



SADDLEBROOKE

HIKING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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WEATHER – WHETHER OR NOT TO HIKE: METEOROLOGIST AND HIKER JEFF BEAMISH

Wednesday, October 18

Submitted by Myrna Simms



On Wednesday, October 18, come hear Meteorologist Jeff Beamish from KVOA speak about weather and hiking at the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club monthly meeting.

Jeff Beamish is not only a meteorologist but also a dedicated hiker. He will share information with us on interpreting weather forecasts in light of upcoming hikes and help us make decisions about when and if to hike. He will also discuss ways to interpret dangerous weather approaching.

Jeff joined KVOA in December 2007 and is very happy to be living in Tucson. Prior to coming here, he was a weekend weathercaster for WDIO-TV in

Duluth, Minnesota. He is a proud alum of Saint Cloud State University, which is 90 minutes northwest of the Twin Cities. When he's not forecasting Tucson weather, Jeff is cheering his new hometown team, the University of Arizona Wildcats, or enjoying the many features nature has to offer.

Residents of SaddleBrooke and SaddleBrooke Ranch are invited to attend the meeting at the HOA Activity Center at 4 PM on October 18. 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.

THANK YOU - MARY CROFT - FOR YOUR SERVICE ON THE ARIZONA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

Submitted by Elisabeth Wheeler



Wendy Lotze, Arizona Trail Association, with Elisabeth Wheeler and Mary Croft, Co-Stewards of the Oracle Passage of the Arizona Trail.

When the Oracle Passage of the Arizona National Scenic Trail was offered to the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club to be Stewards, Mary Croft stepped forward to be a Co-Steward. Mary has done volunteer work on the Arizona Trail for many years. She has been co-steward of the Oracle Passage for the past three

years. Mary has helped recruit over 50 volunteers from the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club to participate in work events five times a year. Mary coordinated treats and drinks for the work events, which kept volunteers coming back!

Mary has moved from SaddleBrooke but will maintain the many friendships she has developed in SaddleBrooke. Thanks, Mary, for your contributions to the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club and the Arizona Trail. Ray Peale will become the new co-steward and serve with Elisabeth Wheeler.

The next Arizona Trail work event will be Wednesday, October 18, 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM. To volunteer to work on the Oracle Passage of the Arizona National Scenic Trail contact Elisabeth Wheeler 520-818-1547 or hikerelisabeth@gmail.com

SADDLEBROOKE HIKERS EXPLORE ANASAZI RUINS IN GRAND GULCH, UTAH

Submitted by Elisabeth Wheeler



Grand Gulch Backpackers: Mike Wolters, Kathy Gish, Elisabeth Wheeler, Ray Peale, Frank Earnest (in front) Photo by Frank Earnest

Grand Gulch in SE Utah is an “outdoor museum” of Anasazi Indian ruins 700 – 2000 years old. Entrenched in Cedar Mesa Sandstone, Grand Gulch drains most of the west side of Cedar Mesa, north of Monument Valley in Arizona. In these canyons, are premier Anasazi ruins, pictographs, and petroglyphs. Five SaddleBrooke hikers backpacked and hiked 50 miles of Grand Gulch and its side canyons to discover many ruins and art panels. One highlight was climbing up 200 feet from the riverbed to view the Big Man Panel, probably made by the Anasazi people between 200 and 1300 A.D.



Viewing Big Man Panel: Kathy Gish, Mike Wolters, Ray Peale, Elisabeth Wheeler and Frank Earnest Photo by Frank Earnest

RAY PEALE SELECTED TO BE CO-STEWARD OF ORACLE PASSAGE OF THE ARIZONA TRAIL

Submitted by Elisabeth Wheeler



Ray Peale on far right leads a group of SaddleBrooke volunteers working on the Arizona Trail Photo by Elisabeth Wheeler

Ray Peale of the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club is the new Co-Steward of the Oracle Passage of the Arizona National Scenic Trail. Ray replaces Mary Croft who served for the past three years.

Ray brings excellent trail work experience to his new position. Since 1996, Ray has been active with the New Mexico Volunteers for the Outdoors. Each year Ray completed 5 - 6 weekend and full week trail work projects, primarily in the Pecos Wilderness of New Mexico. Ray led work projects in the Gila Wilderness, Bandelier National Park, Chaco National Historical Park and Carson National Forest.

