
ATA Receives \$100,000 Grant from Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust

In an unprecedented expression of community support, the Arizona Trail Association has just received a \$100,000 grant from the Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust. A check for this amount was presented to the Association in special award ceremonies held on July 30, 2002. The funds are to be used to support the hiring of a full time executive director for our organization and to establish an office in the Phoenix area.

ATA's 5-Year Strategic Plan designates the key goals for the organization through the year 2005, and the year 2002 was targeted for the addition of an executive director position. The executive director will be responsible for managing and implementing many of the short and long-term milestones of this Strategic Plan.

According to ATA's president, Jan Hancock, "This important contribution from the Trust will enable us to move forward as an organization in many significant ways. With this funding in place, our Board of Directors feels we have 'turned the corner' in our efforts to secure the future preservation of our magnificent Arizona Trail project."

The Arizona Trail Association was among 22 Arizona nonprofit organizations receiving grant checks and commitments totaling \$1,963,200 from the Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust. Harriet M. Ivey, president and CEO of the Trust, officiated at the ceremony with Edmund H. Portnoy, PhD., director of grants programs for Arizona.

The Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust was established upon



ATA President, Jan Hancock, receives the Association's grant check from Trustee representatives, from left, Carol Peden Schatt, Nancy M. Russell, and Frank E. Russell, Trustee Chairman, at the award ceremonies.

Mrs. Pulliam's death in 1997. As of April 30, 2002, the Trust had approximately \$350 million in assets. "The Trust's funding interests center around Nina's passions, contributing to support the things she loved and adding to the quality of life for all Arizonans.

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Phelps Dodge Corporation Donates Field Vehicle

Phelps Dodge Corporation responded to our Association's plea for a vehicle that can be used by our Chief Trail Steward, Larry Snead, in his statewide travel to give leadership to and conduct meetings with land management agency representatives, Segment Stewards, volunteer groups and trail training workshops.

The vehicle that was donated is a full size 1996 Ford Bronco XLT with the pulling power and four wheel drive capabilities to tow tool trailers, trail crews and equipment to reach some of the more remote sections of the Arizona Trail. This significant contribution will enable our organization to be much more efficient and responsive to all of the fieldwork that is scheduled for

construction and maintenance on the Arizona Trail.

Lyn Harry White, a member of the ATA Board of Directors and the Gov't. Relations Manager for Phelps Dodge Corporation was responsible for bringing this need to the attention of Phelps Dodge senior management and facilitating the donation of the vehicle. Phelps Dodge is a worldwide corporation headquartered in Phoenix and has been an ongoing corporate sponsor of our Association over the past five years. They contributed funding for one of the ATA's tool trailers, and they have organized corporate teams who have volunteered their time and skills in many trail-building events.

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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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President's Pride

by Jan Hancock



Wow, just when you think, "it can't get better than this," along comes even more success!

The significant grant from the Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust, and the generous donation of a field

vehicle from Phelps Dodge Corporation are some recent examples of how our Arizona Trail project is capturing the heart and attention of people from every corner of our state, and beyond. We can be extremely proud of the quality and prestige these high profile contributions bring to our Association.

We are such a young trail organization in comparison to so many of the other national long distance trail associations, and yet we continue to amaze even ourselves with the huge amount of support we have enjoyed from our members, volunteers, community organizations, and an equally strong commitment from our agency partners for the Arizona Trail project. In less than nine years we have already attained more than 80% of our trail construction goals...and we haven't even reached our first decade yet!

I'm also extremely proud of the fine leadership our ATA Board of Directors is giving to our Association's mission and vision. This dedicated group of citizens who represent many communities, businesses, and organizations throughout our state has risen to the challenge

of securing the resources we need to do our work. Without the financial and in-kind resources they have garnered, along with the valuable guidance of our finance consultant, Carolyn Allen, we could not be celebrating all of our success so early in our project.

In this Summer 2002 issue of the Arizona Trail Association News, we are featuring some of our ATA Segment Stewards, the individuals and organizations that have made long-term commitments to building and maintaining their respective sections of the Arizona Trail. What pride we all have for the work these wonderful volunteers dedicate to preserving this legacy for our magnificent state.

We have one major challenge in front of us as we move ahead that will take all of the strength and commitment we can muster. We must build our organization's membership to a minimum of 2,000 people by the year 2005 to sustain the strength we need for ongoing organizational viability. This goal is part of our organization's 5-Year Strategic Plan, and we have sustained an average of approximately 500 members in our Association over the past several years, so the challenge to add an additional 1,500 members in the next three years is huge.

