SEDONA WESTERNERS
HIKING CLUB

Sedona Westerners Yearbook

1989 - 1990

Sedona Westerners

SEDONA, ARIZONA

HIKING SCHEDULE 1989-90

	SATURDAY HIKES	8 am	VEHICLE	LENGTH MILES	CLIMB FEET	RATING
Sep 16	Yaeger Canyon Loop	X		6	900	G
Sep 30	Lockett Meadow	DUAL X		8	1200-2000	M
Oct 14	West Fork	DUAL		5-8	100	M,R
Oct 28	Loy Canyon	DUAL X		8-10	800-1600	G,S
Nov 11	Brind's Ridge Loop			7	1100	M,S
Nov 25	Verde Caves & Teepee Rocks		HC	2	300	M
Dec 9	Mooney Trail	DUAL X	4WD	5-10	300-1400	M
Dec 23	Narrow Canyon Loop		HC	6	750	M
Jan 6	Long Canyon Loop			7	700	G,R
Jan 20	~~A. B. Young~~ Woods Canyon	DUAL		4-6	2100	G,S
Feb 3	Secret Canyon	DUAL	HC	7-8	500-600	G,S#
~~Feb 17~~	~~Woods Canyon~~ Alt. Cancel	~~DUAL X~~	~~4WD~~	~~8-11~~	~~500~~	~~G~~
Mar 3	House Mountain (Turkey Tank)		4WD	6	1100	M
Mar 17	Sycamore Canyon	DUAL X		8	300	M,R
~~Mar 31~~	~~Boynton-Hartwell Loop~~ Cancel	~~Shuttle~~ (5) to Scheurman Mtn		~~8~~	~~1500~~	~~D,S~~
Apr 14	Sterling Pass	Shuttle	½=HC	5	1100	M,S
Apr 28	Munds Mountain			8	500	G,S
May 12	Kendrick Mountain or	X		8-9	2200-2500	M
	Little Horse Trail	X		4	300	G

SUNDAY HIKES All hikes are in pairs; each hiker chooses one or the other, with the option to switch when same pair is repeated 2 wks later. LIMIT: 50 per hike.

Sep 10	{Mexican Pocket	}Repeated	DUAL	3-4	100-300	G,S#
	{Fry Canyon Overlook	}on Sep 24		2	100	G
Oct 8	{Earl's Canyon Loop	}Repeated		4	300	M,R
	{Wilson Canyon	}on Oct 22		3	100	G
Nov 5	{Doe Mountain (South Trail)	}Repeated		3	500	M,R,S
	{Rattlesnake Canyon	}on Nov 19		2½	700	M,R
Dec 3	{Twin Buttes Saddle	}Repeated	DUAL	2-4	500-700	M,R,S#
	{Sacred Mountain	}on Dec 17		3	300	M,S
Dec 31	{Red Canyon (Palatki Ruins)	}Repeated		3	200	G
	{Back O' Beyond Wash	}on Jan 14		3	150	G
Jan 28	{Mormom Canyon Wash	}Repeated		4	480	M,R
	{Jack's Canyon Spires	}on Feb 11		3	400	G
Feb 25	{Mayan Maiden	}Repeated		3	400	M,S
	{Damfino Canyon	}on ~~Mar 11~~ Cancel		~~3~~	~~400~~	~~M,R,S~~
Mar 25	{Capitol Butte Saddle or Cave	}Repeated	DUAL	3	700-1100	M,R,S#
	{Carroll Canyon	}on Apr 8		3	500	M
Apr 22	{Encinosa Loop	}Repeated		3	650	M,S
	{Scheurman Mountain	}on May 6		3	300	G

VEHICLE REQUIRED - HC=High Clearance, 4Wd=Four Wheel Drive
HIKE RATING-G=Good,M=Moderate,R=Rock Scramble,D=Difficult,S=Steep,#=Longer Hike
Cookouts--Oct 12 and May 10, Christmas Party (Elks)--Dec 14
All hikes leave from East end of Revco Parking Lot. Saturday hikes leave at 9 A.M. unless marked "X" for 8 A.M. Sunday hikes leave at 1:30 P.M.
ALWAYS WEAR PROPER SHOES AND CARRY WATER.
MONTHLY MEETINGS--2nd Thursday Sept through May, 7:30 P.M., all at WAYSIDE CHAPEL uptown Sedona, except Oct and May meetings are cookouts, Dec is Christmas party.

Officer 1989-90

Trail Boss	Jack Coombs
Wagon Boss	Bob Freeman
Cactus Dodger	Al Smeeth
Foreman	Charles West
Wrangler	Mary Laurencell
Top Hands	Mike Nardello
	Esther Lugo
	Keren O'Brien (Asst Cactus Dodger)
	Bill Eggert (Old Dogie)
Round-up Boss	Ed Bintz
Calico Queen	Rose Hager
Prospector	Mike Nardello
Marshall	Len Silvern
Old Timer	Sally Freeman (Historian)
Lookout (KSB)	Norm Herkenham
Ranger	Tom Hager
Sunbeam	Marney Jewell
Coyote Caller	Steve Hall

Sedona Westerners

9-1-89

The new hiking season for the Sedona Westerners has arrived.

The first hike for the new season is Sunday, Sept. 10. (All Sunday hikes are dual hikes to accommodate the large gathering of hikers.)

Mexican Pocket and Fay Canyon Overlook are the two hikes that will be in progress this Sunday, meeting at Revco parking lot at 1:30 p.m. Hikers are to bring water, good hiking shoes and a smile.

The Westerners first monthly meeting will be at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 14, in Wayside Chapel's Fellowship Hall.

This will be a time for all members to volunteer to become hike leaders and to write one of the weekly articles for the Sedona Red Rock NEWS. Sign up sheets will be available.

On the program that evening will be ranger John Schrieber. He will give an update or progress report on the happenings of the Red Rock Loop State Park.

Fry Canyon Overlook is Sedona Westerners first hike destination

The sky was cloudless and the day was sunny and bright for the first hike of the Sedona Westerners' new season. 9-10-89

Norman Hause was the hike leader for Fry Canyon Overlook. The hike to Mexican Pocket was led by hike leader Mick Siemion.

This hike was conducted on a plateau, known as Mexican Pocket. It is bounded on the south by the viewpoint at the top of the Oak Creek Canyon Switchbacks, on the east by Pumphouse Wash, on the north by Fry Canyon, and on the west by Hwy. 89A.

The group proceeded to the rim of Pumphouse Wash. A descent of approximately 100 feet to a ledge gave a wonderful view of the wash.

This is a natural canyon of Coconino Sandstone, with quite a number of trees growing out of the sandstone. It was a beautiful site; and looking down into the Wash, there was a quiet pool. It was an easy afternoon hike; the highlight was seeing two elk and two deer.

Mexican Pocket hikers were Tish Siemion, Gloria and Bill Hohe, Ralph and Joan Kramer, Keran O'Brien, Nina Williams, Ed Jaskulski, Lee and Debbie Steinman, Tom and Barbara Benson, Charles Jorgensen, Norm Herkenham, Dick and Jan Dunham, and Scribe Ed Bintz.

Fry Canyon Overlook hikers were Jack Coombs, Bob and Sally Freeman, Jean Capp, Marcie Zant, Martha Hodges, John and Marge Schaeffer, Merle and Barbara Zeschke, Jack Leahy, Sam Waldrip, Erm Kramer, Trudy Hessler, Virginia Strand, Len and Gwen Silvern, and Arm and Mary Danell.

The next hike will be to Yaeger Canyon Loop Saturday, Sept. 16. Hikers will meet at 9 a.m. in the Revco parking lot. Bring water, lunch and good hiking shoes.

The Old Dogies now hike on Tuesday. Participants meet at Revco at 9 a.m.

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Mexican Rocket (9-10-89)

Mexican Pocket
9-10-89

8-7-89 - Special Hike to Colo

Anderson Lake & Engineer Mtn.

Pigeon Tom & Rose Al Marge & Dave Sam Kevin Bill
Hager Smeeth Herkenham Curry O'Brien Von Offenheim
Jack Coombs (Photographer)

Bill Von Offenheim Al Smeeth

Sedona Westerners hike up Mingus

9-16-89

The Sedona Westerners gathered at the Revco parking lot for the first Saturday hike of the 1989-90 season Sept. 16.

Weather pundit Jack Coombs assured the 36 hikers that there would be the rain-free weather typical of Westerner hikes. He was correct and the cloudy conditions actually proved a blessing during the fairly steep 1,000-foot ascent of the west side of Mingus Mountain.

By early afternoon the weather cleared and bright sunshine greeted the hikers on the return trip down Yaeger Canyon. The distant views of Prescott in the valley below the mountain were particularly scenic and the hikers enjoyed the changing colors of early autumn.

Don Hooven was the hike leader for the Yaeger Canyon Loop and did a fine job of maintaining a good pace on the 6-mile hike, in spite of the fact that some of the Westerners had done more vacationing than hiking in the preceding few weeks.

Some of the hikers found the curves of Hwy. 89A east and west of Jerome more of a problem than the hiking trail.

Hikers making this trip were Elizabeth Parks, Gloria and Bill Hohe, Nan and Fred Johnson, Ed Bintz, Sam Waldrip, Paul Knopf, Jean Capp, Jim Evans, Carl Breitmaier, Reull Marcus, Al Larson, Mary Laurencell, Bill von Ofenheim, Jack Leahy, W.A. Fasching, Charles West, Annamarie Hayes, Louis Schnelli, Al Smeeth, Susan Kriege, Bob Muggeridge, Tish and Mick Siemion, Claes Hultgren, Paula Wells, Winn Taradash, Karen Schuhmann, Sidney Schuhmann, Ralph and Joan Kramer, Virginia Strand and Scribe Owen Kriege.

Those interested in the cookout at Montezuma Well Oct. 12, should call 282-7853 to make reservations before Oct. 5. Payment of $3 for members and $5 for non-members must be made by Oct. 5.

The next Westerner hikes will be Sunday, Sept. 24, leaving from the Revco parking lot at 1:30 p.m. Bring water and good hiking shoes. Hikes of 2- or 3-miles will be to Fry Canyon Overlook and Mexican Pocket near the top of the Switchbacks in Oak Creek Canyon.

Fry Canyon Overlook was Westerners hike destination

9-24-89

Fry Canyon Overlook was the destination for 22 Sedona Westerners last Sunday afternoon.

They reached the trailhead off Forest Road 535, north of the Oak Creek Canyon switchbacks, in a driving rain.

