

SEPTEMBER 2004

ARIZONA MOUNTAINEER

Here is a bit of scenic and climatic candy to torment those of us who are stuck in Phoenix all this summer. It is quintessential Colorado with lots and lots of cascading water from melting snowfields, unburned-up trees and (presumably) temperatures that are less than 110-or higher.

This is on the trail to Blaine Basin on the north side of Mt. Sneffles. A group of lucky AMC'ers will be doing this climb this month. Others will be near Datil, N.M. over Labor Day.

*Photo by
Donna Gaudet*



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 \$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.

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Monday**

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The AMC Access Committtee: 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 restrtions, 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 \$20 or more to: The Access Fund, P.O. Box 17010, Boulder, CO 80308, or giving it to the AMC Club Treasurer to be sent to The Access Fund in your name. A donation of \$20 or more is needed to receive *Vertical Times*, The Access Fund newsletter. One can also join

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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.

Oct Deadline: 18 Sep 2004

NOT STUFF!!

Labor Day Climbs Set for Colorado and New Mexico

Fall Class Schedule is Out. Sign Up to Take or Teach Basic or Lead School ... As Befits your Situation.

**And...
Take Heart. It Cools Off in Late September (Usually)**

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.)

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Scott Davis 1, Bruce McHenry 2, James Kistler 4, Steve Wiczorek 7, Kimberly Kauffman 8, Faye Newberry 9, Tom Conner 10, Paul Sylvia 11, Terri Gay 12, Julia Kletzker 14, Larry Reinmuth 14, Tony Guido 15, Jan Harding 15, Scott Kirchofer 15, Jef Sloat 15, Paul Mandel 18, Tim Ward 19, Peter Keast 20, Maryann Johnson 24, Monica Willbrand 24, Stephanie Wyckoff 25, March Mousseux 26, Dave Gunn 27, Marilyn Geninatti 28, Tim Schneider 28, Lungi Niemczyk 29, Frank Vers 29

Minutes of the AMC Board Meeting: 2 Aug 2004

Members Present – Erik Filsinger, Scott Hoffman, John Keedy, Bruce McHenry, Wayne Schroeter, Clay Vollmer, Tim Ward

Committee Chairs Present – David Van Hook

Meeting called to order at 7 PM with quorum present.

Motion made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of July 1 meeting as published.

Motion made, seconded and carried to approve the Treasurer's Report as corrected. Outing Leader incentive was listed one line too high.

Presidents update:

A. Club membership is 372. It was noted that membership numbers have declined since 2000 when we had 506 members in the same month.

B. Job descriptions are all in except Vice-president.

Old Business:

C. Newsletter – Wally is not present for a report but it was noted that he always needs inputs for the newsletter.

D. Digital Projector – No action on this item as the Programs Chair who requested it is gone for the summer. It is important to purchase one that will fit the needs of the Programs Chair.

E. Outing Leader Classification documents are complete and will be submitted for publication on the web site.

F. Bylaw change was approved at the May meeting and is published on the web site.

New Business:

G. Welcome to Clay Vollmer as new Treasurer replacing Tim Ward who is moving out of the area.

H. Bruce announced that the budget process should be started and all Committee Chairs should submit their budget proposals ASAP for 2005.

I. Discussion held concerning OL only section of web site. Motion made, seconded and carried to publish all Outing Leader documents in the public section of the web site. Bruce will coordinate with Kirra.

J. Outing Career Path - Wayne Schroeter announced that he will not start the Outing Leader Career Path training program as he originally scheduled for May 22, 2004. Wayne stated he is not sure he can do it this year. Extensive discussion ensued concerning a number of subjects. It is the general belief of the Board that the Outing Leader Career Path training is important to the AMC and should be started as soon as possible to encourage more Outing Leaders and thus more outings. No action.

K. Land Advocacy – Erik announced that the present area representative for Friends of Queen Creek is stepping down. Clay Vollmer has been asked to be the area representative.

L. Adopt-a-Crag – question raised whether Jutta should suggest Queen Creek as the Adopt-a-Crag day activity for 2004. Motion made, seconded and carried to ask Jutta to explore Queen Creek as the 2004 Adopt-a-Crag event. Coordination should be done with Friends of Queen Creek, REI and other concerned parties.

M. Grand Canyon Clean-up was discussed. Motion made, seconded and carried to authorize Clay Vollmer to work with Scott Hoffman to develop a 2005 Grand Canyon Clean-up T-shirt design and produce within budget.

Motion made, seconded and carried to adjourn at 9:15 PM

September's Board Meeting will be held at the Monastery across from Los Olivos Center at 7:00 p.m. on TUESDAY, Sep 7th.

Board meetings are open to any member who wishes to attend. Call AMC's President if you wish to be on the agenda or to make a presentation.

Thanks to Tim Ward, transferring to Las Vegas, Nevada, who served as AMC's Treasurer for more than a year. He set a very high standard for accuracy and timeliness.

NEW MEMBERS

Anne Dreier
Will Kernan
Scott LeGear
Heather Simmons

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.

OvertheCruz —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
4-season 2-3 man	1	58	18	29
4-season 1 man bivy	1	45	14	23
Sherpa Snowshoes	5	50	15	25
MSR Alpine snowshoes.....	3	32	10	16
Ski poles (var. sizes).....	3	12	4	6
Hiking Poles.....	3	22	7	11
Ice Crampons	5	26	8	13
Ice axes (70 cm).....	4	16	5	8
Ice axes (90 cm).....	5	14	5	7
Snow shovel	1	8	3	4
Snow pickets	3	4	1	2
MSR Multifuel Stove.....	1	17	5	9
Haul bag.....	1	25	8	13
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 Tom Burmer (480) 354-1392.

