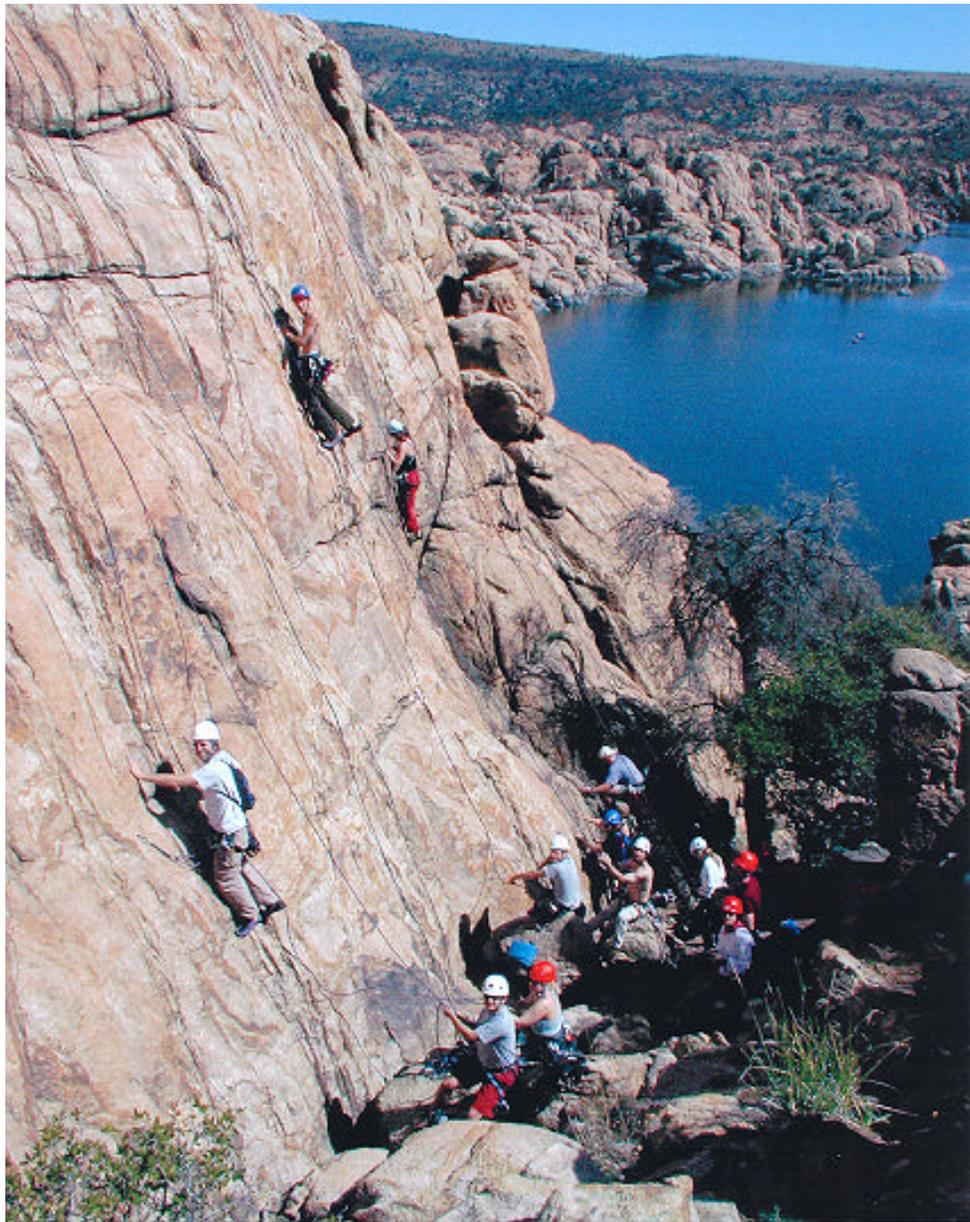


**APRIL 2003**

# ARIZONA MOUNTAINEER



*This Jeff Hatfield photo shows AMC Lead School participants in full cry on the granite bordering Watson lake near Prescott. Scott Frankel and Karen Stafford provided this picture. Details next issue.*

# 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  
4340 E. Indian School Rd.  
Ste 21-164  
Phoenix, Az. 85018

**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. If possible.

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### **AMC NEWSLETTER**

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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

**MAY Deadline: 18 April, 2003**

## **HOT STUFF!!!**

**HONE YOUR ANCHORS SKILLS —  
Take or Help Teach the April Class**

**PREPARE to NOT Suffer —  
Glacier/Crevasse Class this month**

**CLIMB in the Bradshaws, at Oak  
Flats, Near Sunflower; Wickenburg**

**AND — JEFF LOWE Slide Show!**

**PARTY TIME AT OAK FLATS  
-The PBC Hits 20-**

### **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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### **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

Slawa Ciula 1, Allan Watts 2, Valerie Courtright 3, Ray Steiner 4, Scott Roeder 5, Mike Knarzer 8, Anna George 9, Julie Sharp 9, Grant Loper 10, George Krall 12, Peter Niemczyk 12, Carolyn Lim 16, George Wenzlick 16, Ronald Logan 19, Karen Jachimowicz 20, Erik Filsinger 21, John Roberson 22, Roger Cuthbertson 23, PJ O'Connell 23, Carl Dawson 27, Braden Niemczyk 29, Paige Birdwell 30, David Larimer 30

## **MINUTES OF THE AMC BOARD MEETING: March 10, 2003**

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Board Members Present: Filsinger, Granger, Hoffman, Keedy, Kocher, McHenry, Ulrich, Ward  
Committee Members Present: Miller, Vegors

- I. A quorum being present, McHenry called the meeting to order at 7 PM.
- II. Minutes of February Board meeting were approved as published.
- III. Treasurers Report was approved as published.

### IV. Old Business:

- A. Outing Leader First Aid Class Scheduled for May 3, 2003. Miller already has 9 people signed up for the class.
- B. Discussion was held about Outing Leader incentives. No action.
- C. Recognition Plaque is in process by Horst. Will be in shape of Arizona.
- D. Newsletter delivery to Los Olivos worked well last month. We will continue that method. Discussion was held concerning how better to handle folding and distribution. No one has stepped forward to take over distribution duties. Article will go in Newsletter.
- E. Insurance – Motion made, seconded and carried to purchase General Liability Insurance from either WOGA or Pells, which ever is best.

