



# The Arizona Mountaineer

July 2010

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Suzanne finishing up on  
'Jackson Five Ten (5.10)'  
Jack's Canyon  
Photo by  
Scott Frankel

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

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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/join>

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## Newsletter

The Arizona Mountaineer is published monthly by the AMC. Members are encouraged to submit articles and photos about their climbing- or mountaineering-related activities. Submit items for publication (subject to approval) to: AMC Editor, 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 !!!

**Thanks to this  
month's article  
and photo  
contributors!  
You Rock-again!  
(pun intended)**

## 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.

**AUG NL Deadline: 21 JUL**

## July Birthdays

Jeff Crosby 3, Tom Folwell 3, Terry Nelson 6, Sheri English 7, Shan Zhong 7, John Gilles 9, Bruce Corey 12, Christopher Kosko 13, Eric Parker 16, Louise Johnson 18, Dan Williams 21, Vince Morgan 22, Jordan Williams 22, Valerie Paulus 24, Danielle Cloud 25, Daniel VanHerpen 29, Scott Kelley 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.
- **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

<b>EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>\$Dep</b>	<b>1-3day</b>	<b>4-7day</b>
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 May 31, 2010

### INCOME

Advertising.....	200.00
Dues 2009 .....	4,935.00
Mountaineering Schools .....	550.00
Rental Equipment.....	205.00
anchors .....	1,875.00
ORC Spring 2010.....	4,900.00
<u>Lead Spring 2010.....</u>	<u>1,125.00</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME .....</b>	<b>13,790.00</b>

### EXPENSES

Admin .....	1,281.88
Capital Expenditures .....	69.02
Equipment Maintenance .....	18.29
Land Advocacy .....	342.58
Newsletter .....	564.43
Outing Leaders.....	140.00
Programs Monthly Meeting .....	2,495.64
<u>Training.....</u>	<u>4175.24</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES .....</b>	<b>9,087.06</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL.....</b>	<b>4,702.94</b>

### ACCOUNT BALANCES

Checking .....	7,286.21
<u>CD Account .....</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL CASH ASSETS .....</b>	<b>22,286.21</b>
<u>AMC Outing Gear.....</u>	<u>3,467.43</u>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL .....</b>	<b>25,753.64</b>

# AMC Board Minutes - June 14, 2010

Board members present: Robert England, Bill Fallon, Curtis Stone, John Gray, Kim McClintic, Eric Evans, and Erik Filsinger

The meeting was called to order by President England at 7:04 p.m. President England extended a “thank you” to all the folks who work to make the AMC function – Outing Leaders, Committee Chairs, and School Leaders.

Minutes of the May 10, 2010 meeting were approved as submitted.

The treasurer’s report was approved as previously submitted to Board members. Robert will double check with Kate to confirm the AMC is on track for its annual tax filing.

Committee Reports:

Programs. The proposed By-Laws change to allow for the possibility of Quarterly Member Meetings will be made in the June Member meeting after having been noticed in the May Member meeting. The Board noted that the July and August member meetings this summer are cancelled. Possible programs once the quarterly meeting schedule starts in the Fall were discussed.

Outings. The Board discussed the conflicting dates for the Grand Canyon Clean-Up and Lead School. It is anticipated that this Fall’s Lead School will be very large and that it would be good if the Grand Canyon Clean-Up can be moved back a weekend or two. Robert committed to researching other available dates for the clean-up and make changes as appropriate.

An effort will be made to find an OL to take a Mt Elden/Overlook outing this summer.

Classifications. No updates.

Land Advocacy. Erik discussed the City of Scottsdale’s work on a Large Group/Special Event policy for the McDowells. He also discussed activities of the Queen Creek Coalition and further definition as to the direction of the group under the clear goal of achieving the Most Net Rock Climbing in the region. The Board determined that there is no further AMC Board action required at this time with regard to its position on Queen Creek in light of the clarification of the goals of the Queen Creek Coalition. The Board members were asked to refer anyone who asks about the AMC’s public position to the AMC Policy Statement of Queen Creek located on the AMC web site.

T&S. Bill Fallon discussed potential sites to hold evening classes of the AMC Rock Schools now that most Phoenix parks are closed in the evening.

