

# SADDLEBROOKE

## HIKING CLUB NEWSLETTER

<http://saddlebrookehikingclub.com>

MAY/JUNE

### HIKING IN THE SAN JUAN MOUNTAINS

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Submitted by Michael Caryl



The May program is titled **Hiking in the San Juan Mountains** will be presented by Randy Park and Susan Hollis. The San Juan Mountains are a collection of mountain ranges in Southwest Colorado - a one-day drive from SaddleBrooke.

This presentation will be a narrated slide show that will show the wondrous beauty and diversity of the San Juan mountains and provide a preview of the September hiking club trip to Durango, Colorado. We will feature not only trails, but mountains, valleys, rivers, towns, and wildflowers. If you are thinking about going on the club's Fall trip this year, this will be a program you will want to attend.

### TIM BUTLER AWARDED HIKING CLUB 2019 "TRAILBLAZER" AWARD

Submitted by Norm Rechkemmer

Annually at the spring picnic, a club member is recognized for outstanding contributions to the club over an extended period of time. This year's recipient, Tim Butler, has served in several capacities.

He has served as the Chief Hiking guide, Board Secretary for two years, and is one of our most active and popular hiking guides. He is a person who never says no when asked to serve the club. He has volunteered to help at many activity fairs and new hiker orientation programs.



He recently was a speaker at our monthly club programs, giving us all an introduction to the wildflowers we see on our hiking trails. He is very active in trail maintenance throughout the Golder Ranch area. He is often referred to as "everyone's favorite guide."

### BIRTH OF THE SADDLEBROOKE HIKING CLUB

Submitted by Bill Leightenheimer - March 28, 2016

With the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Hiking Club, it seemed appropriate to run this article that Bill Leightenheimer submitted in 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.

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 McIhiney, Arnold and Judi Coopersmith, George Avuso, 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 Avuso, 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

## SB HIKERS CELEBRATE 20 YEARS

By LaVerne Kyriss



SaddleBrooke's Hiking Club hosts a spring and fall picnic each year at a nearby state park as a way to gather members and conduct club business. Generally, the Club provides an entrée—fried chicken is a favorite—and participants fill out the menu with salads, side dishes, and desserts. For this special milestone, SBHC's Board agreed instead to host a fully catered picnic, similar to the event held to celebrate the Club's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The Picnic Committee proposed holding the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party at Oracle State Park, the location of the 10-year celebration; and the board agreed. Plans were confirmed, and the date was finalized months in advance. Money was budgeted, the event was advertised, and reservations taken. Special guests were invited and a program designed. Finally, the long-awaited day arrived.



Nearly 150 Club members trekked to Oracle March 31, 2019, to celebrate the Club's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. With perfect spring weather and a sunny blue sky, some ventured out early for a morning hike to explore the park's trails led by Michael Hovan. Others joined hike leader, Elisabeth Wheeler, to identify and photograph the myriad in-bloom wildflowers and Mariposa lilies blanketing the landscape.



The Club's Picnic Committee arrived at the group area with extra tables, pleased to find our caterer David Raneri, owner of the Oracle Patio Café, and his team already at work setting up a bountiful and festive buffet featuring chicken and veggie fajitas, green rice, black beans, salad, and condiments. Coconut anniversary cake and iced tea complimented the spread. "This was the easiest picnic we've organized," reported committee member Martha Hackworth.



Carpooling club members hiked in from overflow parking areas, some bringing chairs, because early arrivals had already filled the close-in spots. One member joked that he thought hiking to the picnic was a planned activity. All participants received a ticket for a door prize drawing. Photo displays from

the Club's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party, also held at Oracle State Park, were displayed around the dining ramada. A short business meeting opened the activities with election of club officers, highlights of upcoming trips, and recognition of the Club's Trailblazer Award winner. Award of ten Summit Hut gift cards from the door prize drawing rounded out the spring business.

After everyone had a chance to visit the buffet line, some more than once, and a few filled doggy bags for later consumption, celebrations continued. The Club's former presidents and chief hiking guides were recognized with some sharing comments. Judging by the amount of laughter, smiles, and full tummies, the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration was a great success. Special thanks to both event organizers and participants.

**ORACLE PASSAGE OF ARIZONA TRAIL  
CONTINUALLY BEING IMPROVED  
BY SADDLEBROOKE HIKING CLUB**

Submitted by Elisabeth Wheeler

The Oracle Passage of the Arizona Trail is continually being improved by the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club. Fourteen volunteers removed catclaw and improved drainages during their work session, February 27, 2019.

Volunteers commented on the satisfaction they gained from physically working on the trail and developing friendships as they worked. Two backpackers, Mandy Bonesteel and Gabby Gilmer, stopped during their thru-hike to show their appreciation for the excellent trail work. Treats provided by Steve Aiken, Beth Jones, and Marilyn Smith were enjoyed at the end of the work party.



Photo by Elisabeth Wheeler

Volunteers: Tom Dowell, Garrett Rassing, Stan Smithe, Eileen Haney, Fred Norris, Marilyn Smith, Tom Geiger, Katie Atkins, Steve Aiken, Beth Jones, Mai Ho, Henry Krebs, Ray Peale

The last spring work session by the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club will be March 20, 2019. Trail work sessions will resume in October, 2019.

To join the list of volunteers, Elisabeth Wheeler, [hikerelisabeth@gmail.com](mailto:hikerelisabeth@gmail.com) or Ray Peale, [ray.peale@gmail.com](mailto:ray.peale@gmail.com).

**DOG HIKE GUIDES**

Submitted by Aaron Schoenberg

On Saturday, January 12, 2019, Michael Hovan led the inaugural dog hike for the Saddlebrooke Hiking Club on trails in Oracle State Park. Since then, we have had three guides (Michael Hovan, Ruth Caldwell, and Aaron Schoenberg) lead hikes in our region, including the Tortolitas, Santa Catalinas, and environs.



Photo by Michael Hovan

Inaugural SBHC Dog Hike in Oracle State Park on Saturday, January 12, 2019. Left to right: Leslie Hawkins (Raisin), Karen Schickedanz, Aaron Schoenberg (Trekker), Michael Hovan (Taylor Made)

As always, although these are dog-friendly hikes, all SBHC members are welcome to participate and join us on these hikes like any other scheduled hike. Various dogs of an assortment of breeds have taken part in this new program.



Dog Hike Guides – Taken at SBHC Picnic on Friday, March 29, 2019. Left to right: Aaron Schoenberg, Ruth Caldwell, Michael Hovan

It has been highly successful and although we will take a hiatus during the summer months, these guides will be resuming these canine outings come the fall, taking our hikers and dogs on new outdoor adventures.

