



# SADDLEBROOKE

## HIKING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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### WHAT IS THE PIMA COUNTY TRAILS ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, May 18

By Jan Springer



Did you know that since 1987 The Pima Trails Association has been protecting and preserving county trails? Sue Clark, a volunteer with the group since it was formed in 1987, will talk about the association and what it does.

It all started 30 years ago when equestrians found out they were being shut out of trails that they had used for years. By joining together with hikers and cyclists, the Pima Trails Association (an all volunteer group) was formed to protect the Tucson trails. This group started working with homeowners, agencies, and developers to preserve public access. Some of the victories to preserve public access include: Pima Canyon, Ventana Canyon, Aqua Caliente south, Fantasy Island, and Campbell cliffs.

Sue will give a brief history about the Pima Trails Association and what the organization does. She has worked on the 1985 Pima county Trail Master Plan and the updated 2010 version. Her expertise serving on steering committees, advisory teams, and task forces, as well as working with planners and decision makers for 29 years, has certainly been instrumental to the work of the Pima Trails Association.

The May 18 program is open to all SaddleBrooke and SaddleBrooke Ranch residents, whether members of the Hiking club or not. Attendees are also invited to attend a social hour in the Agave Lounge in the SaddleBrooke clubhouse after the program.

### CLUB MEMBERS TAKE ON BATTLESHIP MOUNTAIN

By Roy Carter

Battleship Mountain is but one of several beautiful peaks in the Superstition Mountains, but it is one of the most challenging to get to. The "Battleship" formation is most realistic when viewed from just north of the intersection of Boulder Canyon Trail #103 and Second Water Trail #236. The prow looks very daunting and reaching the summit from the north end may not be possible without technical climbing equipment. The image below is from the south ridge.



First view of the "ship", looking north

Ascending the peak is most easily achieved by taking an unmarked (but cairned and fairly visible) trail, which leaves the Boulder Canyon Trail about a mile south of the intersection and scrambling up and across the ridge. The starting/ending point for this hike was the First Water Trailhead, northeast of the Lost Dutchman State Park, although an alternative is the Canyon Lake Trailhead to the north.

Ten members (on two different occasions) of the Hiking Club recently climbed the “Battleship”, which involved just over 12 miles and 2100+ feet elevation gain. The Second Water Trail is beautiful and in great shape. Boulder Canyon is just that, chocked full of boulders that have been tossed around and occasionally rearranged by rushing water and other forces over the millenniums. But the part we came for was the scramble up to and across the ridge to the peak. Some passages involve class three scrambling, but the rock was sticky and handholds/footholds were adequate. A rope was helpful at one point but not critical; however, the exposure at some points is at the nail-biting level.



The scramble spot

The views from the ridge are spectacular. To the west is La Barge Canyon and Malapis Mountain, to the southeast is Weavers Needle, to the south is Superstition Ridge with its namesake peak, and to the north is Canyon Lake. Best part is you won't see many hikers once on the ridge. This is not an easy hike, but the destination is worth the effort. Hikers were Mike Wolters, Roy Carter, Bertie Litchfield, Cheryl Werstler, Sharon Simpson, and Elisabeth Wheeler.



On the second hike were Niel Christensen, Margaret Valair, Frank Brier, Matt Weigel (guest), and Roy Carter.



## AZ TRAIL WORK ON ORACLE PASSAGE

By Elisabeth Wheeler



**Back Row:** Elisabeth Wheeler, Garret Rassing, Dave Brinker, Stan Smith, Jerry Patrin, Ray Peale, Fred Norris, Randy Park, Kent Naugle, Shawn Redfield, Tom Kimmel **Front Row:** Jackie Hall, Mary Croft, Candy Patrin, Kathy Gish, Marilyn Smith Photo by Sandra Sowell

The SaddleBrooke Hiking Club is making a significant difference on the Oracle Passage of the Arizona National Scenic Trail. Hikers, backpackers, bikers, and horse riders from all over the United States and beyond use this nationally recognized trail. In February 17, 2016, volunteers removed overgrowth, widened the trail corridor, and improved tread for a more enjoyable trail experience between the American Flag Ranch House and Oracle State Park.



Improved trail work by: Tom Kimmel, Randy Park, Stan Smith, Ray Peale, Shawn Redfield and Dave Brinker Photo by Sandra Sowell

## BIRTH OF THE SADDLEBROOKE HIKING CLUB

By William Leightenheimer - March 28, 2016

I learned to hike in the Boy Scouts as a youngster in Ohio. My Explorer troop specialized in hiking, and I have been an avid hiker ever since.

My wife, Barbara, and I moved to SaddleBrooke after retiring. We arrived here on July 1, 1998. I immediately made inquiries as to whether or not there was a hiking club in SaddleBrooke. There was no established club; but a resident, Eileen Wells, led hikes for a participation fee. I started hiking with Eileen that fall and hiked with her group through the following spring. However, Eileen charged so much for each three-month period; and she led three hikes of varying levels each week.

