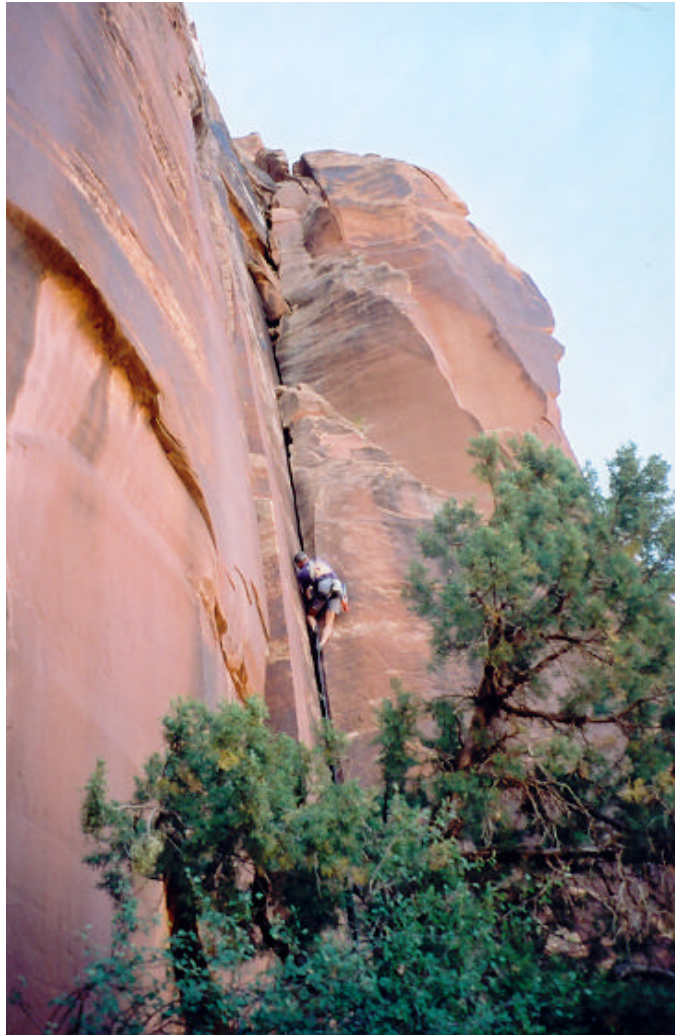


# July 2002

## ARIZONA MOUNTAINEER



*Richard Horst? Andy? It is hard to tell from this distance. They both scampered up the Indian Creek sandstone cracks like demented lizards in the semiannual invasion of this southeastern Utah canyon complex. A dozen and a half climbers tested their taping and endurance on these tall sandstone cracks. Photo by Kirra.*

# 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:

AMC Membership Committee  
6519 W. Aire Libre Ave.  
Glendale, Az. 85306

**OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:**

Arizona Mountaineering Club  
P. O. Box. 1695 (for now—will change soon.)  
Phoenix, Az. 85001-1695

**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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.....	webadmin@azmountaineeringclub.org	

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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>>

## THIS MONTH IN THE AMC

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# HOT STUFF!!!

- 1 Index, Club Info.; Birthdays this month
- 2 Board Meeting Minutes
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- 10 Paradise Forks: Dells Thievery
- 11 Outings Contd.
- 12 Outings: Leaders

**1. Pray for rain – lots of it.  
Fervently!**

**2. Return to AMC's early days:**

**Get up early to do  
6:00 a.m. climbs on Camelback;**

**Climb Pinnacle Peak in early  
morning or after the sun gets behind**

### 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

**August Deadline: 12 JULY 2002**

### 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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## JULY BIRTHDAYS

Scott Bauguess 2, Diana Sherwood 5, Nicole Soares 5, Tim Bombaci 6, Terry Nelson 6, David Bay 7, Richard Dewey 9, Jason Laird 10, Michelle Garland 11, Don Hoge 11, Bruce Corey 12, Rachel Klink 13, Sheri Brewer 14, Ken Steven 16, Felicia Terry 16, Anita Pietrofitta 17, Fred Padgett 18, Sandy Myers 20, Donald Robinson 21, Kelly Hiatt 22, Carol Rubin 23, Valerie Paulus 24, Juan Restrepo 24, Dan Briggs 26, Chris Buckingham 26, Karen Laine 26, Ron Jachimowicz 27, Jay Skardon 27, Terese Mora 30, Alvin Rodrigues 30

## MINUTES OF THE AMC BOARD MEETING: June 10, 2002

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Board Members present: Conner, Filsinger, Hoffman, Hubble, Keedy, Schneider, Ward  
Committee Chairs Present: Norberg, Tillery