Mountaineering. John discussed the Memorial Day outing to Sneffels in Colorado.

Newsletter and Web Site. Robert indicated that we need someone to replace Kim McClintic for distributing the newsletters. He also discussed the progress on the new web site, which should start rolling out relatively soon. Robert expressed interest in seeking a volunteer member to assist/assume the role of web site administrator.

Old Business:

Club Docs on the Web Site. The ad hoc committee of Erik, John and Steven has not made progress on this assignment yet.

## AMC Board Minutes - June 14, 2010 (cont.)

Meetup.com AMC group. The Board and Bruce McHenry discussed potential risk management issues for the Meetup.com AMC group. The Board decided that only AMC members will be allowed to join the Meetup.com AMC group. We will re-evaluate the possibility of allowing non-AMC to join in the future upon Board action so to do. Official AMC outings will be all that is allowed on the group Calendar of Events. Outing Leaders can post them there, as well as through traditional AMC channels which will still be used to announce AMC official activities. One of the primary purposes of setting up the Meetup.com AMC group is to allow also for networking of individual members. It is felt that one of the real advantages for AMC members of a site like this is so that someone who wants to go rock climbing can simply post it to other members of the group and they can find partners. Those activities will be posted by anyone who is an AMC member in good standing on the Discussion forum page. Eric, Curtis and Steven are authorized to roll this site out to the AMC membership and encourage all current AMC members to join.

At a later time the capability of the Meetup.com AMC group to draw new members to the club may be investigated by potentially opening the site up to non-AMC members.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

## NEW MEMBERS: *Climbers - Please Welcome*

Thomson Kirsch

William Kirsch

## Bookworm Request

The AMC library is looking for a new librarian. Duties include tending the library during the monthly meetings, checking books in and out, and maintaining a neat catalog. There is also a small amount of AMC library overflow material that needs to be kept at the librarians house. Fringe benefits include access to the entire AMC book collection, and a small annual budget for the purchase of new library materials is also available to the librarian. This is a great way to get involved with and support the AMC without sacrificing much if any personal time, since showing up at the monthly meetings is the only real time commitment.

Please contact the current librarian, Rich Kocher, with any questions (480-966-5568).

# Member Meetings - Proposed By-Law Change

Proposed By-Laws Change – to change the frequency of Member meetings from “at least once a month” to “at least once a Quarter”.

## 4. Meetings

- a. The Board of Directors shall meet at least once a month at such time and place as the Board shall designate. Participation by five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. Decisions of the Board shall be by a majority of those voting. The President or any three members of the Board may call a special meeting of the Board. All such monthly and special meetings shall be deemed Board Meetings and shall be recorded and reported as such.
- b. The regular Membership Meetings shall be held at least once each Quarter at such time and place as the Board shall designate and, consistent with these Bylaws, shall be governed and guided by such AMC policies as the Board may adopt for such purpose.

## Rationale.

After rigorous discussion about the level of attendance at the primary Monthly Member meetings, the Board voted to propose the above-cited change to the AMC By-Laws to allow for the possibility of more flexibility of scheduling member meetings to better serve the AMC membership. Some months it has been difficult to attract members to the meetings, and the AMC does not have unlimited funds to attract big name speakers. In fact, the funds available if used judiciously as based on four big name speakers a year. In addition, the Board has been wrestling with the possibilities of holding member meetings that are either more activity based or educational in their format. This reflects the input the Board has received from the membership over the last several years. By giving the club the flexibility of quarterly meetings, the Board feels it can better lay out a program of events to better serve its membership and their needs as those change over time.

## The Access Issue - Queen Creek

In May, the Queen Creek Coalition (QCC) met and voted 6 to 4 to change its direction in the manner in which it addresses the climbing access issues at Queen Creek. We sent an update of this in an AMC email on May 24th. The message is reprinted in this newsletter for reference following this open letter from the members of the QCC who voted against this change.

This letter, and the other access articles in this issue, are presented for your information. The AMC's official policy on Queen Creek, for the time being, remains unchanged and is posted on the Access Issues page of our web site.

