

OCTOBER 2002

# ARIZONA MOUNTAINEER



*This is as far as they can go — up — in western Europe. Mark Hubble and Greg Bellamy show the AMC's colors atop Monte Rosa, the highest mountain in Switzerland, 15,203 feet elevation.....  
Uh — but if they are on top, how can there be higher ground behind them?? ... Possibly they had the good sense to take the victory picture before (or after) the climb, thereby saving lugging the flag to the summit and back. Good thinking..*

# THE ARIZONA MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

**MEETINGS:** The AMC normally meets the 4th Mon. each month (Nov. & Dec. meetings are usually the 3rd Mon.) at 7:00 pm at:

Los Olivos Senior Center  
2802 E. Devonshire Ave.  
Phoenix, Az.  
(28th St. just north of Indian School Rd.)

**BOARD MEETINGS:** Board meetings are open to all members and are held two Mondays prior to the Club meeting at Los Olivos Center.

**DUES:** Dues cover January through December. A single membership is \$25.00 per year: \$30.00 for a family. Those joining after June 30 pay 50% of the yearly rates. 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:

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**OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:**

Arizona Mountaineering Club  
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**SCHOOLS:** The AMC conducts several rock climbing, mountaineering and other outdoor skills schools each year. Contact the Training & Safety Committee for schedules and costs.

**NEWSLETTER**

Send stories and photos to Wally Vegors, 6151 N. 8th Ave., Phoenix, Az 85013  
or e-mail <vegors@worldnet.att.net>  
Electronic photos should be 300 dpi in JPG.

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**THE AMC ACCESS 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 Access Committee Chair, Jen Davies, 480-473-7342.

**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 \$20 or more to: The Access Fund, P.O. Box 17010, Boulder, CO 80308, or giving it to the AMC Club Treasurer to be sent to The Access Fund in your name. A donation of \$20 or more is needed to receive Vertical Times, The Access Fund newsletter. One can also join electronically — <<http://www.accessfund.org/Join.html>>

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### AMC NEWSLETTER

The *Arizona Mountaineer* is published monthly by the AMC. Items for publication, subject to approval, should be sent to the editor at 6151 N. 8th Ave., Phoenix, 85013. Photos and other mountaineering photos are welcome (please submit prints). Climb write-ups ARE welcome. For info call the editor at 602-246-9341. Address e-mail to vegors@worldnet.att.net. Advertising in the *Arizona Mountaineer* is accepted, subject to approval, at the following rates:  
Personal ads: free to members.  
Business ads: \$5.00 for business card;  
\$10.00 for half page; \$20.00 for full page \$25.00 for inserts/mo

**November Deadline: 19 October**

## HOT STUFF!!!

**Help Keep Grand Canyon Grand!  
Go overboard on cleaning up — Waaay  
overboard — on rappel.**

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**Did you notice how much cooler it  
became at 9:56 p.m. on the 22nd??  
— the start of long awaited autumn.**

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**(Psst — Refresh on the cheap —  
help teach those classes you took  
yourself last year. — Pass it on.)**

### AMC LIBRARY

You must be an AMC member; i. e., your name must be on the most current membership list.

The circulation period is 1 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.

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## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Bill Demlong 1, Fred Avery 2, Deke Joralmon 2, Kari Carlisle 4, Mark Carter 4, Ken Isaacson 4, Paul Norberg 8, Heather Ryan 9, Kevin Stevens 9, Lori Horst 10, Kathi Reichert 10, Daniel Romero 10, Rogil Schroeter 12, Kari Svab 13, Gisela Kluwin 14, Dave Lemons 14, Linda Locke 14, Ron Yaw 14, Thomas Kieffer 15, Greg Opland 15, Phil Ivey 16, Stacey Ivey 18, Kevin Kriegel 18, Teri Roeder 18, Clarke Lambe 20, Anthony Levin 22, Becki Luckenbill 22, Roberta Sunkin 22, Greg Archer 27, Jeff Hatfield 29, Sue Goins 31

## MINUTES OF THE AMC BOARD MEETING: September 9, 2002

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**A board meeting was not held this month – too many board members were off having a last climbing fling before the fall and winter seasons begin. (This speaks well for the reasonability, common sense and balanced outlook of your board members.)**

**READ THE FOLLOWING STORY – IT IS IMPORTANT !!**

### THE SAFETY ISSUE

As climbers, and AMC members, we pride ourselves on being aware of safety and safe climbing practices. Unfortunately, safety is again an issue. Not safety as in climbing safe. The issue is using the words "safety", "safe", "risk-free", etc.

As reported in the July, 2002 issue of Outside magazine, page 99; Recreational organizations of all kinds are facing a triple-whammy of problems.

1- an increasingly libelous society that sues for anything, but especially blame.

2 - Insurance companies raising premiums and restricting coverage.

3 - a spate of recent high visibility recreational accidents including an ice climber killed while taking a seminar from Jeff Lowe, and 3 climbers killed on Mt. Hood. For these and other reasons outdoor and recreational groups are rushing to expunge and eliminate the word safety and any promises of safety from brochures and liability waivers.

The recent problems have also focused much attention on risk management in the outdoor industry and recreational groups. Our AMC has invested much time and effort into building a risk management processes. Risk management is often discussed at board meetings, and action is taken to address concerns. One of the ongoing concerns is to be aware of the current standards and practices of managing risk in outdoor activities. Whether we like it or not, it is beneficial to have an awareness of how our club activities will be perceived by others. If we ever face the dreaded time of going into a court or lawsuit, our ability to successfully represent ourselves will depend in part on an active and up-to-date risk management process.

Why all the concern? Why is the AMC board considering taking the word "safety" out of web site, newsletter, even the Training & Safety committee? As noted earlier, due to the lawsuits and liability issues, the standard in outdoor law for risk management has evolved. The current standard does not require that 'perfect safety' be provided. What the standard does require is that recreational organizations not put anything in writing that promises or implies safety! We climb, hike, mountain bike, etc. not to avoid the risk of harm, but to embrace it. The thrill of the ad

venture is worth some risk. As we embrace and enjoy the risk, we cannot also claim a promise of 'safe' climbing. So it is believed necessary to remove "safety" from club literature and processes.

The risk management standard has also evolved in informing participants of the possible risk. Rather than a vague statement of the possibility of injury or death, it is becoming prudent to be blunt and graphic. Basically it is necessary to recite all the ways you really could die or get injured in an outdoor activity. Our current club release waiver has the word "death" about 14 times; we may have to go even beyond that. Part of active risk management is to show that anyone participating in our activities is really aware of what could happen to them, the blunter and more graphic the better. To make the best safety decisions, you need to understand the risks. And including the words "safe, safety, risk-free, etc." in our club literature may invalidate our waiver as a legal defense mechanism.