In June 1999, Eileen's group held a picnic at the picnic grounds on Kitt Peak. It was Eileen's 75th birthday, and we surprised her with a cake. She announced that she was retiring from leading hikes.

I discussed the idea of starting a hiking club with some of my hiking friends from Eileen's group. They agreed that there might be enough interest to get a club started. I owe Eileen a great debt of gratitude for everything she taught me about the hiking trails in our area and about the plants and animals of Arizona. She was a veritable encyclopedia of knowledge and was very supportive of my idea of starting a club.

At the same time, I was working part time as a Hiking Guide at Miraval. I learned all of the trails in the 50-Year Trail area and many others, and I used

this information to good advantage after the new club was formed.

With the decision made to attempt to start a club, I started doing some planning as to how to proceed. My first step was to contact the president of the Sun City Hiking Club. He very graciously invited me to attend their next board meeting, which was followed by their hiking guides meeting. My wife, Barbara, and I attended and were received most graciously. They were very supportive and helpful and provided me with copies of their constitution and bylaws, as well as a copy of their hiking database.

With that information, I sat down and developed a vision for the future SaddleBrooke Hiking Club. My basic philosophical premise was that it must be a club that would offer hikes for all levels of hikers. Once I had sketched out a draft of an outline for how the proposed club would be organized, I invited some of my hiking friends to attend a meeting at my home. This meeting was held on August 6, 1999, which coincidentally was the birthday of Dave Caldwell, one of my hiking friends and neighbor. Dave and his wife, Beverly, attended this meeting; and we had a birthday cake for Dave. At this meeting, I reviewed what I had done so far and what my vision for a hiking club entailed. After much discussion, our group decided to proceed with the process. We set a date in September for a meeting in the main ballroom at SaddleBrooke Country Club HOA #1 for all SaddleBrooke residents who might be interested in starting a hiking club.

Those in attendance at the meeting at my home were: William and Barbara Leightenheimer, Ed and Eileen Wells, Jim and Helen Strickler, Dave and Beverly Caldwell, Bob and Linda Appel, Jerry and Mary McHiney, Arnold and Judi Coopersmith, George Ayuso, Jerry Musser, and Sharon Simpson.

My wife is an artist and she made up posters announcing the September meeting, and we placed them in key locations around SaddleBrooke. My hope was that we might get forty to fifty people to show up. I went ahead with plans and came up with a constitution, bylaws, and a slate of officers.

When the meeting date arrived, I was very pleasantly surprised that one hundred SaddleBrooke residents attended. Their enthusiasm and support was overwhelming. They voted to form the club, and they voted approval of the constitution and bylaws.

They elected the following slate of officers: President, William Leightenheimer; Vice-President, Norm Kyle; Secretary, Judi Coopersmith, Treasurer, Kay White; and Chief Hiking Guide, Jim Strickler.

Dues were established at \$10 per person per year for the first year, as we were starting with no funds. We subsequently lowered the dues to \$5 per person per year. We published the first newsletter with the Oct/Nov/Dec 1999 issue. Beginning in January 2000, we established the newsletter to be published on a bimonthly basis. My wife Barbara, with the help of Beverly Caldwell, designed the club patch and also the design for a club tee shirt. We held our first club picnic on December 4, 1999, at Catalina State Park. It was a rousing success with approximately 150 members in attendance.

Our first hiking newsletter announced forty-one hikes. Our first hiking guides were: William and Barbara Leightenheimer, Dave and Beverly Caldwell, George Ayuso, Jim Strickler, Norm Kyle, Gary Gouvea, Jan and Dean Wilson, George Brunder, and Bob Rogers. Barbara Leightenheimer led the first hike to Catalina State Park on the Canyon Loop Trail.

I write this with a great feeling of pride and satisfaction. This club has turned out to be a huge success thanks to all of the wonderful people who have so unselfishly volunteered their time to serve as club officers, guides, committee chairpersons, and in many other capacities. **MANY, MANY THANKS** to all of you and to all members who get out there and hike. Without all of you, our club would not be possible. God Bless you all and happy trails.

### HONORING THE HISTORY OF THE SBHC: THE TRAILBLAZERS AWARD

By Tim Butler

The SaddleBrooke Hiking Club is one of the largest and most active clubs in our community. Many of us who have joined the club in recent years may not be aware of its origins and of those dedicated folks who were its pioneers.

To help us commemorate the devoted service of those folks the SBHC Board has decided to have a plaque made to honor them. It will be called the SBHC Trailblazers plaque. The first 12 names on this plaque are the "Pioneers" who did so much for the club in the early years. In addition, the Board plans to honor one or two members each year who have contributed much service to the club over many years. They will be called the "Trailblazers". The

Trailblazer award for the year 2016 goes to Roy Carter and Ken Wong. We are proud to honor these stalwarts of our club and we thank them all for their dedicated service. This plaque is on display at the bottom of the stairs at the SaddleBrooke I Clubhouse.

