Ryan 22, Jutta Ulrich 22, Laura Nagy 23, Curtis Stone 24,  
Mike Koehlmoos 27, Terri VanHerpen 27, Elizabeth Everly 28, Patti Waldrup 31

# AMC Board Minutes - April 8, 2013

Call to order: Bill Fallon called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Board Members present: Bill Fallon, Cheryl Beaver, David Sampson, Douglas Matson, Erik Filsinger, Gavin Storey, John Gray, Thad Colgrove

Board Members absent: Eric Evans

Minutes: The Minutes of the March 11, 2013 Board meeting were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Reports for February were approved as submitted. Treasurer's Report for March was approved as amended. Bill Fallon reported that he had concluded the transition of Thad Colgrove as new the AMC Treasurer with the bank.

Committee Reports:

Membership – The current number of dues paid members stands at 228

Programs – No report.

Outings/Activities – In the Recent Past, outings were held to: Basic ORC School – Mar. 12,14,16,17,19,21,23 – Bill & lots of others; Spider Walk – Mar. 16 – Frank Vers, Douglas Matson; AMC Birthday Party & Climb – Mar. 30 – Erik Filsinger, Kim McClintic; QC Cleanup and Climb – April 6 – Dave McClintic, Tiina & John Perlman; McDowell's Stewardship Day – April 6 – Erik Filsinger

Upcoming activities include: Anchors School – April 9,11,13,14 – Eric Evans

Land Advocacy – Erik stated that the City of Scottsdale has constructed main city trails to Little Granite Mountain, one of which includes a diagonal from the Power Line Road connecting to the Little Granite Mountain Loop trail. That series of connections will be the new access to the climbing areas on the southern flank of Little Granite Mountain.

T & S – Bill discussed the recently held and upcoming schools.

Newsletter Committee – Cheryl indicated that the upcoming newsletter is in process.

Technology Team – the Board entertain a motion to add Paul Laughlin to the Technology team. Motion passed.



# AMC Board Minutes - April 8, 2013 (cont)

## New Business

AMC Mission Statement – David Sampson will take the lead on drafting an AMC mission statement for review and input by the Board.

AMC Storage Locker Access – Bill Fallon indicated that the AMC storage facility has been “reset” with new access codes. Only official AMC Outing Leaders are to have access unless specifically authorized on a case by case basis by the AMC President.

AMC Web Site – Bill Fallon discussed the progress being made by Paul Laughlin to redesign the AMC Web Site. The Board entertained and approved a motion to adopt the new Web Site platform and design.

Archiving and Maintenance of Club Records – Based on input received from Board members Bill presented and discussed an outline of which official club records should be maintained. Further discussion after refinement of the list will involve the type, length and responsibilities for club document retention.

## Old Business

Outing Leader Dues Waivers – David McClintic will be tasked with meeting with the AMC official Outing Leaders to obtain input on what policies and procedures will motivate OL's to offer more official AMC outings.

Outing Leader Apprentice Process - The sub-committee chaired by David McClintic will report back to the Board at a future board meeting.

AMC Canyoneering Interest Group – The Board is still in the process of soliciting potential candidates to lead an AMC Canyoneering Interest Group.

Club Docs – Bill is continuing this project.

Advanced Climbing Seminars (ACS) - David Sampson discussed a potential Rope Soloing Advanced Climbing Seminar. Erik Filsinger and Cheryl Beaver are still working on a Self-Rescue Advanced Climbing Seminar. An overall coordinator for the ACS series is still being sought.

## Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.



# **AMC Member Meeting**

**May 20, 2013**

**7:00 PM**

**TBD**

**Guests are welcome!**

**Located at Granite Reef Senior Center  
1700 N. Granite Reef Rd., Scottsdale**

For questions or information about this program, contact Kim at *[canyonkim@gmail.com](mailto:canyonkim@gmail.com)*

# Congratulations Basic Rock Climbing Students!

Welcome to our newest AMC members and Basic Outdoor Rock Climbing School grads!

