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

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## Tribute to the Father of the Arizona Trail

by Dick Wertz

On June 14, Dale Shewalter, the "Father of the Arizona Trail," was honored by the Arizona Trail Association, land managers, and friends at Buffalo Park in Flagstaff, Arizona. A crowd of about 70 attended

A trailhead sign was installed along the Arizona Trail where it passes through Buffalo Park, a special place for Dale and his wife Madeleine. As one looks at the trailhead tribute, the San Francisco Mountains provide a spectacular backdrop.

The tribute to Dale reads as follows: *"The idea of a non-motorized trail traversing Arizona from Mexico to Utah was conceived by Dale Shewalter, a Flagstaff Public School Teacher, after numerous long distance hikes throughout the state. In 1985 Dale walked from Nogales to Fredonia to begin mapping the initial alignment for the Arizona Trail. He then worked with the land management agencies, hiking and equestrian organizations, and several individuals to finalize the route and gather support for the Arizona Trail. His enthusiasm, tenacity, and love of Arizona's backcountry sustained the Trail through its early development. A long distance trail that highlights the state's biologic, geologic, and historic diversity is now a reality. All present and future trail users who hike, bike, or use equestrian travel on this incredible trail say, 'Thank you, Dale.'"*

Dave Hicks, the executive director of the Arizona Trail Association emceed the event. Gratitude and accolades found their way into many remarks of those who spoke. John Nelson, recently retired from the



**John Nelson and Dale Shewalter with the tribute plaque installed at Buffalo Park in Flagstaff.**

Forest Service, told of his friendship with Dale. Prescott's city trail supervisor Eric Smith described of his years of working with Dale. Karen Cooper thanked Dale for the city of Flagstaff. Former ATA executive director Larry Snead and past ATA president Jan Hancock honored Dale for all he has done for the Arizona Trail. Jan and Larry each detailed what the Arizona Trail project has meant to them and thanked Dale for his vision.



**Pam Gluck, Executive Director of American Trails and long time Arizona Trail supporter, gave the keynote address.**

Pam Gluck, executive director of American Trails, whose plane delay forced her to fly to Las Vegas and then drive to Flagstaff, arrived just in time for the event, spoke of Dale's dedication to trails. Pam was the State Trail coordinator when the idea of the Arizona Trail was first proposed. Pam talked about the importance of trails and their impact on people's lives.

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# Dave's Arizona Trail Top Ten

From the ATA Executive Director ([executivedirector@aztrail.org](mailto: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. Just twenty years ago, on July 1, 1988, the first seven miles of the Arizona Trail were dedicated and opened to the public. That dedication set the tone for an amazing public/private partnership that is still working today. Those first AZT miles were dedicated at the far northern end of our state in the Kaibab National Forest, a few miles east of Jacob's Lake. Even at that remote spot, the dedication attracted about 250 people. That diverse crowd typifies how the Arizona Trail went from 0 to 7 miles to 761 miles today. The gathering included Senator Dennis DeConcini (a Democrat), Representative Bob Stump (a Republican), the head of the U.S. Forest Service, State of Arizona leaders, timber company officials, members of the Sierra Club and other conservation organizations, and a growing number of outdoor enthusiasts excited about something called the "Arizona Trail." The ATA continues that inclusive approach with the Arizona Trail.
2. The ATA's "Thru Hikers Information" web page has attracted the attention of many. It's a fun read and a good place to plan an outing on the AZT.
3. Though we don't (and can't) keep track of AZT thru hikers, it seems there are more this year than any in the past. That's a tribute to so many of your efforts to make our scenic path such a wonderful challenge.
4. Plus there are many others who are finishing the trail after many short excursions on the trail. That includes Diane Wertz and her trusty steed who are closing in on finishing their ride across the AZT. Go Diane!!
5. And congratulations to Ed Cleveland (age 78) and Kyle Knoll (age 19) who completed the trail this year. They are now the oldest and youngest persons to complete the AZT. Kyle thru hiked in less than 7 weeks and Ed took a section at a time over the past 10 years.
6. Close the Gap--Finish the Trail! Join one of the monthly work events this summer on the Peaks passage north of cool Flagstaff. Volunteers plan to make a sizeable dent in the 16 miles of trail to be built. Visit <http://www.aztrail.org/calendar.html>
7. Plans are being made for the annual Members Rendezvous September 26-28 at the Mormon Lake Lodge. It is always a fun and relaxing gathering.
8. And other plans are being made to make October "Arizona Trail Month". Join others for organized outings on the Arizona Trail. A flyer will be sent out on both the Rendezvous and Arizona Trail Month soon.
9. Arizona Trail fact: The AZT passes through the Grand Canyon National Park, Saguaro National Park, Coronado National Memorial, and along the boundary of the Walnut Canyon National Monument. Pretty sweet huh?
10. *Finally, thank you for being an Arizona Trail Association member. As an individual, club, nonprofit, public agency, small business or large corporation, your support is crucial to the AZT's success.*