### **ORGAN PIPE CACTUS NATIONAL MONUMENT HIKING TRIP**

**February 25-27, 2019**

Submitted by Aaron Schoenberg

The SBHC went on a trip to the Organ Pipe National Monument, 170 miles away to the west of Saddlebrooke, led by Aaron Schoenberg. This was a trip where we went on three class “B” hikes in three days. On these hikes we climbed a mountain, explored a canyon, viewed a couple of arches and several monoliths, spied on the Mexican border wall, visited several mine sites, learned about Tohono Odham use of plants for medicinal purposes, checked out several crested cacti, and admired numerous blooming poppies and other species of flowers.

Over the course of this trip, we hiked 25 miles and climbed over 5000 feet of elevation gain. Steve Meyers camped in the Twin Peaks Campground in the National Monument, Fred Norris and Michael Hovan came out just for the first day’s climb of Mt. Ajo, and the rest of us lodged for two nights in the Sonoran Desert Inn in Ajo.

Each day we experienced delightful weather and hiking conditions. On the first day, we climbed Mt. Ajo (4,808 feet). This climb took us to the highest point in the park where we had incredible views in all directions, which included: seeing Kitt Peak and the Tohono Odham Indian Reservation to the east, Mexico to the south, and a view of the Twin Peaks Campground to the west. En route, we followed a

challenging trail which ascended 500 feet in 0.4 mile - then after a short respite, we ascended another 800 feet in one mile.

On the second day, Tuesday, we took a free park shuttle bus ride to a distant trailhead (Senita Basin) allowing us not to have to retrieve cars after the hike. On this 14-mile ride, we paralleled the Mexican border wall and saw firsthand Mexico just over the fence. On the hike, we explored several mine sites from the 19<sup>th</sup> century. We toured, Milton, Baker, and Victoria Mine Sites. This hike was a lengthy expedition of 11.5 miles, but required only a nominal sum of ascent equal to 800 feet overall. Also on this hike, we saw excellent examples of crested Organ Pipe cacti.



Photo by Linda Eglin  
A crested organ pipe cacti. This specimen is unique to this area of southwestern US and neighboring Mexico.

Wednesday, we took in the viewing of a double arch that highlights the exploration of Arch Canyon. Here we climbed the south headwall of the canyon, which also was very demanding with an ascent of 1000 feet in 0.8 mile. And if that did not take our breath away, then the scenery certainly did. Viewing the geologic wonders of spires, monoliths, and arches were just incredible. Then on the return with the sun breaking out of the cloud cover, the blooming poppy field that stretched over to the nearby cliffs dazzled our senses.



Linda Eglin on the trail lined on both sides by a profuse number of blooming poppies. It was so fragrant and pretty. This added more beauty to an already scenic canyon hike.

Upon completion of this hike, we then traversed the Desert View Nature Trail. Here numerous display boards explained the various desert plants and how each aided in curing numerous ailments that the native Tohono Odham people might have suffered. These included the common cold, pregnancy issues, and backaches. It is amazing how the native habitants learned about which plants aided in the cure or pain reduction of various ailments.



The Arch Canyon Trailhead. Note the natural arch which the canyon is named for above Michael Hovan's head. Before hiking, we celebrated Michael's birthday at this scenic location. Participants left to right: Steven Meyers, Fred Norris, Linda Eglin, Cheryl Werstler, Aaron Schoenberg (guide), Michael Hovan (birthday boy), Dean Werstler, Seana Kobak.

This was an amazing trip enjoy by all eight participants. It was a first visit to this park for all but myself. We were all satisfied with our adventures.

## WILDFLOWERS GALORE!

Submitted by Elisabeth Wheeler

Hiking Club members ooh'd and aah'd over 30 types of wildflowers viewed during their March 22, 2019, Wildflower hike in Catalina State Park. It was fun to rock hop over the Sutherland stream six times on the way to the Sutherland Loop.

Many photos were taken by hikers: Tom and Katie Atkins, Walt Shields, Elissa Cochran, Sue Bush, Karen Schickedanz, Pam Wakefield, Linda Vautrin, and Bruce Hale.

Tim Butler and Elisabeth Wheeler prepared a list of wildflowers to be identified, including Blue Dicks, California Suncups, White Easter Bonnets, Texas Toadflax, Scorpion Weed, Owl's Clover, Chicory, Sleepy Catchfly, Blazing Star, and Silver Puffs. Dense fields of Mexican Gold Poppies and Lupine were spectacular along the loop ridgeline.



Photo by Walt Shields

Hikers: Elisabeth Wheeler, Tom Atkins, Katie Atkins, Karen Schickedanz, Elissa Cochran, Sue Bush, Linda Vautrin-Hale, Pam Wakefield, Bruce Hale



Left to Right: Susan Robertshaw, Ken Riemersma, Linda Barbour, Kathryn Madore, Mary Bubla, Sue Springer, Kathy Warren, Elizabeth Tancock, Jan Deetz, Mary Kopp, Elissa Cochran, Seana Kobak, Elisabeth Wheeler Photo by Kaori Hashimoto



Photo by Elisabeth Wheeler

Hikers: Tim Butler, Bruce Hale, Linda Vautrin-Hale, Sue Bush, Karen Schickedanz, Katie Atkins, Tom Atkins, Elissa Cochran, Pam Wakefield, Walt Shields

## THE HIKE TO DOME ROCK

Submitted by Ruth Caldwell

It was a beautiful morning for this newly cleared trail right in our backyard! The hike up to Dome Rock took a turn to go past a most unusual **double**-crested saguaro - a rarity among rarities. We crossed a makeshift bridge over the running Canada del Oro and passed many, many different wildflowers on our way to the top.



Photo by Ruth Caldwell



Photo by Ruth Caldwell

Once on top, the view was great in all directions. Hikers tried to pick out their houses with SaddleBrooke right below us. Twenty-three hikers, led by Michael Hovan, made this maiden voyage of what will certainly be a very popular hike.

## SADDLEBROOKE HIKING CLUB TRIP TO DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK JANUARY 28-30, 2020

Submitted by Rob Simms

**HOLD THE DATE!** The last week of January next year - 2020! The SBHC Trip Committee is organizing a regional hiking trip to Death Valley National Park in California early next year. We plan to offer three days of hiking - January 28 -30, 2020 (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday).

We are exploring lodging and camping options inside the park (Furnace Creek) and outside, but nearby, (Amargosa Valley). As with recent trips, this location is within one-day's drive of SaddleBrooke (~525 miles). I (Rob Simms) will assist organizing the trip, Frank Earnest will be the co-director-registrar, and Randy Park will be co-director to develop hikes in that area.

