CT 30th Birthday Party in Buena Vista

If you missed it, you missed a sellout! The 30-year Celebration in Buena Vista on September 25 was a fun sociable evening and a chance to meet the CTF board members, office staff and our many volunteers. And great food, as the spaghetti sauce, made by Liz Truitt, was a labor of love, simmering on the back burner overnight to capture all of the Italian flavors.

Board member Bill Manning was our master of ceremonies, President Jon Greeneisen welcomed everyone, Gudy Gaskill gave a talk on the history and awards of The Colorado Trail, freelance writer Ed Quillen explained the key role that he played in the late 70s, guest speaker Sue Rhodes Yenowine gave an inspirational talk on willpower to walk The Colorado Trail, and Julie Mesdag and son Michael presented fabulous packs to the crew leaders and other wonderful items for the drawings. Charlotte Briber, our “Beyond the Call” volunteer in 2003, presented the revolving trophy to our volunteer bookkeeper Liz Truitt, as recipient for 2004. Congratulations, Liz.

See what you missed? Come to think of it, you couldn’t have bought a last minute ticket with the sellout. We all love our COLORADO TRAIL.
President’s Corner

by Jon Greeneisen

30 Years and Counting, A Trail to Celebrate

A few days ago two people bounded up the stairs and into our CTF office with obvious excitement. They had just finished through-hiking the Trail and come directly from Waterton Canyon to tell us about it. They wanted to tell someone about their tremendous experiences, someone who could understand, and so they came to tell us.

We wish everyone of you “Friends of the Trail” could have been there to share their joy because this is why we volunteer and donate to maintain The Colorado Trail—to enable folks to experience our wonderful mountains of Colorado.

And this is why more than 150 of you traveled to Buena Vista on Saturday, September 25, to celebrate the Trail’s 30th anniversary. At the spaghetti dinner Gudy Gaskill helped us remember how the Trail was constructed in the early years by generous volunteers who overcame many obstacles. Denver Post columnnist Ed Quillen told how he once wrote a story entitled, “The Trail to Nowhere,” that questioned if it would ever be completed. Greg Warren, Regional Trails Manager for the U.S. Forest Service, however, warmed our hearts when he recognized our Colorado Trail today as a premier trail and the Colorado Trail Foundation a premier trail organization.

But most fun at the anniversary dinner, of course, was to see friends we’ve worked with in maintaining the Trail or with whom we’ve shared good times hiking or riding the Trail. An unspoken purpose in celebrating 30 years was to reaffirm our commitment to protecting and maintaining The Colorado Trail for users to enjoy for 30 more years and 30 years after that and 30 years after that. Many thanks to all you keepers of the Trail.

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How the Trail Began
Reflections by Bill Lucas, Former USFS Regional Forester

As I look back, The Colorado Trail was and is a “field of dreams.” It’s an “ecosystem concept without boundaries.” It has grown from the “dreams” of those who worked on it, those who love the “out of doors of Colorado.” We thank them for their work and dedication to a trail the people of Colorado and its visitors will enjoy for many years to come. Thanks for the dreamers.

I first learned about some of these dreams when I prepared for a talk with the Colorado Mountain Club on November 3, 1970, only five months after my wife Mary and I had come to Colorado to spend the rest of our lives. In that talk, I acknowledged that it took little research to learn that the Club was beating the drums for protective management of “a Rocky Mountain Trail.” More of the same dreams were expressed by others when my Forest Rangers were working on “off-road travel plans” for each Ranger District in the five states. Success of the “off-road travel plan” was another dream turned into reality.

Perhaps the true genesis of the Trail can be traced back to the Roundup Riders, a group of business and professional men who in the 1940’s decided they wanted to see the Rocky Mountains from horseback. Hal Dahl, head honcho of the Roundup Riders, told me how Rick Robertson and Joe Decker had traveled in the high country and how they thought something ought to be done to advertise it more. It was 1970 when Hal was working on me, but that early dream still existed among the Roundup Riders and they really showed us “downtown support.”

It was those two things, the dreams of the Colorado Mountain Club and the Roundup Riders, that put the idea in front of me and it seemed there was an opportunity to bring a “Rocky Mountain Trail” to reality.

Bill Ruskin in Colorado Springs was another chap who was very active at that time. He had a group of volunteers and was working with Forest Rangers to open trails. But credit for organizing wide spread public support for the Trail goes to Merrill Hastings and his “Colorado Magazine.” Once he decided to pick it up and back it through his magazine the dream grew.

In 1972, I told Ed Cliff, Chief of the Forest Service in Washington, that I wanted to brief him on the growing volunteer effort happening in Region 2. He asked that we present it as a program at a meeting of all the FS people in the Washington office. Gudy Gaskill and Bill Ruskin agreed to go and give talks and the presentation was well received.

Three of my fiscal friends asked, “What are you going to do about liabilities for accidents, tort claims, etc?” I said, “I don’t know.” It was left that they wanted to think about it. They did and visited with Congressional people who worked out the “Volunteers in the National Forest Act.” The “Volunteers Act” had an authorization of $100,000 and was limited to activities in the National Forest. Later, the authorization was increased and extended to other agencies.

I want to mention others who helped the volunteer effort. First, the Volunteers Act laid a heavy “safety first” responsibility on the volunteer effort. Bob Royer responded with a pamphlet published by The Colorado Trail that was given to each volunteer. Most of Bob’s work was on his own time—as a volunteer.

Second, Ray Adophson, largely on his own time, prepared “A Guide for Mountain Trail Development” that has been the guide for CT crews and used in many other states and countries.

Third, Bill Rufysnder of Yale, a forestry professor, volunteered to prepare a booklet, “Guide to Mountain Hut Development,” which was also published.

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2004 Was Another Good Summer

We always seem to approach summer months with ominous concerns. Will the volunteers come to work on the Trail? Will the weather enable us to do the work? Will we be handicapped by fires in the forest? Will participants come to the CTF classes and hikers to the supported treks? Will most folks have a rewarding, enjoyable time? Well, the summer of 2004 was a good one for the Trail and the Foundation.