Treasurer's Report

Statement of Operations
01Jan 04 Thru 1 Aug 04
Category Description

Amount

INCOME

Advertising.....	160.00
Dues.....	6,974.00
Library fines.....	0.00
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	9,725.00

TOTAL INCOME

17,985.00

EXPENSES

Access	0.00
Administration.....	563.07
Bouldering Contest.....	300.00
Capital Exp (mtnrg).....	206.14
Classification.....	500.00
Equipment Maint.....	63.00
Library	40.00
Merchandise Exp.....	0.00
Mountaineering	70.57
Newsletter	1,725.55
Outings	100.00
Programs.....	3,339.15
Service/Bank Charge	54.06
Training	5,551.78

TOTAL EXPENSES

12,513.32

OVERALL FOR YEAR TO DATE 5,471.68

ACCOUNT BALANCES (9 May 04)

CD Account	5,235.71
Savings	1,668.32
Checking.....	14,062.36

TOTAL CASH ASSETS 26,875.14.

OVERALL TOTAL 26,875.14

LETS HOPE THIS IS ONLY ENTERTAINMENT — NOT AN HISTORICAL RECORD OF A PLACE THAT ONCE WAS.

For 21 years the Phoenix Boulder Blast has given the climbing community inspiration. Now for the first time you can witness this for yourself from the comfort of a Pyle Center chair..

Mark Christiani presents videos shot at the 2004 competition. See two of the world's best boulderers/climbers, Chris Sharma and Tommy Caldwell, battle for the title of America's best boulderer.

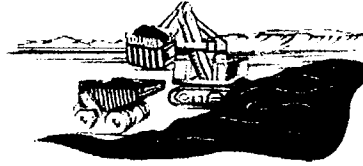
Ever wonder what a 'real' dyno looks like in action? Watch the males and females fly high for the title of best dyno'er.

Slacklining, while not a competitive event, draws many a curious foot to try this balancy and sometimes exposed sport. Watch and learn and perhaps you'll try it at the 2005 Queen Creek event.

September 20th, 7:00 p.m.
Pyle Adult Center, Tempe
SW Corner of Rural & Southern

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.

Friends of Queen Creek: Recent activities

The steering committee of the FoQC met August 11 to review efforts and discuss plans.

We have general agreement to focus positively on "maintaining permanent recreational access to public lands in the Oak Flats Campground area" which is the banner for our very snappy, newly re-designed website (www.friendsofqueencreek.com). In recent weeks we have met with or attended:

- * Rick Renzi, Republican US Congressman from 1st Dist of AZ (NE AZ & Queen Creek.)
- * Representatives from the offices of Governor Napolitano, Senators McCain and Kyl.
- * Superior City Council & Chamber of Commerce meetings.
- * Officials from several federal and state agencies.

We are currently distributing, to gyms and stores, copies of the Access Funds quarterly newsletter, The Vertical Times, whose current cover, lead article, and editorial are about our Queen Creek access challenges. The next BoulderBlast will be dedicated to supporting FoQCs efforts in several areas. A draft of an informational, full-color, FoQC tri-fold brochure was prepared and plans made to improve its content and professionalize its appearance before printing. (Anyone know who a printer who might donate a 1000 8.5x11 duplex full-color prints, preferably tri-folded? It's for a good cause.)

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Newbies Leave the Nest... our first lead experience

It was time. Karen and I were in Jack's Canyon, standing below Casino Cliffs. Clutching our guide book, "Rock Climbing Arizona", we scouted the route that would become our first lead climbing experience.

Jack's Canyon is a sport climber paradise. Located between Strawberry and Winslow, Arizona on Hwy 87, the canyon is easily accessed by traveling through a fenced gate at mile marker 313.7 and driving about a mile on decent dirt roads. Karen and I had scouted this area the previous week and found the cliffs a good match to our climbing ability. After finding the parking and camping area, we gathered our gear and made our way along the well marked and well maintained trail into the canyon. The trail drops about 100 ft down into the canyon bottom, facing the Casino Cliffs climbing wall. The climbs on Casino Cliffs wall vary from 5.6 to 5.12 and are only about 50 feet high. We decided these climbs would make excellent goals for the day.

The route we had targeted for our first lead was Progressive Slots (5.6). The guide book showed six bolts leading to a two bolt belay. As we studied the route, we noticed another route to the left with four bolts to a two bolt belay that looked even easier. The route was not shown in the guidebook, but we estimated it at a 5.4. We discussed our plan.

I would use four quick draws to clip into the bolts on the way up. Once at the top, I would first clip into the two belay bolts with two carabineers firmly attached to the harness with two pieces of spectra and a girth hitch. I would let Karen know I was 'off belay' then clip the rope into a carabineer with a clove hitch onto my harness. After that, I would untie my figure eight knot, thread the rope through both belay bolts, then retie the figure eight knot back into my harness. I would let Karen know I was back 'on belay', she would take up the slack, then I would weight the rope to make sure everything was OK before unclipping from the belay bolts. If everything was OK, she would lower me down and we would repeat the process with her leading and me on belay.

We had discussed, analyzed, and procrastinated long enough. It was time.

Both of us are stronger climbers than a 5.4 route, but we also remembered from lead school that leading was another level of commitment. Using deliberate

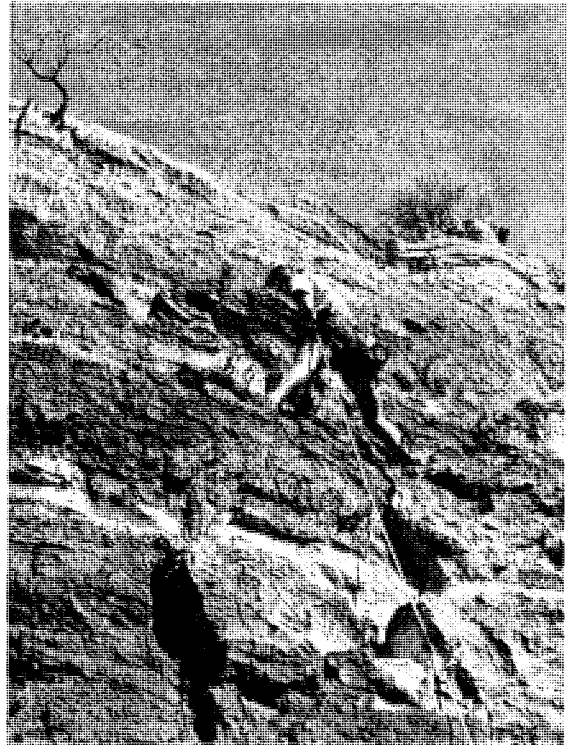


Photo by Karen Stafford

movements, I steadily climbed up the route. The route was face climbing with plenty of good hand and foot holds. I found myself checking several handholds for the best possible grip before moving higher. If Jennifer Aniston had parachuted naked into Jack's canyon I would never have noticed... as my focus was completely on the rock.

