



# SADDLEBROOKE

## HIKING CLUB NEWSLETTER

<http://saddlebrookehikingclub.com>

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### LITCH

By Randy Park



His name was Warner Litchfield, but everyone knew him as Litch. Our dear friend suddenly passed away from a pulmonary embolism while on vacation at Glacier National Park in early July. Litch and Bertie, his wife of 47 years, chose to spend their winters in SaddleBrooke and the summers on the Olympic Peninsula in Washington. Since they arrived in SaddleBrooke 10 years ago, after 2 years at Sun Lakes, Litch was a regular on our local hiking trails. In recent years he stepped up to become a hiking guide for our club.

Being a diligent hike leader, Litch would frequently hike the route a few days prior to guiding the hike to clear away brush and overgrowth. If you have hiked to Dripping Springs or Big Rock Dome in the past couple years, there is a good chance your hike was led by Litch. If there was a new trail that he was unfamiliar with, Litch would be using Google Earth

checking out the trail and looking for spots of significant exposure and drop offs. And if another hiker leader needed a “sweep” Litch was usually the first to volunteer.

With his background as an electrical engineer, Litch loved to tinker with things and had a passion for restoring and rebuilding old cars. Besides the bright navy blue 1930’s Buick Marquette coupe frequently seen on the streets of SaddleBrooke, Litch restored a 1930 Hudson Essex sedan and a 1960’s MGB sports car which were kept in Washington.

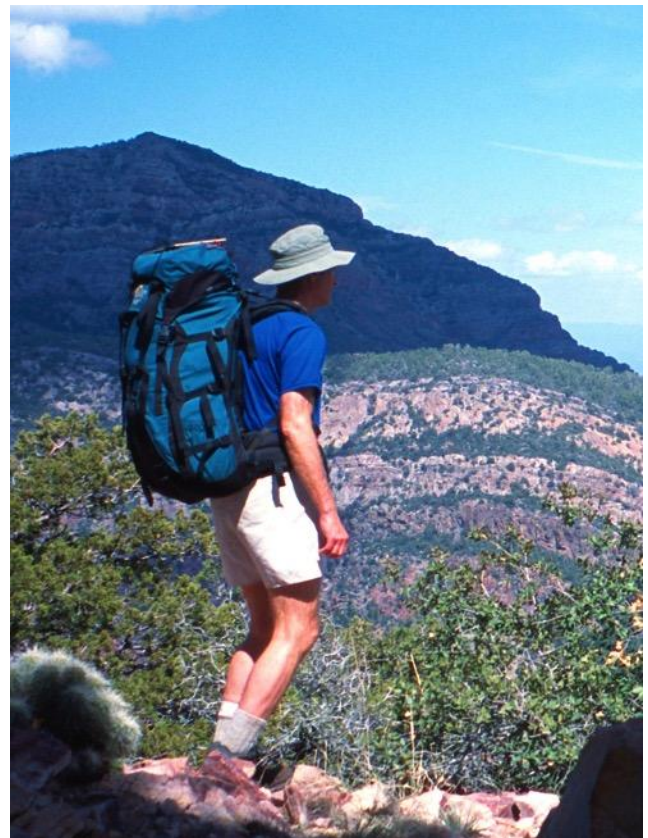
We already miss you, good friend.

### HIKING BOOK AUTHOR

**BRUCE GRUBBS**

**Wednesday, October 19**

Submitted By Dale Leman



We are pleased to have hiking book author, Bruce Grubbs, speak at the upcoming October 19, 2016, SaddleBrooke Hiking Club meeting. The meeting will start at 4 p.m. (*note the new start time*) in the HOA 1 Activity Center and is open to all SaddleBrooke and SaddleBrooke Ranch residents.

To date Mr. Grubbs has written over 30 hiking guides covering essentially all of Arizona and parts of California, Oregon, and Nevada. When writing a recent book, “The Creaky Knees Guide Arizona,” he must have been thinking of us SaddleBrooke hikers. He states, “It is filled with 80 kinder, gentler trails for anyone who—regardless of age—can’t or doesn’t want to hike great distances over rough terrain to gain beautiful vistas and enjoy the wilderness.” Bruce will describe what goes into creating his guides including how he determines which trails to include and exclude.

In addition to writing books, Bruce has been a wild land firefighter, run a mountain shop, and flown airplanes. He is a backcountry skier, a photographer, climber, figure skater, mountain biker, amateur radio operator, river runner, and sea kayaker—but the thing that really floats his boat is hiking and backpacking. No matter what he tries, he always comes back to hiking, especially long, rough, cross-country trips in places such as the Grand Canyon.