George Miller, our Chairman of the Operations Committee and grand master of trail crews, organized and supported 17 crews. More than 280 volunteers came to work—203 from Colorado and the rest from 26 states and 2 foreign countries. Trail improvements were made at Buffalo Creek, Tennessee Pass, Mt. Elbert, Copper Mountain, Harvard Lakes, Gold Hill to Miners Creek, Grindstone, Cochetopa Hills, Columbia Creek, Kokomo Pass, Lost Park and Fooses Creek. A special crew of retired smokejumpers constructed bridges at Cochetopa and Nutras Creeks. Reports on many of these crews are included in this issue of Tread Lines.

Gudy Gaskill again directed our educational program at the CTF cabin near Lake City. Eight one-week classes were attended by 55 participants on such subjects as storytelling, painting, geology, wildflowers and photography plus a week-long kids camp. Gudy volunteered her entire summer to the Foundation in making the educational program successful.

The CTF supported trekking program managed by Pete and Lisa Turner enabled 56 participants to enjoy week-long hikes on the Trail from Kenosha Pass to Durango. Pete reports the trekkers enjoyed the hiking “and bonded very well.” I guess so. A couple on Section 5 got engaged to be married. Pete credited it to “the magic of the Trail.”

Board of Directors Holds Fall Meeting

The CTF Board of Directors holds two meetings a year and the fall meeting was held on September 15 in Buena Vista ahead of the 30th Anniversary Dinner. All 16 Board members came to Buena Vista which attests to their commitment to the Foundation. The group includes Bill Bloomquist, Jerry Brown, Carolyn Burtard, Marilyn Eisele, Gudy Gaskill, Bev Gherardini, Roger Gomas, Tom Gramling, Glenn Kepler, Bill Manning, George Miller, Pat Nagorka, Ernie Norris, Steve Staley, Ernie Werren, and myself. Past-President Merle McDonald also participated as did Janet Czyzkewski, coordinator of the Trail adopter program.

We received numerous reports on the summer activities and administrative topics. The Board had a good discussion with Greg Warren on our cooperative relations with the U.S. Forest Service which is so important in maintaining the Trail. The meeting was a productive session for the good of our volunteer organization.

As this is my last President’s Corner, I want to say that it’s been a privilege to be CTF President for the past two years. The Foundation has a clear, constructive purpose, remains strong and is in good hands for the coming year.

Hope to see you on the Trail . . .

Jon Greeneisen
Food Donations for This Summer’s Crews  

by Pat Nagorka, Food Chair

The following companies generously supported Colorado Trail crews this year. Many have donated food or reduced food costs for CT crews for several years. We greatly appreciate their generosity and continued support.

Alamos Distributors, Inc. (John Amerman)  
Mi Ranchito Tortilla Chips

Anderson Boneless Beef, Inc. (Paul Anderson, Jr.)  
Briskets

King Soopers (Russ Dispense, Pres.)  
Merchandise Certificates

Kuner Empson Co. (Damian Harrison)  
Corn ’n Peppers, Peas, Corn, Green Beans

Madhava Honey, Ltd. (Craig Gerbore)  
Honey Bears

Peaberry Coffee, Ltd. (Julie Jockman)  
Fresh Ground Coffee

Rocky Mountain Foods (Dave Greenhouse)  
Trail Mix, Candy

Voortman Cookies, Ltd. (Bob Hollermeier)  
Cookies

It is a pleasure to work with these companies and their representatives, who help provide for our Trail crews. Please do your part and buy their products as much as possible.

This crew of volunteers assembled in May at the home of Pat Nagorka, Food Chair, to sort and pack all of the canned and boxed food for the 2004 trail crews.
Education Center Work Crew  
June 6 – 13, 2004  
by Gudy Gaskill, Crew Leader

The work crew at the CTF cabin was divided into two sessions. The first session set up the tents and pads and the second was the construction crew. By special invitation Larry Mack, Jan Atken, Lee Van Ramshorst, Dusty Little and friend came to help open up the water line, unload a full pickup load of supplies and food, set up dormitory tents and beds, clean tent pads, cut tons of wood, capture unwanted varmint guests, set up the patio awning and picnic tables, and set up a commissary of food in the loft to be used during the ten-week summer educational program. At the last minute Dusty and friend were unable to participate so Larry, Jan, Lee and I worked like beavers to complete the operation.

The three musketeers left on Wednesday evening and on Thursday the carpenter crew arrived consisting of Ken Marshall, Stan Ward, Ernie Norris and Ernie Werren. By Sunday they had installed a tube skylight (a difficult job with the steep angle of the roof), painted the trim, built beds and a bench, and installed a screen door on the deck entrance. The tube light was a challenge, but what a difference it has made for light in the dark kitchen corner. The rest of the summer we were constantly coming back into the cabin to turn off the light . . . the light without a switch!

Since then Ken has come back and spent a couple of nights installing a new second solar panel, a new back door light and an up-to-date panel control. Rusty Dowling and John Wilson assisted Ken for a day so the job could be completed. During the summer Dave Gaskill came up a number of times and worked on enlarging the tent pads. It seems that everyone who comes is bringing larger and more comfortable tents for the week of classes. All the improvements made for a good, comfortable summer.

Many thanks to our great dedicated volunteers.

Some crew members were so anxious to start they arrived early Friday afternoon and by the time the “workers” came, the camp was up and dinner was cooking! By Saturday morning, 29 people were in our camp 4 miles south of Buffalo Creek. Each day we drove 5 miles to the Meadows Campground trailhead and then walked a mile to the worksite. On Saturday, Stan Ward gave a safety and tool use talk and discussed our assigned work.

Our task was to rebuild a 1200’ high-use, steep and rutted section that was dangerous for hikers and bikers alike. Water coursing down the 400’ of trail had created a deep rut made even worse by bicyclists careening downhill.

We broke into four teams led by veterans Cindy Johnson, Roger Gomas, Gerry Anderson and Frank Svetecz. Roy Senyard from Arkansas, assisted by the father-son team of John W. and John R. Lipe, led the way by clearing the route of trees and brush. The teams spread out, work was accomplished and a new trail appeared!

