

# *Arizona Trail* ASSOCIATION **NEWS**

News and Information on the State's border-to-border Arizona Trail project

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## Annual Meeting to Feature "Border-to-Border" Trail Adventurers



*Site of the upcoming ATA Annual Meeting, the Valley Field Riding and Polo Club.*

The Arizona Trail Association will hold its 8th Annual Meeting and Luncheon on Saturday, February 2, 2002, 10:00 a.m. - 1:45 p.m. The event will be held at the Valley Field Riding and Polo Club located at 2530 N. 64th Street in Scottsdale. The spirit of the Old West adds a lot of charm to this very special and spacious original adobe-style meeting facility, which is situated in the Papago Buttes area surrounded by large verandas and 10 acres of Sonoran desert.

All ATA members, their guests, and any interested individuals or organizations are invited to attend the meetings and luncheon. Program will feature brief highlights and enlightening comments from recent Arizona Trail adventurers who have completed the entire 790-mile distance of the trail, from the border of Mexico to the border of Utah. These trail explorers have some fascinating descriptions of their journeys to share, along with some humorous incidents that made their travels very memorable.

Members who attend will also have the opportunity learn about the progress made in building and maintaining the Arizona Trail during the year 2001. In addition, a special tribute is planned to recognize all of the volunteer trail stewards who have provided the leadership and planning for more than 35,000 hours of volunteer trail crew efforts

throughout the state over the past two years.

Ballots for electing new Board members have been sent to all current ATA members, along with invitations and RSVP forms for the Annual Meeting and Luncheon. A copy of the invitation is also included in this newsletter on page 10. The \$12.00 lunch must be pre-paid, and reservations can be made by mail, e-mail, fax, or telephone on or before January 30, 2002.

The meeting location area is very easily accessible from Interstate 10 via the 143 freeway, and Interstate 17 via the 202 freeway. A map and directions are included on page ten. The facility is approximately 2 miles north of the Phoenix Zoo and the Desert Botanical Garden, 1/2 mile north of McDowell Road. Helpful directional street signage will also be provided the day of the event.

Plan to attend the upcoming Annual Meeting for an extremely enjoyable mid-day get-together, along with the opportunity to meet and congratulate some of the scores of volunteers who serve our organization. Annual meetings help inspire us to continue our efforts to build and preserve the route of the Arizona Trail, and also renew our desire to discover more of our state's scenic and diverse backcountry landscapes.

***See you at the Annual Meeting Saturday February 2nd***

## **The Arizona Trail Our Vision...**

a continuous, non-motorized trail traversing the state nearly 790 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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by Jan Hancock



At the end of a year when you try to prepare a summary of accomplishments for an annual report of an organization's entire breadth of volunteer effort, it becomes difficult, no impossible, to do a "summary."

How do you share all the special moments of brilliance - new ideas that have been born by trail crews who have figured out a way for four women to team up to move a 350-pound boulder?

Or how do you "summarize" the unique rigging invented by a mule team packer to carry trail building tools, water, sand and gravel up steep mountain slopes to repair a badly eroded section of the Arizona Trail?

How can you describe, in one sentence, all of the hundreds of bright, energetic Scouts who have fanned out across the state, all year long, under the outstanding leadership of fine young men in their Troops who have planned and executed truly difficult trail construction projects for their Eagle award?

We can look back at the year 2001 and be

## **President's Pride**

proud of the international recognition we have achieved, the Congressional attention, the awards, the grants, the publicity in many of the nation's most widely read magazines - and the many people who have come to visit and enjoy a piece, or the entire length, of our beautiful trail.

But the real pride comes from the sum of the daily efforts, the long hours and hard work involved in building and maintaining nearly 800 miles of a gnarly, untamed pathway through a Southwestern paradise - or the invisible work of the wonderful woman who picks up our stacks of worldwide mail at the post office, or another wonderful woman who picks up our hundreds of telephone and e-mail messages, or even another wonderful woman who labors away at a computer creatively designing our maps, T-shirts, brochures, posters, newsletters, awards, and so much more.

These are the reasons why the "ATA Accomplishments of 2001" are impossible to summarize. The best way to summarize my pride in what has been accomplished in 2001 is to simply say "Thank You" to each and every one of you for every voluntary moment of service and the financial support you've given to this magnificent organization ... "you've made us all a success."

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## **APS Becomes One of ATA's "21st Century Premiere Partners"**

In an unprecedented level of commitment and corporate partnership in ATA's history, Arizona Public Service Company has distinguished itself as a premiere supporting sponsor of the Arizona Trail, launching our organization into the 21st century with a significant 5-year contribution that will help sustain the Arizona Trail Association's trail building and preservation efforts for the next half decade.

