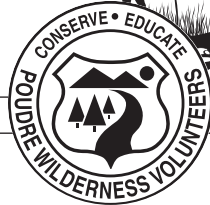


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The Poudre Wilderness Volunteers Newsletter



From the Chair

by Dan Seeber



"What will your agenda be?" is a question recently posed to me as I assume the role of Chair of the PWV. Well, honestly, I have not given any thought to that. Really, in the past year, I have thought only of getting in my minimum six hikes and working on fund raising and education items for our meetings at Avo's.

When I initially joined PWV, I thought I would easily get in 10 or more hikes every year. Then my life changed quite a bit with the arrival of my daughter. Those 10 plus hikes thought became six hikes. Moreover, six has not been as easy as I thought it might be. I have family who want to visit or be visited now that they have a granddaughter or niece. In addition, as many fellow parents know, just keeping the house clean is a new event. Nevertheless, making the time for my PWV commitment has been important to me.

And, that will be my agenda. It is not a new one. Linda Knowlton, our most recent Chair, has made getting the six hikes in for all members a priority. I will just keep that going. How can we, as a group, continue to make sure we all have that opportunity to get in six hikes? I think we can even beat 2005's totals, which will most likely be our best year yet.

Beyond this, I hope to continue to see PWV grow in terms of how well we know each other. The affiliation of the group continues to develop and I really feel like I am now among friends at every event we have. I hope we all feel this way or are providing the ability for you to feel this way.

So, agenda aside, I know one thing I will do this year. I will look for your help. We have had great Chairs. I have known three who I respect tremendously. And we have great members. I remember this past spring talking to Bill Dold who told me to remember this. To remember to call the past Chairs, Board Members, and ask them the questions I need answered.

I definitely will. And Bill, your number is first on the list!

PWV On Parade

By Jim Cook



Entering a float in the homecoming parade—a brain-storm of Jim and Janet Cook—paid off big. Not only did we take first place in the Community Division but also we got a lot of recognition and exposure, as our float was pictured in the Coloradoan newspaper. "This was our goal, to get recognized for our involvement in the community. Also to promote PWV for potential volunteers."

About the float: On board a 16-foot flat bed truck was an incline ramp, which allowed a hiker to meet PWV patrollers. There also was a tent with back packers talking with PWV members. Blue spruce and fir trees surrounded the perimeter and natural grass carpeted the bed of the truck. The theme of the float was "Conservation and Education." On the sides of the truck in bold lettering read "Poudre Wilderness Volunteers 10th Anniversary."

Special recognition: Kevin Dunn lined up the truck and nursery foliage. He and Janet Cook helped Jim construct the float. Without their involvement this probably wouldn't have happened.

Contributors: BMC West supplied the flat bed truck and gave a donation to have signage made up. When asked if they could help out, Logan didn't hesitate. Thank you to BMC.

Bath Nursery supplied us with all of the trees and grass. Thank you Bath Nursery. Cook

Restoration supplied the candy and entrance fees. Thanks to John Paul Lumpp for supplying us with pamphlets.

The others who walked or rode on the float were Roger Bartlett, Janelle Goad, Susan Gough, Diana Griffin, Emily Kinder, Dave and Rosellen Lobree, Susan Schmidt, Colleen Martin, Danni North-Decunto, Linda Owen, Jim Shafer, Mark Snyder, Henry Weisser and Ras Erdal. Horse riders were Jan Creager, David Boyle, and Rita and Scott Shovea.

Everyone wore their uniforms and packs. Candy and literature were handed out. The response was great. We had 100 brochures and ran out before we were halfway through the parade. Our horse riders made our entry more impressive by standing out, showing our diversity.

Following the horse riders was our comedic side. John Paul Lumpp with broom in hand, Mark Snyder with shovel and Dave Lobree pushing a garbage can with a sign reading "Leave no Trace."



Banner Year for PWV - 2005 Season Statistics

This was a great year for PWV and the Forest Service! With a 125 PWVs completing their required six patrols (that's 73% of active members), we set a several other new records.

- Total volunteer hours: **12,771**— that is nearly **3,000 more than last year.**
- Estimated value of volunteer time: **\$223,748.**
- Number of patrols: approximately 500.
- Trees Logged Out: **408**

- Number of encounters: **More than 9500**; 66% were day hikers, 16% backpackers and 5.6% stock.

- The number one violation reported: **Dog off leash.** There were very few injuries reported.

Congratulations to all volunteers. You did an outstanding job this year. Thank you!