Here’s who else made it happen: Paul Sorenson and his teenaged granddaughters, Brianna and Ariel Behler and Sydney Chapin who drove all the way from Missouri just for the weekend, Rolly Rogers with his daughter Susan Miner and her daughter Joanne Starkey. Cindy Johnson brought her nephew Tanner Knop from Iowa and her son Erick, who adopted a Rhino shovel as his personal tool and was acknowledged as the “best worker.” Second-year veterans included John MacPherson and his wife Beth Kilebrew from Denver, Fred Greist, representing the Colorado Mountain Club, Rhonda Weiler from Colorado Springs, Ken Nagaguchi from Broomfield and Nancy Martinets from Denver. Newcomers were Elliot Black, Roger Gomas’s grandson Garrett Gomas, and Jim and Pat Kerr, all from Denver.

The new trail required two climbing turns, a 20’ log crib retaining structure, many water bars and lots of sidehill tread. Roger and the teenagers closed off the old trail with slash and rocks. We ended Sunday afternoon with an “environmental sweep” removing from sight all the slashed brush and trees and scattering pine needles over bare soils.

Sue Palmer, with Pat Rush’s assistance, prepared delicious meals and after-work snacks that amazed the newcomers. Even old hands raved about the presentation, taste and variety.

We were wakened Sunday morning by the music of a bagpipe played by Elliot Black. Not having been warned it would happen, many of us awoke both astounded and pleased.
Cochetopa Creek Is Conquered!  

by Stan Ward

The Guidebook warns: “the trail descends to the level of the creek and disappears into a willowy sand bar and area of ponds. This is the infamous Cochetopa Creek crossing . . . expect a deep and precarious crossing.”

No more!

Thanks to the invaluable work of 13 members of the National Smokejumpers Association (NSA), there is now a bridge across the “infamous” Cochetopa. Now there will be no more wet boots and no more lost time searching for the least “dry” crossing or for a simple way to and across the creek. It was difficult work compounded by the need to slosh around in frigid water relieved only by fabulous weather and gorgeous vistas of broad hillsides of aspens colored in amazing reds, oranges and yellows.

Joined by CTFers George Miller, Sue Palmer, John Lipe and Stan Ward, the NSA crew on September 15–19 camped at 10,500’ in a glistening and colorful aspen grove above the creek and hiked miles down (and up!) a very steep 600’ hillside to the worksites each day to cut and peel the bark and make the tread on the logs that now make it possible to cross with dry boots. The foot logs rest on gabions (wire baskets filled with rocks) and mudsills.

They also constructed about 200’ of new trail at Mile 9.7 down to the bridge and a 30’ high section requiring multiple steps from the creek level. Then they upgraded hundreds of feet of trail toward the Eddiesville Trailhead. About a half-mile of the existing trail from Mile 9.7 to the “old” water crossing at Mile 10.2 was abandoned.

The new Trail joins the 1930’s Skyline Trail just above the crossing and rejoins the existing trail at Mile 10.3. Farther ahead at Mile 10.9 a bridge was built across Nutras Creek, the existing tread and water crossing were abandoned and replaced by 100’ of new trail and, not wasting any time, the NSAers then improved many hundred feet of the 70 year-old tread before quitting time on Saturday.

The indefatigable NSA crew included Bill Ruskin, Jimmie Dollard, Hal Howell, George Steele, Carl Gidlund, Charlie Brown, Doug Wamsley, Ray Carter, Warren Pierce, Gasper Blea, Herman Ball, Joe Lord, and Jon McBride. Charlie came from Wichita, Jon from Missoula, Carl from Idaho and Hal from Washington. The rest live now in Colorado. All, when young, were “retired” as Jumpers by mandatory regulation, but their camaraderie and work ethic have not diminished. Their stories, related around the campfire, about training, fire fighting and subsequent careers were fascinating. They all want to return to work on The Colorado Trail. Bill and Warren have already become adopters on behalf of the NSA and the group is considering adopting another section.

It was a successful crew and we CTFers were privileged to work with these outstanding men.
Trail Crew 0504 Report: Columbia Creek Area
June 26 – July 3, 2004

by Rhiannon Mercer

Set inside the beautiful Collegiate Peaks Wilderness, the backpack crew led by Paul Smith proved to be full of laughs combined with grunts of hard labor as we pulled together to complete a turnpike and culvert project for the week. Of the ten volunteers willing to strap on their own heavy packs and walk in the aromatic wake of pack horses, most hailed locally from the Centennial State including Drue Banta, Kyle Lohman, Bill Bloomquist, Stan Hayes, Allen Kallenbach, Gary Michels and Paul Smith. Matt Schoomaker traveled the greatest distance coming all the way from Michigan, and Rhiannon Mercer, sole female volunteer of the group, strayed across the border from New Mexico.

The week began on Saturday loading up the horses and ourselves in intermittent rain. From the parking area, camp was four miles south along the CT. Most were relieved to have their packs offered a free ride the first two miles by Jeff Leisy and Matt DeGraaf, two friendly Forest Service personnel from the Leadville Ranger District. On reaching the campsite it was discovered that the poles for the kitchen tent never caught the train but with an ax and a handsaw, the FS guys had an idea to get that tent upright in no time. (The later discovery of missing dehydrated green beans from the supplies was not so easily remedied.)

Sunday, after a tour of the worksite and tool safety demonstration, the crew scattered into the hills for day hikes. Bill, Rhiannon, Brandon, and Matt headed for Rainbow Lake and arrived in time to experience a hailstorm along with the view. Stan and Gary attempted Waverly Mountain and Mt. Oxford while the others made camp a cozy place to live.

Starting Monday, the initial work involved clearing out an immense amount of the smelly muck of water-damaged trail. All were immediately hard at work with various tasks and contributed to each during the course of the week.

One afternoon in the midst of constant bucket hauling, Matt suggested a contest be arranged in which the winner received a foot massage. Four participants—Stan, Matt, Kyle, and Rhiannon—were challenged with hauling two full buckets of dirt down to the worksite, emptying them, and racing back to the starting point to win with the fastest time. Needless to say, our winner was a woman (!) but the “fellow” racers deserve applause for their efforts!