### SADDLEBROOKE HIKING CLUB IMPROVES ORACLE PASSAGE OF THE ARIZONA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL FOR THRU-HIKERS AND HORSE RIDERS

By Elisabeth Wheeler

Twelve SaddleBrooke hikers along with Shawn Redfield (Arizona Trail Director), Jeff Bridge (Regional Steward), and Gary Faulkenberry (Oracle State Park) did significant work on the Arizona National Scenic Trail at the #77 Underpass going into Oracle State Park on March 16, 2016.



**Back:** Ray Peale, Mary Croft, Joe & Joyce Maurizzi, Fred Norris, Mike Wolters, Stan Smith, Shawn Redfield, Garrett Rassing **Front:** George & Ellen Citron, Marilynn Smith (missing from photo - Kathy Gish, Jeff Bridge)  
Photo by Elisabeth Wheeler

Shawn Redfield delivered a permanent water storage box and cement. The water storage and re-supply box for thru-hikers was cemented into place.



Ray Peale, Garrett Rassing after Water Storage/Re-Supply Box was installed.

Besides general cleanup of the trail north of #77 to the Tiger Mine Trailhead, hardy hikers removed sand from the #77 underpass down to the concrete. A 3-foot wide, 3-foot deep trench was carved through the sand towards the wash drainage. At least 8 Gator loads and 20 wheelbarrow loads were dug out and hauled away from the underpass. This was a strenuous effort and should help horse riders using the underpass. Afterwards a celebratory lunch was held at the Patio Cafe. The SaddleBrooke Hiking Club will resume Arizona Trail workdays in October. Elisabeth Wheeler & Mary Croft, Co-Stewards



Lots of sand was moved from the underpass and down the drainage by hardy SaddleBrooke Hikers.

### SADDLEBROOKE HIKERS CLIMB PICKET POST MOUNTAIN

By Elisabeth Wheeler

It is an adventure to climb up 2100 feet in about 2 miles to find a red painted mailbox and a wrought iron bench, as well as a 360-degree view. That's what six SaddleBrooke hikers discovered after a steep, slippery hike up Picket Post. Picket Post is a daunting, angular shaped volcanic butte seen along Highway #60 just west of the Bryce Thompson

Arboretum near Superior, Arizona. Picket Post was used by army troops during the late 1800's as a lookout to guard their settlement from the Apaches. Views from the summit extend to the Santa Catalinas, the Pinalenos, the Superstitions, and the site of extinct Pinal City (which once was a thriving silver smelter and mining town).



**Standing:** Roddy Wilder, Roy Carter, Ray Peale, Jeff Traft  
**Seated:** Neil Christensen, Elisabeth Wheeler Photo by: Roy Carter

### SADDLEBROOKE HIKERS EXPLORE ROBLES PASS TRAILS

By Elisabeth Wheeler



Elisabeth Wheeler, Cathy Giesen, Allison Lehman, Marlene Olson, Arlene Gerety, Susan Hollis, Joyce & Joe Maurizzi, Ann Hammond, Fred Norris, Roland Horst Photo By: Melissa White

Robles Pass trails are south of the Tucson Mountains and Ajo Way, once known as Robles Pass. Bernabe S. Robles was the son of a pioneer from Sonora who became a Tucson businessman, ran a stagecoach line and at the height of his career controlled 1 million acres in southern Arizona. SaddleBrooke hikers enjoyed exploring 6 miles of Robles trails with Elisabeth Wheeler, spotting Desert Rose Mallow, Rock Hibiscus, and other wildflowers. The photo

was taken at a stone house ruin above Ajo Way. Hikers had fun conjecturing about the possible history of the house.

**HIKE TO WASSON PEAK VIA SENDERO ESPERANZA AND HUGH NORRIS TRAILS MARCH 29, 2016**



Jim Thom, Dick Krueger, Dianne Temple, Randy Park, Dave Corrigan (Leader), Susan Hollis Photo By Sandra Sowell

**PHONE LINE TRAIL MARCH 24, 2016**



Michael Reale, (Leader), Lynda Green, Jeanne Reale, Dianne Temple, Dick Krueger, Kent Naugle Photo By: Sandra Sowell

**ANNUAL SPRING PICNIC A SUCCESS**

A brief sprinkling of rain did not dampen the enthusiasm of nearly 100 members of the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club from enjoying the 2016 Spring Picnic. The twice annual picnics gather together members to conduct club business, recognize the volunteers who serve the club and enjoy delicious food, said Club President Mike Wolters.

At this year’s spring event, held April 8, 2016, at Catalina State Park, members voted in three new officers—Dave Corrigan for vice president, Darlene Carlson for secretary, and Rob Simms for assistant chief hiking guide. The board also unveiled a plaque recognizing the pioneers who founded the club and the start of an annual awards program for service to the club. The first awardees, Roy Carter and Ken Wong, were lauded for their many years of service, often in behind-the-scenes labor. The plaque will be hung in the clubhouse at SaddleBrooke One.

Bill Leightenheimer, club founder and first president, outlined how the club got started and the initial helping hand received from the Oro Valley-based Sun City Hiking Club. Mike Wolters informed club members that a similar effort is underway by SBHC to assist a newly forming group of residents who live in SaddleBrooke Ranch.

