

The Arizona Mountaineer

MAY 2014



Chuck Graf Ron Barstad

Wally Vegors Tom Kreuser

SPECIAL EDITION

AMC
50Years
1964-2014

The AMC Turns 50!
The club celebrates a milestone
Page 9-12

AMC Basic Class
Return to (Little) Granite Mountain
Page 13-15

The Arizona Mountaineering Club

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	John Gray	480-363-3248
Vice-President	David Arthur Sampson.....	dasampson@gmail.com
Secretary	Christopher Canevit.....	ccanevit@canevit.com
Treasurer	Thad Colgrove	602-795-2167
Director-2.....	Mike Lust	mwlust49@gmail.com
Director-2.....	Paul Laughlin.....	plaughlin@gmail.com
Director-1.....	Matt Kalina.....	MattKalina@yahoo.com
Past President	Bill Fallon	602-909-8889

COMMITTEES

Advanced Rock Climbing	David Arthur Sampson	dasampson@gmail.com
Canyoneering	Matt Kalina	MattKalina@yahoo.com
Classification	Nancy Lust.....	602-770-8326
Climbing Shoe Rental	Linda Locke	602-371-9300
Elections	John Keedy.....	623-412-1452
Equipment Rental	Jeff Crosby.....	480-516-7815
Email.....	Rogil Schroeter	amcazemail@gmail.com
Land Advocacy	Erik Filsinger	smorefil@aol.com
Co-Chair	John Keedy.....	623-412-1452
Librarian.....	David McClintic.....	602-885-5194
Membership.....	Erin Matson	480-818-9306
Mountaineering.....	Erik Filsinger	smorefil@aol.com
Co-Chair	Jeff Crosby.....	480-516-7815
Co-Chair	John Gray	480-363-3248
Newsletter Editor	Cheryl Beaver	amcaznewsletter@gmail.com
Outings	Dave McClintic.....	602-885-5194
Programs	Kim McClintic.....	480-213-2629
Technology	Steve Crane.....	480-812-5447
Training & Schools	Bill Fallon	602-909-8889
ORC.....	Bill Fallon	602-909-8889
Anchors.....	Eric Evans.....	602-218-3060
Lead.....	Mike Knarzer.....	602-751-1701

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 JPG 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 DUE ON MAY 1ST FOR JUNE 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

CONTACT INFO

Steven Crane.....	480-812-5447	stevencrane@live.com
Eric Evans	602-218-3060	eae100@yahoo.com
Bill Fallon	602-909-8889	bill.fallon@cox.net
Erik Filsinger.....		smorefil@aol.com
Jeff Hatfield.....	480-440-6840	jeffhatfield1@gmail.com
John Keedy.....	623-412-1452	jwkeedy@cox.net
Mike Knarzer	602-751-1701	mike@outdooradventuresaz.com
Douglas Matson.....	480-648-3009	douglas.matson@gmail.com
David McClintic.....	602-885-5194	david.mcclintic@cox.net
Bruce McHenry.....	602-717-8956	bamchenry@att.net
Chris Meyer		Sun2stone@cox.net
Jeff Nagel	602-318-9538	azfreedheart@yahoo.com
David Sampson		dasampson@gmail.com
Rogil Schroeter.....	623-512-8465	rogil@cox.net
Curtis Stone.....	602-370-0786	curtis_j_stone@yahoo.com
Frank Vers	480-947-9435	climbrox@gmail.com

Treasurer's Report

Arizona Mountaineering Club Income Statement Period Ended March 2014

INCOME

Advertising	5.00
Dues	4,180.00
Grants Received	0.00
Interest	11.35
Mountaineering Schools	160.00
Rental Equipment	255.00
AARS Fall	0.00
AARS Spring	760.00
Basic Fall	0.00
Basic Spring	4,695.00
Lead Fall	0.00
Lead Spring	760.00
Training Other	0.00
Merchandise & Other	640.00
TOTAL INCOME	11,466.35

EXPENSES

Admin	565.32
Promotional	1,093.00
Bank chgs	265.79
Capital Expenditures	25.00
Equipment Maintenance	0.00
Grants Expended	0.00
Insurance	0.00
Land Advocacy Committee	0.00
Library	0.00
Newsletter	261.00
Outings	255.83
Outing Leaders	77.50
Programs Monthly Meeting	1,400.00
Training	4,807.36
TOTAL EXPENSES	8,750.80

