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THE LEMMONS

By Susan Robertshaw

Many of you have been enjoying the wildflowers of Mt. Lemmon this summer. As I read Suzanne Hensel's book Look to the Mountains, I was reminded about the naming of Mt. Lemmon and the importance of botany to its namesake. I hope you enjoy reading further about our Catalina Mountains and the Lemmons. The following are excerpts from her book:

"John and Sara Lemmon came to these mountains while on their honeymoon... They were hunting for a treasure, but they were not looking for minerals or for the ideal cattle ranch. They were searching for plants – unusual, unknown plants. These pioneers of botany would find their treasures and, in return, leave a constant reminder of their short visit, their name.

John Gill Lemmon was born in Lima, Michigan... Lemmon spent time in the Andersonville Prison in Georgia. This left him near death...He moved in with his brother, near Sierraville, California, to recuperate. His recovery was stimulated, ... by his search for plants that had not been recognized in the field of botany. He began collecting and exploring ... The name J.G. Lemmon quickly became known to the academic world.

During the 1870's John Lemmon met Miss Sara Allen Plummer. One may say that they were fated to meet and marry. Sara Allen Plummer was born in Gloucester, Maine... She taught school and practiced the art of painting...At the age of 33 she contracted pneumonia and almost died. This prompted her to move to a warmer climate. She regained her health, much the way her future husband had, by taking long walks, motivated by collecting plant specimens. She would often sketch the plants for future study...

They met when John... was visiting Santa Barbara in

1874. For several months he explored the county surrounding the city. Sara often went on these enjoyable plant collecting trips... In early March, of 1881, the Lemmons arrived in Tucson. This was their wedding trip, planned as an exploration of the Catalina. It was Sara who came up with the idea saying: *'Instead of the usual... visit to a watering place, idling our time in useless saunterings, ... we should wait a few weeks, devoting the time to study; then... make a grand botanical raid into Arizona and try to touch the heart of the Santa Catalina'*.

The Lemmons were well aware that few Anglos had traveled the higher ranges of these mountains. They also knew that sky islands such as the Catalina have a better chance of supporting plants that are unique to that range. The geographic isolation tends to create plant life that has adapted to the specific local conditions. The Lemmons were motivated to reach the top...

On the south side of the Catalina, in the foothills, the Lemmons acquired a stick and mud cabin... Each day entailed pain and suffering as the Lemmons attempted to reach the higher ranges... It became evident to the Lemmons that they would not be able to reach the top from the south side. A friend of E.O. Stratton's, Alex McKay, suggested they try a different route. He gave them a small mule for their belongings and sent them to the Pandora Ranch, located on the north side of the mountains. Stratton and his family had been living there for about eight months when the Lemmons arrived... Stratton supplied them with a horse apiece and a pack animal for their equipment. Hen served as the Lemmons's guide... and led the Lemmons to the highest peak in the Santa Catalinas. Stratton was obviously impressed with Mrs. Lemmon. Upon reaching the peak he christened it "Mt. Lemmon" in her honor. The name became official when a Pima County surveyor,...made a map of Pima County in 1904, and recorded the name of the highest peak as Mt. Lemmon.

The Lemmons did not keep their plant exploration private.

Each year Mr. Lemmon wrote popular articles about their expeditions... Their travels even took them into the Huachuca Mountains, into the heart of Apache country. On this trip, the ranches they were to stay at along the way had been burned and the settlers killed... This did not stop the Lemmons, though... Upon their return to California, friends had arranged a reception issuing 700 tickets for a talk about the "Perils and Pleasures of Botanizing in Arizona." Mrs. Lemmon delivered the address. She had developed into a notable public speaker as well as a botanist and flower painter...

Many species and even a genus were named in honor of J.G. Lemmon. His specimens are easy to recognize even in Latin, for example: *Asclepias lemmonii* and *Oreocarya lemmonii*... She (Sara) also had a whole group of plants named for her... They can be recognized... after her maiden name, Plummer... such as *Allium plummeriae*, *Baccharia plummeriae* and *Calochortus plummeriae*..."

WELCOME

We are pleased to announce that Bill Katz has volunteered to be one of our Hiking Guides. Bill moved to SaddleBrooke from San Francisco where he led hikes for the Sierra Club. He also enjoys running and swimming. Watch for his hikes in this newsletter. Welcome aboard, Bill.