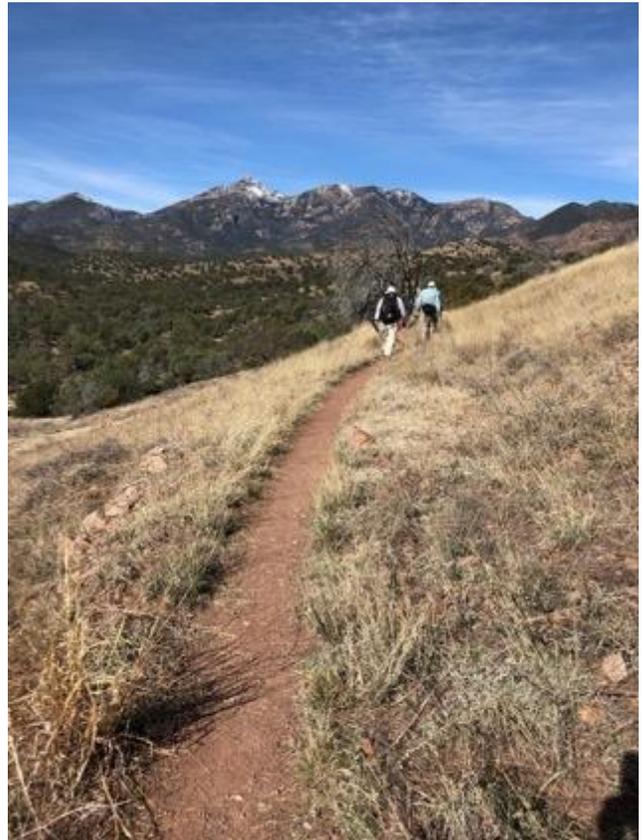
January should be a wonderful time to visit Death Valley. Plus, it is (almost) right-next-door to 'Vegas' for those of you so inclined. We will publish a trip information summary soon. Please look for further information in club bulletins and newsletters.

**GARDNER CANYON SCENIC HIKE  
ARIZONA TRAIL – PASSAGE 4**

Submitted by Kaori Hashimoto

On March 21, 2019, seven hikers with Rob Simms, as an excellent guide, ventured south to explore part of the Arizona Trail, Passage 4 through Gardner Canyon. We started out at Apache Springs Trailhead going southwest with blue skies and snow laced Mt Wrightson in view, continuing past Tunnel Springs Trailhead. We hiked past high desert grass, oak, sycamore, juniper, manzanita, and pine. Heading south, the vistas opened up as we encountered spectacular views of the Huachucas to the southeast and Mexico to the south.

Along the trail, we looked at interpretive signs and remnants of the hydraulic mining system of the early 1900's. With plenty of winter rain and snowfall, we had 7 refreshing water crossings; and the sound of flowing creeks was pleasant to our ears. We noticed Arizona Rainbow Cactus on south facing slopes, pink/purple Dakota Verbena, Tuber Anemone, and Bigelow's Bristlehead along the way.



Bear Springs was an ideal lunch spot for the group, and we headed back on the same route. This was a 13.75-mile round trip on a well-maintained trail, trailhead elevation 5,160, and accumulated gain 1,080. It was a bit of a drive to get to the area but well worth the trip and a great pleasure to take in the unique geography, flora, and history.



Hikers: Rob Simms, David Streicher, Jerry Fleming, Frank Earnest, Bertie Litchfield, Katie Atkins. Photo by Kaori Hashimoto



## WINE AND HIKE

Submitted by Phil McNamee

On April 4, 2019, seventeen members left for Willcox on a two-day wine and hike adventure of the old town of Willcox and the Chiricahua mountains. We visited two fine wineries south of Willcox on Thursday afternoon for private wine tastings.

The first winery was the Zapara winery where one of the owners, Rhona, gave us a talk on the history of her winery before our tasting. The next winery was the Pillsbury Wine Company where owner, Sam Pillsbury, and his great assistant, Terry, gave us a great talk on the grapes grown and harvested, the ideal growing conditions for the grapes, the right climate and soil conditions of southern Arizona - perhaps the best in all of America, says Sam. He continued with his talk on the wines, red and white, and how to drink it for the best taste. We all learned so much.



That evening, we enjoyed a great meal at La Unica Mexican restaurant in Old Willcox. We spent the night at the Arizona Sunset Inn, a cozy, family-owned business that offers friendly hospitality and cleanliness at an incredibly reasonable price. Friday morning after breakfast at the motel, we drove south to the Chiricahua National Monument for a hike that included the Heart of Rocks Loop. We arrived back in SaddleBrooke around 5 p.m. Great time was enjoyed by all.



Hikers and winers were MaryHanley, Frank Earnest, Walt Shields, Jan Springer, Jim Springer, Tom Conrad, Jerry Fleming, Clive Bradley, Tom Geiger, Linda Eglin, Seana Kobak, Katie Atkins, Gayle Hosek-Spies, Margaret Valair, Bertie Litchfield, Joe Rizza, Wendy Berns, Tom Berns, and leader Phil McNamee.

**2019 LA SAL MOUNTAIN**  
**Sunday–Thursday, June 23-27, 2019**  
**CLASS A HIKING/AUTO CAMPING TRIP**  
Submitted by Aaron Schoenberg

This year Aaron Schoenberg is guiding a trip to the La Sal Mountains in southeastern Utah for class A hikers. What makes this area special is that we are near Moab; but, in addition, we are so much higher in elevation (Oowah CG is at 8800') that we will be in a much more comfortable mountain environment for camping and hiking.



This trip is exclusively for overnight auto camping only. No lodging arrangements will be made. The Oowah Campground is 9:07 hours trip from SaddleBrooke, 521 miles + one time zone change (add an hour going). If coming from Denver, it is 377 miles and 6:36 hours travel time (for those thinking of coming from their summer location in Colorado).

Also, Oowah Campground is a national forest campground that is primitive in nature. Meaning, the only facilities are two vault toilets and picnic tables at each campsite. There is no running water at the CG, so you must bring all water needs with you. The CG is very convenient, as all the hikes are right out of the campground and thus we will have no need for our cars other than to store camping stuff while there.

Lastly, the campground features a beautiful mountain pond which offers fishing. I saw the fish continually jumping out of the water!



We will be taking 3 major hikes over 3 days. They will include on Monday ascents of Mountain View and Gold Knob, which are spectacular summits (10.8 miles and 3450' elev. gain). Tuesday, we will circle around Haystack Mountain and climb Manns Peak (14.1 miles & 3450' elev. gain), which is over 12,000 feet, also providing an incredible view. On Wednesday, the last hike will take us to Brumley Arch (8.9 miles & 2200' of elev. gain), a natural geologic wonder. We will also see the great desert lands of SE Utah spread out below us.