Come join fellow SaddleBrooke residents at 4 p.m. on October 19 to learn how and why hiking guidebooks are created. Following the meeting everyone is encouraged to come to the Agave Lounge in the SaddleBrooke Clubhouse for a drink. For more information about the program and the hiking club, contact Dale Leman 520-343-9103 or [dale.leman@gmail.com](mailto:dale.leman@gmail.com),

**ATTENTION -- PLEASE NOTICE**

**ALL SADDLEBROOKE HIKING CLUB MEETINGS**

**WILL BE AT 4 P.M.**

**HIKING CLUB FALL PICNIC  
OCTOBER 14  
RSVP TODAY**

It is time to sign up for SaddleBrooke Hiking Club’s Annual Fall Picnic. It is set for Friday, October 14, at Catalina State Park at the Gila Monster group site.

Formal events begin with a members’ meeting at 11:30 a.m. A buffet lunch will be served at noon.

Morning hikes around Catalina State Park are also being organized by our awesome hiking guides. Stay tuned for details and sign-up information in a future SBHC bulletin.

Fried chicken returns as the featured main dish—courtesy of your Hiking Club dues. Member-provided side dishes and desserts to share round out the menu. The club also provides plates, napkins, and eating utensils. Please also bring your own drinks.

The picnic is free to all club members, but reservations are needed, so we know how much food to order. Reserve your spot by October 7 with Martha Hackworth at [marthahackworth@gmail.com](mailto:marthahackworth@gmail.com). Please bring side dishes or desserts to share according to the first letter of your last name:

- A to J— Fruit, green or other salad
- K to T— Pasta, potato or other hearty side dish
- U to Z— Yummy desserts

Please label your dish and serving utensils. Do not forget to wear a nametag as well. Entrance to Catalina State Park is \$7 per car (without a state parks pass). Carpooling is encouraged. You can also check your membership status on the SBHC website.

For more information about the picnic, call Mary Jo Bellner Swartzberg at 825-0463, or LaVerne Kyriss at 333-2689.

**SAVE THE DATES  
SBHC SPRING HIKING TRIP  
APRIL 18, 19, & 20, 2017**

Please join us this coming spring, for 3 days of awe inspiring hiking in one of the Southwest’s most iconic areas around Page, Arizona, and Kanab, Utah. Mark your calendars for April 18, 19, & 20, 2017. (This is the week after Easter.)

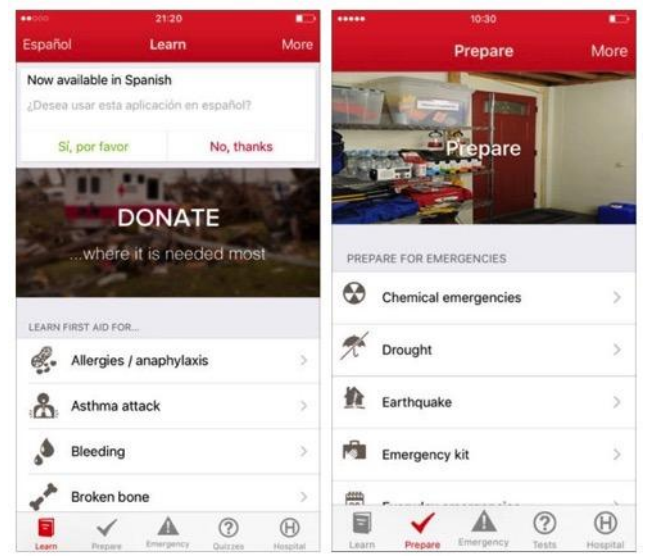
The club will be offering opportunities to hike destinations such as: Snake Gulch Petroglyphs, Antelope Canyon, Buckskin Gulch, Cobra Arch, The Toadstools, and Rainbow Bridge National Monument, to name just a few. We will also help members coordinate permit applications to hike “The Wave” and Coyote Buttes South. Additional excursions are being planned on or around Lake Powell, including the Best Friends Animal Sanctuary.

The Trip Committee is finalizing the list of hikes and other activities. Additional information on the hikes and excursions will be sent out soon. Be sure to set aside the dates for this amazing 2017 adventure.

Thank you, Dave Corrigan, Randy Park, Rob Simms, & Tim Butler

**SMART PHONE “FIRST AID APP”**  
Submitted by Rob Simms

**SMART PHONE “FIRST AID APP”** First aid advice at home or on the trail! The American Red Cross has a very nice “First Aid App” for smart phone users. Best of all it is free and available for iPhone & Android users through their respective app stores. It provides basic emergency information at your fingertips, even in areas with no cell service. The emergency section outlines recommendations for a number of emergency health issues. Built in features allow you to call 911 directly through the app should it be necessary. You might consider adding it to your phone. I have it on mine. ... Rob Simms



**ARIZONA TRAIL ASSOCIATION  
RECOGNIZES  
SADDLEBROOKE HIKING CLUB**

The Arizona Trail Association recognized the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club and Trail Stewards, Elisabeth Wheeler and Mary Croft, at the Annual

Meeting of the Arizona Trail Association. Exciting things are happening on the Arizona National Scenic Trail, and the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club is an important partner through our business membership and volunteer work events.