NAMETAGS

A suggestion has been made that any person attending a hike might want to wear a nametag. We have so many new members; it would be a great way for the hiking leader and hikers to get to know the people in their group and to speak to them by name. Often we are introduced to people and quickly forget their names. If you choose to wear a nametag, you can pin it either to your shirt, hat or pack. Once again, this is not mandatory, only a suggestion.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Hiking Club Social Hour	Sept. 21st	4:00 p.m.
Board Meeting	Oct. 5th	3:00 p.m.
Hiking Guide Meeting	Oct. 5th	4:00 p.m.
Hiking Club Social Hour	Oct. 19th	4:00 p.m.

Note: Social Hours held at the MV Clubhouse in the bar area.

Hard copies of the Newsletter are available at both the SaddleBrooke and MountainView Clubhouses. Membership is \$5.00 a year and applications should be located with the newsletters.

Send your completed application or renewal to Bob Perez at 65187 E. Desert Sands Court. **Make checks payable to SaddleBrooke Hiking Club.**

NEWS WE CAN USE

New e-mail address: If you change your e-mail address please notify Bob Perez at azsun65@robsoncom.net so you can continue to receive the newsletter and other communications.

Becoming a hiking guide: If you have gained experience hiking and would be interested in becoming a hiking guide, contact the Chief Hiking Guide. It is a great way to help the Club and contribute to our great community.

Request a hike: If there is a special hike you would like to see included in our schedule of hikes, please feel free to send an e-mail to the Chief Hiking Guide. Provide a description of the hike and what time of year you would like to have it offered.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Social – Plans the Hiking Club Picnics. You would need to reserve the location, order the food, and arrange for ticket sales.

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GENERAL HIKING INFORMATION

Reservations: Call the guide to make a reservation for a hike. Let the guide know if you would be available to drive and whether or not you have a 'park entry pass' for the area. If you are unable to go on the hike after making a reservation, call the guide to cancel. The guide will call if hike canceled.

Arrival Time and Departure Area: The time listed for the hike is the departure time. It is important to arrive 10 to 15 minutes before departure time. All hikes leave from the left front parking lot of the MountainView Clubhouse (just east of the tennis courts) unless otherwise noted.

Medical Conditions: Prior to starting the hike, inform the guide of any special medical conditions or medications you may need.

Voluntary driver donations: Voluntary driver donations are shown at the end of the hike descriptions. Most include the entry and/or parking fees where required, however some hikes may require additional fees. Guides may also wish to split costs between drivers for drop-offs and/or unequal passenger loads. Small bills are appreciated. Due to automobile insurance coverage considerations, it is recommended that any payment to the driver be made upon return to MountainView.

Items to Bring: Every hiker should carry identification and any medical alerts in a waterproof container. Always bring ample water (this can vary from a pint on a winter fitness walk to 3 or 4 quarts on a summer hike). On strenuous hikes or in very hot weather you may need to replace electrolytes (eat salty snacks, add electrolyte mix to water, or use sport drinks). A wide brim hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hiking stick or trekking poles are recommended in Arizona. Other suggested items include comfortable hiking boots, whistle, map, compass, tweezers, first-aid kit, and moleskin. Layered clothing works well due to possible changes in weather conditions. In addition, you should bring a snack or lunch depending upon the hike. High complex carbohydrates (nuts, trail mix, and etc.) are good.

Choosing Hikes: Hikes are more difficult than a walk in SaddleBrooke due to elevation change and our Arizona terrain. It is not unusual to encounter rocks, unsteady ground, and steep inclines. It is your responsibility to choose an appropriate hike that matches your physical abilities. The hike description is a great tool. Look closely at the length, elevation change, and comments in the description to determine if a hike is within your physical ability. If you aren't feeling "up to snuff" on the day of the hike, don't hesitate to cancel until a better day.

Assumption of Risk: When you joined the club, you were asked to sign a 'Release of Liability'. **We want to reinforce the fact that by signing the release you acknowledge that participation in the club's activities involves an inherent risk of physical injury and that you assume all such risks. Accidents can happen. Learn about the risks and how to avoid them. Take an active part in protecting yourself and fellow hikers.** We are an organization of volunteers who share their skills and love for the wilderness with one another.

