President’s Corner

by Merle McDonald

**CoHoCo/CTF Benefit Ride**
The Colorado Horse Council/Colorado Trail Foundation Benefit Horseback Ride took place on the CT from Tennes-see Pass to Mt. Princeton the week of August 4 to 11. Twenty-four riders participated, and a donation of $2,350 to the CTF was the result. **Clair Gamble**, a longtime Friend of The Colorado Trail, organized the ride. He and his friends **Jim and Danielle Russell, Steve Cave, Tom Butterfield, and Dave Gaskill** all provided the week-long volunteer support for the ride. (Thanks, Guys and Gals!) **Suzanne Webel**, Chair of the CoHoCo Trails Committee, provided the organization from their end. **Steve Hyde**, the owner of Clear Creek Ranch Resort (the ranch on the south side

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**Colorado Trail Reroutes**

It was a very busy summer on The Colorado Trail! The South Platte reroute was completed, and the Copper Mountain reroute was almost completed. Both have been mapped with GPS units and can be viewed and/or printed out from any computer with a Web browser by going to **Jerry Brown**’s Bear Creek Survey Web site, [http://www.bearcreeksurvey.com/Reroutes.htm](http://www.bearcreeksurvey.com/Reroutes.htm), and clicking on the small picture of the reroute at that site. The reroute will print out as a 5 x 7 color picture in great detail. All future updates to the CT reference map series CD-ROM will be located at this site first. From this same site you can pick up a couple of typo corrections to our CD-ROM map of The Colorado Trail.

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*One of the boardwalks completed by Crew 1101 as part of the Copper Mountain reroute. In the words of Stan Ward, crew leader, “Nice setting, eh?”*
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of Clear Creek road that the CT passes through) provided us an excellent campsite for one night. The ride ended at Michael Martin Murphy’s Singing Cowboy Ranch, located along Chalk Creek near Mt. Princeton. (Murphy himself is a substantial supporter of the CT.) The riders were impressed by the amount of maintenance work by adopters that was in evidence along our ride. Several have offered to come out and help us. Everyone had a great time and asked to have another ride next summer.

Volunteers Make It Happen!
The Colorado Trail Foundation exemplifies the principle that volunteers make it happen. And throughout the year, our many hundreds of hard-working volunteers are proof positive of that dedication. I would like to give special recognition to two such volunteers, who help with the office work for several hours every week all year long! Liz Truitt does our bookkeeping and banking, and Pat Rush logs in the mail, completes store sales receipts, and enters data in the new database. And they have done this for the past several YEARS. If the Foundation lost any of these two ladies, we would be in a world of hurt! Thank you, Liz and Pat!

Another volunteer who has spent a lot of time helping us in the office over the past few months is CPA Michele Furest. Her help was invaluable in putting together our Internal Revenue Form 990 for the year 2000 and organizing our accounting records in a more logical order. Normally, our treasurer would handle this task, but the CTF treasurer position has been open for almost a year. As a nonprofit foundation, we are exempt from income taxes but not income reports. Like most IRS forms, the 990 is not exactly easy to decipher. With Michele’s help, we got the form in on time and thereby avoided the IRS’s wrath in the form of late fines. Thanks, Michele! We hope you will continue to be available to offer us your excellent advice. We need it!

Board Meets in Durango

The fall Board of Directors meeting was held in Durango on October 13 at Ken Marshall’s house. There were several reasons for holding the meeting in Durango. One, even though Durango is the southern terminus of the CT, we have never held a
Board meeting there. Our directors who live in Durango have always had to come to Denver for Board meetings and at their own expense. Fair is fair.

Another reason is that the Durango-area volunteers provided a new kiosk for the southern terminus of the CT, and the Board wanted to be at the dedication of the kiosk at 10 A.M. on October 13. Over the years we have had comments from travelers completing the CT that the southern terminus was “underwhelming.” The new kiosk should definitely help with that perception! See photo, page 16.

The southern terminus also has a few other problems, not the least of which is very limited parking availability. In addition, no camping is permitted in the area, nor is there a public telephone or restroom. And the walk into town is another seven miles along a very narrow, heavily traveled road without shoulders. This is hazardous as well as unpleasant for the user of the CT. Many people in Durango recognize these shortcomings and are working to find solutions. The CTF Board would like to express our appreciation and support for these efforts. On Sunday, October 14, the Board viewed from the ground some of the possible solutions to these problems. We’ll have more about this important meeting in the next issue of Tread Lines.

New Tools
The Colorado Trail Foundation has expanded into using more and different hand tools for trail building and maintenance to provide volunteers more efficient tools for the task at hand. The Pulaski, for example, was designed for firefighting. See photo of Pulaskis, page 5. Although the Forest Service requires many Pulaskis to be on hand for their primary purpose of fire fighting, we have been able to use them for trail building when there are no fires.

But the digging side of a Pulaski is optimized for digging out small roots, not rocks. A pick is a far more efficient tool for rock removal. As all CT builders know, digging out rocks is one of our primary occupations. Therefore, we have purchased quite a few pick-mattocks in a couple of different sizes to supplement our Pulaski inventory. We have also added some cutter-mattocks to aid in root cutting in rock-infested ground. Another of our new tools is a round-tip shovel with the blade perpendicular to the handle. I have found it excellent for cleaning drainage dips. We have also purchased some half-size McLeods that were very well received by many volunteers this past summer. Another tool we would like to get in inventory is the adz hoe, but so far we have been unable to locate a source for them. To care for all of these new tools, we have purchased a small used trailer to carry them and a grinder to keep them sharp. These tools were purchased with grants from the American Hiking Society and State Parks/GOCO. See related stories, page 5. It was a real pleasure working with our new, more efficient tools this past summer!

Addition to Web Site
As a service to CT users, we plan to add a page to our Web site that lists establishments along the CT that cater to the needs of CT users. The page will list services such as laundries and showers, hiking and camping supplies, groceries, lodging, postal holding services, transportation, and other services that trail users often need. (We would be happy to take recommendations from CT users.) We envision this to be an experimental program to test response.

Work on Completing the CDT
The Continental Divide Trail Alliance is working to complete the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDT) from Mexico to Canada. The 800 miles of it in Colorado are fairly well defined. Two hundred forty-three miles of the CDT are overlaid on The Colorado Trail: from Georgia Pass to Clear Creek and from Marshall Pass to Pole Creek. In order to emphasize the progress being made on the CDT, the Continental Divide Trail Alliance held a day-long horseback ride on August 12 on the newly constructed section of the CT/CDT through the woods above Copper Mountain Resort and up Guller Creek to Janet’s Cabin for lunch and back. About 30 horse riders participated, including Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell and Rick Cables, the Director of USFS Rocky Mountain Region. I was introduced to both gentlemen and gave them a spiel on the work of the Colorado Trail Foundation and its volunteers. Gail Norton, U.S. Secretary of the Interior, had attended the breakfast beforehand but did not participate on the ride. Trails are indeed attracting some high-level interest.

Thank you to Contributors
A special thanks to all of you who have donated your time and money this year to help keep The Colorado Trail the wonderful resource that it is. I hope to see you on the CT again next summer!
Although my time on The Colorado Trail this summer was much shorter than I would have liked, the six days spent riding the CT with the Rocking 3M/Summit Trail Adventures horse group was time spent with some of the CT’s strongest supporters. I rode in the company of Angels, in addition to meeting a couple more along the way. But if you spent any time on The Colorado Trail at all, you know they are out there.

The riders and staff of the Rocking 3M/Summit Trail Adventures group, which Willard Forman heads up, have completed the fourth leg of their ride, and will finish up next summer in Durango. I am sure it will be with help from angels along the way. When the trailer carrying the chuck wagon got a flat tire, out of the Cochetopa Hills came an Angel to assist us, rancher Wade Collins (whose property we were camping on that evening), with everything we needed to fix the flat and make it back to the Eddiesville Trailhead. He even entertained us that evening with stories about life in Saguache and his family history. What a treat.

I liken Willard Forman and Michael Martin Murphey to Gudy, in that they are passionate about what they do. Willard and Michael are becoming almost as passionate about The Colorado Trail as Gudy is. They never fail to inform people about the incredible job volunteers have done to build and maintain the CT. They continue to be impressed and share the glory of the CT with others as they make their way to Durango.

Within this group of people are some of The Colorado Trail’s strongest financial supporters. They have been opening up their wallets for the past four years in a big way, which is a testament to how much they love the CT and want to help preserve it. We all look forward to the grand finale next summer, as they ride down main street in Durango with a Colorado Trail banner right out in front.

Thank you to all the crews working on The Colorado Trail this summer, maintenance adopters, and Colorado Trail Board members, coordinators, and staff, who carry on the legacy of Gudy and The Colorado Trail. Happy Trails!

Bicyclists from Georgia Did It!

