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**ADOPT-A-CRAG SUMMITS
WITH 99 EVENTS!**

NEW CRAG DEVELOPMENT GUIDE

Use your power, VOTE!

In my role here at the Access Fund I have the great pleasure of meeting and interacting with climbers all over the country. This happens at public meetings, climbing events, political forums, Adopt-A-Crag stewardship projects and just getting out climbing. Being a vast country it may be a while before I meet with you personally but I feel like I receive a broad base of input. A consistent message I hear is that our elected officials and the managers of our public lands, while they may not take all the actions we want, do listen when we speak up, and especially when we show up in large numbers and speak our minds.

When I first turned 18 (and could vote) the Vietnam war was just winding down and the draft still in place (I had a low number for the draft) so I had plenty of incentive to vote. Anyone who tells you your vote does not matter is absolutely correct, if you do NOT vote. While you may seem lost in a vast sea when you think of presidential politics I can tell you here in CO at least one

US Congressman was elected to office by a handful of votes, and many local elections come down to a difference of less than 10 votes.

For our work we find great help from Republicans and Democrats alike. The old cliché “all politics is local” is very true when you get down to advocating for climbing access and conservation. Cast your vote in favor of those who have supported your efforts and deny it to those who legislate or regulate in ways contrary to your beliefs, it will make a difference.

If you are not sure who to support in your local county, Congress and Senate races, speak with the local Access Fund affiliate organization or regional coordinator and ask them who has been favorable to their advocate work (see www.accessfund.org for contact info)

You have the power, use it! Get out and vote in November—it will make a difference!

Steve Matous
Executive Director

On the cover: Volunteers build a trail at an Adopt-a-Crag event at the 7th Annual Wild Iowa-Pictured Rocks Adopt-a-Crag Clean-up hosted by the Eastern Iowa Climbers' Coalition. Evan Fales is pictured in the foreground with the grimace, Kevin Sharkness (president of the Eastern Iowa Climbers Coalition) wields the shovel, and in the background is Dan Schulz. It was Dan's first climbing outing even though he grew up outside of Yosemite (*Photo by John Richard*).

POLICY REPORT

New Crag Development as an Access Issue

(By Jason Keith, Policy Director)

Climbers who put up new routes on public land are headed for cross-roads in the next few years. Impacts related to developing new crags are increasingly coming to the attention of land managers and other interested parties. Every few weeks, a new “crag issue” emerges that increasingly puts climbers and land managers on a collision course: climbers, believing the land is theirs, and (with good intentions) “put in” a dozen new climbs, complete with trails and easy-to-clip protection. However, the land manager gets a call from a concerned individual or group worried about the impacts of a few bolted sport-climbs. As a result, the land manager—often grudgingly—is now forced to do something, and the chances are that climbers will lose out because more likely than not that new crag was developed without agency oversight or public process. In the coming years, continued new route activity could backfire against the climbing community, forcing land managers to implement restrictive climbing management policies that limit new route development.

Think of it this way: if you hiked into your favorite climbing area only to find that the local outing club had blazed a new trail through the forest without telling anyone, would that be OK? That’s what climbers do every time they anonymously develop a new crag on public land. Federal law requires that land managers allow the public to analyze and comment on any proposed human activity that could have a significant impact on the environment. This way each user group is assured that their favorite resource isn’t impaired by another user group—not to mention potential impacts to fragile natural and cultural resources. There have been some high profile “new crag issues” this past year which have definitely gotten the attention of land managers. Most folks are sensitive to their impacts and try their best keep

climbing-related damage to a minimum. But even if you minimize your impacts, build a responsible trail to the base of your route, try not to offend other users, and keep bolts camouflaged, the cumulative impacts of your crag development must be subject to everyone’s scrutiny if it’s located on public land (private land crag development—much of where we climb east of the Mississippi—has a separate list of access considerations, primary of which is to obtain permission from the landowner).