### HELP WANTED: Administrative Assistant.

Part time, approximately 20 flexible hours per week. The ATA would like to hire a highly productive person for the Phoenix office to handle a wide variety of tasks. The position reports to the Executive Director. Duties range from sweeping the floor to preparing reports and applications, coordinating member events and membership outreach, and promoting trail development and maintenance. Pay is \$11 an hour and no benefits but lots of job satisfaction. Must be computer and report writing savvy and committed to the ATA's mission. Contact Dave at 602-252-4794 or email: [ata@aztrail.org](mailto:ata@aztrail.org)

# A Message from the ATA President



*By Scott Summers*

Fellow ATA Members:

I am reaching out to all Arizona Trail Association members. We have a real treasure in our State and it's our own ARIZONA TRAIL. What we do not have is the grass root sponsorship an asset like the Trail should have in a state with a population that now exceeds 6 million. To build, maintain, and improve the Trail so that all the residents and visitors of our great state can enjoy it requires that the ATA grow its existing membership.

Will you please help me promote the ATA and our truly unique Trail to others who have an appreciation and understanding of what a beautiful and scenic state we live? I would like to offer to each of our dues paying members, two free one-year ATA memberships for friend. These free memberships can be gifted to anyone of your choice throughout the remainder of 2008. What I hope to achieve is that each of these new members will become long term members of the ATA, trail workers, trail users and further promote the Trail.

I firmly believe that we can expand our membership in the ATA so the organization is stronger and self-sustaining. We have a number of corporate and business donors that have provided invaluable contributions in making the Arizona Trail a reality. Our Board will continue to seek corporate support, but by expanding our number of individual memberships, we can guarantee that the Arizona Trail will continue to be a treasure that we can pass on for generations to come.

While there will always be good intentions, your call to action will help define the future of the ARIZONA TRAIL. If you would like to give a friend a free ATA membership, please write, telephone or email the ATA office with your name and the name and address of the recipient.

Scott B. Summers  
President, ATA

ATA Member Rendezvous September 26-28 at Mormon Lake Lodge  
Celebrate National Public Lands Day and the Arizona outdoors with a fun and activity filled three day

ATA member's weekend. Free campsites and discounted rooms and RV sites.

Many other free activities including meals, hikes, rides, speakers, exhibits and an optional trail building work day in the San Francisco Peaks. Watch the ATA website for details.

## A Tale from the Trail

*By Dale Shewalter, Arizona Trail Founder*

Dear Friends,

On June 14th, at Buffalo Park in Flagstaff, I was honored for my role in development of the Arizona Trail. As we walked to the event site, my wife and I were amazed to see a gathering of so many Flagstaff and Arizona Trail friends. My long-time friend John Nelson began some thoughtful speeches with a short biography of my life. I thought the "roast" was on when he mentioned childhood antics such as my version of the Hop-a-long Cassidy March. However, subsequent speeches were filled with kind, sincere remarks, causing my head to shake in denial as I realized they were talking about me. I am indeed proud of my work to plan, map, and promote the Arizona Trail. But much more has been needed to

bring the Trail to completion. During the past twenty plus years, a great number of highly creative and capable people have devoted their expertise to development of the Trail. I think it safe to estimate that several thousand people have contributed "sweat equity" to the Trail. While I am truly grateful for the recent recognition given to me, I continue to see the Arizona Trail as a collective effort by a wonderful group of people I am proud to call friends. Having my part of the project acknowledged by so many people whom I hold in such high esteem has truly been one of the greatest honors of my life.