Finally, it is better we show our risk management process is active throughout the club, not just in one "Training & Safety" committee. All our committees, schools, officers, directors, and members can and do demonstrate their concern and involvement in safety and risk management.

As in other things in life, climbing, climbers, and AMC all continue to grow and evolve. We can take pride in our club's record and our reputation for excellent training and teaching. Removing a word or two changes none of those traditions and accomplishments. The words and thoughts remain where they really count, in all of us.

--Bruce McHenry

### NEW AMC MEMBERS

Christine Allen	Eve Hoffman
Coreen Clark	Nick Hoffman
Valerie Courtright	Susan Jeffay
Ray Curran	Megan Jonas
Steve Dilley	Sonia Overholser
Kristin Edinger	Larry Reinmuth
Melissa Funk	Alicia Wood
Christina Guthrie	

## DISCOUNT DIRECTORY

The following merchants currently offer a discount to AMC members.

Arizona Hiking Shack - 11645 N. Cave Creek Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85020, 944-7723  
Show your AMC membership card and get a 10% discount; special orders 15%.

### AMC RENTAL EQUIPMENT:

EQUIPMENT	Lb-Oz	Qty	Cost/Wk
Tents:			
4-season 2-3 man 7-6 .....	1	1	10.00
4-season 2 man....	6-0	1	6.00
3-season 2 man....	5-0	3	5.00
4-season 1 man bivy.....	1-15	1	7.00
Sherpa Snowshoes .....	8		5.00
MSR Alpine snowshoes .....			15.00
Ski poles (var. sizes).....	4		0.50
Ice Crampons.....			15.00
Snow Crampons (sizes 6-14).....	10		2.00
In-step crampons. ....	1		2.00
Gaitors (Goretex) .....	2 pr		2.00
Ice axes (70-90 cm) .....	12		2.00
Snow shovel.....	1-10	2	5.00
Snow pickets;flukes .....	10 @		5.00
MSR Multifuel Stove.....	1		3.00
Yates Big Dudes .#6, #7 ....			5.00
Haul bag .....	1		10.00
PortaLedge.....	1		50.00
Jumars.....	3		5.00
Climbing shoes.....	Various sizes		Call

**EQUIPMENT RENTAL GUIDELINES:** Your name must be on the most current membership list. Deposit required; varies by item; generally \$20-\$50. The two-personal-checks system works best. Advance reservation suggested. If not using the reserved equipment, please call and cancel. Call Linda Locke at 602-997-4235 for shoes. For everything else, call Paul Norberg at 602-808-9244 .

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Statement of Operations  
01/01/02 Thru 09/12/02  
Category Description

Amount

Category Description	Amount
<b>INCOME</b>	
Advertising.....	30.00
Equipment Rental (incl shoes).....	199.00
Interest.....	16.69
Membership Dues.....	6,337.50
Mountaineering Schools.....	1,000.00
Program Income .....	59.00
Tee Shirts & Etc.....	372.00
Training & Safety.....	8,315.00

**TOTAL INCOME** 19,944.19

### EXPENSES

Access Committee.....	500.00
Administration .....	1,429.89
Bouldering Contest.....	300.00
Capital Exp.....	1,187.60
Classification.....	76.50
Equipment Maint .....	99.45
Insurance.....	1,485.42
Library .....	41.90
Merchandise Exp .....	644.40
Mountaineering.....	419.05
Newsletter.....	3,090.38
Outings .....	657.45
Programs .....	2,151.46
Service/Bank Charge .....	35.71
Training & Safety.....	6,765.62

**TOTAL EXPENSES** 18,591.62

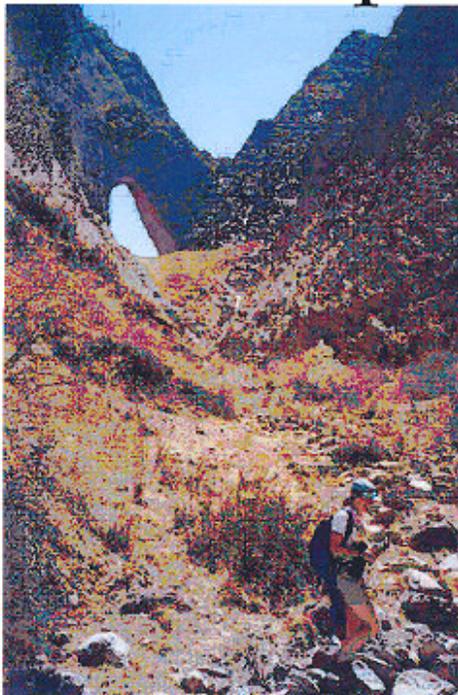
**OVERALL FOR YEAR TO DATE**.....1,352.57

### ACCOUNT BALANCES (6/9/02)

CD Account.....	5,170.53
Savings .....	1,528.25
Checking .....	4,115.25

**TOTAL ASSETS**.....\$10,813.89

# Nancy Feagin on the Shipton Arch



Monday, October 28,  
Los Olivos Senior Center.  
7 PM

Nancy Feagin has built an amazing climbing resume, from 5.13 redpoints to alpine big walls to the summit of Everest.

Last year, she joined several friends on a trek into a remote arch in China that was originally described by Shipton.

Come join us at the AMC as she tells us about the trek into, the climb of, and the escape from the Shipton Spire.

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AMC Meetings are from 7 - 9 pm at the Los Olivos Senior Center, 2802 E. Devonshire Ave. 1 block north of Indian School on the east side of 28<sup>th</sup> St.

Non-AMC members are asked for a \$5.00 admission fee



[AzMountaineeringClub.org](http://AzMountaineeringClub.org)

Well, I have one I'm not sure we can solve. It goes something like this:

On one hand, we have quite a few members who from time to time pester (and that's a good thing) us about holding more rock climbing outings. Occasionally (at least twice recently) someone also adds, "..., and I've noticed that you tend to hold your rock climbing classes in the prime climbing months of October/November and March/April. You also don't hold many outings during those months. Because some of us don't take part in the classes, could you offer some outings when it's actually the nicest part of the year to climb around Phoenix, even if it's at the same time as classes?"

We also have lots of calls for local Unlimited Outings (where any member can show up). But our current crop of Outing Leaders tend to have a preference, which I can surely understand, for smaller outings with sign-ups and for locations that hold more inherent interest to them as climbers themselves. Generally our OL's don't want to hog the rock in a day and time when lots of other climbers are out there at the same crags.