My pride in our organization, as this year's president of the ATA, will have 'reached the mountaintop' when we have succeeded in finding the way to add 500 more members each year to our wonderful organization.

ATA Officers for 2002

We want to recognize the following individuals who have been elected to serve as officers on the Board of Directors for the Arizona Trail Association for 2002. They are:

President – Jan Hancock

Vice President – Trail Development – Eric Smith

Vice President – Finance – Steve Anderson

Vice President – Membership – Randy Warner

Secretary – Suzanne Pfeister

Treasurer – Bob Bohannan

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Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust

"The Trust's mission statement was crafted from the lifework and interests of Nina Pulliam," said Carol Peden Schatt, Trustee and niece of Mrs. Pulliam.

The Trust seeks to help people in need, especially women, children and families; to protect animals and nature; and to enrich community life in the metropolitan areas of Indianapolis and Phoenix.

ATA's Board of Directors will be announcing the position opening at the end of August 2002, and after initial screening and interviews, it is anticipated the new executive director position will be filled in November 2002.

The Board of Directors, members and volunteers of the ATA want to express their appreciation to the trust for this significant gift in support of our organization.

Chuck Horner Selected Arizona's AHS 2002 Volunteer of the Year

The American Hiking Society bestows a prestigious award to one volunteer in each state in the nation on National Trails Day each year. The 2002 recipient of the state award was ATA volunteer Chuck Horner, who has been supporting trail planning and construction projects for the ATA for more than five years.

Arizona Trail founder, Dale Shewalter, presented the 2002 Volunteer of the Year Award to Chuck at the summer quarterly Board of Directors meeting held in Flagstaff on July 13, 2002. In addition to the award certificate and letter of congratulations from Mary Margaret Sloan, executive director of the American Hiking Society, Chuck received some AHS gifts that he can use out on the trail.

This marks the third year in a row that our Association's volunteers have been selected for this honor. The first recipient was Steve Saway, who lives in Sierra Vista and is ATA's Regional Steward in southern Arizona, and the second award winner was Flagstaff resident, Dick Walsh, who along with his wife, Janet, are Segment Stewards for the Coconino Rim Passage of the Arizona Trail in northern Arizona.

Chuck Horner was recognized for his outstanding leadership in planning, developing and helping construct the trail route on State Trust Lands in Pinal County and his dedication to assisting in many other areas of the Arizona Trail. Chuck partnered with Merle Parmer, another outstanding ATA volunteer, to provide the guidance to two annual international college student trail crews in 2001 and 2002 who combined their volunteer talents to build and complete the 12-mile Arizona Trail connection from the North Rim of the Grand Canyon to the North Kaibab USDA Forest Service boundary line.

Chuck creatively organized trail crews in Pinal County who could work on trail construction projects during the week, rather than on weekends, which contributed greatly to the number of miles that have been completed by volunteer trail workers in this 50-mile section of the Arizona Trail.



Chuck Horner receives award from Arizona Trail founder Dale Shewalter at the summer meeting of the Board of Directors of the Arizona Trail Association in Flagstaff.

In addition to Chuck's volunteer efforts for the Arizona Trail, he also donated his trail building expertise to the Phoenix Zoo when he led groups of several hundred volunteers over a series of weeks who were building the new Oryx exhibit trails in the northern area of the zoo in the Papago Buttes, and Chuck also directed the scores of volunteers who were building the new Goldmine Trail at the base of the Superstition Mountains to connect Apache Junction and the Peralta Trailhead in the region preserved by the Superstition Area Land Trust.

The combination of Chuck's leadership abilities, winning personality, his dedication to year-round trail work, and his willingness to lend his expertise to many diverse trail projects have earned him this national honor awarded by America's largest hiking organization.

All the latest news and events are listed on our web site:
www.aztrail.org

Wilderness Medicine Educational Opportunity

by Eric Smith

Are you a trail crew leader, hike or ride leader, and/or someone who spends time with others in remote settings? Have you ever wondered how you would react and respond to an injury within your group? Or, would you like to learn additional skills that could better familiarize yourself with wilderness first aid?

