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SADDLEBROOKE HIKING CLUB TRAVELS TO LAS VEGAS FOR 2016 ANNUAL TRIP

By Dave Sorenson

Some 65 members of the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club and a few guests traveled to Las Vegas in April for the 2016 Annual Hiking Trip. They encountered a variety of hiking conditions from two feet of snow in the mountains to beautiful desert trails around gorgeous red rock formations. Anyone who thought the Las Vegas area lacked beautiful scenery was pleasantly surprised! The areas hiked included Red Rock Canyon, Mt Charleston, Lake Mead, and the Valley of Fire. Some trip highlights included:

- A group of 30 hikers led by Elisabeth Wheeler encountered two to three feet of snow at the beginning of the Bristlecone hike on a north facing side at 9000 feet elevation. Although they did not expect snow, the group soldiered on and completed the hike with the snow receding after three miles into a six-mile hike. It was one of the most memorable hikes in the club's recent history.



Jim & Gail Thom, Karen Schickedanz, Judie Shyman, Ed Melnick, Pat & Jerry Morris, Mary Kopp, Melissa White, Lonnie Bright, Barbara & David Lancaster, Elisabeth Wheeler

(Photo By Roddy Wilder)



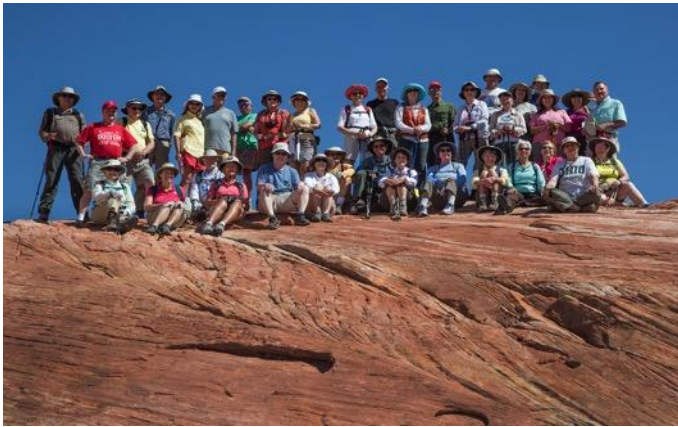
(Photo By Karen Schickedanz)

- At Valley of Fire State Park a group of 39 hikers led by Dave Sorenson got a chance to view petroglyphs, white domes, and a fire wave. The park has been the site of many westerns and television shows. On the road between hike segments, the hikers encountered a group of magnificent bighorn sheep. Another highlight was the fire wave with its multi bands of red, purple and beige colors.



Hikers Encounter Big Horn Sheep in Valley of Fire State Park

(Photo By Roddy Wilder)



Hikers at Valley of Fire
(Photo By Roddy Wilder)

- At Ice Box Canyon in the Red Rock Conservation Area, hikers led by Rob Simms explored a narrow, steep, high-walled gorge where the canyon sides go up hundreds of feet. They stepped around water pools, rock hopped, and climbed around and onto car-sized boulders to reach the canyon end where they found a seasonal waterfall cascading down the cliff face into a remote pool – a nice reward for their efforts!

Dave Sorenson organized the trip and led some hikes. Other hike leaders included Dave Corrigan, Aaron Schoenberg, Walt Shields, Tim Butler, Susan Hollis, Rob Simms, and Elisabeth Wheeler. Ruth and Dale Lemman arranged the potluck dinner before the trip and again this year Harriet Pearson put together the final night dinner at Big Dog's Draft House.

HIKE TO ROMERO POOLS



Top row - Roddy Wilder, Aaron Schoenberg Bottom row - Susan Hollis, Dianne Temple, Sandra Sowell, Anne Stanley
(Photo By Frank Earnest)

SB HIKING CLUB VOLUNTEERS EXPERIENCE THE WONDER OF CHACO

By Ray Peale

Between AD 850 to 1250, Chaco Canyon served as a major urban center of ancestral Puebloan culture. Remarkable for its monumental public and ceremonial buildings, engineering projects, astronomy, artistic achievements, and distinctive architecture, Chaco served as a hub of ceremony, trade, and administration for the prehistoric Four Corners area for 400 years – unlike anything before or since.