If you have particular feelings about how the AMC ought to handle the Queen Creek issue, please contact any board member.

We will continue to provide you with updates as we receive them and as is appropriate to do so.

Robert England  
AMC President

## An Open Letter to the Arizona Mountaineering Club Membership

For the last six years the Queen Creek Coalition (QCC) and its predecessor, The Friends of Queen Creek (FoQC), have worked hand-in-hand with the Access Fund, to represent the interests of people who rock climb in the Oak Flat and Queen Creek areas. For the last six years access to these climbing areas have been threatened by a new block-cave mine that Resolution Copper Mining Company (RCM) is planning to build under the Oak Flat area. In order to build this mine, RCM has attempted to get legislation passed at the federal level that would convey ownership of the Oak Flat area to RCM in exchange for other parcels of land that RCM would convey to the government.

From the inception of the Friends of Queen Creek in 2004 until the QCC board meeting in May of 2010 the group had a very well thought out and coherent plan by which we would advocate on behalf of climbers. This plan involved a "two pronged" approach of discussing our concerns directly with RCM and at the same time communicating our concerns to members of Congress, their staffs and various government agencies that would be involved or impacted by the RCM land exchange. We also aligned ourselves with other like-minded groups that are opposed to seeing the Oak Flat area subside into a huge crater.

Last month, this long standing strategy that we pursued with the full cooperation and assistance of the Access Fund came to a halt when the QCC board voted six to four to pursue a radically different path. That path basically involves working toward endorsing the current RCM land exchange bills that are in Congress and abandoning discussions with congress—as apparently communicating the concerns of climbers to those in Washington is "getting in the way" of reaching a deal of some sort with RCM.

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It is important to note that last month's vote and change of strategy were implemented by the QCC board in spite of direct written and verbal communication by the Access Fund that such action was extremely unnecessary and unwise. Some of the QCC board members have since resigned from the board and are continuing to advocate for climbers along the same path that the QCC had been following for six years. This advocacy is being done by our new group called The Concerned Climbers of Arizona.

The QCC is now asking a number of groups to support their radical new direction. They are even calling it the "most net climbing" strategy in an attempt to divert attention away from what it really is—basically, an advocacy plan for the mining company RCM. In considering whether or not to support the new QCC strategy, it would be good to know exactly what climbers would be getting by throwing their support behind this new strategy and therefore behind the endorsement of a land exchange bill that will lead to the ultimate destruction of some 2,000 established climbs and boulder problems in the immediate Oak Flat area. The answer, unfortunately, is not much.

Instead, the new QCC "strategy" calls for blanket endorsement of RCM's current land exchange bill which is completely inadequate in addressing the legitimate concerns of climbers, environmentalists, Native Americans and all of the other stake holders who enjoy and value the Oak Flat area. In return for blindly supporting RCM's efforts to obtain and destroy Oak Flat, RCM says it will try to work with climbers to address some of their issues—many of these are the same issues that RCM has specifically not adequately addressed for six years now.

The QCC board claims that continuing discussions with our representatives in Washington (the people who actually control the fate of our public lands) is getting in the way of completing a deal with RCM. History, however has proven this current QCC assertion to be false. In fact, the opposite is true and it is precisely when we ease up on our advocacy in Washington that we hear wholly inaccurate statements being made in congressional hearings, such as "the climbers concerns have been taken care of" in the legislation. There is absolutely no doubt that the concerns we raise with our public officials get back to RCM and these concerns then become more difficult to simply dismiss. In a nutshell, this advocacy has been effective.

The contrast between the new QCC position and that of The Concerned Climbers of Arizona is clear. We are of the opinion that the best possible outcome for rock climbers and other potentially affected stakeholders that use and enjoy the Oak Flat/Queen Creek area will result from sticking with the disciplined approach that the QCC and the FoQC had previously been advocating (along with the Access Fund) for years. With these principles and pragmatic considerations in mind, we seek to maintain a broader perspective that we assert will lead to a greater result for the overall climbing community, including, by the way, the "most net climbing." Given our larger view, one that takes into account the interplay and interaction of many stakeholders we seek:

- To advocate for the protected and designated existing climbing resource; located on The 760

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acre Oak Flat parcel and in the surrounding public lands.