Since moving to SaddleBrooke in 2012, Ray has volunteered with the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club on the Oracle Passage of the Arizona National Scenic

Trail, leading and training many SaddleBrooke volunteers in trail building and maintenance.

Ray is also an avid backpacker and has backpacked many trails in the Grand Canyon, the Gila Wilderness in New Mexico, the Weminuche Wilderness in Colorado, and Grand Gulch in Utah.

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Ray Peale with Garrett Rensing inspecting the water cache box Ray helped install on the Arizona Trail

Photo by Elisabeth Wheeler

SADDLEBROOKE HIKING CLUB FITNESS WALKS

Submitted by Rob Simms

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. No advanced signup is required to participate in these walks. Please view the chart below for the start times for all the walking groups led by Martha Hackworth.

MONDAY through FRIDAY fitness walks will start at the parking lot just west of the SaddleBrooke HOA #1 Fitness Center. If you have any questions please contact Martha at 818-2573.

FALL: September 1 to October 31 - 6:30 am

WINTER: November 1 to March 31 - 7:00 am

SPRING: April 1 to May 31 - 6:30 am

SUMMER: June 1 to August 31 - 6:00 am

HIKING & CELL PHONE – NOT A SOUND FOR NATURE

Submitted by Rob Simms

Our cell phones have become integral to daily life. And ubiquitous ... The good news is they're with us all the time ... The bad news is they're with us all the time. Taking a cell phone along when hiking is an important safety consideration for guides and hikers. We strongly encourage it. However, general cell phone use during a hike is not appropriate and quite intrusive. Please remember to silence your cell phone before you leave the trailhead. We all have times when we're expecting service or appointment calls that need to be handled. Please share that detail with your guide and try to keep the interruption to a minimum.

Thank you. Rob Simms, Chief Guide.

HIKING IN THE CHISOS MOUNTAINS IN BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK

Submitted by Elisabeth Wheeler



The SaddleBrooke Hiking Club is scheduling a 3-day, 4-night hiking trip to Big Bend National Park October 23-27, 2017. Hikes rated A, B, and C will be led by SaddleBrooke guides on October 24, 25, and 26. Hikers will explore the Chisos Mountains, the Chihuahuan Desert, and the canyons of the Rio Grande River. The Hiking Schedule will be sent out in late August.

As the sole lodging choice in Big Bend National Park, the Chisos Mountains Lodge offers a variety of comfortable overnight accommodations that provide stunning views high in the scenic Chisos Mountains. **Four rooms are still available. Call 432-477-2291 and state you are with the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club, which has reserved**

rooms for October 23 - October 27 (departure date). When you have secured room reservations please let Elisabeth Wheeler 520-818-1547 know so we can keep our trip list up to date.

It is 670 miles to Chisos Basin in the park, about 10 hours driving time. Drivers may want to allow an extra travel day to explore scenic and historical sights along the way. Suggestions will be emailed to the trip participants. The participant list will be included for ride sharing.

Save the date: Wednesday, October 11, 5 p.m. for the Pre-Trip Potluck at the Tennis Center.

If you have questions please contact Elisabeth Wheeler 520-818-1547 or Roddy Wilder 520-500-6077.

**TONTO NATIONAL MONUMENT AND
ROOSEVELT LAKE & DAM
HIKE EXPLORATION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2017**

Submitted by Aaron Schoenberg

Tonto National Monument features shallow caves overlooking the Tonto Basin in southeastern Arizona. Here there are shelter masonry ruins dating back 700 years. This was home to the 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 will explore their habitat.

Another major exploration of this outing is a 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. This is one of the world's highest masonry dams - construction started 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. Roosevelt Dam is located on the Salt River northeast of Phoenix and was named after then President, Theodore Roosevelt. 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.

The centerpiece of this special day outing is being coordinated with the national park service, where we will be offered a ranger organized conducted tour of the Upper Cliff Dwellings in Tonto National Monument. This specific guided tour is 3.7 miles, has an elevation gain of 600 feet and has a duration of 3+ hours. To round out this long day outing we will make a medley of stops including a short 2+ mile hike on the Arizona Trail up Vineyard Mountain with an awesome view of Roosevelt Lake. We also will make mini-stops viewing Roosevelt Dam, exploring the Lower Cliff Dwellings at Tonto, and visiting Roosevelt Cemetery. The sum total of the hiking at the various stops will add up to 7.0 miles, with an aggregate of 1500 feet of elevation gain, making this a class C+ adventure.