A couple of websites providing you with photos and to give you an idea of the area are:

- 1) The official National Forest website for Oowah Campground:  
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/mantilasal/recarea/?recid=73192>
- 2) <http://buettner.to/blog/index.php/2014/06/09/oowah-lake-to-clark-lake/>
- 3) <http://wildernessvagabond.com/lasal-2013/lasal-2013.htm>

Upon inquiry about the trip, you will receive a questionnaire and camping information. Receipt of the questionnaire is required with a deadline of Sunday, June 2, which will allow me to make travel arrangements and final coordination of plans.

Contact info: Aaron Schoenberg  
Cell phone: (845) 987-489  
E-mail: [askus3@centurylink.net](mailto:askus3@centurylink.net)

When contacting me, make sure you supply e-mail address, so I can reply to you with attachments

## MEXICO TRIPS 2019-2010

Submitted by Phil McNamee

The third Copper Canyon Trip left April 1, 2019, with 36 participants. This means that over 100 people from SaddleBrooke have enjoyed this trip. Several members have asked me to arrange a Copper Canyon trip for 2020; and I am looking at early April for another exclusive SaddleBrooke Hiking Club Trip.

Following up on requests for other experiences in Mexico, I am in the process of arranging the following trips for exclusive SaddleBrooke Hiking Club tours.

### Colonial Cities Tour

November 9, 2019 departure

10 days / 9 nights

Guadalajara, Tequila, Guanajuato, San Miguel de Allende, Morelia and Patzcuaro.

Single \$1,999

Double \$1,599

(\$100 off list price not including airfare)

### The Monarch Butterflies in Mexico Tour

February 7, 2020 departure

7 days / 6 nights

Mexico City, Coyoacan, Tlalpujahua

Single \$1,950

Double \$1,450

(\$45 off list price not including air fare)

### Baja Whales and Wine Tour

March 15, 2020 departure

8 days / 7 nights

Ensenada, Guerrero Negro, El Rosario, Valle de Guadalupe.

Single \$2,150

Double \$1,825

(\$50 off list price and includes bus departure from SaddleBrooke)

### Copper Canyon Tour

April, 2020

8 days / 7 nights

Price will be set when date is confirmed

Details of all four trips can be found on the website of A Closer Look Tours, [acloserlooktours.com](http://acloserlooktours.com)

If you have an interest in any of the four trips contact Phil McNamee at [mcnameephil@gmail.com](mailto:mcnameephil@gmail.com) for further information.

## WELCOME NEW SADDLEBROOKE HIKING CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Submitted by Jerry Fleming

At the SBHC 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic, three new members of our Board of Directors (BOD) were elected:

- Rob Simms was elected Vice President
- Ray Peale was elected Treasurer
- Ruth Caldwell as elected Associate Chief Hiking guide

In addition, the BOD confirmed Terry Parrott for another term as Board Member at Large. These new officers join President, Jerry Fleming; Secretary, Darlene Carlson; and Chief Hiking guide, Frank Earnest to form our new BOD.

Welcome to our new BOD and thank you for all you do to help make our SaddleBrooke Hiking Club great!

## FULL MOON WALKS

Submitted by Michael Hovan

You are familiar with the saying, "different as night and day". You can literally apply this to your favorite hikes, by trying them under a full moon. One of my favorite hikes is Wasson Peak, due to the panoramic views of Tucson; a wonderfully groomed trail (Sendero Esperanza TH); and the incredible sonoran landscape in one of our most unique National Parks.



On a recent club hike, we left SaddleBrooke in the late afternoon and climbed to the summit as the waning rays of the sun cast shadows from the Saguaros across the fields of lupines and

poppies. We watched the sunset from the peak as the sky lit up with brilliant colors.



Next, we enjoyed our dinner as the evening lights came on in Tucson and across southern Arizona. We then made our descent under the light of the full moon. The trail that you know so well and the adjacent desert take on a whole different character in the darkness. If you are lucky, you might spot a werewolf.

<b>Future Trips</b>		
<b>Destination</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Contact Person</b>
<b>La Sal Mountain Hiking/Auto Camping</b>	<b>June 23-27, 2019</b>	<b>Aaron Schoenberg askus3@centurylink.net</b>
<b>Durango, Colorado</b>	<b>Sept. 25-27, 2019</b>	<b>Gayle Hosak-Spies drgaylehosek@gmail.com</b>
<b>Death Valley National Park, CA</b>	<b>Jan. 28-30, 2020</b>	<b>Frank Earnest fearnestiv@gmail.com</b>

<b>News You Can Use</b>		
<b>Hiking in the San Juan Mountains Randy Park &amp; Susan Hollis</b>	<b>5/15 Wed.</b>	<b>4:00 – 5:00 P.M.</b>
<b>SBHC Social Hour Agave Lounge HOA #1</b>	<b>5/15 Wed.</b>	<b>5:00 P.M.</b>
<b>SBHC Board of Directors Coyote Room North HOA1</b>	<b>6/5 Wed.</b>	<b>2:30 – 4:00 P.M.</b>
<b>SBHC Guide Meeting Coyote Room North HOA1</b>	<b>6/5 Wed.</b>	<b>4:00 – 5:00 P.M.</b>

## Hiking Information

### HIKE ELEVATION, RATINGS & PACE

**Elevation Change:** Three indicators are used in the hike descriptions to convey hike difficulty as it relates to elevation change.

1. **Net Elevation Change:** the change in elevation obtained by subtracting the starting elevation from the highest (or lowest) point reached during the course of the hike, in feet. This estimate may be obtained from USGS maps or a global positioning system (GPS).
2. **Accumulated Gain:** the sum of all upward stretches of a hike as recorded by a GPS device over the course of the entire hike. Accumulated elevation gain is generally a more accurate indicator of hike difficulty than net change in elevation.
3. **Accumulated Loss:** another measure of hike difficulty, is the sum of all downward stretches of a hike. Accumulated elevation loss is useful for some downhill hikes and is usually obtained with a GPS device.

**Ratings:** Ratings are based on the following round trip distances and accumulated gains in elevation over the course of the hike. The hike rating is determined by one (or both) of the two values being exceeded. For example, if a hike exceeds the criterion for distance but not for corresponding elevation, the rating would be set for distance. Ratings flagged with an “!” indicate special trail conditions that might be of concern to some hikers. Please read the hike descriptions or talk to the hiking guide before deciding whether to sign-up. Ratings flagged with a smiling face indicate an easier, smoother trail (often paved) than normal at that rating.

