

The Arizona Mountaineer

April 2014



IN MEMORY OF JOHN R. SCOTT 1947-2014

Fellow AMC member and friend.
Our lives are richer for having known him
and he will be truly missed.

The Arizona Mountaineering Club

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Meetings: The member meeting location is:

Granite Reef Senior Center: 1700 North Granite Reef Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 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 can be paid using PayPal on the AMC website or mailed to AMC Membership, PO Box 30163, Mesa, AZ 85275-0163. (Checks only).

The Arizona Mountaineering Club

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.arizonamountaineeringclub.org

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

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.

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. Submit to: amcaznewsletter@gmail.com by the 1st of the month prior to the month to be published.

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

Advertising in the newsletter 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: amcaznewsletter@gmail.com by the 1st of the month prior to the month to be published.

SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE ON APRIL 1ST FOR THE MAY NEWSLETTER
SEND TO: AMCAZNEWSLETTER@GMAIL.COM

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.

OUTING LEADER

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Treasurer's Report

Arizona Mountaineering Club Income Statement Period Ended February 2014

INCOME

Advertising	0.00
Dues	3,150.00
Grants Received	0.00
Interest	11.35
Mountaineering Schools	160.00
Rental Equipment	0.00
AARS Fall	0.00
AARS Spring	95.00
Basic Fall	0.00
Basic Spring	2,730.00
Lead Fall	0.00
Lead Spring	760.00
Training Other	0.00
Merchandise & Other	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	6,906.35

EXPENSES

Admin	225.30
Promotional	0.00
Bank chgs	181.18
Capital Expenditures	25.00
Equipment Maintenance	0.00
Grants Expended	0.00
Insurance	0.00
Land Advocacy Committee	0.00
Library	0.00
Newsletter	119.13
Outings	0.00
Outing Leaders	77.50
Programs Monthly Meeting	750.00
Training	3,717.47
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,095.58

OVERALL TOTAL 1,810.77

ACCOUNT BALANCES

Checking & PayPal	23,845.56
Accounts Receivable	0.00
CD Account	15,000.00
TOTAL CASH ASSETS	38,845.56
AMC Outing Gear	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	38,845.56

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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. 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.
- **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.

AMC Board Minutes - March 10, 2014

Call to order: David Sampson called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

Board Members present: John Gray, David Sampson, Christopher Canevit, Thad Colgrove, Bill Fallon, Matt Kalina, Mike Lust, and Paul Laughlin

Board Members absent: Gavin Storey

Members present: Laura Nagy, Zack Smith, Maureen Nowland, and Erik Filsinger

Minutes: Minutes of February 10, 2014 board meeting were approved as published

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer's report for February 2014 was approved

Outings/Activities

Recent:

Lead School - February 11-13, 15/16 - Mike Knarzer, David Sampson - 11 students attended.

Basic Ice Climbing - February 14-17 - Bruce McHenry

Queen Victoria Rock Outing – February 22 – David Sampson, Bill Fallon

Ice Climbing Outing, Ouray - March 7-9 - Bruce McHenry

AMC Meeting - February 24 - Annual photo contest

Upcoming:

Basic School - March 11/13/15/16/18/20/22 - Bill F. - 23 students enrolled - Location Change to North Mountain Visitor Center and Little Granite Mountain on Sunday

AMC Member Meeting - March 24 - Arno Ilnger

AMC 50th Bday event - Sat/Sun, March 29/30 - Laura/Maureen - Discussed

FA/CPR - At Curtis's clubhouse March 31 6:30pm

Anchors Class - April

Glacier Travel Class - March 19-20 - Commercial paperwork submitted to Snowbowl waiting to hear back - Erik F.

Crack Climbing Class - Mar 16/19 - David S. discussed

Multipitch Techniques class - Mar 26 David S. discussed

Committee Reports:

Membership - Currently stands at 176 - Membership database purged on March 1 to remove non-renewals. Renewal postcards to be sent.

AMC Board Minutes - March 10, 2014 (continued)

Programs - Meetings planned until September

Land Advocacy - Scottsdale permits granted for Basic School, Erik gave update on Scottsdale.

