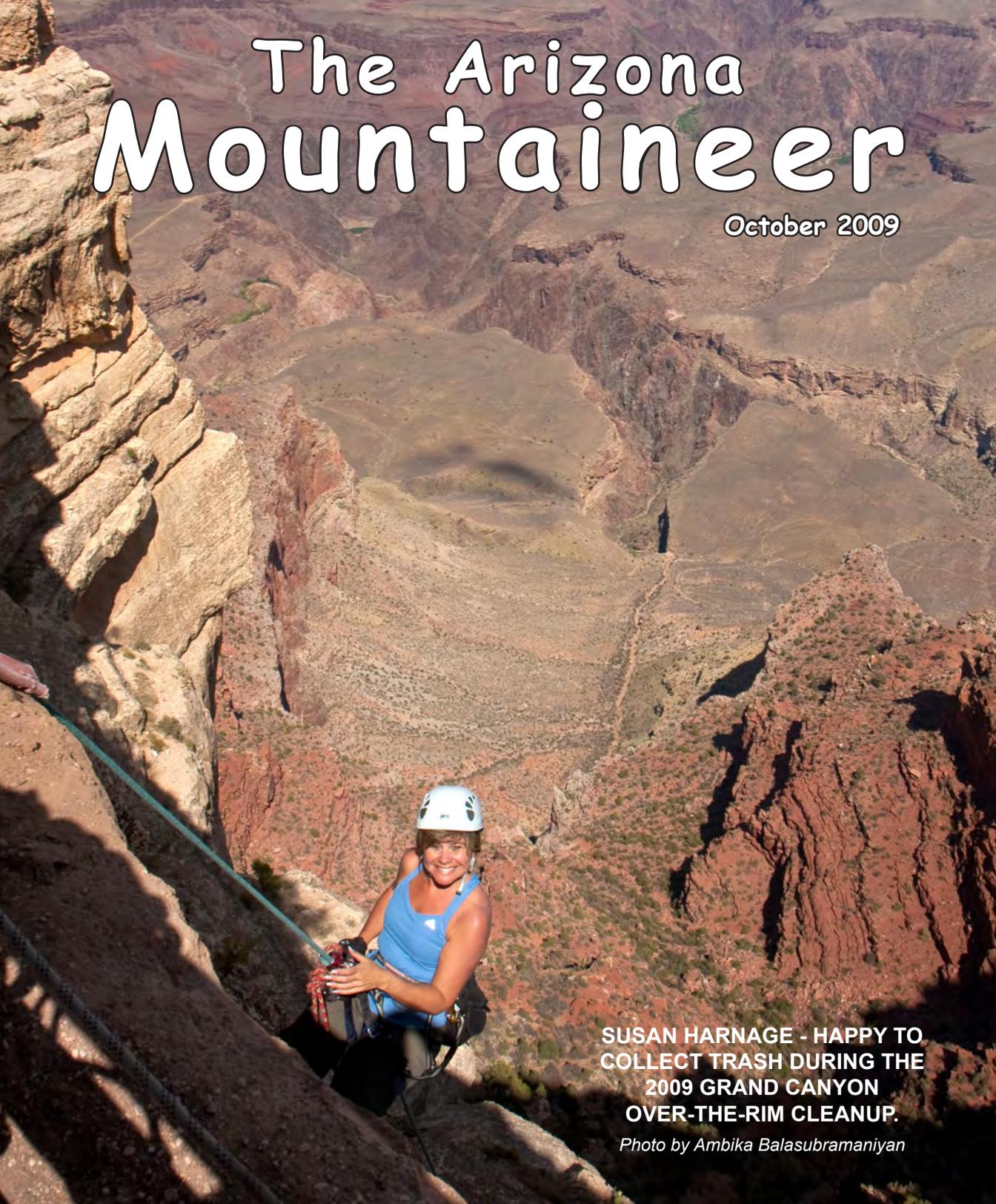


The Arizona Mountaineer

October 2009

A woman wearing a blue tank top, a white helmet, and a climbing harness is rappelling down a steep, reddish-brown rock face. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. A green rope is attached to her harness and extends upwards. The background shows a vast, layered canyon landscape with various shades of brown and red rock formations under a clear sky.

**SUSAN HARNAGE - HAPPY TO
COLLECT TRASH DURING THE
2009 GRAND CANYON
OVER-THE-RIM CLEANUP.**

Photo by Ambika Balasubramaniyan

The Arizona Mountaineering Club

Meetings: The member meeting location is:

Phoenix Country Day School
3901 E. Stanford Drive
Paradise Valley, AZ 85253.

The meeting time is 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

Board Meetings: Board meetings are open to all members and are held two Mondays prior to the Club meeting.

Dues: Dues cover January through December. A single membership is \$30.00 per year: \$35.00 for a family. Those joining after June 30 pay \$15 or \$18. 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 for information on schedules and classes.

For More Information:

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The AMC Land Advocacy Committee: The Committee works by itself and with the national Access Fund to maintain public access to climbing areas. If you know of areas that are threatened with closures or climbing restrictions, please notify the Land Advocacy representative Erik Filsinger, 480-314-1089.

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 or at <https://accessfund.org/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, 2267 W Periwinkle Way, Chandler, AZ 85248 or through email to robert_england2@yahoo.com. Digital photos should preferably be in JPG format and 300 dpi. Articles can be in any standard word processing format. For more info call or write the editor at (480)-688-5412, robert_england2@yahoo.com.

