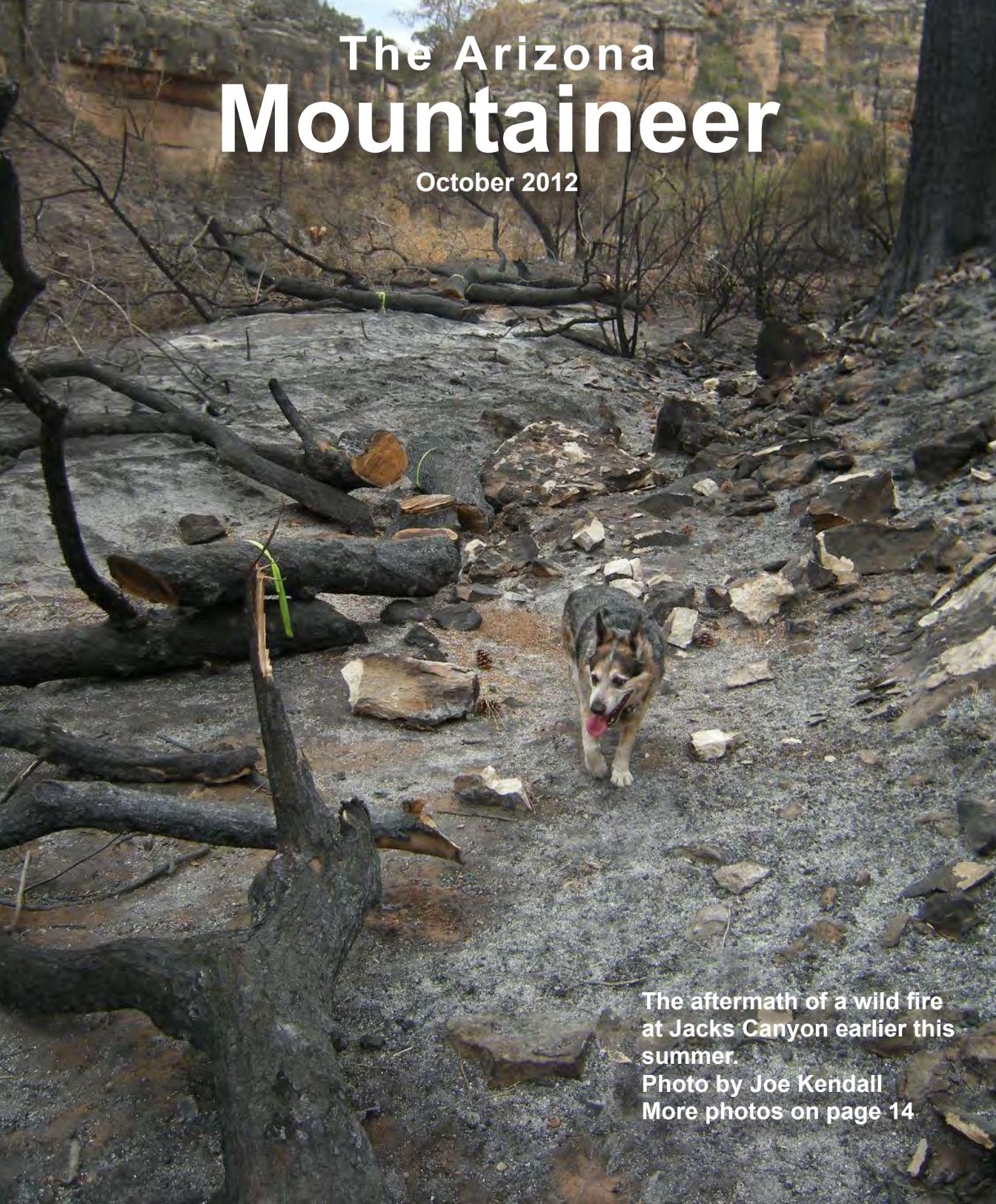


# The Arizona Mountaineer

October 2012

A photograph of a dog walking on a rocky, ash-covered path in a burnt landscape. The dog is in the center of the frame, walking towards the viewer. The ground is covered in dark, charred rocks and ash. In the background, there are several large, charred tree trunks and branches, some of which are leaning over the path. The overall scene is desolate and shows the aftermath of a wild fire.

The aftermath of a wild fire  
at Jacks Canyon earlier this  
summer.

Photo by Joe Kendall  
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# The Arizona Mountaineering Club

Meetings: The member meeting location is:

Granite Reef Senior Center  
1700 North Granite Reef Road  
Scottsdale, Arizona 85257

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

Check Calendar for date.

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:

Website:

[www.amcaz.org](http://www.amcaz.org)

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Arizona Mountaineering Club  
4340 E. Indian School Rd., Ste 21-164  
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**The AMC Land Advocacy Committee:** The Committee works 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 at [smorefil@aol.com](mailto:smorefil@aol.com).

**Newsletter:** The Arizona Mountaineer is published monthly by the AMC. The newsletter depends on contributions from its members so PLEASE send us your articles, gear reviews and/or photos.