- I. A quorum being present, President Filsinger called the meeting to order at 7 PM.
- II. Minutes of the May Board Meeting were approved as published.
- III. Treasurers Report was accepted as presented.
- IV. President's Updates:
  - A. AMC Flag – The AMC Flag was used by the Phoenix Bouldering Contest and has not been returned as yet. Filsinger will contact PBC contacts again to request its return
  - B. Equipment Chair – Motion made, seconded and carried to appoint Jim Iverson as Equipment Chair replacing Jeff Hatfield who has been serving as interim Equipment Chair. Our thanks to Jeff for an excellent job of handling this responsibility.
  - C. Liability Coverage – The Liability Policy with WOGA has been cancelled as it was not what we had negotiated for and does not meet our needs. Full refund of our premium is forthcoming. Erik, Bruce and Bill will continue to pursue this issue.
  - D. Meeting Site – Los Olivos is not closing as previously reported so there is not need to seek another meeting site at this time. As Steve has gathered information concerning alternate locations, he will prepare a report for the records so that information is not lost.
  - E. Post Office Box – Finalization of new arrangement will be forthcoming
  - F. Board confirmed June 1 as the date to remove the names of inactive Outing Leaders from the Newsletter list. Criteria for inclusion on the Active Outing Leader list is to lead two days of outings per year.
  - G. AMGA Top Rope Training – Ward and Medlock will coordinate to find a date they can attend this class. The AMC will reimburse the cost up to \$250 each.
  - H. Standing Rule 11-12-01-01 – Motion made, seconded and carried to remove one line. The Standing Rule now reads:  
AMC Standing Rule 11-12-01-01 Revised 06-10-02 on Non-Member Participation on Club Activities

Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Arizona Mountaineering Club, setting procedure and policy pertaining to the participation of non-members in club activities.

Non-members may participate in club outings only

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as guests of members in good standing. It will be the responsibility of the member who invites a guest to obtain prior approval of the outing leader who is in charge of the outing, to obtain a waiver letter for the guest and have that waiver letter available for the leader of the outing on or before the event takes place. It will also be the member's responsibility to see that the guest is supplied with adequate equipment to facilitate his/her participation with comfort and safety. In the final analysis, however, it will be the leader's decision as to whether or not guests will be allowed on a particular outing. Under no circumstances will a non-member be allowed to participate unless he/she is a guest of a member and has furnished the leader of the outing with a signed waiver letter.

It is also resolved by the Board of Directors of the Arizona Mountaineering Club that the Club gain membership in the American Alpine Club to allow reciprocity with other climbing clubs that have a similar association. We, in turn, can then expect members of other clubs to participate in some of our outings. In this case, it will be the responsibility of the outing leader to obtain a signed waiver letter.

I. Adopt-a-Crag Event – Erik will follow up with Jen, but Beardsley Boulder Pile will probably be the place we will clean up. Jen will coordinate with REI as well.

V. Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 PM

## 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
<b>Tents:</b>			
4-season 2-3 man 7-6		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
<b>MSR Alpine snowshoes</b> ..... 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		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 06/09/02  
Category Description

Amount

<b>INCOME</b>	
Advertising	30.00
Equipment Rental (incl shoes)	173.00
Interest	15.61
Membership Dues	5,995.00
Mountaineering Schools	0.00
Program Income	5.00
Tee Shirts & Etc	65.00
Training & Safety	8,240.00

**TOTAL INCOME** ..... 15,523.61

<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Access	0.00
Access Committee	500.00
Administration	931.74
Bouldering Contest	300.00
Capital Exp	1,169.83
Equipment Maint	99.45
Insurance	2,422.36
Library	41.90
Merchandise Exp	579.40
Mountaineering	30.30
Newsletter	2,253.55
Outings	0.00
Programs	836.00
Service/Bank Charge	33.37
Training & Safety	6,628.07

**TOTAL EXPENSES** ..... 15,802.47

**OVERALL FOR YEAR TO DATE** ..... -278.86

<b>ACCOUNT BALANCES</b>	
CD Account	5,156.02
Savings	1,527.15
Checking	4,130.72
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$10,813.89</b>

**July's Program is like a box of  
chocolates . . .  
You don't know what you're going to get.  
  
(But it should be tasty — Ed)**

### **QUERY'S NAVIGATION CLASS COMING**

Chris Query is prepared to again put on his excellent map reading and land navigation course for AMC members. Concentrating on the 7.5 min USGS topo maps, he will cover the basics of land navigation — and then some. Topics covered:

- How USGS maps are generated
- Map interpretation
- Use of altimeter and GPS in navigation
- Many techniques and valuable tricks

The course will include two nights of classroom instruction July 30 and Aug 1, with many visual aids and hands on exercises. A one day field exercise will be held Aug 2 in the Flagstaff area (or alternate depending on fire restrictions) to practice new skills on a land navigation course set up for the day. Cost of the class is \$20 for materials.