Kazen and Alan Goldsteen, guests of Shirley and Hal Driggs, offered trash bags as rain protection for the unprepared. Soon the sun broke through and the skies cleared, leaving those with their heads sticking out of trash sacks looking quite silly.

The view into Fry Canyon from its 7,200-foot edge gave all a preview of nature's fall colors. Red maples and yellow aspen dotted the landscape against the freshly washed deep green of pine and fir.

Enjoying this scene in addition to the above were leader Karen O'Brien, Phyl and Al Smeeth, Barb and Tom Benson, Ann and Mary Danell, Barbara O'Brien, Doris Koerner, Ed Jaskulski, Ed Bentz, Phyllis Lindberg, Bernie and Kathy Matchett, Ralph and Joan Kramer, Claes Hultgren and Scribe Carl Breitmaier.

Concurrently, Don Hooven led the hike to Mexican Pocket. Participants included, Sally and Bob Freeman, Chuck Reintsma, Sam Waldrip, Jack Leahy, Len Silvern, Pat Jackson, Norm Hause, Byron Maxwell, Charles and Doris West, Owen and Susan Kriege, Barbara and John Sturgis, Richard Huffer, Tony Selafani and Bill and Shirley Falsed.

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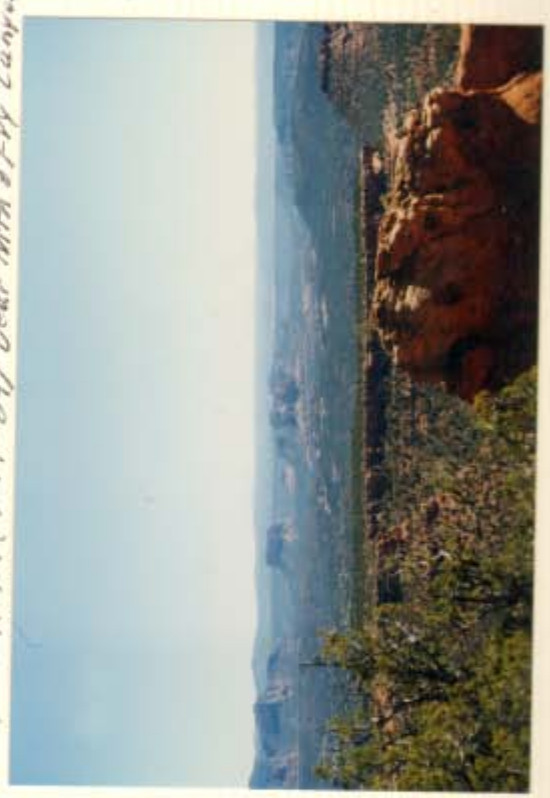
The "Old Dogies" meet at Revco 9 a.m. Tuesday mornings for their weekly hike.

The next Westerner hike will be Sept. 30, with an 8 a.m. start from Revco for Lockett Meadow in the San Francisco Peaks. Be prepared for high altitude hiking. Bring water, lunch and wear good hiking shoes.

Fun Hike (9-14-89) Bear Mtn & Fry Canyon Overlook
Courthouse
Bell Rock
Coombs "Mtn (Big Park Heights)



Sedona Westerners

9-30-89

The Sedona Westerners left the Revco parking lot for Lockett Meadow at 8 a.m. for a hike timed to catch the fall foliage at its peak.

The hikers were divided into two groups. One group, led by Tish Siemion, went on the "short hike" and turned off the main trail into the Abineau Pipeline Trail.

The other group, led by Mick Siemion, went on the "long hike" toward Flagstaff Springs.

Lockett Meadow, where the hike started, is at an elevation of 8,500 feet. The aspens were at their best between there and 9,000 feet. At higher elevations, the leaves were fewer, the trees barer.

The "long hike" stopped short of Flagstaff Springs at an elevation of 10,000 feet where lunch was eaten.

The return was via Raspberry Springs. The weather was cool, a bit breezy and very clear. The sky was an intense blue against which the golden aspens showed to advantage.

Hikers included: Bob Freeman, Dick Van Dyke, Chuck Reintsma, Bob Muggeridge, Keran O'Brien, Bill and Gloria Hohe, Jack Leahy, Tom and Rose Hager, Mick and Tish Siemion, John Schaeffer, Vi Machin, Fred and Nan Johnson, Don Hooven, Owen and Susan Kriege, Barbara and John Sturgis, Gus and Betty Gendler, Byron Maxwell, Paul Knopf, Norm Hause, Ralph and Joan Kramer, Harry and Bernice Brown, Alice and Jim Evans, Tom and Barb Benson, and Claes Hultgren. **Keran O'Brien, Scribe**

Sedona Westerners hike

10-8-89

The Sedona Westerners scheduled two hikes Oct. 8.

Approximately 45 hikers participated. There were 28 hikers on the Wilson Canyon hike, led by Al Smeeth, while Mike Siemion led 18 hikers on the Earl's Canyon Loop Trail.

The Earl's Canyon Loop Trail left from a parking area at the end of the blacktop on Long Canyon Road.

The trail led across the Grassy Knolls, past Earl Van Duren's old ranch house to reach the Dry Creek Wash and then followed the Earl's Canyon Wash to its starting point before crossing ridges and returning to the Dry Creek Wash.

Hikers were Ed Bintz, Jack Coombs, Elyse and Clyde Holland, Charles Jorgenson, Lydia Kirkley, Paul Knopf, Erm Kramer, Mary Laurencell, Joella Jean Mahoney, Byron Maxwell, Barbara and Keran O'Brien, Chuck Reintsma, Tisch Siemion and Len and Gwen Silvern.

The Wilson Canyon hike left from the Midgley Bridge parking lot moving up on ridges overlooking Midgley Bridge and the canyon and returning on the canyon trail.

Hikers were Betty Bowell, Barb Benson, Fred and Marilyn Dreste, Hal and Shirley Driggs, Dick and Jan Dunham, Jim and Alice Evans, Sally and Bob Freeman, Richard Huffer, Ralph and Joan Kramer, Bob Muggeridge, Mat and Mike Nardello, Elizabeth Parks, John and Marge Schaeffer, Vic Stockbridge, John and Barbera Sturgeon and Burt and Mary Turner.

Saturday, Oct. 14, the Westerners will hike the West Fork Trail with a choice of a 5- or 8-mile hike offered.

Hikers will meet at the east end of Revco parking lot at 9 a.m.

Proper hiking shoes, water, and for Saturday hikes a lunch, must be carried by hikers.

Jack Coombs, Al Smeeth
Sally Freeman

10-12-89
Cookout

Bob Freeman

Jack Leahy

Sedona Westerners

10-14-89

Members of the Sedona Westerners hiked the West Fork trail in Oak Creek Canyon on Saturday.

It's true that most have hiked that beautiful area many times, but generally every hike is different, and this one certainly was.

It's also true there are many other groups and individuals trudging the trails on weekends, but the glory of the West Fork Canyon can be increased when reflected in the eyes of visitors, especially children who are hiking it for the first time.

The many creek crossings are generally accomplished by gingerly walking on stepping stones — some dry, some wet, some slightly submerged. It is commonplace to get a wet foot with little concern.

At one crossing an experienced Westerner did what was not commonplace. She slipped on a mossy submerged stone, went down, and slid into a deep pool. She was pulled out wellsoaked. Her waterproof pack had protected a sweater, and another hiker, who must have had true foresight, had an extra pair of jeans with him which he gave her.

As the pants donor was a six-foot-two man and she is five-foot-three, she rolled up the legs and spent the rest of the day walking with a Chaplinesque air in squishy shoes and smiling good humor.

Tom Ward was leader for this eight-mile hike.

Others who signed in were Jack Coombs, Sam Waldrip, Chuck Reintsma, Keran O'Brien, Bob and Sally Freeman, Gene Bengston, Norm Hause, Barb Benson, Mary Laurencell, Don Hooven, Jack Leahy, Barbara and Jack Sturgis, Ern Kramer, Marilyn Dilyard, John and Dolores Guptill, Bob Muggeridge, Harry and Bernice Brown, Al Smeeth, Bill von Ofenheim, Paula Wells, Len Silvern, Ann Frazier, Virginia Strand, and scribe Charles Jorgensen.

Next Sunday's hike will be a choice between Earl's Canyon Loop and Wilson Canyon.

Participants should meet before 1:30 p.m. at the west end of the parking lot near the Flicker Shack. Please wear hiking shoes and carry water.

Westerners complete Wilson Canyon trail hike

10-22-89

A three-mile hike in Wilson Canyon was led by Bob Freeman Sunday, Oct. 22.

The Westerners parked at the Midgely Bridge parking area and took the high path to climb 240 feet on the switchbacks leading toward the Mt. Wilson bench. Where this path crossed the old Flagstaff-Sedona road, the Westerners cut down into Wilson Canyon on the old road.

Freeman pointed out the approximate place in the box canyon where Wilson was killed by a grizzly bear.

Again Jack Coombs ordered perfect weather for the hike. Saturday's rain left the canyon fresh and cool.

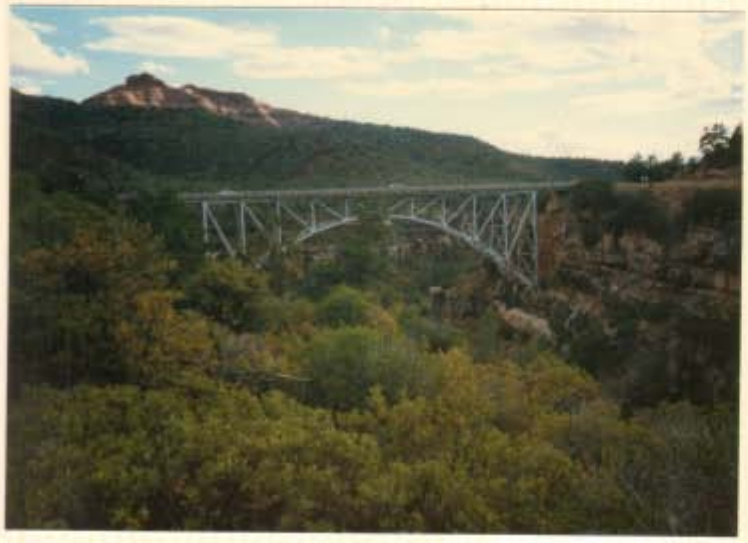
The 24 hikers included: Chuck Reintsma, Sally Freeman, Don Hooven, Ed Bintz, Keran and Barb O'Brien, Mary Laurencell, Merle and Barb Zeschke, Curtis and Evelyn Fisher, Lee and Debbie Steinman, Owen and Susan Kriege, Charles Jorgensen, Claes Hultgren, Paul Knopf, Paula Wells, Joella Jean Mahoney, Vi Mechin and scribe Trent Turner.