As to the general recurring theme about the lack of club outings, our responses go something like this: "Yes, we'd like to offer more outings in general. We have volunteer outing leaders and we appreciate what they do. There is only so much you can ask of them. We try to get them to offer more outings, but it seems that with how busy folks' lives have become they only can offer so many. Also we'd like to get more qualified leaders, but we can't put just anyone out there in a position of responsibility. That would not be prudent in any sense. Our outing leaders must apply and show experience, they must have First Aid, and they must go through some apprenticeship period. And while we have quite a list of folks in the back of the monthly bulletin listed as Outing Leaders only a small handful are actively playing that role at this time (for the record, we have placed some of the OL's who are not currently active on an "inactive" OL list from which they just have to offer outings to "reactivated."

Our responses on the background discussion about the classes being held during the prime climbing season and co-opting the best dates are much more complicated. Those volunteer senior instructors who put our rock classes together are rightfully very protective of what they have created. They offer a fine set of classes and maintain a very low "instructor to student" ratio, often with more

instructors than students for some activities. The large number of instructors," some of whom are really students retaking the class in another guise to refresh and/or reinforce their growing skills, are used to offer more stations during the schools, etc., so that the AMC students have the best experience that our senior instructors can come up with. Part of that best experience is deliberately selecting the weekends when the chance of inclement weather is the least likely.

Our classes also tend to monopolize the available club equipment that would be used on many Outings. Since we encourage Outing Leaders to use club equipment, they really can't take Outings on certain weekends, e.g., Basic School. Moreover, the lead instructors also point out that if someone wants to climb, they are never hurt by coming and helping out with the classes so that they can gain the confidence to perhaps go out on their own and set up anchors, etc. And quite frankly there has been a tradition in the AMC for everyone to focus on "one track" of activities that the club offers and for them it is natural to exhibit some tendency to feel that everyone should come and support what is "on tap" for that weekend.

This general picture of an unfavorable reaction to direct competition for prime weekends is compounded by the fact that due to the large number of "in-class" climbing stations and learning sessions some of our lead instructors are also highly desiring of more experienced "assistants" who bring solid skills further along the learning curve than the "assistant" who just finished the last class and is coming back to help out. Calls are frequently made to the senior members of the club to come and help out showing how to do things the right way in the classes.

So we have a bit of a dilemma. On one hand, many folks join the club not only to take part of the rock climbing classes, but also to go on Outings. We don't offer those folks enough Outings and it is true that Outings during the best climbing weekends are sparsely offered. On the other hand, we have some very dedicated instructors who make sure that they offer the best classes they can put together and don't want a dilution of interest.

Do you have any ideas? Maybe once in a while an OL can offer a prime time outing during the rock classes schedule, if they can work around the equipment issue, etc., but it is unlikely that large unlimited Outings will be offered competitively to the Classes.

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# LEAD CLIMBING SCHOOL

## ARIZONA MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

### PURPOSE

This is an advanced climbing class. Even if you don't plan on leading, you will learn much about the dynamics of climbing, which may make you a more competent and safer climber. There will be no "true" lead climbs during the class. 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 different techniques for single-pitch and multi-pitch, bolted routes vs. natural pro, and we will provide actual leading exercises.

### DATES, TIMES AND PLACES FOR THE LEAD SCHOOL ARE:

Oct 1	Tuesday	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Dreamy Draw Park
Oct 2	Wednesday	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Dreamy Draw Park
Oct 3	Thursday	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Dreamy Draw Park
Oct 5	Saturday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Prescott (directions will be in syllabus)
Oct 6	Sunday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Prescott (directions will be in syllabus)

To get to Dreamy Draw Park take SR 51 (Squaw Peak) to Northern and turn East. This dead-ends at the Park. We will be at the big Ramada next to the parking lot. Directions to the other locations will be given out then.

### ITEMS YOU NEED FOR THE CLASS:

- 1) \$75 plus membership (\$13) if not already a member. Register by sending a check payable to AMC Lead School to 6519 W. Aire Libre, Glendale, AZ, 85306. No credit cards accepted. (Please note: the registration fee is fully refundable if you cancel.) Call Rogil Schroeter at 623-878-3914 for more information. The number of students will be limited to 30.
- 2) All climbing gear (harness, prusiks, biners, etc.)

The following will not be needed the first night, if you want to wait to talk with us before making purchases.

- 3) Helmet - mandatory
- 4) Specifically needed:
  - 2 20' (untied length) slings, preferably different colors
  - 2 10' (untied length) slings, preferably different colors
  - Nut pick
  - Quickdraws w/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
- 5) Hiking boots or shoes with stiff soles for Saturday, climbing shoes for Sunday
- 6) Optional: kneepads for Saturday (\$3-6 at Home Depot, \$5 volleyball pads at sporting goods stores)

### ITINERARY

<u>Tue</u>	Lecture, slide show: Introduction, the lead fall, equipment
<u>Wed</u>	Lecture, slide show: Equipment (continued); the Process and Techniques of Leading
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Lecture, slide show: Multi-pitch techniques, the descent, leader rescue, aid climbing</b>
<u>Sat</u>	Prescott: practice natural pro placement (Sullivan Canyon)
<u>Sun</u>	Prescott: practice leading on bolts (Watson Lake)

## TAHQUITZ ROCK: Good Climbing and Lessons Learned

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The plan was hatched during our summer forest closures, while we cooled our heels waiting for the climbing areas to reopen. After hearing glowing reports from the Larimers about incredible climbing at a legendary crag in Southern California--a state that wasn't yet on fire--we decided we needed to see what all the fuss was about. The plan was to get the Larimers, Howells, and Hatfield together for a long climbing weekend to one of the birthplaces of modern American rock climbing: Idyllwild, California.

Idyllwild, filled with art galleries and restaurants, is surrounded by the pines, oaks, and cedars of the San Bernardino National Forest and sits at 5400 feet elevation in the San Jacinto mountains, south of Palm Springs. Although loaded with tourists during our visit, it still maintains a quaint, small-town atmosphere. A visit to Idyllwild would be enjoyable for the scenery alone, but we were there to climb the granite monolith perched above town: Tahquitz Rock.

At 1000 feet tall, Tahquitz is an impressive sight. From town, viewed from its south end, it appears as a giant tower. Up the road a few miles, we could see its true size as we viewed its massive northwest and west faces. First climbed in the late 1930's by people wearing tennis shoes and carrying manila hemp ropes, Tahquitz is today a trad climber's paradise with a mixture of friction faces, cracks, and chimneys--sometimes all on the same pitch. The list of first ascents includes such Yosemite legends as Royal Robbins and Yvon Chouinard, and a fellow named Chuck Wilts, who not only put up first ascents at Tahquitz, but also many alpine first ascents throughout the Sierra. It was Wilts, in the mid-1950's, who helped develop a rating system for his Tahquitz guidebook that is today known as the Yosemite Decimal System.