Rating	Distance	Accumulated Gain in Elevation
A	Greater than 14 miles	Greater than 3,000 ft
B	Greater than 8 miles, less than 14 miles	Greater than 1,500 ft, Less than 3,000 ft
C	Greater than 4 miles, less than 8 miles	Greater than 500 ft, Less than 1,500 ft.
D	Less than 4 miles	Less than 500 ft

**Pace:** Pace is described in terms of average speed in miles per hour (MPH) over the course of a hike from start to finish (excluding lunch). Average speed is affected by speed and length of stride, number of rest stops, incline, type of terrain, and trail conditions. The following four categories are used to describe pace in the hike descriptions. Unless otherwise noted, all hikes are assumed to be Moderate pace.

Pace	Average Speed - MPH
Leisurely	Less than 1.5
Slow	Greater than 1.5, Less than 2.0
Moderate	Greater than 2.0, Less than 2.5
Fast	Greater than 2.5

## Club Calendar: May and June

Saddlebrooke Hiking Club Calendar				May 2019 (Mountain Standard Time - Phoenix)			
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
28 C! - Atascosa	29 B Butterfly Trail	30 [D] Bluff Loop	1 [D] Canyon	2 [C!] C- Seven Falls	3 C! Double	4	
5 [D] Cordones	6 [B] Bog-Kent	7 Sabino Canyon	8 C - Pima	9 [C] Aspen Draw	10 B Wilderness of	11	
12	13 A - Huachuca,	14 [D] Canyon	15 SBHC Program	16 [B] Josephine B! Blackett's	17	18	
19	20 [B] Guthrie [C] Marshall	21 [D] OSP Loop	22	23 [C] Sunset / C-Nature,	24 C Box Camp	25	
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2	3 [B] Butterfly [C]	4 Catalina Loop &	5 [B] Wild. of SBHC BOD Mtg SBHC Guides	6 [B] Bog-Kent C-Aspen/Mint	7	8	
9	10 [A] Mt.	11 [C] Meadow Canyon Loop &	12	13 [B] Wilderness	14	15 [C] American	
16	17 [C] Box Camp	18	19 D - Honey Bee	20	21	22 [C] Mt. Lemmon	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
A - La Sal Mountains, Utah - Camping Trip @ La Sal Mountains, Utah							
		25 [D] OSP Loop		27 Aspen/Marshall			
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## Hikes Offered

**Wednesday, May 01, 2019. Canyon Loop and Birding Trail. Rating D (135, 7:00 am, \$2 & \$2).** From the main trailhead in Catalina State Park, hikers will start up the Romero Trail, 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 is 4.1 miles; trailhead elevation is 2700 feet; net elevation change is 433 feet; accumulated gain 499 feet; RTD 24 miles. Guide is Larry Allen, phone 818 1246, [allenlw70@gmail.com](mailto:allenlw70@gmail.com).

**Thursday, May 02, 2019 Seven Falls (with Tram). Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [388, 08:00 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, [kgrayinaz@yahoo.com](mailto:kgrayinaz@yahoo.com)]

**Thursday, May 02, 2019 Peppersauce and Nugget Canyon Loop. Rating: C!. Pace: Moderate [319, 06:30 AM, \$5].** The hike begins at the Peppersauce Campground on the northeast side of the Catalinas. The trail follows old Mt. Lemmon (Oracle Control) Road up to the Nugget Canyon turnoff. We will stop to see Peppersauce Cave. Bring a flashlight. We then travel up the canyon, follow jeep roads, view an old mine, then come down Peppersauce Canyon. Much of the hike is through oak woodland with good views from the higher hills, but there are numerous stream crossings involving boulder hopping during periods following significant precipitation. This is a strenuous hike for this level due to a steep incline in one area and loose rocks in another. Hike 8.2 miles; trailhead elevation 4600 feet; net elevation change 1230 feet; accumulated gain 1319 feet; RTD 53 miles (dirt). [Guide: Michael Reale; 825-8286 or [mjreale@msn.com](mailto:mjreale@msn.com).]

**Thursday May 2 Sweetwater Preserve. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [432, 7:00 AM, \$5].** The trailhead is at the end of Tortolita Road, one mile off El Camino del Cerro. The 703-acre preserve is in the Tucson Mountains (this is not the Sweetwater Trail which leads to Wasson Peak.) It consists of 12 distinct loops and paths that interconnect so they can be linked together. Each trail is 0.5 to 1.5 miles in length, for 10.4 miles total. We will follow just a couple of trails. Hike 3.5 miles; trailhead elevation 2800 feet; net elevation change <600 feet; accumulated gain <600 feet; RTD 60 miles. [Guide: Janet Frost 262-385-2478 [janetlynnfrost@gmail.com](mailto:janetlynnfrost@gmail.com) ]

**Friday, May 03, 2019 Description: Double Crested/Dome Trail. Rating: C!. Pace: Moderate [6:30 AM, \$0].** This hike is on a newly constructed trail to Big Dome Rock that passes a rare double crested saguaro. Many SaddleBrooke residents have a view from their homes of "Dome Rock" - the large dome formation to the east that is bald in the middle with patchy vegetation on both sides, and located about a third of the way up to Charouveau Gap. The hike departs from the south end of S Arroyo Way in Unit 21. We cross Canada del Oro Wash, and then follow the newly developed route east through a small wash, and along several ridgelines to our destination. We will pass through interesting granite formations, with many saguaros and ocotillo forests. One of the highlights along the way is "Double Beauty", a rare double crested saguaro registered with the Crested Saguaro Society. On top of the dome there are great 360 degree views of Saddlebrooke and Catalina. We will return by the same route. Hike 3.5 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; net elevation change 750 feet; accumulated gain 800 feet; RTD 0 miles. [Michael Hovan, [michaelhovan@ameritech.net](mailto:michaelhovan@ameritech.net)

**Sunday, May 05, 2019 Cordones. Rating: D. Pace: slow [7:00 AM, \$0].**  This is a dog friendly hike. All hikers are welcome with or without a dog. We meet at the intersection of Whispering Tree Ln and S Border Dr. The hike is in the desert area (state trust land parcel 10S-14E-22) between the northwest border of Saddlebrook unit

8A, and the ridgeline in the Cordones, along which Catalina Hills Blvd follows to the Preserve. It is a smooth, level trail that offers a good introduction to desert hiking. We pass a water trough for livestock leasing this parcel of state trust land, and cross over a wash with an old abandoned truck. There are nice views to the east of Saddlebrook and the Catalinas. Hike 3.2 miles; trailhead elevation 3300? feet; accumulated gain 328 feet. RTD 0 miles. [Michael Hovan, [michaelhovan@ameritech.net](mailto:michaelhovan@ameritech.net)]

**Monday, May 06, 2019 Bog-Kent Springs Loop Trail. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [111, 07:00 AM, \$10].** The hike begins at the Bog Springs Campground in Madera Canyon in the Santa Rita Mountains, and passes through three areas fed by natural springs which are home to bamboo, huge Arizona sycamore, walnut, and fir trees. There are great views of Madera Canyon, Green Valley, Kitt Peak, and Baboquivari Peak from this trail, which involves strenuous, steep climbs in spots. Hiking poles recommended. Hike 6 miles; trailhead elevation 5340 feet; net elevation change 1360 feet; accumulated gain 2000 feet; RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Frank Earnest Email: [fearnestiv@gmail.com](mailto:fearnestiv@gmail.com).]