In March we ran our umpteenth Basic School and it was another great success thanks to a the terrific turnout of enthusiastic Students and Instructors. The weather was perfect and the climbing even better in the McDowell's and Queen Creek; how lucky we are to live in Arizona! Best of all, this newest group of students were all so enthusiastic and full of energy it was inevitable that we would have a really fun time. Everyone picked up the new skills very quickly. Most people had never climbed on real rock and it was amazing to see the progress in climbing ability just from Saturday in the McDowell's to Sunday at Magma Gardens.

And did I mention the food? This class is in contention for some of the best food ever. A special shout out goes to returning alumnus and instructor Neal Bassett for his cooler of barbeque ribs that made the trip on Sunday to Magma Gardens. Thank you Neal!

And the Grad Party. I Love the Grad Party! A special Thank You goes out to Ron Auerbach and Ruth Barraclough for opening their house and hosting another wonderful party. Thank You, Ron and Ruth!

Finally, a huge Thank You goes out to all the returning Basic School alumni and Instructors that make this semi-annual Rock Climbing School happen. We had a great turnout of instructors for the school and cannot thank them enough. A lot goes on behind the scenes to pull off the school; many thanks to Eric Evans for all the support in registration and organizing in the front end of the process. And many thanks to all the instructors that made it to the Instructor's meeting the week before class to do all the heavy lifting - inspecting all the ropes, inventorying gear, assembling manuals and student gear packs, and volunteering for special duties. Special thanks go out to the Outing Leaders who led our Grad climbs - Frank Vers, David McClintic, Rogil Schroeter, Curtis Stone, Jeff Nagel, and Steven Crane.

I'm already looking forward to the Fall class in October and fresh faces among our instructor corps with the return of our new grads to help with the next class of recruits.

Now, get out there and climb! Have fun and be safe.

~Bill Fallon

## **Students:**

David Anderson, Tevor Boswell, Eric Brown, William Bucur, Lynn Bufka, Drew Calaci, Susana Casanova, Geoff Chalmers, Jason Dolence, Narayana Moorthy Hari Krishnan, Jacqueline Hunter, Yuko Maeda, Ivy Maes, Jeremiah (JT) Moree, Christine Panopio, Daniel Panopio, Wes Plumb, Jeff Reisinger, Deborah Roether, Mark Sharp, Adam Sprenger, Corrina Sprenger, Jennifer Steyer, John Turoczi, Colleen Yates, Rob Zmudzinski, DJ Zor

## **Instructors:**

Bill Fallon, Ronald Auerbach,, Neal Bassett, Cheryl Beaver, Anthony Cadorin, David Cameron, Christopher Canevit, Thad Colgrove, Steven Crane, Chris Curtis, Anne Dacanay, B'Etta Euler, Malia Euler, David Everett, Frank Fischer, Lynn Folden, Greg Frantz, Jaci Frantz, Daniel Gonzales, John Gray, Jacob Hancock, Mal Hooper, Dorothea Jackson, Louise Johnson, Robert Kessenich, Heather Kiegel, Scott Kuchman, Tim Lange, Paul Laughlin, Willy Leung, Mike Lust, Nancy Lust, Douglas Matson, Erin Matson, David McClintic, Jeffry Nagel, Laura Nagy, Scott Nagy, Jessica Nalewjka, Elizabeth Parmer, Chara Price, Rogil Schroeter, Curtis Stone, Angela Storey, Gavin Storey, Alex Taylor, FrankVers, Patti Waldrup, Jeff Watkins

Photos contributed by: Jessica Nalewjka, Bill Fallon, Greg Frantz, Jaci Frantz, Jeff Watkins, Christopher Canevit, Douglas Matson, Erin Matson, David Anderson, Murthy Tata

