

SADDLEBROOKE

HIKING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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HISTORY OF CATALINA STATE PARK Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Submitted by Myrna Simms

On Wednesday January 17, 2018, come hear historian Jim Williams speak about the early settlers in Catalina, and describe events leading up to the creation of Catalina State Park in 1982.

Jim is not only a noted historian, and President of the Oro Valley Historical Society, but also an experienced hiker.



Photo by Sue Bush

He will share with us his research regarding the founding of the park, and information on the early hiking trails and how they came to be developed. Many of the early trails are a bit different than the ones that exist today. There will be maps to illustrate these differences. Jim has a B.A. in History from Ursinus College, and an M.A. in Government from Lehigh University. He is a former Social Studies Curriculum Coordinator in Pennsylvania, and is currently writing a history of Oro Valley.

Residents of SaddleBrooke and SaddleBrooke Ranch are invited to attend the meeting at the HOA #1 Activity Center at 4 PM on January 17, 2018. You do not need to be a member of the hiking club to come! Following the talk, participants are encouraged to meet for happy hour at the Agave Lounge in the SaddleBrooke Clubhouse. For more information about the hiking club please contact Myrna Simms at medicinetp@gmail.com or call 517-488-8644.

VIETNAM TODAY: THE LAND, THE CULTURE, THE PEOPLE

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

Submitted by Dale Leman

Come join us February 21, 2018, at 4:00 in the HOA#1 Activity Center as two of our hiking club members, Tiggy and Walt Shields, share their hiking and travel adventures in Vietnam.



For most of our generation that “came of age” during the war, Vietnam evokes a plethora of emotions, many of them negative. In February of 2016, the Shields had the privilege to see that country as it is today over 40 years later. They came back profoundly changed. Journey with them as they showcase the exquisite scenery they experienced during a hiking extension to Sapa in the northern highlands near the China border, which is a culturally diverse region inhabited predominantly by colorfully clad Hmong tribes.

Their presentation will focus on Vietnam as it is today as seen through the lens of the land, the culture and its people as they travel from Hanoi to Saigon. They will share what it was like to be in the company of two vets as they embraced old adversaries and the profound emotions the group experienced. You will see the progress that has been achieved since the war and the strong optimism the people share for a brighter future. They hope to convey the sense of the warmth, hospitality and forgiveness that they

experienced throughout their journey and that you will leave with a fresh understanding of this remarkable country.

Any questions please call Dale Lemman 520-343-9103 or email him at dale.leman@gmail.com.

SADDLEBROOKE HIKERS TRAVEL TO BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK

Submitted by Barbara Wilder

From October 23- 27, 2017, forty-nine members of the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club traveled to Texas to hike and explore the most remote national park in the USA. Most of the hikers had never been to Big Bend National Park and did not have a clue how diversified it is and what kind of scenery to expect. The park is comprised of 1,252 square miles of land, making it larger than the state of Rhode Island. Big Bend features numerous geographical contrasts. These include the vegetation belts along the Rio Grande, the sparseness of the Chihuahuan Desert, the peaks of the Chisos Mountains, and the limestone outcrops of Persimmon Gap and Boquillas Canyon.

Since hike leader Roddy Wilder was a former Park Ranger and wild land fire fighter in Big Bend during his career, he was a natural to organize and suggest the best hikes for the group. Last year several hike leaders went on an exploratory trip to see what Big Bend had to offer and make a plan of hikes with various degrees of difficulty.



SaddleBrooke Hikers Georgette Brown, Bill Brown, Jim Thom and Ken Wong on the Boquillas Nature Trail in Big Bend National Park. Photo by Marge Wong

On Tuesday, the first day, most hikes were in the eastern side of the park in Boquillas Canyon, stopping off at the Hot Springs, Rio Grande Nature

Trail, and the Chihuahuan Nature Trail. It was very windy, but not too uncomfortable since it was a warm day. It was fun to dip our feet (whole body) into the warm Hot Springs pool and enjoy watching the fast moving, but narrow Rio Grande. A few people went on the Ernest Tinaja Trail and came back awed by the natural beauty found in this canyon basin holding water year-round. That night most people had dinner at the Chisos Mountain Lodge and watched a beautiful sunset at the Window View overlook.

Wednesday was spent in the central part of the park high on the Lost Mine Trail or several variations of hikes on the South Rim. The hardest hikers went for a 17-mile round trip. The views were spectacular and well worth the climb. Black bears and other wildlife were seen on these trails. Some of the "D" hikers went to Grapevine hills for a short hike, but it had a challenging rock scramble at the end of the trail. All made it back safely with photos proving they climbed up to the Balanced Rock, one of the iconic images of Big Bend.

On Thursday, many of the hikers went to the western side of the park following the Ross Maxwell Scenic drive to Santa Elena Canyon, wading through a muddy crossing of Terlingua Creek before climbing up a staircase built into a ridge overlooking the Rio Grande. Towering 1500 foot cliffs defines the border of Mexico and the United States. Tuff Canyon with colorful rock formations, Sam Nail Ranch, Lower Burro Mesa Pour-off, and Cattail Falls were some of the optional trails to hike.



SaddleBrooke Hikers enjoy views in Santa Elena Canyon on the west side of Big Bend National Park, Texas. From left to right: Tiggy Shields, Barb Wilder, Barbara Houghland, Gail Thom, Jim Thom, Anne Hodge, Georgette Brown and Walt Shields.

After the hikes on Thursday, most of the participants came to the ghost town of Terlingua to rest, hang out

on the porch with a cold drink, and explore the Trading Post gift shop and old cemetery before a group fajita buffet dinner at the Chili Pepper cafe in Study Butte. It was a great wind-up before leaving the park the next morning or spending an extra day to raft on the Rio Grande.

Thanks to excellent hike leaders Aaron Schoenberg, Walt Shields, Roy Carter, Phil McNamee, Barbara Wilder, Roddy Wilder, Michael Reale, Frank Earnest, and Susan Hollis.

FALL COLOR AT MT. LEMMON

Submitted by Karen Gray

October 20 was a bright, clear day when five women set off for Mt. Lemmon, hoping to see some fall color. We hiked up the Aspen Loop trail, starting at 7420 ft. with an accumulated gain of over 1000 ft. It is a good workout at that elevation, but the delicious smell of pines and beautiful overlooks kept us going. We saw some nice color on that part of the trail.