All too quickly, I had reached the belay bolts. I clipped into the belay bolts and secured the rope to my
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The Day(s) It Rain, Snowed,..., Whatever! by Erik Filsinger

Ed note — Erik showed pictures and narrated this bit of concentrated misfortune at the July AMC meeting. However, those who were there will forgive me for printing it for those not present.

Scheming a most ambitious plan, my climbing partner Maria Stoianova and I took off in my Chevy van for the Pacific Northwest to conquer the fabled Liberty Bell, Mount Rainier, and countless other points of dream fantasy for ascensionists. Two long driving days did not deter our enthusiasm, although frequent showers in Idaho and Oregon only presaged what was to come.

For those uninitiated in alpine rock, a Mecca of the original 50 Classic Climbs of North America is located on the eastern slopes of the North Cascades. The Washington Pass area is home to Liberty Bell, Early Winter Spires, and other legendary granite spires. They are bounded to the West by the main range of the North Cascades, a well kept secret of major proportions. There are over 70 peaks with over 2,000 meter elevation gains from base to summit, compared to but a handful in CO and CA combined.

Maria and I actually got to see the spires on our arrival day, but had to settle into a wet night at the Long Fir Campground. We were to have a romp up South Early Winter Spire before meeting my friend Dallas Kloke, a sage member of the hardmen of the range, for a climb of Fred Beckey's original route on Liberty Bell the following day.

The rain had been snow higher up that merely accumulated on the remaining snow pack higher up. The next morning we trudged through forests at times knee deep in snow. Generally knowing that the mountains were somewhere south and east of us, we arrived in an open gully that figured to be the one that drains the West faces of the spires. Following some hiking tracks and being advised by a handful of passing back country skiers as to where to head, we located South Early Winter Spire in the clouds and took a position at the bottom of the first pitch. It was pretty cold, snow on all of the ledges, and a dropping sky.

I at first thought better than to try to climb, but then decided to give it a strong go. Maria prepared the rope and the belay as I racked up, took off my climbing boots and opted for sticky rubber shoes. I probably

shouldn't even report how meek my attempt was, but can disclose that my excuse for downclimbing after a brief go at it was frozen fingers and the hail storm then occurring that covered every indentation in the granite with a white layer.

Maria was good spirited about it, but probably could have done better at it. What's a little cold spell to those strong gals from eastern Europe anyway?

Not to be fazed by failure, I suggested we have a go at the Southwest Couloir of South Early Winter Spire. Again, this time with Maria in the lead, we ascend a steep snowy pitch and Maria began climbing a three foot wide snow plume alongside a chockstone. It wasn't very substantial and careful investigation showed it to be undercut with the possibility of an unprotected fall of 15 feet into the moat between the snow and the rock if it broke. Drat -- another first pitch and a turn around. On the way down the steep snow Maria made sure to show her expertise at ice ax arrest... solid!

Somewhat with my tail between my legs we descended through the snowy slopes back to the car. Stormy weather continued and it did seem to support the discussions we had had with several local climbers earlier in the day that the massif was not in shape, being verglassed and all. But, heck, they didn't drive 1,500 miles to try on that beautiful granite. I will be back to place sticky rubber on that coarse granite...

Wonderful vistas of snowy mountains accompanied our journey westward into the National Park and a great campground. A call to Dallas confirmed his doubt on the planned joint venture for Liberty Bell (his 13 ascents seemed to call for more perfect conditions), so Maria and I told ourselves that Mount Rainier to the South must have the better weather. Having been on Rainier many times in the past, I guess I knew that it was a roll of the dice.

Our arrival at Paradise found us in sunny weather. Little did we know it would be the only sunshine of the trip. We obtained the necessary permits and squired around the facilities a bit. A little fox without the slightest fear walked up and sat down close to inspect our activities.

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Why Lead an AMC Outing? by Erik Filsinger

This personal opinion piece could be subtitled, Why the hell should I do this when I don't get paid and it starts to feel like a job and not fun anymore?

People who study human behavior -- economists, political scientists, sociologists, psychologists, counselors -- say that humans go through a cost-benefit analysis of potential behaviors. It doesn't have to be a conscious act. We each weigh the pluses and minuses of alternative behaviors and put those rewards or costs into our own personal calculus. It can be said that we make a "rational choice."

But wait a minute -- what about helping behavior? Why do people engage in altruistic behavior like helping someone while putting themselves at risk, or at least at substantial cost? Or, why would someone want to be an AMC Outing

Leader?

Material rewards can be motivators, but our folks are volunteers -- so why do it? The answer has to do with looking beyond material rewards. Intangible rewards, especially emotional satisfactions are extremely important to each of us.

If I "do good" I feel good about myself. Affection and self-esteem are powerful motivators indeed. I really am doing something that I find rewarding when I engage in prosocial behavior.

But let's be honest here. Forget the Mr. Nice Guy ethic that we all share. What is really going on? We're all adults and we all are very, very human. That's a good thing.

AMC Outing Leaders take Outings when the rewards outweigh the costs compared to alternatives they face. They don't do them when the costs outweigh the rewards.

I'm not sure AMC members appreciate the complexity that must go through an AMC Outing Leader's mind when he or she evaluates taking an AMC Outing. I have been involved in AMC governance for a number of years and hear and see quite a bit of wrestling with this tough issue. Here

are some things folks have told me. The "I" is purely a generic editorial mechanism, a hypothetical voice and not necessarily mine, rather a collage if you will of collective voices.

Why I would lead an AMC Outing

So let's start our rational choice calculus with the positives, the motivators.

+ It's fun. I think this is one of the biggest motivators, but when it is absent or "problem" outings occur, leading an outing is hard to rationalize. Recently I have heard several OL's talk about it "not being fun anymore."