As one of only 11 national scenic Trails in the United States, the Arizona Trail Association is developing a comprehensive management plan to highlight and protect significant scenic, historical, natural and cultural areas through which the trail passes. The Arizona Trail Association is partnering with [NaturalRestorations.org](http://NaturalRestorations.org) to clean up illegal dumps and the Four Forest Restoration Initiative to protect vital watersheds along the trail. Last year volunteers worked over 18,000 hours to increase safety and improve the trail experience for all users of the Arizona National Scenic Trail.

Young people are being introduced to environmentally based education through the Seeds of Stewardship Program. Two part-time coordinators are taking elementary and high school students on experiential learning trips on sections of the Arizona National Scenic Trail, conducting citizen science and doing volunteer environmental projects.

Warrior Hikes on the Arizona National Scenic Trail are being sponsored by a nonprofit organization that helps veterans “Walk off the War.” Grant money is enabling the Arizona Conservation Corps to hire and train young adults to work on very challenging and remote sections of the Arizona National Scenic Trail.

Gateway Communities along the Arizona National Scenic Trail are establishing connector trails for thru-hikers to rest, re-supply and enjoy more of Arizona. The economic benefit to communities like Patagonia, Oracle, Kearny, and Superior is being established.

The Oracle Passage of the Arizona National Scenic Trail is receiving grant money to re-route the trail off of an arduous, adverse 1.1 miles of old road. Our SaddleBrooke Hiking Club will have a well-planned and scenic re-route to maintain in the fall of 2016.

**You are invited to join SaddleBrooke hikers on our October 26 Work Session on the Arizona Trail, leaving SaddleBrooke at 7:30 a.m. for 3 hours of satisfying work. We'll be trimming back the summer overgrowth and clearing water diversion bars. For more info and/or to sign-up call Elisabeth Wheeler 520-818-1547 or Mary Croft 651-270-1660.**

## HIKING IN THE COLORADO WEMINUCHE WILDERNESS

By Dave Corrigan

The Colorado, Weminuche Wilderness is over a half a million areas of pristine wilderness. Located in The San Juan Mountains of Southern Colorado, it is the largest wilderness area in Colorado. Ray Peale and I had hiked here in 2015, and could not wait to return again in 2016. Our trip would last for 6 days and cover 20-25 miles of high-altitude hiking.



The Weminuche trailhead starts near the Rio Grande reservoir at 9,300 feet and goes up from there. Carrying 30+ lb. packs, we hiked in 6 miles the first day to an elevation of 10,200, caught some nice trout for dinner, and called it a day. The next day was an easy day, with a short 1-hour downhill hike to where the Oso valley drainage joins the Los Pinos river valley at 10,000 feet. We rested and fished most of the day, landing over 30 cutthroat trout, including one that was about 20 inches--my largest cutthroat ever.



The next day we started to climb and made camp in a beautiful plateau at 11,000 feet, with excellent trout fishing. The hike up took about 3 hours, and it rained on us most of the hike. After making camp, we fished much of the afternoon in the pouring rain. The fishing was again excellent, so we did not mind the pouring rain.



The next day we continued to climb higher, and the rain continued. We had planned to camp right at the top of the tree line and hike over the top of the continental divide the next morning. But because it was raining, we felt confident that there would be no lightning storms as we hiked above the treeless ridges. It is too high to fish at this point, so we made a decision to keep hiking. By 3:00 PM in the afternoon we stood on top of the continental divide at 12,500 feet. We hiked through a snowfield as we started our descent. We decided to try and make it all the way down to Los Pinos river valley and camp where we had camped the first night. We continued hiking until 6:30 PM, and finally made camp about 20 minutes from the valley floor. We had hiked about 8-1/2 hours that day; and needless to say, we were wet and tired.



The next morning the sun came out, and we lingered an extra hour to let the warm sun dry out some of our gear. We had originally planned to camp at the same camp as the first night. However, because we were still over 6 miles from the trailhead, we decided to hike out about 3 miles and try some fishing closer to the trailhead. We had just about completed the

hiking when a small hailstorm hit us. It did not last long, and we did not bother to get our rain gear on. We made camp that afternoon on a nice bluff overlooking the valley and went fishing. The fishing was not as good here, but I was lucky enough to catch 3 fat brook trout for dinner. The sun shined most of the day, and we were finally able to get our boots somewhat dried out.



