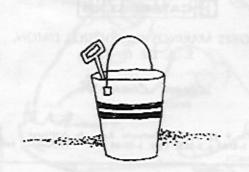


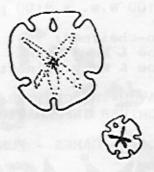
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PHOENIX CHAPTER GENERAL MEETING By Marie MacGill

If you didn't attend the March 10th meeting, you missed an exciting program. Vice President, Jack Ebert took us on an adventurious trip down streams and over rapids on some of the beautiful rivers of Washington, Oregon and other western states. And, it was all in color, and we all enjoyed every minute of it. It actually was a film on AVON inflatable boats. Thank you so very much, Jack.

We had the pleasure of meeting Stanley and Antoniette Japink from Michigan, who are visiting their daughter, Lucy and her husband, Bob Tasker. The Taskers have been members since last August and stay at the Playa Del Oro.

Fran Johnson reported that the Hobie Cat Races seemed to be very successful and reported no accidents or injuries.

Jim and Elnora Westfall (Ship's Store) were both missed very much and we all hope to see them at the April meeting.

Sick Bay reported that Mort Staab is feeling much better. Good for you Mort. We all miss you very much.

Social-wise, it was reported that the Fishing Derby will be held the last two weekends in May. The Autumn Dance will be held on September 11th at the Western Saddle Club and the Family Picnic will be held on October 9th. Hope to see you all at all three events.

Roma and Joe Blunk brought their eight year old grand-son, Danny to the meeting. He has been visiting for the past month and has grown so very much. Really a fine looking boy. No wonder they love him so much. Roma mentioned that her and George Rodgers father will have his 93rd birthday on the 21st of March, and George is taking their dad fishing at the Bay for the celebration.

Howard Beasley reported that he has found a remedy for sea sickness and he thinks it is excellent. The product is called TRANSDERM-V SYSTEM and cost about \$5.00.

PHOENIX CHAPTER GENERAL MEETING (cont.)

Door prizes were won by Mark Miller (a money clip with a dollar in it), Joan Van Over won 2nd prize (two glass cooler holders), and third prize went to Paul Van Over (a his and her Cholla Bay caps). The beautiful afghan that Wanda Lee donated for the Christmas raffle was won by Earl Kennedy.

Hope to see you at the next meeting, until then, take care.



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Our March 3rd meeting was called to order by our Vice President, Doc Heim. There weren't very many people at the meeting. I think everyone took advantage of the Rodeo Vacation to head for Mexico. Doc Heim showed us a very funny film called, "What Went Wrong Skipper?" I think this was Doc Heim's night. His brother-in-law and wife, Harold ar "eggie Johnson were guests from In

Dr. prizes were a ladies and mens shirt will by Dr. Blair Saylor and (guess who) Heggie Johnson, Doc Heim's sister-in-law, from lowa. Can you guess who won the booby prize --- You guessed, Doc Heim hemself.

Our Fishing Derby will be held the last two weekends in May.

The report from Sick Bay is that Carl Fiak cut his foot while using a chainsaw. We hope everything turns out all right for Carl. This newsitem is a little late, but I am sure everyone knows by now that Nonie McGiven was in a car accident soming back from the Bay, but she is fine now.

Our Ship's Store lady Mildred (you guessed it) Heim (I'm glad their name is short) has a good supply of anything you might want. Easter is here, so let's support our Club with some purchases.

I'd like to give a special thanks to Bobbie Reid for drawing our King Neptune fellow for each month. It's better than mermaids - right girls?

Until next month, take care.



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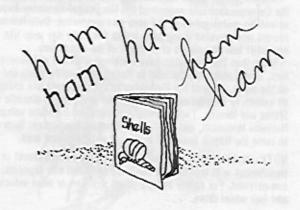
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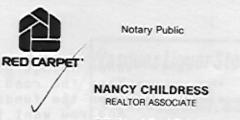
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EDITOR'S CORNER

Grace Schoonover will present a program on the <u>Pinacates</u> at the April 14th Phoenix General Meeting. This is a terribly fascinating area, so do plan to attend the April meeting.



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THE PINACATES...

For those members interested in natural history, one of the most unusual volcanic areas in the world is located right next door to Cholla Bay. Driving from the border to Puerto Penasco, the Pinacates are the unmistakable immense black range which looms from the desert floor to the north. The cinder cones and lava flows visible from the highway are only part of the spectacular formations the region contains.

Those willing to venture from the beaten track, with four wheel drive vehicles, will find the land punctured with large craters, or calderas as geologists call them. The largest of these, Crater Elegante, is 4800 feet in diameter and 800 feet in depth. Many of the caldera floors are filled with lush vegetation and a variety of animal life. At times rain collects and forms temporary lakes in the craters. The Pinacate volcanic field, one of the largest in the world, covers an area of approximately 1500 square miles. Highest points are the twin peaks, Pinacate Peak at elevation 4235 feet and Carnegie Peak at elevation 3180 feet. Viewed from afar, it is obvious that the two peaks were once part of a larger volcano which must have exploded in one tremendous eruption. From the summit the view is truly spectacular, taking in Baja California, the Colorado River, and the vast sand dunes of the Gran Desierto.

