

**THE ARIZONA  
MOUNTAINEER**

**JANUARY 2002**

# THE ARIZONA MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

**MEETINGS:** The AMC normally meets the 4th Mon. each month (Nov. & Dec. meetings are usually the 3rd Mon.) at 7:00 pm at:

Los Olivos Senior Center  
2802 E. Devonshire Ave.  
Phoenix, Az.  
(28th St. just north of Indian School Rd.)

**BOARD MEETINGS:** Board meetings are open to all members and are held two Mondays prior to the Club meeting at Los Olivos Center.

**DUES:** Dues cover January through December. A single membership is \$25.00 per year; \$30.00 for a family. Those joining after June 30 pay 50% of the yearly rates. Members joining after October 31 who pay for a full year will have dues credited through the end of the following year. Dues must be sent to:

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

**OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:**

Arizona Mountaineering Club  
P. O. Box. 1695  
Phoenix, Az. 85001-1695

**SCHOOLS:** The AMC conducts several rock climbing, mountaineering and other outdoor skills schools each year. Contact the Training & Safety Committee for schedules and costs.

**NEWSLETTER**

Send stories and photos to Wally Vegors, 6151 N. 8th Ave., Phoenix, Az 85013 or e-mail <vegors@worldnet.att.net>

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**THE AMC ACCESS COMMITTEE:** The Committee works by itself and with the national Access Fund to maintain public access to climbing areas. If you know of areas that are threatened with closures or climbing restrictions, please notify the Access Committee Chair, Jen Davies, 480-473-7342.

**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 electronically — <<http://www.accessfund.org/Join.html>>

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### AMC NEWSLETTER

The *Arizona Mountaineer* is published monthly by the AMC. Items for publication, subject to approval, should be sent to the editor at 6151 N. 8th Ave., Phoenix, 85013. Photos and other mountaineering photos are welcome (please submit prints). Climb write-ups ARE welcome. For info call the editor at 602-246-9341. Address e-mail to vegors@worldnet.att.net. Advertising in the *Arizona Mountaineer* is accepted, subject to approval, at the following rates:

Personal ads: free to members.  
Business ads: \$5.00 for business card; \$10.00 for half page; \$20.00 for full page \$25.00 for inserts/mo

**Febriary Deadline: 19 January 2002**

## HOT STUFF!!!

This is heresy but ...  
Climbing is not everything.

Celebrate family, friends, pets,  
your culture, maybe even your job  
as the calendar flips to 2002.

But climbing can improve  
one's balance.

### AMC LIBRARY

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

The circulation period is 1 month. Materials are due at the next general club meeting. The overdue fine is \$2 per title per month. Please contact the librarian if unable to return your books and tapes.

The circulation limit is three titles per person. One of these may be a videotape, for which a \$50 deposit is required. Each guidebook requires a \$25 deposit.

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## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Rachel Woodburn 2, Erik Beke 3, Hung Sa Kloeung 3, Jon Burroughs 4, Patrick Gavin 4, Alisa Reinhardt 5, Robb Reinhardt 5, Bill Stinson 5, Cathy Wise 5, Lisa Barnes 6, Bill Fallon 6, Craig Parrish 7, Jack Carlson 10, Cheryl Leiher 10, Donald Rubin 10, Bob Zimering 10, Brian Chang 11, Emily Theobald 11, Elizabeth Lassuy 12, Tanya Sharp 13, Kathleen Hendry 14, Pam Kalish 18, Rich Kocher 18, Mick Strole 18, Ken Akerman 19, Jacob Guzman 19, Kate Hansen 20, Anders Flaaronning 21, Meryl Immerman 21, Nathen Medlock 23, Larry Mills 23, Jeremy Gratton 26, Vicki Koonney 26, Jeff Nielsen 27, David Self 28, Kirra Kurvink 29, Terence Smith 29, Dena Williams 30, Jodie Ainlay 31, Dave Eckles 31

## MINUTES OF THE AMC BOARD MEETING: December 3, 2001

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Board Members Present – Filsinger, Hatfield, McHenry, Keedy, Larimer, Query, Stinson  
Committee Chairs Present – Conner, Helms Tillery, Todd, Vegors, Kirra, Thomas

I. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

II. Minutes of November Board Meeting approves as corrected.

Corrections: I

IV.F.2 Third line change “Mountaineering” to “Alpine”

IV.G. Replace last sentence with “Rogil will collect names of those members who do not want a hard copy of the newsletter.”

VI.A. Last sentence, Change “Davies” to “Todd”

III Treasurers Report – Approved as submitted.

IV President’s Update

A. Implementation of Red Cross Re-certification – Outing Leaders will be notified that the AMC will require Outing Leaders to maintain currency on their Red Cross Certification effective July 1, 2002.

B. Back Country Safety Standards – Discussion was held on subject. Tom Conner will head study group to look into situation and bring recommendations to January Board Meeting.

