

**Mark your calendar for the Annual Members' Meeting
Saturday, February 2, 2008**



News and information on the state's border-to-border Arizona Trail project

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Members Kick up Some Dust at Inaugural Arizona Trail Day & Members Rendezvous

by Terri Gay

Headline sponsors of the event include; our gracious hosts, Mormon Lake Lodge; outdoor gear purveyor REI; and ATA member Terry Woolston. Other top supporters include Wells Fargo Bank, Compass Bank, Freeport McMoran Copper & Gold, Bookman's Entertainment Exchange, Summit Hut, Whitneybell Perry Architects and the Salt River Project. Thanks to all for supporting the dream.

Over two hundred trail lovers showed up at Mormon Lake Lodge on September 28-29, 2007 to celebrate the Arizona Trail, enjoy old and new friends, and help raise funds for the Trail.

Events kicked off on Friday with an immense potluck dinner in the main hall of the Mormon Lake Lodge's Old West town, with table after table filled with eats of every variety. Dave Hicks welcomed all, and singer



John Rendall reads the Governor's Arizona Trail Day Proclamation to breakfasting ATA members.

satisfied, be sure to check the interpretive events listings; there will be "batting" in the Canelo Hills in 2008!)



Ed the Vulture sits on the arm of Murial Kremb from Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center while Loysi Wine does a vulture dance.

Gail Starr entertained with western classics. Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center's Murial Kremb then shared bat facts and dispelled many bat myths. (If your bat-curiosity was not

On Saturday, the day started with trail steward John Rendall reading Governor Janet Napolitano's proclamation of Arizona Trail Day. Everyone was raring to go; work crews headed off to install trailhead signs and build and maintain trail. Other ambitious trail enthusiasts took off for a day of hiking and riding for dollars, getting in miles for the fund-raising effort of Arizona Trail Day.

Those who stayed around the lodge found plenty to do: horse-drawn wagon rides, kids' crafts and games, a horseshoe tournament and the premiere showing of the Arizona Trail Mini-Interpretive Hike signs (see page 5) were all popular. Additionally, the Adobe Mountain

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Gail Starr entertained attendees with her stellar strumming and singing of classic western tunes.



Dave's Arizona Trail Top Ten

From the ATA Executive Director (executivedirector@aztrail.org)

The Arizona Trail Our Vision...

a continuous, non-motorized trail traversing the state nearly 800 miles from Mexico to Utah, linking deserts, mountains, canyons, communities, and people.

The **Arizona Trail Association** coordinates the planning, development, management and promotion of the Arizona Trail for recreational and educational experiences for non-motorized trail users.

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1. I was fortunate to recently spend a couple of days in two of the AZT's southernmost passages: the Canelo Hills East and Canelo Hills West passages. Like much of the AZT, they offer a rewarding trail with spectacular panoramic views of Arizona (and in this case into Mexico, too). But I was most impressed by the can-do attitude and labors of trail love shown by two long-time Arizona Trail stewards: Richard Corbett and Zay Hartigan. Like so many other trail stewards, they do an outstanding job. Thank you!
2. Recent events have just been excellent: Interpretive Hikes; the Members' Rendezvous; the first Arizona Trail Day; and the REI sponsored work event at Pine, AZ. Thanks to those who make them possible and also to you who attended. And if you haven't made any fun or work events recently, don't be shy; there are plenty at www.aztrail.org.
3. And mark this one on your calendar: ATA Annual Meeting, Saturday, February 2, 10:00 a.m. at the National Bank of Arizona conference center at 6001 North 24th Street in Phoenix.
4. The U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources subcommittee on National Parks favorably heard the Arizona National Scenic Trail bill on September 11, 2007. That was a very large, positive step for the bill, but there is still much to do before enactment by both houses of Congress. Thanks to all of the AZT friends who sent messages to Congress. They do listen! I am optimistic that passage will happen.
5. The available-for-loan Arizona Mini Interpretive Trail is just too cool. If your local school, outdoor club, social or business group would like to borrow the signs and enjoy a mini AZT hike, the 10 poster sized signs and stands are available. Call the ATA office. A slide preview of the posters is on the ATA website.
6. Can't make an AZT trail work event on the weekend? Join the "crazies", on Thursdays, who are building new Arizona Trail in the awesome foothills of the Santa Rita Mountains in the Coronado National Forest southeast of Tucson. Contact Bernie Stalman at 520-378-1330 or at Bstalman@aol.com for details.
7. For 2008, the ATA has changed membership renewal dates so they happen throughout the year. We appreciate the support of our members, but please renew promptly when you receive your notice. It saves us from having to send out a second one.
8. Don't forget to sign up for the Basha's "Thanks a Million" program. Let the cashier know to link your "Thank You Card" to #24540 and the ATA receives a portion of the sale. It's an easy way to support our AZT efforts.
9. Help Wanted: The ATA needs volunteers for the following (contact the ATA office if interested):
 - General handyman/janitor mostly at the ATA office, 1-2 hours weekly.
 - Insurance specialist to help ATA review the current coverage and make adjustments as required.
 - Event staff - people to help plan, coordinate and carry out non-trail ATA events.
10. ATA Members Welcome- The next ATA Board meeting is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. prior to the Annual meeting on February 2 at the National Bank of Arizona, 6001 North 24th Street. The meeting is always open to all ATA members.