### V. New Business:

- A. Phoenix Zoo has requested assistance for their Camp Zoo summer program. Wayne Schroeter is investigating. Concerns were discussed concerning insurance coverage.
- B. Request was received concerning South Mountain Cleanup for March 22. That is Grad Climb day. If the date can be moved we may be able to participate, otherwise we will decline the invitation.
- C. Request was received from PBC for sponsorship. Motion made, seconded and carried to send donation of up to \$300.00 to maintain Bronze Sponsorship status.
- D. Request was received from PBC for loan of carabiners. Motion made, seconded and carried to refuse request.
- E. Procedural change was agreed on to list Past President position in the Newsletter.
- F. Request received for donation to Kicking Access program to be held on March 18 at Climax Climbing Center. Motion made, seconded and carried to decline request. It was noted that we continue to support Access with annual donation from out budget.
- G. Documents on the Web Site – discussion held concerning which documents we may put on the Site.

- 1. Motion made, seconded and carried not to allow public access to AMC documents on the Web Site. Documents will be accessed only by members as determined by the Board.
- 2. Motion made, seconded and carried to continue to allow access to Outing Leader documents on the Web Site.
- 3. Motion made, seconded and carried to table discussion of AMC School Manuals distribution.
- H. Request from Sally Larimer for rental of a P.A. System for the Basic Class at \$150.00/week. Motion made, seconded and carried to approve rental.
- I. Access update – no report from chairperson.
  - 1. Filsinger reported that Scottsdale Trail Master Plan is progressing positively and looks like it will pass in final vote. No action is needed at this time.
  - 2. Overlook – Filsinger attended final planning meeting in Flagstaff. Plan is to reopen climbing area under scenic overlook area for lead climbing only. Plan also calls for trail and climber parking. We will be participating in trail construction in the future.
  - 3. Motion made, seconded and carried to ask Filsinger to bring information to the membership.
- J. Policy of AMC concerning statewide Access issues was discussed. Motion made, seconded and carried to adopt Standing Rule 3-10-03-01 which states: “In general, the Arizona Mountaineering Club seeks to maintain an active and visible official presence in discussions about all climbing access issues across the State of Arizona. Variations of this policy will be determined at the Board level.”
- K. McDowell Climbing Policy – discussion was held concerning the closure of this area to climbing. Motion made, seconded and carried that the AMC will not schedule official AMC activities in the closed areas of the Scottsdale McDowell Sonoran Preserve. This policy will be communicated to all committee chairs.
- L. Membership Committee reports 311 members as of February 28, 2003.

VI. Meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

### **ECO-GRUMP OF THE MONTH**

Hired “experts.”

Neither contributions nor political “philosophy” should be sole determinates of natural resource management policy. Nor is intransigent obstructionism a desirable tactic. But sometimes it is the only one that can stave off irrevocable, permanent loss.

## 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 15% discount.

### 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 Tom Burmer 480-354-1392.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Statement of Operations 01/01/03 Thru 03/09/03 Category Description	Amount
<b>INCOME</b>	
Advertising .....	60.00
Equipment Rental (incl shoes) .....	.00
Interest.....	9.63
Membership Dues .....	3,550.00
Mountaineering Schools.....	.00
Program Income .....	.00
Tee Shirts & Etc.....	.00
Training .....	4,510.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>8,129.63</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Access Committee .....	.00
Administration .....	506.38
Bouldering Contest.....	.00
Capital Exp.....	59.30
Classification .....	576.50
Equipment Maint .....	.00
Insurance.....	956.01
Library .....	41.90
Merchandise Exp .....	644.40
Mountaineering.....	200.00
Newsletter .....	953.44
Outings .....	80.78
Programs .....	1,092.00
Service/Bank Charge .....	5.79
Training .....	4,477.09
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>22,819.38</b>
<b>OVERALL FOR YEAR TO DATE.....</b>	<b>7,374.78</b>
<b>ACCOUNT BALANCES (03/09/03)</b>	
CD Account.....	5,210.59
Savings .....	1,530.32
Checking .....	11,739.42
<b>TOTAL CASH ASSETS .....</b>	<b>\$18,480.33</b>

# Jeff Lowe, April 28.

## "Many Climbs, Many Lessons" ...

Jeff Lowe talks about lessons gleaned from over 1000 first ascents in a format dictated by the book he is currently finishing.

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- "Small Gems" deals with exquisite free climbs of a few pitches or less, such as Inner Space.
  - "Diamonds In the Rough" deals with waterfall ice climbs, such as Bridalveil Falls.
  - Big walls, like The Toad, are covered in "Fly On The Wall".
  - Long, hard adventurous free routes, such as the Yugoslavian Route on Trango Tower, are addressed in "The Rocks Are Free"
  - "Alpine Ice" deals with it's namesake subject matter, on climbs such as the North Face of Peak 19
  - "Resurrection" covers modern mixed rock and ice, such as Octopussy
  - "The Great Routes" deals with climbs in the Canadian Rockies and Alps, such as the Grand Central Couloir and the MacIntyre-Colton/Walker Spur link-up
  - Himalayan ascents, such as the East Face of Tawoche, are exemplified in "Alpine Style In The Great Ranges"
  - And finally "Fool On The Hill" exposes the foibles and rewards of going alone, on climbs such as Metanoia, on the North Face of the Eiger.

**7:00 p.m. 28 April 2003**

**Los Olivos Senior Center, 2802 E. Devonshire, one block north of Indian School east of 28th street.**

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

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER — April 2003 Awesome Volunteering!

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One of the goals I set for myself, as President is to meet and network with other outdoor clubs and groups. Our state is an open-air paradise and there are many other groups that participate in the great outdoors: hikers, walkers, backpackers, mountain bikers, road bikers, canyoneers, kayakers, the list goes on. Many of these groups share similar goals and values in outdoor access and preserving natural habitats. I believe this networking will be an opportunity to share information and resources, when needed.

As I have begun contacting these groups I am impressed, and very thankful, of the excellent reputation of the AMC. Every group I contact knows about the AMC and comments on what a good job we do. Our teaching, outdoor conservation efforts, and programs have all received high marks. Others have commented that AMC is just a great bunch of folks. So you should all pat yourself on the back, and give thanks to those before us who helped build our reputation.

I bring this up because we are an all-volunteer organization. Volunteers have built our club character and reputation. I think that is a tremendous accomplishment and we can be proud of it. Everything in our club is done by a volunteer giving time and effort. More important, that volunteer has given their time and effort to AMC, among many possible choices.

As we benefit from volunteer contributions there is also a drawback. What gets done in our club is done by volunteers, if no one volunteers then some things don't happen. Or folks sometimes see a need of the club and think it is too big, or more than they are able to give. On one hand that is fine and OK. Everyone has responsibilities of family, work and changing life circumstances. We all have to prioritize, and only have so much to give and do. When you give what you can, move on with our appreciation and gratitude.