C. Elections/Nominations – Don Thomas will compile slate of nominees for the January Membership Meeting Election.

D. Motion made, seconded and carrier to adopt AMC Guidelines on Budget and Spending.

AMC Guidelines on Budget and Spending – Approved 12-03-01

It is the general intent of the AMC to have Committee Chairs submit anticipated expenses and revenues to the Board each Fall in anticipation of the preparation and approval of the Annual Budget. The Chairs should be fairly specific in identifying what the specific expenditures will be used for.

Once the Budget has been approved, the Committee Chairs should stay within the submitted and approved budget. As long as the Chairs are spending monies in specific expenditures they identified in the budget preparation process, they shall be free to authorize those expenditures without review by the Board. In general, any questions will be resolved in discussions with the Club Treasurer. The Board may address and review any unresolved issues.

If a Committee Chair wishes to spend funds within his or her budget on other items not originally

anticipated or if a Committee Chair wishes to go over his or her allotted budget, they should present their case to the Board. If the request is within budget and seems reasonable or if the expenditure will not increase the line item greater than \$300, the Board may then authorize the expenditure and the Committee Chair can commit to the funding.

E. Upcoming class schedules were presented and approved. (See outing calendar page — Ed.)

F. Membership statistics were presented and discussed. It is important to try to maintain membership at a more constant level. The general consensus is that we need to have more outings and outings directed to recent graduates of our various classes.

V. Old Board Business

A. Year 2002 Budget – Stinson will have copies of 2002 Budget at December Membership Meeting. The proposed 2002 Budget will be submitted to the Membership in the December Meeting. Amendments can be entertained during that meeting.

B. Rope and equipment guideline update – Hatfield completed inventory of all AMC equipment and submitted report. He expects to complete policy guidelines for next Board Meeting. It was noted that we need to repair and/or replace some rope bags and that we do not have sufficient rope bags for all the new ropes. Motion made, seconded and carried to allow Hatfield and Query to purchase materials for additional rope bags.

C. Outdoor Industry Association/Kitty Calhoun – It was decided that AMC would not participate in the requested activity. We will put an informational announcement in the Newsletter if some member would like to participate. Huenecke will be asked to write the announcement.

D. Electronic Newsletter – still on schedule. Wally needs some help with electronic distribution. Motion made, seconded and carried to adopt the procedures published by Stinson and Kirra.

1. Wally sends current PDF to the board and Kirra.

2. Kirra sets up an URL to the current Newsletter (Changes each month, only active for one month) and emails the URL to the board and Penny.

3. Penny sends out to ALL Current AMC members an email introducing the Electronic Newsletter with the current URL. Included is Rogil's email asking to cancel their hard copy, saving the club money. This same email goes out monthly, as members get use to the Electronic Newsletter, We all talk how great it is, more and more AMCs will cancel their hard copies. (Continued on page 12)

## DISCOUNT DIRECTORY

The following merchants currently offer a discount to AMC members.

Arizona Climbing Center - 1911 West Cheryl Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85021, 997-4171. Show your AMC membership card and get a 10% discount at gym and shop, special orders 20%..

Arizona Hiking Shack - 11645 N. Cave Creek Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85020, 944-7723  
Show your AMC membership card and get a 10% discount; special orders 15%.

### AMC RENTAL EQUIPMENT:

EQUIPMENT	Lb-Oz	Qty	Cost/Wk
Tents:			
4-season 2-3 man 7-6 .....		1 .....	10.00
4-season 2 man .....	6-0.....	1 .....	6.00
3-season 2 man .....	5-0.....	3 .....	5.00
4-season 1 man bivy.....	1-15.....	1 .....	7.00
Sherpa Snowshoes .....		8 .....	5.00
Ski poles (var. sizes) .....		4 .....	0.50
Ice Crampons.....			15.00
Snow Crampons (sizes 6-14).....		10 .....	2.00
In-step crampons.....		1 .....	2.00
Gaitors (Goretex).....		2 pr .....	2.00
Ice axes (70-90 cm).....		12 .....	2.00
Snow shovel .....	1-10 .....	2 .....	5.00
Snow pickets;flukes .....		10 @ .....	5.00
MSR Multifuel Stove .....		1 .....	3.00
Yates Big Dudes #6, #7 ..			5.00
Haul bag .....		1 .....	10.00
PortaLedge .....		1 .....	50.00
Jumars .....		3 .....	5.00
Climbing shoes .....	Various sizes...	Call	

**EQUIPMENT RENTAL GUIDELINES:** Your name must be on the most current membership list. Deposit required; varies by item; generally \$20-\$50. The two-personal-checks system works best. Advance reservation suggested. If not using the reserved equipment, please call and cancel. Call Linda Locke at 602-997-4235 for shoes. For everything else, call Paul Norberg at 602-808-9244 .