**Tuesday, May 07, 2019 Esperero and Rattlesnake Trail to the Sabino Canyon Dam in Sabino National Park. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate 3.2 Miles [ 6:30 MM AM, \$4].** The hike begins on the desert floor by the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center and follows the Sabino Walkway to the Esperero Trail where we will begin a gentle climb to reach the Rattlesnake Trail. The Rattlesnake trail follow a creek bed with interesting views of the canyons. We will cross Sabino Canyon Road to the Phone Line Trail Link to meet the Creek Trail usually wet and well shaded. This will lead us to the Sabino Lake and the Sabino Dam. The Dam is a great place to lunch and take pictures. We will continue to follow the Sabino Canyon Trail until we leave the creek area reaching the Bear Canyon Trail and return to the Visitor Center. (Estimated time 2 hours, 3.2 miles, Average Elevation 2600, high point 2800. [Guide: Kathryn Madore, Contact: [Kathryn.Madore@gmail.com](mailto:Kathryn.Madore@gmail.com)]

**Wednesday, May 08, 2019 Pima Canyon to 2nd Dam. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [336, 07:00 AM, \$3].** The Pima Canyon Trailhead is at the east end of Magee Road. The first mile or so 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 in the open. The trail then leads to a rocky open area in the canyon beyond a small dam near several Indian grinding holes. The return is via the same route. Hike 6.7 miles; trailhead elevation 2960 feet; net elevation change 1010 feet; accumulated gain 1315 feet; RTD 42 miles. [Guide: Howie Fagan, 240-9556, [howieandelaine@q.com](mailto:howieandelaine@q.com)]

**Thursday, May 09, 2019 Aspen Draw / Mint Spring Trail. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [88, 06:30 AM, \$10].** The hike begins on Turkey Run Road in Summerhaven across from the Visitor Center. After about a mile, we take the Aspen Draw Trail to Radio Ridge. From there we descend the Aspen Trail to Marshall Saddle, where we pick up the Mint Spring Trail to Carter Canyon Road, for a short 0.75 miles back to the trailhead. Hikers may choose to have lunch in Summerhaven before returning. Hike 6.9 miles; trailhead elevation 8000 feet; net elevation change 1400 feet; accumulated gain 1573 feet; RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Michael Reale; 825-8286 or [mjreale@msn.com](mailto:mjreale@msn.com).]

**Friday, May 10, 2019 Wilderness of Rocks Loop # 2. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [486, 6:30 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. [Michael Hovan, [michaelhovan@ameritech.net](mailto:michaelhovan@ameritech.net)]

**Monday, May 13, 2019 Huachuca Peak Circular. Rating: A. Pace: Moderate [225, 05:30 AM, \$15].** The hike involves quite a steep, brushy climb but the view from the top is tremendous. Huachuca Peak - 8405', is among

several ridges, with deep canyons on two sides and a view of the other major peaks in the Huachuca Range. Will also do short bushwhacks of Lyle Peak - 7920', (.4 mile) and Peterson Peak - 7942' (0.6 mile). The trailhead is inside Ft. Huachuca (required to bring drivers license for security scrutiny at army base gate). It is required that you are a US citizen! Hike 11 miles; trailhead elevation 5670 feet; net elevation change 2735 feet; accumulated gain 3800 feet; RTD 206 miles. [Guide: Aaron Schoenberg: (845) 987-4893 or [askus3@centurylink.net](mailto:askus3@centurylink.net)].

**Tuesday, May 14, 2019 Canyon Loop and Birding Trail. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [135, 06:30 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 4.1 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 433 feet; accumulated gain 499 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Ruth Caldwell, [azcaldwell3@gmail.com](mailto:azcaldwell3@gmail.com)]

**Wednesday, May 15, 2019 SBHC Program @4pm, HOA1 Activity Center and Social Hour @5pm in Agavé Lounge.** "Hiking in the San Juan Mountains": Susan Hollis and Randy Park, SBHC Guides. They will discuss the SBHC Fall 2019 trip to Durango, CO. Introduction by Michael Caryl, Program Committee Chair.

**Thursday, May 16, 2019 Josephine Saddle and Rogers Rock. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [237, 06:30 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: Michael Reale; 825-8286 or [mjreale@msn.com](mailto:mjreale@msn.com).]

**Thursday, May 16, 2019 Blackett's Ridge. Rating: B! Pace: Moderate [108, 5:00 PM, \$4].**

We will make our ascent during the afternoon twilight, and arrive at the summit to observe the sunset. Bring a gourmet dinner with candles to enjoy as we watch the lights come on in Tucson. We will then do our descent in the moonlight. A headlamp with both red and white lights is required, in case the moon is blocked by clouds. The hike begins at the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center, and follows relatively level, well-used trails east to the Phone Line Trailhead. After 0.4 miles along the Phone Line Trail, the Blackett's Ridge Trail branches right and continues up the ridge between Sabino and Bear Canyons. There are spectacular views of Tucson and the canyons to either side of the trail. The ridge part of the trail has several steep switchbacks mixed in with some level areas. There are three false summits before reaching the end of the trail, a point where it is not possible to continue because the terrain drops precipitously. Hike 6 miles; trailhead elevation 2720 feet; net elevation change 1668 feet; accumulated gain 1733 feet; RTD 56 miles. [Michael Hovan, [michaelhovan@ameritech.net](mailto:michaelhovan@ameritech.net)]

**Thursday May 16, 2019 BIRDING Hike in Pima Canyon. We will hike to 1st Dam. Rating: D!. Pace: SLOW [335, 7:00 AM, \$3].**

