

VOLUNTEERS FOR OUTDOOR ARIZONA

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*The movement for conservation of wild life and the larger
movement for conservation of all of our natural resources are
essentially democratic in spirit, purpose, and method.*

Theodore Roosevelt (1916)



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE 2009

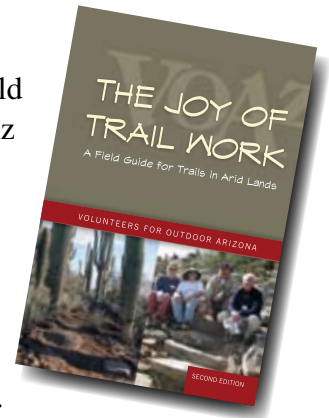
I am pleased to present this year's annual report. In addition to our project work we added the domain "OutdoorVolunteer.org" to our website. OutdoorVolunteer.org offers other outdoor stewardship organizations the opportunity to market their volunteer stewardship opportunities and manage volunteer communications.

VOAz completed twenty one events at eight VOAz project sites (498 volunteer days in the field; 4,679 volunteer hours valued at \$93,500). While these numbers are impressive, with our web site and our substantial cache of tools and event gear, VOAz could be doing even more events. All that we need are more volunteer leaders.

We completed the small REI funded pilot of young Volunteers for Outdoor Arizona. This taught us much about the challenges of organizing outdoor volunteering for young people. Working with young people at VOAz sites was delightful. To sustain yVOAz, we need a variety of on-going projects in the valley to which we can easily bring small groups.

After a very long gestation period, we have published "The Joy of Trail Work: A Field Guide for Trails in Arid Lands." This brings together what we have learned at VOAz during ten years of building and repairing trails in Arizona.

We entered this year with additional resources from Dorothy Garske Center dedicated to seeking the necessary funding to maintain a quality operation and to enhance our effectiveness at broadly promoting conservation volunteering. Then the country entered the worst recession since the Great Depression. How is that for timing? We have modified our targets to reflect current realities, looking carefully at our current costs, and we are preparing for a more aggressive development effort in 2010 under Thom Hulen's leadership. In addition, Carla Olson, whom many of you know from REI, has joined VOAz to ramp up the outreach program and build stronger agency participation with OutdoorVolunteer.org.



In June we installed a new Board of Directors with five professionals to help guide our development efforts going forward. Our new Board, listed under membership, brings a broad range of private sector and non-profit management and fundraising experience to the organization. I encourage you to attend a board meeting and meet them.

Thank you for your support.

Michael Baker, President

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IN THE FIELD WITH VOAZ

This year we completed twenty one events at eight VOAz project sites. Most events filled and attendance was typically over ninety percent – sometimes one hundred percent.

VOAz initiated two new projects this year.

Dolan Springs Open Space Trails System

Sue Baughman of Dolan Springs, a long-time member of VOAz (volunteer account #8), lead the effort to establish the Dolan Springs Trails Plan. Sue asked VOAz help her kick-off their trail building work. In addition to providing crew leaders and additional volunteers to work with local volunteers at their first event, VOAz provided a training day to prepare seven local volunteers to lead future work.

Grand Canyon National Park Conservation Work

VOAz held two vegetation management events (fancy name for pulling weeds) at the South Rim of the Park. Free entrance and free camping during the summer at this World Heritage Site is always a big draw. The staff who supervised the events were amazed at the work VOAz volunteers were able to complete.



VOAz continued work on seven on-going projects.

Central Arizona Invasive Plant Removal

This project includes all of our noxious weed sites within and near Phoenix. VOAz held four Buffelgrass removal events at two Phoenix area sites: Phoenix Mountain Preserve off 19th Avenue and Tonto National Forest at Gonzales Pass east of Phoenix.

Canyon Creek is a special project site within our invasive species removal program. VOAz has worked with Patti Fenner, Noxious Weed Manager for Tonto National Forest, since August of 2005. We have removed several species of non-native thistles that populated the opening created by the Rodeo-Chediski fire in 2002 before native plants were able to repopulate the area. Eradication events must be scheduled during July or August to coincide with annual emergence and before new seeds are dispersed. This is a great time to escape Valley heat and continue this important work.