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Statement of Operations

01/01/01 Thru 12/31/01

Category Description	Amount
<b>INCOME</b>	
Advertising .....	140.00
Equipment Rental (incl shoes) .....	526.00
Interest.....	127.39
Membership Dues .....	7,383.00
Mountaineering Schools .....	670.00
Program Income.....	10.00
Tee Shirts & Etc.....	962.00
Training & Safety.....	17,495.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>27,313.39</b>

<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Access .....	905.53
Access Committee.....	200.00
Administration .....	1,571.00
Bouldering Contest.....	300.00
Capital Exp. ....	1,343.03
Equipment Maint.....	117.12
Insurance .....	877.51
Library.....	196.28
Merchandise Exp.....	1,164.86
Mountaineering.....	717.94
Newsletter .....	3,419.60
Outings .....	196.00
Programs.....	3,148.20
Service/Bank Charge.....	28.88
Training & Safety.....	8,818.30

**TOTAL EXPENSES** ..... 23,004.25

**OVERALL FOR YEAR TO DATE**..... 4,309.14

### ACCOUNT BALANCES

CD Account .....	5,116.93
Savings .....	526.22
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**TOTAL ASSETS** ..... \$12,383.44

### NEW MEMBERS

Addison Demlong	Richard Dewey
Sutton Demlong	Karen Laine
Joshua Dewey	Mary Trengove

# Machu Picchu and the Inca Trail

Join AMC members Don Thomas, Julie Dehlin & Todd and Lisa Barnes for a slideshow about their journey to the Cusco region of Peru.

The show will include slides and stories about the ruins near the city of Cusco, a 4 day backpacking trip on the historic Inca Trail, and a visit to the ancient ruins of Machu Picchu.

The meeting will be held on Monday, January 28th, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Los Olivos Senior Center, 2802 East Devonshire Avenue, one block north of Indian School on the east side of 28th Street.

## NEW FEATURE OF THE AMC

Electronic Newsletter (ENL) is now available. No more trying to find the newsletter, leaving it at home and needing it at work. It is always available via the website.

All current AMC members with an email on file will receive a monthly notice of that month's URL. The URL will link you to a standard page. Within the standard page you can select the current newsletter or one of the 2 previous newsletters.

A program to read a PDF file will be required. On the standard page will be a link for a free copy of Acrobat Reader, a very widely used, safe program. The URL will change each month for security purposes. Since the Newsletter is limited to Active members, it will not be linked to our website at all.

Once you have checked out the ENL please consider removing yourself from the snail mail newsletter listing. Since you can print all or any part of the ENL, what do you need one mailed for? On the standard page and within the email containing the the current newsletter will be Rogil's email address. Please send a notice to Rogil to be removed from the snail mail newsletter listing. Newsletters will always be available for everybody at the monthly meeting. The ENL will be sent out the morning AFTER the monthly meeting. For any questions, contact anybody on the board.

—Bill Stinson

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## CHRIS LOOMS!!!

The election of AMC's new set of officers takes place during the next Membership Meeting on January 28th. *And you will not be permitted to vote!*

Not, that is, unless you have ponied up for your 2002 membership dues for the AMC. That is \$25 per person or \$30 per family membership. Send to Membership Committee, 6519 W. Aire Libre Ave., Glendale, AZ, 85306 or catch Rogil as the January meeting begins..

## ANOTHER CHRIS LOOMS!!!

Even if you have paid your dues, unless you plan to be at the January 28th meeting in person, you will have no opportunity to cast a ballot — unless you had the foresight to call Don Thomas beforehand to have one mailed to you. He is at 480-892-9513.

As usual it lists officers; directors and others who have said they are willing to serve. However, nearly all offices become vacant at this meeting. Nominations can be made from the floor the night of the election for any position..

## AND STILL ANOTHER!!

The newsletter went over budget this year. We spend an average of \$5 postage per year to mail each member's newsletter.. Please read the potentially money saving item at left. Electronic communication has drawbacks, but it can save the club money.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER — Jan. 2002

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### AMC Governance

This past year the Committee Chairs and Board have done a lot to put down on paper the way we do things. While the AMC has had a very strong oral history, this year we took on an effort to put more of the operating policies and procedures down in writing. Indeed some of our Committee Chairs have written out how they perform their duties so as to help any future successor get up to speed.

Hopefully having a broader set of written guidelines will actually make club governance more accessible to a broader group of folks. It should also aid in greater consistency of application of policies to future situations. Maybe it will even be a time saver in that we can look to the rules of the road rather than have to try to figure out right and wrong each time something comes up.

I am pleased to announce that I feel we are getting close to being ready to disseminate those guidelines for club governance. Indeed, I have copies of the By-Laws and the updated AMC Standing Rules available now. If you would like to receive a copy, please email me at [president@azmountaineeringclub.org](mailto:president@azmountaineeringclub.org) with a mailing address and I will send you one.

Sometime in January we should also have available an AMC Policy and Procedure Notebook that will lay out the basics of how we do things, what our expectations are, and the like. I will let you know when that is ready.