The alternative hike was a four-mile loop trail in Earl's Canyon and entailed a 300-foot climb.

Norm Hause led a group of 24 including: Vic Stockbridge, John and Dolores Guystill, Al Smeeth, Jim and Alice Evans, Burt and Mary Turner, John and Marge Schaeffer, Hal and Shirley Driggs, Bill and Lynn Whitby, Bill von Ofenheim, Barb Benson, Mick and Tish Siemion, John and Barbara Sturgis, Harry Brown, Lowell Sheline and Bob Muggeridge.

Next Saturday's hike will be to Loy Canyon. Hikers will leave the Revco parking lot at 8 a.m.

Wilson Canyon (10-22-89)



"Speedy"(?) Jack Coombs

Claes Haltgren, Don Hooven
Trent Turner

10-22-89
Wilson Canyon

Karen O'Brien

Westerners hike to Secret Mountain saddle

10-28-89

It was a bit "nippy," at 8 a.m. as the Westerners gathered for final instructions prior to a hike to the Secret Mountain saddle in Loy Canyon.

The distance advertised was eight or 10 miles, depending on the lunch stop. The climb was 800 feet or 1,600 feet. The 800 feet turned out to be 1,400 feet and the second stop, at the saddle, 1,700 feet.

Twenty-one hikers were led by "Speedy" Jack Combs. Sixteen continued to the saddle at 6,440 feet which connects the rim to Secret Mountain.

No view, but lunch under the sweet-smelling pines is always welcomed.

The Westerners Nov.9 meeting is at Wayside Chapel.

Guests are welcome and a program is provided at each meeting. Phil Oren, an expert hiker, will tell about West Coast trails.

Next scheduled hike will be Sunday, Nov. 5. Two hikes are planned, both around three miles, a climb of 700 feet with moderate rocky trails. Boots and water are a must. Participants meet near Revco at 1:30 p.m.

In addition to leader Combs, participants included "Bull" Waldrip, Fred and Nan Johnson, Bob Freeman, Chuck Reintsma, Vic Stockbridge, John Sturgis, Owen and Susan Kriege, Paul Knopf, Lydia Kirkley, Jack Stratton, Lynn and Bill Whitby, Mary Laurencell, Mary Danell, Gus and Betty Gendler, Barb Benson, Clyde Morgan, John and Marge Schaeffer, Marge Herkenham, Claes Hultgren, Harry and Bernice Brown, Charles Jorgensen, Jack Lealy, Megan Lealy, Alice and Jim Evans, Burt and Mary Turner, Bob Muggeridge, Byron Maxwell, Jack Coombs and Scribe, Don Hooven.

Hikers take on mountain, canyon

11-5-89

Sunday afternoon found the Westerners leaving Revco parking lot for their respective destinations: Doe Mountain or Rattlesnake Canyon.

Norm Herkenham, usually possessed of an infallible sense of direction, got lost on the parking lot; he got into a vehicle going on the Doe Mountain hike, which was not the one he signed up for.

The Doe Mountain approach this time was a different one, more difficult and strenuous. Parking at the Tupper Tree Farm the group headed east along the fence to the trail south of Doe Mountain.

Keran O'Brien led the 3-mile, 500-foot climb. At the top, the mesa allows a view from all sides. The mesa was so named, it is said, because it was considered a safe place, free of predators, for does to fawn. There is much evidence of a deer population.

Those participating were: Bill von Olenheim, Gene Bengston, Marcy Garkie, Pat Jackson, Barbara O'Brien, Carl Breitmaier, Mary Lawrencell, Elizabeth Parks, Lori Weber, Sally Strachan, Burt Tuner, Barb and Tom Benson, Barb Sturguis, Ed Jaskulski, Paula Wells, Lowell Sheline, Paul Knopf, Charles Jorgensen and scribe Lydia Kirkley.

Hikers headed for Rattlesnake Canyon were leader Jack Coombs, Jack Stratton, Sam Waldrip, Gwen and Len Silvern, Phyllis and Al Smeeth, Harry Brown, Lynn and Bill Whitby, Marge and John Schaeffer, Marie Hill, Erm Kramer, Ruth and Trent Turner, Norm Hause, Esther Lugo, Vi Machin, Ann Baranowski, Ruth Black, Bob Muggeridge, Chuck Reintsma, Owen Kriege, Bob Freeman, Gloria and Bill Hohe, Fred Dreste, Tish and Mick Simeon and Nan and Fred Johnson.

The monthly meeting of the Westerners will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, in the sanctuary of the Wayside Chapel rather than in the social hall.

The next Westerners hike will leave Revco parking lot at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, for Brind's Ridge Loop.

42 hikers take Brind's Ridge Loop Trail walk

11-11-89

Norm Herkenham was the leader on Saturday when (41) Westerners and one guest struck out onto the Brind's Ridge Loop Trail.

The trail through Soldier Pass Canyon rose steadily upward.

After two hours of hiking, broken by a side trip to the grave of an unknown person and a few water breaks, the group had climbed 600 feet and stood on Brind's Mesa at the foot of what is known officially as Hill 5502 (5,502 feet elevation) but dubbed Brind's Ridge by the Westerners.

The high point of the trip (and lunch) was still 500 feet above. It really wasn't straight up — it only seemed that way.

Three hikers dropped out part way up to have an early lunch, 13 settled down at the high point of the ridge, and 26 continued on to the southern end of the ridge.

To the south could be seen the Cibola Mittens, Airport Mesa, Bell Rock, and on out to infinity.

After lunch, the group closed the loop by dropping briefly into Mormon Canyon, re-entering Soldier Pass Canyon, passing the Devil's Kitchen, one of five sinkholes in this area, and returning to the parking lot.

Hikers were Gene Bengston, Ed Bintz, Carl Breitmaier, Harry Brown, Jack Coombs, Jim Evans, Walter Fasehing, Bob Freeman, Tom and Rose Hager, Norm Hause, Herkenham, Harry Hillman (guest), Bill and Gloria Hohe, Don Hooven and Paul Knopf.

Also Erm Kramer, Mary Laurencell, Clyde Morgan, Bob Muggeridge, Keran O'Brien, Chuck Reintsma, John and Marge Schaeffer, Lewis Schnelli, Mick and Tish Siemion, Al Smeeth, Jack Stratton, John and Barbara Sturgis, Winn Taradash, Burt Turner, Trent Turner, Dick Van Dyke, Bill von Ofenheim, Sam Waldrip, Bill and Lynn Whitby and Claes Hultgren, scribe.

The Christmas potluck will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, at the Elks Lodge.

For reservations, call Jack Coombs, 284-1400 or Mike Nardello, 282-7853.

Westerners hike to Rattlesnake Canyon

11-19-89

It was a bit of a drive — 25 miles to the destination, Rattlesnake Canyon.

Ester Lugo was the hike leader, and the 30 in the starting lineup were Jack Stratton, Barb Benson, Keran O'Brien, Mary Laurencell, Jack Leahy, Debbie and Lee Steinman, Joyce and Paul Knopp, Norm Herkenham, Marney Jewell, Sue Ray, Lowell Skelton, Mary Aye, Roson Wolcott, Claes Hultgren, Lucie Autry, Alice and Jim Evans, Virginia Strand, Al Smeeth, Sally and Bob Freeman, Barb and John Sturgis, Bill Von Ofenheim, Gene Bongston, Victoria Giampa, and Scribe Ed Bintz.

The descent into the canyon consisted of a rocky trail made of lava flow. The sides of the canyon are made up of about five or six stages of this flow. Hikers passed a gauging station measuring water flow that is part of the Phoenix water supply.

Reaching the base of the canyon, it was time for a rest and an opportunity to enjoy the canyon view. The descent was about 700 feet. Then it was time to go back to the top, via the same rugged trail. The group then proceeded to the remains of an old Indian ruin.

The setting was like a fortress, with a view of Rattlesnake Canyon. Many of the special landmarks were in view such as Lee and Munds mountains, and off in the distance, a panoramic view of Mingus Mountain.

Norm Hause was the hike leader to Doe Mountain, and his troops were Jack Coombs, Chuck Reintsma, Sam Waldrip, Marge and John Schaeffer, Gloria and Bill Hohe, Shirley and Hal Driggs, Trent Turner, Vi Machin, Len Silvern, Joan and Ralph Kramer, Erm Kramer and Bob Muggeridge.

Hike schedule for Saturday, Nov. 25, will be a hike to Verde Caves and Teepee Rocks, leaving at 9 a.m. from Revco parking lot. Hikers should bring lunch, water and good hiking shoes.

The Christmas Potluck will be at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 14, at the Elks Lodge. Call Jack Coombs, 284-1400, or Mike Mardello, 282-7853.

Westerners hike to Verde Caves

Norm Herkenham was the leader for the Westerners' hike to the Verde Caves and Tepee Rocks.

11-25-89

Leaving Revco Saturday, Nov. 25, the group traveled down Hwy. 179 where it was joined by a group from the Village. Then to I-17, off at Middle Verde Road, left through Camp Verde, and right on Big Valley Road just past West Clear Creek.

From there through Verde Lake Estates to FR 503, left at a "duck" and to an overlook above the Verde River.

The leader pointed out an area below where a new park is being constructed with a boat launching area as well as the usual camp areas.

Into the cars again for a short trip to the destination near the caves.

Participants walked to an area where the remains of pueblos are to be seen, and after a coffee break, hiked down to the caves. Harry Brown noted that there are 79 caves, some with many rooms.

The caves were formed by sediment when the Verde Valley was a lake. A 'graben,' Herkenham explained, was a down-drop block of the earth's crust that created a basin with no outlet millions of ages ago and allowed ancient Lake Verde to form and the sediment build.

Later, an outlet formed to make the river and about A.D. 1000-1200 the Sinagua Indians occupied the caves. There was ample water and plenty of tillable soil for crops.

After lunch the group climbed up above the caves, across the flat land, to the cars for the trip to the Tepee Rocks off the Fossil Creek Road. These are cone-shaped rock formations made by the erosion of wind and water, and several walked down to get a closer look.

Participants included Jack Coombs, Chuck Reitsma, Byron Maxwell, Joyce and Paul Knopf, John and Dolores Guptill with their son James, Mary Laurencell, Ruth and Al Clem, Ed Bintz, June and Norman Steinhilber, Trent Turner, Harry and Bernice Brown, Marge Schaeffer, Alice and Jim Evans.