Hart Prairie Conservation & Restoration Work

After completing two work events at Hart Prairie last summer, we were unable to return for our annual Memorial Day weekend due to financial cut backs, including critical grants, resulting from the recession. We hope that conditions will be back to normal by next spring.





IN THE FIELD WITH VOAZ

Montezuma Castle Conservation Work

As at VOAz's first event in 2004, this year volunteers cleaned plant material and clay deposits from the archaic and historic irrigation ditch, which is still in use at Montezuma Well. The fine staff and the beautiful camping area make this a favorite.

Salida View Trail #95

Two more events and over 3,000 feet of additional trail have been completed. The work area keeps getting further away from the trailhead! This project will be complete by the end of 2009.



Sevenmile Trail

In 2007, VOAz designed a new trail at Fort Apache at the request of the White Mountain Apache Tribe. Named after a nearby landmark (Water Tank), this one mile loop climbs above the valley floor and is the first segment of the more extensive "Sevenmile Trail" network. This has been a particularly satisfying project because we have been able to build a trail that provides a pleasurable experience for trail users and is easy to maintain. With two well-attended events during the year, we have but one more to go to complete this project.

South Mountain Park Trail & Landscape Rehabilitation

VOAz held five single-day work events in South Mountain Park over the past year. We completed the realignment of the perimeter access trail along the northwest boundary with 70 volunteers at the REI Service Project in November. (In Calendar 2008, VOAz volunteer contributed a total of 1,000 hours to complete this one-mile reroute.) In January of 2009, we started work on the realignment of unstable trail segments at Marcos de Niza Rock in Pima Canyon.





LEADERSHIP & SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers shoulder most of the projects/events planning and management work and event support and general operations (warehouse, outreach, web site, etc.). Those active in these roles during the past year are listed below.

	Event Manager/ Project Leader	Technical Advisor	Crew Leader	Food Service	Photog	Web Tech	Warehouse/ Office/ Tool Manager
Donna Alexander	x		x				
Kristi Alexander			x				
Eric Anderson		x	x				
Lou Arminio	x	x	x		x		
Carey Avery				x			
Michael Baker	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Ed Blanchard	x						x
Jim Cory (Indiana)						x	
Tim Craig	x	x	x				
Michael Galwey			x				x
Melissa Geiger				x			
Johnnie Grgurich	x					x	
Inge Harper	x				x		
Bob Harper	x				x		x
Judy Hulden				x			
Thom Hulen	x	x					
Sally Kirch	x						
Daniel Knollmueller			x				
Fred Kraps			x	x			
Gail Landry (Colorado)	x				x		
Lynn Larremore			x				
James Lopez							x
Jeremiah Lopez	x						x
Kathy Lopez				x			
Paul Martucci					x		x
Ardith McKinlay				x			
Paul Paonessa		x	x				
Carlos Gomes						x	
Jing Ping (Ohio)						x	
Shawn Redfield			x				
Ken Ryan		x	x				
Marilyn Schrab				x			
Charlie Scully	x	x	x				
Mike Snodgrass	x	x	x	x	x		x
Nancy Spence	x						
Sue Thiebes					x		
Bruce Weidenhamer	x	x	x				
Joseph Zveglich			x				

Event Support Services are done by many of the above and other volunteers.

MEMBERSHIP

Dues current through June 30, 2008



Board of Directors

Bryce Holmgren
Christie Statler
Jeff Schneidman
Beth Vershure
Chad Vincent

Stewardship Circle - \$1,000

Michael & Marilia Baker

Conservator - \$500

Ed & Melissa Blanchard
Shawn Redfield
Ken Ryan

Guardian - \$250

Lou Arminio
Marc & Norma Brown
Melissa Geiger
Nancy Hughes & Mike
Snodgrass
Thom Hulén
Daniel Knollmueller
Chuck Kranz
Anna Ryan
Nancy Spence
Beth Vershure

Sustaining - \$100

Eric Anderson
Kirk Anderson
Sally Borg
Jaqueline Doyle
Ken Fields
Karen Furbush
George E Gowman
Inge & Robert Harper
David Hicks
Martha Hobbs
Sally Kirch
Dick Mayo
Peter Michels
Brian Romanchuk
Cindy Romanchuk
Bob Royal & Kathy Droll
Ken Satoyoshi
Bryce Waddell
Norm Watson
Emerson Yearwood
Joseph Zveglich