OVERALL TOTAL 2,715.55

ACCOUNT BALANCES

Checking & PayPal	24,750.34
Accounts Receivable	0.00
CD Account	15,000.00
TOTAL CASH ASSETS	39,750.34
AMC Outing Gear	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	39,750.34

Contents

2	Who does what, Board Members, Committees, Addresses and Numbers
3	Newsletter information, Outing Leaders
4	Treasurer's Report, Discount Directory
5	Board Meeting Minutes
7	Birthdays, New Members, Rentals
8	Member Program
9	50th anniversary
13	Basic Scool
16	Billboard
17	2014 Calendar
18	Killer Bees
19	Advertising

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 - April 14, 2014

Call to order: John Gray called the meeting to order at 6:57pm

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

Board Members absent: Paul Laughlin

Committee Chairs present: Erik Filsinger

Members present: None

Minutes: Minutes of March 10th, 2014 board meeting were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report for March 2014 was approved.

Committee Reports:

Land Advocacy – Erik – discussed Pinnacle Peak

Matt K. – discussed Tom's Thumb trailhead area

Mountaineering – Erik – discussed upcoming training

Canyoneering – Matt – discussed draft documents, and available vacancy in

Canyoneering committee

Training & Schools – Bill – discussed basic orc and anchors class

Newsletter – Cheryl – discussed that Cheryl will be stepping down after April

Newsletter

Technology Team - Steven/Curtis/Eric Evans/Paul Laughlin – Reported that admin access to Facebook group has been resolved.

Outings/Activities

Recent: Basic School – March 11/13/15/16/18/20/22 – Bill F

Member Meeting – March 24 Arno Ilgner (The Warrior Way)

AMC 50th BD Event – Sat/Sun, March 29/30

FA/CPR Certification – March 31

AMC/AAC Seminar April 2

QC Clean Up April 5

Anchors Class April 8,10,12,13

QC Boulder Competition April 12

Upcoming: AMC Glacier Travel – April 19,20 Erik F, Jeff C, John G, Scott K
ACS Crack Climbing – April 16 6:30pm
ACS Multi-Pitch Technique Class - April 26 8am
Member Meeting – April 28 Manny Rangel Laurel Arndt (The Dolomites)
Salome Jug – May 3 Rogil and Bill F. Two groups same day

Newsletter Committee:

Technology Committee: Steven/Curtis/Eric Evans/Paul Laughlin – Reported that admin access to Facebook group has been resolved.

New Business: ORC Incident Report - discussed

Cheryl / Newsletter Replacement – discussed
David Sampson OL Vote – Approved by the Board
T-shirts - discussed

Old Business: OL Advanced Climbing Seminars planning – David Sampson

Qualification/classification & outing docs – David S, David McClintic,
Douglas M - discussed
Hiking Shack 10% discount - verified
Proposed Canyoneering Policy – Matt K. - discussed
Marketing Committee – Matt K. – discussed

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:55PM - Respectfully submitted by Christopher Canevit, AMC Secretary

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

Congratulations to David Sampson, our newest Outing Leader!!

May Birthdays

Ernie Babich 1, Susan Hatfield 1, George Denny 4, Rick Craycraft 6,
John Williams 9, John Furniss 9, Kim Huenecke 12, Chris Curtis 15,
Joseph Smit 16, Lynn Folden 18, Robert Kessenich 20, Angela Storey 21,
Randy Ryan 22, Jutta Ulrich 22, Laura Nagy 23,
Curtis Stone 24, Jennifer Peterson 25, Mike Koehlmoos 27,
Terri VanHerpen 27, Colleen Skinner 28, Patti Waldrup 31

Welcome New Members!