On Friday, May 13, seven SaddleBrooke Hiking Club volunteers ventured to New Mexico's Chaco Canyon (or more precise: Chaco Culture National Historical Park) to assist in maintaining the Park's backcountry trails. During the three-day, four-night excursion, volunteers were able to utilize the amenities of the Park's VIP (Volunteers in the Park) campground which included showers, six burner gas stove, and three refrigerators. Tent camping was the norm for all volunteers. After preparing the campsite for the evening, some volunteers enjoyed an astronomy presentation at the Park's Visitor Center.



From left to right: Kathy Gish, Kevin Balciar (Chaco volunteer who supervised our work), Randy Park, Mary Croft, Ray Peale, Elisabeth Wheeler, Mike Wolters, Kent Naugle

On Saturday, coffee was ready by 6:30 a.m., followed by a hearty breakfast. Day packs were prepared, and all volunteers were ready before 8:00 a.m. Carpooling was necessary to reach the Casa Rinconada parking area. (Casa Rinconada is the largest Kiva within Chaco). A short safety briefing was then conducted reviewing the proper carrying and use of Pulaski's and McCloud's (firefighting tools utilized for trail maintenance). The short Rinconada Trail was traversed to reach the trailhead of the South Mesa Trail, which leads to a high point and the great house Tsin Kletzin. Spectacular views

of the surrounding landscape are visible at the site. On this trail, cairns were built or re-constructed, and drainage problems were corrected. From Tsin Kletzin, volunteers continued on the loop trail, which descends into South Gap, follows the Chacoan South Roads, and re-enters the canyon near Casa Rinconada. During late afternoon, another great house was explored close to Casa Rinconada, Pueblo del Arroyo. After a Saturday group meal, most volunteers attended a Park Service presentation on Astro-Archeology, which discussed the connection between alignment of Chaco buildings with the sun and moon.

On Sunday, after another satisfying group breakfast, volunteers were again ready with daypacks before 8:00 a.m. Sunday's goal was to reach the great house of Penasco Blanco (via the Penasco Blanco Trail). Penasco Blanco is the Canyon's longest trail and includes the Petroglyph Trail, which has views of numerous Pueblo and Navajo petroglyphs and historic inscriptions. The trail continues to the "Supernova" pictograph site and Penasco Blanco, an unexcavated great house with a unique oval design and a spectacular natural setting. Work included re-installing ropes, which protect sensitive site areas. Adequate time was available late Sunday to visit the Visitor Center and view the Park Service film describing the Park and its meaning to Pueblo Indians.



Chaco Pueblo Bonito

Monday was a free day to explore the Park. The Pueblo Alto Trail to the North Mesa was chosen. The trail provides spectacular overlook views of the great houses Pueblo Bonito, Chetro Kettle, and Kin Kletso before reaching Pueblo Alto and New Alto. The trail passes by Chacoan stairways, ramps, and roads, and affords panoramic views of the San Juan Basin. Late Monday included a hike to the Canyon's rim which featured views of Fajada Butte.

Tuesday, May 17, was a travel day back to SaddleBrooke, but the good experiences were not over. When leaving the Park, fifteen elk were spotted at the bottom of Chaco Wash. Further, a hawk studied the departure of our vehicles from a fencepost. Overall, Chaco volunteers had a very productive, memorable, and enjoyable experience.

PIMA COUNTY TRAILS ASSOCIATION MAY 18 – HIKING CLUB PROGRAM

By Mary Croft

At the May 18 meeting, many club members were either on trips or had left for homes away from SaddleBrooke, so the attendance was less than the usual crowd. However, for those of us who were able to attend, Sue Clark treated us to a very informative presentation. The title of her presentation was "If you are hiking on a trail in Pima County, we probably had a hand in it".

In 1987, equestrians found that they were being shut out of trails they had used for years. At that time, they joined together with hikers and cyclists and started working with homeowners, government agencies, and developers. They incorporated as a non-profit agency at that time with a Board of Directors. Some of the goals of the organization, which can be found on their website are:

1. Establish an integrated multi-use public trails system.
2. Assure permanent access to trails on public lands.
3. Promote cooperation with landowners and developers to preserve access to traditional-use trails on private lands.
4. Foster co-operation and communication among all trail user-groups.

Some of the successes to preserve public access include many of the trails that the SB hiking club uses. These include Pima Canyon, Ventana Canyon, Agua Caliente South, the trailhead at Dove Mountain, Sweetwater Preserve, and many others. Many of us probably do not realize the importance input and "watch dogging" that the Pima Trails Association provides for these trails.