- To advocate for responsible mining techniques that allow for the preservation and continuation of climbing activities above and alongside other activities on Oak Flat and adjacent lands, including the mining of minerals and elements needed by society.
- To advocate for the rights and entitlements of Native Americans as they pertain to the area and to continue to foster a relationship that will benefit both communities.
- To advocate and continue to pursue appropriate dialogue with Congress, commercial interests, various municipalities, local, state, and federal administrative agencies, and other concerted voices on the greater climbing community's behalf.

One final consideration should be evaluated carefully before deciding which of these two courses of action to support. Although quite important to many of us, the potential of a new mine being built in the Oak Flat / Queen Creek area will almost certainly not be last threat to a climbing resource here in Arizona. Because of this, climbers should not only desire to maintain their currently excellent working relationships with our representatives in Washington, other advocacy groups and like minded individuals—they should insist on following a course of action that achieves this end. Most assuredly, we will need the assistance of these people and groups in the future and changing course now and turning our back to our friends will make this a very difficult proposition in the years ahead.

Thank you and sincerely,

Curt Shannon

Fred AmRhein

Greg Opland

Manny Rangel

Brent Bingham

For The Concerned Climbers of Arizona

# AMC Land Advocacy Update

Reprinted from May 24 AMC Email

Recent Queen Creek Coalition Meeting and Action.

On Wednesday May 19, the QCC Board met and decided to solidify its direction. Its action step would be to draft a new agreement or set of agreements with Resolution Copper that reflect the primary goal of obtaining the most net rock climbing at Queen Creek and the region. The digest below pulls from the published meeting summary.

After hearing the latest information about the Land Exchange legislation, the QCC Board moved on to the topic of what to do next. There was a lengthy discussion that covered a wide variety of assumptions and possible interpretations of events. The QCC board members expressed a fairly diverse set of opinions. Among the topics covered were the likelihood of passage of the land exchange, the ability of the opponents of the RCM-backed measure to influence its passage, the importance of continuing to focus on protecting the land surface versus the alternative focus of obtaining the most net rock climbing, and the potential actions consistent with each assumption and opinion.

Paul Diefenderfer moved that: The QCC's goal is to maximize climbing in the Queen Creek region and we seek to accomplish this by agreeing to a deal with RCM that includes access to Tamo and endorsement of the land exchange legislation. The motion was seconded by John Keedy.

Discussion of the proposed motion followed with different members expressing a variety of opinions about the motion, its consequences, and implementation. The stated intent of the motion is to have the QCC draft a new agreement with Resolution upon the execution of which the QCC will be willing to endorse the land exchange legislation.

After a call for the question, the motion carried 6 to 4.

Paul was given the assignment to draft a document that would contain the specifics of the arrangement with RCM.

If you have any questions about the meeting or the course of action, please contact Erik Filsinger at [smorefil@aol.com](mailto:smorefil@aol.com) or John Keedy at [jwkeedy@cox.net](mailto:jwkeedy@cox.net).

# Can Climbers Determine What is Done with Public Lands?

The AMC's Land Advocacy actions wrestle with a variety of issues. One of the frequently occurring ones is embodied in the title of this message.

While it is a convenient slogan, the facts behind the battle cry “Don’t take my public lands” are quite a bit more complex than drawing the conclusion, “It is my land and I therefore have a right to use it as I see fit, or, I have ownership rights over what should be done with it, etc.” Of course as citizens, we are somewhere in the chain of events, but the technical fact is that “public lands” are owned by some governmental entity that manages the land according to some mandate or mission established by that government. In other words, the frequently heard cry, "They can't take Our Lands" may be rooted in fundamental misunderstanding of land ownership, property rights, user rights and entitlements. I’m not saying that it isn’t a useful slogan to get climbers fired up, but when fully exposed we also need to be circumspect.

There could be some loose merit in saying, "It is our land...", but in point of fact the public does not hold any technical ownership interest. Neither the “public” nor any “citizen’s name” appears on the “deed” for the land. Consequently, the public does not have inherent recreational rights. At best they have privileges to recreate within the rules and regulations of the Land Manager of the public lands.