On the other hand, I would like to see that everyone has an opportunity to contribute, no matter how much or what. Whether a member has 2 minutes, 2 hours, or 2 days, I think the club can find ways to let members make that contribution and put whatever time is available to use. Two minutes may not sound like much, but if 500 of us spent 2 minutes picking trash on every outing, the results would be astounding! I brought this to the Board as a goal and I will continue to work on it.

To close I want to express my appreciation, and sound the call to action! Thanks to all and every one of you for contributing to make AMC what it is! Now, what can we do to increase involvement? What are your ideas to help out, and ways for others to help out? Take 2 minutes to let me know?

— Bruce McHenry

### NEW AMC MEMBERS

Paul Buckley  
Mike Flood  
Matthew Hanly  
Lynn James  
Rita Lake  
Scott Long  
Robert Lowe  
Kevin McDonald  
Michael Mills ap  
Abe Mirich  
David Schmal  
Ray Schmal  
Matthew Stairs  
Anne Stringfellow  
Michael Stringfellow  
James Tracy  
Ram Voorakaranam  
Bruce Weidenhamer

### AMC Instructogram - Anchors School

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The Anchors School instructor's meeting will be held at 6:30 pm Wednesday, April 2nd, at Sally & Dave Larimer's house, 5617 E. Windsor Ave., Scottsdale, 480-425-9689.

Drive to 56<sup>th</sup> St and Thomas or 56<sup>th</sup> St and Oak; 56<sup>th</sup> St does not go through from McDowell on the south. Closest freeway access is 52<sup>nd</sup> St. exit of 202; go north on 52<sup>nd</sup> St to Thomas or Oak, turn east to 56<sup>th</sup> St. From 56<sup>th</sup> St and Thomas, drive south to Windsor. From 56<sup>th</sup> St and Oak, drive north to Windsor. Turn east to 5617.

The Anchors School dates will be:

Tue, April 8 Anchors Class, 6:00-9:30 pm,  
Dreamy Draw Park

Thu, April 10 Anchors Class, 6:00-9:30 pm,  
Dreamy Draw Park

Sat, April 12 Anchors field day, 8:00 am -  
4:00 pm, Little Granite Mountain

Sun, April 13 Anchors field day, 7:00 am -  
5:00 pm, location to be announced

## MEMBERS' PAGE

### Little Known Facts about AMC?

Did you know? There are celebrities among the AMC? Former AMC members wrote many of the local climbing guidebooks! "Queen Creek Canyon" by Marty Karabin, and "Phoenix Rock II" by Greg Opland, is two examples. The next time you are thumbing through those two guidebooks, see if you can spot the pictures of these members: Tom Conner, Tim Lange, Tim Schneider, Karen Schneider, Wayne Schroeter, Paul Poanessa, Rogil Schroeter, Debby Brown, and Bruce Robbins.

### Get Involved with AMC

Five more ways to get involved with AMC

- Join the Queen Creek Clean-up - Help pick up trash on the "AMC MILE", then go climb the awesome dacite rock of Queen Creek
- Help a new climber get better - Share your beta and help a newer climber go up

- Ask another climber to help you get better - There is always more to learn, ask a fellow climber to show what they know
- Distribute newsletters around town - Every month helpers are needed to get newsletters to REI, Hiking Shack, Wilderness, ClimbMax and Phoenix Rock Gym
- Recruit a New Member into the Club - Did we say that last month? Yep! Go get some and help AMC grow

HELP! Help is needed, Your Help! Volunteers are always needed, wanted, and welcomed for contributing to the many tasks of running our club. Current needs include a Chairperson for Newsletter Distribution, assistance with club equipment, Access issues, and Membership. More Outing Leaders are always appreciated, as are assistants with the schools. Or contribute your special talent with a class or newsletter article.

— Bruce McH



*Lead School March 2003 was a blast, we had great weather. Wayne Schroeter and Jeff Hatfield did a terrific job in teaching the class and students enjoyed the practical experience they obtained in the Prescott area. Oh yes, it was Wayne's birthday — the Big 50 — party hats, Hawaiian leis and muffins included! — Monica Miller*

## A NIGHT IN THE SNOW — Winter Camping on Mt. Humphrey

After several days of rain in the Valley and snow further north, the fresh powder beckoned to those of us with a peculiar affliction: the desire to camp in the snow, far away from all those perfectly good heated motel rooms in Flagstaff.

On March 1, Chris Blaakman, Tom Burmer, Erik Filsinger, Dave Hanson, Jeff Nagel and I drove to Flagstaff and managed to get the last few parking spots at the Snow Bowl ski resort. Equipped with snowshoes and backpacks, we set off across the ski run and headed up the summit trail to about 10 400 feet. There Erik spied a nearly flat area with lots of fresh snow, and under his guidance we built snow shelters. We had all brought shovels, and you could say we went a little overboard and built 4 snow caves looking like huge ant hills. Dave and Erik could stand up in theirs, and Dave also dug a pit and managed to build a fire. Some skiers who came by exclaimed: "Wow, it's a whole village." To make sure everyone would get their money's worth, I had requested more snow and sure enough, it snowed on us all day till about 11 pm. We stayed quite warm, although I slept a little uncomfortably. After 2 or 3 hours of shoveling and digging I called it quits without having made sure that my sleeping platform was large enough. I know better next time; on the other hand, I was quite pleased with my backpack, which looked about half the size of the packs the guys had carried up. In my continuing quest to go "light" I managed to bring just the right amount: no leftover food! no unused clothing!

At daybreak on Sunday, the sky looked clear and we snow shooed up the trail to a large open area that some of you know as a huge boulder field. Being the leader for this outing, I took the lead breaking trail but gave up that spot after about 15 minutes, knowing the others wanted to share the fun. We all realized that there was a lot of fresh snow on the ground, so Erik -- our resident snow conditions and avalanche expert -- suggested we test the snow, first with the shovel-shear test and then Rutschblock-test. Several of us got hands-on practice, extremely cool to see these things work, especially when you are the one jumping up and down on the carved out block, watching it slide out from under you.