An opportunity exists to coordinate a training opportunity with the National organization, Wilderness Medical Associates (WMA). These opportunities provide learning to treat injuries in remote/primitive settings with limited equipment and resources, especially when an emergency room is hours or days away. These courses include Wilderness First Aid (24 hours) and Wilderness Advanced First Aid (36 hours), and include classroom and field training. Instructors and training materials are provided by Wilderness Medical Associates. A minimum of 14 students are

needed to implement a course, and some ATA members already have expressed interest. Cost and dates of training have not yet been determined. Every effort would be made to keep costs relatively low, and ATA members would receive a discounted rate. This training may be co-coordinated with the Apache Rescue Team whom has assisted with AZT - REI events.

If you would like to attend such a training opportunity, or assist with coordination of a workshop, please contact Eric Smith @ (928) 445-5880 #214, or eric.smith@cityofprescott.net.

At a future date, if there is interest, the potential exists to work with WMA on a Wilderness First Responder (72 hours) or Wilderness Emergency Medical Technician (154 hours) course for those seeking considerably more advanced skills.

Phelps Dodge Corporation



On its first outing on August 16, 2002, the ATA's new 1996 Ford XLT Bronco donated by Phelps Dodge Corporation is shown at the Geronimo Trailhead during route inspections by Chief Trail Steward, Larry Snead, along the Highline Passage of the Arizona Trail located just under the Mogollon Rim in the Tonto National Forest.

In addition to these significant contributions, the Phelps Dodge mining division in Miami, Arizona, has taken our perennially dull trail construction tools and sharpened and polished them to "better than new" condition, according to Chief Trail Steward Larry Snead. "You could cut a steak with these tools after Phelps Dodge sharpens them," Larry comments. "What a difference sharp tools can make when you are out in the field building and maintaining the trail."

The ATA thanks all of the Phelps Dodge team members who have provided tremendous support to our organization, and we want to particularly recognize the leadership that helps make all of this happen, including: Tim Snider, President of Phelps Dodge Mining; Kevin Kinsall, Director of State and Local Government Relations; Lyn Harry White, Manager of State and Local Government Relations; Ann Gibson, Community Affairs Administrator; and the "Phelps Helps" Steering Committee team leaders who organize all of the great trail building projects, which include Mike McElrath, Chuck Rose, Georgeann Weinhandl, Linda Hayes, as well as the trail tool partnership project leaders, Glenn Hoffmeyer and Jim Vandine.

Welcome New Members

We would like to welcome these new members to the Arizona Trail Association. In addition to these new members, we have a very long list of outstanding supporters who have renewed their membership in the ATA. We want to express our appreciation to these continuing members, and we will be publishing the names of our renewal members in the Fall 2002 newsletter.

Individual Membership

Daniel Brenden, Phoenix AZ; Kent Spillman, Tempe AZ; William C. Findley, Casa Grande AZ; Debbie Redmond, Winchester OR; Heath Therrien, Tempe AZ;

Family Membership

Judith Julien, Glendale AZ
Valerie Simms & Betty Gibson, Chicago IL

Student Member

Effie Chiu, San Jose CA

Senior Member

Dave Billingsley, North Rim AZ; Bill Cavin, Wickenburg AZ; Rhea Inspections/George Rhea, Shreveport LA; Paul Seibert, Wickenburg AZ

Thanks to Starbucks – We received a nice note from Mike Luecker, ATA Segment Steward for the Ripsey Section of the Arizona Trail north of Picketpost Trailhead on Highway 60 near Superior. We want to share his special thanks to Starbucks in Tempe at Baseline and Rural Roads with all of our readers. Mike's trail crews always meet bright and early at this Starbucks location to carpool for trail work events, and Starbucks offers free coffee to his entire trail building team. Mike wants to express his appreciation, and he adds "It's a nice place to meet and a great way to get everyone fired up on some good coffee before we head out for each event."

We will be featuring some of these event details and the names of Mike's trail crew volunteers in our Fall issue of ATA News.

ATA Equestrian Trail Stewards Rescue Mountain Bicyclist

During the Memorial Day holiday a small group of Arizona State Horsemen's Association (ASHA) board members were at the North Rim of the Grand Canyon doing trail maintenance on their segment of the Arizona Trail just north of the Main Lodge.

On their second day out on the trail they were working one of the most remote sections of the trail when they came upon a mountain biker from Showlow who had hit a log with his back wheel and went head first into a tree and had broken his collar bone. He had been incapacitated for an hour and was extremely glad to see the equestrians trail stewards, two of whom were registered nurses.