A strong and committed team of ATA Finance Committee members developed a 5-year "needs" proposal that was inspired through the creative fund raising leadership of Carolyn Allen, ATA's Director of Development. The proposal outlined the need for more statewide



volunteer stewardship, publicity, funding, training programs, and a myriad of other critical support areas that would be nearly impossible for the ATA to attain

without the sponsorship of major corporate partners.

As the APS corporate partnership program unfolds, more details and planning will be developed statewide and will be publicized as the APS sponsorship implementation begins. For the present time, the best way to acknowledge the corporate support and long-term stewardship for the Arizona Trail's future might just be a "high five" or a hearty wave the next time you see an APS "premiere partner" out there in your community!

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Space limitations prevented us running the second installment of Jake Schas' article "Why" continued from last issue. Please look for it in the next newsletter.

# Arizona State Parks Funds New Arizona Trailhead Signs

Extremely well-designed and distinctive trailhead signs are going out for bid to signage craftsmen in the next few weeks, according to Annie McVay, State Trails Coordinator for Arizona State Parks.

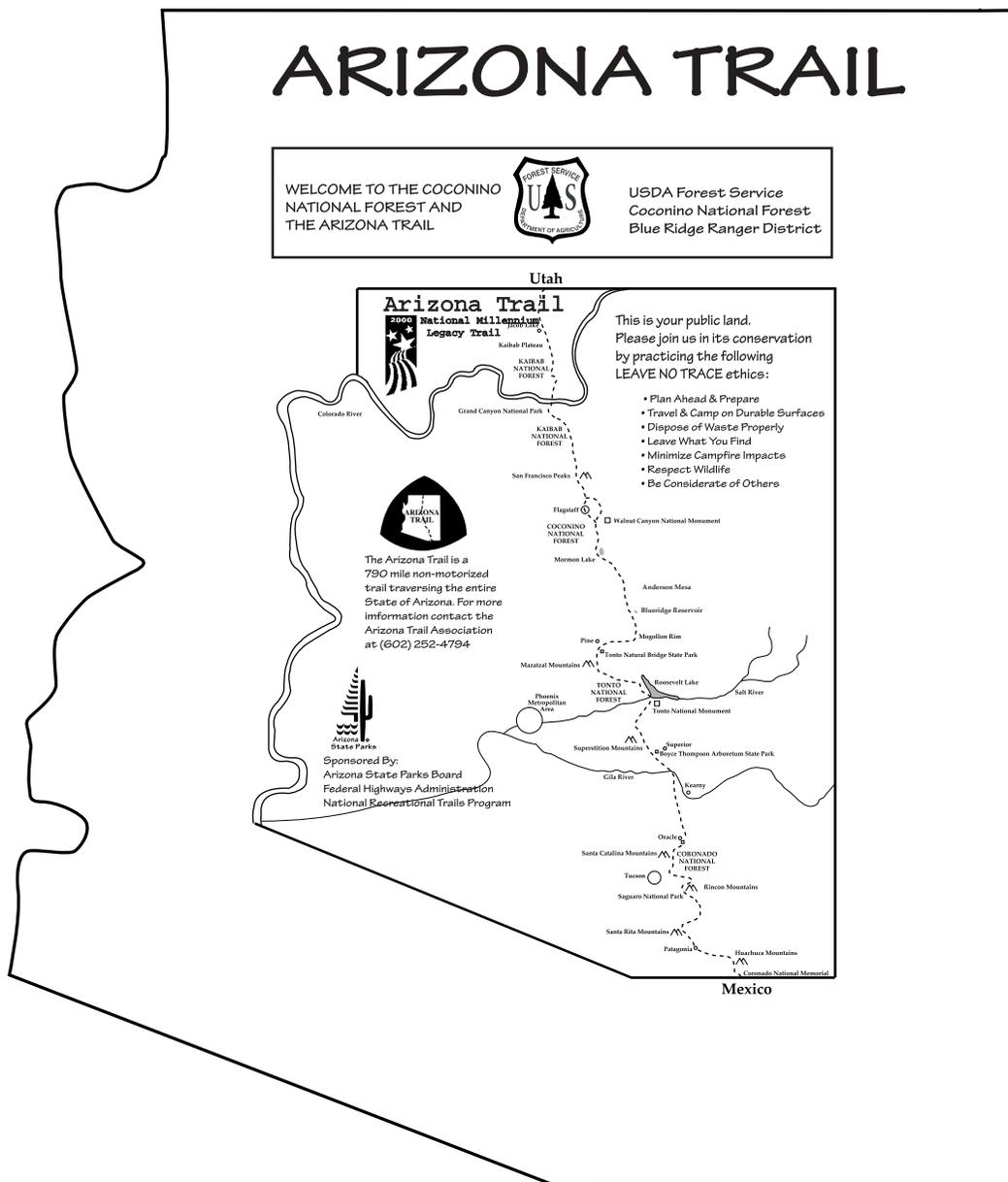
The signs will be placed at all major trailheads along the Arizona Trail statewide, with the land managing agency's name at the top of each sign, depicting the ATA's Agency Trail Partner in that geographic area. The standardized sign is very large, in weathered metal cut in the outline shape of the state of Arizona. The words "Arizona Trail" are laser cut through the metal so the scenic landscape background can be seen through the letters.