Thanks to the generosity of club supporter, the Summit Hut, 14 members won door prizes donated by the local hiking supply business. Finally, members prowled serving tables laden with member-provided side dishes, salads, and desserts, complimented by Persian Chicken, iced tea, and lemonade that were provided by club dues.

The fall picnic is set for October 14, 2016, also at Catalina State Park. Mark your calendars so you do not miss it

**News You Can Use**

<b>What is the Pima County Trails Association</b>	<b>5/18 Wed.</b>	<b>3:00 P.M.</b>
<b>SBHC Social Hour Agave Lounge HOA #1</b>	<b>5/18 Wed.</b>	<b>4:00 P.M.</b>
<b>SBHC Board Meeting Coyote Room North</b>	<b>6/1 Wed.</b>	<b>3:00 – 4:00 P.M.</b>
<b>SBHC Guide Meeting Coyote Room North</b>	<b>6/1 Wed.</b>	<b>4:00 – 5:00 P.M.</b>

# Club Calendar

**Saddlebrooke Hiking Club Calendar** **May 2016 (Mountain Time - Arizona)**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 C1 Aravaipa	3 B1 Oracle / Red Ridge	4 D Canyon Loop	5 C Fifty-Year Trail Area	6 A1 - Finger Rook Guard C - Brown Mountain	7
8	9	10 C-Marshall Gulch/Aspen	11	12	13 B - Wilderness of Rooks	14
15	16 C1 Maiden Pools	17 C-Box Camp Tr. to	18 Pima County Trails	19 C-Seven Falls (with	20	21
22	23 B Wilderness of Rooks	24 B-Mt Lemmon Lookout /	25	26 B-Finger Rook to Linda	27 A - Mt. Wrightson via	28
29	30	31 B - American Flag	1	2 C-Aspen Loop/Marshall	3	4

**Saddlebrooke Hiking Club Calendar** **Jun 2016 (Mountain Time - Arizona)**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31 B - American Flag	1	2 C-Aspen Loop/Marshall	3	4
5	6 A - Humphrey's Peak C Mt Lemmon Ski Lift	7	8 B - Highline Trail MP32 C - Sunset/Marshall	9 B - Highline Trail MP 43	10	11
12	13 B Wilderness of Rooks	14 C-Palcaide Tr. to Mud	15	16 B-Josephine	17 B - Wilderness of Rooks	18 C American Flag
19	20	21 Wilderness of Rooks #4	22	23 B Josephine Saddle	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 B Josephine Saddle /	1	2

## Hikes Offered

**Monday, May 02, 2016 Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness: West (short version). Rating: C! Pace: Moderate [19, 06:30 AM, \$10 + \$5].** Aravaipa Canyon is a beautiful and pristine canyon and a favorite for all who have been there. Hikers should expect stream wading and numerous stream crossings (up to knee deep) with dense riparian brush. Wear shorts, socks and shoes (that can get wet) with good traction (for wet rocks). Bring dry shoes/shorts/shirt for drive home, if desired (and a plastic bag for wet items). Aravaipa Canyon is a wilderness area with no trails, signs, or facilities. Hiking stick is recommended. Wilderness permits (fee required) must be reserved in advance and are non-refundable. Hikers must sign up two weeks prior to hike. Call the hiking guide for more details. Hike 6 miles; trailhead elevation 2600 feet; net elevation change 200 feet; accumulated gain 368 feet; RTD 110 miles (dirt). Dave Sorenson 777 1994

**Tuesday, May 03, 2016 Oracle Ridge / Red Ridge Loop. Rating: B!. Pace: Moderate [303, 07:00 AM, \$10].** The hike begins at the Red Ridge Trailhead and descends steeply on a rocky trail to Catalina Camp. From there, we will climb via Trail # 401 east to Dan Saddle, south up the Oracle Ridge Trail to its trailhead just below the Mt. Lemmon Fire Station, then back along Catalina Hwy for about a mile to complete the loop. Both trails are very steep and have numerous stretches of loose, slippery rock making stable footing a challenge. An alternative is to position vehicles at both trailheads to avoid the trek along Catalina Hwy. Along the way, there are great views of the Reef of Rocks and Sanmaniego Ridge to the west, and the Biosphere II and Oracle to the north. The hike may be done in reverse, but both ways are difficult for a hike of this rating. Hike 8.3 miles; trailhead elevation 8160 feet; net elevation change 2380 feet; accumulated gain 2636 feet; RTD 131 miles. [Guide: Randy Park 825-6819]

**Wednesday, May 04, 2016 Canyon Loop. Rating: D☺. Pace: Moderate [134, 07:30 AM, \$2 + \$2].** From the main trailhead at the end of the road in Catalina State Park, the hike begins with the Romero Canyon Trail, turns onto the Canyon Loop Trail, and then comes back on the Sutherland Trail. This area is a great example of the Sonoran Desert and its riparian areas. The hike may be done in reverse direction. Depending upon the season, some water crossings are possible. Hike 2.2 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change \_\_\_ feet; accumulated gain 170 feet; RTD 24 miles. Dave Sorenson 777 1994