The next morning the sun was out, but the overnight temperatures had dropped to about 35 degrees. After some hot coffee, we packed up the camp and headed down the mountain. We reached the trailhead about 10:00 AM and changed into a tee shirt, shorts, and sandals. These were six days of hiking in one of the most beautiful places on earth.

Over the course of the trip, we landed more than 80 trout. We had trout for dinner on 4 of the 5 nights. The majority of the trout we caught we released back into the river, including the big ones. The Weminuche Wilderness is a fisherman's paradise. The magnificent wilderness scenery makes the hiking outstanding.

**HUACHUCA MOUNTAIN OUTING  
THURSDAY/FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20-21**

Submitted By Aaron Schoenberg

Two special hikes in the Huachuca Mountains, which are over a two-hour car trip away, are scheduled for October 20-21. Due to the distance, most participants that would be interested would want to stay overnight in Sierra Vista. This can be arranged, but those that still want to come for one of the two as day hikes are welcome to do so. The hikes are strenuous in nature and will include some bushwhacking (class B+), but the scenery that will be viewed is quite spectacular. So save the dates, and contact Aaron 825-2060 [askus3@centurylink.net](mailto:askus3@centurylink.net) for

full details of this amazing outing. **Note the deadline of October 9.**

**CHIRICAHUA MOUNTAIN OUTING**  
**MONDAY/TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14-15**  
 Submitted By Aaron Schoenberg

On the following schedule, Dave Sorenson & I have hooked up to offer both strenuous (B+) and easier (class C) hikes each day in the Chiricahua's. On this outing everyone will get to tour the Heart of Rocks Loop, which includes some of the most amazing geologic rock sculptures in the region. All will also get to go on National Park guided tours of the historic Faraway Ranch and a guided hike of the historic sites that made Fort Bowie so strategic in the white man's need to achieve their goal of Manifest Destiny in developing the west. Just like the Huachuca outing in October, the two hikes in the Chiricahua Mountains are over a two-hour car trip away. Due to the distance, most participants that would be interested would want to stay overnight in Willcox. This can be arranged, but those that still want to

come for one of the two as day hikes are welcome to do so. So save the dates, and contact Aaron 825-2060 [askus3@centurylink.net](mailto:askus3@centurylink.net) or Dave 777-1994 [iowaboy1950@yahoo.com](mailto:iowaboy1950@yahoo.com) for full details of this amazing outing. **Note that there is a deadline of October 30.** Save the dates!

<b>News You Can Use</b>		
<b>SBHC Board Meeting Coyote Room North</b>	<b>10/5 Wed.</b>	<b>2:30 – 4:00 P.M.</b>
<b>SBHC Guide Meeting Coyote Room North</b>	<b>10/5 Wed.</b>	<b>4:00 – 5:00 P.M.</b>
<b>Fall Picnic at Catalina State Park</b>	<b>10/14 Friday</b>	<b>11:30 A.M.</b>
<b>Hiking Book Author Bruce Grubbs</b>	<b>10/19 Wed.</b>	<b>4:00 P.M.</b>
<b>SBHC Social Hour Agave Lounge HOA #1</b>	<b>10/19 Wed.</b>	<b>5:00 P.M.</b>
<b>AZ Trail Work Session</b>	<b>10/26 Wed.</b>	<b>7:30 A.M.</b>

# Club Calendar

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
	B Josephine Saddle		C-Aspen		D-Cyn Loop/Birding	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
			C-Box Camp to			C Mount Lemmon
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		Supal Training	C-Palisade Tr. to			Malden Pools
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	C-Dripping Spr.		C-Sunset/Marsh. Supal Training	C-Canyon		
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
	Supal Training		B-Wild.Rocks#4			

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
	Supal Training		B-Wild.Rocks#4			
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		C - Box Camp Trail Supal Training Box	2:30pm SBHC BOD 4:00pm SBHC	B - Pima Canyon to C Aspen	C-Sutherland Tr.	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		CI-Romero Pools Supal Training		D-Alamo Canyon	C-Dripping Springs D Canyon Loop with SBHC Fall Picnic	Esperero Trail
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	C Arch Trail Organ C Estes Loop Organ	Supal Training Am	SBHC Program @4:	B+ Pat Scott Peak	A Huachuca Peak	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		Supal Training	C Arizona Trail Work C-Sutherland Tr.	D Tucson Botanical		Finger Rock Trail to
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	D-Halloween Fun					