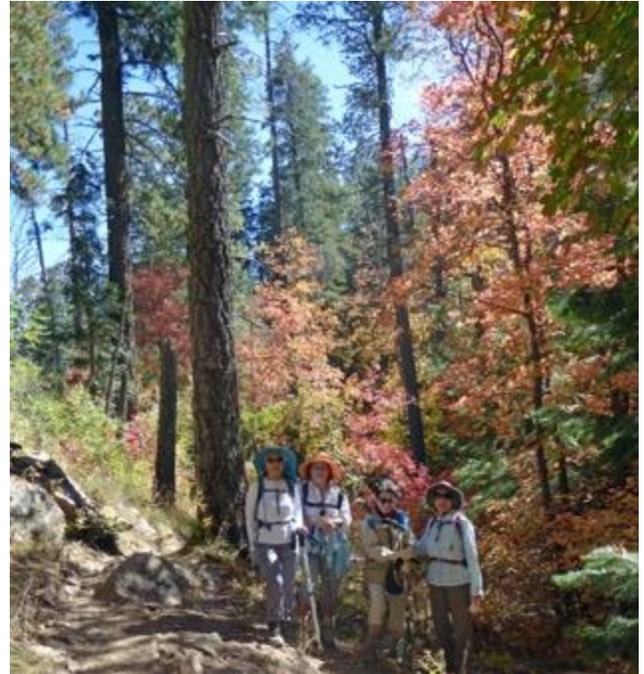


Jeanine Storrs, Miriam Solomon, Esther Goldberg, and Julie Davis at the overlook on Aspen Loop Trail
Photo by Karen Gray

When we were a little above Marshall Saddle, we stopped for a snack. We headed down the Marshall Gulch trail which is all downhill from the saddle. Then the really good color started to appear. This side of the loop trail follows a creek and everything nearby looked a little healthier, and the colors were wonderful. If you are from the east and some other parts of the country, the colors are different. The maples were pinky red, and the golden aspens did not disappoint.

We took our time to take some photos and enjoy the color. When we reached the bottom, we headed back to Summerhaven to the Saw Mill Restaurant and had

a delicious lunch and chatted about how lovely it is up in the mountains on a clear, crisp day.



Fall Color on Mt. Lemmon with Esther Goldberg, Julie Davis, Miriam Solomon, and Jeanine Storrs
Photo by Karen Gray

SADDLEBROOKE HIKING CLUB AT MARBLE CANYON November 5-11, 2017

Submitted by Ken Wong

Where is Marble Canyon? This is a commonly asked question when you tell your friends you are taking a trip to this location. Well, Marble Canyon is the section of the Colorado River canyon in northern Arizona from Lee's Ferry to the confluence with the Little Colorado River, which marks the beginning of the Grand Canyon.

Fifteen members of the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club spent five days hiking the beautiful and varied terrain of this majestic area from November 6-10, 2017, in a trip organized by Northern Arizona University and their Road Scholar program.

The Road Scholar brochure describes the hikes as "Challenging", and for most of the group this proved to be the case. Extensive hiking in sand, negotiating rocks and boulders, narrow and precarious passageways in slot canyons, steep and prolonged ascents, narrow ledges, cross-country trekking with no trails, a boat ride to get to a remote trailhead, and extensive scrambling ensured that rewards at the end of the trail were not obtained without paying a price.

With expert guides from NAU (Bruce Banker & Dan Boone) and great teamwork, we were assisted at the many precarious points on the trails throughout the week. Club member Terry Parrot was especially helpful and performed as a third guide for the group.

What did we see? We started on Monday hiking the Chocolate Cliffs and were rewarded with great views of the Vermilion and Echo Cliffs. A night program focused on exploration of the area by the Spanish in the 1700's. Tuesday's highlights included summiting Cathedral Butte, followed by hiking Cathedral Wash and eating lunch at a beach on the Colorado River. The night program was a lecture on the reintroduction of California condors.

Wednesday was memorable with a hike to Waterholes Canyon where we were treated to the beauty and challenges of a remarkable slot canyon. We concluded the day with a short walk to the viewpoint at iconic Horseshoe Bend of the Colorado River. Thursday involved a scenic boat ride upstream on the Colorado River in Glen Canyon from Lee's Ferry to the trailhead for Fall Canyon. The end of the Fall Canyon trail was a spectacular red rock amphitheater that we had to ourselves as was the case with most of our hikes.

On the boat trip back to Lee's Ferry, we paused to view big horn sheep on the shore and up on the cliffs. Friday concluded with a hike up The Sand Crack which led to the plateau of the Vermilion Cliffs, or for some of the group a trip to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon.



Club members on the trip were Janet and Paul Arnett, Ellen and George Citron, Sue Frederickson, Bruce Hale, Linda Vautrin-Hale, Dennis Hill, Bertie Litchfield, Laurel and Terry Parrott, Jan and Norm Rechkemmer, Marge and Ken Wong.

MOUNT KIMBALL

Submitted by Randy Park

On November 7, 2017, four club members ventured up the steep and rocky Finger Rock Trail with the top of Mount Kimball as the target. While warmer than normal at the start, hikers were happy to have a consistent cloud cover all the way to the top. "A" hikes are never easy, and this one lived up to its reputation; but the reward was superb. Margaret, Kaori, Frank, and Randy were treated to outstanding views of SaddleBrooke, Oracle, Mt. Lemmon, and Picacho Peak. Photos by Kaori Hashimoto



KEEP TRACK OF YOUR HIKES

Submitted by Randy Park

When you joined the Hiking Club you may have received a nice patch that can be attached to your backpack. When a member completes a certain number of hikes, they can attach a rocker to their patch to document their accomplishments. Rockers are available for 50, 100, 250, 500, 750, and 1000 hikes.

For a long time the Hiking Club has kept track of each hike that each member has performed. Prior to mid 2008, this data included daily fitness walks. Starting in January of 2018, it will be the responsibility of each hiker to keep track of how many hikes they have done. The Club will still retain the completed hike sign-up sheets.

If you want to know how many hikes you have completed or want to have a rocker to attach to your patch, please contact Randy Park at 825-6819. He will be glad to give you your count.



ORIENTATION TO HIKING IN THE DESERT SOUTHWEST

Wednesday, JANUARY 31, 2018

Submitted by Rob Simms

If you are new to hiking in Arizona or have not hiked recently, you may want to learn about hiking in the Sonoran Desert from our experienced SaddleBrooke Hiking Club Guides. If so, [YOU ARE INVITED](#) to attend a Hiking Orientation Presentation at 2:00 p.m.,

January 31, in the Mountain View Ballroom (west side). Among the topics to be discussed are how to prepare for the desert's special conditions, how to choose the hike that is right for you, and what type of clothing and equipment are recommended. These tips should make hiking more enjoyable and safer for you.

Information will also be presented about the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club, the types of hikes we offer and our other club programs. This presentation is open to ALL SADDLEBROOKE RESIDENTS & RENTERS interested in hiking in Arizona. You do not have to be a member of the club to attend the orientation and no reservations are necessary.

Please visit our website: saddlebrookehikingclub.com to learn more about the club. For further information, please contact our chief guides: Rob Simms at 517-410-9031 or Phil McNamee at 520-369-4504. We hope to see everyone interested in hiking in our desert southwest at this special program.

NOVEMBER MAINTENANCE DAY ON THE ARIZONA TRAIL

Submitted by Elisabeth Wheeler



The SaddleBrooke Hiking Club hosted their November trail maintenance day on the Arizona Trail with Ray Peale and Wendy Lotze leading teams clearing brush and repairing drains near the American Flag Trailhead. Ample summer rains afforded the thorny and prickly desert vegetation plenty of opportunity to grow into the trail corridor. This team attacked the growth with vigor, making it possible to travel the one-fourth mile they cleared without worry of being impaled. In several locations where the soft decomposed granite surface was being damaged by water erosion, the team created new drainage and clear tread.

If you are interested in joining the SaddleBrooke Club on their January 17 or February 21 work event,

call or email Elisabeth Wheeler, 520-818-1547, hikerelisabeth@gmail.com.