Rocks were the next favorite item, needed in all sizes and rolled to their new homes from far away places. Logs were cut and peeled to act as a stabilizer for the turnpike and with the tireless help of Matt D. from the FS the first two days of work, the open rock culvert quickly materialized. Vegetation was reintroduced above the new tread and turnpike where the former slope was damaged. In the end, the completed project was a beautiful sight to behold.

The weather for the week was typical—sunny in the mornings with afternoon thunderstorms. Wednesday was the exception. It started out gray and increasingly became whiter and wetter. Paul, Rhiannon, Matt, Gary, and Allen embarked on a cross-country trek to summit Mt. Oxford. Kyle and Drue took an excursion to Leadville for the day. Brandon stayed in camp as did Stan who filtered water into every container in sight. In the afternoon Mark Santa-Maria arrived with his canine friend “CT.” Mark worked with us the next day as we neared the project’s final stages.

Friday night, the crew celebrated the 30th anniversary of the CT as well as the 40th anniversary of the Wilderness Act, candles and all! Jeff Leisy arrived with news that the fire ban for the area had been lifted. Enjoying our first and only campfire, we listened intently to Jeff’s lengthy “ghost story.” It was a lighthearted and fun evening to end a fantastic and productive week.
Solving the puzzle of how to assemble the camp canopy is always a team building exercise and it was again this year for our gang of 22 crew members. Our camp was on a corner of Adventures Unlimited Ranch, four miles northwest of Buena Vista. We were located two miles away from, and 1,200 feet, below the closest point on the CT. So although our crew was listed as a “drive in,” it definitely was a “hike up.” Rather than singing, “Hi ho, hi ho,” as we went off to work each morning, we huffed and puffed.

All but two of the crew had been together before on a number of CT crews. Dewey Hill brought his son Brett for his first crew and Bev Gherardini brought her friend Penny Simpson. Other crew members included Roger Gomas and grandsons Mitch Brown and Ryan Gomas, Grady Monk with grandsons Ryan and Shawn Monk plus son-in-law Russ Kaplan from Virginia, Bill and Boo Maltby, Sandy and Paul Njaa from Arizona, Bob Seklemian and son Mark (another Virginian), Marylin Greeneisen, Ken Swierenga, Don Van Wyke and Dale Zoetewey. Ryan’s dad, Jim Monk, came in on Thursday to help wrap up the work.

Our task was to improve the Trail in both directions from Harvard Lakes. But first, in appreciation of letting us camp on the private ranch, we constructed \( \frac{1}{3} \) mile of new access trail. Up on the CT we constructed a culvert to remedy a boggy area, built log bridges for crossing Powell Creek and Three Elk Creek, dug numerous rolling dip water bars on a rocky slope and removed 20-30 “widow maker” trees. At the end of the week we moved down to Adopter Section 24.1 on Mt. Princeton where we cut a new tread to form a switchback on a steep slope, removed five large trees lying across the Trail and generally improved the Trail.

We also had some good times. We had two gala birthday parties! On Wednesday we had cake, candles and appropriate gifts from his nephews for Russ Kaplan. On Monday Mark Seklemian threw an Armenian party for his dad complete with baklava, an amazing array of Armenian delicacies, raki, and Turkish coffee, that must have been a CT first.

The crew leader’s job was eased considerably with the help of three co-leaders. Roger Gomas headed the new-trail-building team while Ken Swierenga managed the bridge builders, and Marylin Greeneisen, my long-term partner, kept tasty meals coming out of the cook tent. Their leadership and know-how, mixed with the crew’s CT spirit of cooperation, made for a good encampment and many improvements on nearly six miles of the Trail.
We continue to work our way along a section of the CT known as the Highline Trail where one minute you are looking over the
80,000 acres of the Hermosa Back Country and the next moment you are viewing the rugged terrain of the Dolores River
drainages. The last few years our crews have been working from Celebration Lake (Bolam Pass) to Indian Trail Ridge. This year we
camped at the end of Hillside Drive, about 18 miles off State Highway 145, in the vicinity of Grindstone Lake and Rough Canyon.

With the generosity of an anonymous donor, we have been installing treated posts to enhance the longevity of our water bars.
This often entails carrying a seven-foot treated post on your shoulder for up to three or four miles. Volunteers hauled the posts many a mile but when it was necessary to haul the last posts up that long, hard climb, the task fell to our human mules, Ernie Norris, Ray Landfair and Howard Crisp. Ernie also helped out as a co-leader.

Our culvert experts Jim and Larry Ballantyne and Paul Berteau did an outstanding job of installing two culverts. Steve Kin
and Peter Owen with the help of Cathy Hoch reworked two switchbacks that had deteriorated over the years. By applying the
latest standards in switchback construction, this trail should now handle the impacts that Mother Nature can have on a trail.

Bruce Thill, who is getting to be an expert at building water bars and drainage dips, was part of the group of
five (with Peter, Steve, Ray and Howard) that came all the way from Midland and Traverse City, Michigan, to volunteer
their time and talent to The Colorado Trail.

When we started the week it was necessary to hike almost five miles to our work. Leading the way were Jill Ozaki and Suzanne Reed who were so conscientious about learning the right way to construct water bars and dips. Larry Mack, who is the adopter on this segment, got up at 5 o’clock each morning to cook us wonderful breakfasts.

Last year I took a picture of a lady carrying one of our posts up the Trail. That will always be my mind’s eye of Linda Johnson, a woman determined to do anything and do it right, whether it be installing water bar or outsloping the Trail. The same comment can be made of Rhiannon Mercer; she quietly does her job and always to a high standard. Rhiannon designed some wonderful awards for our recognition night with the help of Jill and Suzanne.

It’s always a pleasure to have Jim Kleckner on the crew. He’s not only a hard worker but he brings a world of experience on trail maintenance. Becky Wynn and her dog Victor accompanied Jim. Another hard worker is Pat Rush who has also devoted much time in helping out at The Colorado Trail Foundation office. Ending out the crew was Mark Santa-Maria who said he has been on too many crews to remember.