Here is Erik's assessment of the snow conditions:

1. There was frequent "whumphffing..." to be heard in open areas.
2. We dug a snow pit on a representative southerly exposure 23 degree slope. Using the Rutschblock Test (AKA Glide block test), we found failure at a level 2 to 3 (rapid knee bend weighting).
3. Using additional tests we isolated four potential

failure points in the cross-section of 4 to 5 feet of snow from surface to ground. First, the 24 inches of new snow was very poorly bonded to the last 24 inches of snowfall earlier in the week. Vastly different crystal structure. This is where the initial Rutschblock failure was. Next, the previous 24 inch layer sat on some large metamorphosed crystals formed into a hard sun crust. This also failed in the Rutschblock test. Below the hard surface was progressively larger depth hoar. The last six inches of depth hoar had almost no structure and appeared to be the source of the general collapse heard in the whumphffing.

Erik visited later with a senior ski patrolman who also said their testing around the perimeter of Snowbowl showed high avalanche danger. After a brief huddle we had decided on our own we would not attempt to go higher, since more open spaces with thick layers of fresh snow would be waiting for us. We trudged back to our caves, packed up and hiked downhill back past the skiers. Here Jeff and I got a little surprise: the snow plough had come by and Jeff's truck was buried in 2 feet of piled up snow. Good thing that we had snow shovels along. The others had parked up by the upper lodge in an area apparently reserved for back country hikers. Next time I'll ignore the staff telling me that there is no parking higher up.

Even though we did not summit, we had a lot of fun. This was my first outing as leader, and I want to thank everyone for being a great group, with a special thanks to Erik, who tirelessly shares his enthusiasm for the mountains and has taught me a good portion of my mountaineering skills.

— Jutta Ulrich

Note — Erik Filsinger has been single-minded about getting people to attend a class treating avalanches in recent years to make AMCers aware of avalanche dangers and to learn when conditions mean danger. His comments on this incident:

"..The open slopes below the saddle would have similar conditions or perhaps worse given their potential for additional wind loading. After this convincing evidence of pretty high instability in the snowpack we turned around.

As an aside, it was really very informative to have taken a bunch of avalanche classes, help teach them, and tested snowpacks over the years. This was one of the those times where it all came together with very clear readings and hopefully a good decision matrix."

*An avalanche on little old Mt. Humphries can kill one as just as dead as one in the Canadian Rockies. —Ed.*

## MT. HUMPHREYS WINTER ASCENT

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This past Sunday (March 16) an intrepid group of true athletes (with the exception of me) including John and Kathy Granger, Dave Hansen, Bill De m-long, and my wife Susan Morris met at Denny's early a.m. and after piling into one car to save money of the PHX area \$2.00 a gallon gas drove up to Mt. Humphreys for a winter weather ascent. We got our fill and more.

You may recall that a storm front had moved into AZ. We hit it full bore. It was blizzard conditions. We hiked up the main ski run from Agassiz Lodge in our snow shoes. A number of ski patrol dropped by to see where we were headed and encourage us to stick to the side of the run. It soon became apparent to me that I was going to be the slowest party by a long run, so I encouraged the other five to go ahead at their pace. While I wouldn't encourage any group I was leading to split up, I felt absolute confidence in my own abilities to get up and down and I was going to be frustrated trying to keep up with those super athletes. I just don't handle altitude well until I acclimatize, so this just made sense to me -- their safety in numbers and me.

At the spot where if you head up through the woods to the left you eventually hook up with the summit trail where it breaks free of the woods under the saddle, our group leading edge (I think Susan and Dave lead the whole thing) began switchbacks up. I occasionally caught glimpses of the groups through the blizzard of blowing snow. I would hike about half an hour, then stop to rest and eat a bite, and while the snow was filling in their tracks I more or less made out where they were going. A certain member of our party was very talented about "writing him name in the snow," if you catch my drift and that marking confirmed their passage.

Near the point where we crossed the summit trail location the group headed straight up. (Dave and I had discussed the preferability of this and we had also confirmed the relatively low avalanche conditions on our chosen path). The winds were really picking up but it was all quite pleasant still. I had on a fleece shirt under my thin anorak and was plenty warm with uphill exertion. Breaking timberline near under the ridge, our line had brought up maybe an eighth of a mile west of the saddle. I stowed my snow shoes at the pole that said "stay on the trail" and continued upward, now walking on the rocks that were poking through.

After hitting the ridge and really getting a taste of the wind, I noticed a figure emerge from the storm. Kathy was heading down, with John not far behind to help her. Her camelback had broken (While some folks swear by them I've never switched from the functionality of canteens). She had a little frost nip on her nose. I talked with them and told her that if she just made it to the pole with the snow shoes, a direct descent would drop her straight down onto the ski area. I progressed upward and another figure emerged from the maelstrom. Bill had had enough. His face was caked in ice. Susan and Dave had gotten too far in front and he started to feel uncomfortable after John and Kathy retreated. I suggested he join Kathy going down because we shouldn't be out there alone. John then was freed to hike back up. I kept going, and not too soon afterwards John caught up. There was a large cornice on the ridge line, but by walking on the edge right by the rocks I was able to negotiate the line fairly as easily as could be expected with very little visibility and lots of wind. Herman Buhl (who walked off a cornice) was a constant reminder.

I kept plodding along an interminable distance. John passed me heading up. By now I had put on my 100 weight polarfleece under the my shell. I was comfortable as could be expected. The wind was increasing so that it buffeted you a bit. Visibility dropped further.

For those who have climbed it, Humphreys summit ridge has numerous false summits. Every little rise felt like it should be that last rise before the flat stretch to the summit's final thrust. Still confident I plodded along, the turtle in his anorak. Rime ice covering every rock.

After another rise Susan and Dave came into view. Dave's face was a true mountain man's ice mask. His eyebrows, nose and mustache dripped icicles. At that point I didn't think I was that far from the summit and I asked them to wait for me, if not there, then back at my snowshoes. I was starting to feel that we shouldn't be separated any more than we were. Foreshadowing what was to come, Susan said she had problems seeing. She was cold, but a true mountain woman she agreed to wait and though cold began drinking her hot tea from her thermos. It was a life saver.

I finally made it up that final rise before the summit flat prelude and met John, also now encased in ice. We checked each other for frostnip. John volunteered to reascend with me. With increasing struggle and resolve I plodded up that the summit cone and tapped the top with my ski pole. The wind was now so strong that it was blowing me off balance, but at least I could see my feet through when goggles

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## Humphries Winter Ascent – from page 8

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When I turned to retreat, I almost panicked. I couldn't see. What had happened was that the wind that had been at my back was now in my face. The rime ice simply covered my goggles. I tried to scrape them off, but it didn't seem to work. I was without vision in a white out blizzard. I probably would have been able to survive on my own, but it wasn't a sure thing. I was so thankful John had reascended with me. Although he couldn't see either, he was a little tougher and lead me down, now inch by inch as we formed little slits to try to see between the fingers of our gloves. The goggles were useless, so our eyes were unprotected. The ice stung them even between the slits we created. Holding our heads down, we could only see our feet. We couldn't make out any features of the terrain, except where the rocks met the cornice. Not really having another option we shuffled down, blind, wind blown and encased in ice.