A big thank-you to the following volunteers on the November work event: Ray Peale, Kim Jones, Norm Rechkemmer, Jerry Morris, Garrett Rassing, Marilynn Smith, Fred Norris, Steve Aiken, Hank Kreis, Gail Bergquist, Barry Larson and Melissa Elbert.

SADDLEBROOKE HIKING CLUB VISITS SEDONA

Submitted by David Sorenson

On October 16 and 17, eleven hikers from the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club hiked Boynton Canyon, Devils Bridge, and the West Fork of Oak Creek. Boynton Canyon is the ancestral home of the Yavapai and Sinagua peoples and is also considered a vortex.

Devils Bridge is a land bridge that is 100 feet above the valley floor in west Sedona and is not for those afraid of heights.

Lastly, we hiked the West Fork of Oak Creek which in my mind is the prettiest fall hike in Arizona because of its Gambel oak and walnut trees in full fall color, red rocks, and a creek running through.

Hikers who went on the trip were Dave Sorenson, Joe and Marlene D'Ambrosio, Lonnie Bright , JP and

Cindy Blount, Mark Schwartz, Kathryn Madore, Kay Clauson, Margaret Valair, and Roberta Litchfield.

Sedona in the fall is always a delight!



Photo by David Sorenson



Left to right - SaddleBrooke Hikers at Boynton Canyon in Sedona: Mark Schwartz, Lonnie Bright, Dave Sorenson, Roberta Litchfield, Margaret Valair, Marlene D'Ambrosio, JP Blount, Joe D'Ambrosio, and Cindy Blount.

COCHISE STRONGHOLD

Submitted by Walt Shields

On November 29, ten SaddleBrooke Hiking Club members hiked into the Dragoon Mountains to explore the Cochise Stronghold trail. The trail, over the course of 6 miles and 1300 vertical feet, traverses through some of the most spectacular cathedral of rocks anywhere in southern Arizona. Located south of Benson, the rugged natural fortress was for some 15 years the home and base of operations for the famed Chiricahua Apache chief, Cochise. From the

towering pinnacles of rock sentinels could spot enemies in the valley below and sweep down without warning in destructive raids. Following his death in 1874, Cochise was buried with his horse in an unknown location within the rocks.



Pictured from left to right: Kim Jones, Camille Esterman, Pam Wakefield, Walt Shields (guide), Tiggy Shields, Bruce Hale, Steve Aiken, Bobbi Nichols, Doug Nichols and Aaron Schoenberg (hiding in the grass)

**2018 BANFF FILM FESTIVAL
WORLD TOUR
Saturday, March 3, 2018**

Submitted by Aaron Schoenberg

The Banff Film Festival World Tour returns to the Fox Theater in Tucson on Saturday, March 3. Aaron will once again be guiding this annual trip to this series of outdoor adventure films. He is purchasing tickets for the group and this performance will sell out, so contact Aaron (askus3@centurylink.net or 825-2060) to get your tickets in advance. For the time being, save the date on your calendar - he will start accepting reservations on Feb. 1.

This film series includes award winning cinematographic short films on topics that include hiking, bicycling, skiing, rock climbing, kayaking, and other outdoor adventure activities taking place around the globe. These are the best films selected by a panel of judges at Banff last summer and then packaged to present at showings around the world.

We are fortunate that Tucson is one location that is chosen and sponsored by Summit Hut on the Banff Film World Tour. Doors open at 7 p.m., and the show will run from 7:30 until a little after 10 p.m. Plan on returning to SaddleBrooke around 11 p.m. For those that want to can carpool, meet at Mountain View at 5:30 p.m.

**TONTO NATIONAL MONUMENT AND
ROOSEVELT LAKE & DAM
HIKE EXPLORATION**

Submitted by Aaron Schoenberg

On Monday, November 20, 2017, a group of 12 hikers from the Saddlebrooke Hiking Club went on a trip to Roosevelt Lake and explored ancient Indian ruins and cave dwellings with a guide provided by the National Park Service. The cave dwellings were the home to a community of prehistoric Salado people, named in the early 20th century after the life-giving Rio Salado or Salt River. For three centuries, they sustained themselves from what nature provided in this mountainous desert terrain. On this trip we explored their habitat.



Group photo at the Upper Cliff Dwelling at Tonto National Monument on our guided hike. Lower row (L→R): Bob Shea, Ranger/Naturalist Shannon, Kaori Hashimoto, Mary Hlushko, Camille Esterman & Jan Springer. Upper row (L→R): Rodger Bivens, Kim Jones, Joe & Joyce Maurizzi. Not included in photo: Aaron Schoenberg (guide), Bill & Kathy Johnston. Photo taken by volunteer ranger who accompanied our group. Bob Shea's camera was used.

Another major exploration of this outing was the viewing of the scenic Roosevelt Dam and lake. This was one of five original federal projects authorized on March 14, 1903, under the Newlands Reclamation Act of 1902. Roosevelt Dam was the first major project to be completed under the new federal reclamation program. At the time it was built, it was the world's highest masonry dam, swift construction starting in 1906 and completed in 1911. The beginning of federal production of electric power occurred at Roosevelt Dam when Congress, in 1906, authorized the Reclamation Service to develop and sell hydroelectric power at the Salt River Project. The dam is 357 feet (109 m) high and impounds the Salt River. The dam was renovated and expanded in 1989-1996. The dam serves mainly for

irrigation water supply and flood control. The dam also has a hydroelectric generating capacity of 36 megawatts.

Other short hikes we undertook on this trip was a visit to the cemetery where many workers lost their lives in the building of the Roosevelt Dam and were buried here. Most of the gravesites were unmarked with wooden crosses but without engraving. A 14-year-old and his father were buried side by side. It was a tough and dangerous life working for the building of the dam.

Lastly, we climbed Vineyard Mountain on a short 3-mile round trip hike along the Arizona Trail, where we climbed about 700 feet to spectacular viewpoints overlooking Roosevelt Lake, Roosevelt Dam, and the Salt River Bridge. These awesome views were enhanced by the late afternoon lowering sun and increased shadows.



A group of our hikers looking out at the scene from Vineyard Mountain of Roosevelt Lake and the Salt River Bridge. Photo taken and submitted by Kaori Hashimoto

Then on our return back to Saddlebrooke, we stopped in Globe at the Copper Bistro restaurant where we enjoyed the tasty cuisine and had excellent service for our group dinner. This was a full and long day, departing Saddlebrooke at 5:30 AM and not returning home until after 8 PM.

Future Trips

Destination	Dates	Contact Person
2018 Banff Film Festival World Tour	March 3, 2018	Aaron Schoenberg
Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona	Apr 30 – May 4, 2018	Dianne Temple diannetempleaz@gmail.com
Santa Fe, New Mexico	Oct 2-4 2018	Walt Shields waltshields@mac.com

News You Can Use

Emergency Field Training for SBHC Guides	1/8 Mon.	Depart MV Club 8:00 A.M.
AZ. Trail Work Session Meet: Mountain View Lot	1/17 Wed.	7:30 A.M.
History of Catalina State Park Jim Williams	1/17 Wed.	4:00 – 5:00 P.M.
SBHC Social Hour Agave Lounge HOA #1	1/17 Wed.	5:00 P.M.
AZ. Trail Work Session Meet: Mountain View Lot	1/21 Wed.	7:30 A.M.
Vietnam Today: The Land, The Culture, The People Tiggy & Walt Shields	1/21 Wed.	4:00 – 5:00 P.M.
SBHC Social Hour Agave Lounge HOA #1	1/21 Wed.	5:00 P.M.
HOA2 Activities Fair – Table MountainView Ballroom	1/27 Sat.	8 – 11:30 A.M.
Orientation to SaddleBrooke Hiking Club & Desert Hiking MountainView Ballroom	1/31 Wed.	2:00 P.M.
SBHC Board Meeting Coyote Room North HOA #1	2/7 Wed.	2:30 – 4:00 P.M.
SBHC Guide Meeting Coyote Room North HOA #1	2/7 Wed.	4:00 – 5:00 P.M.