I give special thanks to my wife and co-leader, Pat, who assured that the food was excellent and who has supported my effort on the Trail for many years.

Others who helped make the camp a success: Larry Johnson, a strong supporter of The Colorado Trail, who made it possible
to get 120 treated posts and two culverts close to the Trail by volunteering his ATVs and manpower to make it happen; LaVern
Nelson who provided the crew with shower accommodations deluxe; Ken Marshall who had to cancel out of the crew because of a shoulder operation but supplied the crew with drinking water; helped set up camp and then dried out the tents after the final crew; Penny Wu of the Dolores Ranger District who obtained permission for us to use ATVs to deliver posts and culverts close to the Trail; and Nancy Berry of the Columbine Ranger District who helped assure we had port-a-potties by sharing the cost with the Foundation.

One last thought . . . over the years I have become convinced that building trails to a high standard is a real morale booster. Our
volunteers don’t mind the long hours, the aching muscles and the hard work if they can look back on a job well done.
Trail Crew 1004 Report: Kokomo Pass
July 10 – 16, 2004
by Clara Rose Thornton

“... after all my years of traveling and living and being hungry, as regards to ending my days in peace ... A little shack on the slope of a mountain in Colorado’s Rockies; a shack with a bedroom overlooking the great projecting earth’s grandest summits, snowcapped, sadly lost in clouds, towering mammoths of Colorado; a shack, gentlemen, in which I would end my days.”
—Jack Kerouac

These words relating the type of beauty and peace to be found only in the wilds of this earth perfectly describe the impact left on my wandering soul by the 2004 Kokomo Pass CTF Trail Crew experience. Nine nature enthusiasts and I lived, worked and laughed far above timberline, exposed to a mischievous sun, relentless storms and the melancholy wails of coyotes. I think all of my fellow volunteers and our crew leader Julie Mesdag would agree that the sweeping panoramic view of the Ten Mile Range from our remote camp at 11,400 feet had to be one of the best morning greetings any crew had this summer. Improving more than 700 feet of trail between Kokomo and Searle Pass, hiking over a mile uphill to the worksite each day over tundra that put me in mind of the wilds of Scotland or Ireland, avoiding mine shafts and repeatedly escaping the dangers of afternoon lightning gave us all dreams of adventure to last a lifetime.

This was an uber-rustic jeep-in crew where all volunteers but one had previous experience with the CT. Lynn Mattingly from Paonia is one of the original Trail builders and lent invaluable expertise. Chris Grant, a Loveland native, worked on several crews in the past. Cheryl and Delano English, the big-hearted Texans now living in Evergreen have each worked on a couple and hope to lead one next summer. Clint Britt, the Houston, Texas, dynamo with a cowboy hat and a smile has traveled far and wide and worked on crews all over the Trail. So had Diana Bernier, the one-week Denver expatriate. The sole rookie, proving to be the hardest working, most innovative and enthusiastic, was Lynn Anderson from Castle Rock. Blowing everyone away with his knowledge and training was Julie’s twelve-year old son Michael Mesdag, who’s been on the Trail literally every year of his life. I hail from Chicago and duly welcomed the wilderness vacation on this, my second crew.

On day two we hiked around looking for the most needy sections. We discovered hundreds of feet of narrow, rocky trail while many of us made the nearly six-mile round trip hike to Searle Pass to see its splendid view of the Gore Range. Marmots, picas, elk, and deer kept us company while we swung our pulaskis and pumped up our biceps. The wild flowers were gorgeous. I learned the names of flower species I’d never encountered before such as Kings Crown, Indian Paintbrush, Clover, Old-Man-of-the-Mountain, and those darling Lewisias, which I’d been calling “Clara’s Purple Colorado Posies” after my last crew. We repaired ditches, widened paths, bermed, smoothed, and made bridges over streams, not to mention breathed air so clean and crisp my lungs practically danced in my chest.

On our day off, many people ventured down to Leadville and Silverthorne for mining museums, quaint quilt shops, and to restock on water while others visited friends or took a pleasant day hike. I found my own personal slice of heaven that day in a cool mountain pond in the tundra, where I took an extended dip all afternoon reveling in the view surpassing the Sears Tower by all means, yet having to hightail it back to camp during one the several storms that decided to say hello that week.

I have three favorite moments. The first is the “tree-mail” we received the morning of day four. A hiker left an appreciative note in one of our hard hats calling the Trail we’d worked so far “like walking on cashmere carpet.” How lovely! The second was during the most intense storm of the week on the day off in which we all settled in a circle to watch it rage over the Ten Miles and their valleys. The final and probably the best was when during our closing ceremony on day six, some women of the crew sang a ditty they’d composed celebrating Julie, our experience, and the quirks and special gifts of each individual member. We’d become a family of sorts.
Trail Crew 1204 Report: Lost Park Meadows
July 24 – 31, 2004

by Chuck Lawson, Crew Leader

Crew 1204 packed in and worked around the Lost Park Meadows from July 24 to 31. Our numerous tasks included culvert installation, trail reroutes and corridor expansion.

Camp was made on Saturday in a beautiful spot overlooking a large beaver meadow and crew members quickly set about clearing scores of unexpected cow pies and erecting the cook tent. Spurred on by rain clouds overhead, personal tents were quickly set up and gear stowed.

The crew also had the pleasure of hosting a through-hiker who stayed Saturday night and told stories of his travels. During the week, about 50 hikers passed through the segment of Trail we were working on and perhaps ten of them intended to complete the entire CT.

Much to the crew’s good fortune, no fire restrictions were in effect so we had campfires every evening. These provided a wonderful way to end the day and with such entertainment as veteran CTF volunteer Bill Bloomquist of Conifer sharing stories of his experiences on the CT and Jeff Tucker of Florida defeating all comers at the game of washer golf that was introduced by the two Texans on the crew, Clifford Haby and his daughter Bridget. The crew pursued a variety of activities on our day off. Brothers Felix and Philip Englehardt of Germany accompanied George Wright of Georgia and Jeff Tucker into Breckenridge where they indulged in long, hot showers at the community recreation center. Those who chose to remain in camp spent time cowering in their tents while heavy hail and rain bombarded the valley. The sun eventually came out, allowing Elliot Black of Lakewood and others to enjoy “The Beach,” a sunny clearing behind camp which had ample room for Frisbee and other activities.