Also Burt Turner, Bob Muggeridge, Richard Huffer, Claes Hultgren, Len Silvern, Al Smeeth, Bill Von Ofenheim, Susan and Owen Kriege, Dick Van Dyke, Barbara and Tom Benson, Amy Haller, John Hamm, Bob and Sally Freeman, the Scribe for the day.

Hikes scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 3, at 1:30 p.m., starting at Revco, are Sacred Mountain and Twin Buttes Saddle. Hikers should bring a snack and water and wear sturdy hiking boots.

The Christmas Potluck will be at the Elks Lodge at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14. Call Jack Coombs, 284-1400, or Mike Nardello, 282-7853, for reservations.

Verde Caves (11-25-89)

Verde River from Verde Caves
11-25-89

Tejee Rocks 11-25-89

Hikers take Twin Buttes, Sacred Mountain trails

12-3-89

On Sunday, Dec. 3, the Sedona Westerners made two hikes — one led by Esther Lugo to Sacred Mountain, the other led by Al Smeeth to Twin Buttes Saddle.

The latter is being reported here. These hikes will be repeated Sunday, Dec. 17.

The group traveled from Revco to the end of Morgan Road stopping along the rough trail according to the clearance of the cars. The trail led past the Devil's Kitchen, a large sink hole.

Leader Smeeth explained that a layer of limestone had been dissolved removing support for the overlying sandstone which then dropped into the void. He pointed out an intrusion of a small layer of volcanic rock.

It was said there had been a dead calf there recently but the remains could no longer be seen. The anonymous question was, "How did the dead calf get out?" There was no good answer, but several interesting theories.

Upward and onward the group climbed, 700 feet to the saddle, passing much dead and dying manzanita. The spectacular view to the east included Munds and Lee mountains, and from the top, the Chapel area was directly beneath, with the panorama of Bell Rock, Capitol Butte, and all Sedona between.

Twin Buttes hikers included Rose and Tom Hager, Phyl and Al Smeeth, Pat Jackson, Chuck Reintsma, Ken and Glenda Mathews, Lydia Kirkley, Jack Stratton, Owen and Susan Kriege, Barbara and John Sturgis, and Norm Hause.

Also, Erm Kramer, Bill and Gloria Hoke, Tish and Mick Siemion, Lowell Sheline, Norm and Marge Herkenham, Klaes Hultgren, Ralph and Joan Kramer, Sam Curry, Art and Pat Theisen, and Marge and John Schaeffer.

Following Esther Lugo to Sacred Mountain were Gene Bengston, Norman Steinheller, Ann Danell, Harry and Bernice Brown, Gus and Betty Gendler, Debbie and Lee Steinman, and Ed Jaskulski.

Also, Shirley and Hal Driggs, Vi Machin, Trent and Ruth Turner, Juella Jean Mahoney, Burt and Mary Turner, Jo Allor, Nancy Bihler, Alice and Jim Evans, and Virginia Strand.

The hike scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 9, will be the Mooney Trail; starting time 8 a.m. at Revco. Hikers should bring lunch and water, and wear sturdy hiking boots.

The Christmas Party potluck will be at the Elks Lodge at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14. Reservations must be made by Saturday, Dec. 9. Call Jack Coombs 284-1400, or Mike Nardello 282-7853 for reservations.

Tegee Rocks 11-25-89
Jack Coombs

Westerners enjoy Sycamore Canyon view

12-9-89

Bright and early (8 a.m.) on Saturday, Dec. 9, 32 Sedona Westerners left the Revco parking lot in four-wheel drive vehicles for a hike on the Mooney Trail.

To reach the trailhead, the group traveled southwest on Hwy. 89A and turned north on Forest Road 525.

Then they took 525 to 525C where they turned left and continued to Black Tank where they turned north on the Mooney Trail Road. This road is in very bad shape and requires a four-wheel drive vehicle to reach the trailhead.

At the trailhead the hike leader, Don Hooven, took charge and led the hikers down the trail. His goal to reach the falls in time for coffee break was accomplished. Unfortunately, due to extremely dry weather, there was no water going over the falls.

During the discussion on how the Mooney Trail got its name, it was speculated it may have come from a pioneer stockman who supposedly camped nearby. Another possibility is that it has some connection with prospector Daniel W. Mooney who fell to his death while attempting to descend a cliff in the Grand Canyon.

The trail was built long ago. Pioneer Sedonan Dan Purtyman mentions in an interview printed in "Those Early Days" (a book published by the Sedona Westerners) that his grandfather ran horses in Fry Park and Barney Pasture Country in summer and in the Red Rock Country under the rim in winter. He moved them down and back over the Mooney Trail.

The trail is fairly level for about the first couple of miles. Then it takes off up the hill in a series of switchbacks, climbing about 1,400 feet to Buck Ridge. Since the latter portion of the hike is rather rigorous, a comment was made that the leader must think that this bunch of old goats is a bunch of mountain goats. (Hardly fair to all the young people on the hike.)

Lunch was enjoyed on the ridge with a panoramic view into Sycamore Canyon to the west and Verde Valley to the east. After lunch the group hiked back to the cars.

Hikers included Bob Freeman, Norm Herkenham, Dick Van Dyke, Jack Stratton, June Kaiser, Chuck Reintsma, Sam Waldrip, Jack Leahy, Barbara and John Sturgis, Al Smeeth, Owen and Susan Kriege, Barb and Tom Benson and Keran O'Brien.

Also Ken and Glenda Matthews, Bob Muggeridge, Grazina Sakalauskas, Julie Richards, Ralph and Joan Kramer, Alice and Jim Evans, Mary and Burt Turner, Joella Jean Mahoney, Norman Steinhilber, and the scribe for the day, Norm Hause.

The hikes scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 17, are Twin Buttes Saddle and Sacred Mountain; starting at 1:30 p.m. at Revco. Bring water and wear sturdy hiking boots.

The Christmas party potluck will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, at the Elks Lodge. No further reservations can be made.

Westerncrs 12-14-89

The Sedona Westerners Christmas potluck will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, at the Elks Lodge.

The last day to sign up for the Christmas party is Dec. 9. Call Mike Mardello, 282-7853.

Cost per member is $1, per guest, $5. Participants should bring a table setting and a dish for six to eight persons.

Those whose surname begins with A through C bring mashed potatoes; D through H bring salads; I through R bring desserts; S through Z bring hot or cold vegetable dish.

Music for dancing will be provided.

The Dogies are now hiking on Tuesday. Hikers meet at Revco parking lot at 9 a.m. Participants should bring lunch and water and wear hiking shoes.

Sedona Westerners

12-14-89

The Sedona Westerners Christmas potluck will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, at the Elks Lodge. The last day for reservations is Dec. 9.

All Westerners are requested to bring a table setting and a dish for six to eight persons. Those with surnames beginning with A through C should bring mashed potatoes; D through H, salads; I through R, desserts; S through Z, hot or cold vegetables.

Dance music will be provided. The charge for members is $1, guests $5.

For reservations, call Mike Nardello, 282-7853.

Westerners take Sacred Mountain trail

12-17-89

Sunday, Dec. 17, was a beautiful sunny day with temperatures reaching the mid-fifties.

Tish Siemion led a group of Sedona Westerners up Sacred Mountain, located about one mile south of the Beaver Creek Ranger Station.

The top of this mountain is a flat area almost completely covered by ruins dating to the Sinaga period of 11th to the 13th centuries.

Siemion presented a description of daily life during this time discussing agriculture, pottery styles and the advantages of this particular location.

It has been suggested that there may be a ball court on the land lying below Sacred Mountain; however, Sunday's hikers could not determine its location.

In addition to the hike leader, those climbing Sacred Mountain were Jack Stratton, Pat Jackson, Al Smeeth, Marge Schaeffer, Mick Siemion, Gwen and Len Silvern, Norm Herkenham, Ern Kramer, Charles West, Lucie Autry, Chuck Reintsma, Bill and Gloria Hohe, Fred and Nan Johnson, Grazina and Vytas Sakalas, Claes Hultgren and Owen Kriege, scribe.

Jack Coombs led the group climbing about 700 feet up to the Twin Buttes Saddle. The view from the top of the saddle is a bird's-eye view of the beautiful Chapel to the south or Wilson Mountain and Steamboat Rock to the north.

Those making this hike were Vic Stockbridge, Clyde Morgan, Ruth Upton, Jack Leahy, Jess and Marty Reade, Sam Waldrip, Shirley and Hal Driggs, Lori Weber, Sally Strachan, Alice and Jim Evans, Mary and Burt Turner, Al Graf, Norman Steinhilber, Keran O'Brien, Gus and Betty Gendler, Lydia Kirkley and Bob Muggeridge.

The next hike will be the Narrow Canyon Loop Saturday, Dec. 23. Hikers will meet at 9 a.m. in the Revco parking lot. Bring water, lunch and good hiking shoes.

Westerners

12-23-89

The Sedona Westerners' hikers left the Revco parking lot at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, for Narrow Canyon.

After a long, dusty drive to the parking area at the end of Old Dry Creek Road (Forest Road 152), the hike began.

It was quite cool in the shadows of the forest as the hike began. The coffee break took place in a cave above a dry wash in the sunlight. At the point, jackets and sweaters began to come off, as the morning sunshine was quite warm.

The hikers climbed around and above the cave and then stood for a moment on the rim to hear Norm Herkenham, the hike leader, identify the hills, mountains and promontories on the horizon.

The hikers then crossed the canyon at a falls, now dry, and proceeded along Narrow Canyon where Herkenham spoke on the geology of the Supai sandstone and Fort Apache limestone making up the surrounding rock.

The hikers were Jack Coombs, Chuck Reintsma, Walt Fasching, Norm and Marge Herkenham, Mary Laurencell, Gus Gendler, Sam Curry, Tony Sclafano, Richard Huffer, Mick and Tish Siemion and Marge Schaeffer.

Also Tom and Rose Hager, Don Hooven, Keran O'Brien, Bob Muggeridge, Carl Breitmaier, Al Smeeth, Owen Kriege, Tom, Barb and Matt Benson, Ralph and Joan Kramer and Kitty McKenzie.

The next hike will be Sunday, Dec. 31, and will offer two choices. Hikers may visit the Back O' Beyond Wash or Red Canyon, the site of the Palatki Ruins.

The January meeting of the Westerners will be Jan. 11, at the Wayside Chapel. The program will feature Stewart Aitchison who will talk about the natural history of Oak Creek Canyon.

12-23-89
Narrow Canyon
"Cave of many hands"

Westerners hike in Red Canyon, Back O' Beyond

12-31-89

Two hikes were scheduled for the Sedona Westerners Dec. 31.

