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## October 2016 Newsletter

### **September TRACKS**

**Meeting:** There were about 46 people in attendance at the final General meeting and Potluck of the season held at Woodland Lake Park. New member, Jolene Drinkwater, was introduced. Nick announced that the white diamond project is expected to



be completed this summer thanks to many TRACKS volunteers removing blue diamonds and replacing them with about 9,500 white diamonds; approximately 842 hours have been volunteered thus far, with a part of the Buena Vista and Los Caballos trails remaining to be completed. Ruth Nelson lead a hike around Woodland Lake Park and Nick lead a bike ride.

Meetings through the fall and winter will be held at Darbi's in Pinetop.

**Trail Care Program** : The Trail Crew has been hard at work preparing trails for the Tour of the White Mountains Bike Race, including repairs on the Chipmunk connector and the Four Springs Trail.



**Cool Running** 10 K and 2 mile races will take place September 24, starting at Woodland Lake Park. Pre-signup people will pick up their packages near the ball fields beginning 6:30 AM and people can sign up on the day of the race as well. Cost is \$30 at the door. Volunteers will be helping to check in runners, hand out t-shirts and numbers, monitor water stations and work at start and finish lines.

**Highway Cleanup:** The fall highway cleanup will take place on Thursday, October 13, for the TRACKS One Mile Section of Highway approaching the Junction of Hwy 60 and 260. Jan Newton will meet volunteers at Show Low Park at the large ramada at 8:30 AM to give out safety vests and cleanup bags. Turn into the Park just past K-Mart on Hwy 260, and the Large Ramada is the first one you come to after the turn. Wear sturdy shoes, hats and gloves. If you have not yet signed up for the cleanup and want to participate, contact Jan Newton at 928-369-7888.



**The Tour of the White Mountains Bike Race** will be held Saturday, October 1, with the race starting at the Pinetop Lakeside Equestrian Center on Buck Springs Road at the corner of Mark Twain. Volunteers can pick up their packages including T-shirts on Friday, September 30, beginning at 5:00 PM at that location as well. Instructions to participating volunteers will be given along with a dinner provided by Epic Rides.





## **SIGN, SIGN. EVERYWHERE A SIGN -**

In the past, TRACKS has helped install a few of the wooden Forest Service style brown wooden signs with yellow letters. Due to high cost, we only put up the bare minimum.

That has changed - we now have a set of templates and a router and we can easily make all the signs we need. If you know of any damaged or missing signs or places where a new sign would be a benefit, or a place where the existing sign has small and hard to read letters, or a sign with incorrect information, please send the complete details to Jim Snitzer ([jim@snitzer.org](mailto:jim@snitzer.org)). Jim will compile a list of the signs we need and gather the materials, and we can hold a workshop this winter to make all the signs we need. When contacting Jim, please include best available location information, i.e. nearest numbered diamond, gps location, etc.



Old hard to read sign



New easy to read sign

**TRACKS YARD SALE NEXT YEAR:** TRACKS plans to have another yard sale of “gently used outdoor equipment” next summer as a fund raiser to support our trail system. Please consider donating any items you may have. We will start collecting them next Spring. Only “gently used” items will be accepted. Since TRACKS is a 501.C.3 non-profit, your donated items may be tax deductible. If you want a donation receipt, please let us know when the items are collected.



**Don't Miss The Last White Mountain Chorale Concert at Blue Ridge High School** on Friday, September 23. This has been a very popular and successful event for many years and we will be sorry to see it go away. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$10 if you haven't already obtained your ticket.



**Trunk or Treat:** Enjoy this event where Kay Alderton and friend dress up and decorate the back of her Jeep in Halloween array. She gives out candy and trail guides representing TRACKS. Kay has been doing this event for several years, replacing traditional trick or treating so kids aren't out on the streets.

**The Nature Center Annual Benefit Dinner** was held September 17<sup>th</sup> at HonDah and was very successful. Thank you to all the TRACKS members who participated by either attending the event or donating to the cause.



## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Details</b>
<b>September 23, Friday</b>	<b><u>White Mountain Chorale Concert</u></b>	<b>7 PM at Blue Ridge High School Tickets \$10 at the door</b>
<b>September 24, Saturday</b>	<b><u>Cool Running 10 K and 2 mile races</u></b>	<b>6:30 AM volunteers arrive assigned tasks 7:30 Races begin</b>
<b>October 1, Saturday</b>	<b><u>Tour of the White Mountains Bike Race</u></b>	<b>7:30 AM Volunteers see schedule re when to be at assigned station</b>
<b>October 5, Wednesday</b>	<b><u>Audubon Monthly Meeting:</u></b>	<b>6:30 PM in Council Chambers.</b>
<b>October 5, Wednesday</b>	<b><u>Up the Hill Gang Hikes Green's Peak. Color Hike</u></b>	<b>7:45 AM meet at KFC Pinetop 6 miles moderate hiking \$5 carpool</b>
<b>October 6, Thursday</b>	<b><u>TRACKS Board Meeting</u></b>	<b>1:00 PM at The Nature Center TRACKS members welcome</b>
<b>October 8, Saturday</b>	<b><u>TRACKS General Meeting</u></b>	<b>8:00 AM at Darbi's. Come early to order breakfast</b>
<b>October 12, Wednesday</b>	<b><u>Up the Hill Gang Hikes Pole Knoll #602</u></b>	<b>7:45 AM Meet at KFC parking lot. 6 miles moderate hiking. \$5 carpool</b>
<b>October 19, Wednesday</b>	<b><u>Up the Hill Gang Hike East Baldy</u></b>	<b>7:45 AM meet at KFC 6 miles moderate to difficult hiking. \$5 carpool</b>
<b>October 26, Wednesday</b>	<b><u>Up the Hill Gang Hike Ghost of the Coyote</u></b>	<b>7:45 AM Meet Kmart in Show Low 6 miles moderate to difficult hiking. Carpool \$2.</b>
<b>Mondays</b>	<b><u>Trail crew will meet so long as weather allows for trail work</u></b>	<b>Get on mailing list with Nick <a href="mailto:lundaz@cablone.net">lundaz@cablone.net</a> to get notifications re time and place</b>



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