Perhaps the group’s most memorable afternoon came early in the week when the talented camp cook, Linda Lawson, failed to return from a hike as scheduled and an emergency whistle was heard from the hills to the west. Part of the crew attempted a search which bore no results, and the local mountain search and rescue team was called via the satellite phone crew leader Chuck Lawson had the foresight to bring along. Fortunately, Linda appeared moments after the call was made, having regained her bearings and found a route safely back to camp.

On the whole, it was an enjoyable and productive week.
Trail Crew 1304 Report: South Fooses Creek
August 7 – 14, 2004
by Erika Marksbury

Maybe those who believe in omens would have worried that Crew 1304 was in for a rough week, had they seen Spike—a perturbed pack horse—throw a kicking fit, spreading some of the week’s food at his feet and then stomping at it, or had they witnessed the rain and hail that accompanied the crew from the South Fooses Creek trailhead to our campsite a few miles up the mountain. Looking back, I’m beginning to believe that those were not bad omens—they certainly didn’t determine the tone of the week—but simply fodder for great stories.

Under seasoned leader Bill Bloomquist, this 11-member crew transformed some Trail. Where once was a ragged rock jungle now lies a smooth (as it can be) dirt path. It took the combined efforts of the Three Musketeers, a lot of grunting, and some clever work with the 14/20/200-lb. rock bar, but Dick Blue, Dallas Peterson, and Chuck Lawson did some good work.

Farther up, the whole crew pitched in to stop a spring from running across the Trail by crafting the Quartz Crossing, a wide but intricate bridge (that all of those llamas made it across just fine!). Cherry von Stroh and Erika Marksbury worked with all their heart on that project on Monday, and were thrilled when, on Tuesday, the plan finally became clear to them.

And even farther up, where few dared to venture, horrendously steep passages were smoothed, widened, and dried by Trail crew veterans Bill Bloomquist, Brooks Taylor, and John Marksbury, along with energetic newcomer Bev Suttman. Mid-week, the crew was joined and strengthened by Geri Wink, determined to follow through on a Trail crew commitment that had been interrupted by tragedy earlier in the summer.

All of the toil was rewarded when the crew headed down the mountain each afternoon and was greeted with a warm welcome and fabulous snacks prepared by the camp’s unanimous favorite member, cook Bev Mulholland. She, Cherry, Brooks, and Geri were reunited after working another crew together earlier in the summer. All eight who had worked the Trail previously were plenty willing to share their stories, and the secret tricks of this trade, with first-timers Bev Suttman, Erika, and Dick.

The nights ended with a meaningful, community-building ritual: everyone would gather around the campfire; tell stories about their families, their homes (in Colorado, Kansas, and Texas), their mountain adventures; let their muscles relax; gobble up the cobbler; and wait for Chuck to announce when “the little hand was on the eight.” At that time, he would depart from the circle and head for his tent. And the rest of the crew would stare, transfixed, as he maneuvered himself into a small contraption that his Therm-a-Rest barely fit inside. The crew would marvel, shake their heads, and wait for more miraculous happenings, like the promised meteor shower.
Dear Janie,

Hi! I’m on another Colorado Trail Crew, this time in Summit County! We are camped on the shores of Dillon Reservoir. Stan Ward is our crew leader again and he has us all working to get the community tents up so meals can begin. We can always count on Sue Palmer to be sure the kitchen is in shipshape and that we are wellfed! Oh, and we have Port-O-Potties, a true luxury!

It sure doesn’t take long before we start to think of everyone in our “village,” even new people, as old friends. Sally Stone from Arkansas came with her grandson Zach Stone, who lives in Colorado Springs. He wants to be a rocket scientist. Speaking of rocket scientists—we have a real one on the crew!! His name is Bill Bloomquist and he is another crew leader so he has lots of experience building trails.

Roy Senyard, another Arkansan, is back too. He and John Lipe are invaluable to the group. They see to it that we have enough water in camp each day and that tools are on the Trail right where we need them. Some of the most interesting people on this trip are the teenagers. Do you remember Brianna Behler? She and her cousin Ivy Chapin came with their grandpa Paul Sorenson all the way from Independence, Missouri. Brianna wants to be a foster mom someday. She connected with Jane Prentiss from Houston, a social worker/counselor who is going to send Bri info on education and stuff. Ivy isn’t sure what she wants to be but as hard as she worked on the Trail—she will be a success!

Cindy Johnson (who will go straight from the crew to run a triathlon!) brought her children, Sarah, just back a few days ago from a cultural exchange trip to Europe, and Erick, who at eight is our youngest crew member. Kyle Brooksher—the one who does the famous lawn chair dance—has started a ministry with Lee Ellison and they are still in high school!

We had some special entertainment this year. Kyle’s dad Tom Brooksher, Dan Russell, and Dan’s son Shawn Russell came with all their instruments and played songs around the campfire. And of course everyone was calling for Rolly Rogers to tell some of his great stories of the history of the area.

Do you remember the ballad Lois Cochran wrote for the 25th anniversary of the Trail? The Dreamers and the Doers?

“The dreamers keep on dreaming, even to this day of loops and spurs and special treks, and huts along the way. The doers keep on working, rerouting and improving, still making dreams come true.”

Somehow she knew the heart of the doers like Ernie Svetec from Pennsylvania, Lois and Tracy Cochran, Laura Farmer from Palisade, and Docia Smithwick from Texas who can build water bars like no one else! Jerry Anderson was their team leader. And what a delight it is to have people like Carol Clapp and Fred Tyler from Texas, Bob and Dana Fetterman from Massachusetts willing to move tons of rocks and soil and duff! I also enjoyed getting to know Barbara Pattee and Don Campbell, who have trekked the Trail. And Frank Svetecz, our resident psychiatrist. Bob Miner was not able to come for the whole week but did come help set up and pack up camp. He was not there to see how dirty the face of his wife Susan Miner can get when she is working with “her” shovel.