In the meantime, I appreciate the opportunity to having served as the Club's president this past year and I want to wish you and yours a very Happy, Merry, and Safe Holiday Season.

*Erik Filsinger*

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Thanks to Sally and Dave Larimer for their recent contribution of 2 REI Tourstar packs to the club for use on AMC outings. These packs will allow us to retire that huge black monster that recently developed a gaping hole in its ugly head.

## December Work Day at Pinnacle Peak

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Fourteen volunteers showed up for the combined AMC/VOA work day. Jutta Ulrich and Peter Kosednar worked with Paul Diefendorpher to set the "footings" for support structures to stabilize a hillside in two climbing areas at Y-crack. Dief welded pitons to rebar to tie eight foot long 6x6 synthetic beams into a bed of concrete and rock. Those were then left to cure before proceeding up the hill.

The remainder of the volunteers (all from VOA) went over to the saddle and built a 3-wire fence to discourage the natives from using unauthorized access/egress routes. After that task was set, members of the VOA team migrated back to Y-crack and worked with Peter and Jutta on building some water management structures on the approach trail.

VOA has ended its involvement with Pinnacle Peak Park. The opening date has been rescheduled to March, 2002. I wish to thank every AMC member who helped with the work on the main-trail. Regrettably, I must also apologize to everyone for having essentially wasted your time. The City of Scottsdale decided it had to hire a contractor to help them finish the project and address several problems. The inadequacy of the trail for equestrian traffic is, I believe, a primary one. But, I can't be certain. Although I worked very closely with city staff in evaluating and planning the work VOA did, they never answered my requests for information about their new plans.

Tops on the list of "no-nos" for VOA is serious injury to a volunteer. Right next to that is wasting a volunteer's time. I am not talking about trail work that fails with time. That almost always happens, even with very well designed and built trails. I simply should have been more diligent in attending to some of the initial indicators of trouble. A painful but important lesson has been learned.

By the time the Park opens up, maybe it will look dandy. It was not pleasant on Saturday watching them trash all of our previous work with an ATV and mini-backhoe.

I hope those of you that volunteered with us at least had an enjoyable time; liked the meal and the company. What you learned about trail building is still valid. It just got applied in the wrong context.

— *Michael Baker*

## A Joyous J-Tree Father—Son Adventure

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At the age of nine, most boys only think of surfing, boogie-boarding, riding bikes, baseball, play station and remote control cars, but not my son – he wants to climb.

This would make any climber happy, especially his father. I have never forced my son to climb, I just showed him how when he asked. My son goes on every climbing trip and takes a turn at every route, regardless of difficulty.

This past Oct 6-7, Sean Colonello, my son, Andrew, and I went to Joshua Tree to teach blind kids how to climb. The Southern California Mountaineers Assn. (SCMA), which is another club I belong to as a result of my California roots, and Gerry Cox organize the event each year with the Braille Institute.

We all stayed at Joshua Tree's Family Sites 63-75 and set up all the routes from Palm Reader to Borus the Spider and a couple of slab climbs. The kids climbed everything and had a great time. Andrew climbed, climbed, and climbed. This kid has non-stop energy (I wonder where he gets it?).

Saturday night was made special by a professional magician who Andrew stood before and read right through, when everybody else got fooled. Andrew intuitively knew the answer to one of the magician's tricks regardless of the tactics used to throw him. (I'm not trying to boast too much, after all, intuition makes a better climber – Go Andrew!!)

Sunday morning Sean, Andrew and I set out to do a mega-classic called Walk-on-the-wildside, a 5.8 four-star route. Andrew has never climbed anything higher than 100 feet. He looked at the route and said "cool, Dad. I can do it." This route was three pitches long and Sean, who had never done it, took the first lead. Sean climbed past the first belaystation and went to a rap station in the middle of the climb. Thank God for 60-meter ropes! Andrew followed second with no problems at all. I came up third and took the second lead. I clipped about three bolts and the pitch stopped and took a rard left for about 50 feet. Instead of

*Richard Horst and his son, Andrew, with Sean Colonello, enjoyed the mega-classic Walk on the Wild Side (\*\*\*\*) 5.8, at Joshua Tree last October.*

heading to a short second pitch, I decided to do a diagonal arch to the last bolt. I then ran it out to the top, around 60 feet from the last bolt, a bit sporty but really fun.

As I was bringing my son up, he had an ear-to-ear grin that was priceless. (Isn't that what dreams and history are made of?!) This route usually has parties waiting in line to climb it but today was different. No stress and no worries; it was a beautiful day.

Thank you, Sean, for helping out with everything.  
---Richard Horst

Are you up to date? By that I mean does AMC have your current email address? If not get on the horn and let people know. You can't receive an electronic newsletter without a working email address —



# BASIC ROCK CLIMBING SCHOOL

## ARIZONA MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

- **LEARN:** Equipment care and usage    Rope handling    Climbing knots    Belaying  
Rappelling    Rock climbing techniques    Self-rescue techniques

Interested in SAFE rock climbing? The Arizona Mountaineering Club (AMC) has been teaching basic rock climbing for over 35 years. We place maximum emphasis on safety and self-rescue.

