



NEWSLETTER - August 2005



Greater Phoenix Orienteering Club - Getting There is ALL the Fun!

Outdoor Writer to Speak at Oct 8th Annual Meeting

Be sure to get October 8th on your calendar for the club's annual meeting and dinner. The dinner will take place at Nello's Pizza in Tempe, 6:30-9 PM, and will cost \$5 per person. The general membership meeting is an annual event where members get together to elect club officers, review the past year's events and hear a great guest speaker. This is also a great opportunity for you to ask questions and find out about volunteer opportunities that fit your interests. This year's speaker will be Dave Wilson, author of the book *Ruins Seldom Seen*, a guide for hiking and finding off-the-beaten-path ruins and rock art in the Southwest.

Dave works for Mesa Town Center, a corporation that, among other things, promotes downtown Mesa. As Communications Coordinator, he does writing, photography and desktop publishing to create all types of printed materials, including the *Downtown Focus* newspaper. Dave has also been getting gigs lately as an independent photographer shooting people, homes, etc. For fun, he enjoys many outdoor activities including nature photography and hunting for Indian ruins, both of which provide perfect excuses to explore obscure wilderness areas where trails may or may not exist. Of course, Dave is also author of the book *Ruins Seldom Seen*, which combines the subjects of hiking and archaeology. For more information about the book, including photos of sites that were never published, visit www.RuinsSeldomSeen.com. Dave lives in Phoenix with his dog, an infamous retriever wanted in three states for leash law violations.

Don't Forget to RSVP for the Annual Family Campout. More details inside!

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Lake-2-Lake Wrap-Up

Richard Dewey

The Lake-to-Lake hike in June was a great success! We had excellent weather, lots of good food, and a fun group of people. Thirteen of us headed out on the hike on Sunday morning and all thirteen made it out alive at the other end with only a few scrapes, scratches, and bruises (so much for superstition). The terrain was relatively rugged but stunningly beautiful in some locations. In fact, some of us were joking that we could almost see monkeys in the trees in areas that looked like rain forest!

There was some usage of orienteering skills in an attempt to stick to the original route laid out by Fred and Bruce some years ago and one of the relative beginners took point for most of the hike and did an excellent job of leading us! The whole hike took about five hours. It did appear that this type of hike is a winner for an off-season event and we hope to do it again next year with possibly a few changes just to keep it interesting. And we did decide to call this annual event the "Fred Padgett Memorial Hike" in memory of one of the club founders and one of the founders of the hike. I hope to see more people participating next year.

Practice Aid Available from Local Racing Club

If you need a good way to practice your compass skills, a local adventure racing organization has got just the thing, the Navigation & Orienteering Practice Guide. They've put together a detailed 1:24,000 map, a see-through map overlay and a list of 20 coordinates to hunt in southern CA. Each coordinate corresponds with a permanent landmark like a trail marker sign, power pole, waterfall, etc. It's great for practicing your compass skills, orienteering skills or use of a GPS unit. Areas available include: Mission Trails Park (San Diego), Frank G. Bonelli Park (Los Angeles), Phoenix Mountain Preserve, and Kilauea Crater (Hawaii). Coming soon... San Francisco, Denver/Boulder, Tucson, Flagstaff, Salt Lake City, Reno, and Las Vegas. Navigation ability is often what sets Adventure Racers apart and this is a great way to hone those skills. Check it out at www.SierraAdventureSports.com

Semi-Annual Land Navigation Class October 27 & 29

Master the use of topographic map and compass to travel through the wilderness with skill and confidence. This class is an evening in-town session then a full day in the field at a site near the town of Superior. It is designed for adults and is a very intensive, hands-on program. Read all about it in our brochure which can be found online at our website.

We provide dinner at the classroom session, plus breakfast, lunch, snacks and dinner at the field session. Students must provide their own transportation to and from the site. Students provide their own Silva Ranger 15 CL 360-degree compass. (Another model may be used if it has a baseplate, a mirrored lid with a site and a mechanical declination scale adjustment). A Silva compass may be rented for \$5. Cost is \$100. Members who have joined prior to July 1, 2005 get a \$20 discount. **Class alumni, if it's been awhile since you've been practicing, you may take the class again for half price (\$50.00).** Ask any of our previous students and they'll tell you what a great class it is.