+ I like being in charge. It's a big ego boost. And because I am actually insecure about my own skills I can hide my inadequacies behind the acknowledgement

+ I receive as the "expert." (How about them apples, sweetheart! Maybe behind that sweet smile you see up there in front of the group may lay a heart in torment. Poor soul.)

+ I can meet romantic interests. (Usually guys say this. We all know why there is a large turn-out of assistants instructors for Basic School.)

I like meeting other climbers.

+ I like to share my knowledge with others who love the sport. (This is my bigone, even if my halo gets tarnished in the breezes.)

+ It's good practice for my speaking skills, my leadership skills, my guide skills... lots of good reasons. (Can you dig it?)

+ It's a way I can give back to the club because the club has done so much for me. (This varies quite a bit depending on the person's background)

+ I get to climb on club gear rather than my own. (I've been told this)

+ I can find climbing partners. (You know, sort through the talent...)

+ I like the status of being an AMC OL.

+ It makes me feel good about myself.

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Lead Climbing School

Arizona Mountaineering Club

Fall 2004

This is an advanced climbing class. Even if you don't plan on leading, you will learn much about the dynamics of climbing, and it will make you a safer climber. Protecting a climb is a different skill from climbing itself. We will talk about the dynamics of lead falls, how to prepare for a climb, the differences between single-pitch and multi-pitch, and the differences between clipping bolts and placing natural pro. There will be no "true" lead climbs during the class, but we will provide simulated leading exercises.

Class curriculum:

Tue	Lecture, slide show: introduction, the lead fall, equipment
Wed	Lecture, slide show: equipment (continued); the process and techniques of leading
Thu	Lecture, slide show: multi-pitch techniques, the descent, leader rescue, aid climbing
Sat	Hands-on practice: natural pro placement (Prescott)
Sun	Hands-on practice: leading on bolts (Prescott or Scottsdale)

Class schedule:

Sep 28	Tuesday	6:30 pm–9:30 pm	*Dreamy Draw Park
Sep 29	Wednesday	6:30 pm–9:30 pm	Dreamy Draw Park
Sep 30	Thursday	6:30 pm–9:30 pm	Dreamy Draw Park
Oct 2	Saturday	9:00 am–5:00 pm	Prescott (directions will be in syllabus)
Oct 3	Sunday	9:00 am–5:00 pm	Prescott or Scottsdale (directions will be in syllabus)

*To get to Dreamy Draw take SR 51 (Piestewa Peak Parkway) to Northern and turn east. This dead-ends at the Park. Walk to the big ramada next to the parking lot. Directions to the other locations will be given out then.

Experience required: Preferably, AMC Basic School and AMC Anchors School or equivalent experience. This includes knowing how to tie a variety of knots, belay, rappel, prusik and set anchors.

Cost: \$75 plus membership if not already a member (\$13 for an individual and \$15 for a family). Membership is good through Dec., 2004. Register by sending a check payable to AMC Lead School to 1654 W. Boston St. Chandler, AZ, 85224. No credit cards accepted. (Please note: the registration fee is fully refundable if you cancel.) Call Nancy Birdwell at 480-821-1932 or email lead.school@AzMountaineeringClub.org for more information. The number of students will be limited to 30.

Equipment required for the class: (*Will not be needed the first night. You should listen to the gear lectures before making purchases.*)

1. All climbing gear (harness, prusiks, biners, etc.)
2. Helmet—mandatory for all on-rock sessions
3. Specifically needed:
 - 2 20' slings (untied length), preferably different colors
 - 2 10' slings (untied length), preferably different colors
 - Nut pick
 - Quickdraws with biners—at least 5 per person
 - All pro that you own, which may include cams, hexes, wired nuts, Tri-cams, etc.
 - Consider combining with another person to have enough gear
4. Hiking boots or shoes with stiff soles for Saturday, climbing shoes for Sunday
5. Optional: kneepads for Saturday (\$3–6 at Home Depot, \$5 volleyball pads at sporting goods stores)

For more information: Visit the Arizona Mountaineering Club website at www.AzMountaineeringClub.org.

The State of the AMC 2004

The purpose of this article is twofold. First, I am concerned about the state of the AMC: the decline in membership, the decline in the number of outings, and the decline in the number of Outing Leaders. Second, many of you know that I was working on an Outing Leader training program, and I would like to tell you what happened to it.

This article reflects my views. Some Board members are in general agreement with me, and some are not, but this is my opinion.

First, some statistics. We are at a seven-year low in membership. We are at a ten-year low in the number of outing leaders in good standing. The calendar will tell you that there are virtually no climbing outings being offered; we will have about half as many outings this year as we had in 2001 (not including my outings or standing outings such as Joshua Tree). And all these figures are continuing to decline.

These declines have occurred over the past three years. I believe they are a result of an over-bureaucratization of our club. Often times, the parallel is drawn between club business and your place of work. But there are major differences. At work, you have employees who are compensated; who work 40 hours a week, eight hours a day; and a management structure that is available all the time. In the AMC, we have volunteers who donate their time, who try to fit their volunteer responsibilities into an otherwise busy schedule, and a Board which meets two hours a month. This is a volunteer organization, yet decisions are often made as if it were a profit-making corporation. There are many changes that could be made to better manage volunteer effort and streamline the processes that drive our club.

As I said, some Board members disagree with me. But the fact remains that we are in a downward spiral by any of the major measures, and we will start seeing this impact in our classes, both in the number of volunteers we get and in the number of students. And this will further continue the downward spiral.

After having served on the Board for several months this year, I have come to believe that we will not see any improvement until the composition of the Board changes. I am looking forward to elections in January. I would like to see a group elected on an "anti-bureaucracy" platform. I would like to see our decision-making process streamlined. I would like to delegate as much authority and responsibility to our committee

chairs and other volunteers as is logical so that their jobs are made as easy as possible. While not everything can be delegated, much of what now requires Board approval can be. I would like to see the Board remove roadblocks from the paths of volunteers, not place roadblocks. There are many ways to work smarter instead of working longer and requiring more effort of our volunteers. And I would like to see a Board that asks "How can we get this done?" instead of "What more does the volunteer have to do to satisfy the Board?"