Due to the great distance from SaddleBrooke (242 miles RT), motel alternatives in Globe, Arizona, before and after the hike are being offered. However, Aaron, the guide, is planning this outing as one long day, departing SaddleBrooke at 5:30 AM, but is agreeable to pick up participants in Globe at 7:30 AM for those lodging overnight. Another option is to stay overnight in Globe after the outing, as our return to SaddleBrooke will be around 8 PM after a dinner stop in Globe. Pre-registration is required as NPS participation on the guided hike is limited to 12 members. Contact Aaron Schoenberg, 825-2060 or askus3@centurylink.net for more information about lodging and dinner options, plus receiving an outing questionnaire. Deadline to start accepting registrations with the required filled out questionnaire is October 1. So, save the date for this extraordinary tour of these areas historic and scenic features.

GRAND CANYON SPRING TRIP

MAY 1 – 3, 2018

Submitted by Susan Hollis

The hiking club's annual spring trip will be to the South Rim of the Grand Canyon in 2018. If you are interested in participating, more information about the trip can be found on the club's website, www.saddlebrookehikingclub.com, in the "Programs and Club Trips" sub-menu.

Club members should plan to drive up on Monday, April 30, 2018, (Late afternoon and sunset hikes are available that day). Three days of hikes (Tuesday - Thursday) will be scheduled. Those wishing to hike all three days should plan to return to SaddleBrooke

on Friday, May 4. For those wishing to return a day early (Thursday May 3), some short morning hikes will be scheduled that day.



To confirm your participation and register for the trip, please contact Dianne Temple at 520-825-7353 or email at diannetempleaz@gmail.com. For more information on the trip, please contact Susan Hollis at 520-825-6819 or email at slhollis@yahoo.com. Note – both Susan and Dianne will be away for most of the summer and can be reached after September 30.

MOUNT LEMON HIKE

Submitted by Karen Gray

On June 19, six women headed to Mt. Lemmon to experience hiking in the cooler mountain air. It was only about 78 degrees when we arrived, which was several degrees cooler than when we left SaddleBrooke two hours earlier. We were ready to start up the Aspen Loop trail. This starts out steep and pretty much is steep much of the way - with several downs along the way. However, the high elevation is always tough. We stopped to admire the beautiful new aspen filling in where the fire had burned everything. There were also many new pines coming up. When we were almost to the Marshall Saddle, we stopped for a rest and a snack to keep us going until we got back to the parking area. Along the Marshall Gulch trail there was some water, beautiful yellow columbine, and some monkey flowers.

When we finished the hike, we cleaned up a little and went to the Sawmill restaurant in Summerhaven and had a very nice late lunch. My car thermometer read 90 after lunch – but as soon as I started the car it dropped a few degrees - but then started to rise as we got to lower elevation. When we got down to the corner of Tanque Verde and Catalina highway, the

temperature was 115 degrees. Whew!! It was a great day to be at the high elevation.

RAIN IN THE DESERT

Submitted by Karen Gray

When it finally rains in the desert – everything comes to life. Everything is green and flowers abound. The washes fill with water – it's a beautiful place.



Hooker's Primrose



Sacred Datura



Arizona Blue Eye



Caltrops or Summer Poppies

**HIKING CLUB FALL PICNIC
SET FOR OCTOBER 6 – RSVP TODAY**

Submitted by LaVerne Kyriss

It's time to sign up for the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club's Annual Fall Picnic. It's set for Friday, October 6, at Catalina State Park at the Gila Monster group site. Formal events begin with a members' meeting at 11:30 a.m. A buffet lunch will be served at noon.

Morning hikes around Catalina State Park are also being organized by our awesome hiking guides. See hike details and sign-up information on page 9 of this issue.

Rumor has it that the picnic committee is planning some kind of chicken as the featured main dish, courtesy of your Hiking Club dues. Member-provided side dishes and desserts to share round out the menu. The club also provides plates, napkins and eating utensils. Please also bring your own drinks.

The picnic is free to all club members, but reservations are needed so we know how much food to order. Reserve your spot by October 1 with Martha Hackworth at marthahackworth@gmail.com. Please bring side dishes or desserts to share according to the first letter of your last name:

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

Please label your dish and serving utensils. Don't forget to wear a nametag as well. Entrance to Catalina State Park is \$7 per car (without a state parks pass). Carpooling is encouraged.

You can also check your membership status on the SBHC website.