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

Saddlebrooke Hiking Club Calendar

Jan 2018 (Mountain Time - Arizona)

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Hikes Offered

Tuesday, January 02, 2018 La Milagrosa Ridge, Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [New, 7:30am, \$7]. The hike begins near the intersection of N. Avenida de Suzenu and Horse Head Rds (near Synder Road off the start of the Catalina Hwy). We hike the La Milagrosa ridgeline out to the junction with the Bellota section of the Arizona Trail. At this trail junction, we return the way we came. Views down into La Milagrosa Canyon are splendid. When water is running this is a wonderland of cascades and falls. Hike 8 miles, Net elevation change 1271 feet, accumulated gain ~2,000 RTD 97 miles. [Guide: Susan Hollis, 825-6819]

Tuesday, January 02, 2018 North Fifty-Year Trail to Hidden Canyon Loop – Short Version. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [NEW, 8:00 AM, \$2]. The hike begins in the Fifty-Year Trail area off Golder Ranch Road. We take the 50-Yr. Trail north to an unnamed spur trail which connects to the Hidden Canyon Trail. We turn south on the Hidden Canyon Trail and then follow the Deer Camp and 50-Yr. Trails back to the cars. There are beautiful saguaros and rock formations, in addition to excellent views of SaddleBrooke, Sun City, and the Tortolitas. The hike may be done in reverse. Hike 4.1 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; net elevation change __ feet; accumulated gain __ feet; RTD 12 miles (dirt). [Guide: Tim Butler, 825-0193, tucsontimmer@gmail.com]

Wednesday, January 03, 2018 Tortolita Mountains: Wild Mustang / Wild Burro Canyon Loop. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [469, 8:00 AM, \$4]. The trailhead is at the Ritz Carlton hiker parking lot. Hikers proceed through the Wild Burro Wash, connect with the Upper Javalina Trail, and make their way up to the Wild Mustang Trail. The trail will lead the group over the higher elevations of the mountains to the north past at least 3 crested saguaros. Near the upper end of Wild Mustang Trail, we take a connector trail southeast down to the Wild Burro Canyon Trail. The trail overlooks the narrow upper canyon which spreads wide with numerous side canyons and tributaries. As we continue down Wild Burro Canyon, we pass a crumbling stone structure and arrive at a boulder strewn falls which thunders with runoff from the upper side canyons and tributaries when it rains. A short distance later we will merge onto Lower Javalina Trail, quickly descending through hillsides covered with enormous boulders and a forest of saguaro cacti. We will then rejoin Wild Burro Trail to return to the trailhead. Hike 8.4 miles; trailhead elevation 2680 feet; net elevation change 1150 feet; accumulated gain 1785 feet; RTD 44 miles. [Guide: Walt Shields 818-3439 waltshields@mac.com.]

Wednesday, January 03, 2018 Superstitions: Weavers Needle to Fremont Saddle and Overlook Point. Rating: C!. Pace: Moderate [497, 07:30 AM, \$14]. This in-and-out hike through the beautiful Superstition Mountains, brings you up to a stunning vista overlooking Weavers Needle. The needle is an iconic Arizona landmark often pictured in photos. The hike begins at the Peralta Trailhead and rises quickly on a rugged, vegetated path. Oak and mesquite trees are common along the trail as well as huge bolder formations. Magnificent vistas of the Superstitions are visible as the ascent continues. The trail reaches it's highest elevation at Fremont Saddle and Weavers Needle comes into view. The hike continues for another 1/2 mile to reach Overlook Point (sometimes referred to as Lone Pine). After enjoying the view and a snack, we descend down the same trail. Hike 6 miles; trailhead elevation 2500 feet; net elevation change 1,385 feet; RTD 154 miles (dirt). [Guide: Dave Corrigan, dave@daveandpam.com 520-820-6110]

Thursday, January 04, 2018 Wasson Peak via Sendero Esperanza and Hugh Norris Trails. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [480, 8:00 AM, \$7]. The hike begins at Sendero Esperanza Trailhead off Golden Gate Road. The route follows the Esperanza Trail (1.8 miles) to the Hugh Norris Trail and on to Wasson Peak (2.2 miles). The climb is gradual and the Hugh Norris section is primarily a ridge trail with spectacular views. The 360-degree views from Wasson Peak include Tucson and Santa Catalinas to the east, Green Valley/Santa Ritas to the south, Sells to the west, and Picacho to the north. We will lunch on top of the Peak and return the same way. Hike 8.0 miles; trailhead elevation 2960 feet; net elevation change 1624 feet; accumulated gain 1764 feet; RTD 73 miles (dirt). [Guide: Rob Simms Spartan7375@gmail.com]

Thursday, January 04, 2018 Alamo Canyon to the Water Tank. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [7,9 AM, \$2 + \$2]. The hike begins at the Romero Ruins Trailhead in Catalina State Park. Elevation change is gradual. The trail proceeds from the ruins through Alamo Canyon. Water may be present in the canyon after rainy periods. Hikers then go around, down, and up and down again to an unused, large water tank. Trail is rocky in some areas. The return is one of three ways of equal distance. Hike 6.5 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 400 feet; accumulated gain 1050 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Marv Rossof; 877-9262.]

Friday, January 05, 2018 CDO/Big Wash Walk. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [145, 09:00 AM, \$2]. The hike will start at a parking area near the In and Out Burger Restaurant in Oro Valley Market Place. We access the path here, then cross over the Canada del Oro via the new footbridge and continue along the wash on a paved path that parallels the Big Wash & CDO. The trail goes behind several stores, and behind the old Steam Pump Ranch property. The group will turn around near Home Depot, and return via the same route. There are some lovely cliffs across the wash at one point. Hike 4 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change and accumulated gain are minimal; RTD 20 miles. [Guide: Dave Sorenson iowaboy1950@ yahoo.com]

Monday, January 08, 2018 Emergency Field Training for SBHC Guides. Depart Mountain View Clubhouse at 8:00am.

Tuesday, January 09, 2018 Douglas Spring Trail to the Campground. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [170, 7:30 AM, \$6]. Hikers drive to the east end of Speedway to reach the Douglas Spring Trailhead. The hike involves moderately some steep hiking on a well-used trail to the campground. Coming back we may take the spur out and back to Bridal Wreath Falls, and follow Douglas Spring Trail back to the trailhead. The trails are mostly open, so bring sun protection. Bring lunch. Hike 13.3 miles; trailhead elevation 2800 feet; net elevation change 2165 feet; accumulated gain 2684 feet; RTD 80 miles. [Guide: Susan Hollis, 825-6819, slhollis@yahoo.com.]