Speaking of angels, “time to give back” took on new meaning when these people showed up to help Crew 1101 at Copper Mountain this summer. Jay Cullen, a crew member in 2000, learned after arriving in Colorado for an annual mountain bicycle trip, that there were more than four tons of lumber, fasteners, and tools that had to carried by hand uphill and about a half-mile to the site of the first of three boardwalks. Without hesitation, he and his cohorts offered to change their itinerary and help. The unanimous reason: “We use your trail and it’s time to give back, so let’s get it done.” And they did! Strong, resourceful (try carrying a 60-pound box of fasteners and a 12-foot-long board at the same time!), and with unbelievable stamina, they accomplished the task in half a day. Then they went biking!

Thanks to them again and again. They were a tremendous help to Crew 1101, and they made it possible to complete all three boardwalks with just two crews. (See Crew 1101 report, page 22.)
State Parks/Great Outdoors Colorado
Trail Grants Total $14,400 for CT

by Merle McDonald

In 2000, more than 500 volunteers gave of their time to support the work of trail and adopter crews for as little as a day to as long as several weeks. With so many volunteers maintaining and building the CT from June through August, we often put a stress on resources of the U.S. Forest Service. But from 2001 forward, the threat of wildfires or declining federal budgets will be less stressful for CT crew leaders! Thanks to a grant from State Parks/Great Outdoors Colorado for $7,200, the CTF was able to purchase tools and thus provide adequate and appropriate tools for its all-volunteer crews. As CT planners look at specific reroute needs, they are often faced with what appear to be insurmountable cost requirements. In the case of the Copper Mountain Reroute, the need for three boardwalks across ecologically sensitive wetland areas looked ominous. These boardwalks must support not only the usual groups of hikers and equestrians but also ski-grooming equipment weighing up to ten tons!

Thanks to State Parks/GOCO, a grant for $7,200 was secured to purchase wood and fasteners for the boardwalks. This past summer, volunteer trail crews spent one workweek to complete each boardwalk. Although the reroute is not completely finished, State Parks/GOCO trail grants put us closer.

Thanks, State Parks/GOCO, and to all you Colorado Trail volunteers!

CTF Awarded National Trails Endowment Grant

The American Hiking Society is putting its money where the trails are! In March of this year, the American Hiking Society, a national recreation-based conservation organization, awarded The Colorado Trail Foundation a National Trails Endowment grant of $5,230 to purchase tools to be used by trail crews in new construction and maintenance of The Colorado Trail. Over the years, the CTF saw the impact of shrinking federal budgets — fewer tool purchases by regional ranger offices. The wildfires of 2000 further tested the tool cache of the U.S. Forest Service, leaving some year 2000 crews woefully short of the equipment needed to complete trail work. The tools appeared this summer at Copper Mountain as a result of hours of time spent by Stan Ward, George Miller, Merle McDonald, and Ernie Werren, deciding which tools to request, selecting suppliers, and finally picking up and delivering the tools to the crews.

Thanks, American Hiking Society!

Note from Happy Hiker

Hello, just a quick note . . .

I just finished walking from Waterton Canyon to Highway 50 last week (August 23). I’m originally from Colorado Springs and have been on many trails in the past, some leading to thirteeners, fourteeners, mines, and various peaks and valleys. This was my first attempt at a “long hike.” I just have to say The Colorado Trail was the most enjoyable trail I’ve hiked so far!!! It was always well marked, and you can tell the trail crews have done an outstanding job maintaining the 245 miles that I experienced. The Official Guidebook never let me down as well — very well written, with easy-to-follow directions, distances, etc. To all the people associated with this trail, keep up the great work!!!!

Sincerely, Dennis Oliver
In the event that the CTF is looking for unique stories of Colorado Trail journeys, I would like to share mine with you. I am a graduate student in a Ph.D. program in clinical psychology at Arizona State University, and I also serve as a therapist in the psychology clinic on campus. Last year my work in the clinic led me to view firsthand the extent to which domestic violence tears apart so many lives. As I was concurrently planning my CT trek, I had an idea to use the CT as an opportunity to raise awareness and support for a local domestic violence shelter in the Phoenix area. I sent out letters to family, friends, and coworkers asking people to pledge a certain amount per mile I completed of the CT, and the response was quite amazing. Completing the entire trail was not without benefit to me — by walking all 468 miles, I was able to raise $3,700 for Autumn House, a shelter serving adult and child survivors of domestic abuse.

I hope this story serves as an inspiration to others planning similar journeys and also as a reminder to us all of our amazing potential to impact the lives of those around us.

Thanks again for your work with the CTF — The Colorado Trail was an adventure that changed my life.

Christina Graham
9.03.01

An Inspiration to Us All

Wildflower Delight at the CTF Education Center
by Brenda Porter, Education Director of The Colorado Mountain Club

Those darn yellow composites confuse most people who spend time in the mountains. Is it hairy arnica, golden aster, or saffron senecio? Or maybe it’s a buttercup, in a totally different family! If you have ever found yourself poring over a wildflower I.D. book and still coming up with a question about the flower in front of you, then the CTF’s wildflower workshop is for you.

I have taken numerous courses and have taught my fair share of wildflower classes as well, yet I couldn’t be more delighted with the wildflower workshop I took last summer at the CTF Education Center. The combination of great instruction, wonderful people, incredible food, and a spectacular setting added up to a week worth raving about.

Dick Mosely, a retired natural resource manager and member of the Colorado Native Plant Society, taught four days at American Basin, Cinnamon Pass, Grizzly Gulch, and near the Education Center, leaving one day for students to explore on their own. I chose to tag along with him during the free day and got bonus knowledge of three different gentians, among other species.

Each day after gleaning from Dick’s wealth of knowledge, peering at stamens and pistils through hand lenses, and practicing our keying-out skills with Janet Wingate’s Alpine Flowerfinder book, we returned to the cabin for a gourmet dinner prepared by Gudy Gaskill and Jan Wolfe. They also cooked all of the breakfasts and food for sack lunches — what a treat it was to focus on the flowers. In fact, our group of students discussed flowers even at the dinner table — was that apple a superior or inferior ovary of the apple flower?

After such a delightful week of wildflowers, I am already planning to return next summer. I might try my hand at the watercolor workshop; perhaps I’ll try to paint some of those darn yellow composites!
The Colorado Trail Foundation’s educational classroom series for this past summer was a huge success for the participants of each of the five classes, with remarks like “Count me in next year,” or “I wouldn’t have missed this week for anything,” or “How could I cram so many new names into my head in one week?” and “Best food and vacation that I’ve had for years.” THE PRICE IS RIGHT. The “students” were the best. And with all the great help in washing the dishes, Jan and Dan Wolfe and I had a great time too. Thanks to all for keeping your hands so clean.

The Colorado Sampler had a cadre of fascinating instructors. On Monday Jerry Grey gave a lecture on Mountain First Aid and then told stories about many of the mountain rescues that he participated in. On Tuesday Dr. Bruce Bartleson came from Western State College and gave us a memorable day devoted to geology of the region. Dave Gaskill assisted with the lacolith lecture. Wednesday, the 4th of July, was spent in Lake City watching the parade and attending the community fair set up in the town square. Some stayed for the fireworks in the evening. On Thursday Dan Wolfe led the group on a slow hike up Handies, identifying flowers along the way. On Friday Julie Davis provided a spellbinding day of stories told and stories heard. It was an entertaining day of music, songs, and stories.

The second week was devoted to storytelling — the how to compose and how tell to a story. There were morning, afternoon, and evening subjects, walks in the woods and through the flowers, practicing the penny whistle, and looking at the stars. Julie Davis is a master storyteller, and she shared many wonderful stories with us, sang whimsical tunes in her beautiful voice, and inspired all of us to practice the art of storytelling. Julie says that stories help us see the extraordinary in the ordinary, capture the essence of an experience, and see the world afresh.

The third week we had a full class of artists under the instruction of Margaret Barge from Durango. With great weather we were able to go out every day and get in a lot of painting. In spite of the biting flies, the participants painted the whole week and skipped the day off during midweek. George Callison, our artist who had a show on Lookout Mountain as a fund-raiser for The Colorado Trail, helped Margaret on Friday to critique the matted pictures at our annual going-home art show. Some students came for their third and fourth year and feel that this was the BEST year, with exquisite scenery, helpful students, delicious food, and sharing of techniques and ideas. There were some great paintings!

The fourth and fifth weeks were devoted to the study of wildflowers. Taught by flower expert Richard Moseley of Pagosa Springs, the class started by learning the key parts of a flower and the shapes of the leaves. The flowers were then bisected and viewed through hand lenses to count and examine the inside reproductive parts of the flower. Monday afternoon was the first local field trip. The following days were full-day field trips into American Basin, on top of Cinnamon Pass, into Burroughs Park, and up Grizzly Gulch. Beautiful scenery, beautiful hikes, and LOTS of flowers were followed each evening by a review of the day’s count and new findings. Wednesday, the free day, some went back to American Basin, others climbed a fourteener, some drove around the Alpine Loop, and a few caught up on their notes. These were intensive workshops, with almost 200 flowers to log into the class notes. When you complete this class, you should be able to key flowers into the correct families throughout the world. I have attended these fascinating workshops for 11 years and always learn something new. Next year is your turn.