**Thursday, May 05, 2016 Fifty-Year Trail Area North Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [185, 07:30 AM, \$2].** The hike begins in the Fifty-Year Trail area off Golder Ranch Road, goes east to the Upper Loop Trail, then north to a rock with a bench for viewing. The return is via the same Fifty-Year Trail. There are beautiful saguaros and rock formations, in addition to excellent views of SaddleBrooke, Sun City, and the Tortolitas. The hike may be done in reverse. Hike 6.0 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; net elevation change 426 feet; accumulated gain 924 feet; RTD 12 miles (dirt). [Guide: Randy Park, 825-6819.]

**Friday, May 06, 2016 Finger Rock Guard. Rating: A! Pace: Moderate [189, 07:00 AM, \$4].** The hike begins from the Finger Rock Trailhead at the north end of Alvernon Way. Finger Rock Guard is the large rock formation to the east of Finger Rock, a well-known landmark that can be seen from many places in Tucson (and from Saddlebrooke). The hike begins with the first 2.5 miles and 2200 feet accumulated gain of the Finger\_Rock Canyon Trail, which leads eventually to Mt. Kimball. At the point where the trail turns northeast toward the Linda Vista Saddle, the trail descends a steep 200 feet into Finger Rock Canyon. The trail continues up a faint, steep and, in many places, slippery path to the saddle between Mt. Kimball and Finger Rock. From there, the trail turns southwest toward the rock guard. Rock scrambling and rock climbing are required to reach the summit 450 feet above the saddle. There is significant exposure to heights and steep drop-offs along the last few hundred feet of elevation. Bring extra water. Call to discuss with the hiking guide. This is a difficult hike but the fantastic views from the summit make it a ""must do"" for dedicated hikers. Hike 7.4 miles; trailhead elevation 3120 feet; net elevation change 3399 feet; accumulated gain 4000 feet; RTD 44 miles. [Guide: Roy Carter, 818-3137]

**Friday, May 06, 2016 Brown Mountain. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [124, 6:00 AM, \$6].** The Brown Mountain Trail traverses a ridge in the heart of the Tucson Mountains. The hike starts at a trailhead on McCain Loop Road, just south of Kinney Road east of the Arizona Sonoran Desert Museum. Along this "ridge ramble" are excellent views of mountains, valleys, and desert vegetation. The route has four ascents with the longest including 360 feet of elevation gain. The return is via a lower route through Sonoran desert habitat. Hike 5 miles; trailhead elevation



2665; net elevation change 475 feet; accumulated gain 860 feet; RTD 73 miles. [Guide: Aaron Schoenberg: 825-2060, askus3@centurylink.net]

**Tuesday, May 10, 2016 Marshall Gulch / Aspen Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [256, 7:00 AM, \$10].** The hike starts at the Marshall Gulch Picnic Area and goes up the Marshall Gulch Trail to the Marshall Saddle. From the Saddle, we turn left down the Aspen Trail and head back to the picnic area. After about 0.25 miles on the Aspen Trail, there is a large rock that provides a great spot for a break or lunch. Hike may be done in reverse. Hike 4.0 miles; trailhead elevation 7440 feet; net elevation change 575 feet; accumulated gain 882 feet; RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, 825-0193, tucsontimmer@gmail.com.]

**Friday, May 13, 2016 Wilderness of Rocks Loop # 2. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [486, 07:00 AM, \$10].** Starting at Marshall Gulch picnic area, this hike climbs up to Marshall Saddle then goes toward Mt. Lemmon on the Aspen Trail, passing Carter Canyon along the way. The hike continues to Radio Ridge and the Steward Observatory parking area then heads down via the Mt. Lemmon and Lemmon Rock Lookout Trails to the Wilderness of Rocks Trail. We take this trail back up to Marshall Saddle and down to Marshall Gulch Picnic Area parking lot. Hike 10.0 miles; trailhead elevation 7440 feet; net elevation change 1700 feet; accumulated gain 2183 feet; RTD 131 miles. [Guide: Roy Carter, 818-3137]

**Monday, May 16, 2016 Maiden Pools. Rating: C!. Pace: Moderate [254, 6:30 AM, \$4].** Starting at the public parking lot on the left (past the employees' parking lot) at Ventana Canyon Resort, hikers follow the new Forest Service trail into the canyon. The trail is rocky in places with some steep climbing and substantial steps-up which make it more difficult than the average C hike. There are numerous wash crossings which involve boulder hopping if water is flowing. On the return, there are fine views of the east side of Tucson. The pools provide an excellent place for lunch. The return is by the same route. Hike 5.2 miles; trailhead elevation 3000 feet; net elevation change 1100 feet; accumulated gain 1266 feet; RTD 54 miles. Guide Don Taylor. Email is donald\_r\_taylor@yahoo.com or 825 5303.

