President's Corner by Jon Greeneisen

CTF Plans for 2003/2004
Each spring the CTF Board of Directors holds a planning retreat. The purpose is to discuss issues facing the Foundation, set some goals, and agree on an action plan to accomplish the goals.

This year the BOD met for a day and a half in Dillon in early April. Ten members of the Board — George Miller, Gudy Gaskill, Jerry Brown, Bill Manning, Bev Gherardini, Marilyn Eisele, Bill Bloomquist, Glenn Kepler, Tracy Esslinger, and Jon Greeneisen — plus Volunteer Coordinator Suzanne Reed participated. We had a good time together and productive discussions.

I'd like to share some of the things the Board wants to accomplish in the months ahead in hopes that you might see some areas where you can help.

Adopters Keep the Trail in Shape for All Users by Julie Mesdag

The Colorado Trail Adopt-A-Trail Maintenance Program provides for the continuing maintenance of The Colorado Trail by volunteer groups or individuals who adopt a section of the trail. The Trail is divided into 54 sections for maintenance purposes, which vary in length from 3-20 miles. Each year adopters file reports with the U. S. Forest Service and The Colorado Trail Foundation after they go out on their sections. An adopter is responsible for:

- Surveying (looking at) the section and removing deadfall and other obstructions, at the beginning of the summer season
- Maintaining adequate signage
- Maintaining erosion structures
- Controlling vegetation
- Maintaining tread
- Providing status reports
- Advising the U. S. Forest Service and CTF of maintenance requirements beyond adopters' resources and capabilities.

Upon request, the USFS will provide technical advice and assistance, tools, and materials, subject to budgetary restrictions.

This program was initiated by Steve Quinn and is currently coordinated by Glenn Kepler Sr. Many of our current adopters have been maintaining their sections since the program started in 1988. There are currently three sections of the Trail in need of adopters; they are

- Section 30 - Lujan Creek Rd. to Saguache Park Rd.
- Section 36 - Wager Gulch to Stony Pass Rd.
- Section 37 - Stony Pass Rd. to Continental Divide

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Goal 1: Enlist More Young People in Trail Maintenance. One way we hope to accomplish this is by scheduling more weekend crews next summer. George Miller will try to arrange such crews in partnership with diverse groups along the Trail. Bill Manning will seek to involve more mountain bikers in trail maintenance, possibly through joint crews with the International Mountain Bikers Association.

We’re also going to consider offering a few trail crew scholarships for young people who have limited financial resources.

Goal 2: Strengthen the CTF Partnership with the U.S. Forest Service. Due in part to Forest Service budget cuts, increased Forest Service responsibilities, and massive personnel changes, it has become more difficult to plan and coordinate trail maintenance. We will take a number of proactive steps, primarily dialogue at all levels and other means of communication, to try to build on our long-term partnership with the government agency.

Goal 3: Survey, Standardize, and Improve Trail Signage. The issue of signs along the Trail continues to be a hot topic. How many signs are needed? Where and what kinds of signs? Julie Mesdag will head an effort to survey the current status of Trail signs and come up with a standardized sign program. Paul Newendorp, who has experience with Forest Service signage regulations and is a master sign maker, has agreed to help. Gudy Gaskill is pursuing the design and installation of major, informative signs at both ends of the Trail — Waterton Canyon and Durango.

Goal 4: Upgrade CTF Publications. There’s nothing really wrong with publications of the CTF - Tread Lines, brochures, crew materials, data book, etc. In fact the latest edition of the CT Trail Guide is a mighty handsome book. But there are things we can do to make some of them a little more snappy. Suzanne Reed has agreed to help prepare a new publication next winter to present and promote better our 2004 list of trail crews.
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Goal 5: Eliminate Motorized Use of the Trail. Although I’ve left this goal to last, it is our number one goal, without question. The master plan agreement with the Forest Service states that The Colorado Trail is intended to be non-motorized. But motorcycles, dirt bikes, and ATVs are allowed on more than 100 miles of the Trail. We’ve had many discussions about how to resolve the problem. We continue to make our case with the Forest Service but, so far, without effect. The Forest Service has less and less staff for enforcement even where they apply the non-motorized policy. One suggestion is to build alternate, parallel trails where the problem exists. Another is better signage. We’re looking for ideas.

