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General Membership Meeting
September 2, 2025

Featured speakers:
Mike Coltrin and John Holmes





Agenda

- Vice-President's Remarks – Cliff Giles
- Projects Report – Sam Beard
- Future Programs – Cliff Giles
- Medallion Trees – Mike Coltrin and John Holmes
- Q&As
- Adjourn

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Vice-President's Remarks, Cliff Giles

- Notables since our meeting on August 5, 2025:
 - Comments regarding Recreation Improvement Decommission and Demolition Project due by September 8
 - Brushers have been active on Sulphur, Tree Spring, Canoncito, Challenge and Penasco Blanco (mentioned here because they're not covered by Sam)
 - Final call for FY2025 individual volunteer hours will be made on 9/15, covering a 6-week period, all of August and half of September



Vice-President's Remarks, Cliff Giles

- Notables since our meeting on August 5, 2025:
 - Elections are coming, ballots will be sent out soon to all members
 - Snowshoe Race Committee will form mid-September
 - Contact Mike if interested
 - BernCo District 5, East Mountain Celebration, Sunday 9/21, Vista Grande Community Center, Noon-4
 - SRD & FOSM plan to share tabling
 - Contact Mike if interested
 - Seeking a Paint Crew Leader



Vice-President's Remarks, Cliff Giles

Welcome, New Members!

Megan Batchelor – September 1

Nelly Taveras – August 31

Christopher Cudia - August 26

Douglas Binder - August 19

Susan Morro* – August 8

*Life sponsor

Memberships by Level

Individual – 55

Family – 20

Sustaining – 7

Sponsor – 6

Benefactor – 3

Life Sponsor – 64

Total Memberships – 155



Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair



Projects	Since 8/5/25	FY2025 YTD
Trail Maintenance	2	28
Trail Construction	4	41
Painting and Graffiti Removal	4	25
Adopt-a-Highway	0	2
General Projects	6	56
Totals	16	152



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Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Trail Maintenance Led by Bob Lowder and Byron Garner (2 outings)
 - August 11 – Survey and 10K North Trails
 - August 18 – Oso Corredor and connecting Trails

Note: This does not include trail maintenance performed by individuals and reported via Cibola Trail Rangers (CTR). We recognize and greatly appreciate these efforts!



Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Trail Construction Led by Laura Leon (4 outings)
 - August 7 – North Faulty Trail reroute
 - August 14 – North Faulty Trail reroute
 - August 21 – North Faulty Trail reroute
 - August 28 – North Faulty Trail reroute

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Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Painting and Graffiti Removal Projects Led by Sam Beard (4 outings)
 - August 17 — Painted new Juan Tabo Restroom door and removed gravel from path to restroom
 - August 22 — Put redwood Penofin finish on 8000-foot sign on Crest Highway
 - August 26 — Painted large horizontal beams on the Doc Long PA shelters
 - September 2 — Remove graffiti at CCC shelter in Juan Tabo PA

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Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- General Projects Led by Sam Beard (6 outings)
 - August 6 – Replaced rails on Cienega PA fence
 - August 13 – Processe donation wood near Kiwanis Meadow road gate
 - August 18 – Felled hazard trees at Kiwanis Meadow Road gate
 - August 20 – Felled hadzard trees near Kiwanis Meadow road gate
 - August 23 – Removed porcupine tree and 5 hangups from South Crest Trail
 - September 1 – Removed log from SNSC groomed ski trail



Future Programs, Cliff Giles, Vice-President

- October 7, 2025 – FOSM year-end update and election results, Mike Madden; Guest speaker – Stan Davis, “Earthcaches in the Sandias”

EarthCaches of the Sandias

presented by Stan Davis
prepared for FOSM, October 7th, 2025





Future Programs, Cliff Giles, Vice-President

- Progress relative to 2022 poll of board of directors regarding organizations of interest
- Seeking new VP with fresh program ideas
 - You don't have to become webmaster!

Potential FOSM Program Speakers

Organization	Date	Speaker/Comments
La Madera Volunteer Fire Department	7/5/22	Jerry Carroll
NM Volunteers for the Outdoors	5/3/22	Ed DiBello
Southwest Coordination Center -- Dispatch	8/2/22	Elliott Herrera, Albuquerque Interagency Dispatch Center
Bernalillo County Open Space	7/11/23	Adam Splittek
City of Albuquerque Open Space	9/6/22	Jessica Sapunar-Jursich
Albuquerque Mountain Rescue Council	6/6/23	International Mountain Medicine Center, Jason Williams
	8/1/23	Cibola SAR, Shannon Braune
NM Forestry Division	8/6/24	Lawrence Crane, Bernalillo District
Sandia Mountain Natural History Center	9/5/23	Paul Mauermann
Albuquerque Mountain Bike Association	5/2/23	Hannah Russert
FS Kids in the Woods Program		Still active?
NM Cross Country Ski Club	9/3/24	Sam Beard
Sandia Collaborative*	6/1/21	Mike Madden
Talking Talons Youth Leadership	5/7/24	John Ross
Tijeras Creek Watershed Collaborative		Steven Glass, CNM, Sandia Collaborative
Central New Mexico Audubon Chapter		
Cuidad Soil and Water Conservation District		Steven Glass, CNM, Sandia Collaborative
Rocky Mountain Youth Corps	8/5/25	Quinn Mendelson, Conservation Program Director
Sandia Nordic Ski Club*	4/6/21	Scott Dietrich
Albuquerque Wildlife Federation		
The Nature Conservancy in New Mexico		
Think Trees New Mexico		
East Mountain Wildfire Preparedness Association		
East Mountain Regional Trails Council		
New Mexico Mountain Club		
Friends of the Tijeras Pueblo		
505 Cycling		
Albuquerque Road Runners Club		
Backcountry Horsemen of NM		
Boy Scouts of America, Great Southwest Council		
Bureau of Land Management		Jackie Leyba, BLM; participates in Sandia Collaborative
NM Wilderness Alliance		
NM Historic Preservation Division - Sitewatch		
*Presentation preceded ranked-choice poll.		



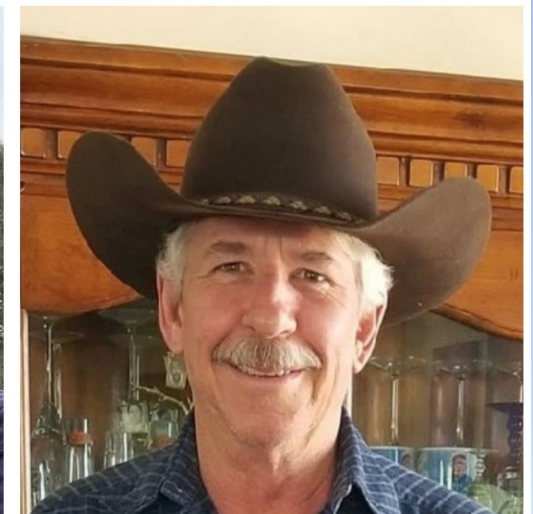
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Program Introduction, Cliff Giles, Vice-President



Sandia Mountains Medallion Trees

The Man Behind the Mystery
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