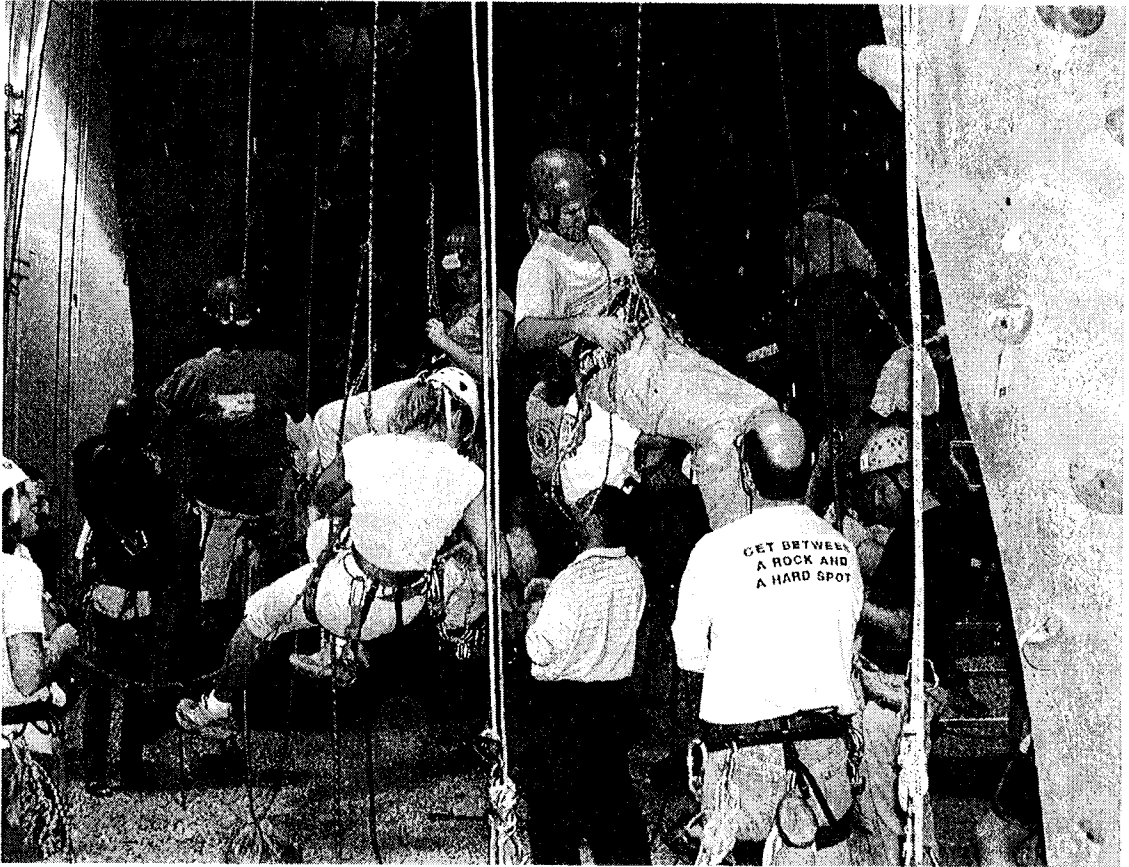


DECEMBER 2004

ARIZONA MOUNTAINEER



This is not a scene from Dante's inferno, with writhing bodies twisted in agony, suspended from hot hooks. It is your everyday normal AMC session on prusiking, part of the Basic School. It shows writhing bodies, twisted by exertion, suspended by climbing ropes. Photo by Sally Larimer.

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

December's Meeting will be at the Pyle Center in Tempe at Rural and Southern on the 13th.

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 \$13 or \$15. 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

Schools: The AMC conducts several rock climbing, mountaineering and other outdoor skills schools each year. Browse the AMC website or email info@azmountaineeringclub.org for information on schedules and classes.

For More Information:

Call ... (623) 878-2485

Email info@azmountaineeringclub.org
president@azmountaineeringclub.org
board@azmountaineeringclub.org

Website www.azmountaineeringclub.org

Mail ... Arizona Mountaineering Club
4340 E. Indian School Rd., Ste 21-164
Phoenix, AZ 85018 (1104)

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WebSite.....Kirra

webadmin@azmountaineeringclub.org

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 restrtrions, please notify the Access Fund representative Jutta Ulrich at (602) 234-3579.