The Pima Canyon Trailhead is at the east end of Magee Road. We will hike the first part of Pima Canyon to the first dam and enjoy the beautiful scenery, take photos. There are pools of water at the dam most of the year. The trail is rocky at some points and involves some steps-up and steps-down but is not difficult. We will take our time and hopefully spot some morning birds. Hike 2.7 miles; trailhead elevation 2960 feet; net elevation change 320 feet; accumulated gain 487 feet; RTD 42 miles. [Guide: Janet Frost, 262-385-2478 [janetlynnfrost@gmail.com](mailto:janetlynnfrost@gmail.com) ]

**Saturday, May 18, 2019 Samaniego Peak backpack. Rating: A. Pace: Moderate [6:00 AM, \$10].**

From the summit of Mt Lemmon we descend on the Mt Lemmon and Samaniego Ridge trails to Walnut Spring. We then bushwhack to Samaniego Peak through dense brush, with some boulder scrambling. We will plan to mark the route and trim, to provide a more reliable route to the summit for future use. We will then camp for the evening at Walnut Springs. On the second day we will re-summit Samaniego Peak, and descend about a half mile down the

west ridgeline to also mark and trim the trail, which will allow a future climb from the Deer Camp area below. Therefore, this is a hike, trail work session, and overnight camping. Samaniego Peak is an icon of the front-range that we look up at daily from our homes in Saddlebrooke. You can participate in making it more accessible for hikers. Hike 14 miles; trailhead elevation 9100 feet; net elevation change 2000 feet; accumulated gain 3500 feet; RTD 131 miles. [Michael Hovan, [michaelhovan@ameritech.net](mailto:michaelhovan@ameritech.net)]

**Monday, May 20, 2019 Guthrie Mountain. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [213, 07:00 AM, \$8].** The hike starts at the General Hitchcock Campground off Catalina Hwy and proceeds up the Green Mountain Trail to the Bear Saddle at the head of Bear Canyon. At the Saddle, hikers take the trail southeast to Guthrie Mountain and returns to the trailhead. Parking is usually available in the campground overflow parking lot. The Saddle and the trail along the ridge top from the Saddle to Guthrie Mountain afford great views of the Catalinas and the San Pedro Valley. A large rock face (0.25 mile/200 feet) will need to be climbed to reach the Peak. Hikers not wishing to do that portion of the hike would wait at an overlook. Hike 6.2 miles; trailhead elevation 6000 feet; net elevation change 1200 feet; accumulated gain 1959 feet; RTD 104 miles. [Guide: Frank Earnest Email: [fearnestiv@gmail.com](mailto:fearnestiv@gmail.com).]

**Monday, May 20, 2019 Marshall Gulch / Aspen Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [256, 07:30 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 a clockwise direction which tends to be steeper and arriving at the lunch spot takes longer. Hike 4.2 miles; trailhead elevation 7440 feet; net elevation change 631 feet; accumulated gain 856 feet; RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, 825-0193, [tucsontimmer@gmail.com](mailto:tucsontimmer@gmail.com).]

**Tuesday, May 21, 2019 OSP Loop trails near Kannally Ranch House. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [493, 07:00 AM, \$3 + \$2].** Hike begins at the Kannally Ranch House at the Nature Trail. The trail leads to the Windy Ridge Trail and then connects with the Granite Overlook Trail (highest point in the park). The trail descends and meets the Bellota Trail, which loops back to the Ranch House. Hike 3 miles; trail head elevation 4500 ft., accumulated elevation 400 ft., RTD 40 miles. [Guide: Ruth Caldwell, [azcaldwell3@gmail.com](mailto:azcaldwell3@gmail.com)]

**Thursday, May 23, 2019 Sunset / Marshall Gulch / Aspen Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [394, 06:30 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: Michael Reale; 825-8286 or [mjreale@msn.com](mailto:mjreale@msn.com).]

**Thursday, May 23, 2019 Canyon Loop, Birding, and Nature Trails. Rating: C. Pace: Slow-Moderate [136, 07:00 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. [Guide: Karen Gray, 818-0337, [kgrayinaz@yahoo.com](mailto:kgrayinaz@yahoo.com).]

**Friday, May 24, 2019 Box Camp Trail to Sabino Canyon Overlook. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [114, 6:30 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. [Michael Hovan, [michaelhovan@ameritech.net](mailto:michaelhovan@ameritech.net)]

**Tuesday, May 28, 2019 Aspen Loop / Marshall Gulch Trail. Rating: C Pace:SLOW [89, 7:30 AM, \$10].** Plan to eat at restaurant in Summerhaven after hike.. The trail starts at the Marshall Gulch Picnic area and proceeds up the Aspen Trail to the Marshall Saddle. Hikers will have a snack and rest 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: Kathryn Madore, [Kathryn.Madore@gmail.com](mailto:Kathryn.Madore@gmail.com).]

**Thursday, May 30, 2019 Lower Incinerator Ridge. Rating: C!. Pace: Moderate [48, 06:00 AM, \$9].** A new section of trail was added to the Incinerator Ridge Trail in the spring of 2012. The new trail is noted for it's great vistas. The trail heads north/northwest from the San Pedro Vista Pullout, off the Catalina Hwy. The hike will proceed to Mt Bigelow and return via the same route, the 1st section of the trail is steep and rocky, but the views make up for it. Starting Elevation: 7,350 feet. Net Elevation Change 1150 feet. Hiking Length is 6 miles. RTD 123 miles. [Guide: Michael Reale; 825-8286 or [mjreale@msn.com](mailto:mjreale@msn.com).]

**Monday, June 03, 2019 Butterfly Trail. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [129, 06:00 AM, \$9].** From the trailhead near Soldier Camp on Catalina Hwy, we hike down Butterfly Trail # 16 to the Novio Spring area in Alder Canyon, and lunch in the vicinity of a 1957 F-86 plane crash (UTM 526435E, 3587511N). The entire steady climb is on the way out. Hikers will be in the shade of very tall Douglas firs and ponderosa pines up to a saddle and to the exit at Palisade Ranger Station. A car will need to be left here to shuttle back to the upper trailhead. Along the way are views of San Manuel to the east. Butterfly Peak is to the north. The northerly route is very similar. Hike 6.1 miles; trailhead elevation 7700 feet; net elevation change 1830 feet; accumulated gain 2230 feet; RTD 125 miles. [Guide: Frank Earnest Email: [fearnestiv@gmail.com](mailto:fearnestiv@gmail.com).]

**Monday, June 03, 2019 Sunset / Marshall Gulch / Aspen Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [394, 07:00 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).]