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

Future Trips

| Destination | Dates | Contact Person |
|--|-------------------------|---|
| Big Bend National Park, Texas | Oct. 23 – Oct. 27, 2017 | Elisabeth Wheeler hikerelisabeth@gmail.com |
| Off the Beaten Track in Marble Canyon, Arizona | Nov. 5 – Nov. 11, 2017 | Ken Wong kmwong@q.com |
| Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona | Apr 30 – May 4, 2018 | Dianne Temple diannetemple@comcast.net |
| Santa Fe, New Mexico | Fall 2018 | Walt Shields waltshields@mac.com |

News You Can Use

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| SBHC Board Meeting Coyote Room North HOA #1 | 10/4 Wed. | 2:30 – 4:00 P.M. |
| SBHC Guide Meeting Coyote Room North HOA #1 | 10/4 Wed. | 4:00 – 5:00 P.M. |
| Annual Fall Picnic Catalina State Park | 10/6 Fri. | 11:30 A.M. |
| Big Bend Trip Potluck Tennis Center | 10/11 Wed. | 5:00 P.M. |
| AZ. Trail Work Session Meet: Mountain View Lot | 10/18 Wed. | 7:30 A.M. |
| Weather – Whether or not to Hike – Meteorologist & Hiker Jeff Beamish | 10/18 Wed. | 4:00 – 5:00 P.M. |
| SBHC Social Hour Agave Lounge HOA #1 | 10/18 Wed. | 5:00 P.M. |

Club Calendar

SaddleBrooke Hiking Club Calendar

Sep 2017 (Mountain Time - Arizona)

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 |
| | | | | B Josephine | | |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| | C Chietina Taylor | C - Marshall | | Alamo Canyon - D | | A - Pat Scott Peak |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| | | C - Bug Spring | | D Alamo Canyon | | |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| | | D-Cyn. | | Golden Gate Trail | | C-Box Camp to |

SaddleBrooke Hiking Club Calendar

Oct 2017 (Mountain Time - Arizona)

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| | A Arizona Trail: Rincon Mountains | | 2:30pm SBHC BOD 4:00pm SBHC | C-Deer Camp/BJ | C Sutherland D-Alamo Canyon SBHC Fall Picnic | B-Phone Line Trail |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| | | C - Bridal Wreath | 5pm BigBend | C-Hidden Cyn. | C- Vision | B-Blackett's Ridge |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| | C Sedona Boynton D Sedona Devils | A Santa Catalina C Sedona -Chapel of C Sedona West Fork | 4pm SBHC 5pm SBHC Social Arizona Trail Work | C-50 Yr. North | C Aspen loop- | |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| | SBHC BigBendTrip Oct23-Oct27 | | | | | B1-Picacho Peak |
| | | | | 7 Falls (with tram) | | |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | C1 Lower | D CSP Halloween | A AZT Tortilla | C 50-Yr Trail to | | |

Hikes Offered

Monday, September 11, 2017 Taylor Green-Extended Fitness Walk. Rating: C .Pace: Moderate [179, 8:00 AM, \$3]. The walk begins at the Shannon parking lot on the Bike Loop . We will visit the new Memorial Park in honor of the young girl who was born on 9/11 and then walk north 3 miles and then return. Carry at least one quart of water. Hike 6 to 7 miles; no elevation change. Hike duration is 3 hours roughly. [Guide: Dave Sorenson 777-1994, iowaboy1950@yahoo.com.]

Tuesday, September 12, 2017 Marshall Gulch / Aspen Loop. Rating: C. Pace: SLOW [256, 7:00 AM, \$10]. The hike starts at the Marshall Gulch Picnic Area and goes up the Marshall Gulch Trail to the Marshall Saddle. From the Saddle, we turn left down the Aspen Trail and head back to the picnic area. After about 0.25 miles on the Aspen Trail, there is a large rock that provides a great spot for a break or lunch. Hike may be done in reverse. Hike 4.0 miles; trailhead elevation 7440 feet; net elevation change 575 feet; accumulated gain 882 feet; RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Howie and Elaine Fagan, howieandelaine@q.com, 818-9555]

Thursday, September 14, 2017 Alamo Canyon. Rating: D. Pace: SLOW [6, 7:30: AM, \$2 + \$2]. The hike begins at the Romero Ruins Trailhead in Catalina State Park. Other than one short area by the wash, the elevation change is gradual. This is a lovely hike up to Alamo Canyon Falls and return. Water may be present in the canyon after rainy periods, but there are no water crossings. Hikers will stop by the Romero Ruins and take the informative loop trail from there. Hike 3.3 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 360 feet; accumulated gain 435 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide:Karen Gray, 818-0337, kgrayinaz@yahoo.com.]