Tuesday, January 09, 2018 Deer Camp / Baby Jesus Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [167, 08:00 AM, \$2]. The hike begins in the Fifty-Year Trail area. We hike easterly toward Deer Camp, and then take the Middle Tank Connecting Trail to the Baby Jesus Trail which leads back to the trailhead. The area has little traffic and is a delight to the senses. Hike 6.1 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; net elevation change 667 feet; accumulated gain 1128 feet; RTD 12 miles (dirt). [Guide: Tim Butler, 825-0193, tucsontimmer@gmail.com]

Wednesday, January 10, 2018 Sweetwater Preserve. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [432, 8:00 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.) There is a system of trails within the park made in 2008 by a crew of Pima County trail builders. 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. A map of the area may be found on their website (www.sdmb.org/trail-Sweetwater.html) Hike 7.3 miles; trailhead elevation 2800 feet; net elevation change <1000 feet; accumulated gain 680 feet; RTD 60 miles. [Guide: Walt Shields 818-3439 waltshields@mac.com.]

Thursday, January 11, 2018 American Flag to the Saddle. Rating: B. Pace: SLOW [9, 8:00 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: Karen Gray, 818-0337 kgrayinaz@yahoo.com]

Thursday, January 11, 2018 History Hike: The Sutherland's. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [New, 8:00 AM, \$2]. Hike approximate one mile with minimal elevation gain. Hiking boots recommended (loose rocks & uneven terrain. Cross under/through barbwire fence (protective clothing recommended). Caravan to north entrance of Catalina State Park to see the remaining adobe walls of William H. Sutherland's pioneer home and his nearby well. Then drive a short distance and hike to the stone reservoir built by son, William Ray. Explore the adjacent remains of the hand-dug well that supplied the reservoir, returning to the cars by way of Sutherland Wash. Finally, visit the site of Pierre Charouleau's pioneer ranch along Edwin Rd. and the adobe remains of an unidentified building on the ranch. W.H.'s son, Frank, purchased Charouleau's ranch in 1917. An oral history of the Sutherlands will be provided as the hike progresses. Limit 18 hikers. This hike is on State Trust Land. Hike ~ one mile; minimal elevation gain; RTD 4 miles (dirt). [Guide: Bob Simpson pinalbj@outlook.com (520) 818-2610]

Friday, January 12, 2018 Baby Jesus. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [96, 08:00 AM, \$2]. The hike starts in the Fifty-Year Trail area near the east end of Golder Ranch Road and follows a jeep road that connects to the beginning of the Baby Jesus Trail across the Sutherland Wash. Hikers follow the trail on the east side of Baby Jesus Ridge to a rock grouping that looks in profile like the Madonna and Child, (for which the ridge is named) seeing a "window," beautiful saguaros, and rock formations along the way. The return is via the same route. Hike 7.5 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; net elevation change 702 feet; accumulated gain 1335 feet; RTD 12 miles (dirt). [Guide: Tim Butler, 825-0193, tucsontimmer@gmail.com]

Monday, January 15, 2018 Boyce-Thompson Arboretum. Rating: D Pace: Moderate [117,08: 00 AM, \$12]. The arboretum (free with each Arizona State Park Pass for up to four people , otherwise \$12.50 fee per person) features 35 acres of nature paths, towering trees, cacti, mountain cliffs, a streamside forest, a desert lake, and panoramic views. It is located about 100 miles north of SaddleBrooke off U.S. 60 between Florence Junction and Superior. The park is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bring lunch, camera, hiking stick optional. Hiking boots or comfortable walking shoes are recommended, although the paved trail is relatively level. Call the hike guide for more details. Hike is under 4 miles; trailhead elevation __ feet; net elevation change is minimal; accumulated gain is minimal; RTD 164 miles. [Guide: Dave Sorenson ,Iowanboy1950@yahoo.com]

Monday, January 15, 2018 Blackett's Ridge. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [108, 08:00 AM, \$4]. 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. [Guide: Frank Earnest, 507-261-9175, fearnestiv@gmail.com.]

Monday, January 15, 2018 Finger Rock Trail to Canyon Overlook. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [190, 8:30 AM, \$4]. The hike begins from the Finger Rock Trailhead at the north end of Alvernon Way. The hike covers level ground for about a mile, and then sharply climbs up the canyon. Scrambling is necessary at some points going up and coming down, but is not overly difficult for most hikers. From the overlook, hikers will enjoy the beautiful vistas of Mt. Kimball, Finger Rock, and the steep Finger Rock Canyon, then return. Hike 3.3 miles; trailhead elevation 3120 feet; net elevation change 922 feet; accumulated gain 1326 feet; RTD 44 miles. [Guide: Howie and Elaine Fagan, 818-9555, howieandelaine@q.com]

Tuesday, January 16, 2018 Canyon Loop, Birding, and Nature Trails. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [136, 9 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: Marv Rossof; 877-9262.]

Wednesday, January 17, 2018 Arizona Trail: Work Session. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [87, 8 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 7.5-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 3 hours. Hike 3-4 miles. RTD 41 miles. The club will pay the \$3 driver donation. [Guide: Elisabeth Wheeler, 520-818-1547 hikerelisabeth@gmail.com]

Wednesday, January 17, 2018 Please join us for the SBHC Program @4:00pm in the HOA#1 Activity Center. Historian Jim Williams will discuss "Early Settlers of Catalina State Park". Jim has a B.A. in History from Ursinus College and an M.A. in Government from Lehigh University. He is a former Social Studies Curriculum Coordinator in Pennsylvania. He is currently President of the Oro Valley Historical Society and is writing a history of Oro Valley. Planned by Myrna Simms, SBHC Program Committee member.

Wednesday, January 17, 2018 SBHC Social Hour following the program ~5:00pm in the Agavé Lounge at HOA#1.

Thursday, January 18, 2018 Honey Bee Canyon North. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [222,9:00 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 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: Walt Shields 818-3439 waltshields@mac.com.]

Thursday, January 18, 2018 Fifty-Year Trail / Sutherland Cutoff Trail Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [181, 8:00 AM, \$2+ \$2]. The hike begins at the Equestrian Center in Catalina State Park. The Fifty-Year Trail leads north to a stream terrace that provides a fantastic view of the Sutherland Wash area and the Santa Catalina Mountains. We then hike down to the Sutherland Wash, take the Trail Link to the Sutherland Trail, and head back into the park. Hike 7.6 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 500 feet; accumulated gain __ feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Phil McNamee 520-369-4504 mcnameephil@gmail.com]

Friday, January 19, 2018 Hidden Canyon Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [219, 8:00 AM, \$2]. This is a beautiful hike, practically in our "back yard," to a secluded canyon in the upper reaches of the Sutherland Wash. There are many beautiful rock formations and saguaro cacti along the way and a rock ledge with a great view down the valley. The ledge is a great place for lunch. The hike begins in the Fifty-Year Trail area past Golder Ranch Road gate. After lunch, we will continue out of the canyon, circle around Hidden Canyon Peak back to the "North Gate," and return to the trailhead via the Fifty-Year Trail. Hike 8.3 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; net elevation change 750 feet; accumulated gain 1192 feet; RTD 12 miles (dirt). [Guide: Tim Butler, 825-0193, tucsontimmer@gmail.com]