## Hikes Offered

**9/2/2016 Friday, September 02, 2016 Canyon Loop and Birding Trail. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [135, 7:00 AM, \$2 + \$2].** From the main trailhead in Catalina State Park, hikers will start up the Romero Trail in Catalina State Park; follow the Canyon Loop Trail, and then come back on the Sutherland Trail. This area is a great example of the Sonoran Desert and its riparian areas. Following this portion of the hike, we will hike the Birding Trail. Depending upon the season, some water crossings are possible. Hike 3.4 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change \_\_\_ feet; accumulated gain 270 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, 825-0193, [tucsontimmer@gmail.com](mailto:tucsontimmer@gmail.com)]

**9/7/2016 Wednesday, September 07, 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 proceeds 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](mailto:tucsontimmer@gmail.com)]

**9/10/2016 Saturday, September 10, 2016 "Mt. Lemmon Ski Lift Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [274, 07:00AM, \$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 825-5303 , [donald\\_r\\_taylor@yahoo.com](mailto:donald_r_taylor@yahoo.com)]

**9/13/2016 Tuesday, September 13, 2016 Supai Training Hike. Sign-up preference given to SBHC Supai Trip participants.** Alamo Canyon. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [6, 6:30 AM, \$2 + \$2]. The hike begins at the Romero Ruins Trailhead in Catalina State Park. Other than one short area by the wash, the elevation change is gradual. This is a lovely hike up to Alamo Canyon Falls and return. Water may be present in the canyon after rainy periods, but there are no water crossings. Hikers will stop by the Romero Ruins and take the informative loop trail from there. Hike 3.3 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 360 feet; accumulated gain 435 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, 825-0193, [tucsontimmer@gmail.com](mailto:tucsontimmer@gmail.com)]

**9/14/2016 Wednesday, September 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, [tucsontimmer@gmail.com](mailto:tucsontimmer@gmail.com)]

**9/17/2016 Saturday, September 17, 2016 "Maiden Pools. Rating: C!. Pace: Moderate [254, 07:00AM, \$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 825-5303; [donald\\_r\\_taylor@yahoo.com](mailto:donald_r_taylor@yahoo.com) ]

**9/19/2016 Monday, September 19, 2016 Dripping Springs from the Sutherland Trail. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [172, 8:00 AM, \$2 + \$2].** From the main trailhead at the east end of Catalina State Park, the hike follows the Sutherland Trail past the wilderness sign, and then turns toward Dripping Springs at a Sutherland Trail sign. There are large rocks placed in a row on the right (east) side of the Sutherland Trail. Much of the trail is sandy and there may be several water crossings. After entering the wilderness area, the trail is somewhat rocky. An old abandoned mine is visible to the left of the canyon. Keep to the left at a trail junction for lower Romero Canyon,



which can be visited later. Hike 4.8 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change \_\_ feet; accumulated gain 460 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, 825-0193, [tucsontimmer@gmail.com](mailto:tucsontimmer@gmail.com)]

**9/21/2016 Wednesday, September 21, 2016 Supai Training Hike. Sign-up preference given to SBHC Supai Trip participants.** 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: Rob Simms Spartan7375@gmail.com or 517-410-9031]

**9/21/2016 Wednesday, September 21, 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: Tim Butler, 825-0193, [tucsontimmer@gmail.com](mailto:tucsontimmer@gmail.com)]

**9/22/2016 Thursday, September 22, 2016 Canyon Loop, Birding, and Nature Trails. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [136, 8:00 AM, \$2 + \$2].** Starting at the main trailhead in Catalina State Park, this hike traverses an area that is a great example of the Sonoran Desert and its riparian areas. We first hike the Nature Trail which has panoramic views, and then continue onto the Canyon Loop Trail. We will fork onto the Birding Loop Trail prior to returning. If the group is really ambitious, we will swing through the Canyon Loop Trail the opposite way we came for a total of 6.7 miles. Depending upon the season, some water crossings are possible. Hike 4.6 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change \_\_ feet; accumulated gain 370 feet; RTD 24 miles. Marv Rossof; 877-9262.

**9/26/2016 Monday, September 26, 2016 Supai Training Hike. Sign-up preference given to SBHC Supai Trip participants.** Palisade Trail / Mud Spring. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [313, 7:30 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, [tucsontimmer@gmail.com](mailto:tucsontimmer@gmail.com)].

**9/28/2016 Wednesday, September 28, 2016 Wilderness of Rocks Loop # 4. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [488, 7:30 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](mailto:tucsontimmer@gmail.com)]

**10/4/2016 Tuesday, October 04, 2016 Supai Training Hike. Sign-up preference given to SBHC Supai Trip participants.** 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 proceeds 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](mailto:tucsontimmer@gmail.com)].