Climbers recreate on a host of public lands - city parks, county recreational areas, State Parks, National Parks, BLM, USFS, etc. When access is threatened they tend to cry foul, "You can take our land!", or "We've been doing that for years. You can't stop us from doing it." In fact, there probably are relatively few “use rights” associated with public lands. City parks, for example, are public lands but come with fairly defined and bracketed use rights. They only allow certain activities. The parks only are open at certain hours. It probably is more proper to talk about “use privileges” than “use rights.” The government allows citizens to use the land. In some cases the use may have fewer limits, e.g., BLM and USFS, or in other cases very tight limits may apply, e.g., Land Preserves.

And technically, we as citizens do not even “own” public lands. We do not have an ownership right the way we “own” our homes or other real property. We cannot determine its use by ourselves, and we cannot dispose of it by ourselves. And we do not have one of the variations of group ownership of real property such as an undivided share, a fractional ownership, etc.

That means that some governmental entity owns the public land and some governmental entity manages the land according to some established mission. The mission can vary from holding and maintaining land for the benefit of current and future generations (e.g., National Parks) to in part managing the land for the purpose of extracting resources (e.g., the US Forest Service).

So who decides what can be done on public lands? And who determines with those lands? Generally, the governmental branch elected by the people writes into their "laws" which governmental agency has oversight responsibilities and what the general goals of those responsibilities are.

In the case of the USFS lands, the United States Forest Service is charged with managing the USFS

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designated lands. Their charge is a broad one related to managing the resource, a large part of which relates to proper mining and timber activities. Broad recreational activities are considered part of the USFS management charge, but it is left to the Land Manager (USFS) what uses are appropriate, where they occur, what areas are closed, where additional rules like Wilderness rules apply, etc.

What this means is rather than climbing being a property right where climbers are recreating on "their" land, in point of fact climbing is more of a privilege granted by the Land Manager. So it follows that the best way to maximize climber interests are to both elect public officials who will be friendly to climbing, but also develop and maintain excellent working relationships with the Land Managers whether they be private or public entities.

Sure, we wish we "owned" Oak Flat, the McDowells, the White Tanks, and every other climbing crag and could decide its fate. Unfortunately our "say" is only one of many who have a voice as it is heard by the Land Manager and our elected officials. That is why we try to weigh the pluses and minuses of arguments and lay out a path which maximizes the results for climbers. Indeed, climbers should be our primary constituents when weighing the options.

Erik Filsinger, AMC Land Advocacy Chair

## Member Photos - Queen Victoria Spire (Sedona)



*Photos by  
Susan Harnage*



# Queen Creek Coalition Meeting Minutes 6/22/10

Present: John Keedy, Paul Diefenderfer, Marty Karabin, Rick Cecala, Jason Covington , Erik Filsinger, Fred AmRhein

Call to Order: Chair Filsinger called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

## QCC Web Site

The Board took up internal items of business. Paul explained that acting on the request of the Chair to fill a vacant position (due to resignation of the former web site administrator from the QCC), he had sent 2 emails and one phone message to Fred requesting him to turn over the access codes to the QCC web site. Prior to the meeting Fred had refused to turn over the requested information stating that he would continue in control. During a discussion in the meeting among Fred and other Board members, Board members once again asked Fred to turn over the access codes and other necessary information to the QCC web site. Fred refused claiming it was his web site and stated that he would control it by putting up what is needed. Dief made a motion that Fred be removed from the QCC board. It was seconded by Mike. After further discussion, the Question was called and the motion passed with 6 “yea” votes whereupon Fred left the meeting.

Dief has secured a new website - [www.QueenCreekClimbersCoalition.org](http://www.QueenCreekClimbersCoalition.org). The Board discussed that until Fred turns over the original QCC web site, this new web site will be the channel of communication with the climbing community. It was reiterated that the QCC wishes to have a diversity of opinion and to hear from those who agree as well as those who disagree. It was further stated that perhaps it was time to put some internal rules and policies in place so that the business of the QCC could be conducted in an orderly and democratic manner without the problems associated with an ill-defined structure. The QCC Board then turned to consider such actions.