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 \$35 or more to: The Access Fund, P.O. Box 17010, Boulder, CO 80308, or calling 888-8MEMBER or giving it to the AMC Club Treasurer to be sent to The Access Fund in your name. A donation of \$35 or more is needed to receive *Vertical Times*, The Access Fund newsletter. One can also join electronically at https://www.accessfund.org/secure/joinnow/join_indiv.php

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Newsletter

The *Arizona Mountaineer* is published monthly by the AMC. Members are encouraged to submit articles and photos about their climbing- or mountaineering-related activities. Submit items for publication (subject to approval) to AMC Editor, 6151 N. 8th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85013 or through email to azmountaineer@azmountaineeringclub.org. Prints are preferred over slides. Digital photos should preferably be in JPG format and at least 300 dpi. Articles can be in any standard word processing format. For more info call the editor at (602) 246-9341.

Advertising in the *Arizona Mountaineer* is accepted, subject to approval, at the following rates. Personal ads are free to members. Business ads are \$5.00 for a business card, \$10.00 for half page, \$20.00 for full page, and \$25.00 for inserts.

January Deadline: 6 December 2004

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Vanessa Keast 1, Sally Larimer 1, Kathleen Granger 2, Bruce Weidenhamer 5, Shannon Flowers 7, Brian McHenry 8, Robert England 9, Jon Fallon 9, Leonard Dick 11, Perry Kearney 11, Domenic Lopez 11, Douglas Popadince 11, Frank Fischer 12, Keith Jendricks 13, Steve McClure 13, Neil Staves 13, James Kehoe 14, Sherry Holbrook 16, Dan Langmade 16, Al Weikel 16, Mare Czinar 18, Justin Iske 20, John Keedy 20, Daniel Turner 20, Philip Goebel 21, Paul Paonessa 21, Isolda Strom 21, Dan Toraason 21, Kathy Balland 22, Mary Hartwig 25, Wallace Vegors 25, Christopher Ward 25, Mara Linder 26, Gary Gerden 27, Andrew Horst 27, Courtney Lyn Barnes 29, Clare Mix 29, Karin Callan 30, Mark Hubble 30, Scott LeGear 30, Meredith Moody 30

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Time for good food, good climbing, good friends, good feelings and good deeds.

**J-Tree Thanksgiving,
AMC Photo Contest,
A Christmas Party,**

And Family Stuff

Library

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

The circulation period is one 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. (Note — Library is kaput during Los Olivos expansion.)

Minutes of the AMC Board Meeting: _____

Through a miscommunication, AMC had two simultaneous board meetings on Nov. 1st in two separate locations, neither of which had a quorum. The next board meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 1st, at 115 W. McDowell, Suite 1.

'Nother Dang Election

But this one should be less acrimonious, the claims mostly truthful, the ideology a lot less divisive, with kinder press attacks, gentler slurs and innuendos and with genuine affection for the helpful intent of all candidates. AMC will need to select new officers and board members at its January meeting.

Actually, two will be carryovers for another year — Wayne Schroeter and Scott Hoffman. Presumably our current president, Bruce McHenry, will fill an automatic board slot to help assure continuity unless he is drafted for a third term.. But that still leaves two board positions up for grabs. The officers are de-facto board members, of course.

If you are interested in serving as a board member or officer, the man to see is Elections Chair Dave Van Hook. All officer positions are open to challenge, including President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. A ballot will be printed listing the candidates for each position.

The board has "job descriptions" for all officer slots and most committee head positions. Call the Secretary for this information. Members can run for office after one year's membership in AMC.

Read the Friends of Queen Creek report of recent activities and plans on page 9. Since that meeting a news story confirms the seriousness of the threat to Queen Creek as a world class climbing area. I take it as a bad sign that Governor Napolitano flew to Britain to drum up tourism for Arizona and to secure British financing of \$1 billion to develop a copper ore body east of Superior. Az. Republic. Nov. 5, 2004. —Ed.

AMC Holiday Party

AMC Holiday Party, Friday, Dec. 17, 6:00 pm. at the home of Jutta Ulrich and Ben Norris 1234 E. Luke Ave., Phoenix 85014602/ 234-3579

You can get there only from 12th or 13th street just north of Missouri. If you come on the 51, exit at Bethany Home, go west to 12th street and then south to Luke (between Montebello and Marshall), turn left. From Camelback or Missouri, go north on 12th street to Luke and turn right. It's a ranch style house with a rickety, brown wooden fence on the north side of the street.

More information in the January Newsletter (which will appear on 13 December).

NEW MEMBERS

Courtney Lyn Barnes
Paul Beakley
Valerie Beckett
Angela Bernstein
Nancy Boyd
Mark Chauvin
Mark Clarkson
Cindy Eeds
Richard Ellis
Peter Emerson
Michael Englund
Justin Iske
Paul Martucci
Chandra McDowell
Bo Micek
Clare Mix
Gregg Strickland

Discount Directory

The following merchants currently offer a discount to AMC members:

Arizona Hiking Shack—11645 N. Cave Creek Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85020, (602) 944-7723. Show your AMC membership card and get a 15% discount.