Please REVP to <cquery@hotmail.com> or call 480-967-9268

### **NEW AMC MEMBERS**

Jennifer Iben  
Ben Strogon  
Kevin Strogon



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## Presidential Corner — Erik Filsinger

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President's Corner  
El Conquistador  
July 2002

Heck, I'm a great reader of mountaineering literature, so when I come across something really neat I like to share it. This month's selection is Lionel Terray's *Conquistadors of the Useless*, Mr. Terray's autobiography. For those who study climbing and mountaineering, Terray's name rings gloriously as part of the second ascent party on the North Face of the Eiger, the gent who with Rebuffat, carried Herzog off of the first ascent of an 8,000 meter peak, Annapurna, the guide who lead countless first ascents in the Alps, and world traveler who first summited FitzRoy in South America and other Andes peaks and Mt. Huntington in Alaska -- no small resume.

An amazing piece of literature, during the period after its first Publication followed shortly by Terray's untimely death in the early 1960's and the decision by The Mountaineers to republish it in one of its classic series it was generally thought that the editor had ghostwritten it. Surely this "adventurer" fellow from France couldn't have penned such a work!

Interestingly, David Roberts, another more modern climbing author who was commissioned to do the introduction for the reissued book, went to Europe to investigate a bit more and with the permission of relatives was digging through some of Terray's old papers. One stack of loose-leaf papers bound with cordage caught his eye, and upon closer examination there it was, Terray's original manuscript penned in his own hand.

Terray's life was not easy, but it was oh so rich. His book is likewise deep in value. Roberts states that for him it is one of the best works of all time. Roberts writes, "Terray's book has its faults, but it conveys more of the truth of mountaineering than any other climber's autobiography I know of."

He discusses a number of early failures that left him with a lifelong lack of self-confidence and actually set him back as a climber, until, during the war years in occupied France, as a member of the French Youth Corps, he met and trained with Gaston Rebuffat, who was destined to become the most famous guide of all time. Their exploits and misadventures sprinkle the early pages of the work (In a recent lecture on the history of mountaineering

I mentioned to the audience that if I ever became incapacitated on a mountain the way Maurice Herzog was on Annapurna I couldn't think of a better group of chaps to help save my sorry behind than Terray and Rebuffat.)

For those who love a good twist of a phrase, this is your book. Witness the reference to Lammer upon the ascent of the Aiguille du Moine, "Having been a prey from childhood to every cruel division, conflict and disorder of thought and of modern life, I stretched longing arms towards inner peace and harmony, which I found in the solitudes of the Alps. On summits haunted by the unfettered elements, you may take long draughts of the foaming cup in the headiness of action which admits no obstacles."

Not entirely the romanticist, Terray quotes freely from other writers and philosophers to reflect the hard times in which he lived. His description of Rebuffat's attitude drew from Nietzsche, "...nothing succeeds with presumption."

During his early guiding years when he trained other Youth Corps climbers, many of whom were less than gifted climbers, Terray waxed, "Yet to see a companion arrive for the first time on a sunlit crest, his eyes full of happiness, seemed in itself an adequate recompense. Tomorrow he might return to the valley and be swallowed up by all of the mediocrity of life, but for one day at least he had look full at the sky."

The world lost a great climber when Terray fell mysteriously in 1965. Fortunately for us all, he lives on in his great work -- *El Conquistador*!

Erik Filsinger

If you are thinking of heading out to climb, please visit the website <<http://www.azfireinfo.com>> to see if there are any closures in the area you are looking to climb. Please visit this site often as it is to be updated often. For specific questions you can call 877-864-6985.

—Jen Davis, Access Com

## ACCESS — OR LACK THEREOF — Jen Davies

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As all of you are probably aware of by now, we have severe restrictions in place for climbing in Arizona. Below is a list I have compiled, to date, of some of our favorite climbing areas. You may want to call the local Ranger office regarding specific areas or before heading out.

### CLIMBING CLOSURES AND RESTRICTIONS

#### COCONINO NATIONAL FOREST

Mt. Elden - CLOSED - Contact Coconino Flagstaff District Office at (928) 527-3600  
The Pit - CLOSED - Contact Coconino Flagstaff District Office at (928) 527-3600  
Priest Draw - CLOSED - Contact Flagstaff District Office at (928) 527-3600  
Jack's Canyon - OPEN - Contact Blue Ridge Ranger District Office at (928) 477-2255 - There are restrictions in effect prohibiting open fires, charcoal grills, and smoking.  
The Overlook at Oak Creek Canyon - CLOSED - Contact Flagstaff District Office at (928) 527-3600 Please note that 89A between the Overlook and Flagstaff is also currently closed.