To this end, I am seeking people to run for Board positions who are willing to work for change. I do not want to turn this into a judgment on personalities; I would like to steer clear of mud-slinging or personal attacks. I want to look at the issues. If we continue on the course which has been set, we will continue to have an empty outings calendar and declining membership. If we change our course, I believe we can reverse the downward spiral. If you are interested, please contact me and I will go into more detail about what has been done and what changes I am advocating. I know that many of you don't like to get involved in politics in your hobby; you get enough of that at work. But if we don't act now, we will have an empty club.

The positions we will need to fill are the Vice-President, Secretary, possibly Treasurer, and two Director positions. I am hopeful that current Vice-President Jutta will run for the President's position, as is the custom in our club. Lynn Readicker will be running for a Director position again next year. Lynn has shown good judgment in her contributions to the Board, and I look forward to her being elected and to working with her again next year. Scott Hoffman will continue into his second term as a Director, as will I.

Outing Leader Training

In April of 2003, I proposed an effort to create an Outing Leader (OL) career path. It came from my conviction that in order to develop people to become Class Leaders and OLs and to continue to staff the classes with volunteers, we would have to have more outings. Outings serve as a training ground and a way to keep people excited about the club. They can be the social glue that holds the AMC together. At the time of my proposal, we were already well into our decline in the number of outings, and all I could see was the situation getting worse. The Board had made no effort to increase the number of OLs; there was some effort to try to motivate existing OLs to take more outings, but the meetings held to dis-

cuss methods to do this were unproductive.

I don't want to spend time here detailing everything I did in preparation for offering OL training, because it would be long-winded. Suffice it to say that I knew I was going to have to schedule the OL training for summer of 2004. I spent hundreds of hours experimenting with anchor-setting outings, taking an AMGA Top-Rope Site Management class and "observing but not participating" in the AMGA Rock Guide class (more about this later). I spent hundreds of dollars in attending these classes as well; the club only paid half of the cost of the Top-Rope class. I invited OLs and Board members to have input to the curriculum in a January OL outing, but no Board members showed.

I planned on finalizing the plan and presenting it to the Board in April of this year, but I had a last-minute chance to go to Joshua Tree and work with Alan Jolley, an AMGA guide who taught my Top-Rope class. Alan had hired me to provide him with illustrations for his classes, and in exchange he would teach me techniques from his Rock Guide class. I ended up finishing the plan three weeks prior to the May Board meeting instead.

I was not prepared for the response to my proposal that came through emails and conversations. I was told any announcement in the newsletter was premature, so I couldn't communicate the program to the membership and solicit people to go through the program. I was told it was no problem to delay the plan a month, as if I were an employee of the club whose volunteer time could be scheduled by the Board. I was told I had blind-sided the Board. I was told I had deliberately thrown my plan in the face of the Board. I was told I should have followed "protocol" in proposing the plan. The only positive email I got was from John Keedy, who said let's get it done.

The resistance left me discouraged. At one point I just cancelled the program altogether. When the May Board meeting came around, we discussed the proposal; it was approved with no changes in ten minutes or so.

But the kicker came on the day of the May Board meeting. I got an email from AMGA Executive Director Michael Alkaitas asking why I was representing that I had "completed" the Rock Guide course. As I found out later, a Board member had emailed my unpublished newsletter announcement to the AMGA to ask if I had actually "taken" the Rock Guide class. This Board member felt that I had "puffed up" my resume. My intent in describing where the material came from was so that people would understand the source; it was not self-aggrandizement. It took several phone calls to Mr. Alkaitas to settle the matter; he felt I should say I had "observed but not participated" in the class, since I didn't pay for the class.

(To digress, the actual verbiage I had used was that I had "taken" the class. I hate to get Clintonian about the word but this was based on conversations between Alan Jolley and me where I would say, "Can I come out and take a couple of days training this weekend?" Or Alan would say, "You can take a couple of days at a time on a weekend if you can't take ten days at once." After joining Alan at Joshua Tree, we agreed that I had "taken" all the training I could. The AMGA has rules about who can claim to be AMGA-certified or AMGA-accredited, but I know of no rules that govern specific words such as "take." But I have never planned on guiding commercially with AMGA credentials. I just wanted the education that this class offered. I told Alan that I didn't care about certification because I am not hanging out a shingle. And I realized that a small portion of the class could be used as an incentive to attract more people to become OLs. Never in my wildest dreams did I realize that the word "take" would be used to attack me professionally and personally, especially after trying to offer something so positive to prospective OLs.)

The personal attack on me was central to my next few weeks. I spent the two days after the Board meeting trying to decide if I wanted to conduct the training at all. It's hard enough to schedule six days of my time for classes over and above our three existing classes. But to meet such resistance? To get attacked? Why should I bother? I had to decide if I was still willing to dedicate that much time to OL training. For the next month or so, all I wanted to do was quit T&S and the Board. That was my plan for quite some time. I decided to quit all AMC activity for a while and just climb (which I have enjoyed greatly). I didn't respond to emails and I didn't go to Board meetings. And after some reflection, I realized that our Board needs to change before it will be able to respond to the needs of the club.

I am now trying to figure out a way to schedule OL training for sometime this fall. I have personal issues that are factoring into my schedule this fall. But for those of you who are interested in such a program, call me at (602) 402-1631 or email me at wayne@iWayne.com and I will discuss it with you personally to see if it is something you would like to do. And I will probably print something in the next newsletter giving details about the program.

- Wayne Schroeter



We ran short of space last month so this photo did not make it in. It shows the fit and hearty crew of AMC'ers who climbed at the Promised Land on that outing. Such vim and verve deserves recognition, even if belated.

Mark your Calendar: Adopt-a-Crag Project, 30 October 2004

For the annual Adopt-a-Crag service project sponsored by the ACCESS Fund we will go to the Queen Creek climbing area. The AMC and the local REI stores will again work together and also team up with the Friends of Queen Creek. By choosing this location we want to show how important this area is to the climbing community; many of you know it is the site of the annual Boulder Blast. We will spend the day cleaning up and working on trails to the climbs; temperatures should be bearable at the end of October. More details in the next newsletter and via e-mail. Jutta Ulrich (ulrichj@t-bird.edu) (602/ 234-3579)

+ I like the appreciation I receive from members thanking me and I get recognized as leading outings at the member meetings.