Az on the Rocks Gym — 16447 N. 91st St., Scottsdale, Az.85260. 480-502-9777. Gym membership 10% off for AMC members.

OvertheCrux —2655 W. Guadalupe, #4, Mesa, Az 85202. 480-890-0997. 15% off to AMC members.

Solid Rock Gym — 23620 N. 20th Dr, Phoenix, Az 85027 (623) 587-7625 Gym membership 10% off for AMC members.

Rental Equipment

EQUIPMENT	Qty	\$Dep	1-3day	4-7day
M&R Alpine snowshoes	5	32	10	16
Ice Crampons	5	26	8	13
Ice axes (70 cm)	6	16	5	8
Ice axes (90 cm)	5	14	5	7
Snow shovel	1	8	3	4
PortalEdge	1	100	30	50
Climbing shoes			Various sizes.. Call	

Equipment Rental Guideline: 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 Erik Filsinger at 480-314-1089.

Dues Paying Time Again

Need to top-off your dues before January in order to vote and participate in '05 AMC activities. The tab is \$25 for an individual or \$30 for a family. If you can't pay at a meeting, mail your check to:

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

Treasurer's Report (*)

Statement of Operations

01Jan 04 Thru 7 Sep 04

Category Description	Amount
INCOME	
Advertising	160.00
Decals	8.00
Dues	7,072.50
Merchandise (Tee Shirts & Etc)	490.00
Mountaineering Schools	400.00
Program Income	101.00
Rental Income (incl shoes)	135.00
T-Shirts	490.00
Training	9,965.00
Uncategorized	60.00
TOTAL INCOME	18,391.50

EXPENSES

Administration	616.50
Bouldering Contest	300.00
Capital Exp (mntnrg)	206.14
Classification	537.00
Equipment Maint	63.00
Insurance	350.00
Library	40.00
Merchandise Exp	0.00
Mountaineering	70.57
Newsletter	2,008.99
Outings	100.00
Programs	3,439.15
Service/Bank Charge	54.06
Training	6,139.07

TOTAL EXPENSES 13,924.48

OVERALL FOR YEAR TO DATE 4,467.02

ACCOUNT BALANCES (7 Sep 04)

CD Account	5,235.71
Savings	1,668.32
Checking	13,057.32

TOTAL CASH ASSETS 19,961.73

Other Assets (Library and gear) 5,967.75

OVERALL TOTAL..... 25,929.48

(*) Since the latest treasurer's report was not acted upon at a board meeting, this is a repeat of last month's report. Ed.

AMC's Almost Annual Photo Contest is back!

Where have you been? What have you photographed? We'd love to see your work: just follow the steps below.

- 1. Members will vote for their favorite photos in each category.**
- 2. Categories:**
 - * Landscape**
 - * Climbing**
 - * Mountaineering**
 - * Humor**
 - * Other adventures**
- 3. Bring any size photo; matte if possible; put post-it notes on the back of the photos stating your name/where/when/what etc.**
- 4. Ribbons and prizes will be awarded.**

***Members "Open Projector Night" -- bring a dozen of your best pictures from your past year's travels or climbs to share. ***

Volunteer Recognition Presentation given by Wayne Schroeter

***Munchies--Break out the flour and sugar; go by the supermarket and bring something to share with other members. At least bring your leftover Halloween candy to get rid of. Anyone have Milk Duds?**

**7:00 p.m., December 13th
The Pyle Center
Southern and Rural
In Tempe**

J-Tree Beckons with Great Rock— and Alluring Turkey Smells

Details are coming together for the annual AMC Thanksgiving climb-and-eat fest at Joshua Tree National Park. This year's plans run from November 25th through the 28th. Thanksgiving dinner will be at the Indian Cove Campground beginning about 5 p.m. on the 25th.

Climb leaders have volunteered for most of the dates though there is nothing to prevent you from tackling anything your prideful little heart desires all on your own. So far the schedule is:

Thursday - November 25th: Dave & Sally Larimer - Indian cove -Feudal & Short wall area (5.7 to 5.11).

Thanksgiving Dinner:... Clay Vollmer - Indian Cove group site area. ca. 5 p.m.

Friday— November 26th: Rogil Schroeter TBD

Saturday - November 27th: Jeff Hatfield - Little Rock Candy Mountain (5.6 to 5.11) — (*Monica*)

Regarding the Thanksgiving dinner, Clay asks :

"For such a large gathering, it is very helpful to the organizers to have some idea of who is coming and what they are bringing so please either email

<p.clay at skattrash@cox.net> with what you are bringing or email/phone (602.595.7266.home) for suggestions for what is needed.