Do you remember the game Truth, Truth, Liar? You know, when you tell two truths and one lie and everyone is supposed to guess which is the lie? Well, here’s a truth: there is nothing more magical than waking up to a Colorado sunrise with the sound of Elliot Black’s and Anne Allen’s bagpipes in the air. And, another truth: there is nothing like seeing a patch of bare ground turned in a matter of hours into a village filled with old and new friends. But sadly another truth is—it really is too much work to keep this “Trail of dreamers” in shape for the thousands and thousands that come every year to enjoy it and the Colorado Rockies. You’re right! That’s the lie—it is worth moving every rock and root and every ounce of sweat that each and every one puts into keeping this dream alive.

Wish you were here,

Susan (Miner)
Who Came to Work on Trail Crews?  

by Marylin Greeneisen, Trail Crew Registrar

This summer volunteers joined 17 scheduled CTF Trail crews to fill 285 crew positions. Coloradans accounted for 203 of the volunteers (72%), while 79 came from 26 other states and 3 came from 2 foreign countries. Texas provided the most out-of-state volunteers (13) and 7 each came from Michigan and Missouri.

States represented included Arizona, Arkansas, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, and Washington. Two volunteers came from Germany and one from Ireland.

Of the 285 crew members, 180 (63%) were male and 105 (37%) were female. They ranged in age from 8 to 80.

Colorado’s Bill Bloomquist (member of the CTF Board of Directors and a crew leader) served on six Trail crews—the most of any volunteer.

Included in these numbers were groups of volunteers for special crews by Landmark Volunteers, DC Oakes High School, and the National Smokejumpers Association.

CTF Outdoor Classes Announced for 2005

Gudy Gaskill, Education Committee Chair and Director of the CTF Education Program, has announced that nine classes will be offered next summer. Complete class descriptions will be included in the January CTF mailing. To be sure you are on the mailing list, contact the CTF office. It’s not too early to begin making your plans for the coming year.

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"Mt. Holy Cross from Kokomo Pass" watercolor by Gudy Gaskill
The Adopt-A-Trail Program Needs You!!! Help Care for a Section of the Trail

Three sections of the CT are open for adoption:

Section 25.2  South Sand Creek to Chaffee County 240
Section 29   Sargents Mesa to Lujan Creek Road
Section 34  Spring Creek Pass to Big Buck Creek

As an adopter, you would be responsible for:

• Cleaning out water bars and drains
• Cutting back foliage encroaching from the sides and above
• Assuring the Trail is open
• Removing downed trees and loose rock
• Reporting obstacles and problems
• Telling users how VOLUNTEERS maintain the CT!!!

This is your chance to have your very own section of The Colorado Trail!! For information contact the CTF office at 303-384-3729 or e-mail Janet Czyzewski at wildjc@juno.com.

CTF Volunteer Opportunities – Join Us!

You can make a significant contribution to The Colorado Trail and the Foundation by offering to help us in a number of key positions. If you have interest in or questions about any of the following volunteer opportunities please call Suzanne Reed or Marian Phillips at the CTF office, 303-384-3729, or e-mail us at ctf@coloradotrail.org.

Public Relations Coordinator: An energetic, creative volunteer with experience in public relations is needed to guide promotion of our CTF programs—volunteer Trail crews, outdoor classes and supported treks. The job includes writing and issuing news releases, preparing promotional materials, developing relations with the media and heading our Speakers’ Bureau.

CTF Office Projects: The office staff needs volunteers in the Denver area for occasional projects. We’re looking for volunteers with good organizational skills and others with computer skills.

Mailing Parties: The CTF office in Golden hosts several mailing parties (daytime and evening) each year. Come join our team.

Signage Committee Chair: Julie Mesdag has been heading a committee to inventory the various types of signage along the Trail and determine CT signage needs. Julie is ready to hand over the photographic inventory to a new volunteer.
**Gudy’s Rest—The New Bench!**

Volunteers completed the bench on the weekend of June 26, 2004. The project was part of The Colorado Trail maintenance effort by section adopter, Trails 2000. The new bench was built from a very sturdy piece of ponderosa pine and is comfortable to sit on. It replaces an older bench of a more commercial design. According to Ed Zink, volunteer bench builder, tools supplier, and horse packer, “this bench is a more fitting tribute of Gudy’s volunteer accomplishments with The Colorado Trail and ecological sensitivity in its layout and construction.”

*Volunteers roll the heavy bench log through the forest. This big ponderosa appeared to have been struck by lightning and dead for some time. It was located quite a distance from the overlook at Gudy’s Rest and required significant volunteer effort to relocate.*

*Colorado Trail maintenance volunteers enjoy the view and relax after a hard day of building new water bars. We all love The Colorado Trail—Thank you, Gudy!*
Through-Hiking the CT for the Third Time

This summer, Joe “Grey Owl” Barrett from Pryor, Oklahoma, hiked The Colorado Trail for the third time. Grey Owl has volunteered on many Trail crews through the years and entertained us with his harmonica at the 2003 Friends of the Trail Dinner. He sent this note about his latest CT adventure.

I did it again! The Colorado Trail hike number three started July 10, 2004, and I walked out on August 28, 2004. My hiking buddy, Dave Zucconi from Tulsa, had to get off the Trail just 53 miles from the end with a bleeding ulcer, so I did the last part from Bolam Pass Road to Durango alone in 24 hours hiking time. This included a 19.8 miler and a 20.6 miler. The incident of my hiking partner includes quite a story about trail angels and how everything worked out.

It was great to see where I had worked on crews with you and I could read the character of the Trail by the good work where crews had been. We did see Phil Smith and his crew in the area where motorized dirt bikes are legal. He is a better man than I because they had taken control of the Trail around Marshall Pass, tearing up turf around the hut and down to the water supply. I can’t imagine why the Forest Service would allow those terrible machines on The Colorado Trail.