#### KAIBAB NATIONAL FOREST

Paradise Forks - CLOSED - Contact Williams District Office at (928) 635-8200

#### PRESCOTT NATIONAL FOREST

Thumb Butte - CLOSED - Contact Prescott National Forest at (928) 771-4708  
Granite Mountain - CLOSED - Contact Prescott National Forest at (928) 771-4708

#### CITY OF PRESCOTT

Watson Lakes/Granite Dells - OPEN - Contact City of Prescott at (928) 777-1121

#### CHINO VALLEY - State Trust Land

Promised Land - CLOSED  
Sullivan's Canyon - CLOSED

#### NORTH SCOTTSDALE - State Trust Land

Little Granite - CLOSED  
Cholla Mountain - CLOSED

#### MCDOWELL SONORAN LAND TRUST

McDowells - All Areas - CLOSED

#### TONTO NATIONAL FOREST

Queen Creek - Contact Globe District Office at (928) 402-6200. The majority of the climbing areas are

closed — or at least those that fall on National Forest are. I have heard reports that the areas off the road and near the tunnel fall on private land and climbers have been spotted. My advice would be to call the Ranger and ask about a specific area if you are unsure of it's boundary.

#### CORONADO NATIONAL FOREST

Mt. Lemmon — Contact Santa Catalina District Office at (520) 749-8700. I have heard that **some areas on Lemmon are open**. Please call the office for specific areas. It is my understanding that most of the crags high up the hill are closed, but some lower areas are still open.  
Cochise Stronghold - CLOSED - Contact Douglas District Office at (520) 364-3468

#### CAMELBACK; PINNACLE PEAK

As far as the status of Pinnacle Peak (City of Scottsdale), Camelback Mountain (City of Phoenix), and Lookout Mountain (City of Phoenix), they are **all still open**. If I hear otherwise, I will let you know.

A website that is updated often is [www.fs.fed.us/r3/fire](http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/fire). Again, any updated information you can provide is appreciated.

#### ADOPT-A-CRAG

The Access Fund Adopt-a-Crag event is back! Please reserve Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> on your calendar. We are working with local authorities to find our clean-up area. But be prepared to come volunteer a few hours of your time and help support our climbing community!

If you have any questions about climbing access and restrictions, please don't hesitate to give me a call. Further, if you receive any information contrary to what I've reported, please let me know ASAP. Thanks!

## ALTERNATIVES?

With fire dangers putting much of the Arizona's climbing country off limits, maybe it is time to consider deviating slightly from cragging. AMC in the past has had fun and successful outings that involved mountain biking, caving, houseboating, kayaking, canyoneering, wilderness trips, etc. Even pool parties — Know a neat place? Check with Bruce McHenry (602-952-1379) about putting together an alternative outing. We can list it in Billboard of Events.

Thankfully, much of Colorado, Wyoming, California and the northwest is not burning. But as an ex-USFS smoke eater, please watch your fires wherever you go. —Ed.



# Barry Blanchard

Monday, July 22, Los Olivos Senior Center. 7 PM



Canada's premier alpinist has been putting up hard mixed routes in Canada since the early 80's, and has translated those skills into major alpine routes all over the world.

Come join us at the AMC as we hear from Blanchard, recently returned from an attempt on the North Face of Nuptse. Expect pictures of wild climbs on hard rock and hard ice in spectacular alpine settings from all over the world, and perhaps hear choice tidbits on some of Blanchard's film work like the IMAX film "Extreme", and the climbing classic "Vertical Limit".

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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)

## Glacier Travel and Alpine Climb at Mt. Snowdon

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A fun loving AMC group traveled to Colorado over the Memorial Day weekend for a mountaineering adventure south of Silverton, Colorado. This outing consisted of a glacier travel field exercise and an ascent of Mt. Snowdon's West Rib. Erik Filsinger did an outstanding job organizing this combined event and led us safely through. Also, many thanks to the rope team leaders Greg Bellamy, Bruce McHenry, Ron Logan, Susan Morris, and Erik as they spent additional time and effort to make this outing a success. Everyone pitched in to make this a memorable and adventurous weekend.

On Friday May 24<sup>th</sup> we met just south of Molas Pass near Andrews Lake. It was a sunny blue day with skies clearing after a snowstorm passed through northern Colorado. A few of our nearby fourteener's received a slight dusting of snow. We loaded up our group gear and with a quick sanity-check of our weights on a handy bathroom scale, off we trekked towards our basecamp. May seem strange but we really did not hike in that far. I really thought we had much further to go in order to reach our camp. However, there's no complaint to stop early when carrying a 65 pound load. We divided up into 3-4 different camping locations at a huge golden alpine meadow surrounded by tall evergreen forest. Mountain streams in the meadow provided our refreshing source of water. Friday night was clear and cold. Everyone bundled up to stay warm and setup their campsites. A full moon gently lit the forest floor.