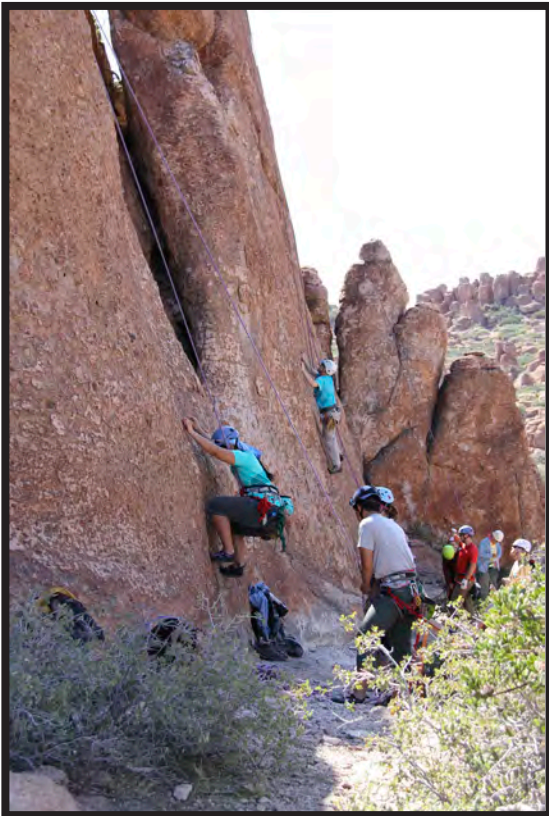
















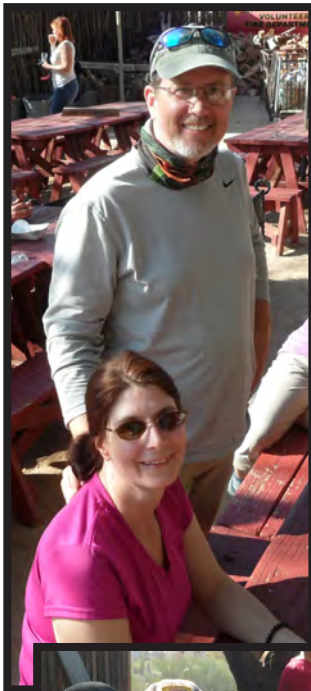
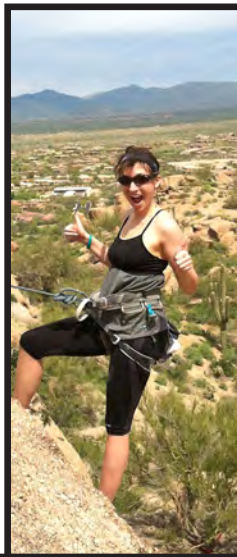
## AMC's 49th Birthday Celebration

On March 30, over 30 AMC'ers gathered at Cactus Flower Wall to celebrate the 49th Birthday of the AMC. Founded in 1964 the AMC is Arizona's oldest and largest rock climbing club. Temperatures were perfect and the climbing sufficiently varied and challenging enough to satiate the climbers. Afterwards the group adjourned to Greasewood Flat to celebrate at that historic and iconic haunt. "Thanks" to Kim McClintic for helping gather the group and coordinating the Greasewood Flat activities and "Thanks" to the outing leaders and other volunteers who went in early to set up the climbs for the day. A good day was had by all.

~Erik Filsinger, Outing Leader









## McDowell Crags - Sven Towers II

Sven Towers I, II and III are located high on the ridgeline south of Sven Slab and have magnificent position with superior views across the Verde Valley. The approach to these great climbs is not from the immediate Sven Slab area, however.

Sven Towers II is approached up Mesquite Canyon. Take the Tom's Thumb Trail through the trail head building. After a couple of hundred yards, turn left on the Mesquite Canyon trail which is followed about half a mile to the Feldspar trail. Turn left and after 100 yards take the Climber Access Route to Girlie Man, Sven Towers and Hog Heaven.



At emergency marker 23 and fork at the base of the hill under Sven Towers III, take the left option and go to the saddle between Sven Towers II and Sven Towers III. A trail sign indicates the path to the bottom of Sven Towers III. Go left up the hill to the trail sign indicating the top of Sven Towers II. One option is to leave your packs here for the return if folks are willing to carry some water and approach shoes up and over.