Sue had multiple panels showing the history of the work of the PTA. She also had the Pima County trail maps, which were highly influenced by the work of the PTA. The maps were established in 1989 and then updated in 2010.

She elaborated on certain projects, which were a special challenge and explained the difference between the Sweetwater Preserve and the Sweetwater treatment area. A very recent success that required much effort working with Pima County and the railroads was the new Underpass at Marsh Station Road. As is stated in the spring newsletter, "Arizona trail users are now safely shielded from falling debris as they cross under train tracks at Three Bridges." The reconfiguration now makes it much safer for crossing the road where there is a dangerous blind curve.

PTA has a biannual newsletter, which summarizes the work of the previous 6 months. This Newsletter can be found on the website which is: www.pimatrails.org. The SaddleBrooke Hiking Club has been a member of the PTA off and on, and our membership is current for this year. Based on all that has been accomplished by the PTA, it seems to be that this is an organization that the SB Hiking Club should continue to support.

HIKING CLUB TAKES ON FINGER ROCK

By Roy Carter and Mike Wolters

Finger Rock is a famous Tucson area landmark that rises several thousand feet above the valley floor along Pusch Ridge of the Santa Catalina Mountains. The striking rock formation resembles a finger set atop a closed fist that is flanked by two shear rock walls - on the east by the Finger Rock Guard and on the west by Prominent Point. The exposure at the top is considerable, but views north and south are magnificent.



From left: Prominent Point, Finger Rock, and Finger Rock Guard
(Photo By Roy Carter)

In early May, four members of the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club climbed to the top of the Finger Rock Guard; and three others completed the technical climb to the iconic Finger Rock pinnacle. Finger Rock and its guard are reached by hiking 2.5 miles on the Finger Rock Trail, then following a cairned but unmarked path for another mile or so northwest to a saddle. This unmarked part of the trail can become overgrown following the rainy season because hikers do not frequently use it.



The tired group on the way out (Roy Carter, Ray Peale, Mike Wolters, Frank Brier, Sharon Simpson, and Niel Christensen).

(Photo By Frank Brier)

The climb from the saddle involves a steep class three scramble through huge boulders, cacti, and bushes to about the 6200-foot elevation, where the trail splits. The left fork leads to the Guard and the right fork leads to the base of the pinnacle. The technical climb to the top of Finger Rock is just under 100 feet.



Mike Wolters and Frank Earnest at the top belay station
(Photo By Roy Carter)

The pinnacle has two very interesting physical features: a large, 4-foot-long, teetering boulder at the very top and a huge chock stone that sits over a 2-by-3 foot window opening.

These features provide the successful climber with a somewhat exciting summit. The hike round trip is about 7.5 miles and 3,900 feet total ascent.



Opening at the top beneath the chock stone
(Photo By Roy Carter)

Reaching the Guard were Niel Christensen, Sharon Simpson, Frank Earnest, and Ray Peale. Climbing the pinnacle were Mike Wolters, Frank Brier, and Roy Carter.

MAY SURVEY RESULTS

By Randy Park

In early May you should have received an email blast announcing that the hiking club was conducting an online survey. This survey was designed to solicit your input on future trips the hiking club might make. The response was much better than we expected or even hoped. Here are some of the results.

As of June 1, 90 people have completed the survey, and it took an average of 9 minutes to complete.

With respect to a 2017 Spring destination, it was a virtual tie between the Grand Canyon, Silver City, Kanab/Page, and Cortez/Durango. Death Valley was a little ways back, with Big Sur bringing up the tail end. You want to keep our destination within a day's drive, staying 4 to 5 days away from home; but you will go farther for some place special. That special place is Big Bend National Park in October 2017. You also have an interest in going to some of the great national parks here in the West with Grand Teton NP being the favorite. For other destinations beyond national parks, the mountains of Colorado were by far the first choice.

About half are willing to consider an overseas trip (wow!) for an average of 10 days. I did not expect that response. But if you go overseas, you want to stick to more developed countries with New Zealand, Italy (Cinque Terre), and England (leading the pack).

And surprisingly, 80% want to have 2 trips a year. It turns out, we are already doing that--kind of, by accident. With 36 people going to Supai this November, and a block of 35 rooms have been reserved for us in Big Bend National Park in October 2017.

Your response to our questions has been very helpful to the board. We now have a good picture of where you would like you go. We will use this information to plan next Spring's Annual Trip. To increase the likelihood of the board choosing your favorite, you should volunteer to help lead the trip.