I sincerely thank you.

Dale Shewalter



# Tribute to the Father of the Arizona Trail

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Dale and Madeleine received a replica of the trailhead sign, presented by Diane and Dick Wertz. Diane worked with the City of Flagstaff and the Forest Service to get the full-sized Buffalo Park sign made and installed. Special thanks go to the City of Flagstaff and the Park District for all the effort to get the sign installed and to provide the setup for the Tribute ceremony.

After the ceremony, people stayed and visited. Friends and attendees recorded comments and thoughts for Dale and Madeleine in a scrapbook. Several pictures of Dale at different locations on the Arizona Trail were on display. This should provide Dale and Madeleine a lasting memento of the tribute.



*Above: Karen Cooper thanked Dale for the city of Flagstaff and said, "the Arizona Trail will only get better."*

*Left: A group of Flagstaff trail enthusiasts and long-time Arizona Trail friends gathered to dedicate a tribute to Dale Shewalter, the founder of the Arizona Trail.*

*All photos for this article courtesy of Dawson Henderson*

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# The Youngest Thru-Hiker

By Terry Woolston, Arizona Trail Thru-Hiker and Vice President of Trail Operations



On May 6, 2008, nineteen-year-old Kyle “Ranger” Knoll completed his continuous thru-hike of the Arizona Trail (AZT) at the State Line Trailhead on the Utah Border. Kyle began his hike on March 15, 2008 at the Coronado National Monument on the U.S.-Mexico Border. From the Mexico Border to Sunflower, Kyle hiked alone for all but a couple of days. The thru-hike was quite an accomplishment for a young man — actually quite an accomplishment for anyone.

The idea of a thru-hike of the AZT started in Kyle several years earlier. He was at a Philmont Boy Scout outing, an extended two-week backpacking challenge. As part of the spiritual side of the challenge, each Scout was to write a letter to themselves in the future. Kyle did so and promptly forgot all about it. The letter was delivered to Kyle’s parents when he was two weeks in to his AZT thru-hike; they gave it to Kyle at his re-supply at Freeman Road. The letter talked about a dream—wanting to hike the AZT someday—a dream that was now reality.

Kyle’s family started the hike with him; they would hike to Patagonia with him and get him through the area of concern about illegal border-crossers and drug traffickers. A snowstorm and cold temperatures in the Huachucas Mountains resulted in Kyle hiking alone after just 2 days. The gravity of the decisions about route finding and water re-supply weighed on his mind, his feet developed problems, and he was alone in the wilderness. Yet he persevered; adapt and overcome.

North of Sunflower, Kyle ran into another thru-hiker, “Tenzing” Terry Woolston. They had met briefly

at Freeman Road in southern Arizona. Terry is the segment steward for the Mazatzal Passage #23, a section that the AZT recommends you not hike alone, which they were both about to begin—alone—in a few miles. They chatted and decided to hike together for a few days through the tough stretch of the Mazatzals to Pine. It worked so well that Terry and Kyle ended up hiking the rest of the AZT together to Utah.

Kyle was an Eagle Scout—his Eagle Scout project constructed a half-mile of the AZT near Allan Lake. It was a treat for him, Terry and ATA Executive Director Dave Hicks (who joined them for a few days and too many miles) to hike the section of trail that Kyle had helped build. Kyle’s favorite hiking terrain is the Ponderosa Pine forest with the open meadows that characterize the area of the AZT north of the Mogollan Rim

Kyle attended college at Northern Arizona University last year. He was once again in Flagstaff, but this time he had walked there from Mexico. Kyle had been to the Grand Canyon, but this time he had walked there from Mexico.

The challenges of the AZT included the “X” Fire south of the Grand Canyon, which closed the trail and forced a re-route, as well as three to five feet of snow obscuring the trail for 20 miles north of the Grand Canyon.

Too quickly in some ways the adventure was over, the thru-hike done. ATA Board Member Doug Whitneybell, and his wife Joy, kindly met Terry and Kyle at the Utah Border and provided transportation (and lots of food) back to the “real” world.



## “I Did It!”

A note from Ed Cleveland, the AZT’s oldest hiker to date

“I want you to know that, after ten years of mostly day hikes, I can finally say that I’ve hiked ALL of the AZT, finishing at age 78.