We arrived in Idyllwild with the Howells late Thursday night, after a 4-1/2 hour drive from Phoenix, and spent half an hour driving around town in the dark before finally finding the campground. We set up tents under a cloudless, starry night and waited for the Larimers to arrive. At some point, Rogil, Tim Lange, and Jim Iverson arrived at the campground, having planned their group's outing for the same time, but we didn't see them drive by.

We awoke early Friday morning, and headed out to the trailhead with the Howells. Our objective was to climb as a foursome on one of the easier multi-pitch climbs. The Larimers would be along later to climb the classic 3-star, 5.10a *Super Pooper*. Since I hadn't led a multi-pitch or a trad climb in several months, and

because we had a large group, we chose the 6-pitch, 2-star, 5.4 *White Maiden's Walkway*. (In some books, this climb is rated as low as 5.1). The hike up to Tahquitz is a steep, loose, strenuous endeavor. I didn't time it, but it probably took an hour for all of us to get to the top of Lunch Rock, the big rock that sits just below the main cliff. Once there, we messed around just long enough getting racked up to see a couple of climbers scurry across the talus below us in the direction of our climb. Sure enough, when we arrived at the base of our climb 10 minutes later, we found those climbers looking around for the start of the route. One of them confirmed they would indeed be climbing *White Maiden's Walkway*, but because they had climbed it before, we should follow them up to help us find the route. After waiting for what seemed like a very long time for them to get ready and eventually get to the top of the first pitch, we started up.

*White Maiden's Walkway* is the easiest way up the Maiden Buttress, a prominent feature that splits the northwest face from the west face. For the most part, the rock is sticky, and the protection is more than adequate. I would end up using most of the nuts, small hexes, and cams from 0.5 to 3" I had with me, but I never placed any of the full set of Tri-Cams I'd brought. We followed the other climbers through the first 3 pitches, enjoying the great rock and great weather. I would occasionally glance at the route map, but mostly I would just follow them up, only wondering briefly a couple of times why the route description seemed so confusing. At the top of the 3<sup>rd</sup> pitch, we brought everyone up and took a short break so Susan could recover from pulling the double duty of belaying me on lead, then bringing Bryan up. I led the next pitch, arriving at a small tree which marked a good spot for a belay. Since it wasn't big enough for all of us, I brought Susan up, then led off up the 5<sup>th</sup> pitch. By this time, I had lost sight of the climbers ahead of us, but we knew we were still following them. The climbing had been getting increasingly harder, and I found myself placing more gear at shorter intervals. By the time I arrived at a small overhang, I didn't have any gear left to adequately protect it, so I wandered back and forth looking for a better way up. Not finding anything, I set an uncomfortable belay.

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been starting to speak up: *Maybe those guys ahead of us aren't really on the right route.* After all, I had been having trouble getting my bearings with the guidebook, and the climbing sure seemed harder than 5.4 (and *much* harder than the 5.1 that some guidebooks rated it). Also, the leader of the other group said it had been 20 years since he had last climbed here. It was now dawning on me (yes, I'm a little slow) that we were probably on the wrong route. As I looked at the route map, I couldn't figure out where we were. Bryan and Carrie were on the top of the 3<sup>rd</sup> pitch, Susan was on top of the 4<sup>th</sup>, and I was on top of the 5<sup>th</sup>. And it was now 4:00 o'clock. Wow, I really blew it with keeping track of time! We'd lost time waiting for the guys ahead of us to start, and we were moving slowly as a group of four. I didn't know where we were, so I didn't know if I would be leading us into even harder climbing. As I calculated our estimated time of completion versus our position, and started realizing how late it might be, I started to wonder about the next course of action. I knew there would be a tricky 4<sup>th</sup> class downclimb awaiting us at the top of the rock that would be difficult (if not impossible) for us to find and negotiate in the dark. One option would be to get on top, and if it was dark, spend the night up there. Another option was to finish the climb, then look for the longer, but easier, 3<sup>rd</sup> class descent. And still another option, having seen rap stations on the way up, was to rapel the route. On the radios, I asked the others what their thoughts were. Bryan and Carrie were concerned about the time, and I think they were leaning towards rapping. Susan wanted to continue on up. What to do, what to do? Then Dave, who had finished his climb with Sally and was monitoring our radio conversations, got on the line and offered to rap to my position and bring everyone out on a top belay. Choosing this course of action would, in my mind, signal a defeat of sorts, but in the end, it made the most sense.

So with a renewed hope for a quicker and easier solution to our problem, we accepted Dave's offer. He came down above my position to see where I was, then prusiked back up to set an anchor. We then started moving people through the rest of the pitches, with Dave belaying to the halfway point of our remaining distance, and Sally bringing everyone else on up to the top. We topped out well after 6:00 o'clock, made our way down the 4<sup>th</sup> class friction descent, and made the long walk back to our packs, arriving as it was getting dark. We rested

briefly, drank some much-needed water (which most of us had run out of on the climb), and put on our headlamps for the long walk back to the cars. We arrived at the cars at around 9:00, a full 14 hours after we left them in the morning.

The next day, after sleeping late, we goofed off in town, then drove up to the trailhead to see if we could see Rogil's crew on the rock. They had planned on climbing the same route we had climbed the day before, only they were planning on sticking to the actual route. With field glasses and the guidebook, we were able to easily find them on the top of the 3<sup>rd</sup> pitch. What was interesting was that they were at least 50 feet left of where our 3<sup>rd</sup> belay ledge had been. After consulting the guidebook a few more times and searching up and down the Buttress, I realized where I had gone wrong. On pitch 3, I had traversed right about 15 feet into a crack system to follow the other climbers up what I thought was our route. In doing so, I had traversed onto another route, *Fool's Rush*. How appropriate: I was a Fool for not consulting the guidebook more in depth in advance, for trusting a couple of unknown guy's experience from 20 years prior, and for going up a climb I'd never been on with a large group of people. It was a good lesson, fortunately learned with no dire consequences. From our vantage point, I could easily see the correct route, and I could make out our variation. In addition to studying the route more carefully ahead of time, I would have benefited from this little tidbit I have since picked up from [www.rockclimbing.com](http://www.rockclimbing.com): "On Pitch 3, climb up the left most crack (5.4), not up the cracks (5.7 or more) on the face on the right."