Saturday, September 16, 2017 Pat Scott Peak Circular. Huachuca Mountains. Rating: A. Pace: Moderate/Fast (on descent) [New, 05:30 AM, \$11]. Hike 10.7 miles; trailhead elevation 5976 feet; net elevation change 2800 feet; accumulated elevation gain 3100 feet; RTD 216 miles. We will traverse a circular route steeped in copper mining history that will take us to the summit of Pat Scott Peak which offers a phenomenal view of Ramsey Canyon, Miller Peak and views south into Mexico. Our ascent will be via the Sunnyside Canyon Trail (AZ Trail is followed here for 5.2 miles of Passage 1) and then a 0.2 mile (230 feet) bushwack climb to the summit of Pat Scott Peak and our way back will start retracing the bushwack and then will follow a variation of the route we used for ascent, utilizing the Eureka Canyon Trail in its entirety. This hike is a repeat of one scheduled this summer but was postponed to this date due to thunderstorm activity. [Guide: Aaron Schoenberg: Cell phone: (845) 987-4893 & e-mail: askus3@centurylink.net]

Tuesday, September 19, 2017 Bug Spring Trail # 2. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [126, 7:00 AM, \$7]. From the Upper Bug Spring Trailhead (Near Middle Bear Picnic area, which is a quarter mile south of General Hitchcock Campground, on the Catalina Highway), the trail starts off with a short but steep uphill set of switchbacks. After the first 1/3 mile the hike proceeds southwest along a narrow ribbon of trail carved into the granite hillside and is downhill for the rest of the hike. There are outstanding vistas (of Santa Rita Mountains, Baboquivari and the Rincons). Also interesting granite rock formations and a few big madrone trees along the trail. The trail ends on the east side of the Catalina Hwy, across the road from the Gordon Hirabayashi Recreation Site. A vehicle shuttle would be needed back to the upper trailhead. Note - if this one way hike is done in the opposite direction, the accumulated gain would make it close to a "B" hike, but is a gradual uphill. Hike 4.6 miles; trailhead elevation 5800 feet; net elevation change 800 feet; accumulated gain 950 feet; RTD 94 miles. [Guide: Susan Hollis 825-6819.]

Thursday, September 21, 2017 Alamo Canyon. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [6, 7:00 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 429 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Rob Simms (prefer email) Spartan7375@gmail.com or 517-410-9031.]

Tuesday, September 26, 2017 Canyon Loop and Birding Trail. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [135, 8:00 AM, \$2 + \$2]. From the main trailhead in Catalina State Park, hikers will start up the Romero Trail in Catalina State Park; follow the Canyon Loop Trail, and then come back on the Sutherland Trail. This area is a great example of the Sonoran Desert and its riparian areas. Following this portion of the hike, we will hike the Birding Trail. Depending upon the season, some water crossings are possible. Hike 3.4 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change ___ feet; accumulated gain 270 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, 825-0193, tucsontimmer@gmail.com]

Thursday, September 28, 2017 Golden Gate Trail. Rating: C. Pace: SLOW [204, 7 AM, \$5]. The hike begins at the parking lot at the bottom of Gates Pass on the western side of Tucson Mountain Park. Golden Gate Mountain was used as the backdrop in many Hollywood horse operas and movies made at Old Tucson. In Tucson Mountain Park, we will hike 0.5 miles east along the David Yetman Trail and then take the Golden Gate Loop west to a picnic area on the west side of Kinney Road. The hike has some rocky stretches and a moderate accumulated gain. Some bushwhacking across a wash is needed to return to the parking lot. Hike 7 miles; trailhead elevation 3000 feet; net elevation change 400 feet; accumulated gain ___ feet; RTD 70 miles. [Guide: iKaren Gray, 818-0337, kgrayinaz@yahoo.com.]