Completed with Passage 23, Mt. Peeley to the East Verde River via City Creek, this week. It was a miserable hike because of the fire damage. Terry Woolston had done a fine job three weeks prior of flagging the trail, but downfall and brush made for slow going.”  
--Ed Cleveland

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# A Conversation with Mark Flint Las Cienegas Segment Co-Steward

by Terri Gay, Arizona Trail News Editor

Long-time trailhand and Tucsonan Mark Flint took the time to answer a few questions on trails for the ATA newsletter. Here's what he shared:

When asked about the Las Cienegas, and now the Las Colinas segment, Mark tells me that these amazingly successful sections of trail-building have only come about because of many hands making hard work not quite as hard. "A lot of people have put in a lot of time to make it succeed," writes Mark in our email interview. "Bernie Stalman and Wendy Erica Werden, Jon Shouse, Scott Morris, Chris Everist and Todd Sadow all have made huge contributions. Our crew leaders and the volunteers, many of whom came to most, if not all, of our events -- these are the people who made it happen."



## **You have a long history of trail experience. When and why did you get into trails?**

I got into it soon after I started mountain biking. Having grown up on cattle ranches, and also working as a cowboy in the early '70s, I have always preferred getting away from civilization. Mountain biking allowed me to do that after I sold my horses.

Mountain biking was an unknown quantity, and was viewed with suspicion and even hostility. Working with land managers helped smooth relationships. I really got started working on trails in the Upper Molalla River Corridor south of Portland in the mid-1990s. It just kind of sucked me in, and within a few years I was a full-blown addict.

## **What interested you in the Arizona Trail to begin with?**

I enjoyed mountain biking on it, and the concept of a cross-state trail really appealed to me. Steve Anderson, who is the project manager for the trail in Pima County, was really enthusiastic about it, and pretty soon I was out hiking the desert, hanging flagging.

## **Don't trails "just happen?"**

Unfortunately, that's true of too many trails. As a result there is no cohesive plan, no care given to design, and often there is damage to resources, both from erosion and from harm to wildlife habitat,

sensitive plant species and archaeological sites.

A properly built trail begins with a planning process that takes into consideration the needs of trail users, concerns of other stakeholders, such as neighbors and ranchers, and planning goals such as connectivity with other trails. The next step is drawing lines on maps. Then you get out and "ground truth" those lines. After you find a route that looks like it will work you have biologists and archaeologists walk every foot of it to make sure critical resources are not put at risk.

## **How does one become a trail person, someone with a passion**

### **for trails?**

It usually starts with enjoying them. Then you go to a work event or a meeting. Pretty soon you find yourself fully involved.

The people I know who are passionate about trails do it because they love being out in Nature, and want to ensure that future generations will be able to have similar experiences. They are people who believe in giving back, in trying to make the world a better place. If they didn't put their passion into trails they would be doing something else to help people.

## **The Las Colinas and Las Cienegas segments experienced terrific community support. How'd that happen?**

It started with a vision, and the person who really communicated that vision was Steve Anderson. A core group of people, got together and put together an organizational plan and a marketing plan. That got the ball rolling, and some good media coverage really kicked it into high gear.

Our approach to volunteers was to make it an enjoyable and rewarding experience. We only ask them to work a half day, so they have the rest of the weekend, and they aren't worked to the point of exhaustion. We were extremely lucky to find a lunch sponsor in Beyond Bead. Those gourmet sandwiches, chips and cookies really hit the spot after a morning of building trail.

We are strongly committed to being well organized. Wasting a volunteer's time is the equivalent of saying

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# Equestrian Trail Design Guidebook Now Available



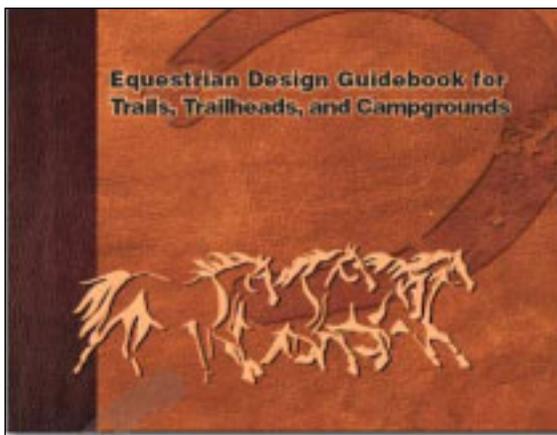
by Jan Hancock, Board Member and Past-President Arizona Trail Association

Although many planning and designing guidebooks for trails, trailheads and campgrounds already exist, very few of the references address the needs of equestrians.