The mountain biker was carefully put astride a horse (his first time on a horse) that belonged to ASHA president, Glenn Jordan, and Glenn attempted to ride the mountain bike out of the backcountry, spurs and all. Glenn's wife, Rhonda, led the injured biker's horse, while Glenn made a gallant attempt to learn how to mountain bike.

According to Glenn, "I'll take a horse anytime. The bike worked great going down hill, but going uphill was a definite challenge!" He ended up walking the bike out the last 2.5 miles, and "at 9,000 feet above sea level, I must tell you I slept like a baby that night."

The mountain biker was given excellent medical attention when the riders got him to the Grand Canyon Park Ranger station, and at least one ASHA member was obviously relieved to mount back up on his trusty

rescue steed.

Many thanks to all of the dedicated ASHA stewards who were out working on their trail at the right time over the holiday weekend, especially the ASHA members who were RN's, Beth Shafer and Michele Denney.



The injured mountain bicyclist, far right, is bandaged and stabilized by registered nurses who were part of an ATA Segment Steward trail maintenance crew from the Arizona State Horsemen's Association. The bicyclist was found in a remote area along the Arizona Trail segment located on the North Rim in Grand Canyon National Park.

Introducing Some of Our ATA Segment Stewards

Many of our ATA members have never had the opportunity to meet the very dedicated Arizona Trail Segment Stewards who have volunteered to help construct and maintain their special sections of the Arizona Trail. We invited our Segment Stewards to send us a photograph and short biography about themselves or their organization to include in this issue of the ATA News.

Passage 5 - Santa Rita Mountains

Stephen Wood (no photo)
42 year old mountain biker who works the trail on the East slope of the Santa Rita Mountain Range. First love is a fun and sustainable trail.

Passage 7 - Rincon Valley

Mark Flint
Mark Flint has been involved in trail design, construction and maintenance since the early 1990s. Before moving to Arizona in 1997 he lived in Molalla, Oregon, where he was the principle designer and trail work organizer for the Upper Molalla River Trail System, an award-winning network of 26 miles of trails and 30 miles of gravel roads on Bureau of Land Management land in the scenic Molalla River Corridor.



Mark Flint, standing, is shown on a recent outing with several members of the Sonoran Desert Mountain Bicyclists and their canine companion.

Mark is the advocacy director for the Sonoran Desert Mountain Bicyclists, a board member of the Pima Trails Association and a board member of the Tucson Urban Trails Coalition. A member of the BLM Arizona Resource Advisory Council in 2000. He is a member of the BLM's National Mountain Bike Strategic Action Plan team, and served on the Program Committee for the 1998 National Trails Symposium in Tucson.

Self-employed editor and writer, he is also active in the International Association of Business Communicators. He is the Technology Director for IABC District 5, which includes Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas.

We received the following information in time for the print deadline for this issue, and we are featuring them in this special section. Many also included their Field Reports, which have also been included in this section following their biography.

(Editor's Note: A full list of the 43 Passages of the Arizona Trail is located on our web site: www.aztrail.org)

Passage 11 - Santa Catalina Mountains

William Drabkin (no photo)
William, director of the Youth Corps of Southern Arizona, has been taking the youth corps crews out on the segment to accomplish work and to introduce the Arizona youth to the AZ trail this year. He is happiest when he is hiking and camping.

Field Report: On Saturday, May 18th, and Sunday, May 19th, we worked just downhill of where the AZT and the Sutherland Trail, #6, join up. We improved about 1/4 mile of trail overall, clearing drainages on switchbacks, brushing, and building one check dam and a water bar.

Passage 12 - Mt. Lemmon/Oracle Ridge

John Rendall (no photo)
Field Report: Brushing a section of the Tucson Wash Segment. This was performed by 5 people from the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club. The work began at the trailhead near SR 77 and continued for 5.5 miles north to where the pipeline trail begins. The trail is in very good shape.

Passage 13 - Oracle

Larry Butler
The San Pedro Valley Hiking & Outdoor Club is based in Oracle, a small community on the northern slopes of the Santa Catalina Mountains. The club maintains hiking trails in The Oracle State Park including a segment of the Arizona Trail.



San Pedro Valley Hiking & Outdoor Club

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Introducing Some of Our ATA Segment Stewards

Passage 14 - Black Hills

Kent Taylor

Age 43, Married - wife Victoria, Children: Caitlen 15, Erin 12, Jarred 11. Home Casa Grande AZ for the past 12 years. Occupation: Owner, Round Trip Bike Shop. Hobbies - Cycling, Hiking, Baseball and anything else where I can spend time with the family.