The signs were designed by Kim Vander Hoek, landscape architect for the Tonto National Forest, in the USDA Forest Service Supervisor's Office in Phoenix, with collaborative support from ATA's volunteer graphic artist, Phyllis Ralley, also of Phoenix. The signs will feature information about the Arizona Trail, "Leave No Trace" trail guidelines, the ATA's 2000

Millennium Legacy Trail designation information, a large map of the entire route of the Arizona Trail, and the names of the sign project funding partners, Arizona State Parks, Federal Highway Administration, and the National Recreational Trails Program.

When all of the trailhead signs have been crafted and installed, visitors to the Arizona Trail will see one consistent major signage system from border-to-border to help them become familiar with the statewide route. The signs will also provide information about the Arizona Trail Partners, the Arizona Trail Association, and some of the geographic highlights trail users will see as they explore an area along the Arizona Trail.

The Arizona Trail Association wishes to express its appreciation to Arizona State Parks for securing the funding for the trailhead signage project, and the Tonto National Forest for the design and management of the implementation plan for this significant Arizona Trail statewide signage program.



## Regional Trail Stewards Hold Statewide Workshop

The route of the Arizona Trail is divided into six major geographic regions with a volunteer Regional Steward responsible for each section. The Regional Stewards facilitate the management of the planning, construction, and maintenance required along the 790-mile route of the Arizona Trail.



Eric Smith, the ATA Board's vice president of Trail Operations, convened an all-day workshop in Phoenix on Saturday, December 8, 2001, to review the year-end status of the Arizona Trail and chart the work on the trail that must be accomplished in 2002.

The Regional Stewards are Steve Saway and Steve Anderson in southern Arizona; Jim Martin and Eric Smith in central Arizona;

and Cynthia Lovely and Dawson Henderson in northern Arizona. All six volunteers have developed many years of trail planning and management skills. Many of the Arizona Trail Segment Stewards and expert trail crew leaders were also in attendance at the workshop.



The major issues and constraints were identified by region, and a plan of action was developed for each region. The action plan also revealed the large demand for volunteer resources, volunteer training, and trail tools in 2002, to fulfill the maintenance needs on more than 675 miles of the trail route that is now available for public use.

As a result of the workshop action plan, ATA's Chief Trail Steward, Larry Snead, immediately began working with the Regional and Segment Stewards to assist in scheduling more than 40 work events during the 2002 spring season, some of which are posted in this newsletter. Many additional trail work events and trail training workshops are added throughout the year and posted on the ATA website, in the ATA newsletters, in outdoor retail stores and public lands agency offices throughout the state.

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## John Neeling Accepts New Position

The ATA was saddened to lose John Neeling, our ATA Director of Trail Operations, near the end of 2001, however, we want to congratulate John on his new position with Recreation Solutions! In John's work with Recreation Solutions the ATA expects to be able to work very closely with John in his expanded statewide responsibilities with all trails in Arizona.

John could be involved in helping the ATA and land managers

throughout the state in the Recreational Trails Program funding that has just been awarded, which funds the improvement and maintenance of very large sections of the existing route of the Arizona Trail on federal lands.

All of John's fans in the ATA wish him the very best success in this exciting new position, and we look forward to partnering with him on many future Arizona Trail projects!

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## ATA Receives Financial Support from Arizona Horse Lovers Foundation and AT&T

Closing the year 2001 with a windfall of holiday season funding, the Arizona Horse Lovers Foundation bestowed a special \$1,000 gift through their annual giving program to the ATA's Arizona Trail Foundation fund at the Arizona Community Foundation. This is the fifth year that this benevolent organization has included the Arizona Trail Association in its contributions to equestrian-oriented projects throughout the state. This organization has helped build trails and horse camps statewide, and continues to provide financial support to many other deserving equestrian projects based in Arizona. The ATA expresses its appreciation to the Board of Directors and members of the Arizona Horse Lovers Foundation for this continued, significant contribution.

Another welcomed \$1,000 contribution was also received during the holidays from AT&T, an organization renowned for strong community support and corporate giving to organizations like the Arizona Trail Association who are working hard in their state to bring a better quality-of-life through recreation and environmental education to its citizens. This is the first contribution the ATA has ever received from AT&T, and we like the similarity of our initials! The ATA is extremely pleased and appreciative of this significant contribution, and our organization is honored to be included in the prestigious group of recipients of AT&T's community support funding program.