This detailed guide for developing trails, trailheads and campgrounds that are sensitive to the needs of riders and their animals was authored by Arizona Trail Association Board Member Jan Hancock with other contributors including the USDA Forest Service and registered landscape architects.

Targeted to planners, architects, engineers, landscape architects, land managers, equestrian advocates, and private developers, this book will help create successful recreation opportunities for riders.

The emphasis of the guidebook is on highly developed



recreation facilities and programs, such as those in urban, rural, and some wildland areas. The book provides practical guidelines that can be adapted to a variety of settings and levels of development.

A limited number of black-and-white printed copies are available at no charge from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, only one copy per request.

*Right: Jan Hancock and her horse Partner who assisted on the project.*



To order the book an online Book Order Form is available at: [www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/rectrails/trailpub.htm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/rectrails/trailpub.htm). The book is listed alphabetically by title, Publication # 0723-2816-MTDC.

The complete publication and many additional equestrian design guidebook resources and references are also available in full color on the Federal Highway Administration's website: [www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/fspubs/07232816/index.htm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/fspubs/07232816/index.htm)

## AZT Loses a Friend

Jake Flake, Arizona native, rancher and long time legislator, passed away suddenly in June. He will be missed by many. Jake was a solid supporter of the Arizona Trail and led the legislative efforts in 2005 to recognize the Arizona Trail as a state scenic trail and provide state support for our across-Arizona path.

## Coming next Newsletter

### Arizona Trail Impressions

Tom Conover stops by the ATA office after his thru-hike and pens some observations.

### New Arizona Trail Pocket Maps Series

The ATA mapping team has released prototypes of a new series of maps which fit in your pocket!

## Conversation with Mark Flint continued

their time doesn't matter.

Finally, we emphasize fun. After safety, it's the number one priority. Productivity will take care of itself, so that leaves quality. The combination of well trained crew leaders and volunteers who return again and again really helps us get it right as we go.

### Can other groups replicate that, and how?

They can. We have two "hooks" that really help: the cachet that comes with the Arizona Trail and the fact that we are building new trail. Maintenance is just not as sexy.

Our planning documents and marketing plan are available to any group that asks.

### Have you had the opportunity to enjoy much of the Arizona Trail yourself?

Not as much as I'd like, but I am finding that designing and working on trails is a pretty fun way to enjoy it. Seeing others enjoy it, and hearing their comments, is also pretty rewarding.

*Thanks, Mark, for giving us a look at the work that goes into our AZT and for sharing your trails expertise.*



# On the Arizona Trail

## Memorial Day Work Event

by Mike Carr, Segment Steward



*Students and teachers from Orme School celebrate 2 miles of tread rehab at the annual Memorial Day event near Orderville Trailhead.*

Big round of applause to the crew from Orme School who braved the stinging snow pellets and wind to re-hab two miles of Segment 42 north of Government Reservoir! The segment was one of the original sections of the Arizona Trail back in the late 80's/early 90's, and had never been maintained until now. This was a big adventure for some of these students from all over the globe, and they did a great job.

Thanks to Joe Longbotham and Richard Wertz, too, for helping to keep an eye on things. Also, thanks to Joel Bivens, a through-hiker who stopped and helped us for two days in exchange for a ride back to Flagstaff, where he caught a train to CA on his way to do the Continental Divide Trail! When we (Mike C. and Joel) checked the sign in sheet at Stateline, four other through-hikers had signed in the previous week.

Special thanks to the Orme School chaperones, Steve Barton, David Taylor, Mike Schiesel, and Cherri Church for their wonderful talent with 17 teenagers!

Great job!