GPHXO Upcoming Event Schedule

August 12-14	Annual Family Campout (see insert for details)
Sept 17-18	Picketpost Mtn Campout
Sept 24	Thumb Butte
Oct 1	JROTC-only meet
Oct 8	Annual Meeting and Awards— Nello's Pizza in Tempe
Oct 16	Join with Tucson at Silverbell
Oct 27 & 29	Land Nav Class
Nov 12	Coon Bluff
Dec 10	First Water/Needle Vista JROTC joint meet
Jan 21	Saguaro Lake 'B' meet
Feb 11	Bomboy Mine - Joint JROTC
Mar 4	Lake Pleasant? - Joint JROTC
April 6&8	Land Nav Class

We encourage our members to participate in the Tucson club events as well as our own. Not only is it an opportunity for more orienteering experience fairly close to home but they have some really great folks that we can learn a lot from while we enjoy their company.

Tucson Club Event Schedule

July State Champs CANCELLED

Aug 21	Lincoln Park Early-O
Sep 18	Greasewood
Oct 16	Silverbell
Nov 20	Kentucky Camp
Dec 18	Catalina State Park

Did you know that GPHXO O.C. members get the "member" rate for Tucson O.C. events? For details about the Tucson Club events, check their web page at www.tucsonorienteering.org

GPHXO Board Meetings:

Board meetings are held monthly to discuss the business operations of the club and to plan for upcoming events. They are open to all members. Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are at 7:00 PM in the Scottsdale Community College library. Call Richard for specifics or to confirm meeting: 480-831-0331 (Home) and 480-236-5706 (Cell).

July 19—SCC Library

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NEW MEMBER RENEWAL

CHOOSE: *mail me the monthly newsletter:*

FAMILY (\$17) INDIVIDUAL (\$15)

OR: *download/view newsletter on website:*

FAMILY (\$12) INDIVIDUAL (\$10)

Yes, I can help staff a club meet. Call me.

NAME

STREET ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

(AREA CODE) DAY TELEPHONE

(AREA CODE) EVENING TELEPHONE

EMAIL ADDRESS (*required for web membership discount; we will email you when the new newsletter is on the website*)

Phoenix Orienteering Car Camp Out (Aug 12-14) Mormon Mountain near Mormon Lake—no charge

Sponsored by Bob Kuhn

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The camp's elevation is 7,578 feet. Expect afternoon summer showers—50 degrees at night and 80 degrees daytime. The mountain dirt roads are relatively flat, pot-holes or rocks in some areas, and will accommodate almost all cars. If you have a low-riding car, drive slowly over the rough spots. **We plan to be on the right but these are public lands and someone else could have beaten us to our favorite spot.**

Bob will bring up a trailer, tables and canopies and will also have the portable toilets set up. Someone will be there all day Friday and Saturday so you can arrive whenever. Should we be temporarily gone, just park nearby and set up your camp. You'll know our site by the orange/white orienteering signs. Keep in mind, these are public lands and it's possible that another group will have come even earlier and taken over our preferred site. In that case, we will move to a nearby site and leave someone or signs at the original site to guide you to the new place.

The club will provide BBQ meats, fixin's and non-alcoholic beverages for a Saturday afternoon picnic (about 2:00 PM). Side dishes and snacks are pot-luck. All other meals are on your own but cooking facilities will be available. There are large open areas for various game/activities, hiking or just kick back and enjoy the fresh smell of the pines, visiting or quiet time. There will be campfires Friday and Saturday evenings—you furnish the marshmallows, skits and entertainment. This is a family oriented event.

Directions: **From Phoenix** (last 9 miles dirt road), take I-17 north to the Munds Park exit. Follow the main road (FR #240) through Munds Park for 10 miles then make a sharp left on FR 132A. Our site will be about 1.5 miles on the right.

From East Valley (3 miles of dirt road), use Hwy 87 (Beeline) then take Hwy #3 towards Clint's Well. Exit Hwy #3 at Mormon Village. Follow the main road through Mormon Village to mile marker 5 and exit on FR #240 towards Munds Park. Go 2 miles to FR #132A and bear right about 1.5 miles to our camp. Follow the orange/white O signs.