Saturday, September 30, 2017 Box Camp Trail to Sabino Canyon Overlook. Rating: C. Pace: Slow [114, 7:00 AM, \$9]. The hike begins at the Box Camp Trailhead near Spencer Peak on Catalina Hwy. After a short uphill climb, the hike proceeds downhill for 2.5 miles to an overlook that provides a marvelous, panoramic view of Sabino Canyon area. We will have lunch here, and then return slowly uphill to the trailhead. Hike 5.25 miles; trailhead elevation 7920 feet; net elevation change 1363 feet; accumulated gain 1353 feet; RTD 123 miles. [Guide: Don Taylor, 825-5303, donald_r_taylor@yahoo.com]

Monday, October 02, 2017 Arizona Trail: Rincon Mountains (Passage 9). Special TWO DAY backpack with overnight at Manning Camp: Rating: A. Pace: Moderate [66, HH:MM AM, TBD]. From the Camino Loma Alta Trailhead, the trail goes east 3 miles to Hope Camp. From Hope Camp, the trail heads north/northwest to the Quilter Trail junction. It follows this trail north and then east over several drainages, reaches a high saddle and then drops down to the junction with the Manning Camp Trail. From here the trail climbs steadily for several miles, passes a trail junction, and then drops down into the Grass Shack Campground. It then climbs continuously for several more miles to the northeast, passes another trail junction, crosses Chimenea Creek, and then comes to Manning Camp where hikers will camp for the night. From Manning Camp the trail goes through several trail junctions on the way to Mica Mountain and then it starts down the other side of the Rincon Mountains. It passes Italian Spring and begins dropping fairly steeply through an old burn area. After passing the wilderness boundary the trail works its way along a ridgeline and then descends to the Italian Trap Trailhead. From Italian Trap the trail then goes to the Reddington Pass Trailhead. Hike 26.8 miles; trailhead elevations 3131 feet south and 3977 feet north; net elevation change 5457 feet; accumulated gains 6159 feet northward and 5306 feet southward; RTD ___ miles. [Guide: Frank Earnest, 507-261-9175, fearnestiv@gmail.com.]

Wednesday, October 04, 2017 Saddlebrooke Hiking Club Board of Directors Meeting: 2:30pm at HOA#1 in Coyote Room North

Wednesday, October 04, 2017 Saddlebrooke Hiking Club Guides Meeting: 4:00pm at HOA#1 in Coyote Room North

Thursday, October 05, 2017 Deer Camp / Baby Jesus Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [167, 8:00 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]

Friday, October 06, 2017 Saddlebrooke Hiking Club Fall Picnic 11:30am @Catalina State Park Gila Monster Group Area

Friday, October 06, 2017 Picnic HIke - 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 642 feet; accumulated gain 818 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Rob Simms (prefer email) Spartan7375@gmail.com or 517-410-9031.]

Friday, October 06, 2017 Picnic Hike - 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]

Saturday, October 07, 2017 Phone Line Trail - Round Trip. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [323, 07:00 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: Don Taylor, 825-5303, donald_r_taylor@yahoo.com]

Tuesday, October 10, 2017 Bridal Wreath Falls Loop. Rating: C. Pace: SLOW [119, 7:00 AM, \$6].

The Douglas Spring Trailhead is located at the east end of Speedway Blvd. The hike involves some relatively steep climbing up the Douglas Spring Trail for the first 2.5 miles, before turning off on the 0.3 mile spur leading to the falls. We return via the Douglas Spring trail for 0.3 miles, and then take the Three Tanks Trail for 1.5 miles to where it joins the Carillo Trail. We hike for 0.5 miles and rejoin the Douglas Spring Trail, with considerable elevation, and return to the trailhead. Another option is to continue on the Three Tanks Trail to the Garwood Trail that joins the Douglas Spring Trail only 0.3 mile from the trailhead. The trail is well used and easy to follow. Bring sun protection. Water may be flowing over the falls if there has been sufficient rainfall. Hike 7.8 miles; trailhead elevation 2720 feet; net elevation change 1050 feet; accumulated gain 1391 feet; RTD 80 miles. [Guide: Howie and Elaine Fagan, howieandelaine@q.com, 818-9555]

Wednesday, October 11, 2017 Big Bend National Park Pre-Trip Potluck. You will meet the other participants, learn more about the hikes being offered at Big Bend NP and have your questions answered. Ruth Leman (520-343-9161, ruthleman51@gmail.com) will be organizing the potluck at the HOA#1 Tennis Center, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 12, 2017 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]