***Robert Jarvie became the 1,000th ATA member on September 14, 2007. Congratulations Robert, we will have prizes for you at the Annual Meeting in February!
Everyone else, please renew your memberships when you get your notice to keep our numbers growing!***

A Message from the Chief Trail Steward



By Anna Pfender • chiefsteward@aztrail.org

Thank You

Wow! What a list of employers and clubs that have worked to build the Arizona Trail in just this last year!

Our Arizona Trail really is Arizona, and then some. The Arizona Trail Association extends its sincere appreciation to each and every volunteer from these groups.

- AOL
- American Hiking Society
- American Society of Civil Engineers, Phoenix Branch Younger Members Group
- American Society of Civil Engineers, Southern Arizona Branch Younger Members Forum
- Arizona Outdoor and Travel Club
- Arizona Public Service
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- Southwest Outdoor Club
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- Tucson Electric Power
- Tucson Medical Center
- Tucson Saddle Club
- Volunteers for Outdoor Arizona
- Wells Fargo

Dear Arizona Trail Builder,

We probably haven't met, but you spent time to build trail that I have walked upon, and that likely you yourself have, too.

This is a trail of great significance that many will tread in the future, as well. A thin, dusty path that brings visitors from all points of the compass to our state, that gives locals health and recreation.

But you already know this. What you don't know is the depth of my gratitude to you for your contribution of sweat, time, and dollars. MacLeods, Pulaskis, rock bars, rakes, buckets, work gloves, fresh air, friends and coworkers, and some good trail stewards' instructions combined to create a dream come true, a dream we call the Arizona Trail.

I silently thank you for your efforts with each step I make along this legacy you've given our state. For now, let me thank you in this note. I hope that maybe we will get to meet sometime when I may thank you in person, but until then, let this note suffice.

Keep up the good work,
A Grateful Trail User



Arizona Trail Day & Members Rendezvous at Mormon Lake

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Wildlife Center (www.azwildlifecenter.net) offered up-close looks at raptors, reptiles and mammals that have come to the center for rehabilitation or care. Bigger animals from the BLM's Wild Horse and Burro Adoption program (www.blm.gov/az/whb/index.htm) gave attendees a look at other rescued animals, some that can become willing Arizona Trail buddies with a little love and training.

A dinner of grilled burgers and hot dogs served up by Mormon Lake Lodge satisfied the dozens of hungry ATA folks that evening. After the toting up of donations earned



Crew Leader Richard Corbett outlines the day's work for the new Mormon Lake interpretive trail.

by the hikers and riders along the trail, a recounting of John Wesley Powell's courageous exploits capped off the night.