Saturday morning arrived with frost on the meadow. With daylight beginning we headed up the hill into the forest to the base of the mountain for our glacier travel lessons. At our first snowy hillside we learned how to calculate the steepness or angle of the slope. Also, we learned various methods of traversing snowfields and how to use our ice axes. We proceeded further up the hill to over several rock outcroppings where we tried our skill at free-climbing in our alpine boots while wearing a pack. Later in the afternoon we practiced ice axe self-arrest techniques. Then we setup anchor stations and practiced belaying up our fellow climbers on snowy slopes.

Sunday morning began with an alpine start. With headlamps peering through the darkness, we met at 3:30am (Phoenix time) and prepared for our journey into the dark forest. Carefully we ventured through the trees and meadows. Daybreak began as we approached the first snowfield. Using the skills we practiced the day before, we stepped cautiously

up the frozen terrain. At the base of the West Rib, we divided into 5 rope teams and looked upward at our 3 climbing routes. I was relieved when I saw that most of the ascent was going to be low fifth-class with lots of chunky handholds. The climbing was straightforward and methodical. Where there was some danger of slipping, the rope lead would place an anchor. Many sections we simply scrambled through with no worries or exposure. By 9:00am we were all on the summit relaxing in the warm sun and enjoying tremendous alpine views. The hardest part of the climb actually may have been on the some of the trail going down. The ridgeline path we took downward began very steeply with some tricky handholds. Later in the afternoon, a training session was held on crevasse rescue techniques and the "Z", "C" pulley systems.

Everyone did absolutely great. We were blessed with a safe and beautiful safe weekend. AMC'ers considering an introductory alpine rock climb with relatively easy access yet big mountain feel should consider this ascent. Here's the participants, including graduates of the AMC Alpine Rock Seminar.

Alpine Rock Seminar --  
May 8 and 12

### Students:

Joel Arbic  
Dan Briggs  
Bill Demlong  
Kathy Granger  
John Granger  
Dave Hansen  
Jim Iverson  
John Keedy  
Jim Kistler  
George Krall  
Richard Landry  
Shantala Ramaiah  
Steve Helms -Tillery

### Assistants for Alpine Rock:

Greg Bellamy  
Mark Hubble  
Bruce McHenry  
Ron Logan  
Susan Morris

Glacier Travel and Crevasse Rescue Class -- April 24 and May 25

### Students:

Steve Allen  
Joel Arbic  
Michael Boylan  
Bill Demlong  
Richard Landry  
Grant Loper  
Shantala Ramaiah  
Robb Reinhardt  
Steve Helms Tillery  
Feliciano Vera

### Assistants for Glacier Travel:

Greg Bellamy  
John Granger  
Kathy Granger  
Dave Hansen  
Jim Iverson  
Ron Logan  
Bruce McHenry  
Susan Morris

## **Brutality awaits those...who Climb at Indian Creek** ~ *Richard Horst's Memorial Day Outing*

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Our outing began as we all left Phoenix at various hours and arriving at various times in the middle of the night (and the next day). The full moon rising was a shining beacon that lit the 3rd gate and the entrance to our primitive Indian Creek campsite.

### **Day 1 -- A NO Number's Game**

We awoke the next day to a beautiful setting of stellar sandstone walls. After rousing our leader from his late night appearance, we all enthusiastically carried tons of gear and rope up a steep talus covered approach to the base of "Fin Wall". Richard offers the sharp end to anyone who dared -but there were none as we looked around nervously. It's only an "8" he says. "Sandbag" was the word of the day. After a brief, detailed hand taping demo, Richard led the first climb which he said was "Unnamed". It was christened by Tony however, who called it "Ton" as he ran out of blood inscribing his name on the wall. With still no takers on leading routes, Richard worked diligently to set up the remaining climbs. Staring upward at the looming wall, we began to start up the intimidating cracks with Richard's enthusiastic encouragement and copious amounts of beta. Cool crack winds drifted out of the 80' splitters for those who dared. Fun was had by all!

After stumbling down the dusty slope laden with gear, we gratefully collapsed into camp to be greeted by the cheery sound of an unmuffled generator which brought a speck of civilization to Indian Creek. After dinner, some of us were held captive by Sean, into a game of "Full-Contact Domino's". The women won.

### **Day 2 -- If it Hurts, You're doing it right!**

Loaded up on caffeine and carbs and psyched for a new day of challenges, we headed off for the "Reservoir Wall". Day 1's hike had prepared us for the longer and even steeper heinous approach ahead. Buzzard's soared above the windgate sandstone bluffs, awaiting fresh meat to fall to the rocks below. We jammed and torked our way up the first route of the day called "Dr. Carl" a 5.10 warm-up that combined great stemming and lieback finesse. Tony debated about leaving more blood but was too nauseous to move off his rock. The next climb was set up as quickly as the 1st, a 5.10 called "3 Fools", a fist crack in a dihedral. After our warm up we decided to become more serious and move on to "Wiggle Worm" a 150 ft. 5.11 entailing offwidth fists and a tight hand crack over a roof. We all looked for Tony and wondered where he went. Still on his rock, he was now frozen in fear.