**Tuesday, May 17, 2016 Box Camp Trail to Sabino Canyon Overlook. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [114, 7:00 AM, \$9].** The hike begins at the Box Camp Trailhead near Spencer Peak on Catalina Hwy. After a short uphill climb, the hike precedes downhill for 2.5 miles to an overlook that provides a marvelous, panoramic view of Sabino Canyon area. We will have lunch here, and then return slowly uphill to the trailhead. Hike 5.25 miles; trailhead elevation 7920 feet; net elevation change 1363 feet; accumulated gain 1353 feet; RTD 123 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, 825-0193, tucsontimmer@gmail.com]

**Wednesday, May 18, 2016 SaddleBrooke Hiking Program: What is the Pima County Trails Association, 3:00 p.m., Location HOA #1 Activity Center** - presented by Sue Clark, President, Pima County Trails Association.

**Wednesday, May 18, 2016 Social Hour – 4:00 p.m. in the Agave Lounge HOA #1.** The social hour follows the Pima County Trails Association program.

**Thursday, May 19, 2016 Seven Falls (with Tram). Rating: C. Pace: SLOW [388, 8:00 AM, \$4 + \$tram].** The hike begins at the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center with the tram to lower Bear Canyon. From the last tram stop we continue up Bear Canyon to Seven Falls and return via the same route back to the Center. The falls, which constitute one of the most spectacular natural features in the Tucson area, usually have some water flowing over them but may be dry if there has been inadequate rain. Tram fee required. The trail crosses the Bear Canyon wash several times and can involve significant boulder hopping/wading after rainy periods. Ask the guide about current conditions. Hike 5.5 miles; trailhead elevation 2800 feet; net elevation change 606 feet; accumulated gain 900 feet; RTD 56 miles. [Guide: Karen Gray, 818-0337.

**Monday, May 23, 2016 Wilderness of Rocks. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [484, 8:00 AM, \$10].** The hike begins at the Marshall Gulch picnic area at the top of Mt. Lemmon. We climb up to Marshall Saddle then down the Wilderness of Rocks Trail. Three fourths of a mile past the intersection with the Lemmon Rock Lookout Trail is the Lemmon Canyon area in the heart of the Wilderness of Rocks. There are beautiful rock formations with great views along the way. The return is via the same route, or optionally, by the Aspen Loop Trail. Hike 7.2 miles; trailhead elevation 7440 feet; net elevation change 1550 feet; accumulated gain 1538 feet; RTD 131 miles. [Rob Simms Spartan7375@gmail.com 517-410-9031 ]

**Tuesday, May 24, 2016 Mt Lemmon Lookout / Wilderness of Rocks. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [New!, 07:00 AM, \$10].** The hike begins at the Steward Observatory parking lot and proceeds down the Mt. Lemmon and Lemmon Rock Lookout Trails to about 7200 feet to connect with the Wilderness of Rocks Trail. Turning west, this trail leads to the Mt. Lemmon Trail, where we continue down the Mt. Lemmon Trail to a lookout for lunch. Return to the trailhead via the Mt. Lemmon Trail.. Hike 9.2 miles; trailhead elevation 9100 feet; net elevation change 2300 feet; accumulated gain 2263 feet; RTD 131 miles. [Guide: Randy Park, 825-6819.]

**Thursday, May 26, 2016 Finger Rock Trail to Linda Vista Saddle. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [192, 06:30 AM, \$4].** The hike begins from the Finger Rock Trailhead at the north end of Alvernon Way. The hike starts on level ground for about a mile, and then sharply climbs 2500 feet to the Linda Vista Saddle. Scrambling is necessary at some points going up, and coming down is just as difficult. From the Saddle, hikers can enjoy the beautiful vistas of Mt. Kimball, the Santa Ritas, and Tucson as it spreads out below and into the distance. Hike 5.9 miles; trailhead elevation 3120 feet; net elevation change 2515 feet; accumulated gain 2781 feet; RTD 44 miles. Guide Don Taylor. Email is donald\_r\_taylor@yahoo.com or 825 5303

**Friday, May 27, 2016 Mt. Wrightson via Old Baldy Trail. Rating: A. Pace: Moderate [295, 07:00 AM, \$10].** The hike begins in Madera Canyon in the Santa Rita Mountains and follows the Old Baldy Trail to Mt. Wrightson. The return is via the same route. This trail provides the shortest route to the top (el. 9453 feet) of Mt. Wrightson. The last 0.9 miles to the summit is steep and rocky with moderate exposure. At the top are outstanding 360-degree views of Tucson and the mountain ranges in the area. There is shade along much of the way. Hike 11.1 miles; trailhead elevation 5450 feet; net elevation change 4003 feet; accumulated gain 4029 feet; RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Roy Carter, 818-3137]

**Tuesday, May 31, 2016 American Flag to the Saddle. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [9, 6:30 AM, \$3].** The hike begins at the American Flag Trailhead on the old Mt. Lemmon Road and follows a section of the Arizona Trail. Hikers take the American Flag/Cody Trail to its intersection with the Oracle Ridge Trail where there are great views to the west of Biosphere II and the Tortolitas. The group then follows the ridge south and lunches in a saddle at the top of Camp Bonita Canyon on the northwest side of Apache Peak. On the return, we may swing by the grounds of La Casa del High Jinks, the site where Bill Cody staked his gold mine in 1912. Hike 9.1 miles; trailhead elevation 4400 feet; net elevation change 950 feet; accumulated gain 1465 feet; RTD 41 miles. Elisabeth Wheeler (520-818-1547) or [elisarick@wbhsi.com](mailto:elisarick@wbhsi.com).