On Sunday morning, breakfast burritos were devoured then a presentation on using global positioning systems by experts John Rendall and Dave Babcock followed. Outside the dining hall, Arizona Trail founder Dale Shewalter and his wife Madeleine chatted with ATA members about the trail, its past and its future. Always a man of vision, Dale outlined some thoughts for the trail. Dale's eyes are focused years away, with dreams of an Arizona Trail Institute, regional work centers, educational workshops and resources for students and teachers, and much more. As Dale said, the trail is about "re-creation" of our lives, our work and our relationships. Plotting a course for the future is an excellent way to conclude a weekend of re-creation. Everyone have those waypoints in their GPS yet?



Hualapai the burro and Tom Taylor of BLM Wild Horse and Burro Program make friends with Arizona Trail Day visitors. Tom pointed out that burros love mesquite beans!



No visit to the forest would be complete without a visit from Smokey Bear. Smokey gets a high five from young fans.



A burrowing owl enjoyed much attention as part of the Adobe Mountain Wildlife exhibit. Injured animals who cannot be released back into the wild are cared for by the volunteers of Adobe Mountain, a part of the Arizona Game and Fish Department, and enjoy a day out with their caretakers.



Kids at the event were treated to a free t-shirt with Terri Gay's rendition of Señor Mobley, one of the Adobe Mountain Wildlife's gila monsters.

Take a Virtual Tour on the Arizona Trail Mini Interpretive Hike



Phyllis Ralley and Tom Coulson look on as David Babcock installs the Arizona Trail Mini Interpretive posters for the first time at the Members' Rendezvous at Mormon Lake.

In an effort to provide an educational activity for youngsters at the Members' Rendezvous, ATA Board Member Randy Warner and designer Phyllis Ralley put their

heads together and produced a series of ten posters which illustrate the diverse regions along the Arizona Trail.

Executive Director Dave Hicks wrote the text and selected the regions to be illustrated by the ten posters. The state kind of divided itself up as by the nature of the terrain. The posters illustrate the Mexico border, Santa Rita Mountains and foothills, the Sky Islands, Sonoran Desert, Rugged, Scenic Mountains, the Mogollon Rim to the Peaks, the Coconino Plateau, the Grand Canyon and the Kaibab Plateau to Utah. Each poster shows a photo of what the terrain looks like near the trail and features a representative plant, animal and historic event along that section.

Thanks goes to photographers Fred Gaudet, Larry Snead and Dori Pederson for their images of the trail. Wendy Hodgson of the Desert Botanical Garden and Owen Murray, one of Wendy's interpretive program participants, provided beautiful photos of plants and flowers.

Geared at sixth grade level, the colorful series of posters is available for use by schools, clubs and events. The freestanding posters can be used outdoor or indoors, but a large vehicle is required to haul them. Please call the ATA office at 602-252-4794 if you wish to reserve the posters.

ATA hopes to find them a "home" where they can be on exhibit when they are not in use. You can see a mini-movie of the posters at: http://www.aztrail.org/MT_Movie.html.

New Signs Mark Both Arizona Trail Day and AZT Trailheads

Arizona Trail Association volunteers Ron Keller, Joe Longbotham, Mark Weinberger, Paul Conn and Gary Hohner (not pictured) installed metal AZT trailhead signs on AZT Segment 30 and 31 at one of the Arizona Trail Day and National Public Lands Day celebration work events.

It was a very successful weekend of installing trailhead signs. Volunteers installed three signs, one each at Dairy Springs Campground/Mormon Mt. Trailhead, Horse Lake Trailhead and Marshall Lake Trailhead. Plans are underway try to get the remaining 12 signs installed in 2008.

-Gary Hohner



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July 7 Marshall Lake Work Event

On July 7, 2007 we had 26 great volunteers. Sixteen ATA members enjoyed meeting new volunteer friends who came from Flagstaff Hiking, Flagstaff Biking and Arizona Outdoor Travel Clubs. The joint effort produced a successful work event, and we appreciate and thank each volunteer.

This was the third and final work event on a project to repair a deeply-eroded section of the AZT. We moved and spread about nine more tons of crushed rock with wheelbarrow relay teams to finish covering about one-third mile of the trail west from Marshall Lake trailhead. Thanks to Rinker Materials who again provided the crushed rock to ATA at their cost.