Digital photos should preferably be in JPG format and 300 dpi. Articles can be in any standard word processing format.

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. Contact Dave McClintic at 602-885-5194 about billing. All ads are to be submitted to the newsletter committee by the 1st of the month prior to the month to be published.

Submit items for publication and direct any questions through email to Susan at [SHarnage@aol.com](mailto:SHarnage@aol.com). All submissions are subject to approval by the AMC newsletter committee: *Cheryl Beaver, Tracy Fleming, Susan Harnage, and Jutta Ulrich.*

# 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.

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# Treasurer's Report

## Arizona Mountaineering Club Income Statement Period Ended August 2012

<b>INCOME</b>	
Advertising	0.00
Dues	3,501.04
Grants Received	0.00
Interest	22.54
Mountaineering Schools	600.00
Rental Equipment	20.00
AARS Fall	0.00
AARS Spring	945.00
Basic Fall	1,755.00
Basic Spring	3,380.00
Lead Fall	267.00
Lead Spring	570.00
Training Other	0.00
Merchandise & Other	170.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>11,230.58</b>

<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Admin	1,140.56
Promotional	91.92
Bank chgs	289.73
Capital Expenditures	0.00
Equipment Maintenance	0.00
Grants Expended	0.00
Insurance	0.00
Land Advocacy Committee	0.00
Library	0.00
Newsletter	897.12
Outings	432.36
Outing Leaders	265.00
Programs Monthly Meeting	748.86
Training	6,067.08
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>9,932.63</b>

**OVERALL TOTAL 1,297.95**

<b>ACCOUNT BALANCES</b>	
Checking & PayPal	14,127.18
Accounts Receivable	0.00
CD Account	15,000.00
<b>TOTAL CASH ASSETS</b>	<b>29,127.18</b>
AMC Outing Gear	0.00
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>29,127.18</b>

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## Discount Directory

These merchants offer a discount to AMC members:

- **Arizona Hiking Shack** - 3244 E. Thomas Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85018, (602) 944-7723 [www.hikingshack.com](http://www.hikingshack.com). 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. 10% off membership.
- **Climbmax Gym** - 1330 W Auto Dr, Suite 112, Tempe, AZ 85284 - 480-626-7755. 10% off membership.
- **Phoenix Rock Gym** - 1353 E. University, Tempe, AZ 85281. 480-921-8322. 10% off membership.

**November Newsletter Submission Deadline: October 1st**

## Hot Stuff !!!

**AMC T-shirts Are Now Available**  
Options include performance and ladies T-shirts in addition to the traditional Hanes Beefy-T.

To order go online to:

<http://www.amcaz.org/tshirts.asp>

For questions regarding the T-shirts,  
contact Cheryl at [cherylbeaver@cox.net](mailto:cherylbeaver@cox.net).

# AMC Board Minutes - September 10, 2012

1. Call to order: 7:02 PM Board Members present: Bill Fallon, John Gray, Curtis Stone, Douglas Matson, Danny Gonzales, Kim McClintic. Committee Chairs Present: Erik Filsinger, David McClintic
2. Minutes of August meeting were approved.
3. Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved. The report will be published in the September Newsletter.
4. Committee Reports:
  - (a) Membership 254
  - (b) Programs:
    - i. The August program was "What I did on my Summer Vacation" Members shared photos and stories of summer fun-climbing, back packing, & motorcycling. A new climbing rope was raffled off.
    - ii. CAMRA will be our presenters for September. They will include how to avoid climbing accidents
    - iii. October. Aaron Locander will present his and Shannon's completion of the Arizona Trail
  - (c) Outings and Activities
    - i. Upcoming:
      - A. Fall Lead School: September 11, 12, 13, 15, 16<sup>th</sup>. Mike Knarzer
      - B. Grand Canyon Clean Up. September 29, 30. Group camp sites are reserved. Chili cook off will take place on Saturday night at Shoshone Point. Climbing on Sunday morning. (John Gray)
      - C. Fall Basic ORC School. October 9,11,13, 14, 16, 18, 20. (Bill Fallon)
      - D. QC Clean up & Climb: October 27<sup>th</sup>. (David McClintic, Tiina Perlman)
      - E. The Mace outing: November 10<sup>th</sup> (Frank Vers)
      - F. J-Tree Thanksgiving. November 21 – 25<sup>th</sup>. (Curtis Stone & Tiina Perlman)
      - G. December 1. Sven Tower III trail projects. (Paul Paonessa).
    - ii. Recent Past
      - A. Trash Rappel Training & Outing at the Overlook. September 8<sup>th</sup>. (John Gray, Dave McClintic & Curtis Stone.)