# FIELD REPORTS



## Arizona Trail Construction Continues On Boulders Segment by Anna Pfender

As many of you know, the Mountain Bike Association of Arizona (MBAA) adopted a 9-mile segment of the Arizona Trail southeast of Florence two years ago. The MBAA segment is called the Boulders Segment and is on State Trust Land at an elevation of 3500-4000 feet. Currently a little over 3 miles of trail is built, so there is still a lot more land to cover. But so far the trail is terrific for mountain biking, hiking and horseback riding with mostly single-track, lots of rolling terrain, and enough twists and turns to make the trail interesting. The vegetation changes subtly as one traverses the trail from south to northwest beginning with plenty of cholla, prickly pear, hedgehog, and pin cushion cacti, along with palo verde, mesquite, and a generous helping of catclaw. After about 1½ miles, barrel cactus and yuccas are added to the mix. Further on as the trail climbs a bit, there are a lot of sagebrush encroaching on the trail. We'll see what the next 6 miles brings as we continue construction at future work events.

### October 27th Work Event

MBAA segment steward Anna Pfender gathered five volunteers to do maintenance on the first 1/2 mile of trail. It has been two years since this portion of the trail was built, so the trail work consisted of redefining the tread and corridor to make the trail more visible. Our excellent crew made quick work of it and we finished in time to get home for game #1 of the World Series. Many thanks to crew members Merle Parmer, Cathy Schuyler, Doug Marsh, Jeff Pappas, and Tom Sondgeroth. The crew members were a combination of MBAA members and Arizona Trail Association volunteers.

### November 17-18 Work Event

On this work event we constructed new trail on the 17th and did maintenance on the 18th. The crew on the 17th did a fine job of building about 1/2 mile of new trail. Crew members that day were Bill and Genevieve Garan, David Klein, John Dooley, Bill Florence, Chuck Horner and myself.

On the 18th David Klein, Doug Marsh, Mary Halfmann, Kevin Lockart, Chuck King, and Keene Johnson joined me. We did maintenance on the remaining 1 mile of trail that we didn't get to on the October 27th work event. Three of us also had the

opportunity that day to ride the trail on our mountain bikes, which turned out to be a lot of fun.

Look for more work events this winter as we continue construction on this beautiful trail. Hope to see you all soon on the Arizona Trail!



## Ripsey Section: by Mike Luecker, Ripsey Section Segment Steward

Wow, what a fall we had, with work events on November 3rd and December 8th. The weather really cooperated for us, as it was beautiful on both days. I am very excited with the progress we made these past two work events, as we constructed another mile of trail. ASCE YMF (American Society of Civil Engineers, Younger Member Forum) Phoenix Branch adopted this section of the Arizona Trail just over a year ago, and now have close to two miles completed on the 10 mile section. For those that aren't aware, ASCE YMF is composed of younger member civil engineers' throughout the valley, between ages of 20 and 35. We have a very fun and active group, with many of our members helping out each work event. As civil engineers, we feel comfortable around dirt, rocks and the like, but didn't necessarily take a class on trail building in college. Nonetheless, many of our members have really caught on to building trail. Two members in particular, Heath Therrien and Josh Sanders, have really taken to it. This fall, they approached me to take a more active role in helping out with each work event. They didn't wait long either, as Heath managed to recruit about seven new people during the big REI event. They have also started getting a small group to camp out the night before our event. The additional "hands" that they provided really made a difference at our last event.

I have to hand it to the volunteers who helped with the past four trail building events. We have accomplished quite a bit despite the increasingly rough terrain and a very big switchback that took most of one event to build. At times it was slow going and the tasks remaining ahead of us seemed to get bigger (rather than smaller) as we went along. It was awesome to see how this group really rose to the challenge of constructing this segment and I am very proud of what we have done so far. Each time we walk up that switchback I am reminded that spending that extra time there has really paid off.

I would like to thank the following people who helped with these events, including: Nicole Anderson, David Babcock, Carl Babcock, Leah Baker, Ed Cleveland, Laddie Cox, Kat Drum, Ben

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## New Chief Trail Steward Announced

The Board of Directors announced the appointment of Larry Snead as the organization's Chief Trail Steward, a position that was identified in the 2001-2005 ATA Five Year Strategic Plan, but has gone unfilled until this recent appointment.

The position is part-time, under contract to assist in the management of ATA's trail stewardship program along with related key trail maintenance, training, and construction responsibilities. This new position became activated due to the absence of a full-time Director of Trail Operations, which was the position formerly held by John Neeling.