What would have been an easy 10 minute stroll any other time was an epic retreat back to Susan and Dave. Fortunately they were in an area of less wind. Dave was casually eating a sandwich and somehow his goggles were not having the problems the rest of us were having. The straggled retreat continued, fortunately now with Dave in the lead with some vision and Susan, John, and me trailing. I had the best footing because they were still in snow shoes and a couple of times I ran along the rocks to make sure Susan and John didn't slip off the cornice into the Inner Basin. It was pretty sketchy and everyone was slipping and taking little falls. By now I had switched back to my sunglasses, which I could keep a little visibility by scraping the rime ice off of the glass.

With not a little effort we made it back through numerous slips to the general area where I had left the snowshoes, and fortunately Dave was able to find them. Now feeling that we had it made, we were still in white-out conditions. One too many slips lead us to decide simply to glissade. Four butt marks would probably be seen dropping from the ridgeline all the way to the ski area, probably nearly a 1,000 foot elevation loss in just a few minutes. It was a great ride!

I was bubbly with the numerous ski patrol who stopped by to ask me if we were the group that had tried to summit (I guess it was a slow day and they had had little better to do than gossip about us.) I babbled to them about the strength of our team members, how bad it was, etc., but I sure was glad to get back to the lodge. I walked straightaway in, still in my snowshoes, an abominable snowman. I was further glad that they had already arrived safely and were sipping drinks watching the ski day end. The hot chocolate Kathy bought me was the best ever.

If my mountain man John had not been there, I'm not sure I would be here to write this TR. Thank you John, and Dave, and Susan, and Kathy and Bill. What an adventure!

(By the way, I apologized ahead of time to the group if I have misspoken about anything. I decided to write this TP stream of consciousness and have not edited it. This is how it came out first time...)

Would I have done anything differently. Not really, but with an AMC group I would have kept us more or less all together. We were a group of friends, all of known ability and strength, willing to take calculated risks. But keep in mind that even the greatest climbers like Herman Buhl can walk off a cornice...

— Erik Filsinger

## The 20th Phoenix Bouldering Contest

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On Saturday April 26, the oldest, largest and best outdoor climbing contest in the world will be held right here in Arizona at Queen Creek. The greatest assemblage of climbers ever will compete for cash and prizes while showcasing their strength and skills. You can be part of this unique event in three ways.

As a participant, you can compete as an Expert or in one of 8 age-group categories. There are divisions for men and women and Local and Out-of-Town. Competitors are limited to 600, so register now if you want compete this year. Register on the website - [www.phoenixboulderingcontest.com](http://www.phoenixboulderingcontest.com)

As a volunteer, you get admission to the competition, an event T-shirt and be eligible for the booty bag lottery. Volunteer opportunities available include judges/officials, security, water stations, trail-building, etc. Please contact our own Liz Serraglio at [volunteers@phoenixboulderingcontest.com](mailto:volunteers@phoenixboulderingcontest.com)

As a spectator, you can see the best climbers in the world tackle tough boulder and top rope problems for the mere admission price of \$5. Check out some brand new climbing areas never before seen! After the comp, come by the vendor area and check out truly screaming deals gear and clothing from over 60 vendors. The Dyno Competition begins at 8 PM. If you've never seen one of these, don't miss this. There will be lots of giveaways, posters and autographs available.

- p.clay vollmer

## PBC Trails Days – March 30; April 6

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The Phoenix Bouldering Contest needs help building new trails (and refurbishing old ones) at Queen Creek to support the April 26 competition, expand access to new climbing areas and to improve trail access to existing climbing areas.

We are asking for Volunteers to help us build trails, either on March 30th or April 6th or both. Almost a third of the competition climbs are new, so much trail work is needed. Specific activities include trimming brush, building rock cairns and raking.

We plan to meet at 8:30AM at the Vendor area in Oak Flat Campground. Directions: Take Hwy 60 east, past Superior and then through the Queen Creek Tunnel. About 1 mile beyond the tunnel, turn right into the Oak Flat Campground. To carpool: Meet at 7:15 sharp from Stapley & Hwy 60. (from Hwy 60, exit Stapley going South. Turn left at the first light into the shopping center. We will be past the restaurants on the right.)

We plan to quit around 1:30PM so bring water, lunch, sunscreen, strong footwear, gardening gloves, etc. You are welcome to stay and climb on your own afterwards. Although no new routes will be marked yet, you are welcome to stay and climb on your own in some of the new areas. Also, all Trails volunteers will receive a competition T-shirt when available and be entered in the booty bag drawing, to be held very shortly after the competition concludes.

If you have trail-building tools like longhandled pruning shears, brush saws, metal rakes (plastic gets chewed up), we would like for you bring them.

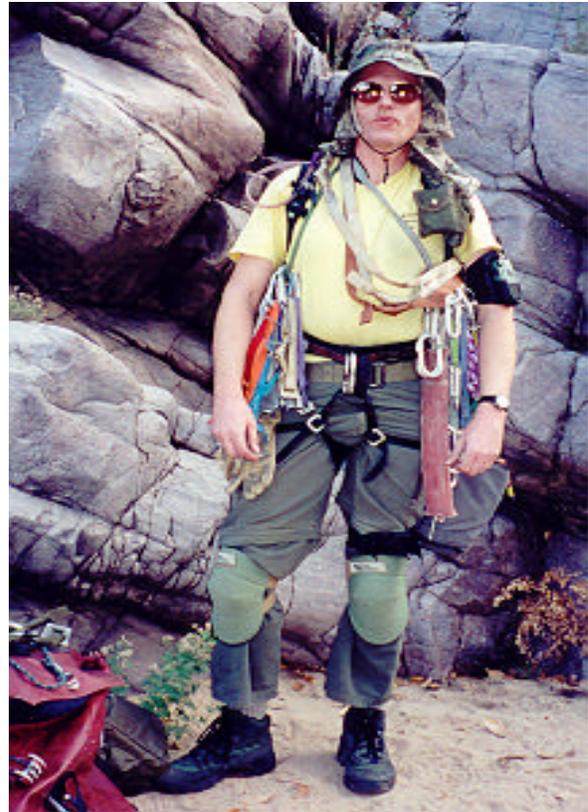
For planning purposes, please let me know:

1. That you are coming.
2. What tools you can bring.
3. Whether you will carpool from Stapley.

by email response to vollmer@rice.edu. I will respond to questions by email (or by phone if you prefer.)