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.

Hot Stuff !!!

Outdoor Rock
Climbing School

Adopt-A-Crag

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.

NOV NL Deadline: 21 OCT

October Birthdays

Deke Joralmon 2, Robert Quick 5, Tracy Sloat 6, Kim McClintic 7, Kelly Trainor 8, Kevin Stevens 9, Kathi Reichert 10, Chrys Rinderknecht 12, Rogil Schroeter 12, Linda Locke 14, Dominic Mancini 16, Samuel Garnett 17, Pooja Agawane 18, Bill Jay 19, Cyd Manning 24, Will Nicholas 26, Dave Helzer 28, Barb Berkley 29, Jeff Hatfield 29, James Clarkin 30

Discount Directory

These merchants 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 10% discount.
- **AZ on the Rocks Gym** - 16447 N. 91st St., Scottsdale, AZ 85260. 480-502-9777. Gym membership 10% off for AMC members.
- **Phoenix Rock Gym** - 1353 E. University, Tempe, AZ 85281. 480-921-8322. 10% off membership to AMC members.
- **AZ Cliffhanger** - at the Phoenix Rock Gym. 480-642-9507. 10% off membership to AMC members.
- **Solid Rock Gym** - 23620 N. 20th Dr, Phoenix, AZ 85027 (623) 587-7625 10% off membership.
- **Solid Rock Gym** - 407 S. 107th Ave, Suite A6, Tolleson, AZ 85353, (623) 643-9399 10% off membership.
- **Climbmax Gym** - 1330 W Auto Dr, Suite 112, Tempe, AZ 85284 - 480-626-7755. 10% off membership, Grand Opening 15% off through 4/30.
- **APE Index Rock Climbing Gym** - 9700 N. 91st Ave Suite 118 Peoria 85345 Phone 623-242-9164 10% discount for Day Pass and Membership. Show AMC Membership card.

Rental Equipment

| EQUIPMENT | Qty | \$Dep | 1-3day | 4-7day |
|--------------------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| MSR 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 |
| Avalanche Kit (probe & shovel) | 2 | 10 | 5 | 8 |
| Curved Ice Tools (pair) | 2 | 40 | 20 | 35 |

Call Bruce McHenry at (602) 952-1379 for information on how to rent AMC equipment.

Treasurer's Report

Arizona Mountaineering Club Income Statement Period Ended August 31, 2009

INCOME

| | |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| Advertising..... | 20.00 |
| Dues 2009 | 4300.00 |
| Interest..... | 306.37 |
| T-Shirts..... | 60.00 |
| Rental Equipment..... | 185.00 |
| AARS (Anchors) School..... | 1575.00 |
| Basic School..... | 4900.00 |
| Lead School | 975.00 |
| Other Income | 36 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 12,321.73 |

EXPENSES

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Admin | 519.75 |
| Bank Charges | 0.00 |
| Capital Expenditures | 1067.69 |
| Equipment Maintenance | 35.00 |
| Insurance | 2838.00 |
| Land Advocacy | 143.93 |
| Library..... | 77.09 |
| Newsletter | 2222.61 |
| Outings..... | 66.31 |
| Programs Monthly Meeting | 2882.99 |
| Training..... | 3687.37 |
| T-Shirts..... | 349.58 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 13,890.32 |

OVERALL TOTAL.....(1,568.59)

ACCOUNT BALANCES

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Checking | 8,776.81 |
| Accounts Receivable..... | 00 |
| CD Account | 15,000.00 |
| TOTAL CASH ASSETS | 23,776.81 |

AMC Outing Gear..... 3,467.43
OVERALL TOTAL 27,244.24

Board Meeting Minutes 15th September, 2009

Board Members present: Bill Fallon, John Keedy, Grant Loper, Jodie Bostrom, Kim McClintick, Robert England, Erik Filsinger

Call to Order: President Loper called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes from the August 10, 2009 Board meeting were approved as published.

The Treasurers Report was approved as submitted.

Committee Reports

Land Advocacy: Erik Filsinger gave an extensive update and overview of the issues and strategies that are currently in place for the McDowell access effort and for the Queen Creek land exchange and related efforts. The Board had passed via electronic voting procedure the following reaffirmation of its public policy stances:

Be it resolved that the Board of the Arizona Mountaineering Club (AMC) does hereby reaffirm and instruct its representatives to follow the public policy directions for the AMC to seek and maintain direct contact and relationships with the land owners involved with climbing access in Arizona. Be it further resolved that in no situation will the AMC forego its independence of action if and when it enters into alliances with regard to public policy goals on either a temporary or permanent basis the AMC reserves its right to seek a different direction that the Board deems more beneficial.

These directives indicate that the AMC may

enter partnerships with other volunteers to assist in obtaining and maintaining rock climbing access goals, but that the AMC will not in any circumstance take a subsidiary position that limits its ability to independently seek and obtain such direct and primary relationships with land owners that could assist in obtaining Board approved goals for its membership.