Guest Policy: A SaddleBrooke resident, whether year-round or part-time, must be a club member in order to join a hike. On hikes with limited participants, members have priority over guests. Members must accompany their guest(s), and all guests will be required to sign a Release Form prior to hiking (if under age 18, must be signed by parent or legal guardian). If the guest is younger than 16 years old, you must notify the guide who has

sole discretion whether or not to allow minors on the hike.

HIKE RATINGS, PACE, AND SYMBOLS

Rating

- A Hikes >14 miles or >3000 foot climb
- B Hikes >8 to 14 miles or >1500 to 3000 foot climb
- C Hikes >4 to 8 miles or >500 to 1500 foot climb
- D Hikes 4 miles or less and 500 foot climb or less

Pace can refer to the length of 2 steps, the speed you walk/hike, or to the average speed of a hike. When we denote the pace of a hike we are referring to the average speed. This means that from start to finish (excluding lunch) you can expect to be traveling at an average speed of () MPH. The average speed or pace of a hike is affected by speed and length of stride, number of rest stops, incline, type of terrain, and trail conditions. We use the following three categories to describe our hikes.

Slow Pace – Average speed of hike < 1.5 MPH

Moderate Pace – Average speed of hike 1.5 to 2.5 MPH

Fast Pace – Average speed of hike > 2.5 MPH

Symbols

"+" and "-" after a rating. The plus and minus signs are used to show that a hike is harder or easier than the average hike in that rating category. It may have a plus sign added due to a loose rocky area or perhaps due to an unusually steep area. A minus sign might be added to a hike due to it having a very easy, smooth trail surface.

"" by a hike.** Hikes marked by a double asterisk are new additions to our club database or a new 'one time' hike.

"++" by a hike. Hikes marked by a double plus are Orientation Hikes. Orientation hikes are encouraged for all "beginner" hikers and are intended for sharing information and for personal assessment of current physical fitness.

FITNESS WALKS -- FIVE DAYS A WEEK

Maintain your fitness or get into better shape by joining us for a morning fitness walk. Enjoy the company of other hikers while perusing SaddleBrooke. The sessions last about one hour and are suitable for walkers of all ability levels. Occasionally, the Tuesday/Thursday group plans a 3-4 hour hike outside the SaddleBrooke boundaries. One-week advance notice is given. Wear comfortable walking/athletic shoes. Remember sunblock, a hat and water.

Mon/Wed/Fri Group - 6:00 a.m.

Meet in the parking lot just west of the fitness center at SaddleBrooke Country Club.

Bill Leightenheimer 818-1953

Tues/Thurs Group – 6:00 a.m.

Tuesday: Meet at MountainView Clubhouse parking lot.



Thursday: Meet at SaddleBrooke Tennis Center parking lot.
Judy Barenkopf 825-7077

Sept. 6 – Tues. Pusch Peak. Rating A. The first mile of the trail is mostly level then a steep, difficult climb begins. In a few places you may want to use your hands to climb the trail. Bring gloves. Hiking stick desirable. One and one-half miles more and we reach the top. The views of Oro Valley and Tucson are fantastic. This is a very strenuous hike. Hike 5 miles; elevation change 2700 feet; starting elevation 2650 feet; leave at **6:30 a.m.**; driver donation \$1.00. Elisabeth Wheeler, 818-1547.

Sept. 7 – Wed. Maiden Pools. Rating C. We'll start at the public parking lot past the employees' parking lot and use the new Forest Service trail into the canyon. The trail is rocky in places with some steep climbing. Hopefully, we will be rewarded for our efforts with spectacular views of the East Side of Tucson. Lunch at the pools and return. Hike 5 miles; elevation change 1100 feet; starting elevation 3000 feet; leave at **7:00 a.m.**; driver donation \$2.00. Don Taylor, 825-5303.

Sept. 9 – Fri. Tohono Chul Park, Reptile Ramble and Tea Room for Lunch. Rating D. A desert preserve of 48 acres bordered by Oracle, Ina and Paseo del Norte Roads. We will participate in a 1-hr. docent-led talk and tour about Reptiles. Grandchildren are welcome. We will also stop to enjoy their gardens, the Exhibit House, Gallery and gift shops then lunch at the Tea Room. Leave to return to SaddleBrooke 2:30 p.m. There is an admission fee of \$5.00. Wear comfortable shoes, hat, and sunscreen; bring a bottle of water. Hike 1.5 miles; leave at **9:15 a.m.**; driver donation \$1.00. Mary Richling, 825-5238.