Mountaineering - Erik F. - Proposed to sell rental equipment that is no longer used for Mountaineering, and passed.

Canyoneering - Matt - Discussed - Policies still being worked

Training/Schools - Bill F. - Discussed upcoming Basic School

Newsletter - Cheryl - Replacements for committee chair and newsletter advertising content discussed

Technology Team - Discussed recent social media issues. Team to work towards resolutions. Committee members to be proposed for next meeting.

New Business

Hiking shack discount - Discussed. Bill has the action to discuss with Dale Stewart.

AMC Contact info replacement discussion postponed until next month.

Marketing plan - Matt K. - Proposed forming a committee to get better exposure for the club. He took the action to draft a solicitation to membership for a committee chair position.

Old Business

Qualification/classification & outing docs - postponed until next meeting

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:56PM - Respectfully submitted by Christopher Canevit, AMC Secretary

Congratulations Lead School Students!

Students: Ernest Babich, Justin Brown, Will Golz, Daniel Johnson, Laura Nagy, Scott Nagy, Stan Pak, Bryan Rood, Tom Seeley, Jamie Shirleson, Brian Wagner

Instructions: Mike Knarzer John Gray, Jacob Hancock, Dorothea Jackson, Justin Jones, John Keedy, Robert Kessenich, Scott Kuchman, Tim Lange, Paul Laughlin, Mike Lust, Nancy Lust, Douglas Matson, Erin Matson, David McClintic, Kim McClintic, JT Moree, Jeffry Nagel, Chara Price, David Sampson, Rogil Schroeter, Kathy Sharp, Adam Sprenger, Corrina Sprenger, Curtis Stone, Angela Storey, Gavin Storey, Murthy Tata, Jutta Ulrich, Frank Vers, David Anderson, Damon Williams

AMC Rental Equipment

<u>EQUIPMENT</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>\$Dep</u>	<u>1-3day</u>	<u>4-7day</u>	<u>EQUIPMENT</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>\$Dep</u>	<u>1-3day</u>	<u>4-7day</u>
MSR Alpine snowshoes	5	32	10	16	Avalanche Kit (probe &				
Ice Crampons	5	26	8	13	shovel	2	10	5	8
Ice axes (70 cm)	6	16	5	8	Curved Ice Tools (pair)	2	40	20	35
Ice axes (90 cm)	5	14	5	7					
Snow shovel	1	8	3	4					

Contact Jeff Crosby for information on how to rent AMC equipment. 480-516-7815

Seeking Chair of AMC Marketing Committee

Are you excited about marketing? Are you interested in a volunteer position that would enhance your marketing and advertising experience and skills with the most respected outdoor sports association in Arizona?

Your time has arrived. The Arizona Mountaineering Club seeks an individual to head up a new Marketing Committee.

Use your talents and creativity in an exciting opportunity available now to begin a new chapter for AMC in its 50th year and refresh its image and brand, bringing it to a new level.

Responsibilities of the position include:

1. Proposing a marketing plan.
2. Creating a strategy for advertising, promotion, publicity, public relation and social media.
3. Revamping AMC's brand.
4. Recruiting vendors to create a new logo.
5. Recruiting additional members to the committee.

Please send a message of interest, résumé and questions to Matt Kalina, Director of the Board, AMC, at MattKalina@yahoo.com.

Cover photos clockwise from left:

1. John taking the AMC anchors class in November 2012. Photo courtesy of Cheryl Beaver.
2. John at the summit of Bluff Spring Mountain with Weaver's Needle in the background. November 2011. Photo courtesy of Angela Romaine
3. John making the step across on Treiber's Deception at Tom's Thumb AMC outing. December 2012. Photo courtesy of Shiloh Dorsett.