+ I think I should.

Why I Don't Want to Take AMC Outings

Here are some reasons I have heard in the past 5 years. Some are direct negatives. Some relate to alternative choices one can make. And some are just plain little but cumulative barriers that work against a rational choice of taking an Outing.

- It's not fun anymore. (Difficult people on Outings, bad experiences, hassle, etc. It's feels like a job.)

I'd rather just go climbing with my wife and friends (true enough.)

- It costs a lot of money for me to drive there from PHX, especially now with higher gas prices. (When you think about it, the material and intangible

rewards should be substantial to overcome simple economics.)

- The liability is more than I can take on. As an AMC Outing Leader somehow, somewhere people might attempt to hold me responsible if anything goes other than the way they would like. (I'll leave the monetary analysis for those creative enough to think. Hint: this is a huge one for everyone.)

- It's a lot of work -- planning, getting gear.

- The AMC schools now take up all of the good weekends for climbing in AZ. And with the string of AMC schools occurring as they do, I am burned out. There aren't enough good climbing days "in prime time."

- There is just too much paperwork involved. It's become too damn bureaucratic.

- I don't have the time right now. (Work, family, personal reasons, etc.)

- The AMC has become too rigid in what's the right or wrong way to do things.

- I do lots of other things for the AMC and have used up my monthly allotment of time for AMC volunteerism.

- Last time I took an Outing some other OL's

second guessed my choices and I don't need that crap.

So, what is an AMC OL to do, Or, How does the calculus make it work? What would you do given these pluses and minuses, or others that might be in the analysis for you? Would you lead AMC Outings? You know, there are a number of hurdles and prerequisites to have fulfilled before you can lead outings, as very well there should be. It's a bunch of work even becoming an AMC OL.

Does the motivation work? It really isn't that clear cut, in my humble opinion. Why take on the risk and hassle with the only rewards being fairly intangible? Over the last several years when the club has been trying to figure these motivation types of things out, I have heard a number of ideas of what it might take to tip the scales in a direction so that individual OL's might go through the rational choice and decide to take an outing.

I Would be More Motivated if the Club:

* Paid my dues for the next year.

* Gave me a lead rope for use on AMC outings.

* Paid my gas money. (Why should it cost an AMC Outing Leader ANYTHING out of pocket to take outings? Maybe the club should pay out of pocket expenses of OL's.)

* Let me do things my way. (hmmmmmm.... Need some generally accepted practices methinks?)

* Paid for part my training to get outside courses. (We do on a limited basis.)

* Get me good Liability insurance coverage. (The Board has really tried. It is very, very expensive.)

* Other ideas...talk to a Board member.

And to make it clear, I think you will agree that the AMC Outing Leaders are good people trying to do their best. When you run into a situation where a club member is giving them grief, ask yourself, why the hell should the OL do this, and then try to give the OL the benefit of the doubt. Could you do any better? If so, we've got openings aplenty for saints.



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Basic Rock Climbing School

Arizona Mountaineering Club

Fall 2004

The Arizona Mountaineering Club (AMC) has been teaching basic rock climbing for over 35 years. We place maximum emphasis on safety and self-rescue. This is a beginning climbing class. We will teach you equipment care and usage, rope handling, climbing knots, belaying, rappelling, climbing techniques, and self-rescue. Enrollment fills up quickly, so don't delay: make a reservation to join us soon!

Class schedule (this is 2-week class):

Oct 12	Tuesday	5:30 pm–10:00 pm	*Havasupai Ramada, North Mountain Park
Oct 14	Thursday	6:00 pm–10:00 pm	Havasupai Ramada, North Mountain Park
Oct 16	Saturday	8:00 am–5:00 pm	North McDowell Mountains, Scottsdale
Oct 17	Sunday	8:00 am–5:00 pm	North McDowell Mountains, Scottsdale
Oct 19	Tuesday	6:00 pm–10:00 pm	TBA
Oct 21	Thursday	6:00 pm–10:00 pm	TBA
Oct 23	Saturday	all day	Various times, various places

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

Experience required: None. Even if you have never climbed a tree before, this class is for you.

What is provided by the AMC:

- Technical climbing gear that will be used for the school (and is yours to keep): 1 belay/rappel device, 2 non-locking carabiners, 3 locking carabiners, 4 prusiks, one 5' sling (subject to change)
- Harness and helmet provided free by the AMC for the duration of the class if needed
- Basic climbing textbook
- Instruction through all phases of the class
- Discounts from local retailers on climbing gear

Equipment recommended for the class: You will wear a climbing harness at every class, so dress casually. Most sessions will be held outside, so watch the weather. Climbing shoes are recommended for the weekend sessions only. The AMC rents climbing shoes on a first-come, first-serve basis on the **second** night of class for \$10 for the class. We will discuss what to look for in a shoe on the first night of class.

Paperwork: You will be required to read, fill out and sign an AMC release of liability on the first night of class. Students under 18 must have the release signed by their parent or guardian (no students under 14 please; students 14-15 years of age must be accompanied by an older adult).

Class fee: \$160 plus membership if not already a member (\$13 for an individual and \$15 for a family). Membership is good through Dec., 2004.

Registration: The class is limited to 40 students. To reserve a spot, send a check for \$160 + membership cost (see Class Fee above) made out to AMC Basic School. Include your clearly printed name, address and current phone number(s). Mail to: AMC Basic School, 1025 E. Highland Ave., #26, Phoenix, AZ 85014. No credit cards accepted. If you have further questions, please call Slawa Ciula at 602-265-2661 or email at amcbasicschool@hotmail.com. (Please note: \$75 is a non-refundable deposit; the rest will be returned if you cancel. If someone else can be found to take your place, the entire \$160 will be refunded.)

For more information: Visit Arizona Mountaineering Club website at www.AzMountaineeringClub.org.