Shiloh Dorsett, Jon Patterson, Logan Peterson, Joseph Smit, Patrick McGill,
Armando Lozano

JUNE MEMBER MEETING

AMC SWAP MEET

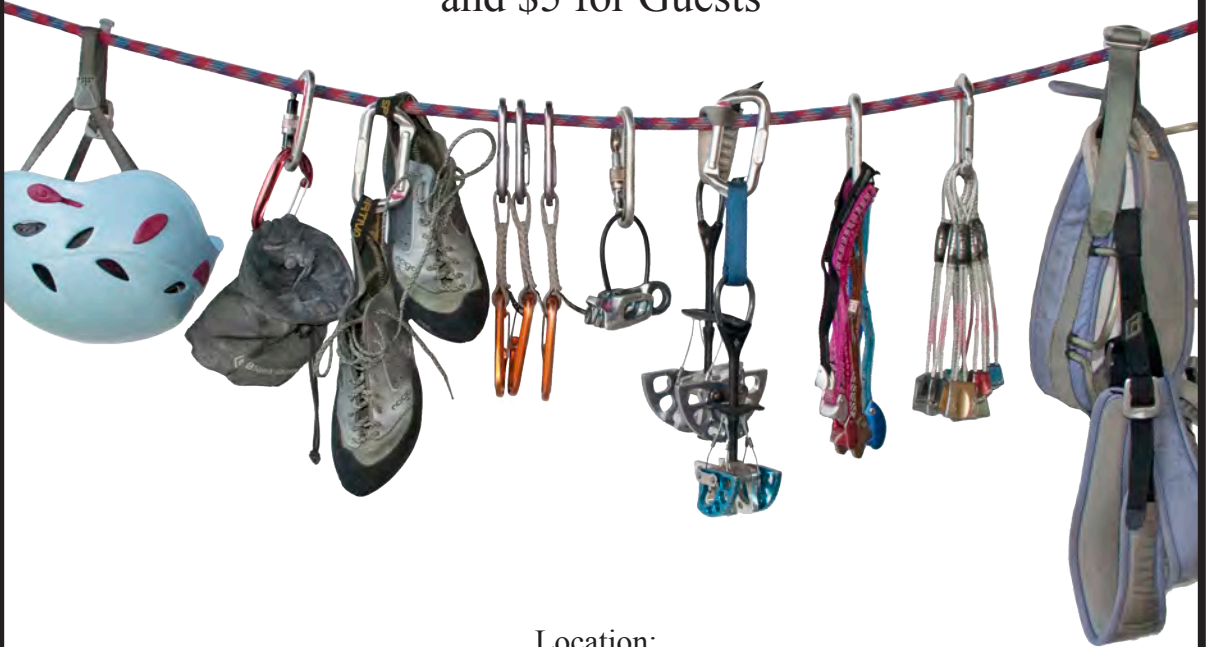
Monday, June 23, 2014

7:00pm -9:00pm

at the Phoenix Rock Gym

**Bring Gear to Sell or Swap
or Come to Shop**

Free Admission & Climbing
for AMC Members
and \$5 for Guests



Location:

Phoenix Rock Gym, 1353 E. University, Tempe

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

AMC Celebrates 50th Anniversary!

On Saturday, AMCers young and old gathered in Queen Creek to climb and celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Arizona Mountaineering Club.

Some of us arrived at Oak Flat Campground on Friday to set up canopies and tables and get staged for Saturday morning. Everyone hit the sack pretty early, knowing we all had a big day ahead. At least I think they did; I know I was out as soon as I crawled in my bag. Activities started early on Saturday with people flowing in at a steady rate by 7:30 am to get their 50th Anniversary T-shirts and sign up for a climbing area. The weather was PERFECT and everyone was anxious to get on the rock.

David Sampson and Frank Vers grabbed a bunch of folks with solid 4WDs and headed to the Refuge in Lower Devils to climb in Dog Town, a special place for David. Rogil, with Curtis Stone's help, lead the climbing day at the Pancake House, one of her old standards. Jeff Hatfield and Bruce McHenry volunteered to schlep a bunch of gear out to Magma Gardens to help me set up for a fun day. As a side note, the Basic Outdoor Rock Climbing School grads of recent years are familiar with Magma Gardens, but we switched it up this year and held our Basic climbing day at (Little) Granite Mountain in the McDowell Sonoran Preserve this last March; it was great to see so many of these new Basic grads out at Queen Creek to experience both of these spectacular climbing areas. Jeff Nagel rounded out the group with an outing to Yahkov Wall.

While most folks were out climbing and working up an appetite, others began gathering at the campground in preparation for festivities. Climbers rolled back in by 4:00 and the celebrations began in earnest with plenty of food and drink for all and a couple of terrific 50th Birthday cakes.