I am bringing a 19-20# turkey to be fried on-site with cornbread dressing and giblet gravy. Yes, Virginia, fried turkey!" — (*Clay Vollmer*)

And here is a recap of some of the information printed last month, for your convenience.

To get to Joshua Tree National Park, go toward Los Angeles on I-10 passing through Blythe and Desert Center. Watch for the Joshua Tree Cottonwood entrance (exit marker 168). There is a \$10 entrance fee for a seven-day pass for a vehicle. Drive about one hour north through the park to a 'T' intersection to 29 Palms. Go left (west) on Highway 62 through 29 Palms to the turnoff to Indian Cove, left or south of Hwy 62. If you reach the

town of Joshua Tree without taking the Indian Cove road you have gone too far.

If you arrive Tuesday you will have to make a camping reservation at 1-800-365-CAMP. AMC has four sites in the Indian Cove group from noon Wednesday through Sunday a.m. However, only 26 cars will be permitted there, an unfortunate fact strictly enforced by the USNPS. Each site will have an AMC sign-up list and the allowed number of permits — so get there early. Car Pooling is *good*.

In the event of truly miserable weather (which has happened) there are motels and restaurants within close driving distance. But normally the weather is beautifully warm during the days and quite cool at night.

For added information, check into the local website <http://www.friendsofjosh.org>. The local shops sell numerous guidebooks, but be sure the one you get covers the area you need.

A view from the top



Jef Nagel led a climb up Four Peaks in October. Between computer incompatibility and my minimal skills, I could not print the story. This photo was by Melissa Neubauer.

SURVIVORS of OCTOBER BASIC SCHOOL

Basic school students

Suzy Allegra
Karl Anderson
Steven Aron
Courtney Lyn Barnes
Paul Beakley
Angela Bernstein
Barry Boyd
Debra Carpenter
Mark Clarkson
Suzanne Cook
David Dopilka
James Duggan
Cindy Eeds
Richard Ellis
Peter Emerson
Michael Englund
Joseph Ferrari
Shannon Flowers
Deborah Fuentes
Charity Gonzales
Randy Goodale
Justin Iske
Scott LeGear
Paul Martucci
David McClintic
Chandra McDowell
Blair McLaughlin
Clare Mix
Peter Neubauer
Voraporn Pasawat
Susan Pitts
Bonnie Roill
Douglas Roill
Gregg Strickland
Michael Turvey
Jennifer Urbina
Mark Christiani
Kathy Sharp
Frederick Simpson
Richard Theobald
Charlene Todd
Jutta Ulrich
Paul Valenzuela
Clay Vollmer
Jim Watson
Geoff Willis
Bob Zimering

Instructors

Ronald Auerbach
Nancy Birdwell
Brandi Bolin
Debby Brown
Mark Christiani
Slawa Ciula
Tracey Clark
Scott Davis
Julie Dehlin
Robert England
Bill Fallon
Philip Goebel
Daniel Gonzales
Alexander Hardt
Elizabeth Hardt
Jeff Hatfield
Susan Hatfield
Matthew Hendrickson
Scott Hoffman
Gabriel Howe
Bryan Howell
Carrie Howell
David Johnson
John Keedy
James Kehoe
Sheri Kenly
Chris Kline
Mike Knarzer
Tim Lange
David Larimer
Sally Larimer
Paul Mandel
Anthony Mavis
Bruce McHenry
Monica Miller
Jeffrey Nagel
Terry Nelson
Melissa Neubauer
Sonia Overholser
Scott Parsons
Kim Petersen
Isabelle Plante
Lynn Readicker
Bruce Robbins
Rogil Schroeter

Wayne Schroeter
Kathy Sharp
Frederick Simpson
Richard Theobald
Charlene Todd
Jutta Ulrich

Paul Valenzuela
Clay Vollmer
Jim Watson
Geoff Willis
Bob Zimering

Crying Dino Grad Climb

The end of the recent Basic School saw another successful grad climb of the Crying Dinosaur in the Superstitions. Five students and four instructors enjoyed the bushwhack approach, wandering route and fun rappels. The opening move continues to mystify most people, myself included, and Bruce learned the hard way that cams placed in cracks worn smooth by 30 years of hand jams don't always hold.

We talked about efficiency before we started the climb, but we ended up taking more time than we usually do. It didn't matter too much: we were safe, we had fun, and we got back to the cars just as it turned dark. It certainly beats rappelling and thrashing downhill in the dark.

President Bruce led the climb, so he can now check it off his list. In fact, he basically ran the outing: he picked up and dropped off gear, led the pitches, and set up the rappels. We cut away the rat's nest of sling on the three bolts at the top of the second rappel. The creativity of the previous anchor-setter was to be commended, but we felt better building a new anchor where we could actually see what was going on.