Sam Curry led 24 hikers into Back O' Beyond Wash while Mick Siemion led 21 hikers into Red Canyon.

The Back O' Beyond Wash hike turned out to be a very pleasant Sunday afternoon stroll. The recent rain had settled the dust and brought a freshness to the forest that had not been experienced for many weeks.

After following the wash for about a mile, the trail turned off onto a long-abandoned jeep road that led to the site of an early settler's habitation. Stone walls outlined the platform where the building once stood. Corrugated iron, barrels, old car parts and other debris littered the site.

Continuing along the jeep road, the group reached the Cathedral Rock trail and followed it back to the parking lot.

In addition to the leaders, Back O' Beyond Wash hikers were Jack Coombs, Azalene Curry, Ann Danell, Mary Danell, Jim and Alice Evans, Norm Hause, Norm and Marge Herkenham, Don Hooven, Lydia Kirkley, Al Larson, Joella Jean Mahoney, Renee Marcus, Clyde Morgan, Bob Muggeridge, Mary Nechaeff, Keran O'Brien, Chuck Reintsman, Al Smeeth, Mary Turner, Ruth Upton, Sam Waldrip and Claes Hultgren, scribe.

Red Canyon hikers were Tom and Barbara Benson, Harry Brown, Fred and Marilyn Dreste, Glenn and Phyllis Fairchild, Gus and Betty Gendler, Martha Hodges, Pat Jackson, Carol Anne Johnson, Erm Kramer, Mary Laurencell, Elizabeth Parks, Len Silvern, Norm and June Steinhilber, Jack Stratton, Art Thiesen and Marcie Zant.

On Jan. 6, the Westerners will hike the Long Canyon Loop, leaving the Revco parking lot at 9 a.m. Participants should bring water and lunch and wear sturdy hiking shoes.

Long Canyon challenges 29 Sedona Westerners hikers

1-6-90

The Sedona Westerners hiked in Long Canyon last Saturday. Norm Hause led the 29 participants.

After climbing to a large ampitheater among sheer cliffs of Maroon Mountain, the Westerners had lunch in an alcove sheltering Indian ruins. With full southern exposure, this part of the canyon was an expanse of rock from which all snow had left. In contrast, the opposite wall, deep in shade, retained the snow on its terraced ledges.

The main attraction of this setting was the curtain of meltwater falling from the overhanging roof of the alcove. Backlighted by the sun, the falling drippings looked like strings of sparkling jewels.

On the return, the group inspected the nearby row of caves reputed to have been the lair of a one-time bootlegger named Bill Fredricks. Story has it that Fredricks met his end when bushwhacked by a dissatisfied customer.

Hike participants included Chuck Reintsma, Norm (scribe) and Marge Herkenham, Sam Curry, Marge Schaeffer, Ralph Graves, Virginia Strand, Bill and Gloria Hohe, Walt Fasching, Lydia Kirkley, Fred and Nan Johnson, Keran O'Brien, Charles Jorgensen, Mary Laurencell, Esther Lugo, Rose Hager, Mick and Tish Siemion, Al Smeeth, Trent Turner, Carl Breitmaier, Kitty McKenzie, Ed Bintz, John Hanson, Claes Hultgren and Don Hooven.

Sunday, Jan. 14, hikers will choose between Red Canyon and Back O'Beyond Wash, leaving Revco parking area at 1:30 p.m. The next monthly meeting is at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, at Wayside Chapel.

Westerners take afternoon hikes

1-14-90

The Sedona Westerners gathered Jan. 14, to choose between two afternoon hikes of 2 to 3 miles.

The Red Canyon hike featured a visit to the Palatki ruins as well as a gallery of pictographs on the canyon walls.

From West Sedona, the hikers took Dry Creek Road to Boynton Pass Road, turned left, and proceed to its termination at Red Canyon Road.

They turned right at Red Canyon Road and drove two miles to its end at the parking area for the hike.

Trail Boss Don Hooven escorted the hikers on the well identified trail along the cliff walls with pictographs running westerly from the ranch house.

Returning to the parking area, another well traveled trail goes easterly past the ranch house and up to the Palatki ruins. These ruins have been partially restored.

The ranch house is occupied by a Forest Service ranger who oversees the proper use and preservation of this site.

The remainder of the 52 hikers chose the Back-O-Beyond loop hike led by Virginia Strand. The hike started from the parking lot about one mile in on Back-O-Beyond Road.

The trail proceeds up the wash and onto the lower ledges of Cathedral Rock and winds its way on the ledges back to the parking area.

Making the trip were: Herb Hansen, Marge Herkenham, Bill and Gloria Hohe, Richard Huffer, Ed Jaskulski, Fred and Nan Johnson, Lydia Kirkley, and Erm and Pat Kramer.

Also, Owen and Susan Kriege, Mary Laurencell, Gertrude Mayne, Mick and Tish Siemion, Al and Phyl Smeeth, Norman Steinhilber, Jack Stratton, Trent and Ruth Turner and Betty Waddell.

The Westerners hike Saturday, Jan. 20, is changed from the A.B. Young Trail to Woods Canyon. Starting time is 8 a.m.

Sedona Westerners take Woods Canyon hike

1-20-90

Twenty-one Westerners hiked in Woods Canyon Saturday, Jan. 20.

Hike leader was Tish Siemion.

The group left Sedona and followed a jeep road off Hwy. 179 to the parking area.

Woods Canyon was sparkling with a new snowfall and the trail was in good condition for hiking.

Hikers passed the Hot Loop Trail and Norm Herkenham said it led to Jack's Canyon and was for the cattlemen, originally, so they could move the cattle for water.

Farther on he pointed out Rattlesnake Canyon to the south. Some hikers decided to forgo the climb to a cave for lunch and found a sunny spot overlooking what would be a stream in rainy weather.

Participants included Jack Coombs, Herkenham, Norm Hause, Don Hooven, Joan and Ralph Kramer, Dwaine Batt, Rose and Tom Hager, Mick Siemion, Bob Muggeridge, Jack Leahy, Chuck Reitsma, Herb Hanson, Keran O'Brien, Ken Matthews, Sam Curry, Bill Von Ofenheim, Bob and Sally Freeman, the scribe.

The next hike will be Sunday, Jan. 28.

Hikers will meet at 1:30 p.m. at Revco for a hike choice to Jack's Canyon Spires or Mormon Canyon Wash. Wear hiking boots and bring water and a snack.

Westerners split hike

Sunday's hikers split into two groups with Marge Herkingham leading one group to the Mormon Canyon Wash and Jack Coombs leading the second group to Jack's Canyon Spires. 1-28-90

The 21 hikers in the Mormon Canyon Wash group started near the firing range off Jordan Road and hiked up an old wagon road to the south.

This old wagon road ran between Sedona and Brind's Mesa.

Some of the wagon road is now part of a Westerner's hike called Brind's Ridge Loop. The trail runs north and west along the west side of the wash and climbs to a flat overlook point overlooking downtown Sedona.

From that point on, the trail led down into and along Mormon Wash and adjacent banks to the north until finally ending in a large area where the wash forks in two directions and ends in a large circular area with steep rock walls in almost all directions.

Hikers on the Mormon Canyon Wash were Elizabeth Parks, Marcie Zant, Gretchen Klootwyk, Annamarie Hayes, Norm Herkingham, Richard Huffer, Jo Anne Duncan, Gus Philpett, Rose Hager, Ed Bintz, Keran O'Brien, Trent Turner, Ken and Glenda Matthews, Jack Stratton, John and Marge Schaeffer, scribe Charles West, Carlos Mattson and Lucie Autry.

Those on the Jack's Canyon Spires were Al Smeeth, Ed Jaskulski, Debbie and Lee Steinman, Sam Curry, Erm Kramer, Ruth Upton, Shirley and Hal Driggs, Vi Machin, Charles Jorgensen, Mary Turner, Alice and Jini Evans, Gwen Silvern, Pegg Cobb, Virginia Strand, Ann Danell, Mary Danell, Gloria and Bill Hohe, Tish Siemion, Bill VonOfenheim, Fred and Nan Johnson, Don Hooven and Joan Kramer.

The Westerners will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, at the Wayside Chapel social hall.

The next Westerner's hike will be Saturday, Feb. 3.

Participants will meet at Revco parking lot at 9 a.m. with high clearance vehicles for the trip to Secret Canyon. 1/31/90

Westerners hike to Jacks Canyon Spires, scale the Petit Teton

Pair of three-mile hikes attracts 56 Sunday afternoon

2-11-90

The Westerners offered two three-mile hikes for the 56 participants Sunday afternoon.

The hike to Jack's Canyon Spires was led by Bob Freeman and consisted of a loop around Bell Rock and Courthouse.

Twenty-seven hikers left the Bell Rock parking area and followed a broad trail with Bell Rock on the right and the Gibraltar Ridge on the left.

Before rounding Courthouse, the Westerners scaled Petit Teton for fabulous views as far away as Robbers' Roost. The spires soared up from the tag-end of Lee Mountain in the opposite direction.

This hike included Mary Nechaeff, Nancy Bihler, Elizabeth Parks, Marge Schaeffer, Marney Jewell, Keran O'Brien, Ruth Turner, Jess and Marty Reade, Norm Herkenham, Ed Bintz, Carlos Mattson, Sam Waldrip, Carl Breitman and John Ninneman.

Also Marion Gottschalk, Helga Stover, Bob Muggeridge, Claes Hultgren, Nina Braun, Don and Lydia Hedin, Tom and Bard Benson, tailgater Jack Stratoon and scribe Trent Turner.

The Mormon Canyon Wash hike was led by Al Smeeth, and this group of 29 included Jack Coombs, Vic Stockbridge, Herb Hansen, Viba Darling, Debbie and Lee Steinman, Nel Allen, Bill von Ofenheim, Chuck Reintsma, Shirley and Hal Driggs, Fred and Nan Johnson, Ruth Upton and Don Hooven.

Also Jack Leahy, Mick and Tish Siemion, Vi Machin, Bert and Mary Turner, Alice and Jim Evans, Charles Jorgensen, Paula Wells, Mary Laurencell, Bruce Parent Jr. and Karyl Bennett.

Tuesday, Feb. 13, the Doggies hike Old Schnebly Hill Road.

Westerners hike on Wet Beaver Creek

View ancient Indian carvings, take note of trail improvements

2-3-90

The Sedona Westerners hiked Wet Beaver Creek last Saturday.

From the trail head beyond the Beaver Creek Ranger Station, Norm Herkenham led the 28 hikers along a primitive road parallel to the creek.

They stopped at a large black rock where he pointed out some petroglyphs; prehistoric Indian carvings pecked into rock. He explained that pictographs are generally painted symbols.