The Board approved a policy directive published elsewhere in this newsletter concerning the roles and responsibilities of various entities who are involved with the McDowell Sonoran Preserve and its magnificent rock climbing opportunities. This chart lays out what the Board views as the appropriate roles and responsibilities with regard to City staff prerogatives, primary roles of the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy (a not-for-profit entity that trains Stewards for the Preserve in addition to many other good works), and the role of the rock climbing community as evidenced through the AMC and its representatives.

Edited Agenda notes from a recent City of Scottsdale Council meeting were distributed and discussed. It was agreed that the Board wishes the AMC to stay active with regard to its access agenda in the Preserve.

The Land Advocacy Chair and other select AMC representatives will meet with City of Scottsdale officials to offer help and assistance in obtaining rock climbing goals and in establishing ways the rock climbing community and the AMC can work with the

Board Meeting Minutes (continued)

City staff on an operational level.

The AMC received the grant from the Access Fund for climber signage to be placed in the McDowell Sonoran Preserve and the AMC representatives will work with City of Scottsdale staff to implement when the funds are received.

Due to the importance and timeliness of establishing the long term working relationship with the City in the North Access Area of the McDowells, the Board decided to hold its Annual Adopt-A-Crag event sponsored by the Access Fund in the North Access Area on October 31, 2009. The City has already indicated its interest. A sub-committee of Erik Filsinger, John Keedy, and Robert England will work with City staff to make the event a grand success.

Due to the increased work load of the Land Advocacy Committee and the high profile cases that are currently confronting the AMC, Erik Filsinger moved that John Keedy be appointed the Vice Chair of the Land Advocacy Committee. The intent is to provide additional resources to work and speak on behalf of the AMC as the situations arise. The motion was seconded and approved.

John Keedy may also work with the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy on climbing related issues to enhance the cooperation and interchange among the two groups.

The Board was given a copy of the last minutes of the Queen Creek Coalition Board
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meeting. These are also published elsewhere in this newsletter. A draft policy statement from the Board stating its history and goals in its efforts with regard to the Land Exchange and other efforts to obtain long term rock climbing goals is published elsewhere in this newsletter. The intent of the policy is to find a balance and professional stance that highlights the positive goals that can be obtained and stating a preference for positive avenues and relationships to obtain those goals.

The Board also was given recent newspaper articles about the Asarco land exchange being challenged for not going through the proper NEPA procedures.

The Board moved, seconded and approved a motion that its official channels of communication will only be used for public policy statements approved by the Board and its delegated representatives.

The Board will ask Marty Karabin if he is interested in occasionally publishing articles specific to the history and current opportunities for rock climbing at Queen Creek. The intent is to focus on fun and informational pieces about rock climbing resources and let rock climbers know what a great place Queen Creek continues to be. Erik Filsinger will coordinate with Marty to see if there is interest and to work with Marty on those newsletter pieces.

Mountaineering: Co-Chair Loper overviewed the fall events that will be

Board Meeting Minutes (continued)

published in the Outings section of the newsletter.

Programs: Chair Loper gave the Board an update on the 12-month planning schedule for member meetings. It will greatly assist the Club's efforts to have fun and exciting member meetings with the longer planning horizon.

T&S: Chair Fallon presented and discussed the details and logistics of the upcoming Fall Outdoor Rock school. Inspection of ropes and a Leave No Trace lecture will occur at the next member meeting. Other details will be disseminated as appropriate. It appears that the Fall Lead school is somewhat smaller than normal.

Chair Fallon also announced that he and Erik Filsinger had obtained the requisite permits from the City Preserve staff to hold the School sessions in the north McDowells.

(Due to time limitations and the lengthy earlier discussions, several agenda items were rolled over to the October Board meeting.)

Old Business

Membership qualification system – The Board discussed several recent situations where members and non-members who participated in club Outings may not have had the requisite skill set normally expected for such participation.

Joshua Tree – The Board is trying hard to identify someone to take the leading role(s). Hopefully by the time the members read these

minutes that assignment will have been made.

(Due to time limitations and the lengthy earlier discussions, several agenda items were rolled over to the October Board meeting.)

New Business

Club Gear Purchase. After a discussion of options, Chair Fallon of the T&S was assigned the role of purchasing the gear necessary for our rock schools. At this time the Board is not moving forward with options concerning club member purchases.

Grand Canyon Clean-Up. The Board extended a firm "Thank you" to Robert England for the excellent job he did this year. Communication and pre-event activities were handled smoothly and professionally, leading to an event with 75 signed-in participants and a larger pool of parties who were interested albeit for last minute emergency response duties. It was great to have members of the local mountain rescue groups participate with the AMC.

(Due to time limitations and the lengthy earlier discussions, several agenda items were rolled over to the October Board meeting.)

Adjournment: Due to the late hour, President Loper call for Adjournment at 9:05 p.m.

Grand Canyon Cleanup 2009

Seventy-five people participated in this year's event! Many thanks to all who helped make this a Grand success. Special thanks to David and Kim McClintic, Rogil Schroeter, Jodie Bostrom and Scott Hoffman for managing the cleanup areas, to Ambika Balasubramaniyan, Susan Harnage, John Keedy and Kurt Korpong for their excellent photography, to Sam Garnett and Time Medlock for their help in coordinating participation from SAR teams, to Debbie Standal and Madison for their helping with T-Shirts, and to all of the great folks at the Canyon: Ranger Ira, volunteers Kim, Loren, Pat and Nancy, and Molly in Concessions.