An early start up to Camp Muir found perfect conditions, despite the pesky news that a storm front was expected. Lots of AMC'ers have done that long hike from Paradise to Camp Muir and know its, shall we say, joys. We actually even got to take our packs off before the storm hit, but just barely. Soon winds and rain began soaking the scene. I was my typical slow acclimatizer and Maria did yeoman work boiling snow to make the necessary water, even as new water poured from the sky. Winds had picked up and I eye a newly vacated walled enclosure, even if a bit of a pit. We moved the tent to find better shelter. The discouraging word was that the storm was supposed to intensify over the next couple of days and bad weather was expected for the rest of the week.

Despite continued rain that froze on the outside of the tent and broke off indiscernible chunks when pressed from the inside, we actually spent a comfortable night. I checked the conditions at midnight, and it had grown cold and fierce, so we settled back in to wait for morning.

Much of the reason for the alpine start on Rainier has more to do with snow softening in the afternoon sun, and since there would be no afternoon sun, a 5:00 a.m. rising was probably as legitimate as the typical 2:00 a.m. start. Indeed it was a whiteout despite it being daylight. Visibility might have been 50 feet, but when we got on the glacier (the RMI guide training group stayed in their tents, weenies all I say) the lack of contrast of sky and glacier meant reliance on the occasional wand to show the way.

The Cowlitz traverse and Cathedral Gap ascent went smoothly enough, but working onto the Ingraham Glacier found deepening snow and wind of increasing proportions. One camp of Brits, still in their tent, was all we found. I had the embarrassing experience of barely being able to see my feet on the snow against all the white, and Maria was frustrated by telling me that three wands could be seen ahead.

I really couldn't see anything, and only finally located them when she lifted my head to look into the sky, or so I thought. The snow surfacerose and I couldn't even tell!

Intrepid we, the dynamic duo, pushed onward. Maria led across some crevasses and the traverse toward the Disappointment Cleaver, which just had to be out there somewhere. The snow pack was deepening and the weather turning even worse, so when I finally felt us nearing the DC and saw some snow sloughing off in small avalanches, I moved forward with increasing trepidation. I wanted to take a look at the rising traverse across the nose of the Cleaver, and we soon found ourselves pressed against the rock looking into the maul of the storm and the diagonally rising snowfield usually affixed with rope. It just looked too scary and would involve a too careful retreat, so once again on the trip an attempt failed in the face of bad weather.



When we turned back our tracks were already covered on the Ingraham where we had marched just minutes before. Maria was strong again and soon we were traipsing back into Camp Muir, only to find a full fledged blizzard. The tent pit was now filled with snow and only the top 6 inches of the top of the tent showed. Maria helped carry our stuff to the public shelter for easier packing, where two other climbing groups had taken shelter, all intending like us to pack ourselves out as soon as possible.

I had to dig the tent out of the several feet of snow and we managed to get it into the public shelter and packing up in the quiet surroundings. With quite an effort and constant snow, sleet and rain we finally gained the protection of the van back at Paradise, fully navigating on wands and compass bearings. Rainier had definitely shown us its power. The Ranger on duty at Camp Muir told us the winds were clocked at 50 miles per hour...

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Washout — (continued from page 18)

A side trip, in the rain of course, to Seattle and another phone call with Dallas lead us to attempt to escape to Oregon in hopes of better weather. Trying to find our window, we did note some neat sea cliffs that would later play into our plans.

The new targets were some old Oregon volcanoes -- Three Fingered Jack, and Mount Washington, at the least the former offering 5th class rock. While the coastal weather looked perhaps promising, the weather inland approaching the mountain ranges again turned ugly and we spent a typical wet night in a state park campground along Highway 20.

Our drive to the Pacific Crest Trail, which would deposit us 5 miles inland and onto the southern flank of Three Fingered Jack, began relatively inauspiciously under cloudy skies. Soon, however, the rains came and by the time we were at the trail head it was that curious Pacific Northwest mixture of rain and snow falling upon us. Undaunted because we could actually see this trail, we hefted our packs laden with ropes and gear and headed northward.

The rain became more snow. The trail became white. The ground began to be covered by snow drifts, and soon we were in a white forest with no sign of a trail. Probably just about 2 miles in, there was no trail at all to be seen in the forest. We took numerous wrong turns and found that our only way of staying more or less on the path was to look for evidence of human passage, the only sign of which was the occasional sawed trunk or limb. So we groped deeper hailing that most unlikely sources of communication with the trail gods.

Upward and inward we wound, now in a full blizzard, not having the slightest visual cue as to where the mountain even might be. Breaking onto a shoulder or pass some 4 miles inland, we took stock of our travails. We found shelter among some dense fir and actually could sit on our packs without shivering in the wind. Stopping for once, we noticed that it actually was quite beautiful, but with still no mountain in evidence, we decided the best of valor is common sense (but who really counts those things deep in the wild) and we headed back down the trail. Once again following footsteps of passage beginning to fill in with blowing snow.

A third failure in so many attempts. It was honestly very hard not to fight a frustration and almost depression of having driven so many miles only to turn tail. Failure, when bracing oneself against nature's unnerving charms, perhaps is a misnomer. I found grace in the process, the trail being the goal rather than the summit. A focus on the process rather than the end state -- perhaps a good metaphor for living.

To capture something of a climbing experience, other than a series of first pitches if you will, from the trip Maria suggested those winsome sea cliffs and buttes we had seen previously near Lincoln City. Why not? It's all rock, right?

So the next day, after the typical rainy night and after having to wait for the tide to go out, Maria and I hefted our packs and raincoats to speed up the beach toward glory!

Crossing the rockbound peninsula Maria was splashed by the large wave that wouldn't let us pass without paying our dues, and we twice waited sea water trying to synchronize our passage with the rhythm of the waves pounding the shore. But find our rocks we did.

In the continuing rain and mist, with only brief periods of calm weather, we ran laps up and down a certain volcanic sea butte. What great fun. I was able to lead, amid encompassing surf flows, a nifty little arete. Less than ideal rock, with some handholds that I could hold up for inspection (hint: they came off in my hand), I climbed something in the 5.6 range and brought Maria up to a nifty perch with ocean on at least three sides. We then top-belayed four or so different routes, capping off our adventure with a nifty stemming chimney with under which the ocean could pass through a sea cave.