End-of-Season Party

by John Paul Lumpp

About 80 PWVs attending the party at Sylvan Dale on what turned out to be a picture perfect fall day in the Rockies. Thanks to **Mike and Betsy Mosehauer** for coordinating the event.... you guys make perfect hosts and, by the way, you have been volunteered to do it again next year. Highlights from this year's EOS party include:

■ Six PWVs received handcrafted leather binder covers for their *Field Guide* in recognition for 10 years of service to PWV. To receive the award members needed to either to six patrols or more per year for 10 years or provide equivalent time off trail either on the board or in committee. Those receiving the binders this year were: **Bill Dold, Frank Lilley, Wayne Tobey, Jacques Rieux, Gayle Vancil and Garin VanDeMark. Chuck Bell and Art Bunn** received their binders at Spring Training. Jennifer Lusch of Stove Prairie handcrafted the binder cover. Our greatest appreciation goes to Jennifer.

■ **Ben Manvel** became the first recipient of the PWV report-writing contest. Seven board members read every patrol report submitted this past year and agreed that Ben's was the best. The contest will be official next year, so work on your writing skills this winter. To be considered, reports must be well-written, complete in detail and use correct spelling and grammar.

■ New board members were announced and retiring board members were given plaques in recognition of their contribution. Also, Dan Seeber replaced Linda Knowlton as Chair. Cheers!

"I would like to mention..."

By John Paul Lumpp

Wayne Tobey is leaving PWV after 10 years. He is one of the "originals" in more ways than one..."Say it ain't so, Wayne." He is a fine gentleman and has always added class, character, and experience to any PWV event. Thanks for all you have given us.

Bravo! To **Carmen Mendoza** who acted quickly and professionally in coming to the aid of an elderly exhibitor at the New West Fest. The gentleman was in the booth next to ours and when he fell ill because of the heat and (diesel) fumes, Carmen attended to him while waiting for the EMTs. She then stayed with the man's grandson and comforted him while the man was being treated. He recovered quickly.

Thank you **Ken**. You are in our hearts and prayers. You are a class act.

Finally, Hoorah! To the **125 PWVs** who did their six! (And, Garin for doing enough patrols to cover for those who didn't!)

Bravo! Jacques Rieux —Riding with a Purpose

By Sharon Ruch



Jacques Rieux rides horses. He is a 10-year member of PWV. He has a charming accent. That's about all I knew until I interviewed him for this article. And now I've learned he's a literate, thoughtful indi-

vidualist who claims he was never a "joiner." This despite his working with not only the PWV, but also for the Poudre Landmark Foundation and local theatre groups.

How many of you guessed Jacques was born in France? He came to the United States when he was 14 years old. Or, to be more accurate, he was sent here by his parents, to go to school in Connecticut, because they considered America the land of opportunity. He spent the next 10 years of his life traveling back and forth before finally deciding Europe seemed too constrained. Perhaps the East Coast seemed too constrained, too, since he moved to Wyoming for a while, and later got a job at CSU, teaching English literature.

He ranched for five years, then bought the Stone Lion Bookstore. Since books are one of his passions, it seemed a good fit. Under his leadership the Stone Lion expanded several times and became one of the nation's model independent bookstores.

About a year after Jacques sold the Stone Lion, he joined PWV. He's participated in, and watched with interest, the way our organization has grown. He agrees with the policy of frequent changes in leadership, to avoid stagnation. But he worries that since success inevitably brings growth, there is a "tipping point" where quality may give way to quantity. He believes the basis of our success is dedicated volunteers whose energy is not wasted trying to raise more money for more fixed obligations.

Jacques said the pool of knowledge and skill available in PWV is tremendous, and "many talented people have given of their time unstintingly." He used Browns Lake as an example of how "we've really made a difference." When he first went there, illegal campsites and fire rings were everywhere, and trash was the rule rather than the exception. He's convinced there is now a strong sense of regard for the wilderness, not just among fanatics, but also among the general populace. He's positive our "job of gentle persuasion" when we are out on the trails, trying to educate people, has contributed to this awareness.

For a guy who, in his own words, was never a joiner, Jacques admits he has a great sense of pride and personal satisfaction about his work with PWV. He feels fortunate the luck of the draw sent him here, and is happy to be giving back for the 40 fulfilling years he's lived in Colorado.

PWV is Developing a New Home on the Internet

During the off-season, a number of volunteers will be working to finish the construction of our own website. Although it is not complete, poudrewildernessvolunteers.com is open for viewing.