To view a report on the survey results, please go to the following web site link:
<https://sbhc.typeform.com/report/ghKptZ/joSc>

FOOD (AND DRINK) FOR THOUGHT

From the SBHC Guides

Fellow hikers,

We are into the warm months now, and that means that we will be travelling farther to get to the cooler places to hike (e.g. Mt. Lemmon). It also means two things of importance need to be considered if you are to be well prepared for the hike.

First, the hiking day is greatly lengthened due to the increased travel time to and from SaddleBrooke. The hike itself may not be longer than what you are used to closer to SaddleBrooke, but your total time away from home will be much longer. This means that you need to bring more water, food, snacks, and

electrolyte replacement with you to maintain adequate hydration and nutrition intake over this extended period. It is also highly recommended that you eat a good breakfast and drink plenty of fluids before you go. Usually the guide will recommend a stop along the way to the trailhead (typically at a restaurant) to regroup the cars. This also allows hikers to use the rest room facilities, so you should not be concerned about hydrating properly before leaving for the hike.

Second, getting to the cooler temperatures means that you will be going to a much higher elevation than you are used to around SaddleBrooke. Typically, we will be hiking at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 feet. This means a higher level of cardiovascular effort is required. You should be fit enough for such strenuous exercise. If you are unsure about your ability to do a hike at that altitude, you should discuss your concern with the guide when you sign up. A six-mile hike at that altitude is much more strenuous than a hike of the same distance around SaddleBrooke!

Also, since you will be breathing more heavily, you will be losing more water through respiration than you realize. To avoid the increased risk of dehydration, you should be drinking more water more often than you might think. So take at least one more quart of water than you take for lower altitude hikes and continue to drink often.

**SAVE THE DATES
SBHC SPRING HIKING TRIP**

Be sure to mark your calendars for the 2017 SBHC Spring Hiking Trip. We are planning to go to the Page, AZ/Kanab, UT area for 3 days of spectacular hiking and excursions. The days are April 18, 19, and 20, 2017. (This is the week after Easter.)

This area of southern Utah and northern Arizona has many iconic hikes and excursions - such as Antelope Canyon, Buckskin Gulch, Cobra Arch, The Toadstools, and Rainbow Bridge National Monument, to name just a few. The Trip Committee is finalizing the list of hikes and other activities. We will be getting additional information out to you in a few weeks.

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

News You Can Use		
SBHC Board Meeting Coyote Room North	8/3 Wed.	3:00 – 4:00 P.M.
SBHC Guide Meeting Coyote Room North	8/3 Wed.	4:00 – 5:00 P.M.

Club Calendar: July & August

Saddlebrooke Hiking Club Calendar, Holidays in United States

Jul 2016 (Mountain Time - Arizona)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4 Independence Day	5 B American Flag	6 C - Marshall	7 C-Canyon Loop.	8	9
10 D-Alamo Canyon	11	12	13	14	15	16 C-Ski Lift Loop
17	18	19	20 C-Aspen	21 B-Wild. of Rocks	22	23
24	25	26	27 A - Huachuca, Lyle &	28 C Green Mt. Trail	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

Saddlebrooke Hiking Club Calendar, Holidays in United States

Aug 2016 (Mountain Time - Arizona)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 C-Box Camp to Sab.	9 B Blacketts Ridge	10 SBHC Board mtg. SBHC Guide mtg.	11	12	13
14	15	16 C-	17	18	19	20
21 D Rillito River	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 B Josephine Saddle	29	30	31 C-Aspen	1	2	3

Hikes Offered

Tuesday, July 05, 2016 American Flag to the Saddle. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [9, 6:30 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. Elisabeth Wheeler (520-818-1547) or elisarick@wbhsi.com.

Wednesday, July 06, 2016 Marshall Gulch / Aspen Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [256, 7:00 AM, \$10]. The hike starts at the Marshall Gulch Picnic Area and goes up the Marshall Gulch Trail to the Marshall Saddle. From the Saddle, we turn left down the Aspen Trail and head back to the picnic area. After about 0.25 miles on the Aspen Trail, there is a large rock that provides a great spot for a break or lunch. Hike may be done in reverse. Hike 4.0 miles; trailhead elevation 7440 feet; net elevation change 575 feet; accumulated gain 882 feet; RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Howie and Elaine Fagan, howieandelaine@q.com, 818-9555].

