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General Membership Meeting
September 5, 2023

Featured speaker:
Paul Mauermann, Sandia Mountain Natural History Museum





Agenda

- President's Remarks – Mike Madden
- Projects Report – Sam Beard
- Treasurer's Report – Tim Brown
- Future Program and Speaker Introduction – Cliff Giles
- Program – Paul Mauermann, Sandia Mountain Natural History Center
- Q&As
- Adjourn



President's Remarks, Mike Madden

- Notables since our August Meeting:
 - After two years of work, the 5-mile long Challenge Trail Extension ribbon cutting was August 17!
 - Sawyers: First Aid, CPR/AED, BBP class will be Sept 21 - by Shannon Braune, Presbyterian Hospital & Cibola SAR.
 - Elections this month!
 - Three Board Members stepping down - Don Carnicom (founder, 26 yrs), Joelle Hertel (2 yrs), David McCreery (1 yr).
 - Sam Beard is Nominating Committee Chair, plus Eric Russell, Byron Garner, Sim Cook.



President's Remarks, Mike Madden

- Notables since our August Meeting:
 - Sam is working on our Annual Newsletter.
 - Save the date: SRD Volunteer Recognition Event - Thursday October 19.
 - Adopt-A-Hwy Crest Road Mile 4-5 Clean-Up will be sometime in October.
 - 20th Sandia Snowshoe Classic will be Saturday January 20, 2024 - volunteers needed for the Committee.
 - Still looking for a Paint Crew Leader.
 - Business cards - take a few, put them in your pocket, and promote FOSM while on the trail.



President's Remarks, Mike Madden

- Welcome new members:
 - Susan Jacobsen
 - Kay Mayoora

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Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Summary of August Outings
 - Trail Maintenance – 4
 - Trail Construction – 2
 - Paint and Graffiti – 5
 - General Projects – 6
 - Total Outings – 17

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Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Trail Maintenance Led by Bob Lowder and Byron Garner (4 outings)
 - August 2 – Did recon and brushing
 - August 7 – Cleared rockfall from La Luz Spur Trail
 - August 21 – Cleared 10K North Trail of two previously reported trees
 - August 28 – Cleared Tecolote Trail of previously reported tree
- Thanks for using CTR to report obstacles and removal of obstacles!



Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Trail Construction Led by Jenny Blackmore (2 outings)
 - August 3 and 10 – Finished Challenge Trail extension after 2 years of hard work! Added switchback, built retaining wall, added signage.



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Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Painting and Graffiti Removal Projects Led by Anne Hickman and Sam Beard (5 outings)
 - August 4 – Removed graffiti at Juan Tabo PA.
 - August 8 – Repainted 8,000-ft. sign near Tree Spring Trailhead.
 - August 15 – Repainted boards at Horse Trailer Parking Lot, Sulphur PA, and Cienega PA.
 - August 22 – Touched up paint at two modern picnic shelters at Doc Long PA.
 - August 29 – Touched up paint at Doc Long CCC and Balsam Glade shelters.



Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- General Projects Led by Sam Beard (6 outings)
 - August 2 – Reinstalled 10,400-ft. sign along Crest Highway.
 - August 9 – Limbed and bucked Cienega logs.
 - August 11 – Removed hangups on 10K N Trail.
 - August 16 – Hauled donation wood to new woodlot south of Frost Road.
 - August 23 – Cleared brush from Crest Highway to Cienega PA.
 - August 30 – Cleared brush at Capulin Snow Play Area.



Future Programs, Cliff Giles, Vice–President

- October 3, 2023 – Mike Madden, FOSM year-end update and election results.

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Program Introduction, Cliff Giles, Vice-President

- This is our 6th attempt at hybrid meeting:
 - 4-8 participants in previous meetings.
 - Zoom participants, please keep your microphone muted and your video disabled.
 - Use Chat for questions and feedback.
 - Speakers, please repeat questions for Zoom audience if questioner not speaking into microphone.
 - Audience, please wait for a microphone during Q&A session.
- I have small speakers I can deploy to (hopefully) overcome any A/C sound problems in this room.



Program Introduction, Cliff Giles, Vice-President

- Topic: Sandia Mountain Natural History Center, a partnership between the New Mexico Museum of Natural History & Science and Albuquerque Public Schools.
- Speaker: Paul Mauermann, Director
 - At SMNHC for 23 years.
 - Native of Philadelphia.
 - Came to New Mexico as a park ranger at Carlsbad Caverns National Park.
 - Degree from the University of Delaware in History and American Studies.
 - Has fallen in love with the world of informal education because it adds the context and realism that formal education often lacks.