**April 26-27 2008**

## Buckskin Mountains Passage, Segment 43

by Mike Carr, Segment Steward

Thanks so much to Barry Moore and his crew from Redrock Canyon School out of St. George, Utah for their help in rehabilitating part of the switchbacks on Buckskin Passage. It was a long trek uphill to the worksite, but the crew did a fine job to get the water to shed off the trail. Barry's crew of young men from around the country was impressed by our scenery and our trail. Thanks, Barry and the Boys!

P.S. There is treatable water available up the Honeymoon Trail from the Winter Road Trailhead. Contact me, Mike Carr, for directions if needed.



*August 2006 storm coming in on the east slope of the Santa Ritas, looking SW from Oak Tree Canyon.*

*Photo by Stephen Wood, AZ Trail Steward, Santa Rita Passage*

## "Close the Gap - Finish the Arizona Trail"

"Close the Gap - Finish the Arizona Trail" t-shirts will be available at San Francisco Peaks work events this summer. Thanks to the following for making this t-shirt project possible:

Trail Guardian: Dr. Bruce J. Lachot & Dr. Kent C. Loo

Trail Supporter: Body Stabilization Training, Inc.

Trail Supporter: Arizona Snowbowl

Trail Supporter: Gentlemen's Literary Society

# Arizona Passages - Just Feet Away



The Arizona Office of Tourism started a major advertising campaign to help promote the Arizona Trail from May through August this summer. The theme of the advertising is "Arizona Passages" and features six different popular locations of the Arizona Trail that are near other major tourism locations in our state.

A special Arizona Trail and Arizona State Parks website has been created by the Office of Tourism, and it features an "Adventure Sweepstakes" drawing for a paid week on a houseboat at Lake Powell, donated by Forever Resorts, owners of Mormon Lake Lodge and the Grand Canyon facilities on the North Rim. Thousands of people have already visited the website and entered the drawing, and while on the website, they often click on the Arizona Trail, which takes them directly to our website and all of our events. This website is [www.arizonapassages.com](http://www.arizonapassages.com). Be sure to visit the website and enter the drawing yourself!

Throughout the summer you will be seeing street billboards, kiosk signs in shopping centers such as Chandler Fashion Center and Arizona Biltmore Mall in the Phoenix area, and at La Encantada Mall in the Tucson area, and full color ads in the *Arizona Republic* and *Arizona Daily Star* newspapers on June 27, July 4, July 11, July 25, August 1, and August 8. Radio stations KTAR-AM, KTAR-FM, and KPNX-FM in Phoenix and KIMM-FM, KHYT-FM, and KCUB-AM in Tucson ran radio ads about Arizona Passages May 19-June 16.

The theme, "Just Feet Away" is designed to attract people to the different Arizona Trail community areas and also feature other adventures and activities people can do while they are visiting that area. Summit Hut, a Tucson outdoor equipment store and long-time supporter of the Arizona Trail Association, worked with the Office of Tourism photographers and provided all of the outdoor hiking gear shown in the photographs.

The summer advertising program is utilizing a portion of the grant funding provided to the Arizona Office of Tourism by the Arizona State Legislature on behalf of the Arizona Trail.

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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.

## Arizona Trail Association Premier Legacy Partners

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# Calendar of Events and Activities

## August 23-24 San Francisco Peaks

"Close the Gap - Finish the Arizona Trail." The longest gap in the Arizona Trail is in the San Francisco Peaks Passage near Mt. Humphreys. These events are a cooperative effort of the Coconino Forest Service, the ATA, Flagstaff Biking Organization, Northern Arizona Trail Runners, Flagstaff Hiking Club and many other state-wide volunteers. Flagstaff area ATA trail stewards have joined forces to lead these "Close the Gap" events, and the August event leaders are Beverly and Chambo Chambers, Carol Zazubek and Doug Thomas.

Tools, Saturday lunch and prizes provided. Work will be at about 9,000 feet elevation. Porta-potty available. Options: dispersed tent camping, room for RV's and campers Friday and Saturday evenings. May work Saturday or Sunday or both. Make your reservations now. Information on schedule, location and what to bring will be provided when you sign up. For August reservations and questions, please contact Chambo at 575-405-0053 or pazdog@mac.com OR Carol Zazubek and Doug Thomas at czazu@aol.com

## September 20 - Canelo Hills West

Work west from Red Rock Road (4-WD) with Segment Steward Richard Corbett, to touch up single track that has had no recent maintenance. Have fun and fellowship with special treats. Long sleeves and pants protect you best, a wide brimmed hat likewise. Leather gloves a necessity. Please bring 3 to 4 liters of water, lunch and snacks. Please E-mail Richard at kc7ovm@dakotacom.net if you can help, and to get meeting place and time.