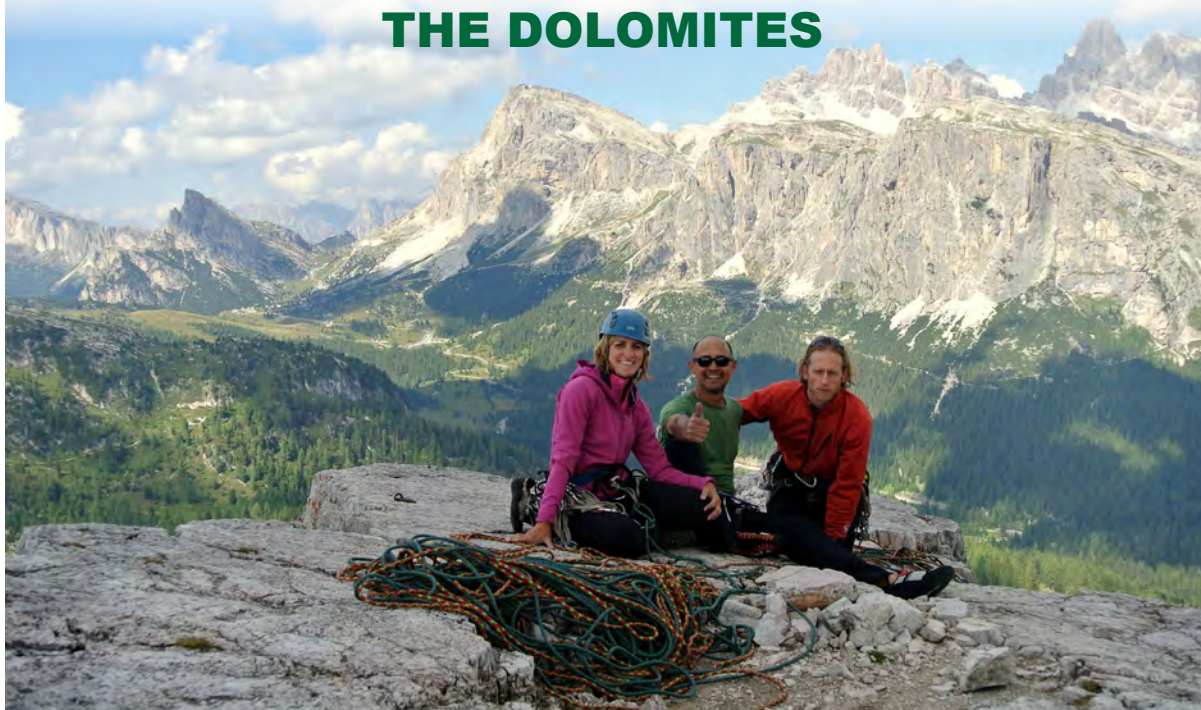
More photos and John's obituary can be found at <http://hikearizona.com/dexcoder.php?PID=1666437>

AMC

Member Program

April 28th, 2014 at 7pm

MANNY RANGEL & LAUREL ARNDT THE DOLOMITES



Manny, Laurel and Greg Novak (Cottonwood resident) on top of Cinque Torre after climbing a multipitch route, Via Delle Guide, IV (5.6ish), 100m of trad climbing with bolted belays. That's a good thing because the protection is tricky or non-existent.

"I have climbed one of the top places in my bucket list: Italian Dolomites. I have been climbing over thirty years, much of it here. I have also climbed in Mexico, Thailand, France, Spain, Canada, and many areas in the USA. My favorite climbing is in Spain where I spend a lot of time in Barcelona and the surrounding areas. I am currently working on a new route, ground up and hand-drilled, on Leviathan Dome. I also have another quartzite area that has caught my eye and rope, Christopher Creek Canyon. I have written one guidebook, Isolation Canyon, and I am working on a guide to Central Arizona."

~Manny Rangel

Visitors Welcome!

Located at Granite Reef Senior Center, 1700 N. Granite Reef Rd., Scottsdale
Contact Kim with questions. canyonkim@gmail.com

AMC Anchors School - Spring 2014

The AMC Climbing Anchors School teaches participants how to set climbing anchors for top-roping. This course is the logical next step for AMC Basic Climbing School graduates.

Class curriculum:

Tuesday: Learn anchor components, anchor types, knots and hitches.