We are truly grateful for all your volunteer efforts.

Clay Vollmer & the PBC committee  
vollmer@rice.edu  
602.595.7266.home/ansmachine



*Ready for anything!!*

## SCREE – by Wally

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As is usual, on Sunday afternoon when I begin putting together this pathetic example of the journalistic craft, my inbox contained exactly one item — Erik's book review — plus Rogil's new members and birthdays (important but not stop-the-presses stuff). The result was a malady known as editor's adgita, characterized by garlicky belches (good sandwich) and a two-thirds formed resolve to give this job up as not worth the frustration.

You can cure this malady. Write something. Take a picture. Send it in. I can't promise to use it, but be assured I will be grateful, nonetheless. With grad climbs rescheduled, you have a heaven-sent opportunity to record your adventure and perhaps have it *published*, thereby demonstrating your superiority to the slack-jawed masses who will read of your accomplishments with awe, reverence and delight.

Addresses are on the front inside cover.

## ***Kiss or Kill* – Confessions of a Serial Climber, by Marc Twight – Review by Erik F.**

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Most climbers recognize the name of Marc Twight and associate it with extremism. After reading *Extreme Alpinism* and now *Kiss or Kill*, the label seems justified, but it only tells half of the story. I really believe that both books are MUST READ'S for alpine climbers, but now I have put them in a different perspective bracketed by the following words in this book review rather than simply maintaining a nagging gut feeling of caution.

Let me lay out my own feelings about Twight's recommended climbing style. It has become fashionable to state the Twight maxim, "speed is safety." Aspiring climbers may pour over *Extreme Alpinism* and attempt to model his recommended style. I would caution that his style may be the style of Twight and a number of other top climbers, but his style, in my opinion, belongs to the hard tested and talented few who are at the cutting edge of the sport. Lesser souls, which most of us are, might do well to enjoy hearing about his wisdom, but only incorporate his suggestions to the extent that we can perform.

Reading *Kiss or Kill* has solidified my opinion that Twight has lived at a razor thin line between life and death and in fact when it comes to his mountain attempts he exercises considerable discretion, not evident in a simplistic reading of the maxim already quoted of "speed is safety." It is safer to be speedy, but only within the context of a full analysis of the entire spectrum of factors in play.

Before *Kiss or Kill*, I had really no sense of who Marc Twight is. The structure of this work, a reprinting of earlier articles followed by author notes as to Marc's life and climbing circumstances that influenced the article, provides an intriguing picture. No doubt, Marc and I could never be friends. I just wouldn't share enough common culture with him. Or, on the other hand, maybe we could somehow recognize each other's appreciation of the poetry in a life well lived. I actually would like to pour down a few cold ones with him and find out.

Marc is a punk rocker. He frequently climbs solo with a Walkman blaring music by bands I haven't heard - Skinny Puppy, Joy Division, and the Sex Pistols. Marc states, "The young punks and the music generated in me such a vehement intolerance of stupidity and mediocrity that extremism became my solution. *Kiss or Kill*" (p. 17). While I probably couldn't get by the noise, Marc's quoting punk lyrics that fit the climbs he is "extreming" opened my eyes to some significant understanding of life by those groups. What me, a closet punker? I bet Wagner would understand.

For Marc the music imbues the climb. On the extremely difficult line on the Grands Charmoz near Mont Blanc, Marc almost peels from his solo attempt. His solution: "I took an extra wrap on my ice tool leash and turned up the volume" (p. 14). This climb followed an aborted attempt on the Eiger's Norwand with Jon Krakauer. A sentence from the description of the descent makes it easy to think extremism, "I went off single piece anchors as I had so few, playing for all of the marbles at every throw" (p. 14).

Marc has truly climbed with the best of his generation, as well as preceding and following generations. Jeff Lowe was an early companion, inviting the young Twight to Kantega and Nuptse with Alison Hargreaves, the fem-phenom who died on K2. He attempted Nanga Parbat's Rupal Face with Barry Blanchard, who became a frequent partner but whose partnership went awry when Marc left his wife Anne for a fling with a gal named Kristen and Anne bedded Barry who was in the midst of his own marital breakup. Barry had the gentlemanly fortitude to tell Marc himself, "better to hear it from me." Marc freely admits his tendency to run from problems of an interpersonal nature.

Marc's climbing partners also included well known as well as up and comers such as Ace Kvale, Scott Backes, and Steve House, not to mention the numerous international climbers of equal or greater stature less know to US readers. Marc is a climber's climber and one of the best of his generation.

For a period of time, Marc lived in Chamonix, where his style of climbing seemed more accepted, which brings me to the ambivalence Marc generates in me. He lists over 30 climbing associates who died climbing. Extreme alpinism is a style that does not leave much margin for error. While he rationalizes that lightning light ascents are the way to climb many of the cutting edge new routes, it is with a razor thin margin for error under which he operates. It is intuitive that the style is both at times successful and risky (notwithstanding Marc's rationalizations about being "at risk" shorter periods of time), but it is only really through reading Marc's work that you gain an appreciation just how sharp that razor thin edge is.

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Here is a sample of quotes:

"...most 22-year-olds don't survive their alpine learning curves if they play the game full-time" (p. 15).

Marc's Reality Bath first ascent is described, ..."you have a 50-50 chance of getting the hop ...Reality Bath seems so dangerous as to be of little value except to those suicidally inclined" (p. 31).

"To succeed on the modern desparates, food and fuel must be pared to a minimum. Carrying insufficient gear is normal practice these days. The new climbs of the age are yesterday's death routes. People die. Alpine climbers die. It is part of the game" (p. 35).

Of partner Kevin Ward, "Kevin's different. His definition of pain more highly evolved than ours. He's willing to hurt himself permanently to get what he wants" (p. 41).

Yes, when the going gets tough, turn up the volume, Marc.

Perhaps the story, which cut closest for me, was the account of Philippe Mohr's death on the Aiguille Sans Nom. A frequent partner of Marc's Philippe was climbing with a certain French climbing star named Francois Marsigny. In reading the account I immediately jumped to life because I had climbed in the Mont Blanc massif with Francois. A few years back I was in Europe with a couple of guys with lots of money but little climbing experience or skills. I didn't feel safe leading both of them up Mont Blanc so they hired Francois Marsigny. A whole different story, we turned back near the shoulder of Mont Maudit, about 2/3's of the distance to the Mont Blanc summit. I later had breakfast in the Hotel Mont Blanc with Francois. I like him and really enjoyed his company. Properly arrogant perhaps. Strong and dismissive. Neat guy. If you'd like I'll even give you his email.