# AMC Board Minutes - September 10, 2012 (cont)

- (d) Land Advocacy
    - i. QCC: no new developments
    - ii. McDowell Sonoran Preserve - Erik gave update
  - (e) Training & Schools (See Outings & Activities)
  - (f) Newsletter
    - i. Was not available for distribution at last member meeting.
    - ii. Reason being explored
  - (g) Technology Team:
    - i. Douglas discussed ways to provide partial access to the website in order for people to update specific sections or events
  - (h) New Business
    - i. 2013 Administrative calendar is available to board members.
    - ii. John would like to see a climbing area reference database and has offered to create several map/directions for the most frequently visited climbing areas
  - (i) Old Business
    - i. T-Shirt: Orders are starting to come in via the website. We need a total of 75 shirts sold to fill the first order
    - ii. GC cleanup plans/status – (John Gray)
5. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Kim McClintic, Club Secretary



AMC thanks Rockford Corporation for the use of their facilities for board meetings. Rockford is a local maker and distributor of high-end audio components for cars, trucks and boats.



# AMC MEMBER MEETING

October 22, 2012 at 7:00pm

## Hiking the Arizona Trail:

What it was like to hike it backwards and off season

*Come join Aaron as he takes you on a journey with what it was like to hike the trail, the logistics involved, and plenty of photos to feel like you were there with them.*



Newlyweds Aaron Locander and Shannon Flowers decided to forgo the traditional honeymoon, and instead hike the Arizona Trail. The 800+ mile trail starts along the Utah border just North of the Grand Canyon and travels South down the middle of the state to Mexico near Sierra Vista. Instead of hiking the trail all at once, the couple broke it into segments with a combination of backpacking and day hiking over the course of 9 months. The trail traverses all the different climates that this diverse state contains, everything from alpine meadows in aspen forests, to the gila monster living in the saguaro desert. The weather played as important of a role as the trail itself with extremes ranging from blizzards and frozen boots, to endless miles of muddy slush, to backpacking in 110 degree weather without shade and water for 30 miles.

**Guests Welcome, Bring a Friend**

**Located at Granite Reef Senior Center 1700 N. Granite Reef Rd., Scottsdale**



# McDowell Sonoran Preserve - Climbing Guidelines

The City of Scottsdale's City Council has formally adopted climbing policies and maps for the McDowells. There were years of work and meetings on which this final outcome was based. In order to keep our climbing areas open we will need to abide by these policies and keep the crags clean.

As you can see, they are modeled after the Pinnacle Peak Park climbing guidelines. The City of Scottsdale wanted to have similar policies throughout the parks and preserves it owns.

The good news is that we can keep climbing. The challenges involve climbing only on designated crags (named and mapped), staying only on official trails and climber routes to access the crags, and complying with the policy of no new bolts in new locations.

The City has constructed a new Tom's Thumb Trail Head, which is now open. The best way to the new Tom's Thumb Trail Head is to take Pima to Happy Valley road and head east. Pass by the 104th Street stop sign, and continue easterly. Eventually Happy Valley turns north for a short while. Turn right/east on Ranch Gate Road to 128th, where after a couple of miles a right turn southbound takes you to the new trail head. This is shorter than going all the way to Dynamite and is the only other alternative.

For more information and to discuss any questions please contact Erik Filsinger at smorefil@aol.com. I can also send you the climbing plan (map) for the Preserve.

~Erik Filsinger

## **ROCK CLIMBING GUIDELINES - CITY OF SCOTTSDALE - MCDOWELL SONORAN PRESERVE** (Approved by the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission in February, 2011, and the City Council in October, 2011)

### **BACKGROUND**

The McDowell Sonoran Preserve has been acquired by the City of Scottsdale to preserve and protect the natural beauty and ecological features of the McDowell Mountains and Sonoran Desert, provide accessibility to the Preserve for passive recreational uses in a safe and healthy environment, and provide educational opportunities related to the flora and fauna of the Sonoran Desert.

In order to insure the long-term protection of this natural resource and facilitate the safe use of the Preserve by the general public while mitigating impacts to the natural environment and surrounding residents, Ordinance # 3321 was approved by the City Council on May 23rd, 2000. These Rock Climbing Guidelines provide additional guidance related to accepted practices, responsibilities, and areas where rock climbing will be allowed within the Preserve.

### **CLIMBING AREAS**

Rock or cliff climbing or rappelling is allowed only in designated areas within the Preserve. The designated areas correspond to existing and historical crags. Please also see the Conceptual Preserve Rock Climbing Plan for the McDowell Sonoran Preserve, on which the Climbing Areas are identified. The areas are named in the following list by the common name for the key rock formation in the area but also include other nearby rock formations to the key rock formation. (The list of Climbing Areas in the Preserve may be modified from time to time to reflect additional land acquisitions that include historical climbing areas.)

Those areas are as follows:

- |   |                                     |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Rock Knob and vicinity               | 7. Crossroad Wall and vicinity      | 13. Fort McDowell Wall and vicinity |
| 2. Sven Slab and vicinity               | 8. Glass Dome and vicinity          | 14. Granite Ballroom and vicinity   |
| 3. Sven Towers I, II & III and vicinity | 9. Goat Hill and vicinity           | 15. Rosetta Stone and vicinity      |
| 4. Morrell's Parking Lot and vicinity   | 10. Tom's Thumb and vicinity        | 16. Hog Heaven and vicinity         |
| 5. Morrell's Wall and vicinity          | 11. Lost Wall and vicinity          | 17. Thrasher                        |
| 6. Gardener's Wall and vicinity         | 12. Half and Half Wall and vicinity | 18. Lost in the Air and vicinity    |

Violators of climbing and other regulations and laws governing the McDowell Sonoran Preserve are subject to prosecution resulting in fines and/or imprisonment in accordance with City of Scottsdale Ordinance # 3321.