Monday, January 22, 2018 Window Rock Loop via Ventana and Esperero Trails. Rating: A. Pace: Moderate [491, 06:30 AM, \$4]. This is a classic, strenuous hike to the unique Window at the top of Ventana Canyon, which is a large opening through a rock face on the crest of the front range of the Catalinas. The trail is a very long loop, and takes one from saguaros to ponderosas and back again. The hike starts at the Ventana Canyon Trailhead, proceeds past the Maiden Pools to the ridge. At a junction near the saddle, the Esperero Trail continues eastward to the Window for a superb view of Tucson and surrounding mountains. The hike continues on the Esperero Trail past Window Peak (optional side trip) to Esperero Cyn, and descends past Bridal Veil Falls and Cardiac Gulch to Esperero Creek. The Esperero Trail crosses the ridges of Bird Cyn and Rattlesnake Canyon to the Cactus Picnic area and continues down the road to the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center. A car shuttle is required. Hike 15.5 miles; trailhead elevation 2850 feet; net elevation change 4450 feet; accumulated gain 5817 feet; RTD 56 miles. [Guide: Frank Earnest, 507-261-9175, fearnestiv@gmail.com.]

Tuesday, January 23, 2018 Alamo Canyon. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [6, 8:00 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]

Wednesday, January 24, 2018 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]

Thursday, January 25, 2018 Wasson Peak via Hugh Norris Trail. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [478, 8:00 AM, \$6]. From the trailhead near Hohokum Road (off N. Kinney Road past Red Hills Visitor Center), the hike follows the Hugh Norris Trail to and from Wasson Peak. Hugh Norris is the longest trail to Wasson Peak, but the climb is gradual along a ridge with spectacular views. There are excellent 360-degree views from the top. There is little shade; bring plenty of water and sun protection. Hike 9.9 miles; trailhead elevation 2640 feet; net elevation change 2124 feet; accumulated gain 2400 feet; RTD 73 miles. [Guide: Phil McNamee 520-369-4504 mcnameephil@gmail.com.]"

Thursday, January 25, 2018 Brown Mountain. Rating: C. Pace: SLOW [124, 7:30 AM, \$6]. The Brown Mountain Trail is along a ridge in the heart of the Tucson Mountains. It starts at a trailhead on McCain Loop Road, just south of Kinney Road east of the Arizona Sonoran Desert Museum. Along this "ridge ramble" are excellent views of the mountains, valleys, and desert vegetation. The route has many up and downs. Hike 5 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 (trailheads at either end are 2640 and 2880) feet; net elevation change 424 feet; accumulated gain 943 feet; RTD 73 miles. [Guide: Karen Gray, 818-0337, kgrayinaz@yahoo.com]

Friday, January 26, 2018 Arizona Trail: Molino Basin to La Milagrosa Ridge Trail. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [62, 8:00 AM, \$7]. The hike begins at Molino Basin Campground on the Catalina Hwy and involves traversing a portion of AZT Passage 10. We hike south on the Arizona Trail, traversing 600 feet up the Molino Ridge (high point el. 4800 feet). It is mostly down hill as we reach the junction for the Milagrosa Ridge Trail, and continue along an up-and-down ridge to the vehicles at Horsehead Road (near Soldier Trail Road). There are great views along the way of the valley and sheer rock walls of Milagrosa and Agua Caliente Canyons. The trail is mostly

good with a few rocky areas. **Car Spot: Cars will need to be left at Horsehead Road (el. 2700 feet) and driven back to Molino Basin, 7 miles away.** Hike ~8 miles; trailhead elevation 4300 feet; net elevation change minus 1600 feet; accumulated gain 900 to 1000 feet; elevation loss 2500 feet; RTD 88 miles. [Guide: Rob Simms Spartan7375@gmail.com]

Saturday, January 27, 2018 8:00am to 11:30am. The SBHC will have a table at the HOA2 Activities Fair in MV Ballroom.

Monday, January 29, 2018 Superstitions: Dutchman Trail / Bluff Springs Loop. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [402, 07:30 AM, \$14]. The hike starts at the Peralta Trailhead off Hwy # 60 in the Superstitions and follows the Dutchman Trail through Barkley Basin. From the basin, the trail climbs past Miners Needle (smaller sister of Weavers Needle) to Miners Summit, then descends along the Bluff Springs Trail to Bluff Spring (has seasonal water). There are netleaf hackberry and oak shade trees along the way. Hikers then continue back to the trailhead with superb views of Weavers Needle. Hike 9.6 miles; trailhead elevation 2415 feet; net elevation change 895 feet; accumulated gain 1531 feet; RTD 154 miles (dirt). [Guide: Dave Corrigan, dave@daveandpam.com, 520-820-6110]

Tuesday, January 30, 2018 OSP East Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [307, 9 AM, \$3 + \$2]. The hike begins at the Kannally Ranch House parking lot in Oracle State Park. Hikers follow the Nature Trail to the Wildlife Corridor Trail where we go northeast to the AZ Trail. At the intersection, we turn southeast and follow trail to the intersection with the Manzanita Trail. We follow this trail west and onto the Nature Trail that takes us back to the trailhead. This route is fairly level with little elevation change with wide open views and interesting rock formations among the low desert plants. Hike 6.2 miles, trailhead elevation 4350 feet; net elevation change __ feet; accumulated gain 760 feet; RTD 40 miles. [Guide: Marv Rosssof; 877-9262]

Wednesday, January 31, 2018 Orientation to Saddlebrooke Hiking Club and Desert Hiking @2pm in Mountain View Ballroom West.

Thursday, February 01, 2018 Romero Pools. Rating: C!. Pace: SLOW [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: Karen Gray, 818-0337, kgrayinaz@yahoo.com.]

Thursday, February 01, 2018 Honey Bee Canyon North. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [222, 8:00AM, \$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 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: Phil McNamee 520-369-4504 mcnameephil@gmail.com]

Friday, February 02, 2018 Fifty-Year Tr > WestGateTr > WestBluff Loop Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [NEW, 8:00 AM, \$2 + \$2] The hike begins at the Catalina State Park Equestrian Ctr and goes north on Fifty-Yr Tr to WestGate Tr (near north end of park). Turn left on WestGate Tr to park boundary. Turn left (south) on WestBluff Tr inside park towards Equestrian Ctr. Continue on trail that eventually drops into wash (some sand hiking) and returns to starting point at CSP-EC. Hike Est 6.5 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 450 feet; accumulated gain Est 600 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Rob Simms Spartan7375@gmail.com]

Friday, February 02, 2018 Wasson Peak via Sendero Esperanza and Hugh Norris Trails. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [480, 7:30 AM, \$7]. The hike begins at Sendero Esperanza Trailhead off Golden Gate Road. The route follows the Esperanza Trail (1.8 miles) to the Hugh Norris Trail and on to Wasson Peak (2.2 miles). The climb is gradual and the Hugh Norris section is primarily a ridge trail with spectacular views. The 360-degree views from Wasson Peak include Tucson and Santa Catalinas to the east, Green Valley/Santa Ritas to the south, Sells to the west, and Picacho to the north. We will lunch on top of the Peak and return the same way. Hike 8.0 miles; trailhead elevation 2960 feet; net elevation change 1624 feet; accumulated gain 1776 feet; RTD 73 miles (dirt). [Guide: Dave Corrigan, dave@daveandpam.com 520-820-6110]