In addition to these five goals, the Board agreed on a number of other things we want to do. For example, we want to upgrade our first aid capabilities on trail crews. This will require training. Jerry Brown has agreed to help design and implement a COFA (crew-oriented first aid) training program.

These are some of the things that are on our plate for the balance of 2003 and as we think ahead to 2004. We always welcome your suggestions and appreciate your willingness as a volunteer to make things happen that help maintain The Colorado Trail.

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We would like to welcome a few new adopters this year, including Stan Ward, Tom Brooksher, Stan Barnes, Jerry Brown, Nicholas Accardi, Frank Svetecz, and Bernie Stratman.

Some of our “group” adopters include Trail Conservation Services - Rick Gonzales (bicycle group); Former FBI/NASA Personnel and Friends - Julie Mesdag; The Yaks - Dawn Barton Keating; Fat Tire Society - Susan Maar; San Juan Mountains Association - Kathie Hayes; Trails 2000 - Bill Manning; and Backcountry Horsemen - Pat Amthor.

Individuals and groups who are adopters since the ’80s include Tom Butterfield, Harriet Patton, Paul Berteau, Phil Smith, Merle McDonald, Rolly Rogers, Larry Mack, Trail Conservation Services, Darrell and Terri Miller, Carol and Bob Drew, Diane Parker, Fat Tire Society, Ernie Werren, Former FBI/NASA Personnel and Friends, The Yaks, Craig Nelson, Bill Weber, Steve Combs, Jon and Marylin Greeneisen, Bill Lewis & Cary Jones, Ken Stagner, Jerry Gray, and Ted La May.

We appreciate ALL of our adopters and the volunteer hours they put into the Trail, each year. We are fortunate to have such a giving and talented pool of adopters to keep the Trail in such good shape for all users. Remember them as you are out on the Trail and know they are doing what they do for the love of The Colorado Trail.

New Store Item

Thanks to the unfailing efforts of Gudy Gaskill, The Colorado Trail Foundation is pleased to announce two new series of Watercolor Notecards, with proceeds from the sale to benefit The Gudy Gaskill Endowment Fund, established in 1998. The Fund is structured to provide money in perpetuity for the maintenance, protection, and preservation of The Colorado Trail. Artists participating in the creation of these cards include Gudy Gaskill, Kim Stevens, and Margaret Barge. Ten cards with matching envelopes are included in each series. Series 1 titles are American Basin 1, American Basin 5, Colorado Trail Crew Base Camp, Mount Holy Cross and West Needles. Series 2 titles are American Basin 2, Columbines, Lower Cataract, San Juan Needles, and Trail above Purgatory. Individually, the series are $9.75 each; or you can purchase both for $17.75. See the store order page to show your support of The Gudy Gaskill Endowment Fund.

American Basin 1 by Kim Stevens
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Section 01: TCS Group Clears Fallen Trees  
by Rick Gonzales

On Saturday, May 3, thirteen Trail Conservation Services volunteers cleared many trees knocked down and across the Colorado Trail by the March 2003 blizzard. The intense weight of the fast-falling snow snapped many trees part-way up the trunk or toppled them altogether. Trail Conservation Services (TCS), the adopter of the Colorado Trail (CT) section 01 since its inception, is an all-volunteer organization led by Rick Gonzales, President. The volunteers rode their bicycles to the trailhead, cleared the fallen trees, then finished the day with a ride back to the parking lot. At the end of the day, many volunteers commented that they got an “upper body workout” in addition to the 17-mile roundtrip ride.

The day began with a snack of bagels and orange juice provided by Einstein Brothers Bagels and Albertsons supermarket. As the riders readied their bikes and other equipment, a bike trailer was loaded with the numerous saws and a set of branch loppers. The 6.5-mile bike ride to the trailhead, near the fragrant blossoms along the South Platte River, was scenic and invigorating.

At the trailhead, the volunteers were divided into two crews. The first crew grabbed some tools and rode ahead while the second crew began clearing trees near the trailhead. The bikers-turned-lumberjacks worked safely, cheerfully, and tirelessly for more than five hours to get the trails cleared of many small and large pine trees. In some areas, several trees fell over the trail in a teepee-like stack, requiring lots of branch cutting just to get to the trunk. The cut branches were dispersed and the trunk moved off the trail and placed cross-wise to the natural water flow when feasible. Due to rapid progress on the planned portion of the CT (and some prior tree clearing by unidentified trail users), the adjacent Roxborough Loop trail was also cleared. The Roxborough Loop, which begins at Lenny’s Rest (about 1 mile west of the trailhead), traverses generally east then west, before ending near the bottom of the Strontia Springs Dam.