Kent Taylor

Passage 15 - Tortilla Mountains

Anna Pfender

Boulders Segment Steward

Anna took on the Boulders Segment in August 1999 on behalf of the Mountain Bike Association of Arizona (MBAA). An avid cyclist, hiker and downhill snow skier, Anna enjoys most of what nature has to offer, with the possible exception of the cholla and prickly pear she continues to do battle with while building trail on her segment. Anna spends her non-recreational hours at the Arizona Department of Agriculture's State Agricultural Laboratory where she is a Laboratory Manager and Quality Assurance Officer and she hones her quality assurance and leadership skills used to guide her work crews out on the Arizona Trail.



Anna Pfender

Field Reports: Four trail work events were held this past winter and spring on the Boulders segment of the Arizona Trail.

Approximately 1.6 miles of new trail was constructed on the segment, which is sponsored by the Mountain Bike Association of Arizona (MBAA).

February 16th draws small but superb crew

On this work event a small group of 6 Arizona Trail Association (ATA) volunteers completed 0.20 miles of trail. After our work for the day was completed, a few of us drove north along a four-wheel drive road which roughly parallels the route of the trail to get an idea of the terrain and how it changes as we move north. There are some excellent views of the Superstition Mountains to the north, as well as the mountains near Superior.

March 23rd and 24th includes through-hiker/volunteer from Montana

On this two-day work event I was joined by 7 other ATA

volunteers to complete 0.43 miles of new trail. We camped out overnight and had a terrific group dinner. Two of the volunteers, Tony Rasch and his wife Kay were actually from Montana. They came down to Arizona so that Tony could hike the entire route of the Arizona Trail over the course of a month or so. Tony had seen a flyer for our work event at Oracle State Park earlier in the week, so he and his wife decided to spend a couple days with us helping to build the trail that he came here to hike. Tony writes about his outdoor experiences and will no doubt be putting his pen to his Arizona Trail experience as well.

April 16th and 17th proves retirees have always had what it takes

ATA volunteer Chuck Horner headed up this two-day, mid-week work event. Chuck gathered a group of about 10 retirees who completed about 0.45 miles of trail. I joined them on the 17th for the day, and let me tell you, those retirees could work!

April 20th and 21st sponsored by Clif Bar, Inc.

Through the International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA), I was able to contact Clif Bar, Inc. who generously donated several cases of pretty tasty Clif Bar energy bars for the volunteers at this event. A few ATA volunteers, several MBAA members, and about 30 men, women and teenagers from Scout troops 722 and 127 joined me. Shannon Kelly was the Girl Scout who organized her group. This was a terrific group of people who were eager to help and learn how to build trail. The scouts even provided lunch and dinner on the 20th! Altogether, we completed about 0.50 miles of new trail that weekend. We actually had time to complete more, but we ran out of trail flagging in the area we were working on Saturday, and didn't have time to relocate the group to a different area before the sun went down. Many thanks to Clif Bar, Inc. for their continued support of trail projects and the mountain biking community.

Passage 15 - Tortilla Mountains

Mike Luecker

Mike Luecker, current YMF president, is the lead contact for this section of trail. He began his involvement with the Arizona Trail four years ago, soon after moving to Tempe from Missouri. He enjoys getting outdoors as much as he can, either hiking, biking, fishing and/or camping, along with his wife Amanda, who is also an active member of the Arizona Trail Association. Mike is a bit on the tall and lanky side, so he is often mistaken for a saguaro cactus. (This happens whenever takes a break from swinging his trail tools.)



Mike Luecker, left

Introducing Some of Our ATA Segment Stewards

Field Report: In 2000, the Phoenix branch of ASCE YMF (American Society of Civil Engineers' Younger Member Forum) took on the challenging task of constructing a 10 mile section of the Arizona Trail. The ASCE YMF section of the trail is located on challenging, rocky terrain, located south of Superior. After two years of Saturday work events, the YMF group has completed almost 2.5 miles of the section. The task of building a functional trail within the existing wilderness landscape was one that the energetic YMF members took in stride and dedicated a great deal of time to complete. Our group soon found out that as civil engineers, we are comfortable around dirt and rocks despite the absence of trail building classes in our college engineering curriculum.