**Tuesday, June 04, 2019 Canyon Loop and Birding Trail. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [135, 6:00 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: Kathryn Madore, [Kathryn.madore@gmail.com](mailto:Kathryn.madore@gmail.com)]

**Wednesday, June 05, 2019 SBHC BOD** Mtg 1st Wed - Even Months. HOA#1 Coyote Room North Reserved 2:30pm to 4:00om

**Wednesday, June 05, 2019 SBHC Guides Mtg** 1st Wed - Even Months. HOA#1 Coyote Room North Reserved 4:00pm to 5:00pm

**Thursday, June 06, 2019 Aspen Loop / Mint Spring Trail with lunch. Rating: C. Pace: SLOW [90, 08:00 AM, \$10].** Starting at the Marshall Gulch picnic area, hikers follow the Aspen Trail to Marshall Saddle where we will take a break for a snack/lunch. The hike continues on the Mint Spring Trail to the Carter Canyon trailhead, then down the Carter Canyon road back to the Marshall Gulch picnic area. The hike is slow and easy with plenty of stops

to see sights along the way. Hike 5.5 miles; trailhead elevation 7450 feet; net elevation change 800 feet; accumulated gain 1400 feet; RTD 131 miles. [Guide: Karen Gray 818-0337, [kgrayinaz@yahoo.com](mailto:kgrayinaz@yahoo.com).]

**Thursday, June 06, 2019 Bog-Kent Springs Loop Trail. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [111, 06:00 AM, \$10].** The hike begins at the Bog Springs Campground in Madera Canyon in the Santa Rita Mountains, and passes through three areas fed by natural springs which are home to bamboo, huge Arizona sycamore, walnut, and fir trees. There are great views of Madera Canyon, Green Valley, Kitt Peak, and Baboquivari Peak from this trail, which involves strenuous, steep climbs in spots. Hiking poles recommended. Hike 6 miles; trailhead elevation 5340 feet; net elevation change 1360 feet; accumulated gain 2000 feet; RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Michael Reale; 825-8286 or [mjreale@msn.com](mailto:mjreale@msn.com).]

**Monday, June 10, 2019 Mt. Wrightson via Old Baldy Trail. Rating: A. Pace: Moderate [295, 06:00 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: Frank Earnest Email: [fearnestiv@gmail.com](mailto:fearnestiv@gmail.com).]

**Tuesday, June 11, 2019 Canyon Loop and Birding Trail. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [135, 6:00 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: Kathryn Madore, [Kathryn.madore@gmail.com](mailto:Kathryn.madore@gmail.com)]

**Tuesday, June 11, 2019 Meadow Trail to Fire Lookout. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [261, 07:30 AM, \$10].** We begin by driving to the top of Mt. Lemmon and parking by the astronomical observatories operated by the UA (also known as Radio Ridge). We hike down the Meadow Trail, through Lemmon Park, to where it intersects the Mt. Lemmon Trail which leads to Lemmon Rock fire lookout cabin. There are spectacular views along the way. We then hike back to the top of Mt. Lemmon and the parking area. Hike 3 miles; trailhead elevation 9157 feet; net elevation change 500 feet; accumulated gain 500 feet; RTD 131 miles. [Guide: Ruth Caldwell, [azcaldwell3@gmail.com](mailto:azcaldwell3@gmail.com).]

**Thursday, June 13, 2019 Wilderness of Rocks. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [484, 06:00 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: Michael Reale; 825-8286 or [mjreale@msn.com](mailto:mjreale@msn.com).]

**Saturday, June 15, 2019 American Flag Trail, Oracle. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [8, 07:00 AM, \$3].** The hike begins at the American Flag Trailhead on the 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. Hike 6.7 miles; trailhead elevation 4400 feet; net elevation change 995 feet; accumulated gain 1267 feet; RTD 41 miles; [Guide: Don Taylor; 825-5303 or [donald\\_r\\_taylor@yahoo.com](mailto:donald_r_taylor@yahoo.com).]

**Monday, June 17, 2019 Box Camp Trail to Sabino Canyon Overlook. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [114, 07:00 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 5.2 miles; trailhead elevation 7920 feet; net elevation change 1126 feet; accumulated gain 1350 feet; RTD 123 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, 825-0193, [tucsontimmer@gmail.com](mailto:tucsontimmer@gmail.com).]

**Wednesday, June 19, 2019 Honey Bee Canyon North. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [222, 07:30 AM, \$2].** The hike takes place in Honey Bee Canyon at Rancho Vistoso. We'll see Hohokam petroglyphs, grinding holes and end for snacks/lunch at a one of two broken dams. For those exploring Honey Bee for the first time, this is a real eye opener. Hike 3.2 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 200 feet; accumulated gain 178 feet; RTD 26 miles. [Guide: Howie and Elaine Fagan, 240-9556, [howieandelaine@q.com](mailto:howieandelaine@q.com)]

**Saturday, June 22, 2019 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 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, [donald\\_r\\_taylor@yahoo.com](mailto:donald_r_taylor@yahoo.com) or 825-5303.]

**Sunday, June 23, 2019 – Thursday, June 27, 2019.** This is a class A hiking trip with auto camping at Oowah Lake as our lodging. See article in newsletter for more information. Contact Aaron Schoenberg (guide) (845) 987-4893 or [askus3@centurylink.net](mailto:askus3@centurylink.net) for hiking, camping and travel details.

**Monday, June 24, 2019 Wilderness of Rocks Loop # 4. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [488, 06:30 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 9.1 miles; trailhead 9100 feet; net elevation change 2131 feet; accumulated gain 2550 feet; RTD 131 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, 825-0193, [tucsontimmer@gmail.com](mailto:tucsontimmer@gmail.com).]

**Tuesday, June 25, 2019 OSP Loop trails near Kannally Ranch House. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [493, 07:00 AM, \$3 + \$2].** Hike begins at the Kannally Ranch House at the Nature Trail. The trail leads to the Windy Ridge Trail and then connects with the Granite Overlook Trail (highest point in the park). The trail descends and meets the Bellota Trail which loops back to the Ranch House. Hike 3 miles; trail head elevation 4500 ft., accumulated elevation 400 ft., RTD 40 miles. Driver donation \$3+\$2. [Guide: Ruth Caldwell, [azcaldwell3@gmail.com](mailto:azcaldwell3@gmail.com)]

**Thursday, June 27, 2019 Marshall Gulch / Aspen Loop with Lunch. Rating: C. Pace: SLOW [257, 07:00 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. Hike may be done in a clockwise direction, which tends to be steeper. We'll stop for lunch in Summerhaven so bring lunch money. Hike 4.2 miles; trailhead elevation 7440 feet; net elevation change 480 feet; accumulated gain 830 feet; RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Kathryn Madore, [Kathryn.Madore@gmail.com](mailto:Kathryn.Madore@gmail.com).]