What we hope is, that the website will serve to provide up-to-the-minute news for PWVs as well as being a resource for members and the general public. When complete, our website will have descriptions, maps and photos of all the trails we patrol; a photo gallery where members can upload their photos; a *pwvBlog*; book reviews and equipment recommendations; and a variety of reference pages.

Our affiliate relationship with a number of merchants pays PWV a commission on any merchandise purchased off of a link from our store.

The Reading Room is another example of the affiliate relationship—this one with Amazon. If you are looking for camping gear, clothing or a good book, shop online through our website and raise money for a great organization.

For the time being, the scheduling and reporting system will remain where it is at Front Range Internet (FRII). There is a link on the new website which will take you to the login page for scheduling and reporting.

One final note: starting next season, all PWV members will get a PWV email address. We are working on a system for messaging that may solve some of the problems we have had in the past.

Check out poudrewildernessvolunteers.com. Feel free to send in your comments and suggestions.

New Board Members Elected

At the October Board of Directors meeting, six new members were elected to fill board seats vacated by term limits. Leaving the board at the end of their three-year term are **Janet Cook, Ken Thielen, Jacques Rieux, Mike Mosehauer, Dan Speed, and Doug Jackman. Ginny Sawyer**, who has served as Secretary, is resigning from the board due to her busy work schedule with the city. The Board wishes to express its gratitude for the valuable service these people have provided PWV.

We are fortunate, once again, to be able to fill the board with highly qualified individuals who have a passion for wilderness and a commitment to fulfill our mission. We welcome these members and look forward to their contribution.



Fred Allen (2005) sailed for 33 years in the US Merchant Marine and was Master (Captain) of 7 large container ships in worldwide service. Currently he is a captain in US Navy Reserve. Fred is an avid hiker and camper, an Eagle Scout and former scout and a

former member of the Appalachian Mountain Club. Fred and his wife moved to Fort Collins in 1999 to be closer to family and the mountains.

Nina Baumgartner (2004) currently lives in Johnstown. She was a software programmer analyst for 15 years before moving to Colorado in the spring of 2003. She met Bill Dold (1996), while volunteering to take calls for the public radio station KUNC. Bill recruited her to join the Poudre Wilderness Volunteers. Nina says she has had a "wonderful two years of hiking and meeting great people in Colorado!" She adds, "I have enjoyed the mountains of Colorado for many years as a tourist from Iowa and now it's a pleasure and privilege to be able to give back by being a PWV."

Dayle Hosek (2005) relocated to Colorado last summer and says that she was fortunate to meet horsewomen who guided her to join PWV and ride with others who provide a service to our community and protect our beautiful country while educating the public. She admits that she is in awe of where we live every time she goes into the mountains. Dayle lived all over the country, predominantly in the western US, and has been a backpacker, hiker, canoeist, kayaker and skier (downhill and cross country). She finds that traveling on horseback for her is "the only way to go!"



Neil Sherrod (2004) is a native of New York City, but has lived in Fort Collins since 1968. He moved here because of his love of the mountains. Neil is a retired professional geologist and continues to do some consulting. Neil joined PWV because, as he puts it,

"it offers a fun way to provide a valuable service to our national forest and the people who enjoy it."



A native of Nebraska, **Kristine Williams** attended High School in Fort Collins and later CSU. The Poudre Canyon became home when her family owned and operated Rustic Resort for 12 years. Kristi and her husband Ken have lived and worked

in Arkansas and then Texas for fifteen years but were excited to return to Colorado in the summer of 2004. They met two PWVs on the Montgomery Pass Trail and their enthusiasm for the organization convinced them to join. She and Ken believe that protecting the environment is critical to our existence. Kristi cites Jose Ortega Y Gasset, "I am myself and what is around me, and if I do not save it, it shall not save me." Kristi was also chosen to serve as PWV Treasurer.



Last but not least we welcome an original PWV to the board. **Lori Wiles** (1996) says she amazed by the impact PWV has had over the ten years in helping people enjoy the wilderness while "leaving no trace." She is also amazed by the interesting people who

join (one the reasons why she became a mentor—to meet more PWVs) and people she has met on the trail.

Lori is a weed ecologist with the USDA Agricultural Research Service. The goal of her research is to reduce the amount of herbicide farmers use to control weeds in crops. She wishes she would have focused on "invasive weeds" when in school so she could backpack as part of her job, but that concept did not even exist when she was in graduate school. She would like to help interested PWVs educate the public about the impact of invasive weeds and ways to prevent the spread in the wilderness. There is a "Leave No Trace" program for invasive weeds.