Next year's cleanup, our 20th consecutive, will be held on September 18.

Here are a few of the great pictures taken by Ambika, Susan, John, Kurt, Tim and Kathy.



Almost the whole gang ...
2009 Grand Canyon Over-The-Rim Cleanup

Grand Canyon Cleanup 2009 (continued)



Always the paperwork



Gary Rector - 19 consecutive years of Grand Canyon Cleanups

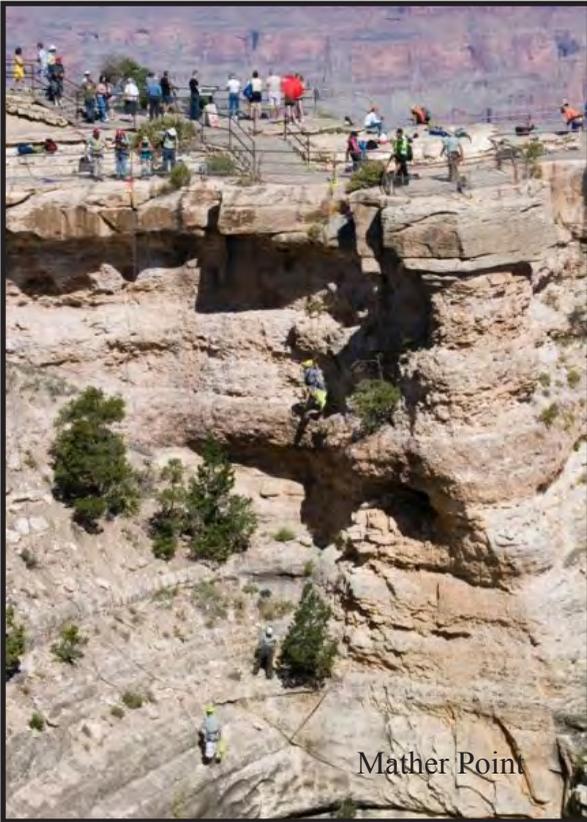


T-Shirts for everyone!!!

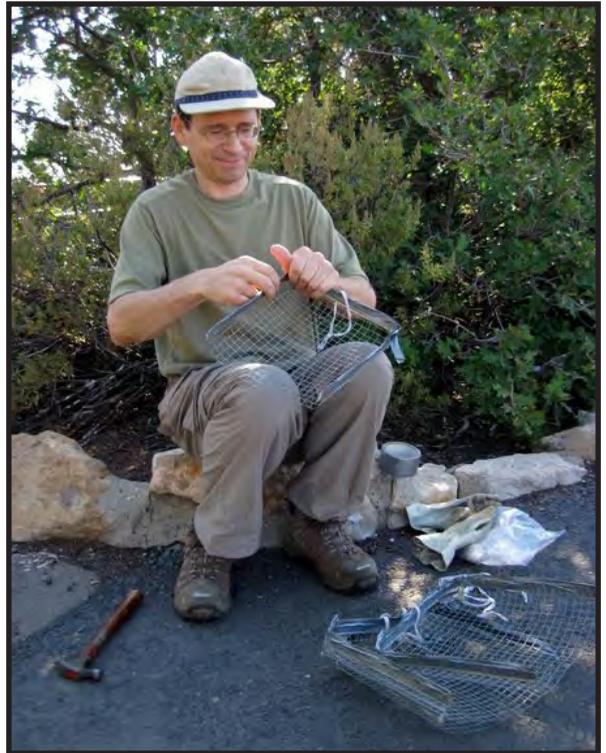


Pennies from Heaven and Canada, and the UK and Mexico and France and Italy and China and Japan ...

Grand Canyon Cleanup 2009 (continued)



Always happy faces at the Grand Canyon



Tim Lange - The consummate engineer - making coin sieves to make it easier to clean the 'wishing well' and protect the Condors who like to eat the coins.



Lead School Photos

Photos by Ron Auerbach



Canada the Beautiful - 2009

Well, I confirmed my long time love affair with Canada. It began in, well, shall we say before most of the readers of this trip report were born, and continues unabated...

Bill Fallon, Sean Colonello and I spent a wonderful week chasing alpine surprises in the Canadian Rockies. And, yes, surprises will be the theme of this story...

We had set our initial goal as an ascent of the North Ridge of Mt. Assiniboine, the Matterhorn of the Rockies, but early snow fall and predicted bad weather lead us to lower our sights, or at least shift them to a more suitable objective – the South Ridge of Mt. Victoria.

We were pleasantly surprised to be able to obtain reservations for both the Abbott Hut and the bus into Lake O'Hara virtually the night before we wished to set out on our adventure. The Plan seemed to be working. Despite an unpleasant surprise that they had logged only two reservations rather than the three we intended, we were able to convince the bus driver to put us on we headed up to Lake O'Hara.

Snow low on the peaks greeted us, but undeterred we jumped at the opportunity to put some elevation under our feet and ascended toward the Abbot Hut with all due haste. As we hiked higher, we began to feel the cold and the wind. Rocky scree became snow covered. A guided party was slipping and sliding around us.