Larry Snead will be traveling the state to help manage the trail steward program with the objective of recruiting and training sufficient new stewards to cover the nearly 800 miles of the



Arizona Trail, border-to-border. He will also manage the Arizona Trail Partner Agency Relationship Program and will be communicating regularly with key agency contacts to maintain strong program coordination between the ATA volunteers and agency personnel.

A significant portion of the Chief Trail Steward's responsibilities is the development of a trail maintenance and signage program that will include a comprehensive trail condition status assessment and trail monitoring plan.

If volunteers are willing to conduct a trail maintenance or trail monitoring event, or are needing trail tools, trail construction and maintenance training, work event or steward information, or just want to find out where they can help the most, Larry is the man to call! Larry can be reached by leaving a message on the ATA telephone, 602-252-4794, or by e-mail message to: [larrysnead@aztrail.org](mailto:larrysnead@aztrail.org)

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## ATA Receives Top National Trails Day Event Award!

How could we be so fortunate? A surprise telephone call was received, just before this newsletter went to press, from a representative of the DuPont Cordura corporation announcing our Arizona Trails Day event this past June, 2001, was awarded the American Hiking Society's top award for the entire nation!

The Arizona Trail Association was notified in the fall, 2001, that its application for the award was selected to be among the Top Ten nationally, and the final competition for the winner would be selected from this group. DuPont Cordura sent the 10 finalists a check for \$2,000, with letters of congratulations, and our Association was thrilled with this national honor.

ATA and many other organizations, communities, agencies, and individuals teamed together for the biggest National Trails Day event ever held in Arizona, with the 2001 statewide event theme "Community Trails: Pathways to Health." ATA and the other National Trails Day participating organizations joined



together in partnership with many of the state's health organizations to create awareness of the important link between good health and using trails as a way to increase healthy physical activity. The events were held in all corners of the state, including Kingman, Flagstaff, Pinetop-Lakeside, Phoenix, Superior, Safford, Tucson, Coronado

National Memorial, Yuma, and many more.

Then the "good news telephone call" arrived - out of the Top Ten, Arizona's National Trails Day event was judged to be the Best in the Nation! The honor brought an additional \$2,000 contribution, for a total of \$4,000 from the DuPont Cordura organization's sponsorship program. Thank you, American Hiking Society, and thank you, DuPont Cordura - we're thrilled with the honor and your outstanding support!

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## New Trail Stewards Announced

Bill Watson, segment steward for the Picketpost - Reavis Canyon passage for the past several years, has resigned his position. He has been very active in the ATA, using knowledge he gained from hiking the entire trail a few years ago to assist other hikers seeking information. Bill lives in Scottsdale.

Rick Obermiller, interim Postmaster for the town of Superior, has accepted assignment as segment steward for the section from

the Picketpost Trailhead to the beginning of the Reavis Canyon Trail. Another steward will be selected for the Reavis Canyon section. Rick, who attended the Fall Trail Construction/Maintenance Workshop in Flagstaff, will manage the work events scheduled this spring to complete the Whitford Canyon Arizona Trail Extension. He lives in Chandler.

### ORDER YOUR NEWSLETTER ONLINE!

Just send your request to receive the e-mail version of ATA News to: [editor@aztrail.org](mailto:editor@aztrail.org).

If you have any questions, please let Dawson know by sending an e-mail to: [webmaster@aztrail.org](mailto:webmaster@aztrail.org).



We need your help to complete the trail in many places and to maintain the trail where it is finished.

There is still plenty of opportunity to participate in this one-of-a-kind project, creating the most diverse long-distance trail in the world as a legacy for future generations.

Volunteer for yourself, for the joy of stewarding your own section of trail; for your children, so they will have access to a cross-country non-motorized trail experience to enjoy with their children and their children's children.

The Arizona Trail is being heralded as one of the most unique trail

projects in history. It is being built by volunteers with the help of an inter-governmental agreement between several levels of government agencies including National Monuments, National Parks, National Forests, State Parks, the Bureau of Land Management, and many more, all partnering to make the 790-mile Arizona Trail a reality.

Help is needed at all levels, from steward leadership, to shovel and rake work. Your skills and expertise can be applied to a truly inspiring project. There are no age limits. Please contact us today.