Special thanks go to crew leaders David Michaels, Paul Conn and Dick Wertz for making the wheelbarrow relay function. We learned that many light loads and volunteers can move a lot of crushed rock. While the volunteers completed spreading crushed rock, Kyle Grambley's Forest Service crew built another reinforced rolling grade dip above the new trail realignment and also began repairing an area further up the trail. We are grateful for the Forest Service support and especially appreciate the last-minute supply of extra wheelbarrows.

Friday evening the 31A stewards hosted dinner for those who were camping. Dale Shewalter, Founder of the AZT, and his wife Madeleine, and Dave Hicks, ATA Executive Director, joined us. Saturday the stewards provided lunch and raffle prizes, and many volunteers returned to work in the afternoon.



July 7 Marshall Lake Segment 31A Work Event Volunteers:
Standing, Dick Wertz, Dorothy Boulton, Tonya Pitcher, Eric Pitcher, Diane Meuser, Ron Keller, Kevin Dunn, Lorraine Cuevas, Paul Conn, Mary Ellen Mylrea; kneeling, Joe Longbotham, Ingrid Purder, Mary Robertson, Gay Hohner, Shannon Jones, Sue Baughman, Leisa Burdine, Beverly Chambers, David Michaels.

Not pictured: Diane Wertz, Jeanne Devine, Beverly Loomis, Neal Ross, Ryan Geiger, Kyle Grambley & FS crew, Andrea Michaels.

Photo by Gary Hohner

Thanks again to everyone. This effort is one example of what makes the Arizona Trail happen.

—Andrea and David Michaels and Gay and Gary Hohner,
Trail Stewards for Segment 31A

Please take a few minutes to let your Congressional delegation know that you support the Arizona National Scenic Trail bills that have been introduced by Senators John McCain and Jon Kyl (SB 1304) and Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords (HR 2297)

Boy Scouts involved in the Arizona Trail

Neil Hornbeck made an Arizona Trail presentation on October 18, 2007 to a group of Scout Leaders from Heber/Overgaard, Snowflake/Taylor and Holbrook. Then on October 19 to 21, he hosted a booth at a Scout Camporee at Camp Geronimo near Pine for Scouts from the South Phoenix Area, Firebird, Camelback and Thunderbird districts. There were 716 scouts, leaders and staff present to learn about the ATA, volunteer opportunities on the Arizona Trail and Eagle Scout projects.

November's events include a booth at the Scout-O-Rama on November 3. This is for scouts, their parents and leaders from all over the Phoenix metro area. The following weekend Neil will be teaching at a scout training on "Where to Go Camping," and will also be talking about the Arizona Trail.

—Neil Hornbeck
BSA Representative to the ATA

A Gate to the Grand Canyon



Look for the above new information sign and gate where the Arizona Trail enters the southern boundary of Grand Canyon National Park.

2008 Interpretive Event Calendar



Check out these new hikes we will be doing in 2008. We will also be offering additional interpretive events, so stay tuned – more information will be provided later on Arizona Trail website and in the newsletter! As with all trips, pre-registration is required. Contact Wendy Hodgson (whodgson@dbg.org; 480 481 8108) unless otherwise noted in trip description. Bring hat, water, snacks, sun- screen; wear comfortable shoes.

March 29-30, 2008 **"Batting Along the Arizona Trail"** **(Canelo West - Segment 3)**

Leaders: Jason & Richard Corbett (with Wendy Hodgson)
Saturday & Sunday, meet at 2 p.m. in Patagonia, at the Post Office

Upper Meadow Valley - Come and experience a rare opportunity to learn about, see, and participate in bat survey work under the auspices of the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Jason Corbett, a Wildlife Biologist and Bat Specialist, of the Environmental Planning Group, will demonstrate bat mist netting set up and use (the way bats are captured for study/tagging), as well as showing and explaining the ecology and natural history of bats captured in the survey.

Arizona, the Santa Rita Mountains, and the Canelo Hills are particularly well situated for catching a wide variety of bats. Arizona has, in all, some of the greatest bat diversity in the U.S. (28 species!!) and a large portion of those can be found in and around the Santa Rita Mountains.