Francois definitely had a presence. I noticed at the time all of the other guides showed him deference and I picked up that he was President of the French Guides Association. After returning to the States, I picked up his name several times in the American Alpine Journal for significant first ascents around the world, but I really didn't know his stature as one of the best of his generation until I read *Twight*.

In the Extreme game, you live or die not only on your own skills, but also those of your partner. In Philippe's case, Marc reflects that it was likely Philippe's attempt to gain acceptance of "the great one" that lead

him to climb solo alongside Francois. Marc writes, "In this game, fantasies kill, which is why an unequal pair, climbing as an unroped team of two, is so dangerous ...Francois was talented ... Well off the ground, Philippe probably realized he shouldn't have been there in that style, although Francois could Be ... Francois later said he recognized Philippe wasn't able to do the route safely without a belay ... Philippe wanted to play in the big league, so he refused the offer ... On insomniac nights I lie in bed and wish Francois had contrived some pretext to descend, like dropping the stove or pulling a muscle" (pp. 59-60).

Reading that account I think of Francois' yelling critique of my rather unaccomplished partner's difficulty with a simple move over the bergschrund on Mont Maudit. My partner probably shouldn't have been there without developing his skills (a fact that I had tried to insist he overcome ahead of time to no avail), but that belittling atmosphere was probably not conducive to conservative judgment. Francois stated that he had to yell and get mean to get scared clients down sometimes. But would some guides a little less so superior with their own skills have found some coaching useful?

What was particularly interesting about reading Marc's inner thoughts in *Kiss or Kill* was that I think he himself believes that much of what goes on as "the ideal" for young hardmen is a little off (maybe it says something for the greater wisdom of females that few women appear in Marc's lists of accomplished alpinists, living and dead).

The Nanga Parbat experience involved an avalanche and a safe retreat only allowed because of the happenstance of finding an old pack clinging to the face that had essential gear like ropes and hardware in it. Marc writes,

"... didn't understand how out of control the situation had been until years later ...Through the distorted lens of youthful determination, these are simply problems to be resolved by more scientific training, improved weather forecasting, longer acclimatization, the ideal of controlling the outcome or steering events as they occur must be relinquished. Chaos rules it all" (p. 47).

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For me it seems that Marc has a pretty honest understanding of the risks involved in his form of alpine climbing. Indeed, he even chooses not to develop friendships with certain climbers because he knows they will die (and do) and he doesn't want the pain at the numerous funerals. He actually sees himself as somewhat cautious and I think he is.

The danger for a reader of a work like *Extreme Alpinism* is then that they adopt the "cutting edge style," but may not know the caution that Marc has employed to keep himself alive - he practices what he preaches only within "paranoid-limited" brackets, "... carry little margin for error in my pack. If the weather gets bad, I go down. I pick routes where I can move quickly. If anything goes wrong, I run away because surviving is succeeding, standing on top only a bonus." Amen.

But do those reading *Extreme Alpinism* get it? Or are they only picking up the "speed tips?" Reading *Kiss or Kill* will definitely help.

So, is Marc's style of *Extreme Alpinism* of any value to alpinists in general? I'm not sure. It is obviously of value to the elite group of cutting-edge climbers, but I'm tending to think that we average climbers would do better to read Marc with interest and pick up a pointer here or there for informed occasional use. Personally I think we'd do better to build in a greater margin of success and reality.

I think here of the comparison of Marc and Scott Backes' speed ascent of a new route on the Moonflower Buttress of Alaska's Mount Hunter. Yes, they in a 39.5 hour single push succeeded and received well-deserved accolades for their incredible accomplishment, but next door during the same time period a team of Greg Child and Michael Kennedy used a more traditional, planned bivy multi-day, big-wall approach and succeeded as well on their line. Personally I'd rather have been with Greg and Michael and had a margin for error.

And now, after reading this excellent book, *Kiss or Kill*, maybe I think Marc might quietly suggest that for most of the rest of us as well. I recommend the book to you.

Reviewed by Erik Filsinger

## Let's Peek at Other People's Mail

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Hi Erik,

Thought you might like to hear about my recent ice climbing trip to Lake Louise, Alberta. The objective of my climbing trip was to get some ice climbing mileage. I was very fortunate to have excellent climbing weather, although the first night was a little cold (-45 C).

I climbed with Pat Tims on who I met in Alaska while taking a 12 day mountaineering course. Pat agreed to take up as many routes as I could handle. Pat has many years of ice climbing experience, I had two climbs under my belt. Over a period of 7 days we climbed approx. 27 pitches of ice. Pat lead all these pitches with the exception of some easy WI 3 routes that I lead. We climbed Canadian Rocky classics Weeping Wall, Whimper Wall, Louise Falls, Polar Circus, and Linda ice nine. I also did some mixed climbing at Hafner creek, some top roped M8 WI4 routes. I was amazed at how well ice tools and crampons allow you to move on rock. I don't know if you are anyone else would be interested in a more detailed TR, but if there is interest I will type it up. (*Yes! Ed.*)

I was so jazzed by climbing the mixed routes that I decided to take the beginning climbing class AMC is offering. All my experience is Alpine, I have followed on rock routes and top roped my own (self taught), but have little experience otherwise. The beginner class looks as if it would be a great place to start.

Best regards,  
—Tim Steele

## Ummm....Opportunity Knocks?

I collected cash at or since the Feb meeting that I failed to record. Now I don't know who gave it to me or why. If you gave me cash in the last week of Feb or the first week of March, please let me know .....I have records for cash payments from the following people (so it is not from them):

Knarzer \$75 for Lead school  
Roberson, Manceau, Flood, Cuthbertson \$25 for dues  
Ainlay, Theobald \$30 for dues

Others? Contact Rogil 623-878-3914.

# ANCHORS SCHOOL, Spring 2003

The AMC Anchors and Advanced Ropework School (AARS) teaches participants how to safely 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 4th day of practice and climbing):

**Apr 8, 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. Class is at the big Ramada.

**Apr 10, Thu.** (6:00 pm - 9:30 pm): Dreamy Draw Park

**Apr 12, Sat.** (8:00 am - 4:00 pm): North Scottsdale — announced during class

**Apr 13, 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, figure-8-on-a-follow-through, and a girth hitch.

**COST:** \$75 (\$100 non-members). Register by sending a check payable to AMC Anchors School to 1654 W. Boston St, Chandler, AZ, 85224. No credit cards accepted. The registration fee is fully refundable if you cancel. Call Nancy Birdwell at 480-821-1932 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 ea rappel/belay device (Trango Jaws, Black Diamond ATC, Trango Pyramid, Figure-8, etc.)
- 1 ea 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 ea helmet

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

Students must wear a helmet during the field 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)

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A group outing: Where possible a campsite is reserved by 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 may be limited or only for equipment vehicles.