Supporting - \$50

Donna Alexander
Carey Avery

Officers

President: Michael Baker
Vice-President: Thom Hulén
Secretary: Johnnie Grgurich
Treasurer: Michael Baker

Les Cherow
Pam Cissik
Tim Craig
Michael Galwey
Diane Gartman
Donna Gaudet
Marilynn Grieser
Sandy Heunisch
Judy Hulden
Rick Kesselman
Fred Kraps
Lynn Larremore
Kathy Lopez
Larry Lopez
Ardith McKinlay
James Neal
Christa Nobbe
Carla Olson
Eric Orrill
Donley Pochop
Phyllis Ralley
Linda Schilling
Charlie Scully
Marge Sparks
Sue Thiebes
Bill Trask
Alison Van Uum
Rita Vautrin
Chad Vincent

Member - \$35

Crista Abel
Patty Adams
Kristi Alexander
Sue Baughman
Cindy Bearce
Julie Binter
Rita Brady
Taylor Branch
Brenda Burton
Carolyn Chaney
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Stacey Joyner
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Margret Martinez
John McDonald
Bruce W McIntyre
Danielle McKenna
Thomas Meier
Terri Metzger
Linda Meyer
Mark Minisce
Donald Neuman
Janet & Andrew Oldak
Paul Paonessa
Jim Pope
Ingrid Purder
Tom Rime
Peggy Roberts
Sandra Rod
Annie Rollins-Protas
Beverly Sass
Marilyn Schrab
David Schwartz
Mary Shaw
Art Smith
Mari Steinbach
Debra Stevens
Elisabeth Stewart
Genevieve Taylor
Nell Teter
Dave Toon
Nick Warus
Elizabeth White
Kelly Zegers





BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 2009



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ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Wells Fargo Checking	16,306.91	24,229.91
Wells Fargo Market Rate Savings	7,503.14	0.00
Wells Fargo CD #1	30,398.25	40,000.00
Wells Fargo CD#2	10,000.00	0.00
PayPal	2,518.87	9,716.08
Total Checking/Savings	66,727.17	73,945.99

Accounts Receivable

Accounts Receivable	600.08	0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	600.08	0.00

Total Current Assets

67,327.25 73,945.99

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LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable

Accounts Payable	77.36	170.08
Total Accounts Payable	77.36	170.08

Credit Cards

Capital One CC	0.00	-86.55
Total Credit Cards	0.00	-86.55

Total Current Liabilities

77.36 83.53

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Equity

Un-restricted Net Assets	73,862.46	71,944.57
Net Income	-6,612.57	1,917.89

Total Equity

67,249.89 73,862.46

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

67,327.25 73,945.99

PROFIT & LOSS

July 1, 2008 through June 30 2009



INCOME

Restricted	
Grants	7,955.00
Meal Fees	190.00
Total Restricted	8,145.00

Unrestricted	
Memberships	10,244.00
Corporate Match	3,023.00
Cash donations	225.50
Merchandise sales	12.00
Dividend & Interest	583.47
Total Unrestricted	14,087.97

TOTAL INCOME 22,232.97

EXPENSE

Facility Expenses	
Maintenance and Repair	22.17
Total Facility Expenses	22.17

Operations	
Appreciation Items	1,206.30
Consumable Supplies	105.71
Internet (ISP & Web Host)	158.17
Insurance Property & Liability	843.00
Outside Printing	1,444.17
Professional Services	12,852.50
Prof Project Services	6,689.94
Postage	69.75
Service Gear	1,385.19
Small Office Furniture	0.00
Supplies	102.30
Telephone	1,010.71
Tools	130.86
Volunteer Food	1,504.94
Total Operations	27,503.54

Administrative & Board	
Professional Services	640.00
Accounting Services	400.00
Banking/PayPal Fee	143.79
Dues & Fees	135.00
Interest Expense	1.04
Total Administrative & Board	1,319.83

TOTAL EXPENSE 28,845.54

Net Income -6,612.57