Thursday: Learn anchor system characteristics and construction.

Saturday: Gain experience setting anchors by practicing “hands-on” scenarios under instructor supervision.

Sunday: Apply newly learned skills setting real anchors on an optional climbing day. This session is a climbing outing where students set the anchors under instructor supervision and then spend the day climbing.

Class schedule:

Apr. 8	Tuesday	6:00 pm–9:30 pm	* Scottsdale Cactus Park
Apr. 10	Thursday	6:00 pm–9:30 pm	Scottsdale Cactus Park
Apr. 12	Saturday	8:00 am–4:00 pm	Sullivan’s Canyon, Chino Valley
Apr. 13	Sunday	7:00 am–5:00 pm	Promised Land, Chino Valley (Weather permitting)

* Cactus Park is located on the northeast corner of Cactus Rd. and Scottsdale Rd in Scottsdale.

Experience required: AMC Basic School graduate or equivalent, which must include knowledge of how to belay, rappel, prusik, tie a figure-8-on-a-bight and figure-8-on-a-follow-through, and make a girth hitch.

Cost: \$95 plus membership if not already a member (\$30 for an individual and \$35 for a family). Membership is good through Dec., 2014. Register by the Paypal link on the website (<http://www.amcaz.org/anchorsRegistration.asp>) or if you need to send a check you can contact Nancy Lust amcanchorsschool@gmail.com for the address. No credit cards accepted. The registration fee is fully refundable if you cancel. Contact Nancy Lust by email: amcanchorsschool@gmail.com for more info. The number of students will be limited to 36.

Equipment required for the class:

- 2 non-locking “D” or oval carabiners (at least 2, bring more if you have them)
- 3 locking carabiners (at least 3, one of which should be a parabiner)
- 1 rappel/belay device (Trango Jaws, Black Diamond ATC, Trango Pyramid, Figure-8, etc.)
- 1 climbing harness
- 1 ea 4’, 6’, 10’ 6mm prusiks (untied length)
- 2 ea 5’, 10’, 20’ slings (1” tubular webbing, untied length, AKA runners)
- 1 or 2 personal anchor slings (commercial daisy chains or 4’ sewn Spectra runners or equivalent)
- 1 helmet—required for Saturday and Sunday sessions, helmets are available if you do not have one.

(The slings and harness are the only additional equipment needed over the Basic School requirements)

This class is designed to teach you how to set top-rope anchors. In order to become independent and set your own anchors, you should start acquiring anchor gear. These purchases will be limited by how much money you want/have to spend and how much interest you have in climbing independently. The following gear is not required for Anchors School, but if you have some, you will be able to practice setting it in class. All of the gear recommended below can be used for Lead School, and none of it will be wasted if you intend to set your own anchors. All gear should be marked prior to bringing it to class to prevent confusion between it and other people’s gear. If you don’t know how to mark gear, check with an instructor before doing so to avoid weakening equipment due to improper marking.

Other gear you may want to bring:

- Any pro you may have (hexes, nuts, camming devices, Tri-cams, etc.)
- Extra biners (regular D’s, ovals, and lockers—stay away from specialty biners at this time)
- Extra slings (perhaps four 5’, two 15’ slings, untied lengths)

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

**PLEASE JOIN US
FOR SOME GOOD
CLEAN FUN!**

**SATURDAY
APRIL 5TH**

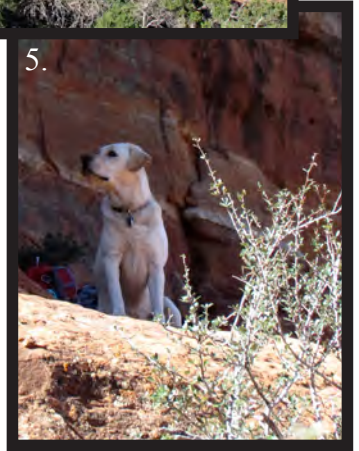
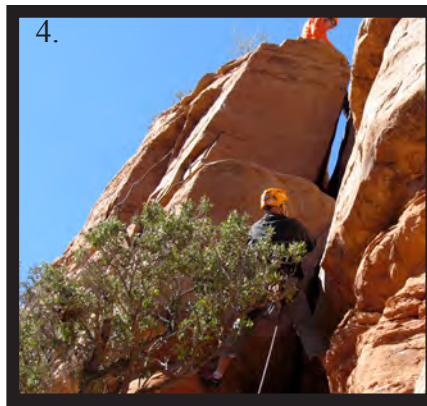
**AMC'S
BI-ANNUAL
QUEEN
CREEK
CLEAN-UP &
CLIMB**