Sept. 9 – Fri. Seven Falls. Rating C+. Starting at the SabinoCanyon Visitors Center hike from the parking lot to lower BearCanyon. Then along the Bear Canyon Trail to Seven Falls and return. Falls may be dry depending on spring rains. Hike 8 miles; elevation change 900 feet; starting elevation 2800 feet; leave at **7:00 a.m.**; driver donation \$3.00. Don Taylor, 825-5303.

Sept. 12 – Mon. Hutch's Pool. Rating C+. We will take the Sabino Canyon tram to the trailhead. After a moderately steep but brief climb out of the canyon the trail is mostly level. This lovely hike will take us to a permanent pool surrounded by giant Arizona Cypress trees. Bring \$7.50 for the tram. Hike 8 miles; elevation change 900 feet; starting elevation 3300 feet; leave at **7:00 a.m.**; driver donation \$4.00. Don Taylor, 825-5303.

Sept 14 - Wed. Arizona Trail (AZT)-Oracle State Park (OSP) Work Session. Rating C. This is our Hiking Club committed work day in helping to develop, maintain and report condition of the trails for which we have responsibility. We will be working on the AZT. Generally the work is light in nature and may involve brushing, hoeing, raking, trimming, pruning and usually requires some bending and lifting/carrying tools. All tools are supplied and kept at OSP. Gloves, hat and long pants are recommended. For the most part it requires a 4-6 hour block of time, therefore you should bring snacks/lunch/water. We are responsible for the trails in OSP and the 13.5 mile section of the AZT just north of OSP with the trailhead on Tiger Mine Road. Come join in the fun--it's nice to work side by side with other hiking members and it certainly gives you a feeling of

pride and accomplishment along with a way of 'giving back' for all the trails we hike and take for granted so often. Leave at **7:30 a.m.**; driver donation \$ 2.00. Jim Strickler, 825-8735.

Sept. 15 – Thurs. Picacho Peak. Rating B. From Barret Loop trailhead hike up to a saddle then down to Sunset Vista Trail then to the top of Picacho Peak using the permanently installed guide cables to get to the top. Bring cotton or leather gloves for holding on to cables. Return requires a climb down Sunset Vista Trail then up the Hunter Trail again to the saddle. This is a short, strenuous, 'acrophobic' hike & a favorite among hikers. Park entrance pass required. Hike 4.2 miles; elevation change 2100 feet; starting elevation 1500 feet; leave at **6:00 a.m.**; driver donation \$6.00. Don Taylor, 825-5303.

Sept. 16 – Fri. Sutherland Wash Petroglyphs. Rating C. This hike is a gradual hike through a mesquite bosque with 100+ year old saguaros, Arizona Poppies/Morning Glories in season, on the way to an area of many, many petroglyphs. Per the book Paradise Found by Kathy Alexander there are over 1400 petroglyphs in the area. Some rock scrambling is necessary to search for the petroglyphs. Bring a snack to enjoy while searching. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 400 feet; starting elevation 3200 feet; leave at 7:00 a.m.; driver donation \$1.00. Dean & Cheryl Werstler, 825-9057.

Sept. 19 – Mon. Hidden Canyon. Rating C. This is a beautiful hike to a secluded hidden canyon in the upper reaches of the Sutherland Wash. There are many beautiful rock formations and saguaro cacti. Hike begins past the Golder Ranch Gate in the Fifty Year Trail area. Hike 7.5 miles; elevation change 800 feet; starting elevation 3200 feet; leave at **6:30 a.m.**; driver donation \$1.00. Elisabeth Wheeler, 818-1547.

Sept. 21 – Wed. Chiricahua Heart of Rocks Loop. Rating B. This loop trail is described in "Hiking Arizona's Cactus Country" as ... popular route which makes a long day trip, visiting the most spectacular rock formations in Chiricahua National Monument. This hike includes the scenic Echo Canyon trail. Because this is an all day trip (140 miles to the Monument), those wishing to, will stop for dinner at a very good, reasonable Italian Restaurant in Benson on the way back. Hike 8.4 miles; elevation change 1400 feet; starting elevation 6780 feet; leave at **6:00 a.m.**; driver donation \$10.00. Don Taylor, 825-5303.