### **CLIMBING ACCESS ROUTES**

Access to the climbing areas is allowed only via designated and signed climbing access routes, as identified on the Conceptual Rock Climbing Master Plan for the McDowell Sonoran Preserve. These routes connect the primary Preserve trails system to the rock-climbing areas.

### **CLIMBER RESPONSIBILITY AND SAFETY**

The City of Scottsdale recognizes, as should all climbers, that all climbing activities are inherently dangerous. Further, it is impossible for City staff to guarantee the safety, experience, or ability of any climber. City staff will not inspect or certify the climbing equipment or ability of any visitor. City staff will not certify any route's difficulty rating, safety or the reliability of any fixed anchor.

Preserve visitors climb at their own risk and are solely responsible for their personal safety while climbing on Preserve property. Climbers are expected to secure proper equipment and training, and are expected to adhere to standard climbing safety practices. Safe climbing demands that each climber has experience in route finding, route protection, rope handling, retreat from steep faces, and emergency first aid.

### **WARNINGS TO BE POSTED AT PRESERVE TRAILHEADS USED BY CLIMBERS**

1. All climbing activities are inherently dangerous and may result in injury or death.
2. Climbers climb at their own risk and are responsible for obtaining proper equipment and training.
3. City staff does not create or maintain any climbing route.
4. City staff does not install or maintain the fixed anchors on any climbing route.
5. Route selection and the decision to rely on fixed anchors are the climber's responsibility.
6. New routes are not allowed.

### **OTHER CLIMBING INFORMATION**

1. Climbing is allowed in designated areas only and must coincide with the Preserve's posted hours of operation.
2. Climbers must utilize the designated climbing access routes leading from the main Preserve trail to climbing areas.
3. Temporary or permanent closures of individual routes or specific climbing areas may occur to protect the natural resources or for visitor safety.
4. Fixed anchor locations are limited to those already established, unless subsequently authorized by City Staff.
5. Unroped climbing is not recommended on the larger formations, but bouldering is permitted within the aforementioned climbing areas.

### **FIXED ANCHORS**

Prior to the acquisition of McDowell Sonoran Preserve by the City of Scottsdale, the climbing areas on the property were established by the local climbing community using fixed anchors, primary expansion bolts and pitons (collectively referred to as fixed anchors). Responsibility for the installation, inspection, and long term maintenance of these fixed anchors rests completely with the climbing community. The City of Scottsdale makes no claims as to any fixed anchor's condition or reliability and does not guarantee that any fixed anchor is still in place.

In addition:

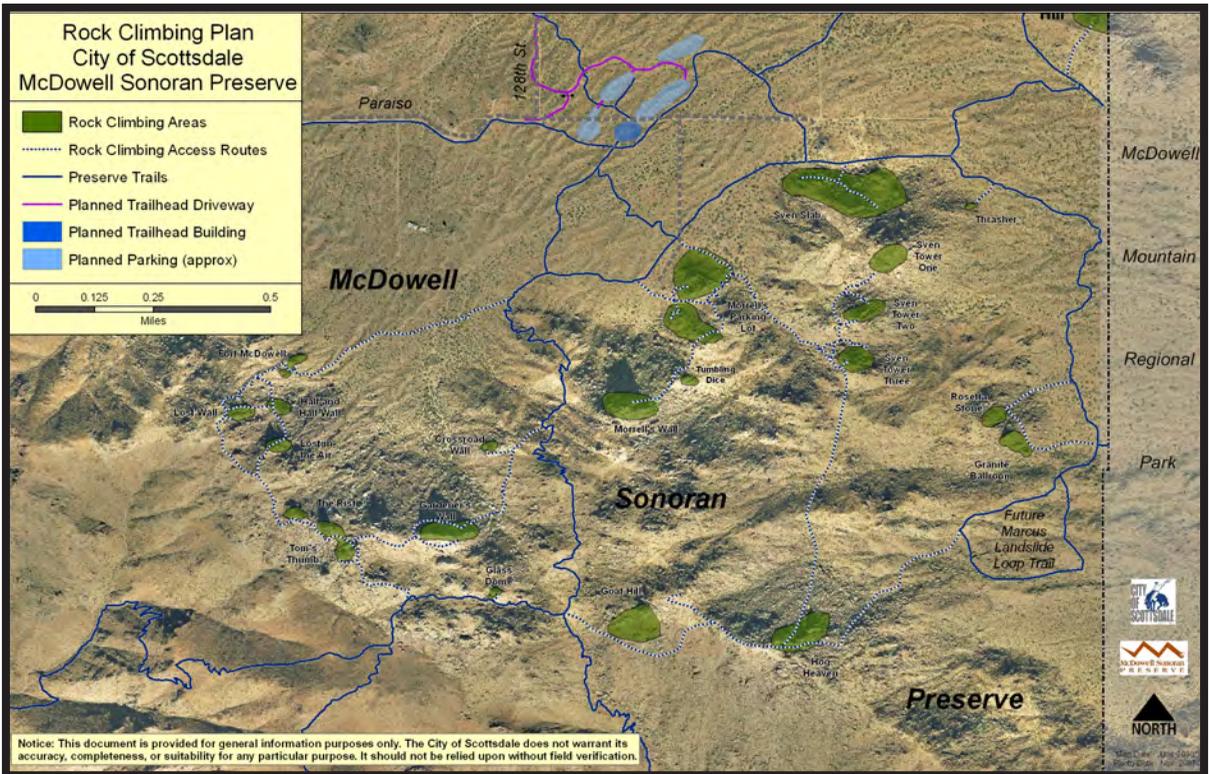
1. All anchor placements will be installed on a volunteer basis by members of the climbing community.
2. All climbing equipment, tools, anchor hardware, and any other costs associated with anchor placement are to be provided by the climbing community.
3. Old anchors are to be completely removed and carried out.
4. When possible, old anchor holes will be redrilled and reused. Otherwise, old anchor holes are to be sealed with a mixture of epoxy and rock dust.
5. City staff will have no role in anchor placements.