Passage 17 - Alamo Canyon

Tom Coulson

Tom Coulson (50) born and raised in Phoenix. "My mom gave me a copy of Colin Fletcher's book, *The Complete Hiker*, as an eighth-grade graduation present, and a few months later I bought my first backpack - a Camp Trails pack designed by Jim Whitaker, the first American to summit Mt Everest. My dad got me started and together we backpacked each year until 1990, when he retired from packing. I hope to backpack off of the Arizona Trail, one section at a time; my wife Linda is now my usual trail companion.



Tom Coulson

Passage 18 - Picketpost/Reavis Canyon

Rick Obermiller

Trail Steward for Whitford Canyon Segment

An ATA trail steward since Dec, 2001, Rick is a long time Arizona resident and outdoor enthusiast. His favorite activities are hiking, backpacking, and rafting in the Grand Canyon. He's shown here on a recent raft trip on the Colorado River.

Rick's looking for a fellow trail enthusiast to through-hike the AT.



Rick Obermiller

Passage 18 - Picketpost/Reavis Canyon

Diane and Dick Wertz

Segment Stewards for Reavis Trail Canyon near Superior

Diane and Dick Wertz moved to Wickenburg in 1984 and have been involved with the Arizona Trail since the mid 1980s. They enjoy hiking, horseback riding, golf, Arizona history, and road trekking. Dick is a retired commodity trader from Chicago. Diane first came to Arizona in 1967 and is a retired pain management therapist.



Diane and Dick Wertz

Passage 19 - Superstition Wilderness

Eric Hiser

Eric Hiser is the Eastern Superstitions Segment Steward. He learned trail design, building, construction and maintenance at Philmont Scout Ranch near Cimarron, New Mexico, serving four years in the seasonal Conservation Department and completing his tenure as the Associate Director of Conservation/Projects, responsible for Philmont's then



Eric Hiser

362 mile trail network, four trail crews and four participant trail work sites. Eric is now working actively with the local Boy Scout Council, serving as its Vice President of Program and encouraging Scouts and Venturers (the older co-ed program) to become actively involved in the Arizona Trail and trail construction and maintenance.

Passage 26 - Hardscrabble Mesa

John W. Peel, steward

Field Report: On Saturday, March 30th, 2002, six members of Arrowhead Wildlife Society along with eight scouts with three scout leaders had the best work party yet on our section of the Arizona Trail. On a selected two mile section of the Arizona Trail starting at Oak Spring, traveling up the Walnut Trail, across Pine Ridge to the old Jeep Road at the power lines, we removed the rocks on the tread, brushed along the trail, built or rebuilt all the

Special Segment Steward Insert



Oak Spring Trail Work Party

cairns and installed AZT signs. We were assisted by Walt Thole, Payson District Ranger, who not only worked with us but also provided the necessary tools and signage. The scouts camped overnight at the Pine Trailhead and we began our workday at 8:00 a.m. by carpooling to Arrowhead Canyon where we met the rest of the volunteers. After an orientation regarding the Arizona Trail and safety we hiked to Oak Spring and began our workday. We finished around noon and began our hike back to Arrowhead Canyon for our planned luncheon, which ended about 2:00 p.m. The total time spent by all is estimated at 108 hours. The volunteers were as follows: Arrowhead Wildlife Society - Rick Heffernon, Beverly Malmberg, John Peel, Nancy Malmberg, Bill Fuller, and Peggy Newman. Troop #49 Scouts - Brock Nowell (contact and coordinator), Taylor Nowell, Cole Grantham, Abe Pollard, Jared Gray, Josh Mills, Nathan Papa and Colin Karge. Scout Leaders - Brian Ward, Will Nowell and Will Barney, USDA Forest Service Ranger - Walt Thole

Passage 27 - Highline

Danny Ruppert began working on AZT projects back in 1996, and became a steward (on behalf of the Sierra Club) a few years later.

We maintain the section of the AZT that starts at Camp Geronimo, close to the town of Pine, AZ. Walt Thole, a local Tonto National Forest ranger, works with us on most trail events. Michael Baker's group, VOA, has been an active supporter of this section also. I am a full-time student at ASU, working on a degree in Elementary Education.

The AZT is a great project, and I have met many fun, like-minded (trail lovers) people on AZT events.

Our next event is October 12th & 13th. I hope to see you there!