With the help of the energetic volunteers, the Colorado Trail beginning at the Waterton Canyon trailhead, up the switchbacks to Lenny’s Rest, plus the Roxborough Loop, is now free of all fallen trees. There are still many trees across the trail beyond (west of) Lenny’s Rest. The Pike National Forest ranger is aware of the trail condition. Hopefully the remainder of section 01 will be free of fallen trees soon. Many thanks to the volunteer biker/trail workers!

Trail Conservation Services, established in 1990, is a Colorado non-profit organization and an International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) affiliated club. The TCS mission is to educate trail users on trail etiquette and stewardship of natural resources, keep trails open and maintained for recreational use, and provide support services for mountain biking events and mountain bike patrols. TCS does not charge dues, but gladly accepts donations to pay for insurance, IMBA dues and tool maintenance. See the TCS Web site (home.mho.net/tcsinfo) contact them via E-mail (tcsinfo@mho.com) for upcoming trail construction and maintenance projects, as well as the mountain bike patrol (Buffalo Creek) and other activities.
Trail Work Weekend in Durango: Saturday & Sunday, June 28 & 29 by Bill Manning

Trails 2000 is a longtime “Adopter” of The Colorado Trail, maintaining a 15-mile segment near Durango. Each year they gather volunteers to help care for the Trail. They travel by foot or bicycle, and camping gear is hauled by horses. The crew works hard, makes new friends, and enjoys the natural beauty — maybe you’d like to join them. For more information, visit trails2000.org or phone Bill Manning at (970) 259-4682.

Section 21: Clear Creek Road to Pine Creek, 2002 by Bill Weber

With excellent help from Dave van der Hoop, we completed maintenance work on the north end of Section 21 on June 15, 2002. Dave and Nancy van der Hoop provided access through their private land which enabled us to camp along the Trail at 9600 feet elevation; and Dave joined us for a hard day’s work. Many thanks for the good work of CTF volunteers.

Section 02: South Platte to Colorado 126

On April 16, Merle McDonald led a group of high school students from Evergreen High School on a day crew from the South Platte Bridge west. According to Merle, they moved tons of rock on the slide area at the start of the section and removed 48 downed trees. They worked from the bridge to a point about 7 miles west where the trail turns south/southeast toward Top of the World campground. With only two McLeods and lots of saws and muscle, the teens focused on the many trees downed by the Blizzard of 2003.

Hats off to Evergreen HS youth and staff, and to Merle McDonald for “sawing a job and getting it done.”
Section 22: Pine Creek to North Cottonwood Creek

by Steve Combs

On June 8, 2002, a group of 15 hard-working volunteers traversed the entire section of our Trail beginning at Pine Creek and traveling south to North Cottonwood Creek. Water bars were cleaned and all downfalls cleared. This year was a banner year for tread maintenance. Areas that have been long in need of attention were widened. We also pruned a great deal of limbs and brush from the trail edges. This was our most productive year in our long history of maintaining this section of The Colorado Trail. We ended the day tired but totally fired up about our accomplishments.

The Save Our Youth day of trail maintenance was canceled for 2002 but we hope to get the kids back this year.

In general, the Trail is in excellent condition with only normal maintenance work required, such as widening the tread, cleaning water bars and clearing rocks. However, two bogs north of the Morrison Creek drainage pose challenges to our maintenance efforts. We are planning to traverse our section in June to clear downfall and clean water bars. If we have the participation of last year, we should also be able to buff out additional sections of the tread. We appreciate all the support from the Forest Service and the Colorado Trail Foundation. We will continue to work diligently to maintain our section of trail in the best possible condition.

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Mark your Calendars!

Friends of The Trail Dinner

Saturday, September 27
6:30 p.m.

American Mountaineering Center in Golden

Join us at The Friends of the Trail Dinner to recognize the amazing volunteers of The Colorado Trail Foundation. Volunteer and Board Member Bev Gherardini has been working with Suzanne Reed to plan the dinner and ceremony. You will not want to miss this wonderful opportunity to visit with other volunteers and enjoy the entertainment. You may also win a prize!