**Wednesday, June 1, 2016, Board Meeting.** 3:00 to 4:00 PM, Coyote Room North at SaddleBrooke Clubhouse

**Wednesday, June 1, 2016, Guide Meeting.** 4:00 to 5:00 PM, Coyote Room North at SaddleBrooke Clubhouse

**Thursday, June 02, 2016 Aspen Loop / Marshall Gulch Trail. Rating: C. Pace: SLOW [89, 7:00 AM, \$10].** The trail starts at the Marshall Gulch Picnic area and proceeds up the Aspen Trail to the Marshall Saddle. Hikers will lunch at a scenic spot near the Saddle, and then follow the Marshall Gulch Trail to the picnic area. Hike 3.5

miles; trailhead elevation 7420 feet; net elevation change 800 feet; accumulated gain 1090 feet; RTD 131 miles. [Guide: Karen Gray, 818-0337]

**Monday, June 06, 2016 Mt. Lemmon Ski Lift Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [274, 07:00 AM, \$10].** From the foot of the ski lift, hikers walk the roadway to the top of Mt. Lemmon. We will take the Meadow Trail and the Mt. Lemmon Trail to Mt. Lemmon Rock Lookout (outstanding views). We return to the starting point using a portion of Trail # 5 along Radio Ridge, and a portion of the Aspen Draw Trail. Hike 6 miles; trailhead elevation 8480; net elevation change 700 feet; accumulated gain 1140 feet; RTD 131 miles. Guide Don Taylor. Email is donald\_r\_taylor@yahoo.com or 825 5303

**Monday, June 06, 2016 Humphrey's Peak. Rating: A. Pace: Moderate [226, 08:00 AM, \$41].** The hike involves climbing to the top of Arizona, the highest point in the state at 12633 feet with 360-degree awe-inspiring views. It is a very difficult hike through a beautiful area, much of which is in forest, and requires staying overnight in Flagstaff. The trailhead is at the Arizona Ski Bowl. Call to discuss specific arrangements with the hiking guide. Hike 10.2 miles; trailhead elevation 9200 feet; accumulated gain 3400 feet; RTD 580 miles. [Guide: Randy Park, 825-6819 by June 2nd.]

**Wednesday, June 08, 2016 Sunset / Marshall Gulch / Aspen Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [394, 7:00 AM, \$10].** The hike begins at Soldier Camp on the Sunset Trail, which starts on the Catalina Highway before reaching Summerhaven. It proceeds along the Marshall Gulch Trail to the Marshall Saddle, then down the Aspen Trail and Sunset Trail to the trailhead. There are great views of the Catalinas along the way, hiking mostly in forest shade. Hike 7.0 miles; trailhead elevation 7640 feet; net elevation change 736 feet; accumulated gain 1394 feet; RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Howie and Elaine Fagan, 818-9555, howieandelaine@q.com]

**Wednesday, June 08, 2016 Highline Trail. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [New, 08:00 AM, \$??].** This hike is on a portion of the Highline National Recreation Trail east of Payson AZ. The trail starts near Pine and finishes at AZ highway 260, 50 hiking miles east. The trail ranges in elevation from 5400 feet to 6900 feet, just below and to the south of the Mogollon Rim. In 1.5 to 2 days we will hike the last 18 to 20 miles all over 6000 feet. Call in advance to make arrangements with guide. RTD 366 miles. [Guide: Randy Park, 825-6829 by June 2nd.]

**Thursday, June 09, 2016 Highline Trail. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [New, 08:00 AM, \$??].** This hike is on a portion of the Highline National Recreation Trail east of Payson AZ. The trail starts near Pine and finishes at AZ highway 260, 50 hiking miles east. The trail ranges in elevation from 5400 feet to 6900 feet, just below and to the south of the Mogollon Rim. In 1.5 to 2 days we will hike the last 18 to 20 miles all over 6000 feet. Call in advance to make arrangements with guide. RTD 366 miles. [Guide: Randy Park, 825-6829 by June 2nd.]