## DEFINITIONS

1. Rock Climbing includes the following:

- *Rappelling*: Using a rope to descend from a steep slope or face.
- *Free Climbing*: Climbing in which the climber relies on the rope only for safety. Progress is made by using the hands and feet on the natural features. Anchors are typically used, but only to stop a fall; they are not used as climbing aids.
- *Direct Aid Climbing*: Climbing in which the climber is completely dependent on the rope for support and safety. Progress is made by installing protective anchors in the rock and then relying on them to support the climber's weight as the climber stands on them and reaches up to the next anchor.
- *Bouldering*: Climbing that occurs on rock faces usually less than 20 feet high. Typically it involves repeating a sequence of moves up or across a rock face. Usually done without a rope.

2. Fixed Anchor: Climbing protection that is installed and intended to be left as a permanent fixture on a climbing route. The most common examples include pitons, which are hammered into cracks, and expansion bolts, which are drilled into smooth rock faces.



# Mcdowell Crags- Gardeners Wall

Here is my “inventory” of what I see as the current condition on the central area of Gardeners Wall. You might want to have this for your future reference. There are still quite a few “old” bolts with questionable hangers.

Routes shown –

**Renaissance Direct** – 5.7 - our old favorite – good rap stations at both pitches

**Fearless Leader** – 10a – improved anchor at pitch 1

**Hanging Gardens** – 5.5 – chains present and very solid at both anchors

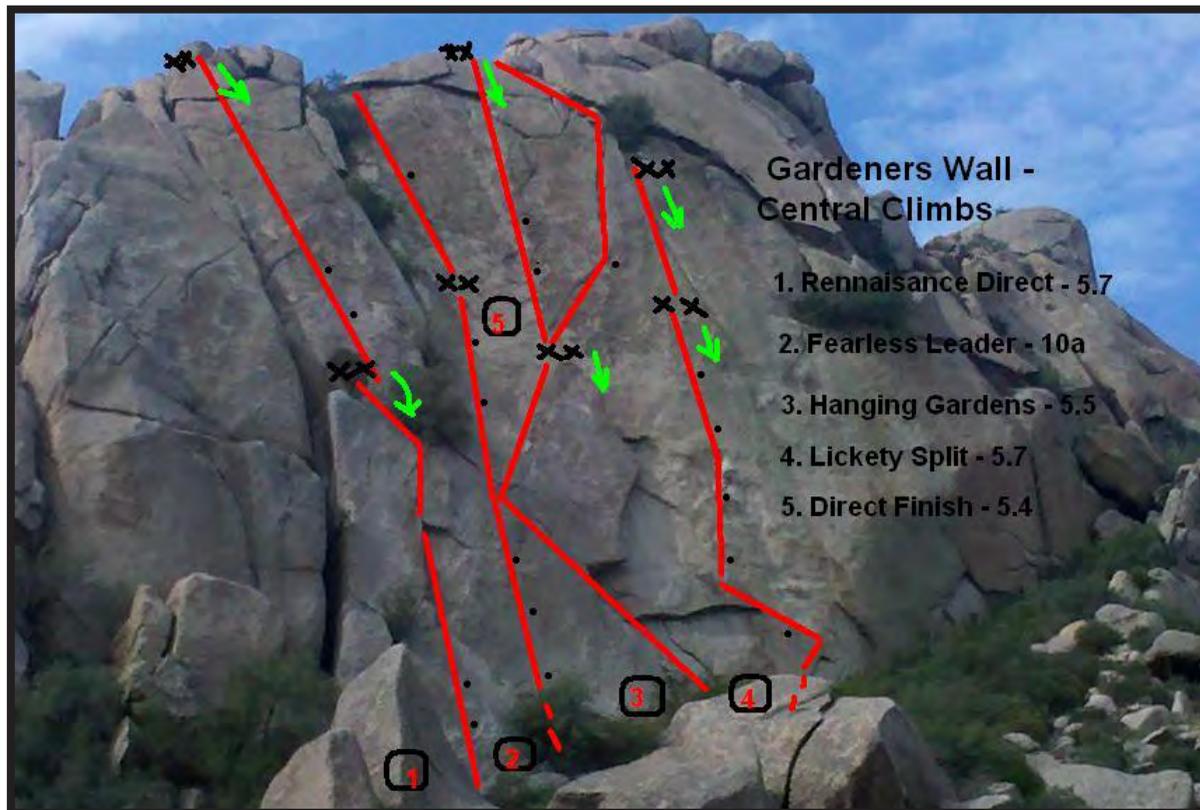
**Lickety Split** – 5.7 – solid anchors at top of both pitches. Neat route. “cleaned up”