Danny Ruppert

Passage 28 - Blueridge

Larry Snead

Larry Snead is the Segment Steward for the 15.3 mile Blue Ridge Passage of the Arizona Trail and has served in that position for the past four years. He has been active in ATA for the past 7 years in various positions including board member, trail development vice president, executive director, and chief trail steward. If you join Larry on one of his work events he will treat you to some of his "world famous" dutch oven beer biscuits.

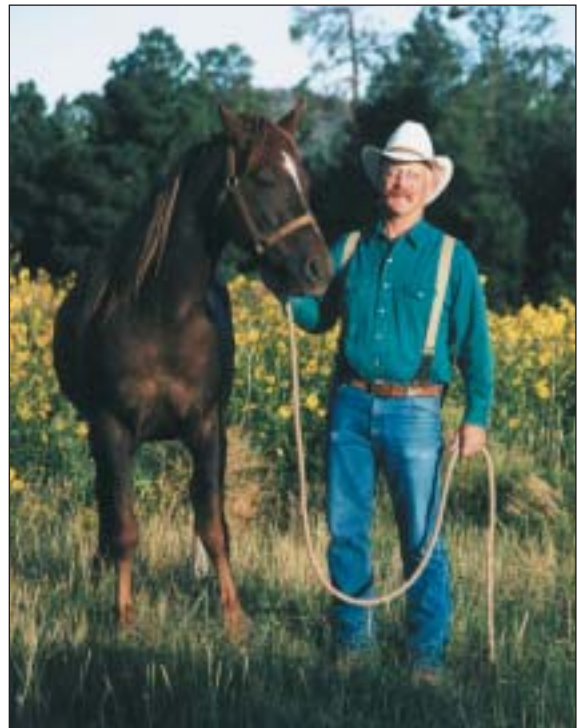


Larry Snead

Passage 34 - San Francisco Peaks

Dale Shewalter, Steward, Founder of The Arizona Trail

Dale is a Flagstaff elementary school teacher who visualized and tentatively mapped the border-to-border Arizona Trail during a 24-day scouting trip in the summer of 1985. He equally enjoys walking, riding horses and bicycling. Since childhood he has been interested in long distance expeditions.



Dale Shewalter and Major - a Morgan horse.

Dale is the Segment Steward for the San Francisco Peaks segment of the Arizona Trail. He and his family live near the base of the San Francisco Peaks.



Special Segment Steward Insert

Passage 39 - Grand Canyon - North Rim

Arizona State Horsemen's Association, Glenn Jordan, President



Glenn Jordan, standing on left

The Arizona State Horsemen's Association (ASHA) is a large organization with several thousands of members that is comprised of many of the individual equestrian organizations throughout the state of Arizona. This active group is affiliated with the American Horse Council in Washington, D.C., and provides a voice to Arizona's equestrians nationally. A group of ASHA Board members and trail riders has formed a special "Top to Bottom Gang" who has adopted the 12-mile North Rim Passage of the Arizona Trail at the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park. The organization is also working with Park officials in the development of an equestrian campground at the North Rim.

Glenn Jordan, ASHA president, is shown in the photo above as he discusses the route with three adventurers ready to embark on the Arizona Trail.

Passage 40 - Kaibab Plateau South

George Hay

George Hay is shown here inside an old corral at Russell Tank trailhead. George is the Arizona Trail Segment Steward in the Kaibab National Forest north of the Grand Canyon Park to Telephone Hill.

"My goal is to ride horseback from Utah to Mexico," says George, who has many years of experience in equestrian activities and training in outdoor recreation. He is a member of the Arizona State Horseman's Association, and frequently assists this group on their Segment.

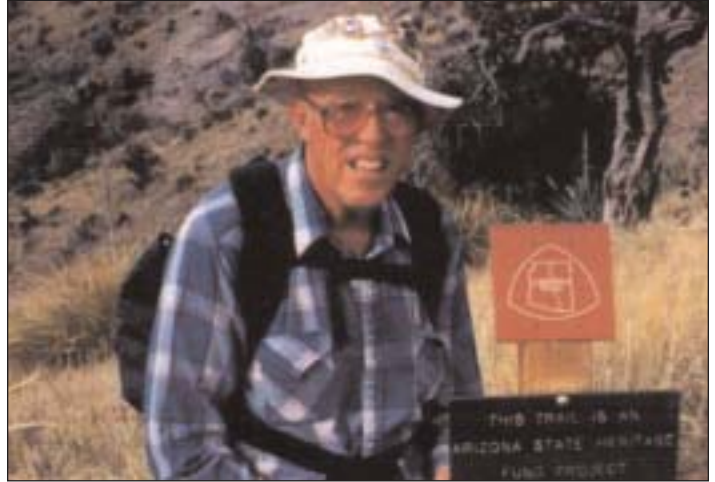


George Hay

Passage 41 - Kaibab Plateau Central

Howard Howell

Hiker, camper & outdoorsman. Segment Steward for North Kaibab Plateau Central Segment. Has hiked over 400 miles of the Arizona Trail. Lives in Surprise with wife, Donna.