The main course will be provided by the Foundation, along with beverages. Please plan to bring a salad, appetizer, or dessert.

RSVP to the CTF office at (303) 384-3729 by September 15.
First 2003 Crew Reroutes CT at Twin Lakes by George Miller

On the weekend of May 3 and 4, a crew of 21 volunteers completed a reroute at Twin Lakes Dam and Power Plant. This was considered necessary by the Bureau of Reclamation under the security rules promulgated by the Department of Homeland Security. The reroute begins just west of the Power Plant and veers slightly north to take the CT outside the fence across the front of the plant. Just east of the plant the trail rejoins the existing trail. This has been well marked. At the dam the trail again veers north toward Highway 82 and stays nearer the highway past the Department of Transportation garage. After crossing their access road, the trail goes up onto the shoulder of the highway, across the bridge, and again drops off the highway heading south through a fence and following a fisherman’s trail along the creek. It then goes southwest and joins the road that goes back to the trailhead at the southeast corner of the lakes. Again this route has been marked and should be easy to follow. This is a temporary reroute and hopefully will be needed for only a couple of years.

Volunteers Still Needed on Trail Crews

While many of the summer trail crews are full, there are a few that could use additional volunteers. Please go to our Web site www.coloradotrail.org to print off registration forms, or call the office for more information (303) 384-3729. No previous trail-building experience is required. All you need bring are your sleeping bag, tent, eating utensils, work clothing, and personal items.

The Colorado Trail Foundation and the U.S. Forest Service furnish food, cooking utensils, hard hats, tools, supplies, instruction, and leaders. All participants share in the work of setting up camp, daily camp chores, meal preparation, and camp cleanup. Trail crews are highly participatory, and all volunteers are encouraged to join daily camp life from the cook tent, to trail building, to the evening campfire.

Join one of our crews and experience firsthand that “Volunteers Make It Happen!”
Volunteer Thank Yous

Thank you to Stan Ward and Carolyn Burtard for monumental efforts in updating the Crew Leader Manual. Our REI Expo volunteers deserve a round of applause: Rolly Rogers, Pat Nagorka, Shirley Ward, Cheryl Annett, Dick Maurer, and Don VanWyke. Thank you Jerry Brown for researching a source for and ordering the new propane refrigerator for the Education Center. Thanks Linda Lawson for continuing to pursue the answer to our insurance dilemmas. Finally, a big thanks to the first cooks of the season, Liz Truitt and Linda Lawson, who made sunshine out of snow for the first crew of the season; to the first Leader of the season, Merle McDonald, for going with the flow around the dam; and to co-leader George Miller, for his planning and re-planning.

Volunteer Opportunities

1) Office and newsletter mailings – 3-4 times per year join a great group of volunteers to stuff and label envelopes or newsletters. Evening and/or daytime, Denver and Golden locations.

2) History and archiving – design and carry out a project recording the history of The Colorado Trail. This volunteer or group of volunteers would review and organize existing files, newsletters, photos, etc., interview Gudy Gaskill and longtime volunteers, and then develop a plan for the archiving of information and writing of a history.

3) Office projects – from time to time the office staff has small mailing projects, photocopying jobs, and other tasks for which a well-organized volunteer is needed.

4) Events volunteers – join our group of CTF volunteers who represent The CTF at events such as REI’s Travel Expo, National Trails Day, and The Evergreen Earth Day Fair. Some knowledge of The Colorado Trail is helpful.

5) Update media contacts – volunteer needed to verify name/address/phone/E-mail/ contact person, etc., for our office list of media contacts. This project can be done at home by phone; a computer is not necessary.

6) Store coordinator – volunteer needed to come in to the office once each week to process and ship store orders. Individual would be responsible for taking orders to the post office and replenishing inventory in the office from our storage facility in Golden.

If you would like more information about any of the above opportunities, please contact Suzanne or Marian at the CTF office: (303) 384-3729 or ctf@coloradotrail.org.

Help Needed on Trail Signage

Julie Mesdag has agreed to head up a new effort to survey, standardize, and improve signage along the Trail. She needs help to get started.