**GO TO MEET UP
FOR DETAILS**

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

Queen Victoria



1. Queen Victoria multi-pitch, 5.7 route, is the rock formation on the right. This is a very popular climb in Sedona and we were lucky to have it all to ourselves.
2. Beautiful scenery on the 30 minute hike in with great vistas of the surrounding rock.
3. Pitch 1- around 70ft of climbing, the crack starts in more of a dihedral and then quickly turns into a prominent chimney. We climbed into a fixed belay station with two bolts. David A.Sampson led and watches Bill Fallon climb up the first pitch.
4. Pitch 2- Traverse left to the base of two big broken blocks of limestone that form an off-width crack between the blocks. This proved to be a challenge and everyone had their own technique for making it up and over this spot. The third and last pitch (no picture) goes up a chopped up and broken chimney with an awkward (for me, anyway) pull over a bulge that put you at a little fin inside of the chimney.
5. We had our 4-legged companion, Faith, to help us with our trust in making some of the moves.

Happiness is climbing with AMC! Can't wait to go again- sign me up!

~ Deborah Roether

AMC Photo Contest

Congratulations to all the winners!

Mike Knarzer won the prize for overall best photo and it will be featured on the cover of the May newsletter. Thanks to all that participated. Not all winning photos were available for publication.



Deborah Roether
Canyoneering 3rd place

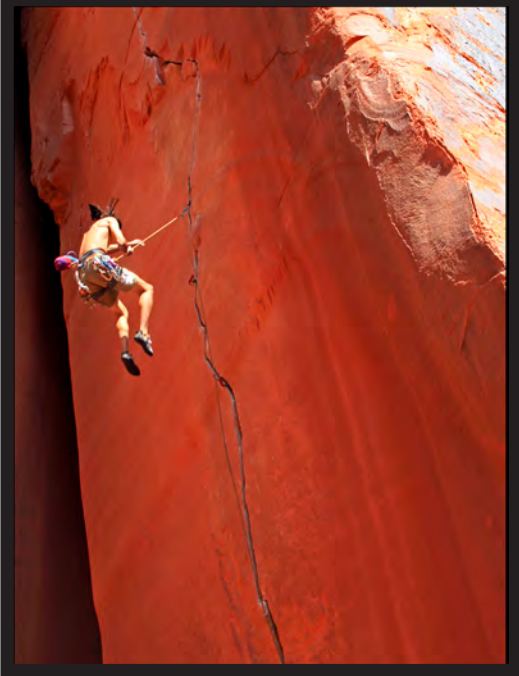
Mike Knarzer

Scenic 1st place & overall winner.

"My friend Carlos atop Eichhorn Pinnacle in Tuolumne Meadows of Yosemite. We climbed Cathedral Peak, then walked the ridge to summit Eichhorn."

Rock 1st place

Leon taking a big whipper on Annunaki (11+/12-) at Indian Creek. It is an overhanging crack that starts wide hands & gradually narrows to tips. The crux for most is at the top, and Leon tried to gun it for the chains and almost got it.



Humor 3rd place

"A student of mine getting pummelled by water while canyoneering."