Friday, October 13, 2017 Tortolita Mountains: Vision Seeker's Gorge. Rating: C+ . Pace: Moderate [500, 7:30 AM, \$2]. The hike begins at the windmill/water tank approximately five miles down Edwin/Rail-X road west of Oracle where we park. Hike on trail/wash south to the base of Tortolita Peak and follow animal trails over a ridge to the Gorge. We lunch at top of a large gorge w/ a seasonal waterfall. There are petroglyphs nearby. Return is via the same route. Gloves recommended. NOTE: Rail-X (Edwin) road west is very rough & unimproved which requires high clearance vehicles (pick-up, jeep, SUV). Hike dependent on drivers with proper vehicles which may limit participation. Hike: 7 miles; trailhead elevation 3,600 feet; net elevation change 800 feet; accumulated gain 850 feet. RTD 14 miles (dirt). [Rob Simms (prefer email) Spartan7375@gmail.com or 517-410-9031.]

Saturday, October 14, 2017 Blackett's Ridge. Rating: B. Pace: Slow [108, 07:00 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: Don Taylor, 825-5303, donald_r_taylor@yahoo.com]

Monday, October 16, 2017 Sedona -C Boynton Canyon Moderate Pace. [New, 09:00, TBD] A six mile hike RT to a gorgeous 360 degree canyon view. The trail borders Enchantment Resort and is a very popular, pretty hike. Indian Ruins can be seen on the canyon walls. 600 foot of gain. NOTE : Meet up locations for Sedona hikes will be determined later. Your best location for a motel is west Sedona. [Guide: Dave Sorenson 777 1994. Email-iowaboy1950@yahoo.com]

Monday, October 16, 2017 Sedona -D Devils Bridge Slow Paced [New ,01:00 PM, TBD] 2 miles,400 foot of gain. A short, steep walk to a land bridge that is several hundred feet above the ground . A top 5 Sedona hike. [Dave Sorenson guide 777-1994. iowaboy1950@yahoo.com]

Tuesday, October 17, 2017 Arizona Trail: Santa Catalina Mountains (Passage 11). Special Hike: Rating: A. Pace: Moderate [73, HH:MM AM, TBD]. The hike begins at Marshall Gulch Trailhead on Mount Lemmon and follows the Marshall Gulch Trail (#3) to Marshall Saddle. The trail then descends on the Wilderness of Rocks Trail (#44) to the Mount Lemmon Trail (#5). The trail descends to Romero Pass where it meets the West Fork Trail (#24). THE hike then descends southeast along the West Fork Trail past Hutch's Pool to the junction with the Sabino Canyon Trail (#23). The hike then leaves the AZT to go south on the Sabino Canyon Trail, catching the Sabino Canyon tram. Hike 15.1 miles; net elevation change __ feet; trailhead elevations 3695 feet south and 7595 feet north; net elevation change loss of 3900 feet; accumulated gains TBD; RTD __ feet. [Guide:Frank Earnest, 507-261-9175, fearnestiv@gmail.com.]

Tuesday, October 17, 2017 Sedona -West Fork of Oak Creek C Hike Moderate Pace [New, 08:00AM, TBD] A 6 mile hike with no elevation gain .The prettiest fall hike in Sedona as the hike crosses a creek with many aspens dropping their leaves . Not to be missed. [Guide Dave Sorenson 777 1994. iowaboy1950@yahoo.com]

Tuesday, October 17, 2017 Sedona -Chapel of the Holy Cross C Hike Moderate Pace [New, 01:00 PM.TBD] A beautiful hike of 4 miles RT and 600 feet elevation gain. We will take Little Horse trail to Chapel Trail and return

the same way. Great views of Chicken Point and the Chapel of the Holy Cross . The Holy Cross is a architectural marvel built right into the red rocks. [Guide Dave Sorenson 777-1994. iowaboy1950@yahoo.com]

Wednesday, October 18, 2017 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, October 18, 2017 Saddlebrooke Hiking Club October Program @4:00pm in HOA#1 Activity Center.

Wednesday, October 18, 2017 Saddlebrooke Hiking Club Informal Social Hour @5:00pm in HOA#1 Agavé Lounge.