We were especially honored by the presence of some of the founding and early members of the AMC including Wally Vegors (original President), Ron Barstad (Newsletter editor) & wife Jan, Tom Kreuser (original Secretary and the Tom of Tom's Thumb), and Chuk Graf. What a treat it was to spend time with these guys and learn more about the early days. Tom, Chuck, and Ron brought out an assortment of their climbing gear including leather rappelling shoulder guards (ouch!!). Chuck and his homemade 5 inch wedge cut from an aluminum I-Beam, carried into the Grand Canyon for some epic adventures. Ron Barstad, early Newsletter editor brought out his collection of Newsletters as well as an original AMC Rock Climbing Training Manual. Who remembers mimeographs? And printing after hours at the ASU print shop! I'm pretty sure the statute of limitations has run out on that one. However, there is no statute of limitations on roping members past and present into a new job. Ron graciously "volunteered" to scan these early newsletters, including the special February

1972 Reference Issue. Look for these issues to be posted in our AMC website Newsletter archive! Ron also demonstrated his technical prowess wielding his trusty vintage ice ax to slice the 50th Birthday chocolate cake. Check out the YouTube video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=T6oVpxzxOeE.

Wally Vegors deserves a special note of recognition. He was not only a founding member and the first AMC President, but after a long hiatus to raise a family became active again in the 90s and took on the monumental task of Newsletter editor for many years. Wally's contributions to the AMC are exceptional and unparalleled in breadth, depth, and time. Keep on trucking, Wally!

Finally, many thanks to the folks who planned the event and made it happen. In particular, thank you to the planning committee of Maureen Nowland, Laura Nagy, and Lynn Folden for all the work to provide food, drinks, Birthday cakes, and special 50th Anniversary T-Shirts. Thanks also to Jeff Nagel for the T-Shirt design. And thanks to David Sampson for corralling Outing Leaders and to all the OLs who made our climbing day happen. What a great day we all had. I hope these guys don't scream when I say "hey, we need to do this more often"!

Happy Anniversary, AMC!

~Bill Fallon



Anniversary cake by Stan Pak



Vintage climbing gear by Steven Crane



Dog Town by Daniel Johnson



Ron Barstad cutting cake with ice ax by Scott Nagy



Rogil by Scott Nagy



John Gray, the prez by Scott Nagy



T-Shirt time by Scott Kuchman



Lynn & Thad by Scott Nagy



Laura & Maureen by Scott Nagy



Early issue Arizona Mountaineer

AMC Spring 2014 Basic Outdoor Rock Climbing School



Everyone at Granite Mtn by David Anderson

The AMC Spring 2014 Basic Outdoor Rock Climbing School wrapped up on March 22 with 26 new grads.

The Basic ORC School was special this time around for several reasons. We had a great turn-out of instructors which is critical to making the school a success and maintaining Bill's sanity. The weather was absolutely perfect, which is not always the case in March. We established a new classroom venue at the North Mountain Visitor Center. After many years of absence, we returned to (Little) Granite Mountain for the Sunday climbing session. We got back on the Monk for a grad climb, after a year of Echo Canyon closure. And, finally, we returned to an old grad party venue for a terrific graduation party graciously hosted by Marilyn Geninatti at her casa in the shadow of Camelback Mountain.

The North Mountain Visitor Center provided a great classroom environment and a huge improvement over our outdoor park experiences of the past. The staff was very gracious, opening up the facility on Tuesday and Thursday evenings specifically to accommodate us. A real classroom with tables and chairs large enough for students and instructors, built-in A/V, real indoor restrooms, and Bill didn't have to yell til he lost his voice or had to use the (hated) PA system. What more could we ask?

It was really special to get back to Little Granite Mountain (officially Granite Mountain) which is now a part of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve. As many of you will remember, historically we held the Sunday climbing day at this venue for many years, but were forced to move due to a myriad of land management issues. While the climbing management plan has not yet been fully established for this newest area of the Preserve, the City of Scottsdale approved our request to hold the second climbing day on Granite Mountain at the Cone, Lost Bandana Wall, and Dueling Hammers. This approval from Scottsdale was in no small part due to the strong relationship developed between the AMC and the City of Scottsdale over many years of service by the AMC in the McDowell Sonoran Preserve, led by Erik Filsinger. It sure felt good to introduce many more newer AMC folks to the fun climbing in these historic climbing crags right here in our own backyard.