Thursday, July 07, 2016 Canyon Loop, Birding, and Nature Trails. Rating: C. Pace: slow-moderate [136, 6:30 AM, \$2 + \$2]. Starting at the main trailhead in Catalina State Park, this hike traverses an area that is a great example of the Sonoran Desert and its riparian areas. We first hike the Nature Trail which has panoramic views, and then continue onto the Canyon Loop Trail. We will fork onto the Birding Loop Trail prior to returning. If the group is really ambitious, we will swing through the Canyon Loop Trail the opposite way we came for a total of 6.7 miles. Depending upon the season, some water crossings are possible. Hike 4.6 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change ___ feet; accumulated gain 370 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Karen Gray , 818-0337.

Monday, July 11, 2016 Alamo Canyon. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [6, 6:30 AM, \$2 + \$2]. The hike begins at the Romero Ruins Trailhead in Catalina State Park. Other than one short area by the wash, the elevation change is gradual. This is a lovely hike up to Alamo Canyon Falls and return. Water may be present in the canyon after rainy periods, but there are no water crossings. Hikers will stop by the Romero Ruins and take the informative loop trail from there. Hike 3.3 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 360 feet; accumulated gain 435 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, 825-0193, tucsontimmer@gmail.com.]

Saturday, July 16, 2016 Mt. Lemmon Ski Lift Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [274, 7:00 AM, \$10]. From the foot of the ski lift, hikers walk the roadway to the top of Mt. Lemmon. We will take the Meadow Trail and the Mt. Lemmon Trail to Mt. Lemmon Rock Lookout (outstanding views). We return to the starting point using a portion of Trail # 5 along Radio Ridge, and a portion of the Aspen Draw Trail. Hike 6 miles; trailhead elevation 8480; net elevation change 700 feet; accumulated gain 1140 feet; RTD 131 miles. [Guide: Don Taylor, 825-5303.]

Wednesday, July 20, 2016 Aspen Loop / Marshall Gulch Trail. Rating: C. Pace: SLOW [89,7:00 AM, \$10]. The trail starts at the Marshall Gulch Picnic area and proceeds up the Aspen Trail to the Marshall Saddle. Hikers will lunch at a scenic spot near the Saddle, and then follow the Marshall Gulch Trail to the picnic area. Hike 3.5 miles; trailhead elevation 7420 feet; net elevation change 800 feet; accumulated gain 1090 feet; RTD 131 miles. [Guide: Karen Gray, 818-0337]

Thursday, July 21, 2016 Wilderness of Rocks. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [484, 6:00 AM, \$10]. The hike begins at the Marshall Gulch picnic area at the top of Mt. Lemmon. We climb up to Marshall Saddle then down the Wilderness of Rocks Trail. Three fourths of a mile past the intersection with the Lemmon Rock Lookout Trail is the Lemmon Canyon area in the heart of the Wilderness of Rocks. There are beautiful rock formations with great views along the way. The return is via the same route, or optionally, by the Aspen Loop Trail. Hike 7.2 miles; trailhead elevation 7440 feet; net elevation change 1550 feet; accumulated gain 1538 feet; RTD 131 miles. [Guide: Don Taylor, 825-5303.]

Wednesday, July 27, 2016 Huachuca Peak. Rating: A. Pace: Strenuous. [New, 6 AM, \$15]. This full day hike/outing involves quite a steep, brushy climb but the view from the top is tremendous. Huachuca Peak is among several ridges, with deep canyons on two sides and a view of the other major peaks in the Huachuca Range. This loop will also include bushwhacks to two other Huachuca summits, Lyle & Peterson. Red tape: The trailhead is inside Ft. Huachuca army reservation (bring photo ID). Must be US citizen. Time will be consumed due to security check. Expect a return to Saddlebrooke around 9 PM including a dinner stop out. Hike 11.4 miles; trailhead elevation 5700 feet; net elevation change 2720 feet; accumulated gain 3600 feet; RTD 211 miles. [Guide: Aaron Schoenberg - Cell: (845) 987-4893 or e-mail: askus3@centurylink.net]"