**10/4/2016 Tuesday, October 04, 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 proceeds 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: Randy Park, 825-6819.]

**10/5/2016 Wednesday, October 05, 2016 Oct 5: Board Meeting @ 2:30, Hike Guide Meeting @ 4:00**

**10/6/2016 Thursday, October 06, 2016 "C- 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, [kgrayinaz@yahoo.com](mailto:kgrayinaz@yahoo.com)].

**10/6/2016 Thursday, October 06, 2016 Pima Canyon to 3rd Dam. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [337, 7 AM, \$3].** The Pima Canyon Trailhead is at the east end of Magee Road. The first mile or so of trail is across open desert along the south side of Pusch Peak. We pass the small first dam as we enter the beautiful rugged canyon. The rocky trail passes through a grove of large trees providing welcome shade before emerging again into the open. We will hike past a rocky open area in the canyon beyond the second dam near Indian grinding holes and continue on to the third dam, the largest of the three. The return is via the same route. Hike 8.5 miles; trailhead elevation 2960 feet; net elevation change 1870 feet; accumulated gain 2210 feet; RTD 42 miles. Elisabeth Wheeler 818-1547.

**10/7/2016 Friday, October 07, 2016 Sutherland Trail. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [428, 8:00 AM, \$2 + \$2].** The Sutherland is a great trail for viewing wildflowers after adequate winter rains. Along the way, there are several beautiful saguaro cacti and great rock formations. There are numerous photo opportunities. We will also pass the cutoff to Dripping Springs which makes a nice short side trip if the waterfalls are flowing. The hike begins in Catalina State Park and ends at a very scenic, flat, rocky area. The return is via same route. Hike 5.4 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 657 feet; accumulated gain 818 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, 825-0193, [tucsontimmer@gmail.com](mailto:tucsontimmer@gmail.com)].

**10/11/2016 Tuesday, October 11, 2016 Supai Training Hike. Sign-up preference given to SBHC Supai Trip participants.** Romero Pools. Romero Pools. Rating: C!. Pace: Moderate [370, 8:00 AM, \$2 + \$2]. The hike begins in Catalina State Park at the easternmost trailhead and follows Romero Canyon Trail into the foothills. The trail crosses open desert then climbs steeply until it reaches a saddle and then down into the canyon area where several pools are located. There are excellent views of Romero and Montrose Canyons along the way. The well-maintained trail is rocky and rough in places, but is not overly difficult for most hikers. An option is a 0.75 miles round-trip, relatively level hike to the upper pools. We will have lunch at the lower or upper pools. The return is via the same route. Hike 5.6 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 980 feet; accumulated gain 1400 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Randy Park 825-6819].

**10/11/2016 Tuesday, October 11, 2016 Romero Pools. Rating: C!. Pace: Moderate [370, 8:00 AM, \$2 + \$2].** The hike begins in Catalina State Park at the easternmost trailhead and follows Romero Canyon Trail into the foothills. The trail crosses open desert then climbs steeply until it reaches a saddle and then down into the canyon

area where several pools are located. There are excellent views of Romero and Montrose Canyons along the way. The well-maintained trail is rocky and rough in places, but is not overly difficult for most hikers. An option is a 0.75 miles round-trip, relatively level hike to the upper pools. We will have lunch at the lower or upper pools. The return is via the same route. Hike 5.6 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 980 feet; accumulated gain 1400 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, 825-0193, [tucsontimmer@gmail.com](mailto:tucsontimmer@gmail.com)]

**10/13/2016 Thursday, October 13, 2016 Alamo Canyon. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate 6, 8:00 A.M, \$2 + \$2].** The hike begins at the Romero Ruins Trailhead in Catalina State Park. Other than one short area by the wash, the elevation change is gradual. This is a lovely hike up to Alamo Canyon Falls and return. Water may be present in the canyon after rainy periods, but there are no water crossings. Hikers will stop by the Romero Ruins and take the informative loop trail from there. Hike 3.3 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 360 feet; accumulated gain 435 feet; RTD 24 miles. Marv Rossof; 877-9262.