Once ensconced at the hut (which a funny fire incidence occurred in the 1960's with my father and me), we took turns stacking fire wood into the wood stove and boiling snow to make water. The surprise was the intensity of the storm. Rather than subsiding as we had hoped, the winds grew, the trips to the outhouse became endurance tests, and our spirits waned. We judged the snow covered semi-technical rock to be a bit more challenge than we would wisely choose, with the wind the deciding factor that a technical ridge ascent was dubious. So.... Back down the snow covered scree the next morning.

A sightseeing day of showing Bill around the Banff area positioned us for a great Surprise – the ascent of the 13-pitch 5.6 Danny's Delight on Cascade Peak near Banff. After an early start and happy to follow Sean up through the trees and thickets in pre-dawn chill, we launched onto the face. I took the first lead with Sean switching off on the even leads. We used two ropes with the two "seconds" climbing together, only separated enough to avoid stepping on of finger tips.

We breezed the excellent limestone in about 6 hours while the day turned surprisingly mild and sunny. Each pitch was fun and unique. I believe each of us would highly recommend it....

...but the descent was another surprise altogether!

While the first 9 pitches were fitted with ring rap bolts, the last 4 pitches swung right under major overhangs. Once launched on the final 4 pitches, it would be difficult to reverse the route. We summited with some knowledge that a separate rap descent lay off to the climber's left. And we sort of had a description of where it should be... Two hours later we had found some slings around a dead tree, lots of tracks (mostly our own!), and the disappointing surprise of having to decide to do the walk off.

Little did we know that the walk off was anything but simple. It climbed another 1,000 feet and probably took us 10 kilometers out of our way. Fortunately strong Sean was able to go ahead to the trailhead and get a surprise



Bill hanging out on Danny's Delight, Cascade Mountain , Banff National Park

Canada the Beautiful - 2009 (continued)

lift from some tourists back to our car several kilometers back toward Banff. Bill and I lead the life of luxury (hardly with our aching feet!) by arriving at the trailhead just when Sean pulled in.

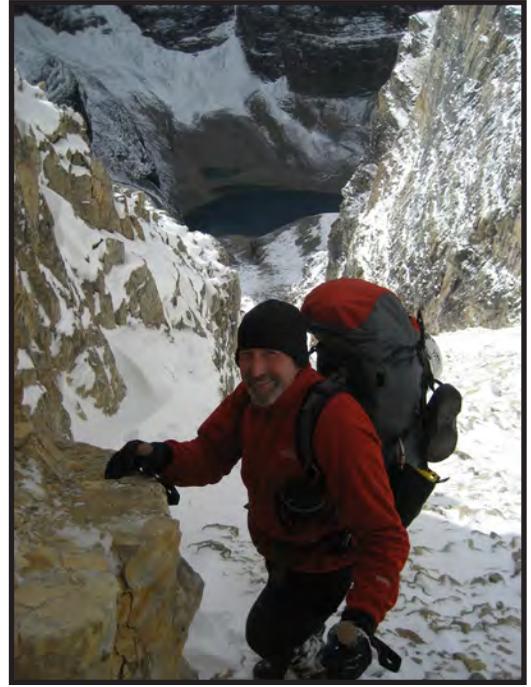
A major surprise was the high pressure system that then sat on central Canada and poured out beautiful cloudless days and nights. Unfortunately we were a little fatigued to give Victoria another go, so we opted for something altogether different – “Hey, let’s check out the Bugaboos...”

So we proceed in our last two days to enjoy a totally surprising and wonderful experience of hiking into the Conrad Kain Hut, and the taking a day trip up to the amazing granite spires such as Snowpatch and Bugaboo Spires. We easily could see why this was a climbers’ mecca.

We pleasantly bivied in the Boulder Camp and rolled back to our car before touring back to the Banff area.

Did we accomplish our objectives? Absolutely. We encountered surprises and succeeded in turning challenges into pleasures, all in great company. What more can one ask for?

Erik Filsinger



Erik experiencing wintry conditions on Mt. Victoria , Yoho National Park

NEW MEMBERS: *Climbers - Please Welcome*

Chelsea Beechel
Mickey Bennett
Matt Crego
Staci Curtis
Sheri English
Daniel Erwin

Todd Gartman
Jim Leinbach
Dan Pelander
Tyler Sharp
Diane Taulborg
Adam Wells

McDowell Mountain - Access Information

| Responsibilities and Assignments - North Access Area and Rock Climbing Crags | City of Scottsdale staff | McDowell Conservancy Stewards and Pathfinders | Arizona Mountaineering Club/Rock Climbers |
|--|--------------------------|---|---|
| Greeting and Trailhead Information | no | yes | no |
| Patrol of Main City Trails | yes | yes | no |
| Maintenance of Main City Trails | yes | yes | no |
| Patrol of Climber Paths | yes | yes | no |
| Maintenance of Climber Paths | yes | yes | yes |
| Climbing practices on rock crags | no | no | yes |
| Policy input, review and implementation | yes | no | yes |
| Communications with general rock climbing community | no | no | yes |

Queen Creek Coalition - Board Minutes

Queen Creek Coalition - Board Meeting Abbreviated Summary - September 1, 2009

The QCC decided the following:

1. Climbers should take a more aggressive role speaking for ourselves with all relevant bodies, including legislative input. This “track” will supplement the track in which we will continue to negotiate with RCM.
2. The QCC is sending out a letter to congress to let them know that climbers have not been taken care of yet for the immense loss of climbing resources the Land Exchange and Mine would entail.
3. The QCC is in full support of the comments from the USFS that NEPA procedures should occur prior to the Land Exchange rather than at some point after the land exchange.
4. The Access Fund is going to take the lead in addressing the issues raised by the USFS concerning the Pond and use of monies.
5. The QCC will develop a show and tell package that demonstrates the immense loss to climbers as well as the considerable historic and current public use of rock climbing on USFS lands in the immediate area.
6. The QCC decided to be more active with Congress. Future letters will deal with fairness, NEPA and perhaps Native American concerns.
7. The QCC will update the web site about the steps the QCC is taking.
8. The QCC is not recommending a strong call to action right now; however, our web site will provide information that individuals can use anytime to express their views to congress and other governmental agencies.
9. The QCC Board will continue to keep most of its meetings confidential due to the need to be able to discuss strategies without tipping its hand to the other side.
10. It was decided that the QCC needs to do a better job of communicating with the local and larger rock climbing community. This is both advantageous for information sharing as well as for seeking input and support from the community. The QCC will hold an open meetings that climbers can attend about once a quarter.
11. The QCC discussed and agreed that it needed a “grand” plan of action which includes identifying what climbers want to obtain in the region and pursuing plans to obtain each of those elements independent of legislation or legislative calendars.

Submitted by Erik Filsinger

AMC Policy Statement on Queen Creek

Policy Statement on Queen Creek - Arizona Mountaineering Club Board of Directors - September 15, 2009

The representatives of the Arizona Mountaineering Club have been closely involved with the proposed Mine and Land Exchange in the Queen Creek area since January 2004 when our Land Advocacy Chair first began alerting its members. We participated with the Friends of Queen Creek when it was formed in April of 2004, and our representatives worked diligently with other members of the rock climbing community to negotiate with Resolution Copper.

At that time, the President of Resolution was adamant that rock climbing could not co-exist with the mining activities, and the draft legislation put forward was slanted very much against long term rock climbing. Rock climbing at the Mine Area and nearby crags would be closed either immediately or within two years after passage of the legislation and limited other rock climbing was subject to a 5-year climbing license that was unilaterally revocable by Resolution. Many historic rock climbing areas would have been lost as soon as roads were closed.

Because that arrangement was so one sided, the AMC lead the fight to re-open the negotiations, and working with the Friends of Queen Creek, formed the Queen Creek Coalition in January of 2008, four years after the AMC began to fight for climbers.

Working within the QCC framework, representatives of the AMC began new negotiations with Resolution, and through the shift of new Resolution management and new legislative drafts, we improved our position for the rock climbing community and laid out a series of working points of the elements we wanted to obtain for climbers. The current efforts aim to secure regional rock climbing elements that would provide a true climbers destination for future generations.

We have an offer on the table from Resolution that contains many promising elements for continued rock climbing at Queen Creek. Below please find a comparison of what the Climbers have asked for and what Resolution has offered. While the arrangement has many details that will need to be worked out, the AMC Board recognizes that under current arrangements and without the Land Exchange bill rock climbing is far from secured. Such areas as the Pond and Atlantis occur on lands owned by Resolution Copper. Indeed, the Mine Area could even be closed by Resolution under their use permits for USFS lands. Rock climbing access to Devils Canyon climbing areas is currently dependent on roads that Resolution has a hand in maintaining, and could be closed unless we reach a good long term agreement.

The AMC Board, through its role to establish club policy, holds that we should continue the negotiations with Resolution to secure long term rock climbing access at Queen Creek and the larger region. If a satisfactory arrangement could be secured for long term rock climbing, it may even be prudent to consider a position of Non-Opposition to the Land Exchange.

Further, the AMC Board holds that we should widen our negotiating stance to include any and all land owners and managers who could play a role in securing long term regional rock climbing resources. Our perspective should be to begin discussions with the local communities, with the USFS and other local land managers, along with Resolution, to enhance the overall recreational opportunities at Queen Creek and around the region surrounding Queen Creek. This Grand Strategy will be our guiding policy orientation that is, to secure the most rock climbing possible through positive interchange and dialog with the land owners and managers.

Current Status of Negotiations with Resolution Copper

QCC asked for in letter of Understanding

1. Maintain surface integrity (no subsidence)
2. Comply with Environmental regulations
3. Respect Multicultural traditions
4. Green Belt
5. Fee simple transfer of Pond
6. Fee simple transfer of Atlantis
7. Fee simple transfer of other privately held lands
 - Apache Leap South End
 - Dripping Springs (near Tamo)

RCM Response

- No
- Presumably
- Working w/Tribes
- RCM to facilitate
- Yes
- No – license ‘til 2060 +
- Yes
- Yes

AMC Policy Statement on Queen Creek (cont)

8. Fully fund Tamo as State Park
9. Roads and infrastructure for Land of the Lost, Steamboat Mt., The Drip & Homestead
10. Access and Infrastructure for Inconceivables, Pond, Upper Pond and Chill Hill
11. Relocate boulders and vegetation
12. Coexistence Agreement