As the group passed the Southwest Academy, across the creek, a bell rang, reminding some of early school days that were often controlled by bells. Most agreed the freedom from schedules in retirement was wonderful.

A coffee break was held among the very extensive ruins of a village built by early inhabitants of the valley.

In the Wet Beaver Creek Wilderness, recent trail improvements were noted, including new water bars. Some wondered if the NAU students who adopted this trail last had had a hand in it.

The Apache Maid Trail diverged to the left upward, and later the Weir Trail branched downward to the right. The hikers followed Bell Trail, ascending far above the creek which became merely a murmuring sparkle in the shadows below.

Herkenham said he had dubbed this "Spice Trail," and he pointed out plants to support the name: wild rhubarb, lemon verbena, mariola which is similar to sage, and Mormon tea.

Among other plants noted were ocotillo (which is not a cactus), jojoba which has nuts that produce an oil very similar to that of the whale), turpentine brush, and false palo verde. An alder tree, already with green catkins, signalled spring is almost here.

The trail descended, and just beyond Bell Crossing the group reached the Weir objective, the lunch area on a group of massive red rock slabs overlooking the pool which in hot days would have lured swimmers and waders.

Returning, the group side-hiked to the Weir where the flow of water is measured by a gauge which transmit the information to the Salt River Project to help determine the amount of water to be held in down-river reservoirs.

A further detour was taken upstream to some sheltered rocks that displayed both pictographs and petroglyphs.

The hikers were Jack Coombs, Fred and Nan Johnson, Viva Dailing, Ken and Glenda Matthews, Chuck Swartwout, Gertrude Mayne, Ed Bintz, Chuck Reintsma, Tom and Rose Hager, Keran O'Brien, Jack Leahy and Bill von Ofenheim.

Also Bob and Sally Freeman, Tom and Barb Benson, Joan and Ralph Kramer, Kitty McKenzie, Mary Laurencell, Virginia Strand, Bob Muggeridge, Al Smeeth and scribe Charles Jorgensen.

The Westerners will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, at Wayside Chapel. The Dogies hike each Tuesday, leaving the Revco parking area at 9 a.m.

The next Westerner hike will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, p.m., with a choice of Mormon Canyon Wash or Jack's Canyon Spires.

WESTERNERS FIND SECRET CANYON

2-17-90

Trail Boss Jack Coombs rolled us together at 9:00 A.M. February 17, 1990. Cantus Dodger Al Smeeth mentioned upcoming events and today's hike up Secret Canyon. Departing in eight vehicles for the four mile drive over a rocky road requiring good tires and excellent shocks to Trailhead # 121.

It was here our Number One Leader Rose Hager took charge. As it was a brisk and cloudy day, she started off at a brisk pace. On this first section of what was originally a wagon road, then a jeep trail, and is now only a foot and horse trail, she stopped at Trailhead # 50 where she made some remarks about H ? Canyon. Continuing on through the cypress and manzanita, we stopped near the old salt box (it is completely gone now) area for the morning coffee break. Secret Canyon may have gotten it's name from the fact it is easy to miss unless you go west to pass the base of Maroon Mountain.

As we get deeper into the canyon, we find patches of snow in the open, but shaded, spots among the ponderosa pines. We cross the dry stream bed numerous times and circumnavigate a fairly recent, large rockfall which covered three-fourths of the width of the stream bed. We arrive at "The Arch" in time for "Soup, Sandwiches, and Hot and Cold Beverages" to be consumed during the noon hour. After a short social period, Leader Rose took some of the group up on top of "The Arch" for the complete surrounding view.

Time to retrace our steps comes too soon but depart we must. As we leave one "break," a dead tree just loaded with burls is pointed out in a small grove of oak. Another rest break at the "Salt Box" and then on to the parking lot. It was here a colloquialism was heard, "You done good, Rose." Then back over the rocky road and another successful hike completed.

The other twenty-six on the hike were: Fred and Nan Johnson, Sam Waldrip, Chuck Reintsma, Nina Braun, Bill and Gloria Hohe, Viva Dailing, Ken and Glenda Mathews, Bill von Ofenheim, Ralph and Joan Kramer, Mary Laurencell, Gertrude Mayne, Charles Jorgenson, Paula Wells, Tom Hager, Trent and Ruth Turner, Keran O'Brien, Kitty McKenzie, Claes Hultgren, Bob Muggeridge, Sam Curry, and tailgater/scribe Jack Stratton.

Next pair of hikes on Sunday, February 25 @ 1:30 P.M. Bring water and wear hiking shoes.

Mayan Maiden draws Westerners

2-25-90

Mayan Maiden was the main attraction for the Sedona Westerners' hike.

Located south of Big Park Heights and bordered on the east by the Village of Oakcreek, Mayan Maiden has the characteristics of a Central America peasant balancing a large tray of fruit on her head.

Hike leader Bill von Ofenheim led the group up a short climb to a masonry dam built by a rancher who had owned the land. Generally, there is a small pond behind the dam, but due to last year's drought, it was dry.

Mike Nardello added comments from his knowledge of the area.

Those in the group were Helga Stover, Marion Gottschalk, Sally Stracher, Dick and Barbara Hatt, Ted Blond, Owen Kriege, Ken and Glenda Matthews, Fred Dreste and scribe Ed Bintz.

The climb went up about 400 feet through small brush, yuccas and junipers. The ascent was rocky and somewhat treacherous.

Participants arrived upon a high knoll formed by Apache rock, giving a panoramic view including Sunset Crater, the Village golf course and Cathedral Rock.

Hike leader for Damfino Canyon was Al Smeeth. Hikers were Elizabeth Parks, Chuck Reitsma, Jack Stratton, Gerola-Julia-Ernst Kunstmann, Marty and Jess Reade, Karyl Bennett, Mick and Tish Siemion, Jack Leahy, Mary Laurencell, Hal and Shirley Driggs and Trent and Ruth Turner.

Also Sam Waldrip, Lydia Kirkley, Keran O'Brien, Len Silvern, Charles Jorgensen, Burt and Mary Turner, Jim and Alice Evans, Sam Curry, C.H. and Toni Velardi and Tom Benson.

The Saturday, March 3 hike will be to House Mountain-Turkey Tank. Four wheel drive vehicles will be necessary. Participants will leave Revco parking lot at 9 a.m. Bring lunch, water and good hiking shoes.

The speaker for the monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. March 8, at Wayside Chapel will be Marge Herkenham. She will present slides of a trip to South America.

Rose Hager led the Sedona Westerners on a hike up Secret Canyon Feb. 18.

Starting at trailhead No. 121, the hikers learned that Secret Canyon may get its name from the fact that it is easy to miss unless one goes west to pass the base of Maroon Mountain.

Hikers included trail boss Jack Coombs, cactus dodger Al Smeeth, Fred and Nan Johnson, Sam Waldrip, Chuck Reintsma, Nina Braun, Bill and Gloria Hohe, Viva Dailing, Ken and Glenda Mathews, Bill von Ofenheim, Ralph and Joan Kramer, Mary Laurencell, Gertrude Mayne, Charles Jorgenson, Paula Wells, Tom Hager, Trent and Ruth Turner, Keran O'Brien, Kitty McKenzie, Claes Hultgren, Bob Muggeridge, Sam Curry and tailgater-scribe Jack Stratton.

Westerners hike Sycamore Canyon

3-17-90

Sam Curry was the leader of 36 Westerners and guests for a hike into Sycamore Canyon.

From the parking lot (about 10 miles north of Cottonwood), the trail plunges down about 300 feet to the elevation of Sycamore Creek.

After the trail reaches the creek, it follows the creek closely.

In places, there is only a narrow stone ledge to walk between the creek and the canyon wall.

At about the half-way point, Summers Spring was reached. Its flow feeds into the creek.

Parsons Spring, 3.7 miles from the parking lot and the goal of the hike, was reached in time for a belated lunch.

Participants in the hike were Dwane Batt, Karyl Bennett, Nancy Bihler, Pete and Beverly Brown, B. Coe, Jack Coombs, Sam Curry, John Dobok, Bob and Sally Freeman, Rose Hager, Norm Hause, North and Connie Hinkle and Don Hooven.

Also hiking were Fred and Nan Johnson, Charles Jorgensen, Paul Knopf, Joan Kramer, Owen and Susan Kriege, Mary Laurencell, Chuck Reintsma, Len and Gwen Silvern, Al Smeeth, John and Barbara Sturgis, Trent and Ruth Turner, Bill von Ofenheim, Sam Waldrip and scribe Claes Hultgren.

Hikes Sunday, March 25, will be to Capitol Butte Saddle and to Carroll Canyon.

Participants should meet at Revco at 1:30 p.m. wearing sturdy shoes and bringing water.

Those who intend to take the Boynton-Hartwell Loop hike March 31, may call Bob Freeman, 284-1524, to arrange the car shuttle.

Herkenham leads Westerners on hike to House Mountain

3-3-90

Hike leader Norm Herkenham led the Sedona Westerners on a hike to House Mountain, about nine miles southwest of Sedona.

The peak of House Mountain, 5,127 feet, is a dormant volcano that gave the range its name. Herkenham explained there once was a rock formation on top of the peak which looked like a chimney, hence the name. Members agreed it is still a very distinctive peak from just about every angle.

The approach to the trailhead was on a high-clearance and-or four-wheel-drive road just past the Verde Valley School, southwest about 2½ miles (which, according to Herkenham, passes a fenced, unnamed sinkhole if you can find it). It's also the trailhead for Turkey Creek 92 trail, altitude 4,000 feet.

Late lunch came after the "puff, puff," rocky, almost 45 degree climb to the top for a 360 degree panoramic view of Bill Williams and Apache Maid. The San Francisco Peaks were in the clouds.

The Westerners monthly meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 8, at the Wayside Chapel. Marge Herkenham's program will be of a slide trip to South America.

The next hike will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 11. Participants will meet at the Revco parking lot. Hiking boots and a water supply are advised.

Forty hikers made the climb to House Mountain including Al Smeeth, Marge Schaffer, Jack Stratton, Norman Steinhilber, John Dobak, Sam Waldvid, Keran O'Brien, Ed Bintz, Carol Hollmar, Bill and Gloria Hohe, Trent Turner, Claes Hultgren Sr., and Claes Hultgren Jr., Ken and Glenda Mathews and Karyl Bennett.

Also Mary Laurencell, Beverly Brown, Joan Kramer, Paula Wells, Charles Jorgensen, Rose Hager, Jack Leahy, Fred and Nan Johnson, Virginia Strand, Bob Muggeridge, Bob and Sally Freeman, Owen and Susan Kriege, Clyde Morgan, Nina Braun, Alice and Jim Evans and Don Hooven.