**10/14/2016 Friday, October 14, 2016 "Geology walk plus Canyon Loop. Rating: D ☺. Pace: SLOW FOR GEOLOGY moderate for rest of hike. [134, 8:00 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. [Guide:Karen Gray, 818-0337]

**10/14/2016 Friday, October 14, 2016: SBHC Fall Picnic – Catalina St. Park.**

**10/14/2016 Friday, October 14, 2016 Dripping Springs from the Sutherland Trail. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [172, HH:MM AM, \$2 + \$2].** From the main trailhead at the east end of Catalina State Park, the hike follows the Sutherland Trail past the wilderness sign, and then turns toward Dripping Springs at a Sutherland Trail sign. There are large rocks placed in a row on the right (east) side of the Sutherland Trail. Much of the trail is sandy and there may be several water crossings. After entering the wilderness area, the trail is somewhat rocky. An old abandoned mine is visible to the left of the canyon. Keep to the left at a trail junction for lower Romero Canyon, which can be visited later. Hike 4.8 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change \_\_ feet; accumulated gain 460 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, 825-0193, [tucsontimmer@gmail.com](mailto:tucsontimmer@gmail.com)]

**10/15/2016 Saturday, October 15, 2016 "Esperero Trail. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [178, 07:00AM, \$4].** The hike reaches a saddle known locally as Cardiac Gap, which overlooks Esperero Canyon. We'll warm up by hiking from the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center parking lot, through the Cactus Picnic Area and over a few small foothills to ""the Gulch"". The hiking is initially steep.... then it gets much steeper. We'll have lunch at the saddle (el. 4400 feet) while viewing the falls below, and return to the Visitor Center. Depending on season, there may be water in the falls. Extra drinking water is recommended. Hike 7.7 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 1700 feet; accumulated gain 1968 feet; RTD 56 miles. [Guide: Don Taylor 825-5303; [donald\\_r\\_taylor@yahoo.com](mailto:donald_r_taylor@yahoo.com)]

**10/17/2016 Monday, October 17, 2016 Estes Loop Rating C, Pace : Moderate. [New, 01:00 PM, \$25]** The 3.5 mile loop to Estes Canyon and Bull Pasture (an elevated plateau) is probably the most interesting of the small number of maintained paths in Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument - the route climbs high into the Ajo Mountains, passing numerous species of cacti and other desert plants, and a variety of landscapes. Views from the end point extend for over 20 miles across the flat Sonoyta Valley into Mexico, and for a similar distance west to the Puerto Blanco Mountains. With an elevation gain of 1,050 feet, the path is somewhat strenuous. Elevation roughly 1700 feet above sea level at trailhead. RTD 360 miles. [Guide: Dave Sorenson, 777-1994]

**10/17/2016 Monday, October 17, 2016 Arch Trail Rating C Pace : Moderate [New, 09:00 AM, \$25]**

The views are spectacular, across the vast plains of the Valley of the Ajo, and the irregular peaks and cliffs of the Ajo mountains. The round trip to the viewpoint is only 2.6 miles but takes at least two hours because of the steep and rough terrain. Besides the views and the rock formations, one other feature of the hike is the variation in vegetation, from large cacti (saguaro and organ pipes) on the valley floor to bushes and grass on the saddle, accompanied by a good number of wildflower species. 900 foot of gain. Elevation at trailhead 1700 feet. RTD 360 miles We will stay in motels in Ajo the night before. [Guide: Dave Sorenson, 777-1994]

**10/18/2016 Tuesday, October 18, 2016 Supai Training Hike. Sign-up preference given to SBHC Supai**

**Trip participants. American Flag to the Saddle. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [9, HH:MM 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. [Guide: Don Taylor 825-5303; [donald\\_r\\_taylor@yahoo.com](mailto:donald_r_taylor@yahoo.com).]

**10/19/2016 Wednesday, October 19, 2016: SBHC Program @4:00PM: "Writing Hiking Books" by Bruce Grubbs. Planned by Dale Leman.**

**10/20/2016 Thursday, October 20, 2016 Pat Scott Peak. Rating: B+. Pace: Strenuous. [New, 6 AM,**

**\$15].** This is the first day of a two day outing in the Huachuca Mountains. We will traverse a circular route steeped in copper mining history that will take us to the summit of Pat Scott Peak which offers a phenomenal view of Ramsey Canyon and views south into Mexico. Our ascent will be via the Sunnyside Canyon Trail (AZ Trail is followed here for 5.1 miles) and then a bushwack to the summit of Pat Scott Peak and our way back will start retracing the bushwack and then will follow a variation of the route we used for ascent, utilizing the Eureka Canyon Trail. Deadline to sign up for this trip is Sunday, October 9. Contact Aaron about lodging in Sierra Vista or the possibility of just joining us for this first day. Hike 11.0 miles; trailhead elevation 5975 feet; net elevation change 2800 feet; accumulated gain 3000 feet; RTD 214 miles. [Guide: Aaron Schoenberg - Cell: (845) 987-4893 or e-mail: [askus3@centurylink.net](mailto:askus3@centurylink.net)]