There is a good possibility that a course in geology will be taught by a professor from Metro State College and added to our workshops. If you have any interest in even general geology or on how the mountains are formed, this class will be for you.
Volunteer Help Needed

CTF Friends,

We are in need of volunteers to help with the following projects. Please contact the CTF office at (303) 394-3729 Ext. 113 or ctf@coloradotrail.org if interested or if you would like more information about any of these jobs.

Thank you!
Suzanne Reed and Marian Phillips, Administrators, Volunteer Coordinators

1. CT Store Coordinator — Peggy Brackett, our longtime Store Coordinator, would like to turn over the job to a new volunteer. The average time required per month is 6 to 8 hours. Peggy will train the new volunteer.

2. CT Trek Registrar Assistant — Help longtime CT trek registrar Lila Miller with 2002 trek registration.

3. Database Entry — Help us add names and addresses to our new CT database; knowledge of Microsoft Access would be helpful. Work from your home.

4. CT Web Site Resource Page Coordinator — Help us create and keep current a list of resources to be placed on our Web site for CT users (contact info for Visitor Centers, hostels, shuttles, other trail organizations, etc.).

5. Crafts — Create envelopes (we have a pattern) from old CT maps. Glue or sew CT patches onto fanny packs. We have plenty of supplies and would appreciate one or more volunteers who are “crafty” to take on either or both of these projects.

6. Trailer Mover — Help George Miller and Glenn Kepler with moving trailers from camp to camp during the summer trail-building season. Requires a vehicle capable of hauling trail crew trailers. Most moves are done on Saturdays. Thanks, Mark Santa-Maria, for your help this summer.

7. Trail Crew Equipment Inventory and Maintenance Assistant — George Miller would like help keeping our trail crew equipment in order. Thanks go to Bill Bloomquist, who has offered to maintain our new tools.

8. Event Volunteers — Join our core group of CT Friends in representing the CTF at special events during the year. We want to thank Donna Rufner, Pat Nagorka, Charlotte Briber, Hal Lohmeyer, and George Woodard for representing the CTF at the REI Travel Expo on September 8.

9. Library Displays — Contact public libraries in your community and coordinate a Colorado Trail display. The CT office will supply most display items. Thank you, Dick Maurer and Gudy Gaskill, for our successful display at the Aurora Public Library this summer. See photo, page 9.
Lost and Found

Old Mother Hubbard had a bare cupboard — but that is not the case at the trek office. The lost-and-found cupboard is overflowing with items with no identification. Some of the items include several chairs, both fold-up and lawn; a pair of women’s hiking boots; numerous cups, plates, and eating utensils; and shower bags of various sizes and brands.

A number of things have already been returned to those hikers who marked their belongings. If not claimed, the items in the cupboard will be given to a local charity. If you hiked on a trek this summer and left something behind, it may be just waiting for you to lay claim to it. Call, write, E-mail, fax, or send smoke signals to the trek office, and your lost equipment will be sent to you.

Colorado Trail Trek Office
840 Prospect Place
Manitou Springs, CO 80829 (719) 685-1278
FAX: (719) 685-5322
E-mail: glmctf@uswest.net

Please Hold . . .

How many times have you called the CTF office only to hear “Thanks for calling The Colorado Trail Foundation. . . . Please leave a message.”? Well, Marian and Suzanne are not off eating bonbons and drinking champagne. Rather, they are most likely on the other line answering questions posed by a Colorado Trail user or one of our volunteers, faxing a document, or making copies. In a few instances, they might have gone to the post office or to pick up crew supplies stored off-premises.

Rest assured, your call is important to us, and we will call back as soon as we can. Our office is a small but busy one, and we hope that you understand when we ask to put you on hold to get the other line, or need to call you back.

New CTF Database

Transfer of the CTF database, maintained for many years by Jon and Marylin Greeneisen, was completed this fall. We are grateful to Jon and Marylin for their dedication in maintaining and improving this critical resource. Peggy Lucas Bond has spent the last year and a half developing the new Access Database that tracks all CT Friends, registrants for crews, treks, and education classes, and other volunteers and interested parties. Please take note of the address label on the Tread Lines just sent to you. It was produced with the new database. Let the office know if there are any problems with the spelling of your name, address, or other information provided on the label.

Holiday Shopping Help

The Colorado Trail Store Fall Sale Page provides many great gift ideas. Don’t miss our limited time offer to readers of the Fall issue of Tread Lines. There will be a 15 percent discount on ALL items when your order is accompanied by the Tread Lines CT Store Fall Sale page order form (on page 31) and received in the CTF office by December 14, 2001.
CORSAR Cards Replace Hiking Certificate

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 the rescue. Don’t be caught without your CORSAR card! The Colorado Outdoor Recreation Search and Rescue Card replaces the DOW Colorado Hiking Certificates. Hiking Certificates purchased prior to July 1, 2001, will be honored for the term of the card. The new CORSAR Card costs $3.00 per year, a significant increase over the price of the old Hiking Certificate but still 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.

Winter Ski Trip

The snow will be flying soon on the Alpine Scenic By-Way above Lake City. Before the road is closed, we need to know if any CT Friend would be interested in making a ski tour to the Education Center in early March. If there is a firm commitment, we would stock the cabin with food and extra sleeping bags. This would enable you to ski the seven miles to the cabin without a backpack or at least without a heavy load. You would need to bring your lunches, layers of clothing, and dry socks.

The cabin is an ideal location for scenic photos and some wonderful tours. Depending on snow level, the avalanche dangers beyond the cabin could be noteworthy. Our experience has been that the avalanches run fairly early in the season, but care must always be taken, and especially in the San Juans. You are invited to come on skis or snowshoes, and the trail is the summer road. Because supplies will need to be taken to the cabin in conjunction with closing it up for winter, the trip to stock the cabin might have taken place by the time this issue of *Tread Lines* is in homes. However, please call the CTF office at (303) 384-3729 Ext. 113 or call (303) 526-0809 for further information.

Along the road to the CTF Education Center
** * * ** CTF Holiday Open House ** * * **

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 8. **Gudy Gaskill** will once again host our Colorado Trail Foundation Open House from 2 P.M. to 5 P.M. at her home, 548 Pine Song Trail in Golden, Colorado. All Friends of The Colorado Trail are invited! Call or E-mail the CTF office for directions.

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**Completed The Colorado Trail?**

![Completion Certificate](image)

So, you’re one of those special people who has completed The Colorado Trail! Congratulations! Now, you want to commemorate this special occasion and commit it to memory. What better way to do this than with your choice of completion mementos!

A Free Lunch? No. A Free Certificate? You Betcha! It’s been said many times, “There’s no such thing as a free lunch.” While that may be true, The Colorado Trail Foundation does award a free Completion Certificate for those who have hiked, mountain biked, or ridden The Colorado Trail on horseback. All you have to do to get your complimentary, personalized Completion Certificate is let the Colorado Trail Foundation office know your name as you want it on the certificate, your completion date, and your address. It’s that easy! We count on completers to let us know they’ve completed the CT, because there is really no other way for us to obtain this information. We look forward to sending your personalized, complimentary Completion Certificate!

Or those wishing to order something special to commemorate this major accomplishment can choose from a variety of souvenirs. Please see The Colorado Trail Store listing on the inside back cover of this issue of *Tread Lines*. Among the souvenirs is a small engraved Completion Plaque with the Colorado Trail logo for $39.

For further information on any completion materials, please contact the Colorado Trail Foundation office.

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**Cookie Recipes Reminder**

Friends turned in a handful of recipes in response to the last request. If each of you turned in one recipe, what a bag full of sugar we would have. We need your entry. Send it to Gudy Gaskill, 548 Pine Song Trail, Golden, CO, 80401, or send an E-mail message to gudyczct@ecentral.com.
Can you believe the record crumbled for a second year in a row? What a crew!!!! Either the crew is really getting fast, was anxious for lunch, or was working wonders because the Mother of The Colorado Trail, Gudy Gaskill, was present for the first time. Whatever the reason, the food piles were completed before 10 A.M. The workers had to be forced to take a breath and get a drink before stage two: packing the food in boxes. Gudy, even though this was her first time here, showed she has had lots of experience when it comes to sorting and packing. What a pro!

The rest of the crew, 20 in all, included Marilyn and Rick Eiesle, Marilyn Greeneisen, Nancy and Roger Gomas, Susan Junkin and Richard Nolde, Glenn Kepler, Merle McDonald, Shirley and Grady Monk, Harriet Patton (good to see you have made a good recovery from the accident, Harriet), Art Rankin, Mae and Phil Smith and their niece, Jessie (what a hard-working young woman), and Denise Wright. It was also the first time for Charolette Aycrigg, who showed she could sort, carry, and pack with the best of them. The weather was very cooperative, warm but not hot, no wind or rain, just right. The food was packed, stored, or put in the cars of the leaders, and the day was done by 11:30 A.M. Aside from a few miscalculations (I will learn to count one of these days), the only hitch was that what seemed like an endless pile of boxes and lids was not enough! Thanks to you creative people for making tops out of bottoms. I may have to ask for help collecting boxes for next year.