Many thanks go to the instructors that came out in large numbers to help each of the seven days of class and climbing. These folks prepped by inspecting every item of club gear, managing class registration, assembling gear packs and manuals, coming out to each class early to set up, providing demonstrations and individual instruction during class and climbing days, showing up early on weekends to haul gear and set up climbs for students, and supporting grad climbs and the party. Our schools would simply not be possible without the generosity of the members who come out and volunteer their time and energy.

Special thanks to the Outing Leaders who provided the culmination to another fun class with our Grad Climbs: Jeff Hatfield (Sven Tower III), Jeff Nagel (Hanging Gardens), Steven Crane (Monk), Dave McClintic (Pinnacle Peak – South Crack), Curtis Stone (Watson Lake – Timezone Wall), and Bill Fallon (the Hand).

And special thanks to our own MG for graciously hosting the Grad Party. What a great place in the shadow of Camelback! It's always fun to gather after a day of climbing and the food and drink that everyone brought to share really made the party. And I'm pretty sure MG's place survived intact. At least she has invited us back again in the Fall, so that's a good sign.

Finally, thanks to all the new grads. What a fun group!!! Everyone jumped in with both feet, learned a ton, made great progress in developing and improving their climbing skills, and had great fun. I know I really enjoyed the class and look forward to the Fall (after a good rest this summer).

~Bill Fallon

Students: Brandon Abney, Kasen Bartels, Glenn Boss, Beth Butterworth, Alexis Crego, George Denny, Kim Denny, Brian Fabig, Tom Fitzgerald, Ben Hirsch, Manoj Devendran, Colleen Skinner, Krishna Bhaskaran, Doug Gottwald, Tina Louie, Katie, Peterson, Melissa Peterson, Bob McDermott, Don Olliver, Lori Smith, Mike Smith, Jeremy Walsh, Susan Waskey, Becky Wilkens, Jon Patterson, Matt Shields.



Owl Slot by Peter Ekema



Lost Bandana Wall 2 by Deborah Roether



*The rap by
David Anderson*

*The lay back by
David Anderson*



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

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

- May 2 Rocks and Ropes “Locals Only” Climbing Competition
sponsored by FIVE TEN - Toole Ave Location
- May 7 Alpine Series Seminar

AMC 2014 Calendar

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 Semina
- 12 Holiday Party

KILLER BEE'Z

With the increase in temperatures and the initial spring blooming occurring throughout the desert, the bee colonies have become increasingly active. The McDowell Mountain Preserve as well as Camelback have had their run-in's with aggressive swarms, the latter actually claiming a life a few years past. Most of the be colonies that you will encounter in the field will be of the Africanized variety. The swarms are usually large and aggressive, and care should be taken to be aware of those hives on the move or newly created combs.

What should you do if you encounter a swarm? If you are on a stable area, vacate the premises as quickly as possible. Humans are faster than bees. Run in a straight line. If climbing, IMMEDIATELY double your anchor. Cover your sensitive vital areas including your eyes, nose, mouth, throat and ears. Try not to shout or flail considerably, since this will aggitate the swarm. Immediately try to escape the area via rappel, taking care to not miss double checking your set-up in haste.

Be safe, stay alert and keep an eye out on the bees..

~Shiloh Dorsett



ALFRESCO DAY'S

TAKING PLACE IN THE ... "OPEN-AIR"

FRI, SAT, SUN MAY 16-18

*COME ENJOY THIS FESTIVE EVENT
RE-CHARGE THE ALFRESCO IN YOUR WORLD!*

FOOD, FUN & SAVINGS



3244 EAST THOMAS ROAD PHOENIX, AZ



Introduction to Canyoneering

Hidden throughout Arizona are AMAZING canyons awaiting your exploration.

May 15, 17 & 18th

Our "Intro to Canyoneering" workshop is a 2.5 day course that covers many disciplines, techniques and skills; building a foundation to promote safer access to explore majestic canyons.

This "hands on" class, will cover various knots, anchors and techniques taught by

Arizona's only ACGA, AMGA & SPRAT instructor.

With practice, the information shared in these classes will better prepare the attendees for the adventures that await!

Reserve your spot today! Registration is \$285 and can be made by contacting Mike@outdooradventuresaz.com or calling (602) 952-6900





Anniversary cake by Scott Nagy