**10/21/2016 Friday, October 21, 2016 Huachuca Peak. Rating: A. Pace: Strenuous. [New, 7:30 AM,**

**\$15].** This second day of my Huachuca outing (staying overnight in Sierra Vista) involves quite a steep, brushy climb but the view from the top is tremendous. Huachuca Peak is among several ridges, with deep canyons on two sides and a view of the other major peaks in the Huachuca Range. This loop will also include optional bushwhacks to two other Huachuca summits, Lyle & Peterson. Red tape: The trailhead is inside Ft. Huachuca army reservation (bring photo ID). Must be US citizen. Time will be consumed due to security check. Expect a return to Saddlebrooke around 9 PM including a dinner stop out. Deadline to sign up for this trip is Sunday, October 9. Those wishing to join just for this day hike contact Aaron for info about that possibility. Hike 11.4 miles; trailhead elevation 5700 feet; net elevation change 2720 feet; accumulated gain 3600 feet; RTD 211 miles. [Guide: Aaron Schoenberg - Cell: (845) 987-4893 or e-mail: [askus3@centurylink.net](mailto:askus3@centurylink.net)]

**10/25/2016 Tuesday, October 25, 2016 Supai Training Hike. Sign-up preference given to SBHC Supai**

**Trip participants. Phone Line Trail - Round Trip. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [323, 7:00 AM, \$4].** The hike begins in the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center parking lot. After crossing Sabino Creek there is a moderate climb to the Phone Line Trail, which is above and generally parallels the tram road. The trail offers outstanding views of the canyon. There are three options for the return: the tram road, the same trail, or back part way on the same to trail to

a connecting trail that takes us down to the creek and dam and back to the parking lot. There are extended stretches of exposed trail. Hike 10.2 miles; trailhead elevation 2720 feet; net elevation change 964 feet; accumulated gain 1425 feet; RTD 56 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, 825-0193, [tucsontimmer@gmail.com](mailto:tucsontimmer@gmail.com)]

**10/26/2016 Wednesday, October 26, 2016 Sutherland Trail. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [428, 8:00 AM, \$2 + \$2].** The Sutherland is a great trail for viewing wildflowers after adequate winter rains. Along the way, there are several beautiful saguaro cacti and great rock formations. There are numerous photo opportunities. We will also pass the cutoff to Dripping Springs which makes a nice short side trip if the waterfalls are flowing. The hike begins in Catalina State Park and ends at a very scenic, flat, rocky area. The return is via same route. Hike 5.4 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 657 feet; accumulated gain 818 feet; RTD 24 miles. Marv Rossof; 877-9262.

**10/26/2016 Wednesday, October 26, 2016 Arizona Trail: Work Session. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [87, 7:30 AM, \$3 Paid by club].** Come and join the fun — it's nice to work side by side with other hiking club members, as we help maintain the "Oracle Passage" section of the Arizona National Scenic Trail. This 6.5 mile section starts at the American Flag TH, ambles through washes and across low ridges speckled with high desert plants just east of Oracle State Park north to Highway 77. Generally, the work is light, and involves clipping, brushing, raking, pruning, building cairns and developing/clearing erosion control devices. Bring along gloves, hat, water, and pruners. Other tools, if needed, will be provided. The work session usually lasts about 2-4 hours. Hike 3-4 miles. RTD 41 miles. The club will pay the \$3 driver donation. Elisabeth Wheeler 818-1547 [elisarick@wbhsi.com](mailto:elisarick@wbhsi.com). and Mary Croft (651) 270-1660.

**10/27/2016 Thursday, October 27, 2016 Tucson Botanical Gardens. Rating: D☺. Pace: Moderate [474, 09:00 AM, \$5 + \$12].** Day of the Dead art work will be displayed on Halloween. Hikers may wander secluded pathways through a rich variety of plants from herbs to cacti to huge grapefruit trees grown from seeds. You may visit a butterfly garden; browse the nursery and gift shop. Entry fee required. Hike 1.5 mile; elevation change is minimal; RTD 58 miles. Dave Sorenson 777 -1994.

**10/29/2016 Saturday, October 29, 2016 Finger Rock Trail to Linda Vista Saddle. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate[192, 07:00AM, \$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 825-5303; [donald\\_r\\_taylor@yahoo.com](mailto:donald_r_taylor@yahoo.com)]

**10/31/2016 Monday, October 31, 2016 SBHC Halloween Hike. Come enjoy a fun afternoon Halloween hike on the Nature Loop in Catalina State Park. Rating D, Pace: slow. [3:30 pm, \$2 + \$2].** Wear a silly hat or other "Halloween Garb" and join the fun. After the hike we will have a BBQ supper in one of the picnic areas in the Park. [Guide: Barbara Wilder, 216-1366, [barbarawilder03@gmail.com](mailto:barbarawilder03@gmail.com)].