### **WHEN & WHERE (the class lasts 2 weeks):** Spring 2002

March 12	Tuesday	6:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.	*Havasupai Ramada, North Mountain Park
March 14	Thursday	6:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.	Havasupai Ramada, North Mountain Park
March 16	Saturday	8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.	North McDowell Mountains, Scottsdale
March 17	Sunday	8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.	North McDowell Mountains, Scottsdale
March 19	Tuesday	6:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.	Phoenix Rock Gym
March 21	Thursday	6:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.	Phoenix Rock Gym
March 23	Saturday	all day	Various times, various places

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

### **WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING FOR THE FIRST CLASS:**

- Dress casually; the class will be held outside, so bring warm clothes or not, depending on the weather

### **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 other climbing gear

**WHAT IS RECOMMENDED FOR THE CLASS:** Climbing shoes are recommended. 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:** \$125 plus membership if not already a member (\$25 for an individual and \$30 for a family).

**REGISTRATION:** The class is limited to 40 students. To reserve a spot, send a check for \$125 + membership costs made out to AMC Basic School. Include your clearly printed name, address and current phone number(s). Mail to: AMC Basic School, 456 W. Stacey Lane, Tempe, AZ 85284. No credit cards accepted. If you have further questions, please call Kevin or Linda Kriegel at 480-705-0428.

**(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 \$125 will be refunded.)

# LEAD CLIMBING SCHOOL

## ARIZONA MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

### PURPOSE

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. There will be no "true" lead climbs during the class. 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, the differences between bolted routes and natural pro, and we will provide actual leading exercises.

### DATES, TIMES AND PLACES FOR THE LEAD SCHOOL ARE:

Feb 26	Tuesday	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Dreamy Draw Park
Feb 27	Wednesday	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Dreamy Draw Park
Feb 28	Thursday	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Dreamy Draw Park
Mar 2	Saturday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Prescott (directions will be in syllabus)
Mar 3	Sunday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Prescott (directions will be in syllabus)

To get to Dreamy Draw Park take SR 51 (Squaw Peak) to Northern and turn East. This dead-ends at the Park. We will be at the big Ramada next to the parking lot. Directions to the other locations will be given out then.

### ITEMS YOU NEED FOR THE CLASS:

- 1) \$50 (\$75 for non-members). Register by sending a check payable to AMC Lead School to 6519 W. Aire Libre, Glendale, AZ, 85306. No credit cards accepted. (Please note: the registration fee is fully refundable if you cancel.) Call Rogil Schroeter at 623-878-3914 for more information.
- 2) All climbing gear (harness, prusiks, biners, etc.)

The following will not be needed the first night, if you want to wait to talk with us before making purchases.

- 3) Helmet - mandatory
  - 4) Specifically needed:
    - 2 20' (untied length) slings, preferably different colors
    - 2 10' (untied length) slings, preferably different colors
    - Nut pick
    - Quickdraws w/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
  - 5) Hiking boots or shoes with stiff soles for Saturday, climbing shoes for Sunday
  - 6) Optional: kneepads for Saturday (\$3-6 at Home Depot, \$5 volleyball pads at sporting goods stores)
- (Note: the first night, you will need harness and biners)

### ITINERARY

<u>Tue</u>	Lecture, slide show: Introduction, the lead fall, equipment
<u>Wed</u>	Lecture, slide show: Equipment (continued); the Process and Techniques of Leading
<u>Thu</u>	Lecture, slide show: Multi-pitch techniques, the descent, leader rescue, aid climbing
<u>Sat</u>	Prescott: practice natural pro placement (Sullivan Canyon)
<u>Sun</u>	Prescott: practice leading on bolts (Watson Lake)

# The Arizona Climbing Center is not closing.

Glen is open for business and will  
remain so.

*...Please pass the word.*

## SCREE — By Wally

No one can really claim to have experienced all facets of mountaineering until they have spent an unplanned night on the side of a mountain.

It happens to us all sooner or later if we persist long enough in this foolishness. If lucky, it is on a nice flat sheltered place below timberline on a soft night with wood for a fire. If less lucky, it is on a cramped, slopy little ledge open to the wind and rain and sleet that, you decide, is not at all picturesque and romantic.

The Appalachian and Sierra Clubs have long had what amounts to a fetish about carrying the “Ten Essentials” on any outing. I have had to actually show leaders that I had all ten by producing them at the trailhead. If you are going on a large, multi-pitch climb or one that takes you into “backcountry,” you would be well advised to have each and every one along.” Check *Freedom of the Hills* for a list of items and a good discussion.

Even on the usual AMC outing, where the cars are almost in view, it is common sense to have certain items along. (One broken ankle can slow down an entire party something fierce.)