**Direct Finish** – 5.4 – straight up with bolts and trad pro direct to top anchor

Bolt placements are approximate both in location and number.

Enjoy.

~Erik Filsinger



# AMC Thanksgiving at Joshua Tree

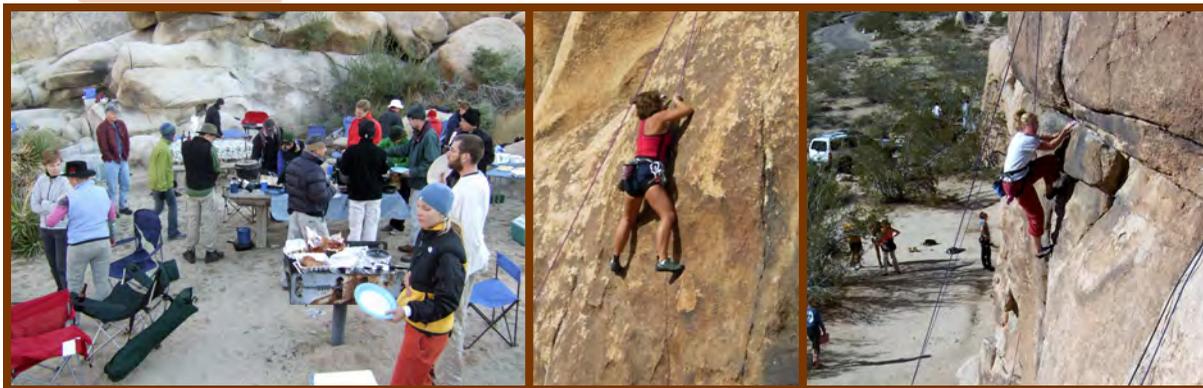
Climb and Dine  
Joshua Tree Style  
November 21-25, 2012

Bring a dish to share.

Several Campsites are reserved at Indian Cove for  
Wednesday, 21st- Sunday, 25th

For more information and to sign up for this event, go to:

<http://www.meetup.com/Arizona-Mountaineering-Club/events/80857532/>



# Please Join in the Bi-annual Queen Creek Clean-up & Climb Saturday, October 27th

For many years, AMC has maintained a small section of Route 60 near the Oak Flats campground and the amazing Queen Creek climbing area. Tiina and John Perlman will be heading up the clean-up activity and David McClintic is the climbing outing leader.



For more details and to RSVP to this event go to AMC's Meetup group at:

<http://www.meetup.com/Arizona-Mountaineering-Club/>

For more information contact Dave McClintic at

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# Jacks Canyon Fire Damage Update

Photos by Joe Kendall



The view coming up on genesis and the start of the main wall. Note the trail crossing river bottom.



Looking back to slots o fun wall from genesis/main wall.



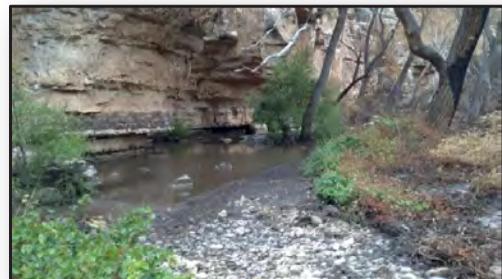
The fire stopped, uncannily, right at one armed bandit, as if encountering a wall. The Coconino FS said the fire started to peter out at casino, and so the fighters took their stand there.



This shows what is left of the bank/river bottom next to main wall.