We had time for lunch and relaxation, but we never got a group photo. Sorry for that. Thank each of you for giving up a day of a holiday weekend. That is real dedication. The trail crews thank you, and I thank you. And, don’t forget, some of this food is donated. Those companies need your thanks and support in return. See the list of donating companies on page 13.

Harriet Patton, all boxed in!
THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES GENERously DONATED FOOD TO COLORADO TRAIL CREWS FOR 2001

It should be noted that most of these companies have supported Colorado Trail crews for several years, getting more generous every year.

Alamos Distributors, Inc. — John Amerman
Mi Ranchito Tortilla Chips

Archway Cookies, Inc. — Bob Hollomeyer
Many Varieties of Cookies

Frito Lay — Consumer Affairs
Discount Coupons

King Soopers — Russ Dispense, President
Merchandise Certificates

Kuner Empson Co. — Damian Harrison
Corn ’N Peppers, Peas, Corn

Madhava Honey, Ltd. — Greg Gerbore
Honey Bears

Nestles Food Co. — Dave Greer
Hot Chocolate, Candy, Tea, Instant Coffee

Peaberry Coffee Ltd. — Julie Jockman
Fresh Ground Coffee

Reckitt Benckiser, Inc. — Lyn Feloa
French Fried Onion Rings

Rocky Mountain Foods — Dave Greenhouse
Trail Mix, Hard Candy

As always, it is a pleasure to work with these companies that support our trail crews. Please do your part and buy their products whenever possible. We sincerely apologize to Madhava Honey for leaving them off the list last year.

THANK YOU ALL. Pat Nagorka, Food Committee Chair.
The weekend was bright and cheery, and a lot was accomplished! The new reroute of the CT that crosses only Forest Service lands was linked on the upper end with the old CT trail by noon on Sunday. Because there were so many experienced crew members, the crew charged ahead on Saturday morning and went right to work. The camp was set up on Friday by Grady Monk, George Miller, Merle McDonald, and me beyond the Denver Water Board dwellings. Equipment was carried in by hand, powered wheelbarrow, and a hand wheelbarrow. Water was drawn from the Denver Water Board’s wells, and the tent city was put up a quarter mile south of the bridge.

Our thanks go to the hard-working CTF and Colorado Mountain Club crews. CTF crew participants included Bill Bloomquist, Jan Wyland, Ray Wormell, Katie Walker and her dad Ken Walker, Amy Turnbull, Paul Sorensen, Rosie Schler, Grady Monk, Sue Miller, Aaron Michelman, Daniel and Dominique Hershberger, Michelle Glade, Katie Foss, Rachael Bray, Tracy Cochran, and leader Gudy Gaskill. Additionally, there were five members from the CMC crew. Thanks go to Grady Monk, Tracy Cochran, and Bill Bloomquist for overseeing sections of the work. It was a hard-working crew.

This crew worked in the Cochetopa Hills of the Rio Grande National Forest, between Saguache and Gunnison. Small, but mighty, describes this crew! My, did they work! Stan Barnes (Nathrop, Colorado), Mike Magnan (Mesa, Arizona), Charles Miller (Georgetown, Massachusetts), plus me and my wife Mae Smith registered for the crew, but by Sunday we gained another fellow, John Tate (Fairfax, Virginia). John had been doing some hiking in the area and met the volunteer camp host, Jean Ward, at the Buffalo Pass Campground. She talked to John about the crew, and he decided to join us. He was an experienced trail builder, having worked on the Appalachian Trail.

Whenever we have a crew in the Saguache area, we invite the camp host at Buffalo Pass, Jean, to our evening meals. She seems to enjoy the dining out with the crew members, and she helps around the camp. Some of our crew members have stayed in the campground either before crew time or after. The Colorado Trail Treks also use the campground.

Jean has taken crew members to trailheads so they can walk part of the trail and picked them up when they were finished and brought them to the campground.

Two of the men were “repeats” from our crews in past years, Stan Barnes and Charles Miller. The crew repaired two switchbacks on Sunday and Monday, and reconstructed two on Tuesday, one on Thursday, and another on Friday, for a total of six for the week, covering a total of 897 feet.

My wife, Mae, prepared the meals for the crew. The food was great as usual. We were fortunate to have good weather, with the exception of some hail and rain one day. It was quite warm all week. Wednesday, of course, was our “day off,” and each did his or her own thing. We were pleased to have Stan’s wife join us for dinner that night.
This crew worked at the base of Mt. Elbert, in the Leadville Ranger District of the Pike/San Isabel National Forest. This part is my adopted trail. Volunteers came from a wide variety of places. Those participating were Bob Ballou (Pueblo, Colorado), Stan Barnes (Nathrop, Colorado), Ryan Crapo (Littleton, Colorado), Karen Elder (Albuquerque, New Mexico), Harlene Gilson (Farmington Hills, Michigan), Dianne Hagerman (Arvada, Colorado), Renee Jones (Lakewood, Colorado), Ann Keller (Carbondale, Colorado), Richard Hinkel (Steamboat Springs, Colorado), Linda Kline (Arvada, Colorado), John Marksbury (Olathe, Kansas), Paul Marksbury (Manhattan, Kansas), Jack Mayer (Toledo, Ohio), Nancy Murray (Arvada, Colorado), Dean Powers (Fort Collins, Colorado), Phil and Mae Smith (Castle Rock, Colorado), Clara Thornton (Chicago, Illinois), and Lisa Witt (Columbus, Ohio) — 19 hard workers! Three of the men were “repeats” from our crews in past years, Bob Ballou, Stan Barnes, and John Marksbury. John had so much fun last year that he talked his son, Paul, into coming with him this year. We still do not know if Paul came to stop his dad from talking about going or what.

This energetic crew groomed 2,000 feet of trail, completed 2,395 feet of new tread, and did 1,689 feet of ditch cleanout. So, much was accomplished in this needy area where water does a considerable amount of damage to the trail.

We had heard by the “grapevine” that pack horses were having trouble with the south end of this section of the trail. Our work was approaching this part of the trail, so when we had finished building the new tread down the hill we started on this “grapevine” project. We cut down 39 trees, 6 inches or more in diameter, in two days. We also took out two huge rocks and cleared brush from the side of the trail. In some areas we made new three-foot tread.

If so, be sure to invite Stan Barnes to your crew. This year, he brought a pocket level to my crews — to check out a part of the trail that was done last year that didn’t seem to have the proper slant. He also used the level this year to check our tread to make sure it was slanted when he couldn’t determine that by eyesight! In some cases, this level was a big help to me as crew leader. Thanks, Stan!

My wife, Mae, and her helper, Bob, prepared all the meals for the crew. The food was great (so the crew members said). Everyone pitched in doing the little tasks around camp and the evening dishes.

The weather was very warm, and we had some pleasant evenings around the campfire.
Crew 0701 was assigned to improve the new reroute between Twin Lakes and Clear Creek Road that now bypasses the tough trudge up over Hope Pass. We followed up on the work of George Miller’s two crews last summer. Our biggest job was to build two culverts to resolve serious bogs where hikers would often sink in over their boot tops.

Clearly, the Cache Creek crew was up to the task. Plastic pipes were delivered Monday morning, and by quitting time on Tuesday horse-proof culverts were in place that should serve for many years to come. Not only was it one of those projects that required removal of a foot or more of muck to get down to firm ground, but also we had to bring in rock and scrounge some distance away for gravel and good soil.

Because of limited work space in the dense forest, the crew worked in several teams. Roger Gomas’s team of Mitch Brown and the Monk clan (Grady, Jim, and Ryan) rerouted a stream and installed one of the culverts. Ken Swierenga’s team of Bev Gherardini, Dewey Hill, Don Van Wyke, and Dale Zoetewey built the other culvert. The rock and gravel team included Bill Preston, Paul and Sandy Njaa, and Josh Conover. The team of Rolly Rogers, Susan Miner, Grey Owl Barrett, and Bob Seklemian pruned and cut foliage to open the canopy that engulfed the CT.

During the second half of the week we improved two miles of the trail between the Forest Service road and Clear Creek Road. This included constructing a section of new trail to bypass several large campsites, slashing in a mile of jeep trail to reduce the trail to one track, cutting numerous drains, installing signposts, and widening the trail on the steep slope above Clear Creek Road. We can report that the new bypass south of Twin Lakes is in good condition.