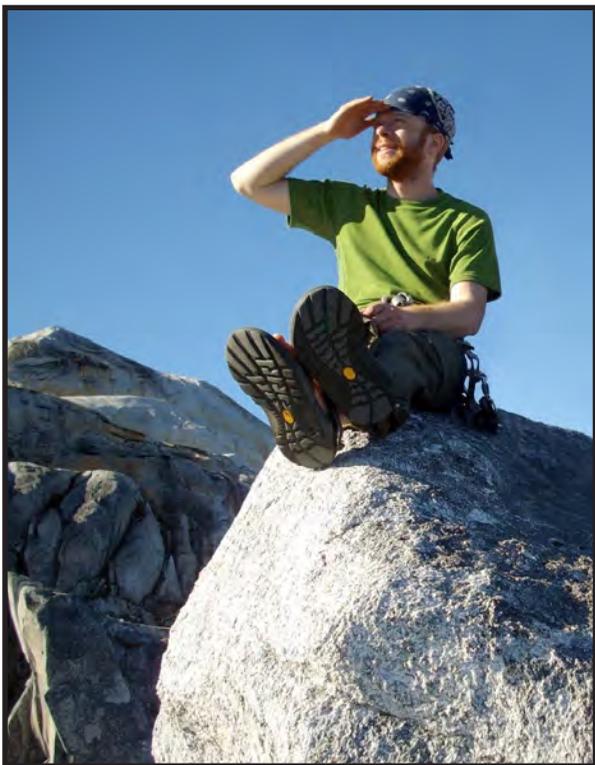
Governor shot down
After mine approval,
RCM will assist efforts.
Yes RCM giving \$1.25M

RCM & QCC will discuss
Yes

Additional items not in original QCC Letter of Understanding but with RCM offered

- a. RCM will work w/ F.S. and climbers to “turnkey” and pay for access and facilities to the Pond and Upper Pond prior to land exchange.
- b. License Central Oak Flat, Eurodog Valley, Mine Area and areas of Apache Leap owned by RCM until 2019 with renewal option.
- c. RCM will grant permanent easement to Apache Leap through Cross Creek
- d. RCM will grant permanent easement to Devils Canyon along Power Line road.
- e. RCM will license Magma Mine and Drill roads to Lower Devil Canyon until F.S. road available.
- f. RCM will donate \$1M after land exchange for Tamo.
- g. RCM will pay \$50K into hardware fund to maintain and develop climbing routes.
- h. RCM will pay for or self insure liability insurance for licensed areas.

October Program - Seve Stember



On Monday, October 26th at 7:00 p.m.:

AMC Programs Presents:

SEVE STEMBER

Teacher - Park Ranger - Climber - Mountaineer

Featured in the 2009 American Alpine Journal, Seve recently returned from his most ambitious expedition to date: six weeks in Chilean Patagonia, establishing new climbing routes on the untouched 500-meter cliffs of the Valle Cochamó.

To learn more about Seve, visit the Programs page on the AMC web site: <http://www.amcaz.org/Activities/Programs/Programs.htm>, and meet him in person at the AMC Member Meeting.

See you at the Monday, October 26th 7:00 p.m. meeting! Remember it is at Phoenix Country Day School 3901 E. Stanford Drive P.V. 85253 It is between Lincoln and Camelback. From Lincoln use 36 St. and go south to Stanford and then head east. From Camelback turn left on 40th St. followed by a left on Stanford. The auditorium entrance faces the parking lot.

Outdoor Rock Climbing School

Arizona Mountaineering Club - Spring 2009

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):

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|--------|----------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Oct 13 | Tuesday | 5:30 pm–10:00 pm | * North Mountain Park, Ramada tbd |
| Oct 15 | Thursday | 6:00 pm–10:00 pm | North Mountain Park, Ramada tbd |
| Oct 17 | Saturday | 8:00 am–5:00 pm | tbd |
| Oct 18 | Sunday | 8:00 am–5:00 pm | tbd |
| Oct 20 | Tuesday | 6:00 pm–10:00 pm | Phoenix, Solid Rock Gym |
| Oct 22 | Thursday | 6:00 pm–10:00 pm | Phoenix, Solid Rock Gym |
| Oct 24 | 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. The Havasupai Ramada is the first Ramada as you come in the park.

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: \$175 plus membership if not already a member (\$15 for an individual and \$18 for a family). Membership is good through December, 2009.

Registration: The class is limited to 40 students. To reserve a spot, send a check for \$175, \$190 or \$193 (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, 15508 W Bell Road #101-150, Surprise, AZ 85374. No credit cards accepted.

Questions??? Contact Eric Evans by email at AMCBasicSchool@gmail.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 \$175 will be refunded.)

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

Climbing Anchors School

Arizona Mountaineering Club - Fall 2009

The AMC Climbing Anchors School teaches participants how to set climbing anchors for top-roping. This course is the logical next step for AMC Basic Climbing School graduates.

Class curriculum:

- Tuesday: Anchor components, anchor types, knots and hitches.
Thursday: Anchor system characteristics and construction.
Saturday: Set anchors in “hands-on” scenarios.
Sunday: Set real anchors on an optional climbing day.

Class schedule:

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|--------|----------|-------------------|---|
| Nov 10 | Tuesday | 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm | *N. Mountain Park (Phoenix), Yavapai Ramada |
| Nov 12 | Thursday | 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm | N. Mountain Park, Yavapai Ramada |
| Nov 14 | Saturday | 8:00 am - 4:00 pm | Climbing area to be announced during class |
| Nov 15 | Sunday | 7:00 am - 5:00 pm | Climbing area to be announced during class |

*North Mountain Park is located at Peoria and 7th St, 5 miles north of Camelback on 7th St. Turn west into the park.