This summer Julie is conducting a general survey of the Trail signs that currently exist. She is asking adopters and crew leaders to photograph and send to the CTF Office observations about the adequacy of signs. Julie is asking for help from anyone who sees signs that are either adequate or inadequate to help us learn what is out there. So if you see a Trail situation with signs that we should know about, please send your thoughts (photos if you have them) for Julie’s survey.

We’re interested in signs that identify the Trail, confidence markers, signs at trailheads, signs at highway crossings, non-motorized trail signs, the works.

By the way, Paul Newendorp, our master sign-maker, is helping Julie on the project. We’d welcome other volunteers who have an interest in signage.

Drawing by Gudy Gaskill
National Trails Day 2003

Join the American Hiking Society in celebrating Healthy Trails, Healthy People on National Trails Day, June 7, 2003. Trails can have a positive, healthy impact on your life. By attending a National Trails Day event, you will have the opportunity to enjoy trails from many aspects — from leisurely hikes to trail maintenance, product demonstrations to health exhibits, one-day events to multi-day events, ending with a celebration on National Trails Day! Contact the American Hiking Society at (301) 565-6704 Ext. 208 or NTD@AmericanHiking.org.

Remember, The Colorado Trail is open 365 days of the year. Use June 7 as a reason to head for the hills and hit the Trail!

Spaces Remain in Some of the 2003 Outdoor Workshops!

Enjoy a wonderful week in the mountains this summer at one of the outdoor workshops sponsored by The Colorado Trail Foundation. In its 12th year, the outdoor workshops provide small classes in a dramatic setting in the shadow of three 14ers in the San Juan Mountains. Leave the cooking to us and relax. In some cases, Teacher Enhancement credits (*) are available!

There are limited spaces open in the following classes: “The Art of Storytelling,∗” June 29-July 5, taught by nationally acclaimed Julie Davis; “Oil and Watercolor Painting,” July 13-19, taught by Grand Junction artist George Callison; “Rocky Mountain Wildflowers,” July 20-26, and “Alpine and Sub-Alpine Wildflowers,” July 27-August 2, both taught Richard Mosely, Jr. from Pagosa Springs; “Geology of the San Juans,” August 3-9, taught by Metro State University Professor Pete Varney; and “Watercolors in the San Juans,” August 10-16, a plein-air workshop taught by Durango artist, Margaret Barge.

Additionally, we are taking wait-list applications for “Kids Natural World,” June 22-28, a hands-on program for youth and adults taught by Dean Thurston; and “Photography,” July 6-12, taught by Lee Van Ramshorst.

To sign up for a class or receive more information, contact Charlotte Briber at (303) 526-0809. You can print registration forms off our Web site at www.coloradotrail.org.
CORSAR Cards – Don’t Be Caught Without

So, you scald your leg with burning water while hiking or take off on horseback to get help for an injured friend only to get lost while alone. In each of these true cases, local search and rescue parties were called in, one on a four-wheeler and the other in a helicopter. Costs of up to $4,000 per rescue were estimated by the local government agencies. Luckily, neither individual had to pay for their rescue.

Don’t be caught without your Colorado Outdoor Search and Rescue (CORSAR) card! At $3.00 per year, they are a bargain when compared to the cost of a needed Search and Rescue effort. Support Colorado’s Search and Rescue Fund and provide yourself some peace of mind. Purchase a CORSAR Card from the CTF office or at a local sporting goods or hardware store.

Completion Certificates

Summer is upon us and plans are nearly complete for an untold number of individuals planning on completing The Colorado Trail this summer. Please remember to call the office upon completion, and we will send you a completion certificate, free of charge. It is our way of saying “thanks” and “hope you enjoyed yourself!”

The Colorado Trail

Hiked The Colorado Trail From Denver to Durango

Climb the mountains and get their go tiding. Nature’s peace will flow into as sunshine flows into trees. The win will blow their frestess into you, and it storms their energy, while cares will d off like autumn leaves.