On Sunday, we trudged back up to the rock. This time we were smarter. Bryan and Carrie had left early, so it was just Susan and me. We picked another easy route, the 4-pitch 5.4 *The Trough*. This is another route that's rated much lower in other guidebooks, and it was easy, straightforward, and short enough that we could climb it, get a shower back at camp, and still get back home at a decent time. Dave and Sally picked the 2-star, 5.10a *The Step*, and we occasionally spotted them from our climb. I often lament the fact that I don't yet lead harder climbs, but I take comfort in something the late Alex Lowe said, "The best climber is the one having the most fun". And fun it was. This time our climb went off without a hitch, and was one of the most enjoyable days of climbing I've had in a long time.

-Jeff Hatfield

## LABOR DAY 2002 —PILOT KNOB, Colorado.—13,738 ft

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As is our practice of late, my wife Susan Morris and I headed up to Colorado over the long weekend to bag another summit. Because I feel our plight of trying to find something worthwhile in reasonable driving distance corresponds to the plight of other Phoenicians, over the years I have tried to report back on peaks that hold great potential in the Southwestern part of Colorado. I have now climbed and reported on most of the peaks in the Wilson group near Telluride, the Sneffels group near Ouray, and the Vermillion group near Silverton. As you may know I have a strong preference for the 13'ers for their alpine solitude, but that is easy to say after bagging all of the state's 14'ers. Just wish now I had looked elsewhere sooner. The 14'ers as a group weren't worth it comparatively.

Silverton is my winter ice climbing destination, but it is also great access to some neat 13'ers. Head west out of Silverton a couple of miles and then take a good forest service road up South Mineral Creek. At the USFS Campground parking lot for the Ice Lake trail, head uphill on an easy trail for about 3 miles to Lower Ice Lake at about 11,400. Susan and I have a campsite staked out that you'll have to guess at, but it is a large basin with plenty of flat sites. Another 1,000 feet takes you on a good trail to Ice Lake itself at 12,257. To the left and continuing around clockwise are at least five good scrambles: Fuller, Vermillion, Golden Horn, Pilot Knob and US Grant. Susan, Zack and I did Fuller and Vermillion in a day several years ago. We added Jutta Ulrich for Golden Horn two years ago, and last year Susan and I did US Grant, leaving Pilot Knob as this year's project.

Our drive to the area was marred by a several hour delay Friday evening trying to get from Payson to Heber (while that one was due to an accident, the return trip's delay seemed to be just an problematic accordian-like slowing down and speeding up). A little tired we had great weather for our hike into the Lower Ice Lake campsite aforementioned. It took less than 2 hours and we had nice daylight left for relaxing in camp. Sunday a.m. we left rather leisurely at 6:00 a.m. for Pilot Knob and again were blessed with good weather from the get-go. As most of you know who have climbed with me, I take the childhood allegory of the tortoise and the hare to heart, and ambled my way higher with Susan towing me along (beware: seldom do I fail to cross the finish line and I may be downright \*\*\*\*\* if interfered with).

On arriving at Ice Lake, Pilot Knob confronts your westerly view. Basically it is a set of scree slopes broken by cliff bands up to the summit ridge of roughly a dozen sub-summits and spires laid out along a ridge like an Indian chief's headdress. While the middle summit and the northern-most true summit stand out, the rest of the subsummits are of almost equal height and signifi-

cance. In general the ridge line is a cliff 200 feet high consisting of many, many spires.

From Ice Lake we leisurely strode up the obvious water path to an upper basin underneath Pilot Knob and Golden Horn. Again we examined what lay in front of us carefully.

The greatest difficulty of the climb is the route finding, and although I had two guide book descriptions (Rosebrough's on the San Juans and Garrett's on the 13'ers) and a pair of binoculars, we couldn't make heads or tails of which was the first and second "yellow couloir" that the guidebooks describe. (I now think that they may be one and the same, as I took something akin to Garrett's route but also matched a place from Rosebrough's photograph).

The guidebooks rightfully lead you the 13,340 saddle between Golden Horn and Pilot Knob and then have you sidehill north on the eastern flank to the appropriate gully. Keen fools that we are, Susan and I headed dead-on westerly up scree toward the likely set of gullies. Big mistake. Horrible. 'Nough said. This was "bad" scree. Take the scree to the south saddle!

After dying numerous deaths by sliding backwards, we swam our way to the bottom of the cliffs. The guidebooks talked about distinguishing gullies from chimneys, but it all was fairly vertical. Trying to take the second gully, I roped up and lead on choosing the easiest but near vertical line. After a series of hand-holds and footholds came off to rain down toward Susan, I down-climbed and tried the right edge of more basalt looking stuff. It took some pro, but after about 15 feet, I thought that this probably wasn't the correct gully. Nothing said about 5.6 type of moves in the guide books.

I then took a left hand upward traverse that went pretty easy and seemed to maybe have a boot-print or two. It led back into what I had counted as the First Gully. I brought Susan up to an anchor and lead straight up trying this one. Scrambling led to the last 15 feet described in Rosebrough's Guide and his picture of "Ernie". I finished the pitch, but decided instead that the series of ledges I had spotted about 2/3's of the way up the gully looked more promising, so I down-scrambled and after placing a piece (for piece of mind) I made an easy move out on to the face, where an easy series of ledges angled up at 45 degrees to the ridge line.

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Susan soon joined me and after another rope length (a half-rope length of 100 feet 9 mm was perfect) placed us on the ridge. We scrambled along the ridge line except where a short detour or two along the west face helped by-pass the difficulties of maneuvering around the sub-summits and pinnacles. We climbed moving together, but roped, with me occasionally giving Susan some "tension", more for my sensitivity than her need. In general I would say in retrospect that the best way was to stay on the ridge line, except for the last shear pinnacle before the true summit.

The summit itself was fairly large and we enjoyed the sweeping views of mountainous southern Colorado. Storm clouds and hail began to cover the rock in white, so we retreated. In the first gap back off of the summit there was an inviting and ancient ring piton that must have been used for a rappel, but the only rappel line was straight down the east face. This was too long for our rope and the piton a bit too old in slightly rotten rock. We down-climbed to the low point on the ridge, and then took the non-technical climb down the west face and scrambled around the north end.

By this time the hail storm ended and we stashed away our pro. The scree that was bothersome was enjoyable ride downhill, so we were quickly down into the upper basin, then Ice Lake, and onto Lower Ice Lake campsite. We were back sipping tea by 1:00 p.m. and had a very enjoyable rest of the day reading, padding about, and thinking under blue sky and utter solitude (Those that don't like those types of moments shouldn't climb with me—they'd be bored and bore me.).

After a long and peaceful night, we hiked out and drove home, wishing CO were a little closer and now wondering what other areas we can explore in a long AZ weekend.