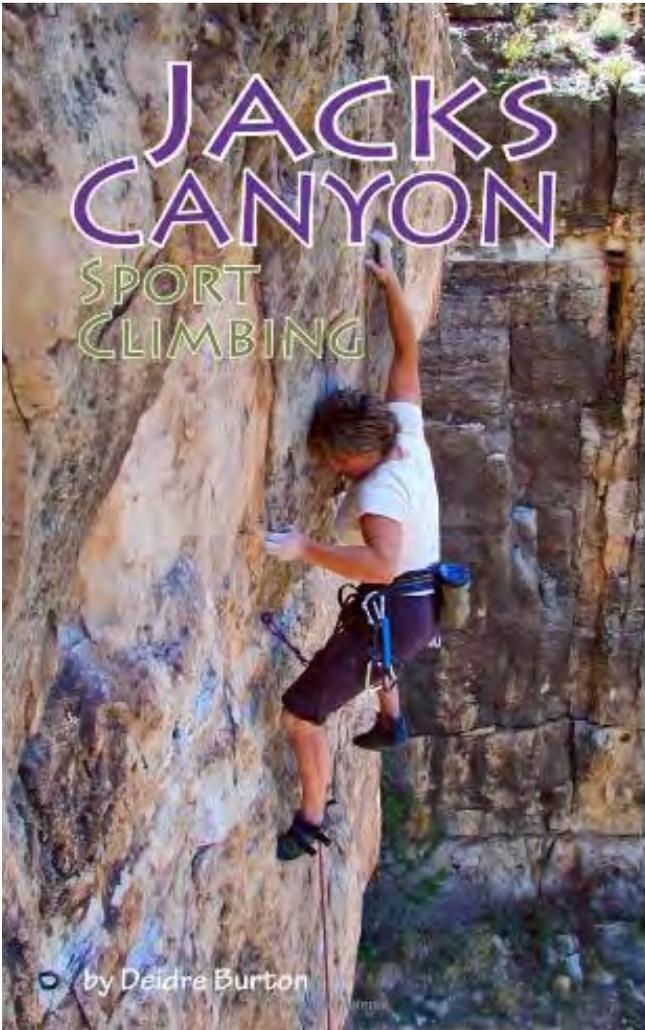


This is a view of the walls left of Edge your bets, you can see where branches were cut off trees. The stench was over whelming, and that the air was smoky and ashy.



Conditions were better than expected -- lots of blackened patches , but the trails are unobstructed for Main Wall and Casino(all that was visited). The log seat by Blackened is completely gone, and the mound of wood by Kindest Cut is now just ash. There is also some new rockfall around Main Wall -- a bunch of small stuff by Blackened, and some larger blocks in the Lizard/Ggrypt area.

# Climbing Guide Review



The 2009 edition to "Jacks Canyon Sport Climbing" will make you want to grab your rope, quick-draws and close friends to hit the crag.

For the first time ever we have a complete guide for the Jacks Canyon area crags. In years past (eerr decade) if you wanted to check out 'Lost World' or 'The Asylum' you had better have known someone who was privy to such information. But now, YOU are in the know!

The guide itself is compact enough to handle easily with nice weight paper and glossy cover. The expense of high-gloss photos has been cut and replaced with black and white photos of which unfortunately are a bit dark but the saving of cost (hello consumers, that's our money saved) is worth the loss of color photos. Besides, who hasn't had ink smear on those glossy pages when trying to write notes anyways?

Deidre Burton added to the guide with fun facts and extra tidbits for the reader yet kept true to previous guides by keeping the beta to a minimum.

Whether you're a veteran to Jacks or looking to visit for the first time, this guide is a great value and worth the purchase.

To purchase the climbing guide use amazon.com

<http://www.amazon.com/Jacks-Canyon-Climbing-Deidre-Burton/dp/1438287674>

# The Jacks Canyon Fire Clean-Up November 2-4, 2012

For more information, to volunteer, offer sponsorship or support please visit:

[facebook.com/jackscanyon](https://www.facebook.com/jackscanyon)  
[jackscanyon.com](http://jackscanyon.com)

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# AMC 2012-2013 Calendar

## OCTOBER 2012

- 3 Outdoor Rock Climbing School Instructors Meeting
- 8 Columbus Day AMC Board Meeting  
Reminder: D&O Insurance Policy due
- 9 Outdoor Rock Climbing School Oct 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 18, 20
- 22 AMC Member Meeting
- 27 Queen Creek Cleanup and Climb

## NOVEMBER 2012

- 7 Anchors School Instructor Meeting
- 2-4 Jacks Canyon Clean-up
- 10 The Mace, Frank Vers
- 11 Veterans Day (Sunday)
- 12 AMC Board Meeting
- 13 Anchors School - Nov 13, 15, 17, 18
- 22 Thanksgiving at Joshua Tree
- 26 AMC Member Meeting – Activities Expo

## DECEMBER 2012

- 3 AMC Board Meeting – Reminder: General Liability Insurance due
- 8 Alpine Rock Seminar
- 14 Holiday Party
- 25 Christmas (Tuesday)

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## JANUARY 2013

- 9 Alpine Seminar: Glacier Travel, Snow Skills and Crevasse Rescue Jan 9, 11-13
- 14 AMC Board Meeting (Deadline for submitting nominations for 2013 Election)
- 21 Martin Luther King Day (Monday)
- 28 AMC Member Meeting – Elections and photo contest, Member dues are due

## FEBRUARY 2013

- 11 AMC Board Meeting
- 12 Lead School - Feb 12, 13, 14, 16, 17
- 18 Presidents Day (Monday)
- 25 AMC Member Meeting