Jason holds several Federal certifications for endangered bat work, and has extensive experience with bat surveys including radio telemetry studies, acoustic studies, and cave and mine surveys. He has handled thousands of bats from across the United States and loves to help people better understand these widely misunderstood creatures. Don't miss this opportunity to see these fascinating creatures of the night up close as they forage over this scenic section of the Arizona Trail! Netting will start one half hour before sunset and the nets will be closed around midnight.

This beautiful part of the Arizona Trail is somewhat isolated, and the area we will start our hike to the netting site is 6.5 miles off the main dirt road, and requires high clearance vehicles. Given this, it will be necessary to spend the night at the site (it is a good place to camp - we used this same site for our March 2004 AHS Volunteer Vacation Crew camp), so do come prepared to camp overnight.

Bring warm clothes, a folding chair or stool, a head-lamp that tilts down so it does not blind others when you look toward them(!), evening snacks, and of course, whatever you need to camp comfortably overnight (including dinner and breakfast).

Contact Wendy Hodgson (whodgson@dbg.org or (480) 481-8108) to register for this exciting opportunity to learn about one of nature's most misunderstood, yet highly beneficial, creatures.

June 21, 2008

"Butterflies – finding, identifying and photographing - along the Arizona Trail" **(near Washington Park, Mogollon Rim)**

Leader: Marceline VandeWater (with Wendy Hodgson)

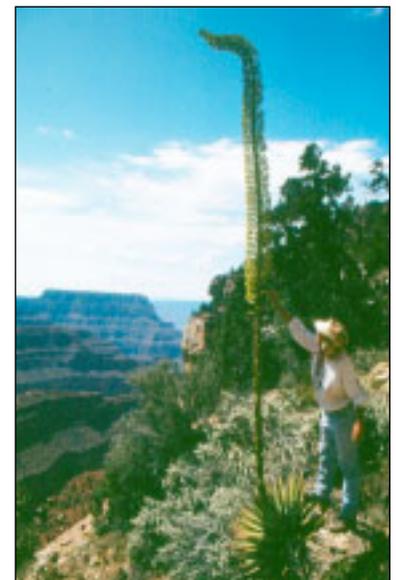
On Saturday June 21, we will hike a part of the AZ/Highline trail in pursuit of colorful butterflies. As the temperature rises, the flowers start to bloom higher and higher in elevation. Butterflies follow this nectar flow "up the trail" and June is the perfect time to check them out. For example, bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*) is an abundant plant along the trail that attracts the pretty Fritillaries. Orange milkweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*) and thistle (*Cirsium spp.*) are also popular amongst the nectar feeding butterflies. Other butterflies (like Blues) are more interested in mud-puddling at one of the three springs we will pass. Other butterflies, like California Sister and Weidemeyer's Admiral, are mostly found on trees. Please wear sturdy shoes and a hat, bring water, snacks and a sack lunch. A pair of close-focusing binoculars will be handy too. The trail is moderately steep in places, but we will take our time.

Meeting place is Denny's on Shea Blvd in Fountain Hills at 6:30 a.m. or at the trailhead at 8 a.m.

Directions to get to the trailhead: drive to Payson, go straight at the Highway 260 intersection. After 3/4 mile, turn right onto Houston Mesa Road. Cross all 3 "water crossings" and after about 8 miles turn left at the stop sign. The road now turns into a dirt road. After about 2 miles, turn right toward Shadow Rim Camp and Washington Park Trailhead. Follow this road up for about 6 miles until the right turn-off to the Washington Park Trailhead (marked). After a bit, turn left (signs again) and you will find the trailhead well marked.

Contact Wendy Hodgson (whodgson@dbg.org or (480) 481-8108) to register for this fun and informative trip to learn about our amazing butterflies.

Wendy Hodgson, senior botanist at the Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix, spends a lot of time in the world's most beautiful "office" - the Grand Canyon. As a member of the Arizona Trail Association Board of Directors, Wendy volunteers to design and coordinate the Interpretive Hike program.