Thanks to a great group of instructors: Bruce McHenry, Nancy Birdwell and Melissa Neubauer. Congratulations new Basic grads: Debra Carpenter, Rich Ellis, Randy Goodale, Peter Neubauer and Peter Emerson.

-Jeff Hatfield

Friends of Queen Creek Update - November 2004

The Friends of Queen Creek were formed to help preserve full public access, for climbers, hikers, birders and & everyone, to the Queen Creek area, just east of Superior. This area is defined roughly as Queen Creek Canyon, the Oak Flat campground, and the area between Devils Canyon and the Apache Leap. These lands are threatened by proposed copper mining methods that would close the area to the public forever.

Several activities to support the Friends of Queen Creek incorporation as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization occurred recently. This status will allow us to engage in some lobbying and other political activities to protect Queen Creek access. Curt Shannon, Clay Vollmer, Paul Dief and Connie and Ted Gartner will be directors. A bank account will be opened soon. A very snappy, professionally developed, full color, tri-fold brochure goes to print this week. We expect to receive some financial proceeds from a recently applied for, Access Fund grant.

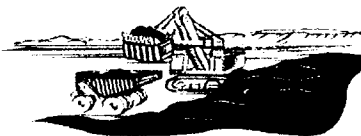
We are providing information about Queen Creek to Lori Faeth, who serves as Governor Napolitanos Natural Resources Director. We are investigating

claims that a well-known out-of-state climber was hired to locate alternative climbing areas within 1 hour of Phoenix. More later. We are investigating allegations that recent mining claims have been made within the federally protected Oak Flat Campground area.

In addition to an upcoming letter-writing campaign, we have several other activities that need to get done. The Friends of Queen Creek Steering Committee is small. We cannot do all the things that need to be done. We need responsible folks, who can participate in small projects and regular tasks. We need special expertise in computer graphics and web design.

Initially, the Friends of Queen Creek Volunteers will have their first meeting December 2nd at 7PM and on the first Thursday of the month thereafter. Volunteers will be notified by email when we find a location. If you are interested in volunteering, send email to <<mailto:info@friendsofqueencreek.org>>

Queen Creek climbing area access issue Climb it? Or mine it?



Recreational access to the Queen Creek climbing area is being threatened by a copper mine that has been proposed by the Resolution Copper Company.

Resolution Copper is trying to take over Oak Flat campground via a congressionally legislated land swap, which in turn would threaten access to all these areas: Queen Creek Canyon, Apache Leap, Devils Canyon, Hackberry Canyon, etc.

We need your help to keep this world-class climbing area (and home of the Phoenix BoulderBlast) from disappearing forever into a big hole in the ground. Join the Friends of Queen Creek!

We are not opposed to mining. But we are FOR ACCESS! We need to make Resolution Copper develop their mine in such a way as to preserve recreational access to these public lands.

Be a Friend of Queen Creek. Act now to help preserve access to your public lands by subscribing to the Friends of Queen Creek FREE e-mail action list at info@friendsofqueencreek.com

www.friendsofqueencreek.com

The AMC is represented on the Steering Committee of Friends of Queen Creek.



Service with a smile!

Cleanup at the Over the Rim project at Grand Canyon this year was not a chore for this cheerful AAMC'er.

Photo — Jef Nagel

Frank Christenson took this photo of last month's climb of The Ladybug Route on Four Peaks. Between uncurried routes, brushy gullies to navigate, and distance to cover, it turned into a long but rewarding day.



Proposed AMC 2005 Budget

INCOME

Uncategorized	
Advertising	200.
Dues for 2004	7,000.
Interest	50.
Library fines	20

Merchandise

Decals	50.
T-shirts (AMC)	500.
T-shirts Grand Canyon	500.
Total	1,050.

Program Income	100.
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Rental Income

Rental equipment	100.
T&S school Rental Income	250.
Total	350

Training Income

AARS	
Fall	1,875.
Spring	1,875.
Total AARS	3,750.

Basic School

Fall	6,650
Spring	6,650.
Total Basic	13,300.