Finally, a young lad named Kevin, stepped up to the plate and decided to take on a climb called "Finger Food", a beautiful 85 ft. finger crack splitter. We all watched as Richard followed, attempting to place his toenail in the crack with no penetration allowed. After all the ladies took a try, late arriving Phil was 'sandbagged' by them into believing it was

a 5.8. Phil gave it his all in a diligent attempt and finished off by saying "That sure didn't seem like an 8". Richard broke down in laughter confessing it's real rating of 5.11d. 😊

At the end of our Royal Thrashing, we hurried back down the approach grabbing Tony off the rock on the way out. We noticed we moved much faster on the way down. Gee...Skiing talus is fun!! Back in camp, we soothed our injuries with copious amounts of icy beer. For those unable to escape, the rest were dragged into yet earlier rounds of Domino's. Richard generously supplied all who wanted with his famous burrito's which we all experienced the next day on the crack. Domino's continued yet again after dinner and ran into the wee hours where the females once again dominated under the full moon night.

### **Day 3 -- Day on the Spit**

Moving slowly and not rising as quickly as we did on day #2, Richard and crew piled into Bina's Saturn and bottomed out on the way to "Blue Gamma" cliff because the "Super Crack Buttress" was too busy. Richard promised shade again and a shorter approach. We discovered later that it would be 1 out of 2. Dave received the sharp end on 5.9 Unnamed and was thoroughly awakened to how difficult it is to lead crack on Indian Creek and took his first lead fall. After setting up a few routes and everyone started climbing, a girl named Becky showed up (friend of Matt's) to climb her first climb on rock. She did the 5.9 and scampered right up to all of our amazement. Awaiting the shifting clouds, we all huddled under a few tiny little trees like cattle seeking shade. Richard set up a 5.11+ called "Blue Gramma" and we watched from the cool shade as Richard's shoes fused with the rock and he looked like a climber on a rope bbq spit.

As we took a short break, Richard attempted to tape-tie two ropes together and switch ropes, however, due to the intense heat, the tape melted and the rope fell after passing the half-way through the chain. "Oh no!" ... we exclaimed, as we realized the route needed to be lead again. Then Tony, finally getting up from his rock, bravely steps forward and says without a quiver, "I'll lead it!". Richard handed him the rack, gave him some beta, and off he went. Tony then started up his first lead ever just 8 wks after basic class! With great strength, confidence and grace, Tony experienced his first lead fall on a 3/4" cam. After several more attempts (and realizing basic class was only 8 wks ago), he called it a wrap and left it for Richard to finish.

We then settled into any possible remaining shade pockets and waited out the blazing sun while admiring the view and attempting to interpret the petroglyphs in the surrounding cliffs. Richard theologized that the Anasazi's were hijacked by aliens and they really did lift barbells made from rocks tied to a tree branch. After our break, Ms. Bina was getting restless and she and Richard scampered off to start breaking down the routes as we slowly peeled ourselves  
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out of the shady crack and followed. Bina pointed out that "Indians" (Asian) **never** get hot, as she moaned but gracefully climbed "Blue Gamma". Kevin finally got tired of sitting around and proceeded to lead "Dawn of Ages" 5.10, a beautiful ramping and bulging finger crack climb. Most of us were fairly burnt out at this point (and our souls had been taken by the sun), but Becky stepped up for another taste of climbing. Bina, our sun goddess, then stepped up to break down the route. Andy, (Richard's son) begged for another chance to climb the 5.11 again, but we BEGGED him to let us come down off the climbs and let us go back to camp. Where does he get his energy and inspiration from?...we all wondered as we watched him dance around the rock after climbing everything in site. Trudging back to camp while licking our wounds, we all decided to make dinner an easy event that night. With no campfire allowed, we entertained ourselves by recalling our wonderful experiences that weekend at Indian Creek and Kirra composed them for this article. As abused as we were, we regretted leaving this beautiful place with such stellar climbing and wish to thank our leader, Richard Horst for an exceptional Memorial Day 2002 outing experience that no one will soon forget. Thank you Richard..!  
Richard would like to thank the following people for showing up on his outing and for their

contributions as follows:

- Scott Hoffman: We still love you Scott..!! 😊
  - Sean Macy : for your witty sense of humor, putting rocks in our packs (& shoes) and the "Nazi" Body-contact Domino games.
  - Tim Medlock & son Nathan: Good to see you..!
  - Tony Mavis: For his courage.
  - Lynn Readicker: For her wonderful massages.
  - Dave: Where are you ?
  - Scott Parsons: For his exceptional guitar picking.
  - Kevin & the entire Goettsche Clan (including Becky, Matt, Chris Anderson, and the amazing 80 yr-old Robert W. Tunison): For turning off their generator, and the hot water handbaths after climbing.
  - Phil Goebel : For taking the "sandbagging" so well.
  - Marty: For her hospitality and sharing her guacamole and chips.
  - Nancy: For her witty charm.
  - Bina Datta: For breaking down the climbs Day 3 and proving "Indian's don't get hot".
  - Kirra: For being my belay slave, her idea for everyone to write this article together and for getting it to Wally on time.
- And last but not least...  
Andy, my son: The little Honemaster, who climbed every route that was put up...twice..!