Thursday, October 19, 2017 Fifty-Year Trail Area North Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [185, 8:00 AM, \$2]. The hike begins in the Fifty-Year Trail area off Golder Ranch Road, goes east to the Upper Loop Trail, then north to a rock with a bench for viewing. The return is via the same Fifty-Year Trail. There are beautiful saguaros and rock formations, in addition to excellent views of SaddleBrooke, Sun City, and the Tortolitas. The hike may be done in reverse. Hike 6.0 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; net elevation change 426 feet; accumulated gain 924 feet; RTD 12 miles (dirt). [Guide: Tim Butler, 825-0193, tucsontimmer@gmail.com]

Friday, October 20, 2017 Marshall Gulch / Aspen Loop with Lunch. Rating: C. Pace: SLOW [257,7 AM, \$10]. Fall Color. The hike starts at the Marshall Gulch Picnic Area and goes up the Marshall Gulch Trail to the Marshall Saddle. From the Saddle, we turn left down the Aspen Trail and head back to the picnic area. After about 0.25 miles on the Aspen Trail, there is a large rock that provides a great spot for a break. Bring lunch money. Hike 3.7 miles; trailhead elevation 7440 feet; net elevation change 480 feet; accumulated gain 830 feet; RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Karen Gray. 818-0337, kgrayinaz@yahoo.com]

Monday, October 23, 2017 through Friday, October 27, 2017. Big Bend National Park, Texas. Plan to arrive Monday, October 23. Multiple hikes are being offered Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, October 24, 25 & 26. Depart Friday, October 27. Please contact Elisabeth Wheeler, 520-818-1547 or hikerelisabeth@gmail.com ...or... Roddy Wilder, (520) 500-6077 or roddywilder@gmail.com for further information.

Thursday, October 26, 2017 Seven Falls (with Tram). Rating: C. Pace: SLOW [388, 8:00AM, \$4 + \$tram]. The hike begins at the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center with the tram to lower Bear Canyon. From the last tram stop we continue up Bear Canyon to Seven Falls and return via the same route back to the Center. The falls, which constitute one of the most spectacular natural features in the Tucson area, usually have some water flowing over them but may be dry if there has been inadequate rain. Tram fee required. The trail crosses the Bear Canyon wash several times and can involve significant boulder hopping/wading after rainy periods. Ask the guide about current conditions. Hike 5.5 miles; trailhead elevation 2800 feet; net elevation change 606 feet; accumulated gain 900 feet; RTD 56 miles. [Guide: Karen Gray, 818-0337, kgrayinaz@yahoo.com].

Saturday, October 28, 2017 Picacho Peak via Sunset Vista Trail. Rating: B!. Pace: Slow [331, 07:00 AM, \$7 + \$2]. From the Sunset Vista Trailhead we follow the lower route to Picacho Peak. The climb involves the use of cables to get to the top, which provides 360-degree views of the area. This is a short, strenuous climb, but less so than from the Hunter Trailhead at Barret Loop. Bring leather or rubber tipped gloves and ample water. There are several areas of climbing where the trail is slippery due to loose rock and where the trail is exposed to sharp drop-offs. Park entrance fee required. Hike 6 miles; trailhead elevation 1850 feet; net elevation change 1494 feet; accumulated gain > 1500 feet; RTD 90 miles. [Guide: Don Taylor, 825-5302, donald_r_taylor@yahoo.com]

Monday, October 30, 2017 Lower Incinerator Ridge. Rating: C!. Pace: Moderate [48, 7:00 AM, \$9]. A new section of trail was added to the Incinerator Ridge Trail in the spring of 2012. The new trail is noted for it's great vistas. The trail heads north/northwest from the San Pedro Vista Pullout, off the Catalina Hwy. The hike will proceed to Mt Bigelow and return via the same route, the 1st section of the trail is steep and rocky, but the views make up for it. Starting Elevation: 7,350 feet. Net Elevation Change 1150 feet. Hiking Length is 6 miles. RTD 123 miles. [Guide: Susan Hollis, 825-6819.]

Tuesday, October 31, 2017 SBHC Halloween Hike. Join us for the second annual Halloween hike on the Canyon Loop Trail in Catalina State Park. This is an AFTERNOON HIKE followed by a BBQ supper. Rating D. Pace slow. [134, 3:00 P.M., \$2 + \$2+ \$6 Meal]. Wear a silly hat or other "Halloween garb" and join the fun. Be prepared to earn your "treats" by performing a "trick", a joke, song, juggling, etc. After the hike we will have a BBQ social including Halloween-ies, home made potato salad, baked beans and dessert at the CSP Gila Monster group picnic area in the Park. Hike 2.2 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change __ feet; accumulated gain 170 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide & Organizer: Barbara Wilder 520-500-6224, barbarawilder03@gmail.com]