Sept. 24 – Sat. Deer Camp. Rating C. We will start at the Equestrian Center on the 50-Year Trail. We hike through beautiful rock formations with many saguaros to a camp at the base of Mt. Samaniego. Hike 7 miles; elevation change 900 feet; starting elevation 3200; leave at **7:00 a.m.**; driver donation \$1.00. Jim Strickler, 825-8735.

Sept. 27 – Tues. Romero Pools. Rating C+. The hike begins in Catalina State Park and follows Romero Canyon Trail into the foothills. Trail crosses open desert then climbs steeply until it reaches a saddle and then down the canyon area where several pools are located. An option is a ¾ mile round-trip hike to the upper pools. We will have lunch there. Park entrance pass required. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 1200 feet; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at **7:00 a.m.**; driver donation \$2.00. Bill Katz, 818-9412.

Sept. 28 - Oct. 6 (Wed.-Thurs.) Arizona Trail – North Rim Grand Canyon to Utah Border. Rating A. Arizona Trail hikes over a five-day period covering a distance of 70 miles. These hikes will traverse the northernmost section of the Arizona Trail from the North Rim of the Grand Canyon to the Utah border. We will hike through the beautiful Kaibab National Forest at elevations between 6,500 to 9,000 feet. We will base out of the Jacob Lake Inn. Leave time and driver donation TBD. Dean and Cheryl Werstler, 825-9057.

Oct. 1 – Sat. First Water/ Second Water Trail Loop. Rating B-. We start on the Dutchman Trail from the First Water Creek Trailhead, north of Apache Junction, in the Superstition Wilderness. After 4.2 miles, we turn onto the Black Mesa Trail. After another 1.5 miles, up a hill, we'll have lunch on a bluff, overlooking the heart of the Superstitions. Then on to the Second Water Trail and back to our trailhead. Numerous water crossings and boulders all along these trails, wonderful scenery. Hike 9.2 miles; elevation change 800 feet; starting elevation 2300 feet; leave at **7:00 a.m.**; driver donation \$8.00. Jim Strickler, 825-8735.

Oct. 3 – Mon. Canyon Loop to Montrose Pool. Rating D. This hike goes through a nice Sonoran Desert area in Catalina State Park up to the Montrose Pools, then returns. We will fork onto the Birding Loop at the end. Depending upon the season, some water crossings are possible. Hike <4 miles; elevation change 200 feet; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at **7:00 a.m.**; driver donation \$2.00. Mary Richling, 825-5238.

October 6 - Thurs. Grand Canyon Rim to Rim . Rating A+. We will leave the North Kaibab Trailhead at **5:30 am** and hike down the canyon 14.2 miles to Phantom Ranch. After a brief rest, we will cross the Colorado River and hike 9 miles up the Bright Angel Trail to the south rim. This is a spectacular hike and along the way we will see Roaring Springs and Ribbon Falls. The elevation changes from 8,200 feet at the north rim to 2,400 feet at the Colorado River and back up to 6,860 feet at the south rim. Driver donation to be determined. Bill Leightenheimer 818-1953.

Oct. 7 – Fri. Deer Camp/Baby Jesus Loop. Rating C. We will start in the 50-Year Trail area. We hike up toward Deer Camp then take the Middle Tank Connecting Trail to the Baby Jesus Trail and hike back to our cars. This area has little traffic and is a delight to the senses. Hike 7.25 miles; elevation change 900 feet; starting elevation 3200; leave at **7:00 a.m.**; driver donation \$1.00. Jim Strickler, 825-8735.

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Oct. 14 – Fri. Cathedral Rock. Rating A+. This hike begins at Sabino Canyon Visitor's Center and continues up to the Cathedral Rock Saddle. We then bushwhack following cairns over to the south tower, the most accessible of the three summit towers. This is a difficult fast-paced hike with fantastic views. Hikers must be able to climb 1,000 feet/mile. Hike 18.2 miles; elevation change 5,200 feet; starting elevation 2,750 feet; leave at **6:00 a.m.**; driver donation \$4.00. Dean and Cheryl Werstler, 825-9057.