Pilot Knob, East Face. Rating: Guidebook described as one of the more difficult peaks in the top Colorado 200. Maybe European AD- or PD+. Pro is recommended, mainly a light rack up to 1 inch. Half rope sufficient (100 feet). Rock moves by easiest path probably 4th class/5.0, but I'd recommend some "pro-ing" because of the seriousness of being injured in a fairly remote locale. Lots of potential for low to mid 5th class depending on the variation you find yourself in. Greatest challenge: route finding. Greatest joy: route finding. Added benefit: alpine solitude.

—Erik Filsinger

## OVER THE REALLY BIG EDGE

This year's trash pickup at the Grand Canyon will be next weekend. CAMRA and SARA will also be joining us on Sept. 28th.

You must have attended a trash rappel class and be practiced at prusiking to go over the rim or to participate in the rope work: If not, you can help at the top. helmet will be required for everyone going over the edge. You will need prusiks, a rappel device, your harness, 3 lockers and a 6-ft sling for the trash rappel itself. Also I recommend you bring a hat with tie-down, sunscreen, lip balm, water, and gloves.

The Park Service is providing a group campsite for us; I will know about a second site later. Each site is for 50 people and 2 cars. The site is for Sept 27 & 28. The campsite number on the "Sage Loop" is assigned on arrival. I will leave a note on the kiosk for late arrivals as to which site we are at. The vehicles bringing the club equipment will be the 2 vehicles to park at the site, so that we can monitor the ropes, etc. All other vehicles must park at Babbit's General Store, about a ¼ mile from the campsite. While inconvenient, this is the Park Service campsite policy due to emergency vehicle access issues and they *do* monitor the campsites. Other campsite rules are: no ground fires (use the grills), and quiet hours between 10pm and 6am

If you arrive at the entrance station when it is open, tell the Ranger on duty that you are with the AMC here for the trash cleanup. He/she should let you in without paying the normal \$20.00 entrance fee.

We will pick up trash Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup>. Meet at Mather Point parking lot at 8:00 am. I will make any last minute announcements and discuss the plan for the day. Plan on picking up litter until about 3:00 or 4:00 pm Saturday. We will be trading off the jobs of rappelling down and sending bags up, since there are limited number ropes feasible in such an operation. The Park Service will provide trash bags and cordon off the sidewalk above us while we work.

The Park Service will also open up Shoshoni Point for a barbeque Saturday evening. There is about a 270-degree view of the Canyon from this point. Bring your own dead meat and extras. The Club will provide charcoal and lighter fluid.

On Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup>, enjoy a day hike before heading back to Phoenix or go climbing in one of the amphitheaters with us. We will meet at the dirt parking lot across the railroad tracks below Bright Angel Lodge on Sunday at 8:00 to go climbing.

Car-pooling – if you are interested in car-pooling, call me and I will give your name to others also interested. Call me at 623-580-8909 to sign up or for any questions.

— Scott Hoffman

## Adopt-a-Crag 2002

This year the Arizona Mountaineering Club participated in the Access Fund's third annual national volunteer event Adopt-a-Crag. In finding our area to tackle, the AMC worked closely with Paul Reinshagen with the local REI stores. Being that REI was the 2002 Title Sponsor for the event, it would seem like a wonderful joint venture. After considering several climbing areas within metropolitan Phoenix, a climbing area in North Scottsdale was chosen – Little Granite Mountain. This is a very important area for climbers as vast parcels of land in North Scottsdale in recent years have been sold off to developers for housing and retail development.

Within the last year, the AMC campaigned Arizona government officials to allow the City of Scottsdale to purchase Little Granite Mountain, as well as neighboring Cholla Mountain, for inclusion within the McDowell Sonoran Land Trust. This Trust is a working to preserve a contiguous desert open space system linking pristine Sonoran Desert mountain and land ranges with National Forest lands. This link will result in 57 square miles or nearly 1/3 of Scottsdale being preserved in its natural state.

The AMC and REI contacted Claire Miller at the City of Scottsdale's Preservation Department. In recent years the AMC has built a positive relationship with the City of Scottsdale to work towards preservation of the McDowell Mountains, as well as, Little Granite and Cholla Mountains. Paul Dief of the Phoenix Rock Gym was also contacted for his expertise in trail building and maintenance. Finally, the State Land Trust Department was contacted for their approval of this event happen on their land.

On a blessedly overcast, little bit steamy, September 7<sup>th</sup> Saturday morning, 29 individuals met in North Scottsdale to construct a trail to Lost Bandana Wall. We took what was once a trailblazing scramble up to the wall, to a well laid out, logical trail clearly defined. We also had time to establish linking trails to Dueling Hammers Wall and The Cone.

This event was a huge success for the AMC because we accomplished several goals – 1.) The trail! 2.) Enhancing our relationship with the City of Scottsdale. 3.) Beginning a positive relationship with the State Trust Land Department. 4.) Showing the community our commitment to access issues in Arizona.

Please take a moment to send a quick thank you note to Paul Reinshagen at REI (PREinsh@rei.com) for his organization and promotion of the event, as well as providing t-shirts, water bottles, and an unlimited supply of CLIF bars. Please send a quick note to Claire Miller with the City of Scottsdale (clmiller@ci.scottsdale.az.us) for her organization of the event as well as providing us with all the necessary trail building tools. And please send a quick note to Paul Dief at the Phoenix Rock Gym (pauldief@quest.net) for his guidance in trail building.

There is still some work that needs to be done to the trail, so please keep your eye out for the notification.

Here is the list of participants from the Adopt-a-Crag event:

Kristie Alexander  
Andrew Bates  
Trent Baudais  
Debby Brown  
Jennifer Davies  
Steve Dilley  
Erik Filsinger  
Janie Gomez  
Seth Hemessee  
Scott Hoffman  
James Holloway  
Wesley Holloway  
Kirra Kurvink  
Jason Laird  
Yvonne Massman  
Claire Miller  
Paul Reinshagen  
Carroll Rickard

Bruce Robbins  
Lance Roth  
Nikolia Schnupp  
Myrna Smith  
Blake Terry  
Charlene Todd  
Bill Van  
Trevor Varney  
Frank Vers  
Clay Vollmer  
Tim Walsh  
Steve Wieczorek

—Jen Davies



# BASIC ROCK CLIMBING SCHOOL

## ARIZONA MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

### LEARN:

Equipment care and usage / Rope handling / Climbing knots / Belaying  
Rappelling / Rock climbing techniques / Self-rescue techniques

Interested in rock climbing? The Arizona Mountaineering Club (AMC) has been teaching basic rock climbing for over 35 years. We place emphasis on proven techniques including self-rescue.