Thursday, July 28, 2016 Green Mountain Trail. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [211, 6:00 AM, \$9]. Starting at the Green Mountain Trailhead near San Pedro Vista on Catalina Hwy, we follow Green Mountain Trail #21 which provides beautiful views of the San Pedro River Valley. Along the trail, a short side trail, .8 additional miles round trip, leads to Maverick Springs. Continuing along Green Mountain Trail, at Bear Saddle, turn right and hike down towards General Hitchcock Campground. At General Hitchcock Campground, the trail continues south toward Middle Bear Picnic Area. This is a one way hike, and requires a second car to be left at Middle Bear Picnic area (between mileposts 11 and 12 on the Catalina Hwy). Hike 5.3 miles; trailhead elevation 7497; net elevation change minus 1632; accumulated elevation LOSS 2,333; accumulated elevation gain 714. RTD 115 miles. [Rob Simms Spartan7375@gmail.com 517-410-9031]

Tuesday, August 02, 2016 Canyon Loop and Birding Trail. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [135, 6:30 AM, \$2 + \$2]. From the main trailhead in Catalina State Park, hikers will start up the Romero Trail in Catalina State Park; follow the Canyon Loop Trail, and then come back on the Sutherland Trail. This area is a great example of the Sonoran Desert and its riparian areas. Following this portion of the hike, we will hike the Birding Trail. Depending upon the season, some water crossings are possible. Hike 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]

Wednesday, August 03, 2016, Board Meeting. 3:00 to 4:00 PM, Coyote Room North at SaddleBrooke Clubhouse

Wednesday, August 03, 2016, Guide Meeting. 4:00 to 5:00 PM, Coyote Room North at SaddleBrooke Clubhouse

Monday, August 08, 2016 Box Camp Trail to Sabino Canyon Overlook. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [114, 6:30 AM, \$9]. The hike begins at the Box Camp Trailhead near Spencer Peak on Catalina Hwy. After a short uphill climb, the hike proceeds downhill for 2.5 miles to an overlook that provides a marvelous, panoramic view of Sabino Canyon area. We will have lunch here, and then return slowly uphill to the trailhead. Hike 5.25 miles; trailhead elevation 7920 feet; net elevation change 1363 feet; accumulated gain 1353 feet; RTD 123 miles. [Guide: Don Taylor, 825-5303.]

Tuesday, August 09, 2016 Blackett's Ridge. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [108, 6 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. Elisabeth Wheeler 520-818-1547 elisarick@wbhsi.com.

Tuesday, August 16, 2016 Sunset / Marshall Gulch / Aspen Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [394, 6:30 AM, \$10]. The hike begins at Soldier Camp on the Sunset Trail, which starts on the Catalina Highway before reaching Summerhaven. It proceeds along the Marshall Gulch Trail to the Marshall Saddle, then down the Aspen Trail and Sunset Trail to the trailhead. There are great views of the Catalinas along the way, hiking mostly in forest shade. Hike 7.0 miles; trailhead elevation 7640 feet; net elevation change 736 feet; accumulated gain 1394 feet; RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, 825-0193, tucsontimmer@gmail.com.]

Monday, August 22, 2016 Rillito River Hike # 1. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [361, 07:30 AM, \$3]. The hike begins from Children's Memorial Park on the north side of the Rillito River just west of Oracle Road. We walk up river (east) on an asphalt walking/bicycle path to a footbridge across the river at First Ave. We cross over to the south side and walk west on the compacted dirt path to Oracle Road. We cross back over the river at Oracle Road and return to the park. Hike 4 miles; trailhead elevation __ feet; net elevation change is minimal; accumulated gain is minimal; Guide Dave Sorenson 777 1994

Monday, August 29, 2016 Josephine Saddle. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [234, 06:30 AM, \$10]. The hike starts in Madera Canyon (Santa Rita Mountains) and goes up the Old Baldy Trail to Josephine Saddle. Hikers will rest at the Saddle and return via the Super Trail. This hike can be done in reverse, going up the Super Trail and returning on the Old Baldy Trail. Hike 6.2 miles; trailhead elevation 5450 feet; net elevation change 1630 feet; accumulated gain 1725 feet; RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Dave Sorenson 777 1994]

Wednesday, August 31, 2016 Aspen Loop / Marshall Gulch Trail. Rating: C. Pace: SLOW [89,7:00 AM, \$10]. The trail starts at the Marshall Gulch Picnic area and proceeds up the Aspen Trail to the Marshall Saddle. Hikers will lunch at a scenic spot near the Saddle, and then follow the Marshall Gulch Trail to the picnic area. Hike 3.5 miles; trailhead elevation 7420 feet; net elevation change 800 feet; accumulated gain 1090 feet; RTD 131 miles. [Guide: Karen Gray, 818-0337]