Oct. 16 – Sun. Blackett's Ridge. Rating B. This hike takes you up to a ridge between Sabino and Bear Canyons. It has spectacular views of Tucson and the canyons. We hike through lower Sabino Canyon to the Phoneline Trail. After 0.4 miles we turn onto the Blackett's Ridge Trail where we begin the ascent. This trail has several series of steep switchbacks mixed in with some level areas. There are three false summits at the top. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 1700 feet; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at **7:00 a.m.**; driver donation \$3.00. Pace will be moderate. Jim Strickler, 825-8735.

Oct. 18 – Tues. Mt. Lemmon via Samaniego Ridge to SaddleBrook. Rating A+. Hike begins on Mt. Lemmon and proceeds down to the Arizona Trail which we follow for a short distance. We then veer off on to the Samaniego Trail up along the backside of the three peaks of the Samaniego Ridge and over to Mule Ears, eventually dropping down to the summit of Charouleau Gap. We continue down Charouleau Gap Road to the horse ranch below SaddleBrooke. This is a beautiful hike with great views of the Reef of Rocks as well as the entire Canada del Oro Canyon watershed originating from Mt. Lemmon (everything you can't see from SaddleBrooke). The trail is seldom used and slow-going at times, so be prepared for some bushwhacking. Minimum 4 liters of water, headlight, long pants, and plenty of snack food recommended. Drivers will be needed to drive hikers to Mt. Lemmon. Hike 15.7 miles; elevation change-gain 1,299 feet and lose 7,146 feet; starting elevation 9,097 feet; leave at **5:30 a.m.**; driver donation \$6.00. Dean and Cheryl Werstler, 825-9057.

Oct. 22 – Sat. Peralta Trail. Rating C+. Peralta Trail to Fremont Saddle viewing Weaver's Needle in the Superstition Mountains. This may be the area's most beautiful canyon. Legend has it that a loner named Jacob Waltz (The Dutchman) found a fortune in gold somewhere within the Superstition Mountains. Dominating the legends and the landscape is Weaver's Needle. The canyon bottom is a jumble of huge, thought-provoking boulders that have tumbled from the cliffs above. It's a steep, rocky trail most of the way. Hike 5 miles; elevation change 1360 feet; starting elevation 2500 feet; leave at

7:00 a.m.; driver donation \$8.00. Jim Strickler, 825-8735.

Oct. 25 – Tues. Arizona Trail through the Rincons. Rating

A+. Hiking the higher reaches of the Rincons is a true wilderness experience because its extensive trail system gets comparatively little use. Levi, Manning, a former mayor of Tucson, built a cabin at 8,000 feet, an area now known as Manning Camp. We will begin the hike at Miller Creek Trailhead and take Heartbreak Ridge to Manning Camp. We will proceed on the Fire Loop Trail to Mica Mountain and then down the Italian Spring Trail to Reddington Rd. This is a very strenuous and fast-paced hike. Minimum 4 liters of water, headlight, and plenty of snack food recommended. Drivers will be needed to drive hikers to the Miller Creek Trailhead and also to pick them up on Reddington Rd. Hike 21 miles; elevation change 4,500 feet; starting elevation 4,200 feet; leave at **5:00 a.m.**; driver donation \$8.00+\$6.00=\$14.00 total. Dean and Cheryl Werstler, 825-9057.

Oct. 27 – Thurs. Tanque Verde Peak. Rating A. This hike is in Saguaro NP East. We begin at the Javelina picnic area off the loop road. The trail takes us to Juniper Basin at 5.9 miles and Tanque Verde Peak at 7.8 miles. Erik Molvar's guidebook says, "From this lofty perch, fantastic views stretch in all directions." Hike 16 miles; elevation change 4000 feet; starting elevation 3100 feet; leave at **6:00 a.m.**; driver donation \$5.00. Bill Katz, 818-9412.

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Oct. 29 – Sat. Wasson Peak Loop, Rating B. Start at King Canyon Trailhead. From King Canyon Trail, hike Esperanza Trail over to Hugh Norris Trail, up to Wasson Peak, then back down King Canyon wash to trailhead. We will have stops for lots of different views and a variety of scenery. Hike 9.5 miles; elevation change 1900 feet, starting elevation 2800; leave at **7:00 a.m.**; driver donation \$4.00. Jim Strickler, 825-8735.