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Parsons Spring, 3.7 miles from the parking lot and the goal of the hike, was reached in time for a belated lunch.

Participants in the hike were Dwane Batt, Karyl Bennett, Nancy Bihler, Pete and Beverly Brown, B. Coe, Jack Coombs, Sam Curry, John Dobok, Bob and Sally Freeman, Rose Hager, Norm Hause, North and Connie Hinkle and Don Hooven.

Also hiking were Fred and Nan Johnson, Charles Jorgensen, Paul Knopf, Joan Kramer, Owen and Susan Kriege, Mary Laurencell, Chuck Reintsma, Len and Gwen Silvern, Al Smeeth, John and Barbara Sturgis, Trent and Ruth Turner, Bill von Ofenheim, Sam Waldrip and scribe Claes Hultgren.

Hikes Sunday, March 25, will be to Capitol Butte Saddle and to Carroll Canyon.

Participants should meet at Revco at 1:30 p.m. wearing sturdy shoes and bringing water.

Those who intend to take the Boynton-Hartwell Loop hike March 31, may call Bob Freeman, 284-1524, to arrange the car shuttle.

History remembered

Arizona boasts many historical markers around the state, commemorating its rich culture and history.

1989

Westerners hike Capitol Buttes, cave

(Sun) 3-25-90

Bill van Ofenheim led the Westerners on a two-hour tour of Capitol Buttes saddle and cave.

The group of hikers made the trek winding in and out, up and down, through junipers, manzanitas and Arizona cypresses.

Keran O'Brien led seven hikers to the cave, including John Dobak, Frank Rivara, Hal Driggs, Burt Turner, Debbie Steinman, Paul Knopf and Jim Evans. The hike to the cave was a perfect climax to the afternoon.

Those hiking the buttes were Elizabeth Parks, Jerry and Dee Bush, Jack Leahy, Mina Brown, Clyde Morgan, Al Smeeth, Alice Evans, Lowell Sheline and scribe Ed Bintz. (19)

Sam Curry was the hike leader to Carroll Canyon.

Hikers were Marcie Zant, Chuck Reintsma, Fred and Nan Johnson, Carlos Mattson, Nancy Bibler, Matt Hinkle, Ted Mosery, Ken and Glenda Matthews, Rose Hager, Bob and Sally Freeman, Marney Jewell, Herb and Joanne Johnson, Jack Straton, Ed and Mary George, Azoline Curry, Erm Kramer, Bob Muggeridge and Norm Herkenham. (24)

The Westerners regular, all-day hike will be to Boynton-Hartwell Canyon Saturday, March 31, at 8 a.m.

The hike will be a loop and will be shuttle service. Trail conditions are difficult and steep on the eight-mile hike with a 1,500-foot climb. Hikers must bring water, lunch and good hiking shoes.

Hiking Westerners improvise, take Scheurman Mountain 'loop' trek

3-31-90

An improvised Scheurman Mountain loop hike became the Sedona Westerners' special of the week March 31.

It replaced the mud and snow of the originally planned Boynton-Hartwell loop.

Bob Freeman guided a quartet of hardy followers — Chuck Reintsma, Jack Stratton, Richard Huffer, and Larry Reid — on a leisurely five-hour stroll, timed perfectly to arrive back at the starting point seconds before another downpour.

Scheurman Mountain, named after pioneer settler Henry Schuerman (maybe a reader can explain the discrepancy in spelling) is located on the southwest Sedona city boundary, filling most of the inside of Red Rock Loop Road.

It is a popular destination walk for those who would like an awe-inspiring, panoramic view of Sedona and surrounding Red Rock Country without the rigors of an all-day climb to nearby, much-greater heights.

U.S. Forest Service Trail 56, beginning just off Upper Red Rock Loop Road, is well-maintained and takes one quickly to the 4,899-foot high point. From there, most of Sedona, Cottonwood and Jerome are easily visible.

Seasoned hikers can point out to their friends hundreds of mastered canyons, peaks and washes in every direction. Bring binoculars!

Saturday, spring purple was a highlight, with cymopterus, mountain cress, filaree, locoweed and blue dicks covering the landscape.

An abundance of deer tracks finally yielded a brief glimpse of seven deer moving silently along the ridgetop.

Mud slogging and hedgehog skipping to several points opened up spectacular views of the new Red Rock State Park.

A descent and then short climb to ancient Indian ruins atop an unnamed knob capped the day's outing.

Next hike for the Westerners is Sunday, April 8, with a choice of Carroll Canyon or Capitol Butte Saddle and Cave. Guests are welcome.

Meeting site is the Revco parking lot at 1:30 p.m. Good hiking footwear and water are a must.

The Westerners will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 12, at Wayside Chapel.

3-20-90 - Scout

Norm Herkenham
Bill Von Offenheim
Al Smeeth
Tom & Rose Hager
Jack Coombs
Trent Turner

Bill Hoke
Bob Freeman
Sam Curry
Ken Matthews
Gloria Hoke
Pigeon

Photographer - Nancy Bihler

Westerners hike Carroll Canyon loop

4-8-90

One group of Westerners climbed to the Capital Butte saddle and cave on Sunday.

They were led by Chuck Reintsma, and included Bob and Sally Freeman, Jack Coombs, Marcie Zant, Martha Hodges, Richard Huffer, Norm Herkenham, Joanne Johnson, Frank McDarell, Mary Laurencell, Claes Hultgren and Trent Turner.

The other group had a pleasant hike in Carroll Canyon which wanders from Shelby Drive in West Sedona down to the bridge on the road to Red Rock Crossing.

Those who hiked the Carroll Canyon loop were leader Al Smeeth, Keran O'Brien, Paul Knopf, Ed Bintz, Norm Hause, Ann Frazier, Jack Leahy, Shirley and Hal Driggs, Barbara and John Sturgis, and scribe Charles Jorgensen.

The Westerners will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 12, at the Wayside Chapel. Visitors are welcome.

The next hike will be Saturday, April 14, to Sterling Pass. Participants will meet at the Revco parking area before 9 a.m.

Scheurman, Ensinoso Loop attract hikers

4-22-90

The Sedona Westerners made two hikes Sunday.

One hike was to Scheurman Mountain, led by Nancy Bihler, and the other to Ensinoso Loop, led by Chuck Reintsma.

The Loop hike begins at Ensinoso Camp Grounds, but starts on the trail marked Wilson Mountain.

After a rather steep and sunny ascent, the trail enters the forest and the climb is more gradual.

It then leaves the Wilson trail and meanders through the trees and along the mountainside over a thick carpet of pine needles before descending to Hwy. 89A just south of Slide Rock Lodge.

While the wildflower display was not as spectacular as on last weeks' Sterling Pass walk, the Spring beauties were again abundant.

In addition to Reintsma, those hiking were Tom and Barb Benson, Paul Knopf, Clyde Morgan, Mary Laurencell, J. Johnson, Alice and Jim Evans, Jack and Megan Leahy, Eric Leftault, Gertrude Mayne, Marie Crowe and Marge and John Schaeffer.

Those following Bihler to Scheurman Mountain were Jack Coombs, Lydia Kirkley, Don Hooven, Sam Waldrip, Marilyn and Fred Dreste, Jesse and Marty Reade, Ed Bintz, Mae Hobbs, Vivian Machen, Norm Hause, Bob Freeman and Shirley and Hal Driggs.

Also Ed Jaskulski, Len and Gwen Silvern, Bob Muggeridge, Barbara and John Sturgis, Susan and Owen Kruege, Gunther and Gerda Kunstmann, L. and H. Sheline, Paula Wells and Charles Jorgensen.

These hikes will be repeated Sunday, May 6.

The hike to Munds Mountain will leave the Revco parking lot at 9 a.m.

Westerners are also reminded of the cookout at Montezuma's Well at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 10. Advance reservations and payment are required.

Westerners walk across Munds Mountain

4-28-90

The Sedona Westerners hiked to the top of Munds Mountain, April 28.

Munds Mountain is the high gray-rock-capped mountain just southeast of Schnebly Hill. It was named for the Munds family, which came to Arizona in 1875.

William Munds had three sons and a daughter.

One of the sons, John, raised horses and built the first trail onto Munds Mountain. He pastured his horses on the mountain in the winter when there was snow for water, as there was no source of water there at other times.

Another son, Jim, and the father were principally interested in farming and cattle raising.

All of the stock had to be driven from the valley to the high country each spring and back down each fall. Jim did most of the work on a trail that was known as Mund's Trail.

Years later, the Schnebly Hill road was built in about the same place. The road was known locally as the Munds Road for a few years after it was built.

The Westerners usually start the hike to Munds Mountain from the parking lot at Schnebly Hill Overlook.

They roughly follow an old road that leads to the saddle at the head of Jack's Canyon. At that point there is a sign for the trail to the top of Munds Mountain.

Those hiking were Jack Coombs, Chuck Reintsma, Sam Waldrip, Norm Herkenham, Nancy Bihler, Jack Leahy, Bill von Ofenheim, Mary Laurencell, Lydia Kirkley, Herb Hauser, Claes Hultgren, Karyl Bennett, John Schaeffer, Don Hooven, Charles Jorgensen, Paula Wells, Paul Knopf, Joanne Johnson, Alice and Jim Evans, Burt and Mary Turner, Virginia Strand, Mary Ball, Bob Muggeridge, Jack Stratton, Tom and Rose Hager, Al Smeeth and the scribe, Norm Hause.

The hikes Sunday, May 6, will be Encinosa Loop and Scheurman Mountain.

Starting time will be 1:30 p.m.

The Spring cook-out will be at Montezuma's Well picnic area at 1 p.m. May 10. Reservations and payment must be made by Sunday, May 6.

For reservations, call Jack Coombs, 284-1400, or Mike Nardello, 282-7853.

Westerners hike Scheurman Mountain

5-6-90

Sunday, May 6, was the last Sunday hike scheduled for the 1989-1090 season of the Sedona Westerners Hiking Club.

The temperature for the day gave support to the wisdom of the hiking club's practice of scheduling its season from the middle of September to the middle of May.

A hike to Scheurman Mountain brought out the wildflower fans.

Scheurman Mountain runs along Upper Red Rock Loop Road. The parking area is about one-half mile down from the junction of the Red Rock Loop Road and Hwy. 89A.

Walk up to the Forest Service gate to enter the trail and immediately you enter into a world displaying over 25 wildflowers and flowering bushes.