Lead School

Fall	1,125
Spring	1,125
Total Lead	2,250

Navigation Clzss	200.
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Mountaineering Schools	400.
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Net Activities Income	28,670.
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Transfer from Checking	5,775
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TOTAL INCOME 34,445

EXPENSES

Land Advocacy Committee

Membership	900
Operations	250
Special requests	500
Total Land Advocacy	1,650

ADMIN EXPENSES

Food	500
Other	200
Postage.	100

Printing	300
Promotion	150
Telephone	500
Website	400
Total Admin	2,150
Bouldering Contest	500

Capital Expenditures

Mountaineering	300
Outings	500
Rental Equipment	100
T&S Capital Equipment	500
Total Capital Expenditures	1,400

Classification

Certifications	625
First Aid Renewal	500
Total Classification	1,125

Equipment Maintenance

AMC Gear	50
Rental Gear	100
Total Equip Maintenance	150

Insurance	7,000
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Library	200
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Merchandise Expenses

T-Shirts AMC	700
T-Shirts Grand Canyon	300
Total Merchandise Expense	1,000

Mountaineering Expense	200
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Navigation Class	450
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Newsletter

Postage	1,500
Printing	2,000
Total Newsletter	3,500

Outings	1,500
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Outing Leader Expense	1,000
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Programs: Monthly Meetings	5,000
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Bank Charges	120
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Training

Equipment	4,500
Facilities	1,200
Food	500
Printing	800
T-Shirts & Incentives	500
Total Training	7,500

TOTAL EXPENSES 34,445



Arizona Hiking Shack
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www.hikingshack.com

We're located 1/8 mile south of Cactus
on Cave Creek Rd.

Three great reasons to shop at the Arizona Hiking Shack for all your climbing gear

1. The Arizona Hiking Shack has **IN STOCK** the largest selection of climbing gear in the Valley. Petzl, Metolius, Black Diamond, Misty Mountain, Omega, DMM, 5-10, Scarpa, La Sportiva, Yates, PMI, Sterling, 2-Cam, Climb Tech, Kong, Trango, Camp, Mammut, Boreal, Pica Mountaineering, and Trango are just a few of the brands we carry. If we don't have what you need in stock. . . we'll order it for you. . . with **FREE** shipping!

2. The **staff** at the Arizona Hiking Shack **are climbers** too. You get knowledgeable, friendly advice on gear, places to climb, and the absolute best fit on harnesses, shoes and helmets. The Arizona Hiking Shack is locally owned and has been selling gear to valley climbers since 1972. We take pride in helping to select the right hardware for your climbing adventures. (Besides most of us are AMC members also!)

At the Arizona Hiking Shack, **AMC Members get a 15% discount** on everything they buy, everyday of the week, every week of the year. Why? Two Reasons. First, we respect the job the AMC does. The AMC not only teaches people how to climb safely, they also teach an ethic of responsibility to the outdoors that is essential to keeping our climbing areas open. Second, you learn to climb in the valley. . . well, like it or not. . . we consider you one of OUR homeboys or girls and simply said, we want your business! Ultimately, we know you have many choices when it comes to purchasing your equipment and by having a great selection of gear, a knowledgeable staff, and totally killer deals, we hope you'll come shop with us.

Erik Filsinger Projects

Ed Note – The following were not directed to all AMC members, but I think are of general interest. Time was the AMC was the only game in town. This is obviously not the case now. How do climbers network nowadays? Who knows what routes? How can the AMC and this newsletter aid the cause?

I'd like your assistance with a project I'm working on. With the electronic age upon us and with the explosion of the interest in climbing, I'm curious about how climbers communicate now.

There must be a lot of ways climbers now are getting information about climbing areas, finding partners, keeping informed, engaging in social emailing, etc. Many climbers are very active yet never hook up with a formal "club". How do they do it? Do they just make friends through rock gyms (a very fun social avenue)? Is that the new basis for developing primary climbing partnerships?

I really would like your opinion on how rock climbers network these days. How do they pursue their sport? And more specifically, is there a lot of use of electronic discussion groups?

Jim Waugh tells me that these two sites have active egroups by state and region. Have you checked them out? Do you use them? Am I missing any from the list below? Please let me know of any others out there.

www.rockclimbing.com
www.bouldering.com
Northern Az rock climbers
<http://yahoo.com/group/nazclimbers/>
Tucson Az rock climbers
<http://yahoo.com/group/tucsonclimbers/>
Phoenix Az rock climbers
<http://yahoo.com/group/rockonrappellersandclimbers/>
AMC members
azmtclub@yahoo.com

Thanks,

—Erik

Secondly, I would like to create a database of Arizona climbers and the mountains they have climbed. It is amazing what cumulatively you all have done in so many parts of the world.

The purpose for the effort is to provide the database for AZ climbers so that they can share information, maybe find fellow climbers of similar interests etc. Mountaineering ranges from CO 14'ers to the larger ranges of the world. We have folks who are participating in mountaineering at a variety of levels and often ask me for information on climbs, who else does their type of climbing, etc. And we have a cumulative wealth of information amongst us. Let's put it together in one place. By having a database that I can send to folks it will help me meet some of those needs and provide a real service to the AZ mountaineering community.