I’m going to write them my opinion.

I really think The Colorado Trail is the most scenic trail in the country and is worth keeping as a place for people to enjoy nature at its best. I think I encountered a Mexican Grey Wolf, (black on top, brown in the middle and black on the underside). We looked at each other and I whistled at him. Neither of us moved for awhile. I will never forget it.

Maybe I will see you next summer on another crew.

—Joe “Grey Owl” Barrett

Strike the Tent

by Ken Stagner

Strike the tent and break the camp.
Douse the fire and snuff the lamp.
Pack up the gear and load the cart.
And leave the campsite looking smart.

The Trail crew is ended, it’s over this year.
The time of the snows is drawing near.
We had some good times, we were under a spell,
Let’s remember them fondly and remember them well.

There was a job to do, and we did it right.
Look back with pride, in evening’s dim light.
So, now we return to a “normal” life,
But for a time, we had bliss and blithe.
Gudy Receives Land Stewardship Award

We are proud to announce Gudy Gaskill is one of the two inaugural recipients of the 2004 Colorado Land Stewardship Award given by Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado. The Colorado Land Stewardship Award (CLSA) is Colorado’s most prestigious award for active stewardship of Colorado’s public and protected lands. The award is annually presented to an individual or group of individuals who have demonstrated continued inspiration, leadership, vision, or personal engagement in the hands-on preservation and enhancement of the mountains, plains, and rivers that make Colorado an unparalleled place to live and play.

At the awards ceremony on October 28 Gudy received framed art of Mt. Elbert, honoring this highest level of service to Colorado’s public lands, together with a $1,000 cash award donated to the Gudy Gaskill Endowment Fund.

Thank you, Gudy, for leading the way.

CTF HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, December 4
1 – 4 PM
Gudy Gaskill’s Home
548 Pine Song Trail, Golden, CO

Join your Colorado Trail Friends at this annual holiday gathering. To bring a dish to share call Charlotte Briber, 303-526-0809. Volunteers are needed for set up and clean up. Please RSVP to the CTF office, 303-384-3729, ctf@coloradotrail.org or Charlotte Briber.
Volunteers Needed for Trail Emergencies

by George Miller

If you have time and energy to spare, we need you. We are building a list of volunteers who will respond on short notice to address serious Trail problems that are more than the adopter can handle. Ordinarily these will be one-day assignments but with only a few days notice. We’ll meet and solve the problem and go home the same evening. We need one person on this crew to be chain saw certified to help deal with large trees. If you are interested in helping with Trail emergencies, please contact the CT office and let us know.

First Aid Instructor Jerry Brown (also a member of the CTF Board of Directors), demonstrates CPR at the Leader Training Crew in early June.
How the Trail Began
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Fourth, Al Flannagan of Channel 9 TV, was asked if the station would air an appeal for volunteers to work on the CT. His response was, “How do I do that? We haven’t done it before.” We worked it out and the Channel 9 airing brought in volunteers. Every time I now see a plea for volunteers on TV, I think, “It’s The Colorado Trail effort that helped establish volunteerism in Colorado and elsewhere.”

Fifth, Dr. Hugh Ferehau of Western State University, assisted by 20 students, conducted studies on trails from Taylor Reservoir through the La Garita Wilderness and prepared a guide for others to use. In addition, 15 students monitored winter trails in the Taylor River and Creede areas.

In 1974, several focus groups with interest in outdoor use brainstormed and planned. In the process, the Colorado Mountain Trails Foundation was born with three goals:

• To develop a non-vehicular trail system between Denver and Durango for recreational and educational uses. The system would include a main trail as the backbone with connecting side trails to loops, campsites and points of interest.
• To provide educational opportunities for schools, colleges, universities, organizations, communities, and individuals. The corridor would be considered a linear classroom of nature’s ecosystems.
• To provide for public involvement, awareness, and appreciation of resource management and to encourage self-development through participation in the voluntary construction, maintenance, and management of the trail system.

In 1976 the Forest Service and the Colorado Mountain Trails Foundation entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”). Volunteers from the Colorado Mountain Club under the leadership of Gudy Gaskill, chairperson of the Trails and Huts Committee, were beginning to rebuild and locate the proposed corridor. Financial donations received by August 1, 1976, totaled about $122,000 along with a $5,000 pledge from the Colorado Centennial-Bicentennial Commission.

The MOU marked the beginning of a partnership with both organizations agreeing to cooperate in all aspects of building The Colorado Trail, including financial resources, time commitments, communication mechanisms, and other elements needed to make the vision a reality. The Forest Service mostly cleared the bureaucratic way and provided technical assistance and personnel, including fostering legislation to encourage volunteerism. The Colorado Mountain Trails Foundation proposed the project, and supplied the gear and volunteers.

Many obstacles faced the project including a lack of focus and drive. The Trail was progressing in piecemeal fashion. The turning point was in 1980 when the Colorado Mountain Club’s Trails and Huts Committee made The Colorado Trail its top priority. Gudy Gaskill was the chairperson and champion. Cuts in the Forest Service seemed an insurmountable obstacle, but Gudy saw that the Trail could be built for far less cost by the private sector through volunteers and fundraising.

The effort received a boost from the personal interest of then Governor Richard D. Lamm who wanted to see the project completed before the end of his term in 1986. Lamm’s interest sparked renewed cooperation between the State of Colorado and the Forest Service in planning recreational facilities on Federal land in Colorado—the first such partnership between state and Federal agencies.

The Colorado Trail truly swells with the richness of the historical partnerships created between its many volunteers and the state and Federal agencies. But the real heroes in the “dream” are the thousands of volunteers who provided the manual labor to hack out the Trail from the mountainside. Led by the persistent and dedicated Gudy Gaskill, volunteers came not only from the CMC, but they also came from all corners of the country. The stories behind these volunteers are copious, but the commonality between everyone is the satisfaction from having contributed to a tangible natural resource that will remain a legacy for generations—a legacy that will feed the quest for adventure and precipitate the special dimension of life imparted by the spirit of the outdoors. The dream come true.
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