I have an *Arizona Ten Essentials* packet which

has accompanied me on virtually all recent outings. It has saved my bacon several times.

1. A hard hat or rock helmet, even for well cleaned routes. A swinging fall? ... You’ll bat your brains out!
2. Two liters of water. Also some pure tabs for when you are reduced to scummy stock pond liquid, as I have been.
3. Headlamp and penlight. (Does the rappel line actually hit bottom?)
4. Extra 3 or 4 granola or candy bars — dinner, midnight snack, 4 a.m. shiver fuel.
5. Signal stuff — whistle and mirror and matches.
6. Large, bright chiffon scarf for sprains, water strainer, head cover, wig-wag signal, bug net.
7. Nylon shell—water/windproof parka and pants.
8. Space Blanket — shade, snow shelter, reflector.
9. Sunscreen and your other glasses (Perscription sunglasses make dim flashlights much dimmer.).
10. Optional — depending on situation — polypro

## Anchors Class Instructors, Grads

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Blame it on September 11th, or senile dementia, or whatever, but the editor did something last month that none of the people below would dream of doing — flat out dropping somebody. We dropped the whole class and the instructors, too, for that matter.

At any rate, the November anchors class graduates will be in great shape to take the lead climbing class that is coming up in February. But they shouldn't forget to get some time in on the rocks. Lots of it. Like everyone else, they should have oodles of spare time over the holidays — right?

11/01 AARS instructors:

John Ainlay  
Debby Brown  
Tom Conner  
Bill Fallon  
Erik Filsinger  
Philip Goebel  
Sue Goins  
Daniel Gonzales  
Jeff Harvey  
Karol Harvey  
Mark Hubble  
James Iverson  
Ron Jachimowicz  
John Keedy  
Rich Kocher  
Kevin Kriegel  
Tim Lange  
David Larimer  
Sally Larimer  
Stephen Petitt  
Chris Query  
Bruce Robbins  
Lance Roth  
Heather Ryan  
Rogil Schroeter  
Wayne Schroeter  
Kathy Sharp  
Diana Sherwood  
Dave Tanton  
Charlene Todd  
Jutta Ulrich  
Tim Ward  
Al Weikel  
Craig Woodman  
Gary Youngblood

11/01 AARS students:

Jodie Ainlay  
Joel Arbic  
Sheryl Bennett  
Michael Boylan  
Mark Carter  
Brian Chang  
Tim Collins  
Robert England  
Aaron Ewing  
Mark Gordon  
Kathleen Granger  
James Holloway  
Keith Jendricks  
Vicki Kooney  
Barbie Leung  
Grant Loper  
Santiago Lopez  
Markita Martinez  
Sharon Nichols  
Jeff Nielsen  
Kevin Pugh  
Mariela Soto  
Melissa Spieth  
Ray Steiner  
Jennifer Tweedy  
Justin Wolf

## Holiday Harmony was a success!

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The City of Scottsdale invited the club to participate in their Holiday Harmony festival on December 1st. They had booths with gifts or foods from around the world. They also had groups that help preserve the world (we were in this group).

It was really neat to talk to the festival goers about rock climbing and tell them how it is a great sport. We got a lot of "I'm too old" or "You need strength for that" or the classic "you guys are crazy." I liked Jean's response to that question - she drives a motorcycle and she chances of getting hurt are greater than rock climbing. It was neat to watch people try to come back with an answer after she told them that fact.

We had the opportunity to talk with the Park Ranger (John Loleit) for Pinnacle Peak. We were able to get an update on the progress of the park and he told us that the park should open in February or March of 2002. He is also looking for volunteers to help with the park.

At dusk, we were treated to the lighting of the Christmas tree at the Civic Center. We also sang carols and watched a great fireworks display. I want to thank the volunteers that came out to help with this terrific event. I really appreciate your help!!

Joan Smith  
Tim Ward  
Clay Vollmer

—Kim Huenecke

## On-Line Group Open to AMC'ers

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AMC Members are invited to communicate with each other via a Yahoo Group located at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AZMTNCLUB/>.

All AMC members are welcome to join. Let others know where you are climbing, invite some beginners to join you for some additional experience. Or let others know you have some gear for sale, or would like to plan an outing somewhere, so on and so forth. Disclaimer: This group is operated by members only for their personal benefit and is not part of the formal AMC organization.

— Bill Stinson

## High Points in the History of Climbing

Erik Filsinger will present a slide show on the history of mountaineering at the PV REI store on Tuesday, January 8th, and at the Tempe REI store on Wednesday, January 9th at 6:30 p.m.

The talk will feature slides from early mountain climbs in the Alps, the mountain pioneers of the early 20th century, the hard men of the mid-century, and the climbs and locales or more recent climbing activity.

Erik will intersperse slides from some of his own climbing across North America and Europe as he visited climbs central to the evolution of mountaineering.

The talk is tailored both to those who have a historical interest as well as those who would like to learn something about the roots of the sport.