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# Arizona Trail Association

## Trail Work Events Winter/Spring 2002

**\*\* MAY \*\***

**7-8-9** ... Pinal County, 24 mi E of Florence. New trail construction. Still wild flower season!  
Chuck Horner 623-362-1999 or bchorner@mindspring.com

**11** ... Pinal County N of Freeman Rd. New trail construction.  
Anna Pfender, 480-893-6610 or mtbbabe@home.com

**24-27** ... Blue Ridge, N of Payson. Saturday eve. meal provided w/dutch oven biscuits!  
Larry Snead, 602-279-0443 or sneadlarry@qwest.net

*More info/updates: www.aztrail.org Events subject to change. Contact volunteer listed to confirm event time & location. Bring lunch, water, gloves, workboots, sunscreen. No experience required, crew leader will provide instruction. Work may include: brushing (pruning vegetation); construction or improvement of: trail tread, erosion control structures (waterbars, drainage dips), switchbacks.*

*\*Pinal County is 50+ miles of new trail in Sonoran Desert North of Oracle, East of Florence, S of the Gila River (call for exact locations).*

**\*\* JUNE \*\***

**1** ... Celebrate NATIONAL TRAILS DAY. Go to: aztrail.org for locations of events statewide.

**6-9** ... Blue Ridge Passage, N of Payson. Chief Steward Larry Snead leads 4-day work event. Saturday eve. meal provided w/dutch oven biscuits!  
Larry Snead, 602-279-0443 or sneadlarry@qwest.net

## FIELD REPORTS continued

Good, Jim Harrison, Mike Headrick, Kim L., Mike Hanely, Chuck Horner, Amanda Luecker, Ryan McKaskle, Fred Nelson, Merle Parmer, David Pendergrass, Josh Sanders, Cathy Schuyler, Sara Smedley, Andrew Smigielski, Heather Southworth, Heath Therrien, Carrie Westhoff and Jeremy Zelazowski. Your hard work is very appreciated. I look forward to working together this spring.

We will continue working on our section in 2002, with events planned Jan 12th, Feb 9th, March 9th and April 13th???? (see calendar section for more details). The Ripsey Segment begins near the town of Kearney, which is about 15 minutes south of Superior, in a beautiful section of the Sonoran Desert. The trail then continues to the south, where we will eventually connect to Anna's MBAA Section, which then connects to Kent Taylor's Section. I understand they will have quite a few events planned this spring in Pinal County as well. I would like to encourage anyone to contact me if you want to help with one of our events. This section of trail has great views and is an easy day trip from the Phoenix or Tucson area.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

### Family Membership

Dave & Cathy Bly	Sierra Vista, AZ
Laddie M. Cox	Tucson, AZ
Nigel & Jeanne Finney	Edina, MN
David & Patricia Hicks	Phoenix, AZ
Dean Martin	Glendale, AZ
Paul Paonessa	Phoenix, AZ
CW & Sue Pyeatt	Tucson, AZ
Ann Ryan	Scottsdale, AZ
Ray & Marie Schaaf	Tempe, AZ
Lorraine Smysey	Kihei, HI
John D. West	Scottsdale, AZ

### Individual Membership

Ed Copp	Phoenix, AZ
Nicette McPherson	Scottsdale, AZ
Brigid O'Neil	Mesa, AZ
Cynthia Peck	Young, AZ
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### Senior Member

Mike Digenova	Surprise, AZ
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## U.S. Senator John McCain Sends Letter of Support

We wanted to share a very enthusiastic letter of support from Senator John McCain written recently, which has been reduced and reprinted below. When the Arizona Trail project is recognized by one of our nation's most renowned statesmen, we realize our organization's efforts are gaining significant stature.

**JOHN MCCAIN**  
SENATOR  
CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE,  
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COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

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Dear Fellow Arizonans,

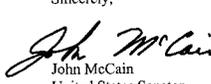
I am writing to you today to share my enthusiasm for an exciting project taking place in our state called the Arizona Trail Project.

Arizona has captured so many hearts with its breathtaking canyons, mountains, forests and legendary landmarks like the Grand Canyon and Sonoran Desert. Perhaps you agree that we are incredibly fortunate to live in a state with some of the most magnificent landscapes in the country.

However, we should remember that this profound beauty is not all accidental, and we must make certain not to take it for granted. Programs like the Arizona Trail Project are working tirelessly to maintain the natural beauty that continues to make us proud.

So, get out and enjoy the trails that take us to some of the most special places in our state. Take the time to become involved in this worthwhile endeavor that will leave a legacy of enjoyment for generations to come.

Sincerely,

  
 John McCain  
 United States Senator

# Arizona Trail Association

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### \*\* JANUARY \*\*

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Mike Luecker, 480-838-6656 or mluecker@pre-engr.com.