Continue on the climber access route north along the west side of Sven Towers II. You arrive at the saddle north of Sven Towers II with the trail sign indicating the bottom of Sven Towers II. Take this route as it contours around and down to the base of the prominent arête. You will

be near a vertical crack and see an obvious overhang about 50 feet up the arête.

I have this climb set up as a 3-pitch climb now. The first pitch is to climb the vertical crack, and then surmount the overhang on the right side of the arête. I have a bolt to protect this move. After a step left go up the face past a marginal small gear placement and step further left onto the arête. Bolts protect the arête and most of the way to a two-bolt anchor about 30 meters off the ground. It is on a ledge and should be comfortable for several people.

The next pitch continues up to a large open ledge at the top of the arête. A two-bolted anchor is on the wall at its head. (Note: this anchor is about 65 meters off the original point of origin and when I was originally working the route this was the end of my first pitch.) Plenty of room for a lot of folks. It is possible to scramble down right and then up a gully to avoid the last pitch in an emergency.

The last pitch goes up the first steep section and the along an arête with bolts to the top.

As an alternative and what I do when with another competent climber is to make it two pitches in total by running it out from the first anchor to the top (60+ meters). It probably makes a better experience to use all three pitches with a larger group.

There are cracks and bolts on the top for anchors.

The descent for a larger group could be to have them rap 30 feet south off the summit. It is possible to down climb due west onto a boulder and to protect yourself by threading a cordelette through the rap ring and use it to lower yourself down 10 feet to where it is an easy scramble to the base of the rappel. The cordelette should pull pretty easy, but make sure you grab the strands on both sides if you are weighting it.

Continue the descent down and around to the west, going through a tunnel and then down slope to the trail sign indicating the “top of Sven Towers II.”

Pro – a standard trad rack up to 4 inches should suffice. There are a number of bolts as well.

~Erik Filsinger





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THE DATE**

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**2013**

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**AMC'S ANNUAL**

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**CLEAN-UP, CLIMB**

**& CHILI COOK-OFF**

# AMC 2013 Calendar

## MAY

- 6 AMC Board Meeting
- 20 AMC Member Meeting
- 25-27 Memorial Day Weekend - Alpine Climb
- 27 Memorial Day (Monday)

## JUNE

- 10 AMC Board Meeting
- 24 AMC Member Meeting - Swap Meet

## JULY

- Jul 4 Independence Day (Thursday)
- Jul 8 AMC Board Meeting  
(No Member Meeting in July)

## AUGUST

- 12 AMC Board Meeting
- 26 AMC Member Meeting

## SEPTEMBER

- 2 Labor Day (Monday)
- 9 AMC Board Meeting
- 10 Lead School - Sep 10, 11, 12, 14, 15
- 23 AMC Member Meeting
- 28 Grand Canyon Clean Up

## OCTOBER

- 9 Basic Outdoor Rock Climbing School  
Instructors Meeting
- 14 Columbus Day AMC Board Meeting
- 15 Basic Outdoor Rock Climbing School -  
15, 17, 19, 29, 22, 24, 26
- 28 AMC Member Meeting

## NOVEMBER

- 2 Queen Creek Cleanup and Climb
- 4 AMC Board Meeting
- 6 Anchors School Instructor Meeting
- 11 Veterans Day (Monday)
- 12 Anchors School - Nov 12, 14, 16, 17
- 18 AMC Member Meeting –Activities Expo
- 28 Thanksgiving at Joshua Tree

## DECEMBER

- 2 AMC Board Meeting
- 7 Alpine Rock Seminar
- 13 Holiday Party

## 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.*

*AMC is also on meetup. For official and unofficial outings go to:*

*<http://www.meetup.com/Arizona-Mountaineering-Club/>*

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

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

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

**May 4**      **Salome canyon:** Short (5 mile) canyoneering trip. Hot hike, icy swims, slippery footing, bouldering & one rappel. Contact Rogil@cox.net or 623-512-8465.





**We've got room!**



**We can even put our tents on the floor now!**





# AMC Basic Rock Climbing Class Spring 2013