Date ___________________________ John Mui
Steve Janas Remembers
(Excerpt from the Autobiography of Steve Janas, 2000)

Thanks to Jim Miller, the ex-agent from Colorado, I was signed up to work on a trail crew from June 20-27, 1987, at Little Molas Lake, located at an altitude of 10,900 feet just about 5 miles south of Silverton, Colorado. I needed to bring a sleeping bag, tent, eating utensils, gloves, leather boots, work clothes, and any personal items one might like to have in the wilderness. The Colorado Mountain Club, the U.S. Forest Service, and Friends of The Colorado Trail would furnish food, cooking utensils, hard hats, tools and supplies. When finished, the Trail would meander 484 miles from Chatfield reservoir near Denver to Durango and would cross the Continental Divide 14 times. The job was started with taxpayer money but bogged down financially at $5,000 per mile. Thanks to volunteers, the cost of digging and cutting a mile of trail had been reduced to $500.

Jim's article in the X agents' magazine went to some 7,000 former agents, but only seven of us took the bait. I guess sleeping in a tent at high altitudes and low temperatures, combined with backbreaking pick and shovel work, did not motivate my fellow retirees. To fill out a crew of 15, Jim was able to recruit eight hardy souls from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in Houston, including Scott Carpenter, one of the original seven astronauts.

I was hopeful that the aerobics classes I attended once a week and the numerous games of tennis had put me in good enough shape to handle the tough job ahead. I found the base camp, met my fellow “laborers,” and by 2:30 p.m. was roaming around “Heaven” admiring the incredible views of snow-capped peaks in all directions. On Sunday, Father’s Day, we took a few lessons in trail building, learning how to use the pry bar, the McLeod, and the Pulaski, the tools of ignorance, as Yogi Berra might have called them. Cutting a hiking trail at that altitude was hard work, chain gang stuff, but one of the great adventures of my lifetime. It was such a remarkable experience that I went back three more times: in 1988 to Lujan Creek near Lake City, in 1989 to Powderhorn, and again in 1991 to Camp Hale near Leadville. I met a lot of fine folks who loved the outdoors, and I hope I might some day go back and hike a few miles of the trail that provided me with so many new and unusual sensations.

Colorado Trail
(a poem by Steve Janas, August 1989)

I've been to Colorado to work upon a trail
that winds among the Rockies where winds and snow prevail.

T'was ten years in the making and took a lot of sweat
by willing, helpful volunteers, incurred no Federal Debt.

It dips down in the valleys and rises to the heights
runs along the Great Divide, providing gorgeous sights.

To those who have the courage to hike a rugged trail,
to carry all the extra things should there be rain or hail.

It's been a fruitful project with Gudy in the lead
recruiting folks for trail crews, procuring what they need

To live a week out in the wild, among the stately trees,
to contemplate this wondrous land, hear aspens in the breeze.

She plans where next we need to work and when a crew should start,
makes lists, counts tools and guarantees the horse precedes the cart

So now, these National Forests are easier to view,
can be enjoyed by Moms and Dads and all their children too.

Those Engelmanns so grand and tall now cast their restful shade
on folks who used to stay at home, all exercise evade.

They never swung Pulaskis or wrestled a McLeod
or cussed a pointed, stubborn rock, just one more in a crowd.

But those who've rammed a pry bar beneath an ancient stone
now feel the satisfaction which comes to them alone.

Who left their cozy armchairs and listened to the plea
to come to Colorado a mile above the sea

And work a while at Molas Lake or dig at Lujan Creek
climb high out in the Powderhorn to reach a snow-capped peak.
Who Are the Roundup Riders of the Rockies?

In the spring of 1948, Frank H. (Rick) Ricketson, owner of the Fox-Intermountain Theatre chain, and Joe H. Dekker, a prominent Colorado land developer, agreed that a horseback ride through the Colorado mountains would not only be fun for participants, but could do a great deal to expand the knowledge of other businessmen from around the country, about the grandeur of Colorado.

In June of 1948, a meeting was called by Rick and Joe, to create The Roundup Riders of the Rockies. The “Ride” was the newest addition to tourism encouragement in the state. On July 10, 1948, eighteen of the original “planning” group met to start the first ride of the 3R at a ranch on the Platte River at Shawnee, Colorado. The Ride covers from 100 to 130 miles each summer during the second or third week in July (depending on snow melt forecasts from the winter before) and is conducted on different trails in different National Forests each year. On rare occasions the Ride has gone out of Colorado into Wyoming or New Mexico.