Great fun. We were sated after all. And all it took was a suggestion to flow with the weather rather than fight it. A lesson there for us all.

—Erik Filsinger

harness. My lack of skill at this was readily apparent, as the longer I took, the more my legs complained. After I ran the rope through the bolts, I attempted to retie the figure eight knot. No luck... I had tied off the rope without enough slack to retie a figure eight onto my harness. I'm allowed a rookie mistake on my first lead, right? I reattached the rope to my harness, with plenty of slack this time, and then retied into a figure eight. I let Karen know I was ready for her to take up the slack. Testing the belay showed everything was fine, so after unclipping the carabineers, Karen lowered me down as I removed the quick draws. Just as I thought I was home free, the last quick draw was weighted and I had difficulty unclipping it. Strange... I didn't remember this problem during the lead class. The solution was to lower me to the ground and then reach up to unclip the final quick draw.

After the first lead climb, we each lead Progressive Slots (5.6). Then Karen set up a top rope on Winner Takes All (5.10b) and I thrashed around on that for a while, finally reaching the top. We ended our climbing day prematurely, as early afternoon thunderstorm clouds began to gather. Quickly we gathered our gear and scooted out of the canyon just before the first drops fell. Our conversation on the way back to Phoenix was dominated by how much fun leading was and what climbs we were going to try next.

By the way, if any AMCs out there know the name and rating of the unknown climb to the left of Progressive Slots, please let me know at [HYPERLINK "mailto:sfrankell@cox.net"](mailto:sfrankell@cox.net) sfrankell@cox.net

. Remembering our first lead experience as "climbing an unknown route in Jack's canyon" just doesn't sound right.

Karen Stafford and Scott Frankel

Make Dinner a Selfless Act — Join Us for a Fundraising Party

As you may be aware I (Bob Zimering) am a member of the Central Arizona Mountain Rescue Association (CAMRA), also know as the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Mountain Rescue Team.

CAMRA is an all volunteer technical rescue team dedicated to saving lives through Search and Rescue Operations, Wilderness Emergency Medical Services and Outdoor Safety Education. CAMRA is supported solely by the community as a charitable, non-profit 501(c)3 (donations are tax deductible) organization.

On August 26th from 6-8PM at the Chipotle Mexican Grill located at 44th Street and Thomas, CAMRA will be holding a fundraiser party. Chipotle will be graciously donating 100% of all food purchase proceeds to CAMRA. No Donations are needed (although they are appreciated); All you have to do is buy a burrito ! (If you are out of town and would like to contribute, you can just give me a check made out to CAMRA).

Please join us for dinner and help us in our mission of saving lives!

Thanks! Bob Zimering

To learn more about CAMRA, visit our website at www.mcsomr.org. AMC and CAMRA have several members in common. You have seen them at the bouldering contest. — Ed.

"I need some help" admits Rogil.

Richard Theobald wants to retire from his position of creating the mailing labels, phone lists and membership cards each month. Is there someone out there with a PC & printer who can afford to spend a little time each month creating these items for the AMC?

If you are interested please contact Rogil: rogil.schroeter@honeywell.com or 623-512-8465

Calendar of Events *(Continued from page 22)*

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)

Friends of Queen Creek *(Continued from page 7)*

What you can do:

- * Join the mailing list on the FoQC website (www.friendsofqueencreek.com).
- * Talk to friends about the potential public access challenges to the Oak Flat/Queen Creek Canyon area.
- * Get out & work on a BoulderBlast committee.
- * Show up for the Adopt-a-Crag day this October 30.
- * Write letters/emails to politicians and officials, when asked.

We have a few openings for talented, enthusiastic, dedicated, influential or rich new FoQC Steering committee members. Send email to: info@friendsofqueencreek.com

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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.

Sep 3 to 6. **Snake Couloir (NW Couloir) on Mt. Sneffels**, near Ouray, CO. Snow and Ice Climb with backpack and camping two nights. Prerequisites include ice climbing and glacier travel snow skills classes with AMC. Sign-Up with permission of Trip Leader. Must be in top athletic shape. Size limited. No Outsiders or Non-Climbers from trailhead on. Contact Erik Filsinger at smorefil@aol.com or Jutta Ulrich at ulrichj@t-bird.edu for details.

Sep 4-6 **Enchanted Tower** – near Datil, NM .Labor Day Week end – Camping is primitive at the crag area. Climbs are bolted and range from 5.6 – 5.14. Pocket pulling on stellar stone. Limit 12. To sign up and receive more details contact Richard Horst at 623-434-4769 or horstrichard@aol.com.

Sep 29 **AMC Lead School**. Sep 28, 29, 30, Oct 2,3. For info and signup call Nancy Birdwell att 480-821-1932. See flier on page 13.

Oct 12 **AMC's Basic Mountaineering School**. Oct 12, 14, 16, 17, 19, 21 and 23. For info and signup call Slawa Ciula at 602-265-2661. See flier on page 14..

Nov 4&7 **Alpine Rock Seminar**. Skills involved in moving from rock crag to mountain setting. Should have AMC Basic School, AMC AARS amnd AMC Lead Schools, or equivalents. Enrollment via permission of instructor. Size limited. New students \$50. Returning students \$25. For details contact Erik Filsinger at smorefil@aol.com.

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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.

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AMC Outing Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Sunrise 6:03 Sunset 6:53 Mrise 8:38p</i>	2	3 N. side Mt. Sneffles	4 Sneffles Enchanted Tower, NM
5 Sneffles Enchanted Tower	6 Sneffles Enchanted Tower	7 CAMRA Mtg Board Mtg	8 <i>Sunrise 6:07 Sinset 6:34 Mrise 12:15a</i>	9	10	11
12	13	14 <i>New Moon</i>	15 <i>Sunrise 6:12 Sunset 6:34 Mset 7:25p</i>	16	17	18
19	20 AMC Mtg, Pyle Ctr	21 <i>1st Qtr</i>	22 <i>Sunrise 6:17 Sunset 6:24 M rise 2:57p</i>	23	24	25
26	27	28 Lead School	29 Lead Sch <i>Sunrise 6:22 Sunset 6:15 M rise 7:04p</i>	30 Lead School		Lead School

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