## September 27 - San Francisco Peaks

"Close the Gap - Finish the Arizona Trail." The longest gap in the Arizona Trail is in the San Francisco Peaks Passage near Mt. Humphreys. Be a part of this great effort as Flagstaff area trail stewards join forces. These events are a cooperative effort of the Coconino Forest Service, the ATA, Flagstaff Biking Organization, Northern Arizona Trail Runners, Flagstaff Hiking Club, and many other state-wide volunteers. The September event leaders are Paul Conn, Dorothy Boulton and the Flagstaff Hiking Club.

Tools, Saturday lunch, and prizes provided. Work will be at about 9,000 feet elevation. Porta-potty available. Make your reservations now. Information on schedule, location and what to bring will be provided when you sign up. For reservations and questions, please contact Paul Conn or Dorothy Boulton at connboulton@earthlink.net or 928-527-3187.

## Arizona Trail Month October 2008

Activities are being planned across the state for fund raising events including hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking and trail running.

Contact the ATA at [ata@aztrail.org](mailto:ata@aztrail.org) if you would like to lead a hike or ride in your area.

Watch the ATA website for details and sign up in your area for an activity that interests you.

## October 18 - Canelo Hills East

Help work the west end of the passage, with Segment Steward Zay Hartigan, with trail re-hab and some minor re-route of single track. Have fun and fellowship with special treats. Long sleeves and pants protect you best, a wide brimmed hat likewise. Leather gloves a necessity. Please bring 3 to 4 liters of water, lunch and snacks. Please email Zay at [azt1@zaycom.com](mailto:azt1@zaycom.com) if you can help, and to get meeting place and time.

## November 8 - Canelo Hills West

Help work the eastern end of the passage, with Canelo West Steward Richard Corbett. We will work east from upper Meadow Valley, toward Canelo Pass, to do light maintenance of the Trail and 'touch up' the nice single track that has not had maintenance in a while. Have fun and fellowship with special treats. Long sleeves and pants protect you best, a wide brimmed hat likewise. Leather gloves a necessity. Please bring 3 to 4 liters of water, lunch and snacks. Please email Richard at [kc7ovm@dakotacom.net](mailto:kc7ovm@dakotacom.net) if you can help, and to get meeting place and time.

## November 13-16 - White Canyon

Work one, two, three or all four days—Thursday thru Sunday—building trail in the White Canyon Passage. We plan to camp on/or near A Diamond Ranch so road access will be easy for any type of vehicle. We will walk north across the dry Gila River since it does not flow during November. Trail will be built on steep slopes overlooking the Gila River. Experienced crew leaders will guide work in this difficult section. Completion of this section will help provide a very 'hikeable' trail/route to the artesian well in Walnut Canyon for the 2009 hiking season. Breakfasts and suppers will be provided. RSVP for directions or questions to Fred Gaudet at [fgaudet@bossig.com](mailto:fgaudet@bossig.com) or call 480-983-0112.

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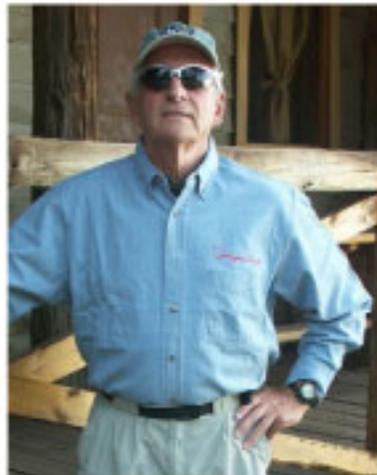


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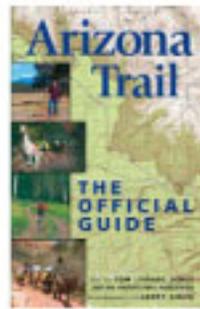
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