Extending for miles around the main peaks are rugged lava flows, cinder cones and volcanic vents. Certain lava fields, referred to as lava chaos, are so broken as to prohibit crossing by anything except a man on foot. Other areas are covered by thick deposits of fine volcanic ash.

Similarities between the Pinacate region and the moon have provided the Apollo astronauts with a valuable training ground prior to their lunar flights. The lava flows and volcanic debris are most interesting in their recent origin and state of preservation due to the arid climate. Based upon geologic evidence, the last eruption in the Pinacates took place about 700 A.D. Legends of the Sand Papagos who inhabited the surrounding areas confirm this date. Presently scientists are unable to ascertain whether the volcanoes are indeed extinct or merely dormant these last 1300 years, which is but a moment in the geologic time scale.

The first white man to view the Pinacates was Father Eusebio Francisco Kino who discovered the area in 1698 during missionary activities in northern Sonora. From the summit in 1706 Father Kino demonstrated to observers that Baja California was indeed a peninsula and not the "largest island in the world" as was previously believed. After his death, Father Kino's voluminous diaries, maps, and notes were filed away in archives where they went unnoticed for over two centuries.

Following Father Kino, few white people visited the area except for the ill fated travelers along the Camino Del Diablo (Devil's Highway) which paralleled the border just north of the Pinacates. Over 500 gold-seeking immigrants lost their lives on the treacherous trek to California because of thirst, exhaustion or violence.

Interest in the region revived somewhat in the 1890's. However, it was not until 1907 that the Carnegie Institute sponsored the MacDougal-Hornaday Expedition, and the first thorough scientific investigation of the area was conducted. Detailed maps were prepared by the explorers who traveled using pack mules and early day jeep-like vehicles. Many features in the area still bear the names of members of the expedition.

Since then the Pinacates have remained a virtual wilderness, attracting only isolated visitors. Even today with the road to Rocky Point on the south and the paved highway to San Luis on the north, much of the Pinacates is still inaccessible except by back packing. Recently an extensive international park has been proposed to straddle the border between the United States and Mexico. The park would include the Pinacate volcanic field, Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, and the Cabeza Prieta Game Range. Such a park would protect for years to come the fragile beauty of this most unique desert area.

NOTE: Members are cautioned against inexperienced travel in the Pinacates. Trails are treacherous with broken lava and deep sand and ash deposits. Dependable water holes are non-existent. For safety always travel with two or more vehicles, preferably high clearance and four wheel drive.

KARL LAUBACH Chatter, March 1972







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½ C. margarine

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8 oz. cream cheese

I C. powdered sugar

I C. Cool Whip

Beat the above ingredients and spread on pecan mixture.

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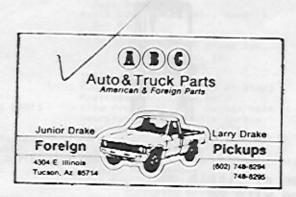
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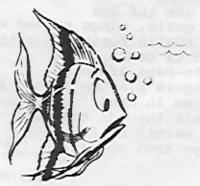
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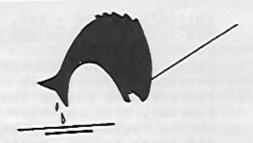
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Mark and Alene Miller of Cabin #105 went out in their Mark Five and reported catching a nice halibut and some good sized rock bass.

George Rodgers said that he went to San Diego to do some fishing and what a story -- he drove SEVEN hours to get there, then drove SEVEN hours out to fish and SEVEN hours back to shore. THEN, ANOTHER SEVEN hours back home to Phoenix. His comment was "Sure wish ! would have gone to Cholla". (Gee, I thought he would have at least said he caught SEVEN fish, but he sure didn't mention catching any!!!!!)



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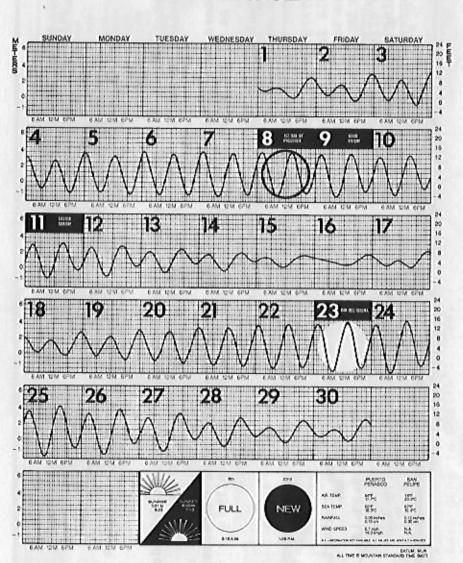
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