The Arizona Trail Hike: from Saguaros to Snow

An attempt to answer the inevitable question....WHY?

By Brad Buckhout

The Arizona Trail is the project of a dedicated group of volunteers who share a dream of preservation, an exuberance for wilderness travel and a commitment to a legacy for the people of Arizona and clearly to the broader global community. At the end of 2004, all but 94 of the 790 miles of the Trail were completed, open and signed. I first learned of the existence of the Trail when I spotted a book entitled On The Arizona Trail: A Guide for Hikers, Cyclists and Equestrians by Kelly Tighe and Susan Moran.

The motivation to begin this endeavor came from diverse sources. The strongest influence came from my wife, Karen whose strong sense of commitment to defining and then reaching goals has been demonstrated repeatedly during our 30 years together. She also has demonstrated that a concrete written statement establishing a task to be completed is a powerful enticement to apply the appropriate energy to fulfill that dream. As a corollary, without a written goal, many opportunities are lost. With that background, I, with my older son, Marc, who graciously indulged me in joining this trek, signed a contract to complete the Arizona Trail in its entirety, in order, from south to north on or before my 50th birthday. The adventure was to begin in January of 2000 and be completed by May 22, 2004.

Several literary sources also provided inspiration to begin this hike. The works of Edward Abbey offer enlightened views of the special place that is the Sonoran desert. Colin Fletcher's writings on the Grand Canyon and naturalist John Muir's work all stir the innate need for a reconnection with the wild lands, the places that civilization has taken from our consciousness. From a completely different but nonetheless motivating perspective, reading A Walk in the Wood by Bill Bryson, the humorous account of the author's

attempt at hiking the Appalachian Trail, gave us a sense that we could be at least as successful as he had been. Finally, Crossing Arizona by long-distance hiker Chris Townsend is his recounting of his hike of the Arizona Trail in the spring of 2000. This book arrived in December 2001 after we had completed some 270 miles of the Trail, and is an inspired tale of the Trail as well as philosophical support for the importance of preserving the natural beauty found here.

I am very grateful for the time that I shared with our son, Marc. Since early childhood he has been

comfortable in the wilds and with the frequent vagueness of my interpretation of our current "precise" location.

As a hiking partner, he sets our pace and has the patience to allow me to stop for photographic documentation. He has learned to tune out my monologue to the tape recorder that I carry and most importantly he can tolerate my calculated arrival times to trailheads (I recently learned that he automatically adds three hours to my estimates so that he is mentally prepared).

Finally, an existential sense of peace that I feel especially in the forest, but now more evident also in the desert, has driven me to seek out the wilderness. I find myself reviewing the last segment completed and planning and envisioning the next stretch of Trail for the weeks of "city time" between our hikes. I suspect some of the satisfaction that is felt with the conquering of each and every hill, valley and mountain has to do with the realization that despite my advancing age I still have the physical and mental ability to succeed when challenging myself in ways that I have never before attempted. The "mid-life crisis" mentality that often leads to new Corvettes, pony tails and earrings for guys my age has struck me with a different, and I think healthier, obsession.

This is an excerpt from Brad Buckhout's trail journal of his section hike of the Trail. Do you have any trail tales to share? Send them to us at: editor@aztrail.org

On the Kaibab Plateau



On a recent dead fall clearing expedition, George Hay took this photo of Lynn Maring and Judi Johnson on Arizona Trail Section #40 back of the trailhead off FR611.

Equestrians at Rendezvous



Record numbers of equestrians attended this year's Rendezvous at Mormon Lake. Here Arizona Trail Steward Denny Haywood and his mule enjoy a ride in the cool pines. Photo by Chuck Williams