This show will be adapted somewhat for the Thursday, March 7 AMC Alpine Seminar Series at PV REI, but please feel free to come to which ever fits your schedule best.

—Erik Filsinger

*Does the thought of warm (not hot) sun on Queen Creek's finger-fraying-good rock appeal? A January outing is scheduled there. Sign up early.*

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## BOARD MINUTES – CONTINUED

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2. This is only going to happen AFTER the member feels comfortable with the electronic version.
4. The user clicks the URL and a standard page opens. The only way to get to this page is with the current URL. Only one URL will be active at a time. This page includes the current newsletter, and 2 past newsletters. (I think 3 months is plenty, but we can discuss this). Also on this page will be the link to download Acrobat Reader, a very popular, commonly used program required to read PDF files. At the bottom of this page a link to the AMC website may be present.
5. The user clicks the current newsletter link and the pdf file opens. From there they can print the entire document or selected pages or just read it online.
6. User selects "File" and "Close" when finished reading/printing the document.

E. DOT Highway cleanup permit – Todd contacted Highway Department and has this situation under control. It is expected that the sign will return soon.

F. D& O insurance - We now have a copy of the Insurance policy.

G. Notebook on AMC Policies and Procedures – McHenry has draft which should be completed for next Board Meeting.

H. Listing of Emergency contacts for climbing areas – McHenry has nearly completed.

I. Outing Leader Incentives – table until there is a need to re-address this issue.

J. Leadership identification and training – close this item.

K. Library overdue books – Huenecke reports some books returned.

### VI. New Board Business

A. Motion made, seconded and carried to approve Standing Rule 12-03-01-01.

#### Electronic Voting by Board

If in the judgment of the Board there are certain issues that can be dealt with via electronic communications, the Board may from time to time utilize the following procedure. The intent is that this is a very limited procedure designed to facilitate formal decision making about topics for which there are no real points of difference.

Whereas the By-Laws provide that the President or 3 Board members can call for a Special Meeting of the

Board and, whereas, for the Special Meeting to have a quorum, 5 Board members must be present, in the limited circumstances specified above an electronic meeting can be called by the President or by three Board members. The parties calling the meeting shall state the matter up for a vote and designate a time period for voting to close that shall not be less than five days from the date of the call of the Special Meeting. For such a Special Meeting to be valid a quorum of 5 votes must be submitted to the Secretary of the AMC by the time certain. A majority vote would prevail. Minutes of such meetings will be published in the next available newsletter.

It is the intent of this Standing Rule that if one Board member or Officer objects to this electronic procedure and registers that objection with the Secretary, the matter will be postponed to a subsequent face to face Board meeting

B. Conner reports continued discussion on removal criteria for Outing Leaders. He will submit guidelines for next Board Meeting.

C. Sharing of Club Documents and Training Manuals – concerns were expressed about liabilities. We will address this issue with Demlong in the future.

D. Programs – Helms Tillery reported negotiations are under way with a number of famous climbers, i.

e. Blanchard, Fagan, Calhoun, and others.

E. Eagle Scout interest – He will be referred to the Pinnacle Peak Clean-up and also to Danny Hernandez for the Hispanic youth program.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM

- *John Keedy*

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## Thanks to the Unthanked for their Thankless Labors

Two volunteers have flung themselves into the breach and saved the day! One is Robert England, who has taken on the task of making sure the monthly AMC newsletters get distributed. The other is Rich Kocher whose job will be herding cats — keeping track of AMC's library book and tape borrowers and returners. Thank you for taking on these necessary jobs. 'Preciate it.

## AMC OUTING CALENDAR *(Continued from page 14)*

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- taineering to set the stage for the discussion topics and group projects over the next year. This is a good seminar to attend to see what topics you may be interested in attending later. PV REI at 6:30 - 8:30 p.
- Mar 12 **Basic Climbing School.** Mar 12, 14, 16, 17, 19, 21, 23. \$125, \$150 non-members. Kevin or Linda Kriegel 480-705-0428.
- Mar 30 **Queen Creek Cleanup and Climb.** Charlene Todd 480-917-5354.
- Apr 4 **Anchors School Instructor Meeting.** Tom Conner 480-897-7623.
- Apr 4 **Conditioning.** Alpine seminar series. Paul Norberg will give the secrets to conditioning for mountain eering. This is really where it all begins. Please come to the PV REI at 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call Erik Filsinger for details at 602-906-1186.
- Apr 9 **Anchors School.** Apr 9,11,13,14. \$50, \$75 non-members. Rogil 623-878-3914.
- Apr 19 **Phoenix Bouldering Contest.** Apr 19,20,21. Non-AMC activity.

\*Group outings: The campsite, where possible, is reserved by the AMC. There is no designated leader, although there may be a leader to work with non-leaders (call to find out). Call to find car-poolers. Parking is first-come, first-served in some cases To request outings: Call Outings Chairperson Bruce McHenry 602-952-1379. To cancel: Please call the outing leader to cancel as soon as possible: there may be a waiting list. Also, the leader will know not to wait for you on outing day.