## MARCH 2013

- 6 Basic Outdoor Rock Climbing School Instructors Meeting
- 8-11 Ice Climbing Seminar – Ouray, CO
- 11 AMC Board Meeting
- 12 Basic Outdoor Rock Climbing School Mar 12, 14, 16, 17, 19, 21, 23
- 25 AMC Member Meeting
- 31 AMC Anniversary

## APRIL 2013

- 3 Anchors School Instructor Meeting
- 6 Queen Creek Cleanup and Climb
- 8 AMC Board Meeting
- 9 Anchors School - Apr 9, 11, 13, 14
- 22 AMC Member Meeting

## MAY 2013

- 6 AMC Board Meeting
- 20 AMC Member Meeting
- 25-27 Memorial Day Weekend - Alpine Climb
- 27 Memorial Day (Monday)

## JUNE 2013

- 10 AMC Board Meeting
- 24 AMC Member Meeting - Swap Meet

## JULY 2013

- Jul 4 Independence Day (Thursday)
- Jul 8 AMC Board Meeting  
(No Member Meeting in July)

## AUGUST 2013

- 12 AMC Board Meeting
- 26 AMC Member Meeting

## SEPTEMBER 2013

- 2 Labor Day (Monday)
- 9 AMC Board Meeting
- 10 Lead School - Sep 10, 11, 12, 14, 15
- 23 AMC Member Meeting
- 28 Grand Canyon Clean Up

## 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.*

*AMC is also on meetup. For official and unofficial outings go to:  
<http://www.meetup.com/Arizona-Mountaineering-Club/>*

- Tuesdays      **North Mountain hikes after work.** Rogil Schroeter (623) 512-8465  
Wednesdays   **Ape Index Gym Climbing -** Rogil Schroeter (623) 512-8465  
Thursdays      **Phoenix Rock Gym Climbing -** AMC Members \$10 admission with ID card.  
Curtis Stone - Kim McClintic

## Welcome New Members

David Anderson, Bill Butler, John Furniss, Stephanie Furniss, Anthony Matley, Kate Matley, Michelle Pashia, Geoff Cooley, Anne Dacanay, William Bucur, Deneshia Ferraris, Greg Frantz, Jaci Frantz, Mal Hooper, Kerry Recca, Krystal Peers, Joshua Patrick,

## October Birthdays

Sai Buddi 1, Dorothea Jackson 1, Michael Kreitz 4, Tracy Fleming 5, Patrick Fleckenstein 7, Roger Heyen 7, Kim McClintic 7, David Anderson 10, Rogil Schroeter 12, Maureen Nowland 13, Linda Locke 14, Kevin Pugh 15, Rebecca Hibbs 19, Jeffry Nagel 20, Michael Jacobson 25, Aaron Locander 28, James Clarkin 30, Michael Lust 30, Anthony Thomas 30

## August AMC Member Meeting Congratulations to David Anderson!

David won the 60 meter climbing rope in the raffle at the August member meeting. Thanks to all the folks that took the time to put some photos together of their recent adventures and present them to the group.



**We've got room!**



**We can even put our tents on the floor now!**



**We've MOVED!**  
**To 3244 E. Thomas Rd.**

# AMC Anchors School: Fall 2012

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: Learn anchor components, anchor types, knots and hitches.  
Thursday: Learn anchor system characteristics and construction.  
Saturday: Gain experience setting anchors by practicing “hands-on” scenarios under instructor supervision.  
Sunday: Apply newly learned skills setting real anchors on an optional climbing day. This session is a climbing outing where students set the anchors under instructor supervision and then spend the day climbing.

## Class schedule:

Nov 13	Tuesday	6:00 pm–9:30 pm	*Scottsdale Cactus Park
Nov 15	Thursday	6:00 pm–9:30 pm	Scottsdale Cactus Park
Nov 17	Saturday	8:00 am–4:00 pm	Climbing area to be announced during class
Nov 18	Sunday	7:00 am–5:00 pm	Climbing area to be announced during class

**\*Cactus Park is located on the northeast corner of Cactus Rd. and Scottsdale Rd in Scottsdale.**

**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:** \$95 plus membership if not already a member (\$15 for an individual and \$35 for a family). Membership is good through the end of this year. You can pay full membership (\$30 for an individual and \$35 for a family) and be paid up thru the end of next year. Register thru PayPal on the AMC website, or contact Nancy Birdwell at [anchors.school@amcaz.org](mailto:anchors.school@amcaz.org) for the mailing address. No credit cards accepted. The registration fee is fully refundable if you cancel.

Contact Nancy Birdwell by email: [Anchors.School@amcaz.org](mailto:Anchors.School@amcaz.org) 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)

This class is designed to teach you how to set top-rope anchors. In order to become independent and set your own anchors, you should start acquiring anchor gear. These purchases will be limited by how much money you want/have to spend and how much interest you have in climbing independently. The following gear is not required for 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. If you don’t know how to mark gear, check with an instructor before doing so to avoid weakening equipment due to improper marking.

Other gear you may want to bring:

- Any pro you may have (hexes, 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](http://www.amcaz.org).