Lori grew up West Virginia and Ohio and has backpacked both in the eastern and western US and Alaska. She says, "PWV is my way of giving something back to the wilderness as "payment" for all the wonderful experiences I have had on my trips. Also, being in the wilderness is a way I bring peace into my life. I want there to continue to be wilderness so people in the future can enjoy peace or adventure."



John Paul Lumppp

Rounding out the board are the following members who have not reached their term limit: **Dave Cantrell, Ken Curtis, John Paul Lumppp, Carmen Mendoza, Dan Seeber, and Mark Snyder**. Also at the October meeting **John Paul Lumppp** was chosen Chair-Elect and **Mark Snyder** was elected

Member-At-Large to the Executive Committee. John Paul's term as Chair will begin November 2006. Dan Seeber took his position as PWV Chair at the End-of-Season Party. Past Chair Jacques Rieux was chosen to serve as an Advisory Board member. We thank Linda Knowlton for her excellent leadership this past year.

Hi Folks:

Just attended the PWV end of season get together. Betsy and Mike did a great job as usual Aren't they great people? For that matter you are all great people!

Well here it is 10 years from the time that some of us showed up in the "olde" USFS office to be interviewed by those who had pioneered this great organization. I can still remember my good friends Art Bunn and Martha asking me those questions which later posed to many of our later PWV'ERS in interviews that I was involved with.

What a great 10 years it has been. I've traveled many miles with some of you and enjoyed many nights under the stars telling stories of our travels and planning yet other trips that would be even more exciting and grander.

This was my last year with PWV but I will remember each of you and hope that we meet again on the trail somewhere. I wish each of you the very best in whatever you desire and life may take you.

May the wind be at your back and the sun on your face.

Happy Trails!

Regards,

Wayne Tobey

Wishing you all the very best this holiday season.

— The PWV Board of Directors

PWV Schedule of Events

DECEMBER 2005

- 8 Affiliate & Education Meeting at Avo's
- 15 PWV Board Meeting*

JANUARY 2006

- 12 Affiliate & Education Meeting at Avo's
- 19 PWV Board Meeting*

FEBRUARY 2006

- 9 Affiliate & Education Meeting at Avo's
- 16 PWV Board Meeting*

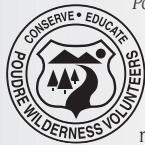
*PWV Board Meetings are open to all members and are held at the USFS Office Building at 2150 Centre Ave., Building E, Fort Collins.



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PWV Adopts Four High Country Highway Miles

By Kristine Williams

The Poudre Wilderness Volunteers will be even more prominent after a new sign is erected on Poudre Canyon Highway at mile marker 73, near Aspen Glen Campground.

The sign will commemorate the adoption by PWV of four miles of Scenic Highway 14 through the Adopt-A-Highway program. The Board of Directors approved the project at its regular meeting on October 20.

Four times a year, volunteers will be invited to help pick up litter along the road from Aspen Glen to just below the Blue Lake trail. The project was adopted to accomplish two objectives. This will be a highly visible recognition of our commitment to preserve the wilderness. It also provides a community service project that fits well with the PWV mission.

Fun and family involvement will be high on the list of priorities for pick up days. This activity will be inviting for family members and friends, who might enjoy being in the high country helping out. Picnics or other activities can be planned as a part of every pick up day. Car pooling will be encouraged.

First Aid —

The vital skill you hope you never need to use. How long has it been since you refreshed your skills? This winter, PWV will offer Basic First Aid / CPR certification.

Mark Rosoff, whose first aid presentations at Spring Training are always informative and entertaining, will teach the class. Mark has a knack for orienting the instruction to PWV's particular needs and it's always fun to do the training with other PWVs. He'll cover all the basic instruction needed for certification, but also focus on outdoor settings. Basic First Aid certification is good for three years, CPR for two.

Depending on feedback from you, the course will probably be offered on a Saturday in January. If enough of us complete the basic course and are ready to "go for the gold," we'll also offer the 16-hour Wilderness First Aid certification training early next spring. (That course might be offered in three units: two weeknights and a Saturday.)

If you are interested in taking the Basic First Aid / CPR course in January, please drop Dave Cantrell an email at cantrell@verinet.com, or call me at 482-0809, so we can estimate enrollment.