Monday, February 05, 2018 Mt. Kimball via Finger Rock Canyon. Rating: A. Pace: Moderate [271, 07:00 AM, \$4]. Starting from the Finger Rock Trailhead at the north end of Alvernon Way, this rocky trail climbs steadily and follows the canyon past Finger Rock, a prominent Tucson landmark high above the canyon floor. The trail passes Linda Vista Saddle between Mt. Kimball and "Little Kimball," and onto the Pima Canyon Trail. A half mile further and hikers arrive at the top of Mt. Kimball. The destination offers one of the most fantastic views in all of the Catalinas. The return hike is down the same trails. Hike 9.5 miles; trailhead elevation 3120 feet; net elevation change 4049 feet; accumulated gain 4148 feet; RTD 44 miles. [Guide: Frank Earnest, 507-261-9175, fearnestiv@gmail.com.]

Tuesday, February 06, 2018 Picacho Peak Loop. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [328, 07:00 AM, \$4 + \$2]. The hike combines both the Hunter and Sunset Vista Trails along with some easy trails at the base of Picacho Peak. Beginning at the Sunset Day Use Parking Area, we will traverse several of these trails including the Cave, Nature and Calloway Trails. Thus, the beginning of the hike involves relatively smooth walking and little elevation gain. Then we will be psyched up for a climb to the top of Picacho Peak via the Hunter Trail, which provides 360-degree views of the area. We start with a climb up to a saddle. Then the trail descends about 350 feet to the junction with the Sunset Vista Trail before resuming the upward climb from the west side of the Peak. The return is via Sunset Vista Trail back to the Sunset Day Use Parking Area. Bring leather or rubber tipped gloves for the cables you will be holding on to and ample water. There are several areas of climbing where the trail is slippery due to loose rock and/or where the trail has extreme exposure to sharp drop-offs. Park entrance fee required. Hike 9.0 miles; trailhead elevation 1840 feet; net elevation change 1534 feet; accumulated gain 2250 feet; RTD 85 miles. [Guide: Aaron Schoenberg, 825-2060, askus3@centurylink.net]

Tuesday, February 06, 2018 North Fifty-Year Trail to Hidden Canyon Loop – Short Version. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [NEW, 8:00 AM, \$2]. The hike begins in the Fifty-Year Trail area off Golder Ranch Road. We take the 50-Yr. Trail north to an unnamed spur trail which connects to the Hidden Canyon Trail. We turn south on the Hidden Canyon Trail and then follow the Deer Camp and 50-Yr. Trails back to the cars. There are beautiful saguaros and rock formations, in addition to excellent views of SaddleBrooke, Sun City, and the Tortolitas. The hike may be done in reverse. Hike 4.1 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; net elevation change __ feet; accumulated gain __ feet; RTD 12 miles (dirt). [Guide: Tim Butler, 825-0193, tucsontimmer@gmail.com]

Wednesday, February 07, 2018 SBHC BOD Meeting @2:30pm in the Coyote Room North (HOA#1 Clubhouse).

Wednesday, February 07, 2018 SBHC GUIDES @4:00pm in the Coyote Room North (HOA#1 Clubhouse).

Thursday, February 08, 2018 Rams Creek Basin. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [354, 9 AM, \$2]. From the Rams Creek Pass subdivision, we hike up a wash on a new trail through nice vegetation and then climb 560 feet to a watering tank. There are great views of Rancho Vistoso, the Tortolitas, SaddleBrooke, and the Biosphere along the

way. We then continue on to a waterfall where we will have lunch. The return is via the same route. Hike 5 miles; trailhead elevation 2600 feet; net elevation change 789 feet; accumulated gain 830 feet; RTD 21 miles. [Guide: Marv Rossof; 877-9262.]

Thursday, February 08, 2018 Fifty-Year Trail to Middlegate. Rating: D+ Pace: Moderate [Hike 501 modified, 8:00 AM, \$2]. Take Golder Ranch road to end, cross cattle guard and go north to corral. Proceed past corral down jeep road (FS 642) one-half mile plus to access trail. This will require medium to high clearance vehicles. Hike jeep trails and cycle trails to Middlegate. Cross Sutherland Wash and return S via Deer Camp Trail. This hike is on State Trust Land. Hike 4 miles; accumulated gain ~500 feet; RTD 4 miles (dirt) [Guide: Rob Simms Spartan7375@gmail.com]

Friday, February 09, 2018 Alamo Canyon. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [6, 8:00 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]

Sunday, February 11, 2018 Canada del Oro from the Preserve. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [133,11:00 AM]. The trail begins at the SaddleBrooke Preserve area. Hikers walk down to the wash go through a barbed wire fence. The hike proceeds west over the CDO, on a old dirt road up into the foothills to 2 water holes. The return is via the same route. Hike 4 to 6 miles; trailhead elevation 3270 feet; net elevation change 700 feet; accumulated gain ___ feet; RTD 3 miles. [Guide: Phil McNamee 520-369-4504 mcnameephil@gmail.com.]

Monday, February 12, 2018 Baby Jesus / Petroglyph Loop. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [98, 08:00AM, \$2]. The hike starts in the Fifty-Year Trail area near the east end of Golder Ranch Road. The trail crosses the Sutherland Wash and connects to the Baby Jesus Trail. At the intersection, hikers turn south until they reach the Sutherland Trail. We go west on the Sutherland (or another connecting link) for about a mile to a trail that leads to the petroglyphs, then north back to the trailhead (completing a clockwise loop). Along the way, hikers see beautiful saguaros, rock formations (including the Madona and Child, and a window), oak woodlands, and ancient petroglyphs. The hike may be done in reverse. The southern connecting link may be overgrown since it receives little use. Hike 9.0 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; net elevation change 936 feet, accumulated gain 1448 feet; RTD 12 miles (dirt). [Guide: Dave Corrigan, dave@daveandpam.com 520-820-6119]

Monday, February 12, 2018 Tour de Tortolitas: Alamo Springs, Ridgeline Trail, Wild Burro, Wild Mustang Loop. Rating: A. Pace: Moderate [171, 07:00 AM, \$4]. From the Ritz Carlton hiker parking lot, proceed through Wild Burro wash and Lower Javalina Trail to Alamo Spring Trail. The group follows Alamo Spring Trail to the new Ridgeline Trail and then hikes the Ridgeline Trail to the Loop Trail which continues as the Wild Burro Trail. Final return is via the Wild Mustang Trail. Hike 15.0 miles; trailhead elevation 3000; net elevation change 1449 feet; accumulated gain 2954 feet; RTD 44 miles [Guide: Frank Earnest, 507-261-9175, fearnestiv@gmail.com.]