### **WHEN & WHERE (the class lasts 2 weeks):**

Fall 2002

Oct 15 Tuesday 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm \*Havasupai Ramada, North Mountain Park  
Oct 17 Thursday 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Havasupai Ramada, North Mountain Park  
Oct 19 Saturday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm North McDowell Mountains, Scottsdale  
Oct 20 Sunday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm North McDowell Mountains, Scottsdale  
Oct 22 Tuesday 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Phoenix Rock Gym  
Oct 24 Thursday 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Phoenix Rock Gym  
Oct 26 Saturday all day Various times, various places

\*North Mountain Park is at Peoria and 7<sup>th</sup> St, 5 miles north of Camelback on 7<sup>th</sup> St. Turn west into the park and look for the orange traffic cones imprinted "AMC" at Havasupai Ramada.

### **WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING FOR THE FIRST CLASS:**

Dress casually; the class will be held outside, so bring warm clothes or not, depending on the weather

### **WHAT IS PROVIDED BY THE AMC:**

Technical climbing gear that will be used for the school (**and is yours to keep**): 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 retailers on other climbing gear

**WHAT IS RECOMMENDED FOR THE CLASS:** Climbing shoes are recommended. 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:** \$160 plus membership if not already a member (\$13 for an individual and \$15 for a family for post-June dues).

**REGISTRATION:** The class is limited to 40 students. To reserve a spot, send a check for \$160 + membership costs made out to AMC Basic School. Include your clearly printed name, address and current phone number(s). Mail to: AMC Basic School, 456 W. Stacey Lane, Tempe, AZ 85284. No credit cards accepted. If you have further questions, please call Kevin or Linda Kriegel at 480-705-0428.

(**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 \$160 will be refunded.)

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER (Cont from page 5)

Perhaps more importantly, maybe there are folks out there who have good and solid climbing and anchoring skills who could help out as Outing Leaders, even if all the outings they ever plan to do are the high-volume local top rope outings where the OL basically supervises the setting up of top-ropes at the top of the crag and then circulates among the happy throngs. If you are one these types, we don't care if you never take a multi-pitch outing, or never figure on taking an outing where you will strap onto the sharp end.

Talk to us and maybe you will find the perfect role for yourself.

At any rate, we only offer as many Outings as we have qualified Outing Leaders willing to commit to. And we only have as many qualified Outing Leaders as there are folks willing to go through our selection process, a process that would be irresponsible to ignore. Perhaps we can do more for the Outing Leaders themselves. After all, why take on the hassle of becoming one, offering Outings, and the like when you may just like climbing and you don't need the Club to do it? What's in it for you, the prospective OL? What would be sufficient motivation to become an Outing Leader?

Oh my, it looks like I've uncovered another topic, or is it a conundrum too?

Erik Filsinger can be reached at [president@azmountaineeringclub.org](mailto:president@azmountaineeringclub.org).

### LEAD SCHOOL HELPERS . . .

Volunteer anytime, but you are most needed on the weekend, says Mick Strohl. Of course, come to the evening classes too, if you wish

The group will drive to Prescott Saturday and camp over. Classes will be on Sullivan Canyon's basalt or the Watson Dells "sticky" granite.. There is usually a group dinner in Prescott Saturday evening.

"Possibly get ... to knock out some routes.. Just watch or help with anchors" says Mick. "If nothing else, come join us for a fun weekend in Prescott."

Information — last month's newsletter or call Mick & Sherrie at 520-586-3335.

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# ANCHORS SCHOOL

The AMC Anchors and Advanced Ropework School (AARS) teaches participants how to set anchors for top-roping. This course is the logical next step for AMC Basic School graduates.

**First session:** Learn anchor components, anchor types, knots and hitches.

**Second session:** Learn anchor system characteristics and construction.

**Third session:** Gain experience setting anchors by accomplishing "hands-on" scenarios under instructor supervision.

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

## **WHEN & WHERE (the class lasts 3 days with an optional 4<sup>th</sup> day of practice and climbing):**

**Nov 12, Tue.** (6:00 pm - 9:30 pm): Dreamy Draw Park (Phoenix). To get to Dreamy Draw Park take the 51 (Squaw Peak Freeway) to Northern; turn east on Northern. This takes you directly into the park. Class is at the big Ramada.

**Nov 14, Thu.** (6:00 pm - 9:30 pm): Dreamy Draw Park

**Nov 16, Sat.** (8:00 am - 4:00 pm): North Scottsdale bouldering area

**Nov 17, Sun.** (7:00 am - 5:00 pm): Climbing area to be announced during class.

**EXPERIENCE REQUIRED:** AMC Basic School Graduate or equivalent which must include knowledge of how to belay, rappel, use prusiks, tie a figure-8-on-a-bight and figure-8-on-a-follow-through, and make a girth hitch.

**COST:** \$75 (\$88 non-members). Register by sending a check payable to AMC Anchors School to 6519 W. Aire Libre, Glendale, AZ, 85306. No credit cards accepted. The registration fee is fully refundable if you cancel prior to the class. Call Rogi Schroeter at 623-878-3914 for more information.

## **EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR THE CLASS:**

- 2 min non-locking "D" or Oval carabiners (2 minimum, bring more if you have them)
- 3 min locking carabiners (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 6', 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

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

**Students are required to wear a helmet during the Saturday and Sunday sessions. Helmets are available if you do not have one.**

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 the anchors class, but if you have some, you will be able to practice setting it in a controlled, learning environment during the class. All of the gear recommended below can be used for the lead class, 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, stoppers, 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)

## AMC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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*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.*

