



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK Steve Dobbs, President

Our biggest source of revenue has been volunteering at Bike events. The first one we did this year was the Zia Rides 'Pinewood Showdown'. We welcomed about 315 riders that competed in 3 different gravel races. We were also donated a gravel bike frame from Masi Bikes that we raffled off at the event that brought us \$2,000 on top of our donation from Zia Rides. MBAA (Mountain Bike Association of Arizona) holds an 'Enduro' event the last Sunday in September at Sunrise Ski Resort. Riders take the chair lift up and then race downhill in 4 different heats. TRACKS volunteers serve as backup timekeepers. This has been one of my most unique volunteering efforts; it is definitely a younger crowd. The Tour of the White Mountains is celebrating their 30th year. This race event happens the first Saturday of October and consists of 5 different courses. TRACKS supplies almost 200 volunteers for this event. This is our first year to sponsor the beer garden with support from Dagoon Brewing. These events could not happen without the support of TRACKS volunteers!

PLEASE BE SURE TO READ THE ENTIRE EMAIL!

Check it out below

***TRACKS LOCAL HERO OF THE MONTH!

*** CHECK OUT THE HIKE SCHEDULES- DOWN UNDER!

*** BUENA VISTA DEDICATION

***FORWARD THIS EMAIL TO A FRIEND & INVITE THEM TO JOIN TRACKS

*** MISSING NICK

***SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY DECEMBER 12TH AT JIM SNITZERS CABIN!

President Steve Dobbs -

NICK LUND

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS



It's with heavy hearts we announce the passing of Nick Lund, TRACKS former President of 16 years and our August Local Hero. He was an avid mountain biker who made a significant impact on TRACKS and our White Mountains Trail System. A celebration of life is being planned by his family for next August, at Woodland Lake Park.

Peggy Lund plans to represent Nick at the Buena Vista Trail Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Oct 7th. Nick touched the lives of many and will be deeply missed.

If you would like to send the family a card, Peggy's address is: 7726 W. Cathedral Drive, Tucson, AZ 85743

THE NEW BUENA VISTA TRAIL STACKED SYSTEM

RIBBON CUTTING OCTOBER 7TH SAVE THE DATE

Save the Buena Vista Foundation Cordially Invites You!

Buena Vista Trail Ribbon Cutting Event

When: October 7th, 2026, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Where: Shaw Low City Park, the Old Pavilion



Come celebrate with us and our partners as we officially open and celebrate the new Buena Vista trail system!

Finger foods and cake to be served, ribbon cutting at 12:15 p.m.

Arlene Nelson's Bench



Arlene Nelson's dog, Katie (pictured), and the rest of Arlene's family would like to thank those who donated to her bench at the Nature Center Native Tree Grove. Plaques were recently mounted (thanks to Jim Snitzer) and her bench is in the perfect spot – right before one walks down the path into the woods. If you have haven't walked around the Native Tree Grove loop recently, the Nature Center has installed signs for each of the native trees. It's a very peaceful place to visit and reflect on those we have lost. In addition to Arlene's bench, other TRACKS members who are being remembered are Liz Jernigan and Liz Wise.

ADOPT AND ACRE-Woodland Lake Park!

***Have you Adopted YOUR Acre?Woodland Park Lake stands out as a community landmark. Save Our Park (SOP), a private, nonprofit 501(3)c organization has launched a new program (Adopt An Acre) dedicated to funding consistent, quality maintenance for the 107 areas the town currently owns, with plans to expand if more acres are acquired. Go to: **woodlandlakepark.org** for details about adopting, donating and/or to subscribe to SOP's regular communications.

TOUR OF THE WHITE MOUNTAINS-

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR- BRYAN KOLLUS



THE TOUR OF THE WHITE MOUNTAINS IS HERE- RACE DAY OCT 3RD.

THANK YOU - THANK YOU- THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS! YOU ARE SO APPRECIATED.

JASON MOORE WITH SAVE THE BUENA VISTA FOUNDATION

Local HERO for September 2026





Jason Moore -A decade of dedication to the Buena Vista trails.

This October, TRACKS is proud to shine the spotlight on Jason Moore, trail builder, great human and Local Hero of the Month.

For more than 10 years, Jason has held onto a vision for the Buena Vista trails in Show Low: transforming an existing, mostly two-track trail system into an all-new single-track stacked-loop system designed for mountain bikers, hikers, and equestrians to enjoy for generations to come. That vision took patience, persistence, and a tremendous amount of behind-the-scenes work.

Through Jason's dedication and the creation of the Save The Buena Vista Foundation & acting Vice President of STBVF, years of research, fundraising, archaeological surveys, planning, meetings, and collaboration finally began to take shape. This summer, approximately 20 miles of new single-track trail became a reality, flowing through the beautiful Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. Jason has a special gift for bringing people together. Working alongside TRACKS, the City of Show Low, Navajo County, the U.S. Forest Service, The GOC LLC the developer of

SnowCreek, he helped turn an idea that once lived on paper into something our entire community can now experience.

Those who know Jason in the mountain bike community know him as much for his personality as his trail-building skills. He is fun-loving, kind, humble, and always willing to lend a hand. Jason has been known to work daily on the Buena Vista trails. You have probably seen him with a tool in his hand and a smile on his face.

On October 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the community will celebrate the ribbon cutting for the new Buena Vista Trail System. It will be a proud day for everyone involved, but especially for the man whose vision and determination helped make it possible.

Jason, thank you for believing in this project, for putting in the work year , and for giving our community something truly special. We could not be more proud to call you our TRACKS Local Hero - and one of the White Mountains' true trail legends.