### BILLBOARD

#### Other Scheduled Events

Outings listed in these sections 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 and equipped 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.

Tuesdays **Arizona Climbing Center.** 6:00 p.m., Rogil Schroeter, (623) 878-3914.

Wednesdays **North Mountain Hikes** Evening. Rogil Schroeter, (623) 878-3914

#### Commercially Provided Training and Events

The events listed below are provided by commercial outfitters for the benefit of AMC members. These 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 for out-of-town events, participants will sign up directly with the commercial outfitter.

The following classes/outings are being offered to AMC members through Southwest Adventures, a professional guide service located in Durango, Colorado. Please contact Erik Filsinger for more information at smorefil@aol.com if you are interested and want to sign up.

December 30-31 -- AMC Multi-pitch ice climbing, \$235 for 2 days or \$190 for second day alone

December 29-31 -- Winter Mountaineering, \$315 for 3-days

January 19-20 -- AMC Beginning Ice Climbing, \$125 for 2-days

January 21 -- Avalanche safety, \$50

February 16-17 -- AMC Beginning Ice Climbing, \$125 for 2-days

February 18 -- Avalanche safety, \$50

March 29-30 -- AMC Multi-pitch Ice climbing, \$235 for 2-days, \$190 for the second day alone.

## AMC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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*Participation in AMC outings requires club membership. Outings vary in degree of danger. When you participate in an outing you should be both physically and mentally prepared and equipped with the appropriate gear. You should always be aware of the risks involved in outdoor activities and conduct yourselves accordingly. The outing leader is not responsible for your safety, you are. Please contact the outing leader before going on an outing, discussing your capabilities with the outing leader. You must be over 18 years of age to participate, or must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult, and obtain prior consent from the outing leader. Those accompanying minors are responsible for the minor's safety.*  
**WHEN & WHERE & WHAT & WHO .**

- Dec 22 **Little Granite**, probably the Loaf. Limit 12. Tim Ward.  
602-212-1929
- Dec 25 **The 5th Annual Christmas Day Climb.** Climb at Svens Slab in the McDowell to see what Santa has brought the good little climbers. No Limit.  
Jef Nagel. 602-318-9538.
- Dec 29 - Jan 5. **Ouray Ice Park, CO.** Refresh your winter skills on some of the best ice climbing around. Top-rope single pitch ice climbs in the park. Accommodations at the Victorian Condos. Come up to play for the whole week, or just a few days. Contact Richard for directions and information.  
Richard Horst, 602-953-9198.
- Jan 3 -- **Alpine seminar series. Winter Camping.** Join the discussion with Erik Filsinger as he presents some basics on Winter Camping and staying warm in the snow. A video on making snow caves will be shown. PV REI at 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call Erik Filsinger for details at 602-906-1186.
- Jan 5 **Queen Creek.** Limit 12. Either the Mine Area or the Pond. 5.7-5.10 Sally/Dave Larimer,  
480-425-9689
- Feb 7 **Leadership** Alpine seminar series. Leadership and group dynamics. Wally Vegors will lead a talk on this essential element of any outdoor activity. He will talk specifically about some of the issues that can come up on the inside of mountaineering expeditions. PV REI at 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call Erik Filsinger for details at 602-906-1186.
- Jan 14 **Board Meeting.** Y'all come!
- Jan 28 **Election and Machu Picchu Program** at membership meeting
- Feb 21 **Lead School Instructor** meeting. Mick Strole 602-788-4031.
- Feb 26 **Lead School.** Feb 26,27,28 Mar 2,3. \$50, \$75 non-members. Rogil 623-878-3914.
- Mar 7 **Basic Climbing School Instructor** Meeting. Sally Larimer 480-425-9689.
- Mar 7 **Alpine seminar series. Introduction** to the series. Erik Filsinger's slide show on the history of moun

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## AMC OUTING LEADERS

Requirements for becoming a leader: take the basic, AARS and Lead classes (or equivalents), be a member for at least one year, complete a basic first aid and CPR class (8 hours or more), and be approved for leadership by at least five current leaders through formal application process and by the Board of Directors. Contact Scott Hoffman at (623) 580-8909.

Bill Berkley .....	480-945-4346	Tim Medlock.....	719-494-1171	Jef Sloat .....	602-843-2490
Sally Borg Larimer ..	480-425-9689	Jeff Nagel.....	602-318-9538	Bill Stinson.....	602-547-2560
Tom Conner.....	480-897-7623	Paul Norberg.....	602-808-9244	Mick Strole.....	602-788-4031
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Eric Filsinger .....	602-906-1186	Chris Query.....	480-967-9268	Tim Ward.....	602-212-1929
Jeff Hatfield.....	480-783-8779	Brad Sanders.....	480-961-3674	Frank Vers.....	480-947-9435
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