**Monday, June 13, 2016 Wilderness of Rocks Loop # 4. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [488, 06:00 AM, \$10].** The hike begins at the Steward Observatory parking lot. Although the hike can be done in reverse, the most popular route would follow Mount Lemmon Trail # 5 to the Lookout Tower spur and down Lemmon Rock Lookout Trail to Wilderness of Rocks Trail where the group would turn SW (right). After 2.3 miles, this trail intersects the Mount Lemmon Trail, which is followed back up to the top. As an alternative, the Meadow Trail (#5A) could be followed for the last 0.8 miles to the trailhead. Hike 9.2 miles; trailhead 9100 feet; net elevation change 2131 feet; accumulated gain 2554 feet; 131 miles. Guide Don Taylor. Email donald\_r\_taylor@yahoo.com or 825 5303

**Tuesday, June 14, 2016 Palisade Trail / Mud Spring. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [313, 7:00 AM, \$9].** Starting at the Showers Point Campground behind the Palisade Ranger Station off Catalina Hwy, we will hike down the Palisade Trail through pine forest to Mud Spring and return. The spring is a grand lunch site with a panoramic view of the valley. Most of the climb is on the return. The trail is moderately shady. Hike 5.9 miles; trailhead elevation

7770 feet; net elevation change -1370 feet; accumulated gain 1373 feet; RTD 119 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, 825-0193.]

**Thursday, June 16, 2016 Josephine Saddle and Rogers Rock. Rating: B. Pace: SLOW [237, 7:00 AM, \$10].**

The hike starts in Madera Canyon (Santa Rita Mountains) and goes up Old Baldy Trail to Josephine Saddle. We then go down the Super Trail for about a mile and take a turnoff for Rogers Rock and travel about 0.25 miles to the rock. The top provides a wonderful view and is an excellent place to eat lunch. The return is down the Super Trail to the parking lot. The hike may be done in reverse. Hike, 6.7 miles; trailhead elevation 5450 feet; net elevation change 1630 feet; accumulated gain 1839 feet; RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Karen Gray, 818-0337]

**Friday, June 17, 2016 Wilderness of Rocks. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [484, 7:00 AM, \$10].** The hike begins at the Marshall Gulch picnic area at the top of Mt. Lemmon. We climb up to Marshall Saddle then down the Wilderness of Rocks Trail. Three fourths of a mile past the intersection with the Lemmon Rock Lookout Trail is the Lemmon Canyon area in the heart of the Wilderness of Rocks. There are beautiful rock formations with great views along the way. The return is via the same route, or optionally, by the Aspen Loop Trail. Hike 7.2 miles; trailhead elevation 7440 feet; net elevation change 1550 feet; accumulated gain 1538 feet; RTD 131 miles. [Guide: Howie and Elaine Fagan, 818-9555, howieandelaine@q.com.]

**Saturday, June 18, 2016 American Flag. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [8, 07:00 AM, \$3].** The hike begins at the American Flag Trailhead on the old Mt. Lemmon Road and covers a section of the Arizona Trail. Hikers take the American Flag/Cody Trail to its intersection with the Oracle Ridge Trail, where there are great views to the west of Biosphere II and the Tortolitas. On the return, we may swing by the grounds of La Casa del High Jinks, the site where Bill Cody staked his gold mine in 1912. Hike 6.7 miles; trailhead elevation 4400 feet; net elevation change 995 feet; accumulated gain 1325 feet; RTD 41 miles. Guide Don Taylor. Email is donald\_r\_taylor@yahoo.com or 825 5303.

**Tuesday, June 21, 2016 Wilderness of Rocks Loop # 4. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [488, 7:00 AM, \$10].** The hike begins at the Steward Observatory parking lot. Although the hike can be done in reverse, the most popular route would follow Mount Lemmon Trail # 5 to the Lookout Tower spur and down Lemmon Rock Lookout Trail to Wilderness of Rocks Trail where the group would turn SW (right). After 2.3 miles, this trail intersects the Mount Lemmon Trail, which is followed back up to the top. As an alternative, the Meadow Trail (#5A) could be followed for the last 0.8 miles to the trailhead. Hike 9.2 miles; trailhead 9100 feet; net elevation change 2131 feet; accumulated gain 2554 feet; RTD 131 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, 825-0193, tucsontimmer@gmail.com]

**Thursday, June 23, 2016 Josephine Saddle. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [234, 06:30 AM, \$10].** The hike starts in Madera Canyon (Santa Rita Mountains) and goes up the Old Baldy Trail to Josephine Saddle. Hikers will rest at the Saddle and return via the Super Trail. This hike can be done in reverse, going up the Super Trail and returning on the Old Baldy Trail. Hike 6.2 miles; trailhead elevation 5450 feet; net elevation change 1630 feet; accumulated gain 1725 feet; RTD 130 miles. Guide Don Taylor. Email is donald\_r\_taylor@yahoo.com or 825 5303

**Thursday, June 30, 2016 Josephine Saddle / McBeth Spring. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [493, 7:30 AM, \$10].**

Starting in Madera Canyon (Santa Rita Mountains), the hike proceeds up the Super Trail to the Josephine Saddle, with a side jaunt to McBeth Springs. The return is via the Super Trail or Old Baldy Trail. Hike 9 miles; trailhead elevation 5450 feet; net elevation change 1630 feet; accumulated gain \_\_ feet; RTD 130 miles. [Rob Simms Spartan7375@gmail.com 517-410-9031 ]