100 MILE CLUB

Destiny Medaje, Contributor

This year, we are adding a fun initiative to our hikes: *The 100 Mile Club*.



We encourage everyone to participate in as many TRACKS hikes as possible with the goal of reaching 100 miles by the end of the hike season. Those

who do will be inaugurated in the first ever 100 Mile Club. Easy peasy!

Sign those hike waivers, watch out for monthly updates on our Facebook and Instagram pages, and take lots of photos and videos. Speaking of, please assist in documenting everyone's endeavors and email your photos/videos to photosfortracks@gmail.com or text them to 928-238 1329.

MOUNTAIN BIKING

Kelly Milligan, Coordinator



Mountain Bike rides at 9:00 am. Tuesday and Thursday & Saturday, starting locations (see below).

Tuesday: [Fire Escape Road \(opposite East Lane\) in Pinetop](#)

Thursday: [Junction of Forest Roads 185 & 271](#)

Saturday: [Junction of Forest Roads 182 & 7](#)

Rides will be anywhere from 15-20 miles. A helmet is required. Make sure your bike is in a good, rideable condition. Don't forget ample hydration. Anyone with questions can contact me by email

at milligankelly@yahoo.com. Looking forward to another great season and meeting any potential new riders.

HIKE: TUESDAY TREKKERS

Heather Steiner, Coordinator

Tuesday Trekkers will start up again in May of 2027! Thanks for a wonderful season of beautiful hikes and freindship.

Prayers please

Jim Meeker, a special person, and hiker

By Heather Steiner

Jim Meeker, a long time TRACKS member and hiker, and co-founder of our Tuesday Trekkers hiking group is gravely ill. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers. At 89 years of age, Jim has had a full life. He and wife have been married 66 years. Jim was a fabulous, dedicated, caring, safe and enjoyable hiker and a leader for many years. He loved hiking with his dog who passed about 3 years ago. Over many years they have lived on the mountain in the summer and in the valley in the winter. Jim also loved the snow and enjoyed

time in the mountains during winter visits. He, his wife and very caring daughter will most likely remain here until he passes away. Then they will go to the home in the valley.

HIKE: WEDNESDAYS- UP THE HILL GANG

Coordinator Kay Alderton

Most hikes are between 3-6 miles. Please be sure to show up on time, bring ample water, wear appropriate shoes, bring/wear a hat, and sunscreen. Due to limited parking at trailheads, we often carpool to the trailhead. Recommendations for rideshare costs are listed in the schedule below. Any questions, please contact Kay Alderton at 928-367-7003 or send an email to info@trackswitemountains.org.

October 7- Escudilla

Hike Leader: Terry

***Difficulty: Difficult**

Distance: 6 miles

Meeting Time: 6:45 am

Meeting Location: McDonald's Parking lot (south side), Pinetop

Ride Share: \$5

October 14 - Dos Cienagas (Mount Baldy Wilderness)

Hike Leader: Cathy and Phil

***Difficulty: Moderate**

Distance: 6 miles

Meeting Time: 6:45 am

Meeting Location: McDonald's Parking lot (south side), Pinetop

Ride Share: \$5

October 20 - General Crook

Hike Leader: Kathryn

****Difficulty: Moderate**

Distance: 5 miles

Meeting Time: 7:45 am

Meeting Location: Show Low City Park

Ride Share: \$5

October 28 - Chihuahua Pines, Los Caballos

Hike

Leader: Charmi

***Difficulty: Moderate**

Distance: 4 miles

Meeting Time: 7:45 am

Meeting Location: Show Low City Park

Ride Share: \$5





HIKE: NATURE CENTER (Saturdays)

Lynn Krigbaum, COORDINATOR



See you next summer for an all new series of Guided Saturday morning hikes at the Nature Center

Highway Cleanup! Save the dates! COMING OCT NEAR YOU!

Lynn Krigbaum

****Tuesday, October 13th we will do the highway cleanup on the TRACKS mile of 260. It is between the Atrium and the Family Fun Park.**

****Thursday, October 15th we will clean the Nature Center mile which is from the top of the hill with the motorized scooters and the Lakeside Forest Service office. Both days we will meet at 8 am and hopefully be finished by 10 am. There will be muffins available after the work is completed. Please wear closed toed shoes or boots, sunscreen, hat and gloves. Bring water and a cheerful spirit! Meet Tuesday at the Fun Park and Thursday at the Forest Service office. I look forward to seeing lots of helpful people!! Lynn Krigbaum Questions: 928-242-8814**

TRACKS WHITE MOUNTAINS TRAIL SYSTEM COMMUNITY MONTHLY CALENDAR				
ACTIVITY	DAY / DATE	TIME	DETAILS	LOCATION / WHAT TO BRING
 TRAIL CREW	Every Monday	8:00 AM	Trail maintenance, trail building, volunteer work days	Boots, gloves, sunscreen, water
 BIKE GROUP	Tuesday / Thursday / Saturday	9:00 AM	Group rides ranging from 15–25 miles depending on route	Helmet Required, Hydration, Bike repair essentials
 HIKE GROUP	Up The Hill Gang	8:00 AM	Easy to moderate hikes throughout local trail system	Good footwear, water, sunscreen, dogs on leash
 BOARD MEETING	2nd Thursday of each month	1:00 PM	Monthly organizational planning meeting	Pinetop-Lakeside Town Hall
 GENERAL MEETING	2nd Saturday of each month	8:00 AM	Community gathering and monthly Potluck	Sal & Theresa's