Howard Howell

Scoping Field Trip on the San Francisco Peaks



Coconino National Forest representatives conducted meetings and a route scoping field trip on the San Francisco Peaks in Flagstaff on July 12, 2002, with members of the Grand Canyon Trust, Coconino County Parks & Recreation, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and ATA members. USDA Forest Service Peaks District Ranger, Gene Waldrip and recreational staff leader Brian Poturalski organized the well-planned meeting.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

September 6-8, Blue Ridge north of Payson. Chief Steward Larry Snead leads a multi-day trail maintenance work event on the beautiful Blue Ridge Passage. Saturday evening meal provided with dutch oven beer biscuits. For more details contact Larry at 602-279-0443 or sneadlarry@qwest.net.

September 28 & 29, 2002, Trail Construction & Maintenance Workshop The Arizona Trail Association will hold another of their fun, informative Trail Construction & Maintenance Workshops, in Tucson, on Saturday and Sunday, September 28th & 29th. The Workshop is free to those who commit to the weekend and future trail work. More workshop and registration information...

September 28, South of Picketpost near Superior. Meeting at Battle Axe Road 9 miles south of Superior on Hwy. 177 at 8:30 am. One day trail maintenance event. Three mile hike to work area from access road. For more details contact Tom Coulson at 480-832-72167 or aztrailhiker@aol.com.

OCTOBER

October 1-2-3, Ripsey Wash Segment, approx. 30 miles south of Superior. New trail construction, no experience necessary. Trail goes uphill so the views get better and better. Primitive camping. Work one, all or any combination of days. Please RSVP and get instructions/directions. Chuck Horner at 623-362-1999 or bchorner@mindspring.com.

October 12-13, Trail Work, Sierra Club segment of the Arizona Trail. The Sierra Club is the trail steward for a four mile segment of the Arizona Trail starting at Geronimo Trailhead and then going east to Bray Creek. This part of the AZ Trail lies on the Highline Trail, a National Recreation Trail. PLEASE NOTE: You must be registered for this event with Volunteers for Outdoor Arizona (VOAz) to participate. Go to VOAz site.

October 15-16-17, Ripsey Wash Segment, approx. 30 miles south of Superior. New trail construction, no experience necessary. Trail goes uphill so the views get better and better. Primitive camping. Work one, all or any combination of days. Please RSVP and get instructions/directions. Chuck Horner at 623-362-1999 or bchorner@mindspring.com.

October 26, Antelope Peak segment, new trail construction. Eastern Pinal County south of Florence and north of Oracle, south of Freeman Road. Beautiful high desert country, a great place to spend some time in the cooler fall months. For more details contact Kent Taylor, Round Trip Bike Shop. 520-836-0799 or ktaylor@roundtripbikeshop.com.

NOVEMBER

November 9-10. REI Annual Service Project, Picketpost Trailhead near Superior. Project will include both building a new trailhead and improving the Arizona Trail north of the Trailhead. Registration will start on September 1st at the Customer Service desk at either of our two valley locations.

REI Tempe, 1405 W. Southern Ave., Tempe, AZ 85282, (480) 967-5494 REI Paradise Valley, 11634 N. Paradise Village Parkway West, Phoenix, AZ 85032, (602) 996-5400

Or they can register by e-mailing Paul Reinshagen, REI Events-

Arizona, at preinsh@rei.com. More info will appear here soon including registration link.

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November 16-17, Ripsey Segment "Big Hill" Trail building, South of Superior (near Town of Kearney). Work one or both days. ATA received a grant to hire experienced trail crews to work on the "Big Hill" for 3 weeks in November. This event will be held in conjunction with these experienced crews. Bring gloves, boots, sunscreen, water and food. Primitive camping will be available. Please RSVP with Mike Luecker at 480-829-6000 (work), mluecker@pre-engr.com

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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

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Larry Snead - ATA Tool Trailer, Segment Steward information - sneadlarry@qwest.net

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