Everyone pitched in to make it an enjoyable week for all. Marylin Greeneisen supervised the kitchen, but the Monks and Gomases (Roger and grandson Mitch Brown) rose early every morning to make the coffee and prepare super breakfasts. Ryan Monk and Mitch Brown caught a couple fish that they baked on the campfire to share as appetizers before dinner. We had interesting evenings around the campfire with everyone sharing stories. Grey Owl played great songs on his harmonica, and most nights ended with raucous card games of “99.”

The Cache Creek crew in the summer of 2001 was another good CT outing. Thunderstorms held off until late afternoon, there were good times in the camp in a grove of giant aspens, and we accomplished a lot in improving a section of The Colorado Trail.
Trail Crew 0801 set off for Spanish King Mine in the beautiful San Juan Mountains early on Saturday, July 7. We traveled the two hours to our trailhead, with a lunch stop in Hermosa Park. Then the hard part began. We had to make a two-mile backpack into our campsite.

However, the campsite was absolutely beautiful. We had views of the Wilson Range, with Wilson Peak, Wilson Mountain, and El Diente in sight behind Lizard Head Peak to the west, and Sneffels Mountain to the north. And to the south we could see the LaPlatas and all the mountains in between. Wow!

Thanks to the U.S. Forest Service crew, our social and cook tents were up and even the canopy was in place, ready for us in case of rain. Life was Gooooood! It wasn’t long before the crew assignment sheet was completely filled and everyone had their daily chores chosen, tents were up, and dinner was ready. After supper, the crew began to get acquainted, and Harvard Townsend broke out the guitar. In the wee hours of our first night, many of the crew reported hearing some very strange noises in and near our camp. Some said they were sure it was a moose. Others believed it to be a herd of elk. One crew member (Ken Stagner) described it as more nearly the sound of “a very old, obese man clearing his lungs after a long night of very heavy drinking.”

Sunday was a day of introduction to trail crew work, but most of the crew just settled in and brought a second load of gear into camp. Some of the crew hiked to our work site just to make sure they could hack the one-hour uphill hike to the part of the trail where we were to work. The maps produced by the All Topo CD-ROM program gave us all a good look at the trail from our camp to Blackhawk Mountain. The rest of the day was spent speculating on the source of the strange moose-elk-man-like noises heard the night before.

Every morning the early hikers saw herds of elk as the hikers made their way to the trail repair area some two miles away. One morning the count totaled 77 elk. What a great section of trail we traveled each day!

Monday and Tuesday we installed water bars, improved switchbacks, and cut out some huge deadfalls that had blocked the trail. If you hike this trail and see a saw cut about 10 feet in the air, you will know that strange things happen when chain saws are present.

Wednesday was our day off. Some of the crew climbed nearby Hermosa Peak, and others hiked all the way to Blackhawk Mountain and made it to the top. Others hiked back to the trailhead to take out dirty laundry and to resupply their camp needs.

Each night after dinner the Trail Crew 0801 Report Spanish King Mine, July 7-14, 2001
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What a wonderful week it was! Twenty-three people from California to New Jersey, from Texas to Michigan, aged 16 to 70+, met at Copper Mountain as strangers (a merging of American Hiking Society volunteers and CTF volunteers) and made their combined mark on the land as well as on each other’s lives. Under the supervision of Glenn Kepler and his able assistant (and daughter) Sandra, a half-mile of new trail was completed, including a footbridge. Though all worked on several different trail assignments, some found niches and specialized. Rough tread was established by Dave Abercrombie from Virginia, Matt Hogue from Denver, Rich Kelly from New Jersey, Dave Souza from Colorado Springs, and the team of Becky Schwartz and Michelle Wengert from Lakewood. Branches, bushes, and roots were lopped off by Sherry Pollan from Texas. Finished tread was completed by Jim Clancy from Michigan, Rob Price from Wisconsin, Tony Rudinski from Illinois, Rusty Sturm from Illinois, and the young team of Nancy Kelly and Jessi Birenz from New Jersey. The rock removal team of Ken Aab and Andy Hanks, both from California, saved many older backs from injury. The bridge crew included the indomitable septuagenarian Eugene LaBrec (Glenn’s father-in-law) from Arvada, Colorado, Chuck Morlock from Illinois, the father-and-son team of Rich and Nate Roth from Lakewood, Colorado, and Anne Allen also from Lakewood. Finally, head chef Jan Egan (Glenn’s sister) from Pennsylvania supervised food preparation and kept all stomachs satisfied. (She also worked on trail construction.)

The entire crew wishes to compliment The Colorado Trail Foundation on its exceptional preparation and to thank Glenn for his witty, unflappable, energetic, and proficient leadership. We all appreciated the opportunity to enjoy Colorado’s beauty and contribute to the CTF’s important work. To view some pictures of the crew at work, visit Chuck’s Backpacking Bonanza at http://members.aol.com/CMorHiker/backpack.

When the week ended, we had improved some two and one-half miles of trail with some 50 water bars, several improved switchbacks, more than a ton of rock removed with single jack hammers and chisels, hundreds of trees trimmed, miles of berm removed, and many deadfalls cut out. Reports from through-hikers later in the month marveled at the great condition of the trail. Thanks to one of the greatest trail crews of all time! Crew 0801 in the year 2001 is rated an outstanding “TEN”! My thanks to each and every one of the crew and especially Sandy Shalley, who came to Durango three days early to help this ‘ole guy get things ready!
On July 14 we celebrated Bastille Day by traveling up the treacherous Wager Gulch Road southwest of Lake City. We were on our way to the Carson City ghost town to camp for a week of work on The Colorado Trail at Carson Saddle. Our crew ranged in age from 17 to 70-something. We had a good mix of rookies and grizzled veteran trail builders. Our crew members came from all over the United States. Colorado, Texas, Michigan, Nevada, Ohio, and Louisiana were represented. We had students from high schools, universities, and medical schools, teachers, a retired minister, an investor, a postal worker, a video producer, an occupational therapist, and a retired rocket scientist. In addition we were lucky to have singer/songwriter Carol Johnson with us. Carol wrote and recorded “The Colorado Trail” song.

Despite our variety of backgrounds and careers, we shared a love for the Colorado high country and an eagerness to work hard to help others enjoy the beauty of The Colorado Trail.

Under the leadership of novice crew boss Bill Bloomquist, the crew worked hard and effectively both east and west of Carson Saddle. Our first day on the trail started immediately below Coney Summit at the highest point on the entire Colorado Trail. The work was strenuous, but everyone managed to have a good time. Some of the hardest work was simply getting from our camp to the work sites. Each day involved a climb of at least 1,400 vertical feet and a mile or two of hiking.

Susan Hobbie, Richard Conger, Mark Santa-Maria, and Bill navigated a couple miles of extremely questionable road with their 4x4s. Many of the crew rode along and held on tight. The wiser ones hiked.

The beautiful scenery and long views above tree line more than compensated us for our minor hardships. We all felt privileged to be working in a gorgeous alpine setting.

Our crew showed its cohesion not only on the trail but also around camp. Everyone participated eagerly in setting up and maintaining camp. Despite the hard work, there was ample time to enjoy the scenery and the companionship of our fellows. Apparently the work was not too hard. Several of the crew climbed 14,000-foot peaks on Wednesday. One jeepful even left camp at 4:30 A.M.

Larry Mack and his assistant Richard Conger led the preparation of breakfast early every morning. Thanks to their efforts and the help of the lunch prep crew, we were out of camp by 7:00 a.m. each day. We had only a little rain and thunderstorm activity, but the early start helped us beat the weather. General good cheer and bright smiles were provided by novice trail builders Bridget Reilly and Rhiannon Mercer. Some astoundingly smooth tread was produced by our dirt artisan Steve Espinoza.

Carol Johnson’s guitar and beautiful voice led us in song around the campfire most evenings. She brought along...
We had a perfect spot for our camp on the Highline Trail portion of The Colorado Trail, situated in a saddle along the trail with a spectacular view of the Hermosa backcountry and off in the distance the majestic peaks of the Weminuche Wilderness. The recent upgrading of camp equipment through the efforts of George Miller made for a delightful and enjoyable camp with most of the comforts of home. Lavern Nelson constructed the Taj Mahal of showers and brought it up to camp for the crews to use. Although Lavern was not a member of our crew, he gave us great support by coming up on Wednesday with milk, eggs, ice, and moral support. Jerry Fall came in from Texas early and with the help of our Forest Service liaisons Gary Mason and Cody Layton, Lavern, and me, we set up camp early to protect our claim on this popular site.

The original goal we set for our two crews was to cover a little more than five miles of trail: installing treated wood water bars, constructing rolling dips where considered feasible, and removing the outside berm on about one-half mile of trail. As planned, the crew arrived on Saturday and we drove to camp. Because the camp was already set up, the crew had the opportunity to set up their tents and get acquainted. Sunday, many of the people took a hike to see the country but were back by 2 P.M. for the safety and training session, where we concentrated on installing our treated post water bars. The crew picked up the process rapidly, completing three water bars during the training.