Tuesday, February 13, 2018 Superstitions: Dutchman Trail / Bluff Springs Loop. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [402, 7:00 AM, \$14]. The hike starts at the Peralta Trailhead off Hwy # 60 in the Superstitions and follows the Dutchman Trail through Barkley Basin. From the basin, the trail climbs past Miners Needle (smaller sister of Weavers Needle) to Miners Summit, then descends along the Bluff Springs Trail to Bluff Spring (has seasonal water). There are netleaf hackberry and oak shade trees along the way. Hikers then continue back to the trailhead with superb views of Weavers Needle. Hike 9.6 miles; trailhead elevation 2415 feet; net elevation change 895 feet; accumulated gain 1531 feet; RTD 154 miles (dirt). [Rob Simms Spartan7375@gmail.com]

Tuesday, February 13, 2018 Sutherland Trail. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [428,9 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: Marv Rossof; 877-9262.]

Thursday, February 15, 2018 Deer Camp / Baby Jesus Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [167, 08:00 AM, \$2]. The hike begins in the Fifty-Year Trail area. We hike easterly toward Deer Camp, and then take the Middle Tank Connecting Trail to the Baby Jesus Trail which leads back to the trailhead. The area has little traffic and is a delight to the senses. Hike 6.1 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; net elevation change 667 feet; accumulated gain 1128 feet; RTD 12 miles (dirt). [Guide: Tim Butler, 825-0193, tucsontimmer@gmail.com]

Tuesday, February 20, 2018 Fifty-Year Trail / Sutherland Cutoff Trail Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [181,8:00 AM, \$2 + \$2]. The hike begins at the Equestrian Center in Catalina State Park. The Fifty-Year Trail leads north to a stream terrace that provides a fantastic view of the Sutherland Wash area and the Santa Catalina Mountains. We then hike down to the Sutherland Wash, take the Trail Link to the Sutherland Trail, and head back into the park. Hike 7.6 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 500 feet; accumulated gain __ feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Phil McNamee 520-369-4504 mcnameephil@gmail.com]

Wednesday, February 21, 2018 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 7.5-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 3 hours. Hike 3-4 miles. RTD 41 miles. The club will pay the \$3 driver donation. [Guide: Elisabeth Wheeler, 520-818-1547 or hikerelisabeth@gmail.com]

Wednesday, February 21, 2018 Please join us for the SBHC program at 4pm in the HOA#1 Activity Center. Walt Shields, SBHC Member, will be presenting "Viet Nam Today": A look at its People, Culture and Hiking the Northern Highlands. Planned by Dale Leman, SBHC Program Committee member.

Wednesday, February 21, 2018 SBHC Social Hour following the program ~5:00pm in the Agavé Lounge at HOA#1.

Thursday, February 22, 2018 History Hike: The Sutherland's. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [New, 8:00 AM, \$2]. Hike approximate one mile with minimal elevation gain. Hiking boots recommended (loose rocks & uneven terrain. Cross under/through barbwire fence (protective clothing recommended). Caravan to north entrance of Catalina State Park to see the remaining adobe walls of William H. Sutherland's pioneer home and his nearby well. Then drive a short distance and hike to the stone reservoir built by son, William Ray. Explore the adjacent remains of the hand-dug well that supplied the reservoir, returning to the cars by way of Sutherland Wash. Finally, visit the site of Pierre Charouleau's pioneer ranch along Edwin Rd. and the adobe remains of an unidentified building on the ranch. W.H.'s son, Frank, purchased Charouleau's ranch in 1917. An oral history of the Sutherlands will be provided

as the hike progresses. Limit 18 hikers. This hike is partly on State Trust Land. Hike ~ one mile; minimal elevation gain; RTD 4 miles (dirt). [Guide: Bob Simpson pinalbj@outlook.com (520) 818-2610]

Thursday, February 22, 2018 Alamo Canyon -Special Rating: D. Pace: SLOW [6, 7:30 AM, \$2 + \$2]. There will be a ranger led walk through Romero Ruins, then 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: Karen Gray, 818-0337, kgrayinaz@yahoo.com]

Friday, February 23, 2018 Phone Line Trail - Round Trip. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [323, 8:00 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: Howie and Elaine Fagan, 818-9555, howieandelaine@q.com.]

Friday, February 23, 2018 OSP East Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [307, HH:MM AM, \$3 + \$2]. The hike begins at the Kannally Ranch House parking lot in Oracle State Park. Hikers follow the Nature Trail to the Wildlife Corridor Trail where we go northeast to the AZ Trail. At the intersection, we turn southeast and follow trail to the intersection with the Manzanita Trail. We follow this trail west and onto the Nature Trail that takes us back to the trailhead. This route is fairly level with little elevation change with wide open views and interesting rock formations among the low desert plants. Hike 6.2 miles, trailhead elevation 4350 feet; net elevation change __ feet; accumulated gain 760 feet; RTD 40 miles. [Guide: Marv Rossof; 877-9262]

Monday, February 26, 2018 Superstitions: Weavers Needle Loop. Rating: A. Pace: Moderate [426, 07:00 AM, \$14]. The hike is beautiful, steep, and rocky and passes through areas of huge boulders in the Superstition Mountains. The hike begins at the Peralta Trailhead on the Bluff Spring Trail and proceeds via various connecting trails north and northwest to the east side of the very prominent Weavers Needle, passing through Barks Canyon and Terrapin pass along the way. The trail then loops around the north side and returns through Boulder Canyon to the west side of Weavers Needle via the Peralta trail, continuing up and over Fremont Saddle to the Peralta Trailhead parking area on FR # 77. Hike 13.1 miles; trailhead elevation 2500 feet; net elevation change 2600 feet; accumulated gain 3273 feet; RTD 154 miles (dirt). [Guide: Frank Earnest, 507-261-9175, fearnestiv@gmail.com.]

Tuesday, February 27, 2018 Romero Pools. Rating: C!. Pace: Moderate [370, 08:00 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: Dave Corrigan, dave@daveandpam.com, 520-820-6110]

Tuesday, February 27, 2018 Biosphere 2 Field Trip Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [New, 9:30 AM, \$2+\$25]. Join Dr. Joaquin Ruiz, Dean, College of Science and Director of Biosphere 2 and John Adams, Deputy Director, Biosphere 2 for a customized behind the scenes tour of Biosphere 2. You will see the inner workings of the one-of-

a-kind research and education facility. We will learn about the diverse and important kinds of science being conducted at Biosphere 2 that helps us better understand how Earth processes support healthy human lives. You will also learn about the context and history of this world-renowned research and education facility that, for almost three decades, has been yielding insights about how our planet works. Guide: Phil McNamee 520-369-4504 mcnameephil@gmail.com]

Wednesday, February 28, 2018 David Yetman Trail. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [165, 8:00 AM, \$6]. The hike is an easy walk through typical vegetation of the Sonoran Desert. The trail has two trailheads; one at Camino de Oeste and one near the bottom of the west side of Gates Pass. Cars will be left at one end and hikers will drive to the other trailhead. From the Gates Pass side, the trail is easy for the first mile, easy down a wash, but steep upward for a short distance along the climb back up to the ridge. Hikers pass the Central Arizona Project, an old stone house built in the early 1930's by Sherry Bowen, and a well that serves a wildlife watering tank. Bring lunch, water, hat, sun lotion, and hiking stick. Hike 6.4 miles; trailhead elevation 2800 feet; net elevation change 643 feet; accumulated gain 763 feet; RTD 75 miles. [Guide: Walt Shields 818-3439 waltshields@mac.com.]