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## Thievery at the Dells

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*No one ever said climbers were smart...*

On the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, six of us—Dave, Sally, Bryan, Carrie, Susan, and I—went climbing for the day at the Granite Dells north of Prescott. Upon returning to Sally's vehicle around 7:00 p.m., we discovered that someone had thrown a rock through the back window, and had taken off with Sally's and Susan's purses and my wallet. Sally's purse had been relatively hidden under the driver's side dash. My gym bag, containing Susan's purse and my wallet and phone, had been behind the passenger seat. It was obviously a rushed job: If they had spent another 30 seconds to look in the glove compartment, they would have found Dave's wallet and phone, too. The three of us who were robbed lost everything in our wallets, including cash, driver's licenses, social security cards, credit cards, as well as a pager and a couple of cell phones. We found out later that both cell phones and one of the credit cards had been used before we could cancel them.

I'm irritated now at how complacent we'd become in leaving valuables in the car. It almost serves us right for making it so easy for someone to rob us. We don't often think of climbers and hikers as thieves, especially when we're out away from the masses, so we generally are more lax about security. But the Granite Dells area, which sits right beside busy Highway 89, is an easy target for a quick thief. The Sheriff's deputy who wrote the report said another break-in had occurred at the same place earlier in the week. And the server at the Prescott Brewing Company where we drowned our sorrows told us her friend had been the victim of a similar break-in at Thumb Butte.

After dealing with the hassle of canceling and replacing everything in our wallets, I've learned that there are many things I don't need to carry with me all the time. I have also resolved to always carry valuables with me to the crag instead of leaving them in the vehicle. I'm probably paranoid enough now that I'll even put them in my Camelbak and carry them on the climb!

Ironically, Bryan had installed a Tuffy security lock box in the back of his Jeep a couple of days prior to our trip. This would be his first foray with his new purchase, and he proudly showed it off that morning before we left Phoenix. The lock box allowed him to take the top off of his Jeep, and still leave his valuables behind. Previously, he would have put his wallet and Carrie's purse in someone's vehicle, which in this case would have given the thieves an even bigger haul. No one ever said Bryan was smart either, but as painful as it is to say, he certainly was that day.

*-Jeff Hatfield*

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## Paradise Forks Outing

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Back in the good old days, before our forests became ghost towns due to fire closures, we did an outing to Paradise Forks. Other than Joshua Tree and any of Richard's outings, this is one of the longer trips we take in an effort to escape the heat. It was worth the drive that day; the weather was perfect.

There were 14 of us on hand for a day of cranking and spanking. Most of us fell in the "spanking" category, I think. We set up the Three Yogis, all 5.9's, and some climbs on Gold Wall, from 5.9 to 5.10. It was good to get back to the Forks and remind myself of how awful I am at crack climbing. It's addictive, though. As soon as you leave, you're ready to head back for more.

We had a minor incident that signals the possible start of a trend. At the last Forks outing a couple of years ago, Cody dislocated his shoulder on one of the Yogis. This time, James dislocated his shoulder trying to top out on the Gold Wall. He showed up Cody, though, by dislocating his shoulder not once, but twice! I guess next time we'll need to get someone to go for *three*.

Thanks to everyone for a safe day and for helping to set anchors. Thanks to John for identifying an easy exit to get James out. And thanks to the Forest Service for holding off another week before closing the forest.

*-Jeff Hatfield*

### Update:

The Larimer break-in was one of 13 other trailhead burglaries around Prescott recently. When the thieves are able to get away with ID's and checkbooks, they quickly start writing checks at businesses in the Prescott area. The checks they've written on the Larimer's and Hatfield's accounts now total over 20 checks for a total of over \$3000.

## AMC OUTING CALENDAR *(Continued from page 12)*

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- Nov 1 Judgment and Alpine Accidents seminar at PV REI  
Nov 2 Queen Creek Cleanup and Climb. Charlene Todd 480-917-5354.  
Nov 6 Anchors School Instructor Meeting Tom Coinner 480-897-7263  
Nov 12 Anchors School. Nov 12, 14, 16, 17. \$75 (Plus membership if not already a member). Rogil at 623-878-3914.  
\*Nov 27 H-Tree Thanksgiving Nov. 27-Dec 1.