For the first time in a few years, we were able to have a campfire, making camp much more enjoyable. It’s around the campfires that the stories are told, the jokes are laughed at, and you find out the interesting details about people and what makes them tick. One of the things we ask around the campfire is for the crew members to tell a little about themselves. Gerald Fall is from Frisco, Texas, and has been on many crews. An Air Force General when he retired, Jerry then got a law degree and practiced law until a few years ago. George Finemore came all the way from Benton, Pennsylvania, to be on the crew. This was George’s first Colorado Crew 0901, continued from page 20...
“Under the Boardwalk” would be a fitting theme song for Crew 1101’s week of delightful toil on the side of Copper Mountain from July 21 through 28. Like the Drifters’ hit song, the crew spent much of its week under three boardwalks, building their foundations as well as cutting new trail toward completion of Ernie Werren’s five-mile Copper Mountain reroute. With just enough lumber to complete the top of one of the boardwalks, the remaining two were left for later crews to turn into finished ground-level footbridges over sensitive wetlands.

Camp was Ready — The Princess Was on Her Throne.
The crew invaded the camp established literally in the shadows of the Timberline Express ski lift on Saturday afternoon. Crew leader Stan Ward, who arrived on Friday under the pretense of having to help with weekend crews on the reroute, and Kitchen Master, the Divine Princess Sue Palmer, had the camp organized and ready when the crew arrived. It didn’t take long to see the real reason Stan came up early: to set up his tent on the comfy deck of the T-Rex Grill, where he could keep an eye on his “wards” while keeping his boots and booty dry. Sue had to come in on Friday to get her new 36-room tent set up and her “What Part of Princess Don’t You Understand?” plaque hung outside the cook tent.

The remainder of the crew consisted of hardened and fun-loving trail-building veterans. There were several members who inexplicably signed on again in spite of being worked to exhaustion on Stan’s crew the previous two years: Jerry Anderson, Tom Brookshers, Bob Hunter, Rolly Rogers, Ernie Svetec, Frank Svetecz, and Paul Wicks. Rolly brought son John on the crew after working previous 2001 crews with a daughter and granddaughter. Brothers Ernie and Frank joined brother-in-law Stan again this year but left brother Ed at home (who, when asked to come, allegedly said, “Are you nuts? I slept on the ground and dug holes for 30 years in the infantry. Go knock yourselves out. I’ll be here in my warm bed.”). Tom swapped son Andy, who had been on the crew the previous two years, for younger brother Kyle, mainly in an attempt to increase the quality of the camp’s entertainment. And Paul Wicks returned from merrie olde England after a year’s absence. As you’ll recall, last year Paul sent his parents, crew favorites Alan and Cheryl, to take his place. Paul insisted they had a good time, but it seemed suspicious to the rest of the crew that they didn’t return if they had such a “good time.” Well, at least Paul, unlike you know who, made it to camp on time!

In addition to returning members, newcomers to Stan’s crew also displayed a distinct family theme. Weldon and Linda Hyde from Fredonia, Kansas, made Crew 1101 their second of the summer. And veteran crew volunteer Cindy Johnson made it an extended family experience, bringing her daughter Sarah and nephew Brian Stevens, who traveled all the way from Bellhaven, North Carolina. For Sarah, this was her third CT trail crew, qualifying her as possibly the most experienced 10-year-old trail builder in the world!

The crew also boasted two Littleton Lions: Chris Carr, who graduated from Littleton High School last spring, and Theresa Likarish, who volunteered to earn service requirement of Littleton’s International Baccalaureate program.

Completing the crew was many-time crew member and CT office volunteer Bev Gherardini, and Mark Santa-Maria of Temperance, Michigan, a veteran of more than 20 CT crews, including six this summer.

Time Off on Sunday. Really?
After a restful Saturday, thanks to the fact that we didn’t have to set up camp, the crew toured the work site on Sunday morning. Stan impressed on the recruits that the impending work would be strenuous, owing to the fact that much digging would be required to set a base sturdy enough to support the 344 boards weighing more than 10 tons that would compose the three boardwalks. He also pointed out that some of the 344 boards weighed as much as 164 pounds each. Stan’s overview of the project proved too much for Weldon, Bob, and Jerry, who threw down their packs and spent the afternoon getting a head start on the first boardwalk.
Then Monday Morning Came. Shortly after sunup the next day, the crew charged out and began flinging dirt, rocks, and lumber in anticipation of building three boardwalks. Only to discover that it was a few boards shy — more than 150! It seems that a series of calamities had befallen the Forest Service and Copper Mountain in their gallant attempt to transport the 344 pieces weighing more than 10 tons of lumber up the mountain, then down to one of the three boardwalk sites. Despite Copper Mountain’s Sam Parker’s gallant efforts, a broken snow cat, a disabled ski lift, and a sick ATV all conspired to leave Crew 1101 well short of the materials needed to complete the three boardwalks.

What had been delivered, however, had to be lugged up-hill and about one-half mile to the farthest boardwalk site! Thankfully, last-year crew member Jay Cullen from Atlanta and five of his friends from Georgia showed up Monday morning to lug about 125 boards, boxes and boxes of screws and nails, and angles and a generator and many electrical tools — more than four tons in all. Without their help, we might still be there carrying! Then we discovered that one very important 164-pound structural beam was missing. It was located four miles away. The Forest Service brought it to the campsite. But how to carry it one-half mile on a rocky game trail? Frank provided a brilliant solution. He got his mountain bike and rigged it to carry the beam. Worked like a charm, it did!

Undaunted, Crew 1101 dug in (so to speak) and over the course of the week persisted in digging holes and moving humongous rocks and getting the wood foundations set for all three boardwalks. The lumber was there, we thought, to finish all three. But, no. Only enough was available to build one boardwalk.

**Missing Lumber: What to Do?**

Then, to our consternation we discovered that more than half the decking was entirely missing and most of the balance was still at the each-day ever-farther-away western boardwalk. The “missing” decking was found about four miles away. After much hand-waving discussion, it was determined that if the USFS (we were lucky to have Kim Hesh, a really good person to have around) could bring them to the campsite (about a half-mile from the building site), they could be carried by (guess who?) the crew, and we could get one boardwalk completely done. So, Kim agreed to deliver the missing planks to the campsite on Thursday evening. But we still had to carry the planks one-half mile away from the first boardwalk too. Muscle beach it became!

By Friday afternoon, we thought we had one boardwalk fully completed. Okay!! But, we had miscounted the number needed. ONE 50-pound deck plank. So Friday night Sue P. and Stan clandestinely “requisitioned” one from the stash being assembled for Ernie Werren’s following crew, and on Saturday, Rolly, Jerry, Ernie, and Stan lugged it in so we could finish our week with at least one fully completed structure. And finish it they did!

While all the boardwalk activities were going on, we also pioneered the new tread laid out by Ernie Werren, extending the reroute more than 2,000 feet on its way to join the existing trail in Guller Gulch. Theresa, Chris, Bev, Cindy, and Sarah did most of this work with help from Jerry, Mark, and Paul when they could be spared from the boardwalk construction.

Can you believe we had to use trigonometry on the trail? The work of laying out, digging, and securing the sills and blocking that form the boardwalk foundations proved to be a deceptively complex and difficult process. The boardwalks were 40' and 50' long and set on a series of 4” x 12” x 5’ treated wood sills each weighing 85 pounds and spaced 5’ apart. These “on-the-ground-bridges” spanned uneven topography that required each sill to be built up to a unique height so the 164-pound beams could be placed across them to support the plank deck. They had to be square. No parallelograms allowed! In addition, because all three boardwalks sat on ski runs, they were designed to be sturdy enough to withstand the weight of 10-ton snow cats, which will drive over them regularly during the ski season, grooming the runs. This necessitated the installation of four heavy steel angles at each sill-to-beam connection, plus cross braces every 5’. The structural complexity and accuracy involved would have taxed a crew of mere mortal volunteers, but luckily Crew 1101 had Super Ernie . . . a retired civil engineer . . . to oversee the project and direct the five dozen or so self-appointed junior engineers who tried their best to make the job more difficult! But Ernie persevered, and with the help of some not so quickly calculated square roots, and a hypotenuse here and there, the boardwalk foundations were square and set with all the precision possible when you’re working on the side of a mountain.
Highlights of the Week