2008 Annual Members' Meeting

Mark your calendar for
Saturday, February 2, 2008

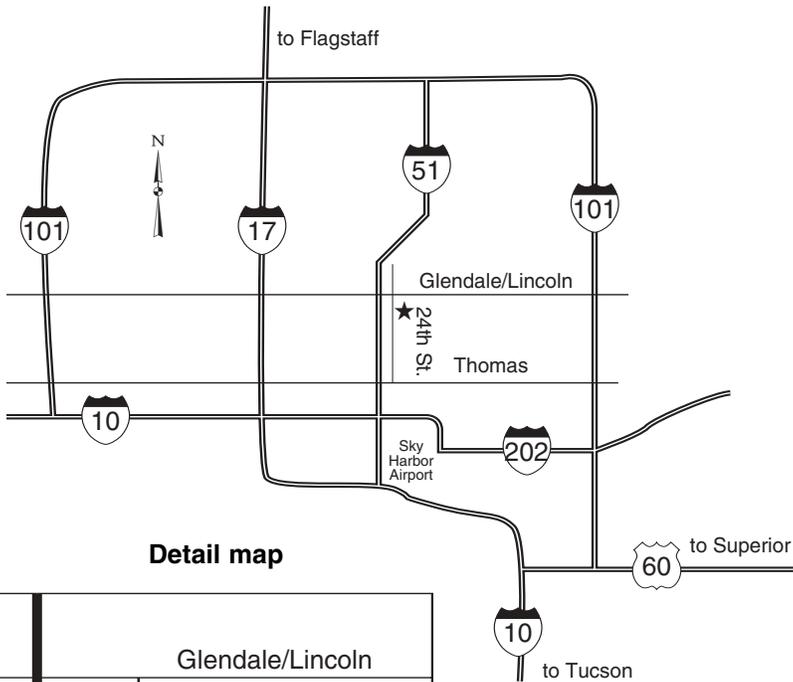
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 6001 North 24th Street, Phoenix, Arizona
 (24th Street south of Lincoln/Glendale)
 Exit the 51 at Glendale/Lincoln and go east to 24th Street. Turn south and go to the first traffic light which is Arizona Biltmore Circle and turn left. National Bank of Arizona occupies three buildings on the south side of Biltmore Circle. The Banquet Facility is the third building to the east

8:30 a.m - 10:00 a.m. visit exhibits
 attend Board of Directors meeting
 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. meeting & luncheon

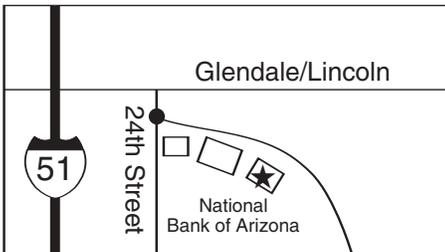
Activities and speakers to be announced
 watch the website at www.aztrail.org

Please RSVP by Friday, January 25th

Luncheon - \$15.00 per person



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LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

(please print) Name of person(s) attending:
 Your name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
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Total _____ lunch reservations @\$15/per person - Total enclosed \$ _____

Please make check payable to Arizona Trail Association and mail to:
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Mail reservations to arrive by Friday, January 25, or phone in by Monday, January 28, 2008.

YOU MAY ALSO MAKE RESERVATIONS AND PAY FOR THE LUNCHEON ONLINE AT: www.aztrail.org

ATA welcomes articles and photos from trail users and volunteers. EDITOR'S NOTE: When taking digital photos for submission to the newsletter please be sure your camera is set on a larger size photo. The small ones are OK for sharing on the Web, but do not reproduce well in print. Thanks! Please mail to ATA: Arizona Trail Association, P.O. Box 36736, Phoenix, Arizona 85067 (602) 252-4794, www.aztrail.org or e-mail: editor@aztrail.org Next deadline: March 15, 2008

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In Loving Memory Gifts

Over the past year ATA has lost some close friends and long time trail supporters, and as a result we have established a Memorial page on our web site so that we will never forget them and their contributions.

You can see it at:

<http://www.aztrail.org/memorial.html>

We have also received gifts from friends of persons who have passed on who were trail enthusiasts. Many of these people we did not know, but we all shared the same love of the Arizona Trail. Their friends and family have sent gifts in their name.

When we receive a memorial gift, we send a card of sympathy and thanks to the donor. We also let the family of the deceased know who has contributed in their loved one's name. We also place their friend's name on our Memorial page and on our MyMile map.

It is a wonderful way to honor and remember a hiker, biker or equestrian in a way that will continue to benefit generations to come.