Tony Cadorin
Humor 1st place



Chara Price
Humor 2nd place

JTree



Rock Climbing
2nd place

Granite Dells in Prescott

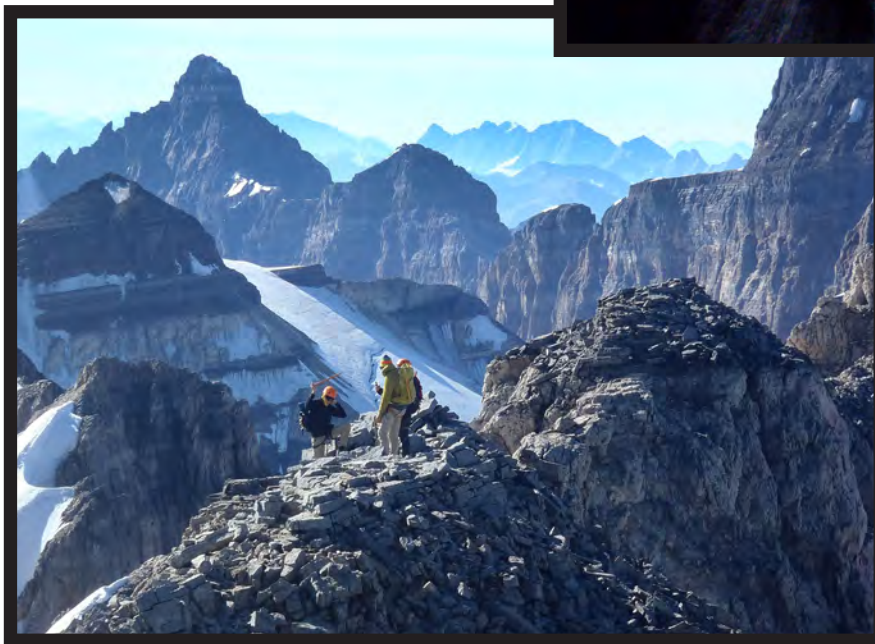
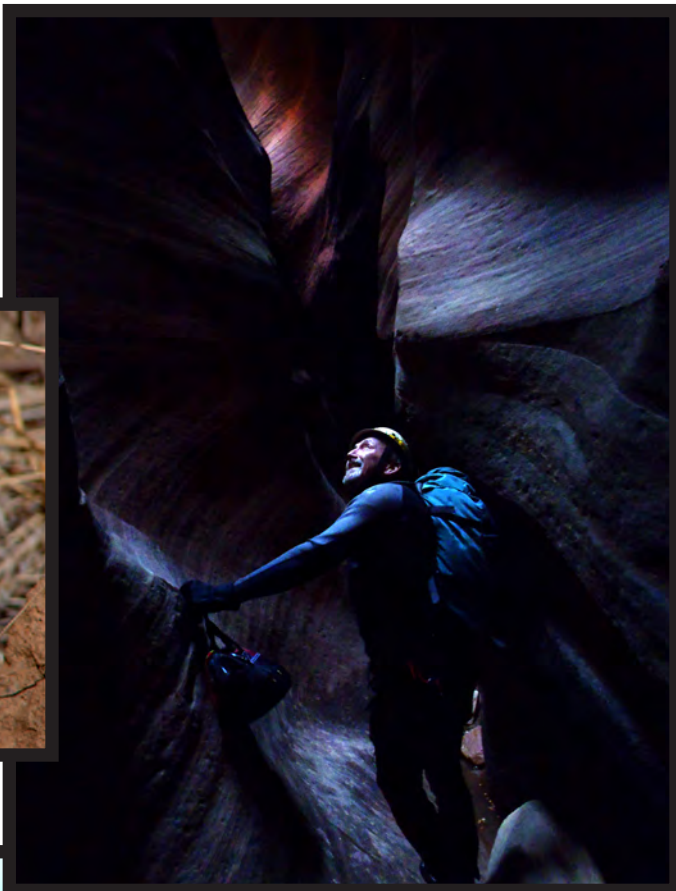
Cheryl Beaver

Canyoneering 1st place

Zion National Park

Wildlife 1st place

Flagstaff



Alpine 3rd place

Victoria Mt., Canadian Rockies

AMC Mountaineering

Committee Activities

2014

Sign up through the AMC Meet-Up site.