## Mission Statement

The Board considered adoption of a Mission Statement that will provide clarity as to the goals and actions of the QCC. The following Mission Statement was approved.

The Queen Creek Coalition (QCC) seeks to maximize rock climbing in the Queen Creek region.

# Queen Creek Coalition Meeting Minutes 6/22/10

## Roles and Responsibilities

Given the changes internally and vacancies created by resignations, the QCC voted to approve the following new roles and responsibilities:

- Chair, Secretary, and Overall spokesperson – Erik Filsinger
- Governmental agencies spokesperson – Rick Cecala
- Internet Forum spokesperson – Paul Diefenderfer
- Web site coordinator – Paul Diefenderfer

## Queen Creek Coalition, an Arizona Non-Profit Corporation

The QCC is moving forward with formally incorporating in AZ as a non-profit corporation. It will conduct its business under formal policies and procedures and will also be able to take donations for activities consistent with its Mission Statement. The QCC discussed the following items:

- Articles of Incorporation
- By-Laws
- Election of Officers
- Non-disclosure Agreement

Actions on these items will be taken at the appropriate time and place.

## Filing

Filing of the necessary paperwork will be conducted Wednesday, June 23, 2010.

## Letter of Cooperation - RCM

The Board reviewed a new draft agreement prepared by Paul and Rick. It is based on but contains new elements or approaches compared to the last RCM offer. Not having an opportunity to review it prior to the meeting, Board members will receive an electronic copy for them to review and give feedback to Rick.

The Board reaffirmed sharing the Letter of Cooperation with the climbing community at the appropriate time.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

# Jack's Canyon

300 single pitch sport routes within a 2.5 hr drive from Phoenix may sound too good to be true. However, such a Shangri-la exists and is known as Jacks Canyon. Team Sue (Susan and Suzanne), Karen, and I decided this would be an excellent spot to spend a day of climbing over the Memorial Day weekend.

Driving from the Phoenix area, Jacks Canyon is accessed from HWY-87, about 20 miles North East of Clint's Well (and about 28 miles South West of Winslow). Turn onto the unmarked dirt road between mile markers 313 and 314 going west. After heading through the gate (be sure to close it behind you) you have a choice to make. There are three climbing areas at Jacks canyon. We spent the day at the Moenkopi area, which is accessed by driving 0.1 miles to the fork in the road (from the gate). Turn left at this fork. In another 0.2 miles, stay right at a fork and drive the remaining 0.6 miles to the primitive camping area and parking.

From the parking area, we followed the well worn (but rocky) trail down to the bottom of the canyon. Straight ahead of us was the Casino cliffs climbing wall. We turned left and walked about five minutes to the Cracker Jack cliffs. There were a few climbers out, so we settled at a secluded section of the wall that offered an assortment of 5.9 and 5.10 climbs.

We were fighting over who got to lead first, as we were all anxious to get back on the rock. Suzanne won, and she smoothly led up 'Step Right up' (5.9). After setting up this route, it was Susan's turn to lead 'You don't know Jack @#! (5.9)' while I climbed 'Step Right up' with Karen belaying me. Afterwards, it was my turn to lead 'Betty Cracker (5.9)'. This climb starts as a nice crack up to a small roof. Once over the roof, the crack shrinks but there are good hand holds. The lead was very challenging for me, as I've never lead anything above a 5.6 before. The nice thing about this route was that there was plenty of bolted protection (five bolts to a two bolt anchor). It's a good thing too, because I needed to rest and study at each bolt. At the last bolt I thought there was a good possibility I would fall, as my arms were running out of strength and I was struggling with clipping the rope into the last quick draw. Some timely advice from Karen saved me from that unhappy fate and I was able to set up the climb after reaching the bolted anchors.

After climbing these three routes, Suzanne moved the anchors from 'Step Right up' to 'Snap, Crackle, or Pop (5.9)' and using a W configuration with the rope also set up 'Jackson Five Ten (5.10a)'. While we top roped these remaining routes, the contrast in our climbing styles was clearly demonstrated. Inevitably, the four of us will take the same climb using four different techniques. For the 'Jackson Five Ten', Suzanne was able to successfully surpass the tricky start first, using her superior balance and technique. Susan was also able to do the tough start, but using a different method that was made possible by her advanced strength to weight ratio. I have the gift of height, which allows me to reach holds others would take several moves to get to, but it didn't help me on this route. I struggled mightily and wasn't able to complete. Karen's strength is her crack climbing technique and since this was a face climb, she declined.