The connection between the Roundup Ride and the Colorado Trail Foundation has existed since the beginning of the CTF. In 1970, Mr. William J. “Bill” Lucas was the newly appointed Regional Forester for the USDA Forest Service Headquarters in Lakewood, Colorado. Bill had accompanied the 3R on many summer treks. After the 1970 Ride he came to the conclusion that trails through the National Forests, used by groups like the 3R, were a great way to share in the use of those public lands. At the same time, Bill was very concerned about an increasing use of these trails by motorized vehicles, causing substantial damage to trails and disturbing the general tranquility of other trail users.

Together with several of his friends and associates, Bill began the process of “creating” The Colorado Trail, as we know it today, a trail with strict regulation of motorized vehicles.

Over the years, many 3R members have volunteered time and energy to the “cause” of the CTF, as well as further involvement in fundraising. In 1988, the Roundup Riders of the Rockies Heritage & Trails Foundation, Inc. was formulated as a tax-exempt Public Foundation. This Foundation solicits and accepts monetary donations for its work, which is quickly described as funding trail construction and maintenance in the Colorado mountains for the benefit of the General Public (particularly equestrian trails) and education of youth in the significance of our Western History and the part played by horses in the life of Western USA.

In the years since its inception, the Foundation has funded several projects for the CTF. These have been trail maintenance projects, bridge building, and other such activities so ably undertaken by the hearty volunteers that make up the workforce of the CTF. In 2002, the 3R Foundation was happily able to make grants for three projects of the CTF:
- A new deck to be erected at the Education Center Cabin above Lake City
- Trail rehabilitation work on the rerouted trail at Copper Mountain
- Rehab work on a section of trail in the San Juan Mountains between Bolam Pass and Hotel Draw.

These projects received $10,370 for the work described.

The organization is strongly dedicated to the promotion, advancement, and prosperity of the State of Colorado and the preservation and utilization of our public lands and trails for the benefit of all citizens.
All week we had toiled, mostly to achieve Phil's baby-bottom smooth trail. (Phil Smith's our leader.) But never mind, we had a real chef in camp, plus a beautiful mountain setting. But now, the work was finished, tents were coming down, crew was packing camp gear ready for departure. As I said good-bye to Bob (our chef) with a hug and a kiss, tears came to his eyes, feelings of sadness at leaving, feelings of joy for having another mountain experience together.

Bob was our quiet, good-natured chef, who looked very much like a real honest-to-goodness professional with his new crisp shirt and great white apron. All he lacked was the tall white chef's hat, no doubt a good idea, since here in the outdoors, a blast of wind could have sailed the hat away like a balloon high in the sky. Most work crews don't have the luxury of a chef, rather they are obliged to prepare their own meals before and after trail work. We were, thus, simply delighted to have Bob. Every morn he had the coffee and hot drinks ready with a hearty breakfast, as well as a lively fire in the little shepherder's stove out in the big community tent. Then in the evening he had snacks and a great dinner. Oh, the comfort we felt! It seemed almost like a ritzy resort. And we loved Bob's colorful stories about the surrounding region, tales of local history, and accounts of long-ago events.

No doubt, the overwhelming incentive for most volunteers is the joy of being and working in a wild natural place. Here we were, with our faithful chef, camped on a splendid spot right in the shadow of the majestic Mt. Elbert, among the tall lodgepole and best of all on a flat place, hard to find in the Rockies. All around us were the sounds of the mountains and whispering forests, the soft singing swinging song of the hermit thrush, the melodious song of the tiny ruby-crowned kinglet from its high treetop retreat in spruce trees, and the loud raucous scolding of the gray jays trying to manage their fledglings. At our feet in the middle of the trail were a couple of rare and exquisite orchids (Calypso bulbosa), which we all stepped around to save. Just off the trail, a few feet into the woods, I found a rather large colony of them showing their little fairy faces, all looking in the same direction like a class of schoolchildren at attention. What a happy bit of luck to have our camp at the time of their very brief blooming. There were many other outdoor marvels: the snowshoe hare racing down the trail in front of us, and a great arching rainbow with its glorious colors after a heavy downpour.

We had achieved much, and the trail was looking pretty near baby-bottom smooth. We were feeling proud and inspired about our weeklong project, and thanked Bob for keeping our camp so cheerful and pleasant. I do hope you remember and are listening, because I thank you forever for one of my greatest times on a Colorado Trail crew. I didn’t know this would be our last camp together. I wonder if you did? Bob?
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