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

Outings listed in this section are not AMC sanctioned outings. Any AMC member can list an event he or she is planning and which is open to other AMC members. The member does not have to be an approved AMC Outing Leader. If you wish to participate you should be physically and mentally prepared 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.

- Wednesdays      **North Mountain Hikes** after work. Rogil Schroeter 623-878-3914 or  
rogil.schroeter@honeywell.com.
- Mondays            **Climbing at Phoenix Rock Gym** Starting about 6:00 p.m. Ca \$10 per nite. Rogil S.
- March 30 (Sun)    **Queen Creek Trails day** contact p.clay vollmer 602.595.7266 vollmer@rice.edu
- April 6 (Sun)     **Queen Creek Trails day** contact p.clay vollmer 602.595.7266vollmer@rice.edu
- Apr 25, 26,27     **20th Phoenix Bouldering Contest** Enter as a contestant or help out as a volunteer. Elizabeth  
Serraglio <volunteers@phoenixboulderingcontest.com>

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

The events listed below are provided by commercial outfitters for the benefit of AMC members. They are not AMC Outings, nor are they led by AM 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 of out-of-town events, participants will sign up directly with the commercial outfitter.

Apr 12, 13 **Wilderness First Aid - Wilderness First Responder Course** -Sponsored in conjunction with the Wilderness Medicine Institute (WMI) and the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) in Flagstaff. Cost \$150. \$15.00 discount may apply if 5 or more AMC members respond. Contact: Pete Walka, WMI of NOLS Instructor 209 North Bonito Street, Flagstaff, Arizona 86001 or (928)779-0061 or pete\_walka@nols.edu

May 24 to 28. 5 days. **AMGA Top Rope Site Manager Course** Take this course and receive the certificate from the American Mountain Guides Association showing that you have taken the course and passed a test on skills related to managing a top rope climbing setting. Prerequisites are required. Contact Erik Filsinger at smore-fil@aol.com to learn more. \$550.

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## 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

- Mar 29 **Queen Creek Cleanup.** Great for new basic school grads. Help pick up trash for an hour and play the rest of the day in beautiful Queen Creek Canyon. Charlene Todd 480-425-9689. Meet at Mesa CC parking lot at 8:00 to consolidate or be at Oak Flats turnoff east of Superior at 9:00 a.m, Scott Hoffman climb setter.
- Apr 2 **Anchors School Instructor Meeting** (See notice on page 5)
- Apr 3, 5. **Alpine Rock Seminar.** Evening session the 3rd; field day on the 5th. Lead school and experience preferred. Erik Filsinger at smorefil@aol.com for details.
- Apr 5 **Scorpion Ridge,** Sunflower, Az area. Multipitch climbing, limit 8, Jeff Nagel at (602) 318-9538 or azfreedheart@aol.com
- Apr 8-10-12-13 **Anchors School.** Tom Conner. To sign up call Nancy Birdwell at 480-821-1932 for info. Or send check for \$75 (\$100 nonmembers) to AMC Anchors School at 1654 W. Boston St., Chandler, Az, 85224.
- Apr 19 **Courthouse Rock,** approx 60 mi. NW of Phoenix. Multi(8)pitch climbing, Limit 4. Jeff Nagel at 602-318-9538 or azfreedheart@aol.com
- Apr 23, 26, 27. **Glacier Travel and Crevasse Rescue Snow Course.** The basic snow skills class. Evening session on 23rd; weekend in backcountry. Basic rock and AARS class preferred. Erik Filsinger at smorefil@aol.com for details and signup.
- Apr 28 **Jeff Lowe Program** at Regular AM Members' meeting.
- May 10 **Crown of Thrones** (Crown King, AZ) Back Country Camping and Climbing 5.5 to 5.10 - Limit 12 Jeff Nagel, t (602) 318-9538 or azfreedheart@aol.com
- May 17 **Rappel Rock,** Mt Lemmon (4 pitches) Tucson, Long Day - Limit 6 Jeff Nagel, (602) 318-9538 or azfreedheart@aol.com
- May 24 (Memorial Weekend) **Lady Bug Route,** (4 pitches) Four Peaks, Limit 8, Jeff Nagel (602) 318-9538 or azfreedheart@aol.com
- To request outings: call outings chairperson Monica Miller 623-362-0456. To cancel after saying you will participate in a climb, call the outing leader as soon as possible; there may be a waiting list. Also, the leader will know not to wait for you on outing day.
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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.

Sally Borg Larimer...480-425-9689	Tim Medlock.....719-494-1171	Jef Sloat.....602-316-1899
Tom Conner.....480-897-7623	Paul Norberg.....602-808-9244	Mick Strole.....520-856-3335
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# April 2003

## AMC Outing Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>New Moon</i> CAMRA MEETS	2 AARS Instr <i>Sunrise 6:15</i> <i>Sunset 6:49</i> <i>Moonset 7:51p</i>	3	4	5 <b>Alpine Rock Semi- nar — SCORPION RIDGE</b>
6	7	8 <b>Anchors Class</b>	9 <i>Sunrise 6:06</i> <i>Sunset 6:55</i> <i>Moonset 1:28a</i> <i>1st Qtr moon</i>	10 <b>Anchors Class</b>	11	12 <b>ANCHORS CLASS</b>
13 <b>ANCHORS CLASS</b>	14 AMC Board Meeting — all are invited	15	16 <i>Sunrise 5:57</i> <i>Sunset 7:00</i> <i>Moonrise 7:12p</i> <i>Full Moon</i>	17	18	19 <b>COURTHOUSE ROCK</b>
20	21	22	23 <b>Glcier TravelSem</b> <i>Sunrise 5:43</i> <i>Sunset 7:05</i> <i>Moonrise 1:52a Last Q</i>	24	25	26 <b>GLACIER TRAVEL CLASS</b>
27 <b>GLACIER TRAVEL CLASS</b>	28 Members Meeting Jeff Lowe Program	29	30 <i>Sunrise 5:41</i> <i>Sunset 7:10</i> <i>Moonrise 5:25a</i> <i>New Moon</i>			