This is a project I've been contemplating for several years. I am sure that there are better technical solutions, but absent someone who is willing to take this on and make a long term commitment, this is the best I can do. At this point I am less interested in alternative technical solutions than in just getting the information.

What I am doing is creating an Excel spreadsheet. If anyone is interested in participating in this project, I will send them a blank Excel spreadsheet set up like my primary one. If you will fill in the rows of information (one for each mountain climbed, or at least your favorites) and return the spreadsheet to me, I will cut and paste your rows of information into the primary database I will maintain. You must email me to get the blank Excel spreadsheet. That will be the only format I will accept. I won't have the time or energy to enter data you present in any other format (no matter how much I may like you!)

Please consider participating. A few minutes of entering your resume will really help get this project off the ground.

Thanks,
—Erik

Looking Up for Alpine Rock — The Fab 7 in SW Colorado

For those of you who would like a larger scale and challenge to your climbing efforts than afforded by Arizona sling shot rock set-ups, you might consider putting your climbing shoes into your pack, grabbing your rack, lacing up your boots, and heading up into the hills a little higher.

Alpine rock climbing usually means ascending a mountain via a technical route using rock climbing gear, and maybe a little ice and snow techniques as well.

Chances are that you'll encounter Adventure at its purest and find yourself dealing with odd things for a central AZ climber: uncertainty, route finding, loose rock, weather, and...commitment.

Here is a list of pretty easily accessible alpine rock climbs in Southwestern Colorado. I've done them all and can highly recommend each (and please forget the CO 14'ers -- they're boring compared to these -- and I've done all of them too.)

For guidebooks use Robert Rosebrough's *The San Juan Mountains*, and then check out the two references therein to my father's climbs and finds back in the early 50's.

Lizard Head (13,113 ft), South Dihedral -- Located above Lizard Head Pass on the way to Telluride, this 5.8 alpine rock spire is an old volcanic plug. Dan

Bolin and I did it in 3 roped pitches with some scrambling in between. Very loose. Some say it is the toughest summit to reach in CO. About a 3 hour approach mainly on a good trail.

Dallas Peak (13,809), Regular route -- The hardest of the top 100 peaks in CO. Approach from Telluride and try to find the route. A party from the Colorado Mountain Club couldn't the day Susan and I climbed it in a hail storm. I was told by the CMC leader that my 4 pitch route probably went at 5.8. A similar rating was given by a local guide. I think it was easier, but then I was wearing my Makalus... We backpacked about 2 hours into a wonderful, albeit rainy, campsite under the South Face. A must do.

Teakettle (13,819) Regular route -- A fun climb with a sting in the tail just east of Sneffels. One, maybe two, technical pitches right at the top, depending on snow. It's climbed from Yankee Boy Basin. I did with Susan years ago. Just a good day out...

Vestal (13,864), Wham Ridge, and Arrow Peak (13,803), North Ridge -- A long backpack into Vestal Basin from the narrow gauge train between Durango and Silverton. The Wham Ridge is a classic 5.5 or so, depending on line, and the long, long, long, North Ridge of Arrow is a Covington classic going at 5.7. Susan and I ran up both on back to back days. Almost a perfect long weekend from Phoenix heat.

North Face Couloir on Gilpin (13,694) -- rock and ice. You will NOT find this in any guidebook, but it is Clay Patton's favorite climb. I did with Susan and Mark Hubble several years back. It is total commitment. Simply no "pro." Just stacks of loose rock. You climb up and out. Mid-5th class, but a nice 18 inch ice ribbon. Good candidate for a "solo" climb so you don't catch any flying fustilages, and maybe safest that way. Belays are crap anyway. Take two tools.

North Face of North Twilight Peak (13,075). It's the massive mountain viewed from the Durango Ski Mountain. Climb from the beautiful Andrews Lake parking lot. Backpack into the base. Lots of easy to mid-5th class rock lines on the expansive North Face. Maja Kolarska and I did most of the Directissima, but in very high avalanche hazard. Wait until the snow goes...but what a beautiful line and mountain. To heck with taller ones when you can do this...

North Buttress on Sneffels (14,150). Now this is a "classic." Donna Gaudet and I did in a whole bunch of pitches and a long, long day. Sweet. Depending on line from 5.5 to 5.8. You will be committed on this route! Backpack in from a trailhead out of Ridgeway. Three hours puts you into Blaine Basin, heaven on earth. Then a mile of maybe meadow and increasingly steep snow. It's the prominent rock left of the Snake Couloir.

So, when do you leave?