- A special cameo appearance from 2000 crew member Jay Cullen (and five friends from Georgia), who put in a half-day moving tons of the cumbersome lumber and fasteners one-half mile and uphill. It was equivalent to carrying a fully loaded Jeep Grand Cherokee!
- Nailing 6” spikes into a deck plank and signing it for posterity!
- The wonderful cook tent, crew tent, and canopy setup, which was on level ground, and built and organized to support four weeks of crews; we even had carpet on the floor.
- “CT” (yep, named for the trail itself), Mark’s 15-week-old chocolate Lab puppy, which had spent half of his life on The Colorado Trail by the time camp opened.
- One word from Paul: Guinness (Stout).
- Great food thanks to Princess Sue, and, luckily for Brian, lots of it.
- Warmth from a brand-new Three-Dog shepherd stove, which came in particularly handy on Thursday when the crew was forced off the trail for nearly three hours after laboring in a driving rain.
- Then, two words from Paul: beef jerky. Do all Englishmen crave this stuff?
- New tools that practically did the work for us. (OK, that’s a little bit of an exaggeration, but they sure are nice.)
- The trek to a local thrift shop.
- Two words from all: warm showers (at the Copper Mountain Recreation Club … thank you, Copper Mountain!!!!!)
- Two nights of ice cream made by Kyle, ably assisted by Brian, taking over from big brother Andy, who was the honorary ice cream turner the previous two years.
- Kids playing games. (Sarah – age 10 — and Paul – age 27 — still aren’t on speaking terms!)
- A visit from Cindy’s husband Albert, and five-year-old son Erick, who stopped by on Wednesday so Albert and Brian could enjoy a round of lost golf balls and stayed for Rolly’s bet-you-can’t-eat-this-without-drinking-a-lot-of-water chili.
- A glorious trip to Hot Sulphur Springs on Wednesday to soak all the soreness away.
- A windstorm on Wednesday afternoon that moved the canopy three feet and blew over Ernie’s tent. (If you’re driving along I-70 and see any tent stakes on the highway, please return them to Ernie.)
- A bagpipe march to start each day and a bagpipe rendition of “Amazing Grace” to end each day, thanks to Frank’s boom box and penchant for everything Scottish.
- A sing-along evening led by Weldon’s melodic base voice and Tom’s guitar.
- Kyle’s astoundingly professional one-man lawn chair drill team performance set to the bagpipe marching music to open the annual aWards evening festivities.

And, of Course, the Crew’s Annual aWards Ceremony

As in past years, they ranged from sincere and touching to downright silly. Notable gifts and their recipients included:

- Mark (and Paul) — wigs for the Remember When You Had Hair aWard from Sue.
- Frank — the Deer Antler Root aWard from Brian.
- John — the Mustache Bobby Pin aWard from Linda. Handlebars run amok!
- Tom — the Colorado Trail Father of the Year aWard from Frank.
- Sue — a Princess Collection Cassette from Bob and an anonymous 10-year-old donor.
- Bob — the All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten aWard from Weldon.
- Brian — an All Inclusive Rafting set, including a (soup ladle) paddle, gloves, patent leather day bag, and one-piece girl’s bathing suit from Kyle.
- Stan — the Here He Comes Fastest Hiker Hat from Jerry.
- Kyle — Washing powder and the keys to a Ford Explorer (thanks Chris!) from Paul. You had to be there!
• Sarah — a pair of Sue’s Custom-Made Earrings from John for her quality work, and a Future Princess Pill from Frank. (Don’t take it before your 16th birthday, Sarah!)
• Chris — a This Is Chris’s Brain poster from Theresa.
• Weldon — a College Algebra Textbook for performing boardwalk trigonometry calculations from Ernie.
• Bob — the Straight Arrow award from Chris.
• Paul — Beef Jerky to Go with His Wig award from Sue.
• Jerry — the Gray Hypotenuse award from Tom.
• Bev — the Favorite Trail Crew Person award from Rolly.
• Theresa — the Person I Most Want to Be Like When I Grow Up award from Sarah.
• Rolly — a Map So He Won’t Get Her Lost Again from Cindy.
• Ernie — a Homemade T Square and a flask of suspiciously brown liquid from Bev.
• Brian — the Teammate award from Frank.
• Linda — the Miracle Shrinking 5 Gallon Bucket award from Stan.

The ceremony culminated with Stan and Frank presenting Rolly with a Lifetime Achievement Award — a mountain-shaped rock signed by the whole crew — and with Sue presenting Stan and Frank with cut-glass kaleidoscopes for their continued leadership of the crew.

We worked hard and we had lots of fun too, but doesn’t anyone remember how to manually calculate a square root?
Trail crew, although George has worked on other trails. George was a big equipment operator for the state of New Jersey. George came out with Richard Greve, an old hand on The Colorado Trail. Richard is from Mount Holly, New Jersey, and was a college professor. Harry Hance was the third part of the trio. Harry had an interesting job doing research on animals. James (J.J.) Kleckner has been working on Colorado Trail crews for 12 years. J.J. is a retired Air Force pilot, who calls Minturn home so he can be close to good skiing. J.J. brought his grandson Bobby Henderson with him. Bobby is in high school in Lakewood. By far the youngest member of our crew, he was everybody’s favorite on the crew. Another member of the crew was Hollie Irvin, also from Frisco, Texas. This was Hollie’s third year on Colorado Trail crews. Hollie is a retired petroleum geologist. Larry Mack returned for his umpteenth crew. Larry likes to get up early, so he volunteers to cook breakfast. He’s a great cook and also works hard on the trail. Jim McIntosh was on his ninth crew. He not only volunteers for trail crews but helps out with our Colorado Trail Host Program. It’s a real pleasure to have Paul Newendorp on our crew. Paul retired many years ago and volunteered with the South Platte District of the Forest Service for nine years until he moved to Estes Park, Colorado. Richard Townsend came all the way from Greene, Maine, to work with his friend Carol Tyx. Carol is in the process of leaving Iowa City, Iowa, and moving to Indiana. Richard was at one time Carol’s professor, and they became good friends. Carol was leaving the Midwest and wanted to see Colorado before moving back east. They both said they had a great experience. My wife Pat and Carol were the only women on this crew. It would have been nice to have more women on this crew. The last member on the crew was John Watt. John has been an old standby with The Colorado Trail, not only on trail crews but also as a trail adopter and trail host. John comes from Fruita, Colorado. Bob Herbst, a teacher from Carthage, Missouri, was able to spend two days with the crew but had to leave early because of other commitments. This was Bob’s first crew. He was interested in how The Colorado Trail Foundation operated, and I believe he left with a good impression of our trail.

This was an older group on average, with 12 of our 16 members being 60 or over. That did not stop us from getting a lot of work done. On Monday morning we started on the far end of the trail and started working back toward camp. It was tough going because some of the trail was deeply rutted and the vegetation was thick. Nevertheless, we had one of our better days. Tuesday was the only day we lost some time to rainy weather, but we still accomplished a lot. On Wednesday the troops scattered to the wind, Durango for some, Mesa Verde for others, and hiking some of the trail for many. Paul Newendorp, who makes professional-quality signs, helped install nine new Colorado Trail signs that he had made for the Foundation last winter. The trail in this area keeps bisecting the road, so the signs get vandalized frequently. By Thursday we were covering a lot of ground as portions of the trail were in good shape and on flat terrain. Some of the crew were working out of camp and making good progress to the south of camp. The weather stayed nice, so we were able to get a lot done.

Friday was the final day, so we pushed hard to reach a goal we set for ourselves. The end result was we covered about 3 and 1/2 miles of trail, constructed 55 treated wood water bars and 10 rolling dips, and removed the berm from 800 feet of trail. This was about a half-mile more trail than we had planned and meant that we needed to lay out more trail for the next crew coming into the area. Working on The Colorado Trail can be very enjoyable when you have a crew that works well together, everyone pitches in to help, and you feel you accomplished a great deal of work that is a benefit to The Colorado Trail.

A special thank you goes to Gerald Fall, who stayed at the campsite the following week to keep an eye on the camp between crews and for the watermelons. Also, thanks go to Paul Newendorp for his great signs.
At an elevation of 10,500 feet, high above the Copper Mountain Ski Resort, Arthur Rankin, trail crew veteran of 15 years, led a crew of 15 adventure-seeking volunteers (a.k.a. Crew 1501). The mission? Build a new trail from scratch to finish the loop around Copper Mountain (Segment 8). With this new trail, hikers will be able to avoid crossing Highway 91 and going through Copper Mountain Village. What a task!

Clint Britt from Texas, a trail crew veteran of nine years, commented, “This is the first time we’ve had actual port-a-potties and lamps. The amenities are really nice.” Dick Carrier from Minnesota, joining us on his fourth trail crew, agreed, “The facilities are much better than we had before, such as bigger tents, more cooking stoves, and a covered eating area.” In addition, we were joined by Carol Clapp from Texas, who had decided to stay over from the previous week of trail building to be our designated cook — and what a chef she was! Thanks, Carol!

Our days started at 6:30 A.M. (ouch), followed by a mile-long hike to our actual work site. The mixture of different generations and levels of experience came together with one common goal: to build this new trail. Amidst the tall evergreens, the polka-dotted mushrooms, and the swift foxes and pine martens, some heavy-duty trail building was accomplished. Using the Pulaskis and McLeods, which are now officially owned by the CTF, volunteers pounded away at the earth. As some expected, large roots and boulders greeted us along the path. Shannon Holub from Illinois used every muscle she had. “I like hard productive work,” she said. “I’ll be able to share this with my fourth-grade students in the Fall.”