Climbing 'Snap, Crackle, or Pop' also proved to be more challenging than anticipated, as a bird's nest (complete with baby bird) was lodged in a key crack hold in the middle of the route. After some

# Jack's Canyon (cont)

discussion, we decided that the baby bird was 'off route'. Not being able to use this crack made for an even more challenging climb than 5.9.

With the sunny and warm weather that came along with the challenging climbing, we all really enjoyed the day. There are so many climbs at Jacks canyon, we are determined to make our way back there soon to try some of the other routes.



Karen stepping up on 'Step right up (5.9)'



Susan leading 'You don't know Jack @#! (5.9)'



The tree is on! Scott on the tough start of 'Jackson Five Ten (5.10)'

## Member Photos - Canyoneering Utah

AMC'rs aren't just about rock climbing. Rogil, Dave, Kathy, Tim, Bill, Kim and Wilbur took to the canyons in Utah recently for more than a week of fun. Here's their itinerary and a few pictures. *(Photos by Kathy Sharp)*

Day 1 – Drive to Utah

Day 2 – Red Breaks

Day 3 – Egypt 1

Day 4 – Egypt 2

Day 5 – Coyote Gulch

Day 6 – Spooky and Peekaboo  
Gulches

Day 7 – Calf Creek

Day 8 – Keyhole

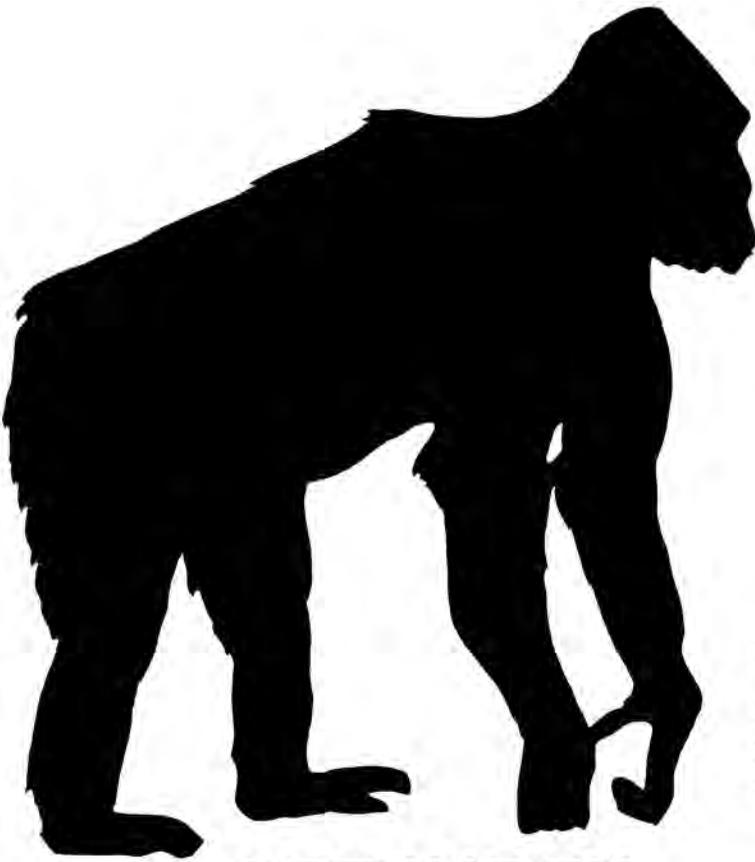
Day 9 – Drive to Phoenix

Conclusion - Beautiful canyons,  
not a drop of rain, great friends  
to enjoy it all with—what more  
could we ask for?!



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# Calendar of Events - Outings/Schools/Events

*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**            **Ape Index Gym Climbing - AMC Members \$10 admission with ID card.**  
**Rogil Schroeter (623) 512-8465**

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

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