### WHEN & WHERE & WHAT & WHO .

- Sep 28\* Grand Canyon Clean-up. Scott Hoffman 623-580-8909  
Sep 29 BYOL climbs in cirques along South Rim. Steve Hoffman, 623-580-8909  
Oct 1 Lead School Oct 1,2,3,5,6. \$75 (Plus membership if not already a member) Rogil 623-878-3914.  
Oct 3 AMC Clothing Systems seminar at PV REI 6:30—8:30 p.m.  
Oct 9 Basic Climbing School Instructors' Meeting. Sally Larimer 480-425-9689.  
Oct 13-15 Prescott, dual sport weekend. Multipitch climbing on Az's famous Granite Mountain destination, limit 2 or BYOL; unlimited singletrack thru ponderosa forests, fee campground nearby. Paul Paonessa, 602-493-7351  
Oct 15 Basic Climbing School Oct 15, 17, 19, 20, 22, 24, 26. \$160 (Plus membership dues if not already a member. Kevin or Linda Kriegel 480-705-0428.  
Oct 26 The Mace. Limit 4. Frank Vers will lead his 9th annual ascent of this Classic multi-pitch sandstone route in Sedona. Solid 5.9+/ Helmets mandatory. Frank Vers 480-947 9435  
Oct 30 and Nov 3 AMC Alpine Rock Seminar. Learn the refinements of techniques to climbing rock in Alpine environments. Wednesday evening lecture session and Sunday all-day field exercise. Basic and AARS Classes required. Lead School recommended. Location TBD. Contact Erik Filsinger at smorefil@aol.com to sign up. Cost \$25.  
Nov 2 Queen Creek Cleanup and Climb. Charlene Todd 480-917-5354.  
Nov 6 Anchors School Instructor Meeting Tom Conner 480-897-7263  
Nov 7 AMC Alpine Accidents and Judgment Seminar at PV REI 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Nov 12 Anchors School. Nov 12, 14, 16, 17. \$75 (Plus membership if not already...) Rogil at 623-878-3914.  
Nov 27\* J-Tree Thanksgiving Nov. 27-Dec 1.  
Dec 5 Alpine Seminar  
Dec 28 — Jan 4 Colorado, Ouray Ice Park. Awesome Ice Climbing! Richard Horst 602-953-9198.  
\*Group outings: The campsite, where possible, is reserved by the AMC. There is no designated leader, although there may be a leader to work with non-leaders (call to find out). Call to find car-poolers. Parking is first-come, first-served in some cases To request outings: Call Outings Chairperson Bruce McHenry 602-952-1379 —Continued on page 15)

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### AMC OUTING LEADERS

Requirements for becoming a leader: take the basic, AARS 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 Scott

Sally Borg Larimer...480-425-9689	Paul Norberg.....602-808-9244	Mick Strole.....602-788-4031
Tom Conner.....480-897-7623	Paul Paonessa.....602-493-7356	Rick Taylor.....623-487-8507
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Scott Hoffman.....623-580-8909	Rogil Schroeter.....623-878-3914	
Richard Horst.....602-953-9198	Wayne Schroeter.....480-829-9313	
David Larimer.....480-425-9689	Jef Sloat.....602-843-2490	
Tim Medlock.....719-494-1171	Bill Stinson.....602-547-2560	

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To cancel: Please call the outing leader to cancel as soon as possible: there may be a waiting list. Also, the leader will know not to wait for you on outing day.

### **BILLBOARD –Other Scheduled Events**

Outings listed in these sections are not AMC sanctioned outings. Any AMC member can list an event he or she is planning and which is open to other AMC members. The member does not have to be an approved AMC Outing Leader. If you wish to participate you should be physically and mentally prepared and equipped with the appropriate gear and should contact the member planning the outing. You are responsible for your own safety, not the person leading the outing. You should always be aware of the risks involved in outdoor activities and conduct yourself accordingly.

Oct 12                   Strenuous day hike in the Grand Canyon. Contact Rogil.  
Thursdays           North Mountain Hikes Eves . Rogil Schroeter, (623) 878-3914 rogil.schroeter@honeywell.com

### **Commercially Provided Training and Events**

The events listed below are provided by commercial outfitters for the benefit of AMC members. These are not AMC Outings, nor are they led by AMC Outing Leaders, though they may be open only to AMC members. The commercial outfitter is solely responsible for all aspects of the outing, not AMC. While, in most cases, an AMC member may provide a service by AMC collecting the names of prospective participants and handling the logistics for out-of-town events, participants will sign up directly with the commercial outfitter.

**Nov. 28 - Dec. 1. — AMGA Top Rope Site Managers Course and Certification Exam.:** \$550. This course is part of the effort by the American Mountain Guides Association to help train individuals to be competent in the most common classroom and outing setting - a top rope situation. It is the first in the AMGA progressive series of certifications. Held in Arizona. Also Jan. 18-20 and Feb 15-17.

**Nov. 28 - Dec. 1. — Beginning Ice Climbing** and optional Avalanche Awareness: \$200 (\$60 for avalanche awareness alone) This course gives the basic orientation to ice climbing using crampons and ice tools. Students climb on lower angle ice the first day and then progress as skills permit to near vertical ice on day 2. The third day consists of a day in the field learning basic avalanche awareness issues. Held in Durango, Colorado. Also Jan. 18-20, and Feb. 15-17, 2003

**Dec. 29-29— Multi-pitch ice climbing :** \$260 for 2 days or \$210 for second day alone. The first day consists of skills refresher and the second is following a guided ascent of a multi-pitch ice classic. Held in Durango, Colorado. December 28 - 29 March 29 - 30

**Dec.30-31 — Lead climbing skills :** \$235 for the two days. The first day consists of learning the techniques of leading ice. The second day consists of putting those skills into place under the supervision of an instructor. Held in Durango, Colorado. December 30 - 31.

**Jan. 11 (evening) , 12, 13 — Level 1 Avalanche Certification Course:** \$200 for the course. This course is equivalent to other Level 1 Avalanche Certification courses offered around the country. Held in Durango, Colorado. .

**Weekends starting Nov 22 — 3-Day Winter Mountaineering Course:** \$355 per person (minimum of 2 or more people). 1 day avalanche awareness, 1 day Snow skills, Engineer Ascent. These are full days and do not account for travel days to and from home. Held in Durango, Colorado. Also a 5-day Winter Mountaineering Course with ice climbing, \$535. Currently taking sign-ups for **all weekends** November 22, 2002 to April 28, 2003.

To sign-up or for more information contact Erik Filsinger at smorefil@aol.com.

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## AMC Outing Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		—Lead School Eves —				
<i>Moon Last Qtr</i>		Camra Mtg	<i>Sunrise 6:24 Sunset 6:12 Moon up 1:48a</i>	Alpine Sem		<b>Lead school</b>
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>Lead School</b>			<b>Basic Instr Mtg</b> <i>Sunrise 6:29 Sunset 6:02 Moon set 8:38pm</i>			
<i>New Moon</i>						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<b>Granite Mtn &amp; Biking</b>	Board Meeting	<b>Biking</b>	<i>Sunrise 6:34 Sunset 5:54 Moon up 4:05p</i>			<b>Basic School</b>
<i>Moon 1st Qtr</i>	<b>Biking</b>	Basic Class		Basic Class		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<b>Basic School</b>	<i>Full Moon</i>		<i>Sunrise 6:40 Sunset 5:46 Moon up 7:31p</i>			<b>Mace &amp; Grad Climbs</b>
		Basic Class		Basic Class		
27	28	29	30	31		
	<b>Members Meeting— Shipton Spire</b>	<i>Moon last quarter</i>	<b>Alpine Rock Seminar</b>			
			<i>Sunrise 6:40 Sunset 5:38</i>			