**12** ... Sunflower S of Payson. New construction.  
Denny Haywood 623-581-9219 or haywood@primenet.com.

**26-27** ... Whitford Canyon near Superior. New trail construction.  
Rick Obermiller, 480-786-0083 or obermiller21@qwest.net

**27** ... Pinal County S of Freeman Rd. New trail construction.  
Kent Taylor, 520-836-0799 or rtbs@c2i2.com

### \*\* FEBRUARY \*\*

**5-6-7** ... Pinal County 30 mi S of Florence/ 20 mi E. New trail construction, scenic high desert. Chuck Horner 623-362-1999 or bchorner@mindspring.com

**9** ... Huachuca Mtns, near Sierra Vista. Trail maintenance.  
Steve Saway, 520-459-8959 or stevesaway@excite.com

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**9** ... Picketpost near Superior.  
Tom Coulson, 480-303-4975 tom.coulson@varianinc.com

**9-10** ... Whitford Canyon near Superior. New construction.  
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**16** ... Pinal County N of Freeman Rd. New trail construction.  
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**16-17** ... Whitford Canyon near Superior. Volunteers for Outdoor Arizona. New trail construction. Some meals provided. Full day Sat, \* day Sun. Info & Register: dgcenter.org/voa. Michael Baker 602-522-9127 or michaelb@dgcenter.org

**16-17** ... E Santa Rita Mt foothills, S of Tucson. Trail maintenance.  
Steve Wood, 520-326-2472 or aztraildoc@yahoo.com

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16-17 ... Santa Ritas, S of Tucson. Trail maintenance.  
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**23-24** ... Pinal County. New trail construction.  
Anna Pfender, 480-893-6610 or mtbbabe@home.com

**24-30** ... Whitford Canyon near Superior. American Hiking Society Volunteer Vacation Event. New trail construction. Limit 15. Registration with AHS required, go to: [www.americanhiking.org](http://www.americanhiking.org).

### \*\* APRIL \*\*

**9-10-11** ... Pinal County. New construction.  
Chuck Horner 623-362-1999 or bchorner@mindspring.com

**13** ... Sunflower. New construction.  
Denny Haywood 623-581-9219 or haywood@primenet.com

**13** ... Pinal County. New construction.  
Mike Luecker, 480-838-6656 or mluecker@jpre-engr.com

**13-14** ... Whitford Canyon W Superior. New trail construction.  
Rick Obermiller, 480-786-0083 or obermiller21@qwest.net

**20-21** ... Whitford Canyon near Superior. New construction.  
Rick Obermiller, 480-786-0083 or obermiller21@qwest.net

**20-21** ... Pinal County S of Freeman Rd. New trail construction. Saturday eve. meal provided.  
Kent Taylor, 520-836-0799 or rtbs@c2i2.com

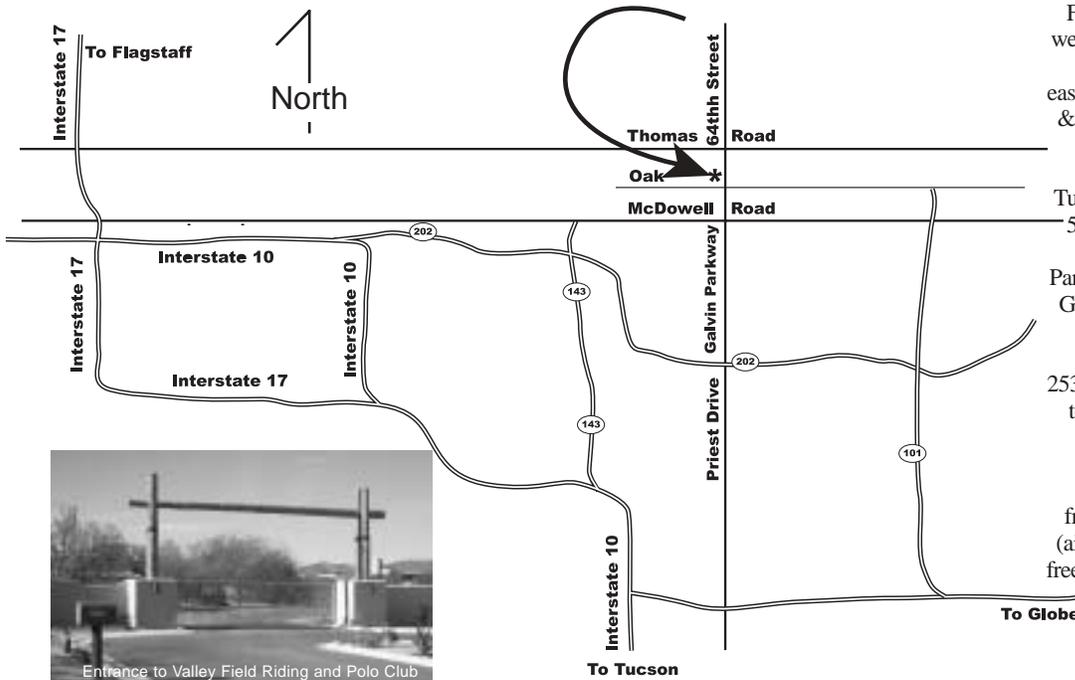
**20-21** ... Pinal County N of Freeman Rd. New trail construction.  
Anna Pfender, 480-893-6610 or mtbbabe@home.com

# *You're Invited!*

## Arizona Trail Association

### 8th Annual Meeting and Recognition Luncheon

Saturday, February 2, 2002  
 Valley Field Riding and Polo Club  
 2530 N. 64th Street in Scottsdale • Luncheon \$12.00 per person



From north I-17, Squaw Peak 51 freeway, or west I-10, take the 202 freeway east (goes in the tunnel from the west side) and continue east until the McDowell Road exit (after the 40th & 44th St. exit). Stay left after the exit and the road ends at McDowell Road.