Westerner botanist Norm Herkenham was featured as Trail Boss with 22 hikers surrounding Norm at each new discovery for identification and classification of the flower.

Hikers on this trip were Barb Benson, Jim and Alice Evans, Al and Dorothy Graf, Herb Hansen, Maria Hill, Helen Hoffman, Claes Hultgren, Florence Johnson, Paul and Joyce Knopf, Erm Kramer, Jack Leahy, Kathie Mitchett, Jess Reade, Martin Reade, Chuck Reintsma, John and Marge Schaeffer and Burt and Mary Turner.

Another 21 hikers sought the coolness of Oak Creek Canyon and made the Encinoso Loop hike led by Trail Boss Norm Hause.

The hikers drove up Hwy. 89A to the Encinoso picnic area parking lot and took the trail that goes to Wilson Mountain Bench, but looped back to the lot before reaching the Bench, making the distance three miles with a 650-foot climb.

Making the trip were Mary Ball, Nancy Bihler, Ed Bintz, Jack Coombs, Hal and Shirley Driggs, John and Delores Guptill, Rose Hager, Marge Herkenham, Don Hooven, Joanne Johnson, Charles Jorgensen, Ken Matthews, Glenda Matthews, Keran O'Brien, Bill von Ofenheim, Shirley Shortlidge, Al Smeeth and Paula Wells.

Saturday, May, 12, the Westerners will close out the season schedule with a hike to Kendrick Mountain, an eight-mile hike climbing 2,200 feet, or an alternate hike on Little Horse Trail of four miles and 300 feet of climb.

Sedona Westerners end hiking season

5-12-90

The final hikes of the Sedona Westerners 1989-1990 season were last Saturday.

Two groups of hikers participated, one group going on the Little Horse Trail hike just east of Hwy. 180 and west of the San Francisco Mountains north of Flagstaff. The second group hiked up Kendrick Mountain northwest of Flagstaff.

The 12 hikers making the Little Horse Trail hike headed east from Hwy. 180 and after about a mile left the trail for an overlook to the west of Kendrick Mountain with its fire tower and Bill Williams Mountain in the distance.

Continuing easterly on the trail, the hikers discovered the remains of an old ranch house with lava stone formations and log walls that had all but rotted away.

During the lunch stop in a natural lake area with aspen and pines, bird sightings included stellar jays, white breasted nuthatches, red shafted flickers, juncos, yellow-bellied sap suckers and western bluebirds.

The view of the western side of the San Francisco Peaks and the snow-defined ski trails was excellent. Several hikers were taking pictures of the mountains.

On the return trip, a new spring was found. One hiker commented that, because of the color, it had a high iron content. No one disputed the remark as all were unwilling to taste it.

Hikers on the Little Horse Trail were led by Sally Freeman and included Charles West, Sam Waldrip, Kathie Machett, John and Marge Shaffer, Lynn and Bill Whitby, Joanne Johnson, Hal Driggs, Ted Warner and Bob Freeman.

Hikers on the Kendrick Mountain Trail, an eight-mile walk with a 2,000- to 2,500-foot climb, were led by Keran O'Brien.

The group included Jack Coombs, Sam Curry, Ken Mathews, Chuck Reintsma, Jack Stratton, Mary Ball, Al Smeeth, Bill von Ofenheim, Elizabeth Parks, Jack and Megan Leahy, Norm Hause, Tom and Rose Hager, Lydia and Kirk Kirkley, Barbara and John Sturgis, Norm and Marge Herkenham, Sheila Conway, Don Hooven, Claus Hultgren, Karyl Bennett, Tish Siemion, Nancy Biehler, Larry Reid and Barney Goss.

The first meeting of the Westerners for the 1990-1991 hiking season under the leadership of Robert Freeman will be Sept. 13, at the Wayside Chapel in uptown Sedona.

5-1-90
"The Bear"

Jack Coombs
Norm Herkenham
Don Hooven
Nancy Bihler
Chuck Reitsma
Bob Freeman

(Photo by Norm Hause)

5-8-90 - Scout Little Horse
Bill Von Offenheim Sally Freeman
Don Hooven
Photo by Nancy Bihler

5-12-90 - Kendrick Mtn
Jack Coombs
Norm HerKenham
Photo by Nancy Bihler

5-10-90 - Picnic (Photos by Nancy Bihler)

Jack Stratton, Harry Brown, Marshall Cook, Norm HerKenham
Bill Eggert, Clyde Morgan, ~~Bill~~ Dick Stout, Lothar Kolbig
Vic Sterzing, Dixon Fagerberg (1973-74)
Tom Hager, Marge HerKenham, Don Hooven, Norm Haase
Jack Cornell

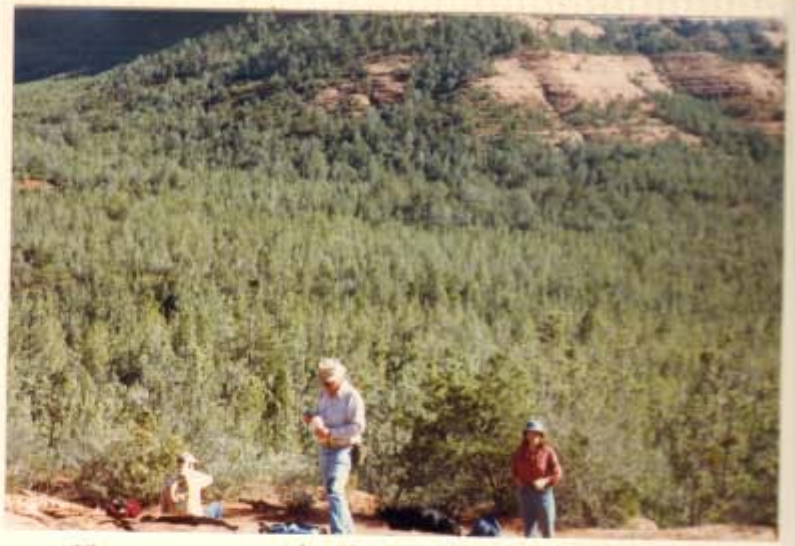
Ex-Trail Bosses

5-10-90
Picnic

Bob Freeman
Mike Nardello (Honorary Trail Boss)

Cooks
Charles West, Bob Freeman, Tom Hager, Norm Herkonham

Paul Knopf Esther Lugo Don Hoover Wilbur Thelma 1989-90 (?)



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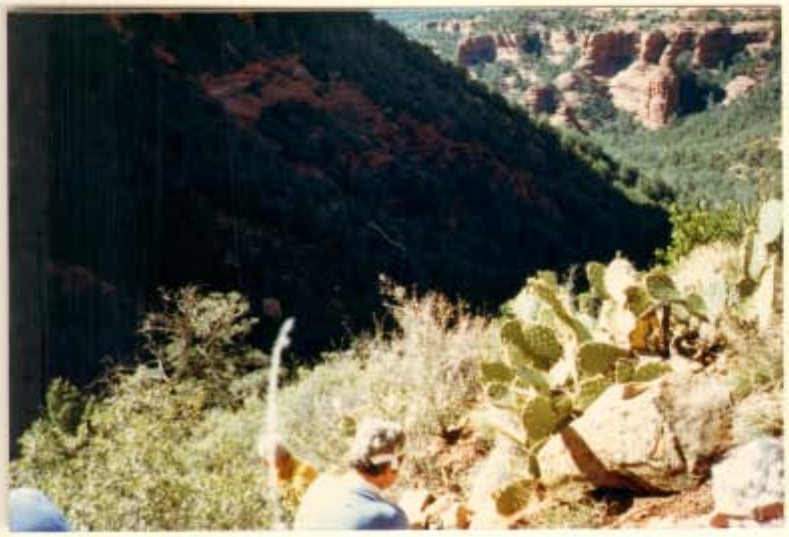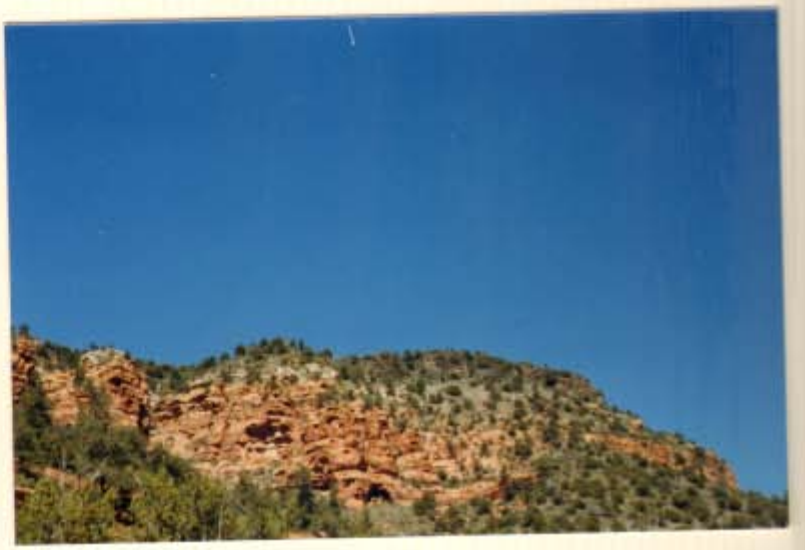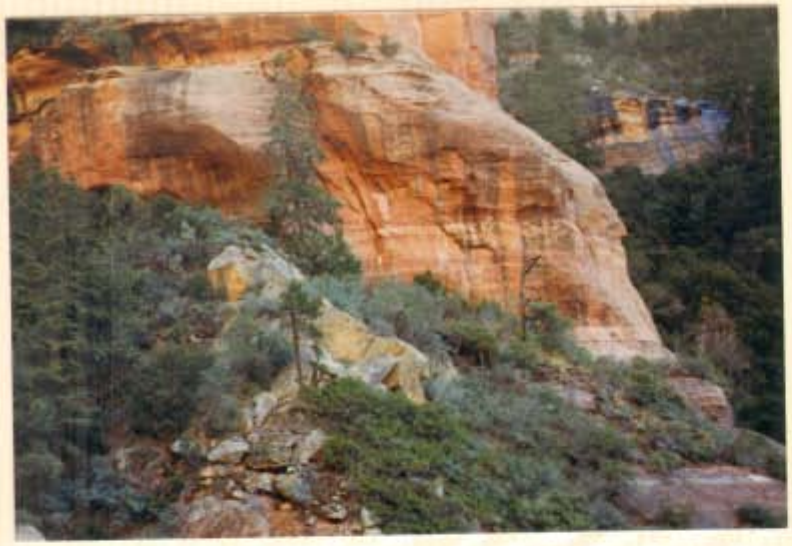
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