—Erik Filsinger

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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) 512-8465 or Oct 11

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 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 of out-of-town events, participants will sign up directly with the commercial outfitter.
(none listed)

Dues be Due

It is that time again — \$25 for a single or
\$30 for a family
See Rogil at a meeting or send your check
to the address on page 2.

Avoid a Hassle

If you are at Red Rocks after dark (read epic or long climb), there is a hefty fine if you do not have a late pass. They are free.

Jared McMillen, who did the Red Rocks presentation at our last club meeting, wrote:

Here's the phone number to get the late access pass to the Red Rocks. 702-515-5050.

Jared McMillen

Calendar of Events

AMC Outings

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.

- :Nov 20 **The Hand** Superstition Mountains Razors Edge-3 pitches 5.6 Meet at Brueggers Bagels at Arizona Ave just South of Guadalupe at 6:30 AM. Limit 4 participants and 2 OL assistants. Contact Info: call 602-318-9538 or e-mail azfreedheart@aol.com HELMETS REQUIRED
- Nov 23-28 **Joshua Tree Thanksgiving.** Details page 7.
- Dec 1 **Board Meeting,** 115 W. McDowell, Suite 1, 7 p.m.
- Dec 4 **Courthouse Rock** Standard Route 5.5 Limit 3, with 2 OL helpers. Route with amazing exposure. Time and meeting place to be determined. Contact Info: call 602-318-9538 or e-mail azfreedheart@aol.com HELMETS REQUIRED
- Dec 11 **Granite Mountain, Prescott Swamp Slabs** 5.4 - 5.8 Single Pitch to Multipitch routes. Limit 4, with 2 OL Helpers. Meet at 6 AM at Safeway parking lot in Anthem in east end of parking lot towards the McDonalds. Stopping at Apple Pan, Too for breakfast in Prescott on the way. Long, strenuous hike to climbs, plan on brisk to downright frigid weather. Contact Info: call 602-318-9538 or e-mail azfreedheart@aol.com HELMETS REQUIRED
- Dec 13 **Regular meeting.** Bring photos for photo contest; a dozen slides of your year's activities, munchies. at the Pyle Center, Rural and Southern in Tempe, 7:00.
- Dec 18 **AMC Christmas Party.** At Jutta Ulrich's. Details next month
- Jan. 8 **Jacuzzi Spires Don't Bug Me** 5.6 -3 Pitches Limit 4, with 2 OL Helpers. Meet at 7:30 AM at Safeway parking lot in Anthem in east end of parking lot towards the McDonalds. Moderately long, strenuous hike to climb, plan on possibly brisk to downright frigid weather. Contact Info: call 602-318-9538 or e-mail azfreedheart@aol.com HELMETS REQUIRED

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Outing Leaders

Requirements for becoming a leader: take the Basic, Anchors and Lead classes (or equivalents), be a member for at least one year, complete a basic first aid and CPR class (8 hours or more), and be approved for leadership by at least five current leaders through formal application process and by the Board of Directors. Contact Dave Larimer at (480) 425-9689.

Tom Conner.....	480-897-7623	David Larimer	480-425-9689	Rogil Schroeter	623-512-8465
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Scott Hoffman	623-580-8909	Jeff Nagel	602-318-9538	Mick Strole.....	520-856-3335
Richard Horst.....	623-434-4769	Paul Norberg	602-808-9244	Rick Taylor.....	623-487-8507
David Johnson.....	623-486-7387	Paul Paonessa	602-493-7356	Frank Vers.....	480-947-9435
John Keedy	623-412-1452	Chris Query	602-323-5927	Tim Ward	602-212-1929
Tim Lange	480-598-9124	Tim Schneider	480-497-8377		

December 2004

AMC Outing Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Sunrise 7:15</i> <i>Sunset 5:20</i> <i>M-rise 7:29p</i> <hr/> Board Mt	2	3	4 Court- house Rock <i>Last Qtr</i>
5	6	7	8 <i>Sunrise 7:21</i> <i>Sunset 5:20</i> <i>M-rise 3:29a</i>	9	10	11 Granite Mountain <i>New Moon</i>
12	13 Your Photos & Slides at Pyle Ctr. Mtg.	14	15 <i>Sunrise 7:25</i> <i>Sunset 5:22</i> <i>M-set 7:41p</i>	16	17 AMC Party at Jutta's	18 <i>1st Qtr</i>
19	20	21	22 <i>Sunrise 7:29</i> <i>Sunset 5:25</i> <i>M-set 3:59a</i>	23	24	25
26 <i>Full Moon</i>	27	28	29 <i>Sunrise 7:32</i> <i>Sunset 5:30</i> <i>M-rise 8:20p</i>	30	31	

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December's meeting will be held at the Pyle Center in Tempe at Rural and Southern on the 13th.

Oh -- And dues be due.