Turn right (east) and go on McDowell Rd., past 52nd street, go up the hill toward the Papago Buttes and turn left at 64th Street (Galvin Parkway is on the right to the Zoo and Botanical Garden.) Travel north on 64th Street 1/2 mile, past Oak Street, and turn left (west) at the entrance drive with the tall posts, at 2530 N. 64th St. Drive past the caretaker's home to the large decomposed granite parking lots next to the clubhouse.

From south I-10, east U.S. 60, or the 101 freeway, take the 143 freeway from the south (airport exit), or the 202 west exit from the 101 freeway, and travel to McDowell Road at the end of the 143 freeway.

Turn right and follow the directions in the second paragraph above.

### *Luncheon Program Will Feature "Border-to-Border" Trail Adventurers*

<b>Annual Meeting</b>	
<b>10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.</b>	
<b>Social Gathering</b>	<b>Luncheon Program</b>
<b>11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.</b>	<b>12 noon - 1:45 p.m.</b>

**For Reservations**  
 Please phone (602) 252-4794 or  
 FAX (602) 252-8222 or  
 E-mail: [ata@aztrail.org](mailto:ata@aztrail.org)

Must be received by Wednesday, January 30, 2002

Members and any interested individuals are invited to the meetings and luncheon.

Members may cast one vote per membership in the Board elections.

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#### LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

Name of Person(s) Attending: (please print)

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Daytime \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ lunch reservations @ \$12/person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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ATA Essential Guide for Long-Distance Travel	_____	\$3.00	_____
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**"On the Arizona Trail: A Guide for Hikers, Cyclists, and Equestrians"** by Kelly Tighe and Susan Moran, Pruett Publishers \_\_\_\_\_ x 19.95 \_\_\_\_\_

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*The Arizona Trail* needs *your* active support. Help build this resource for today and a legacy for future generations. Join *The Arizona Trail Association* and become a volunteer!

Would you like to volunteer in any of the following ways?

- Help build and maintain The Arizona Trail
- Become a Segment Steward
- Assist in Phoenix office
- Distribute Trail and event information in your area
- Donate materials or professional services

Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

- Help raise funds for The Arizona Trail
- Recruit additional volunteers
- Membership services and development
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What are your primary non-motorized trail activities?

(check all that apply)

- Hiking
- Horseback Riding
- Mountain Biking
- Cross-Country Skiing
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Types of Membership (please check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual  | <input type="checkbox"/> Family             | \$25/year  |
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## Who To Contact in the ATA

Here's a helpful list of who to contact for some of the ATA's resources. If you have suggestions or want to provide any helpful information to these individuals, they would like to hear from you. We are not publishing home telephone numbers, only e-mail addresses. If you do not have access to e-mail, please call our ATA telephone number, 602-252-4794, and leave a message. Remember, most of these fine folks are ATA volunteers, so give them some time to respond to your requests!

Helen Hill - Telephone and E-Mail Messages for Trail

Work Events and the ATA Calendar -  
[deserthill@worldnet.att.net](mailto:deserthill@worldnet.att.net)

Donna Russ - ATA Brochures and Videos -  
[druss@worldnet.att.net](mailto:druss@worldnet.att.net)

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information - [sneadlarry@qwest.net](mailto:sneadlarry@qwest.net)

Randy Warner - ATA contributions, donations -  
[rwarn@jshfirm.com](mailto:rwarn@jshfirm.com)

Becky Ohlau - Membership mailing list and database -  
[rc@u.arizona.edu](mailto:rc@u.arizona.edu)

Carl Golnik - Invoices, payments, and other financial  
information - [cgolnik@msn.com](mailto:cgolnik@msn.com)

Joanna Scruggs - ATA maps, trail information, apparel,  
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## Leave A Legacy - Touch the Future

Every day people like you support our organization through your membership, making an annual gift, attending an event, or volunteering your time to help others. Whatever your connection, we're grateful for your support, and you mean a great deal to us.

We hope that you feel your participation in the Arizona Trail Association is appreciated and an integral part of our success. We hope you feel you are touching the future.

Another significant way you can help the ATA in the future is to consider leaving a legacy through your will, life insurance policy, or trust. It could be a percentage or a specific dollar amount of your estate, IRA, or 401K plan.

Your gift, no matter the size, will ensure the health and strength of our organization to serve future generations.

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