Alpine Seminar Series - The first Wednesday of each month. Jeff Crosby leads this informative series of talks based on chapters from *Mountaineering: Freedom of the Hills*. Jeff is soliciting speakers to cover each evening's topics.

Glacier Travel Class - Saturday, April 19 to Sunday, April 20 – Erik Filsinger will hold a snow skills, glacier travel, and crevasse rescue class on Mt. Humphreys.

Colorado Mountain Climb - Saturday, May 24 to Monday, May 26 (Memorial Day Weekend)– Erik Filsinger will take an outing to Southwest Colorado to climb a mountain in practice for AMC alpinists pursuing other mountain climbs in 2014.

Submitted by Erik Filsinger
AMC Mountaineering Committee Chair



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 **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 3** **Salome Canyon -** short (5 mile) canyoneering trip. Hot hike, icy swims, slippery footing, bouldering & one rappel. Contact Rogil@cox.net or 623-512-8465

Go to the AMC meetup for a complete list of outings and activities.

Up to date information and registration will be available.

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

Local Climbing Events

- April 12 The Queen Creek Boulder Comp at Oak Flat Campground
<http://www.queencreekbouldercomp.com/>

April Birthdays

Mike Knarzer 8, Christopher Canevit 10, Stephanie Furniss 10, Peter Niemczyk 12, Jeff Watkins 15, Mark Hughes 17, David McClintic 17, Erik Filsinger 21, Randi Folwell 25, David Everett 26, Frances Everett 26, Braden Niemczyk 29, Siddharth Tiwari 30

Welcome New Members!

Doug Gottwald, Tim Cole, Susan Waskey, Beth Butterworth, Kasen Bartels, Deke Joralmon, Lori Smith, Melissa Peterson, Katherne Peterson, Ben Hirsch, Robert Olliver, Jeremy Walsh, Kirra Kurvink, Tom Fitzgerald, Glenn Boss, Brian Fabig, Becky Wilkens, Bob McDermott, Francisco Bobadilla, Brandon Abney, Tina Louie, Colleen Skinner, Krishna Bhaskaran, Manoj Devendran

AMC 2014 Calendar

APRIL

- 2 Alpine Series Seminar
- 5 Queen Creek Cleanup and Climb
- 8 Anchors School - 8, 10, 12, 13
- 14 AMC Board Meeting
- 20 Easter
- 26-27 Glacier Travel, Snow Skills and Crevasse Rescue Class
- 28 AMC Member Meeting

MAY

- 5 AMC Board Meeting
- 7 Alpine Series Seminar
- 19 AMC Member Meeting
- 24-26 Memorial Day Weekend - Alpine Climbing Outing to CO
- 26 Memorial Day (Monday)

JUNE

- 9 AMC Board Meeting
- 23 AMC Member Meeting - Swap Meet

JULY

- 4 Independence Day (Friday)
- 14 AMC Board Meeting
(No Member Meeting in July)

AUGUST

- 11 AMC Board Meeting
- 25 AMC Member Meeting

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Labor Day (Monday)
- 8 AMC Board Meeting
- 9 Lead School - Sep 9, 10, 11, 13, 14
- 22 AMC Member Meeting

OCTOBER

- 4 Grand Canyon Clean Up
- 8 Basic Outdoor Rock Climbing School Instructors Meeting
- 13 AMC Board Meeting (Columbus Day)
- 14 Basic Outdoor Rock Climbing School - 14, 16, 18, 19, 21, 23, 25
- 27 AMC Member Meeting

NOVEMBER

- 1 Queen Creek Cleanup and Climb
- 3 AMC Board Meeting
- 11 Veterans Day (Tuesday)
- 12 Anchors School - 12, 14, 16, 17
- 17 AMC Member Meeting –Activities Expo
- 27 Thanksgiving at Joshua Tree

DECEMBER

- 1 AMC Board Meeting
- 7 Alpine Rock Seminar
- 12 Holiday Party



We've got room!



We can even put our tents on the floor now!



Mike Knarzer instructing students
at AMC Spring Lead Class.
Photo: David Sampson