In the evenings, while lounging around the dancing campfire underneath the clusters of stars (when we could see them), some “first-timers” reflected on the day’s work. “You don’t have to give 100 percent. You do the best you can up there. You feel the energy, and it’s all about teamwork,” said Daniel Boutellier. Amy Cox from Dallas replied, “If I was doing this by myself, I would have quit a long time ago. The older people are inspiring. They just go on and on.” Daniel agreed, “I hope I’m going to be in that good of shape when I’m that age. It is inspiring.” Mike Dorio from Maryland offered his perspective, “I like the younger folks because they keep me young, but so does staying active and having a positive attitude.” Let’s not forget his entertaining, framed quotation, “Remember to look at the moon, talk to the smoke (my jacket smells of campfire), and listen to the wind.” Also reflecting on her week was Gina Hammer from Pennsylvania: “This has been an interesting trip. The people that come and do this are very resilient.”

Among the challenges of the week were the constant rain, mud, and unexpected hail that created havoc for those of us with less than amicable tents. I was one of the “lucky” ones who dreaded shoveling out several inches of water every time I approached my tent. Under these circumstances,

made a heartfelt decision to join The Colorado Trail Foundation in an effort to give something back. “It took me six years to complete it, one week at a time. I had enjoyed hiking The Colorado Trail so much that I feel that I need to help maintain the trail so others can enjoy it as much as I did.”

When asked how she felt about the trail work, she responded, “I didn’t realize it was going to be quite as much hard work, but there was a lot of good camaraderie among the group. Everyone was pleasant. It was a good experience.”

We had two husband-and-wife teams on our crew. Marty and Ivy Kaminsky from the Houston area were newly recruited by Clint. They both agreed, “This was the hardest work we’ve ever done, but we’ve enjoyed meeting the various people, and it’s been an entertaining crew.” Mike and Betty Brown, who were joined by Sally Stone, all from Arkansas, are seasoned world travelers and have participated in similar trail-building expeditions in their home state and in Wyoming. “We like going to places we have never gone to before and seeing who you will meet.”

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Returning to our beautiful camping site on the ridge between the Dolores and Animas River drainages, we prepared for another productive week of trail maintenance and rehab. This crew was much larger than Crew 1401, with 22 volunteers present for duty, all of whom stayed the entire week, including breaking camp on Saturday. It proved to be a very productive week. The crew installed 63 treated wood water bars, 15 rolling dips, and 10 drainage dips, debermed 1,200 feet of trail, and rehabbed 1,000 feet of rutted trail. Because it covered so much ground during the first part of the week, the crew was able to accomplish more maintenance than originally planned. This meant that the treated posts were being carried as far as 2½ miles by the end of the week. I never heard one person complain. I believe they really enjoyed the challenge. It made me realize that I had an exceptional crew.

The crew was composed of Colorado residents with just two exceptions: Peter Owen, and Bruce Thill, a retired chemist from Midland, Michigan. Pete is an old hand with The Colorado Trail, while this was Bruce’s first crew experience. Bruce was a real wine connoisseur, which must have something to do with the chemistry of grapes. Durango, Colorado, was well represented with eight members on the crew, four of whom are nurses at the local hospital. Cathy Hoch, Kathleen Jones, and Linda Johnson have been on two other crews, while this was Toni Mitchell’s first crew. Cathy talked her daughter Megan into volunteering for this crew. It was Megan’s first crew, and she had a great time. It’s so nice to see young people like Megan, Jeff, and Jay take an interest in The Colorado Trail. It’s our future. Paul Jancar, Ray Dalen, Pat La May (my wife), and I made up the rest of the locals. Paul is a builder in Durango and was on his first crew. We struggled with the mud, cold, and rain, we were fortunate enough to be offered free shower facilities down at the Copper Mountain athletic club. Everyone took advantage of this great opportunity, thus making our “roughing it” in the mountains more bearable. The hot shower facilities gave everyone a temporary escape and little reminders of home. Some of us also took advantage of a laundromat down in the village. In some cases, our sleeping bags were too wet to sleep in. These added benefits helped make our lives much easier. Thank you, Copper Mountain Village!

On our day off, several of us enjoyed shopping and bicycling in Frisco and Breckenridge, while others took a less leisurely route. Clint and Arthur decided to hike to the top of Quandary Peak (at an elevation of 14,265 feet) — located six miles southwest of Breckenridge. Clint commented, “It took me a long time to do it, but I made it. It was a challenge.” I’ll say!

Our week ended with the breakdown of the entire campsite. Everything, including the kitchen, the stoves, and the eating area, had to be relocated and set up by 3 P.M. by another crew that same afternoon. It was amazing all of the teamwork that went into that effort. Arthur’s car looked like it was headed to the Salvation Army with all the leftover food crammed into every little crevice. Ironically this Saturday also turned out to be the most gorgeous day of the week, with clear blue skies and temperatures in the mid-70s — off with the sweaters!

Without the guidance of Arthur Rankin and the efforts of the whole team, Segment 8 would not be complete. As a result of the crew’s combined efforts, the trail no longer passes through the urban environment. All but the small portions of the reroute on each end were completed (as planned). This new trail will be opened to hikers next year, thus allowing them a more scenic and undisturbed route high above the village. As Mike Brown said, “More people need to do stuff like this — get off the couch and get into the woods.” MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!
crew. Paul has worked for the Bureau of Land Management, so he picked up on the trail work very rapidly. Ray is a retired Forest Service employee who has helped me with my adopted trail section and has been on other work crews. The Ballantyne family was well represented with four members, two dads and two sons. All have been on crews before. Jim and son Jay are from Littleton, as is Larry, while Jeff is from Pine. Jay and Jeff are seniors in high school. Jim works in construction, and Larry works with computers.

This crew was made up of crew members who wanted to work with friends they made working on previous crews. Paul Berteau came from Denver to be on the crew with old friends. Paul, a Colorado Trail adopter, kept us entertained with his Cajun stories and his good sense of humor. Alice Sharp, who has been on trail crews since 1988, brought her daughter Chris Grant. Alice generally brings her grandson Barret, but when he had to cancel out, his mother took his place. She said she had a great time. It was nice to have them on the crew. J.J. Kleckner came back for his second crew on the Highline. He is such a pleasure to have on a crew with his upbeat attitude and willingness to accept any challenge. J.J. brought his friend Becky Wynn. This was Becky’s first crew, and she adjusted very well. Becky works for Invisible Structures, Inc., a firm that sells a geotech product, which could be used to solve some of the problems we have with boggy areas. Becky wanted to get a better perspective on The Colorado Trail and its needs. (Her company has a Model 1010. It is 1 meter wide and 10 meters long and can be backpacked into remote sites since it weighs only 41 pounds. Sounds interesting.)

Brian Timoney was on his first Colorado Trail crew. Brian has been in Colorado for about 18 months and worked for a computer company. Originally from Pennsylvania, Brian is enjoying his time in Colorado. Last but not least was Robert Brown from Elizabeth, Colorado. We had some people drop off some supplies for hikers who would be passing through. (Water, food, and a few essentials that backpackers need.) Because we did not know the exact time the hikers would be coming through, we left the supplies on the table under the canopy. Pat happened to be in camp when they came to visit, so she had a nice chat with them. They found their supplies and were enjoying their snacks when they discovered a cooler under the table with a nice supply of beer. Thinking their friends had been nice enough to supply them with a few cool ones, they stayed a little longer to enjoy the beer. Two hours later they were on the way much happier than when they came. When Robert came in from a hard day on the trail, hoping to enjoy a nice refreshing beer, he found his cooler empty. He never said a word. It wasn’t until much later when Pat was relating the story of how happy the hikers were with their unexpected treat that the true story came out. Robert took the news with his usual good humor.

Special thanks to Toni Mitchell and Paul Jancar, who have volunteered their horses to pack in the treated wood posts for next year’s Straight Creek crews. This will make it possible to get the posts on the trail without having to hand-carry each individual post. The area we hope to cover next year is four miles from the nearest road. Another special thanks to the Forest Service Columbine District and Gary Mason for the logistical support that made our camp and crew so successful. The comments from the people on the crew led me to believe we had a very successful week. The quality and quantity of work speaks for itself. Pat and I want to thank all of you who made it possible.
Dear Editors,

I thought there might be an interest in what I came up with as the lightest effective trail maintenance toolkit for solitary backpacking adopter work. The Pulaski handles both axe and dirt work. The light, short-handled garden rake replaces a McLeod. The bow saw (with extra blade taped on as a blade guard) takes care of the deadfall. This combination worked well on the south side of Section 21, working from a backpack camp on Pine Creek.

Also shown is a picture of a combination mattock and McLeod. The pseudo-McLeod head is made from one-eighth-inch aluminum. The trail maintenance guys from the Boulder Offroad Alliance called this tool a “Weber.” It works well as a stand-alone tool for water bar construction.

Sincere regards,

Bill Weber
Adopter, CT Section 21

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