\*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. 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.

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.

The following classes/outings are being offered to AMC members through Southwest Adventures, a professional guide service located in Durango, Colorado. Please contact Erik Filsinger for more information at smorefil@aol.com if you are interested and want to sign up.

#### **Sunrise Ski Patrol Accepting applications**

- Volunteer patrol with skiing benefits.
- Outdoor Emergency Care medical classes start here in the valley September through November.
- On the hill training at Sunrise Park Ski Resort, McNary, January thru March.

If you are in excellent health, above average skier and willing to work outdoors in sometimes harsh conditions, please call 480-967-2526 for more information.

**Mike Koehlmoos, AMC Member  
Sunrise Ski Patrol**

#### **FOR SALE**

I have a collection of Climbing Magazines from #97 (Aug 1986) to #172 (Nov 1997) as well as Rock and Ice Magazines #19 (May-June 1987) through #110 (Aug-Sept 2001).

Follow the ethics debates in the letters to the editors or skim through the photos and check out all the Lycra. Of course there are also the tons of route guides.

I'm letting them go at \$165 (that's \$1/issue). Yes I've gone crazy! Mark Trainor at Funpigg@aol.com or 480-373-6535.

## 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 .**

- Jun 27th, July 11th The Tradition continues! (not golf silly.. climbing!) thats right, the Thursday Pinnacle Peak outings are back after a 7+ year hiatus! Come climb from 5pm or so till dusk The peak is in the shade during the afternoons. Wear light comfortable clothing and bring lots of water! 5.7 to 5.10 Limit 15 - Tim Schneider 480-497-8377
- Jul 20 Mt Elden. Climb (5.6-5.10) in cool Flagstaff. Camping Sat. night optional. Meet behind the Denny's at I-17 and Bell at 6:30 a.m. No limit, no reservations, just show up. Will be cancelled if the Coconino Forest is closed for fire restrictions. Tom Conner <conner.tom@hotmail.com>.
- July 21 Humphreys Peak. Hike to the top of Arizona's highest peak. Roundtrip 9 miles, 3,800 feet elevation gain takes about 6 hours. Meet in the lower parking lot of the Snow Bowl (just north of Flagstaff off Hwy 180) at 8:30 a.m. to begin the hike. No limit, no reservations. Will be cancelled if the Coconino Forest is closed for fire restrictions. Tom Conner <conner.tom@hotmail.com>.
- July 30, Aug 1 and 3 Land Navigation and Map Reading. \$20 for materials. Field day on Aug 3 at location TBD. Register with Chris Query <cquery@hotmail.com>, 480-967-9268.
- Aug 31-Sept 2 Enchanted Towers, NM. Richard Horst 602-953-9198
- Sep 5 Expedition planning seminar at PV REI
- Sep 7 Access Adopt-A-Crag — Jen Davies 480-473-7342
- Sep 25 Lead School Instructor Meeting Mick Strole 520-586-3335
- \*Sep 28 Grand Canyon Clean-up. Gary Youngblood 602-508-9696.
- Oct 1 Lead School Oct 1,2,3,5,6. \$75 (Plus membership if not already a member) Rogil 623-878-3914.
- Oct 2 Clothing Systems seminar at PV REI
- Oct 9 Basic Climbing School Instructors' Meeting. Sally Larimer 480-425-9689.
- Oct 15 Basic Climbing School Oct 15, 17, 19, 20, 22, 24, 26. \$1609 (Plus membership dues if not already a member. Kevin or Linda Kriegel 480-705-0428.  
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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 Hoffman at (623) 580-8909.

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## AMC Outing Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>CAMRA</i>	3 <i>Sunrise</i> 5:23 <i>Sunset</i> 7:42 <i>Moonrise</i> 6:18 pm	4	5  <i>Full moon</i>	6
7	8 AMC Board Meeting	9	10 <i>Sunrise</i> 5:27 <i>Sunset</i> 7:41 <i>Moonrise</i> 11:08 pm	11 <b>Pinnacle Peak after work</b>	12	13  <i>Last Quarter</i>
14	15	16	17 <i>Sunrise</i> 5:31 <i>Sunset</i> 7:38 <i>Moonrise</i> 2:23 am	18	19	20 <b>Mt. Elden ?</b>  <i>New Moon</i>
21 <b>Mt. Humphries ?</b>	22 AMC Regular Meeting	23	24 <i>Sunrise</i> 5:36 <i>Sunset</i> 7:34 <i>Moonset</i> 10:49 pm	25	26	27  <i>First Quarter</i>
28	29	30 <b>Map and Compass Class</b>	31 <i>Sunrise</i> 5:41 <i>Sunset</i> 7:29 <i>Moonrise</i> 5:09 pm	(Map and Compass continued)		(Map and Compass Fieldwork)  <i>Full Moon</i>