Experience required: AMC Basic School graduate or equivalent, which must include knowledge of how to belay, rappel, prusik, tie a figure-8-on-a-bight and figure-8-on-a-follow-through, and make a girth hitch.

Cost: \$75 plus membership if not already a member (\$30 for an individual and \$35 for a family). Membership is good through December 2010. Register by sending a check payable to AMC Anchors School to Kim McClintic, 7760 E. Gainey Ranch Rd, #25, Scottsdale, AZ, 85258. No credit cards accepted. The registration fee is fully refundable if you cancel. Contact Kim McClintic by email (canyonkim@gmail.com) for more info. The number of students will be limited to 36.

Equipment required for the class:

- 2 non-locking “D” or oval carabiners (at least 2, bring more if you have them)
 - 3 locking carabiners (at least 3, one of which should be a parabiner)
 - 1 rappel/belay device (Trango Jaws, Black Diamond ATC, Trango Pyramid, Figure-8, etc.)
 - 1 climbing harness
 - 1 ea 4’, 6’, 10’ 6mm prusiks (untied length)
 - 2 ea 5’, 10’, 20’ slings (1” tubular webbing, untied length, AKA runners)
 - 1 or 2 personal anchor slings (commercial daisy chains or 4’ sewn Spectra runners or equivalent)
 - 1 helmet—required for Saturday and Sunday sessions, helmets are available if you do not have one.
- (The slings and harness are the only additional equipment needed over the Basic School requirements)

In order to become independent and set your own anchors, you should start acquiring anchor gear. The following gear is not required for Anchors School, but if you have some, you will be able to practice setting it in class. All of the gear recommended below can be used for Lead School, and none of it will be wasted if you intend to set your own anchors. All gear should be marked prior to bringing it to class to prevent confusion between it and other people’s gear.

Other gear you may want to bring:

- Any pro you may have (hexes, nuts, camming devices, Tri-cams, etc.)
- Extra biners (regular D’s, ovals, and lockers—stay away from specialty biners at this time)
- Extra slings (perhaps four 5’, two 15’ slings, untied lengths)

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



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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 Nancy Birdwell at (602) 770-8326.

Outing Leader

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Calendar of Events - Outings/Schools/Events

Oct 13-24 - Outdoor Rock Climbing School.

Oct 31 - Adopt-A-Crag - McDowell Mountains. Contact Robert England (robert_england2@yahoo.com) for more information.

Nov 7 - Queen Creek Cleanup and Climb - Twice a year, the AMC heads out to Superior, AZ to cleanup a small section of Route 60 near Oak Flat Campground in Superior, AZ. Queen Creek provides us with great areas to climb and this is an opportunity to give something back. John and Tiina Perlman are running the cleanup, and Jodie Bostrom is coordinating the climbing event at The Pond. The cleanup outing is unlimited, and the climbing event is limited to 14 climbers. Please contact Jodie @ bostrom.jodie.amc@gmail.com.

Dec 12 - Alpine Rock - The AMC Mountaineering Committee will offer the 1-day Alpine Rock Seminar on Saturday, December 12. The hands-on field seminar is for folks with solid rock climbing skills who may be interested in taking their adventures into alpine and mountainous conditions. Topics to be covered include: Mountain terrain, weather, altitude, judgment, equipment, and team considerations. Field exercises include alpine rope work, route finding, alpine considerations for anchoring and belaying, and alternatives for descending will be discussed and demonstrated. Silent communication will be shown and practiced. The Seminar will be offered locally at a place to be determined. It is recommended participants have taken AMC ORS, Anchors, and Lead Schools or equivalent. For details or questions contact Bruce McHenry bamchenry@att.net . Fees will be \$50 for new students and \$25 for refresher students. Number of participants is limited.

Dec 30 - Jan 3 - Ouray Ice Climbing. It's hot – let's start thinking about ICE CLIMBING! This is a 5 day event, 2 travel days, 3 days of climbing. We will climb 2 days in the Ice Park and one day in the back country. A condo will be rented and shared. Special requirements for participants. Limit 6. Contact Outing Leaders for details Richard Horst horstrichard@aol.com or Bruce McHenry bamchenry@att.net

Footnotes: Car-pooling is optional on all outings and is not part of the outing. The outing begins at the trailhead designated by the Outing Leader and ends at the same place. Each participant should bring a First Aid kit. If you leave the outing, with or without the leader's permission, you are considered to be on your own until you rejoin the group. Each participant will be required to sign an AMC Activity Release Form at the beginning of the outing. 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.

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.

Mondays **Solid Rock Gym at 6pm-8pm. Call Rogil (623)-512-8465 for info.**

Wednesdays **North Mountain hikes after work. Rogil Schroeter (623) 512-8465**

Sept 26 **Strenuous Grand Canyon hike.** All day hike, maybe on Huitzil (TBD).
Contact Rogil@cox.net or call 623-512-8465

October 2009

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| 25 | 26 Member Meeting  | 27 | 28 Sunrise 6:44 Sunset 5:40 M-set 1:44 A | 29 | 30 | 31 Adopt-A-Crag - McDowell Mtns |



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