So now what? You’re still going to climb, right? And that new line you saw will just get done by someone else if you don’t do it first. Plus, if you’ve ever been involved in land management planning you know that process takes forever, so if you take that path you may never get to do your new climb. Just because your local land manager hasn’t done any climbing-related environmental assessments doesn’t mean your public land privileges are limited. However, balance here is key: the more sensitive we are to climbing related impacts the more reasonable we appear and the more likely we’ll get to keep climbing. Consider about the following when developing your new public crag.

Know where you’re climbing and the relevant applicable law

Some of the recent new crag controversies emerged because climbers didn’t know where they were in terms of applicable rules. For example, the Infinite Bliss route in Washington State upset local land managers, in part, because of its location in federally designated wilderness and power drills may have been used when putting up the route. Not only are power drills illegal in wilderness, but the “bootleg” trail leading up to the route, while fairly minor, was established without agency oversight. The Infinite Bliss first ascensionists actually thought they were



Charley Mace

outside the wilderness boundary (an outdated map sold at the USFS ranger station indicated such), but a phone call confirming these specifics could have prevented many headaches. As a result local climbing activists were forced to meet with a local environmental group and a US Forest Service wilderness manager to try and resolve everyone's concerns. It remains unclear what will be done with the bolts on the route and whether the USFS will formally incorporate the approach trail into their trail plan. The point? Know the specific rules that apply where your project is located. Know that while you have an equal privilege with all other users of public land, you don't have a right to do whatever you want, no matter how remote and isolated your new crag. Call the local land manager to find out where relevant boundaries lie and what rules apply.

Minimize your impacts

New crag impacts concern the approach trail, the base staging area, and the cliff itself as well as the cliff-top. As noted above, trails are a problem. Most crag developers try hard to build responsible approach routes to minimize erosion; however, actually constructing a trail requires permission from the land manager. If you don't have permission, don't build a trail! This doesn't mean that you can't walk along the same route thus "establishing" a minor path as you go, but developing a full-blown trail may concern a lot of people which in turn could force a reaction from the local land manager.

Try to keep the base of your new crag under control. Leave vegetation in place as much as possible, especially bushes and trees. Many folks that "work" their projects over the long term fix ropes on

their routes and cache tools at the base. This industrial approach to crag development is definitely an access issue—there's perhaps no better way to freak out your local land manager or environmentalist than turning a public crag into what looks like an indoor climbing gym. Be reasonable and clean up after each day rather than leaving hardware slung all over the place for weeks at a time. This convenience-based approach to route development has actually gotten crags closed.

Get to know your land managers

Land managers are the single most influential person in terms of your new route activity. They can keep you climbing or shut you down, but you're bound to get a better shake if you are friends with the people that control management policy. Call up the local ranger, ask to talk with the person in charge of recreation management, and see where it goes. Remember, these people typically have tons on their plate, and climbing no doubt is fairly low on their priorities list. Sometimes that land manager is a climber so it may be easy to talk about new route development in their management area. For those that are not familiar with climbing this is an opportunity to inform them what climbing is all about and its long tradition on public lands.

A good relationship with your land manager is the best way to ensure continued access to your local cliff, but you'll have to decide for yourself exactly what you want to share with them. Is it best to tell them what you plan to do? Or is it better for them to stumble across your new sport crag? Usually the answer depends on each specific crag and your relationship with the relevant land manager. Bolting isn't illegal, but concerned land managers can make things more difficult by controlling trails, being highly sensitive to special status flora/fauna/cultural resources, and keeping an eye on whether there are ropes fixed and gear illegally cached. A good way to formalize positive cooperation is to propose a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with your local land management agency (see www.accessfund.org/pdf/LCO_Strategy_MOU.pdf for specifics on MOUs).



Veering from established trails cause permanent impact. Avoid the "tourist trail" and Leave No Trace.

Be respectful of others

More than one climbing area has been closed or restricted because of conflicts with other users. It goes without saying that if you don't impact the use and enjoyment of others, they probably won't complain about your activity. Keep those boom boxes at home and dogs controlled. Try to keep your gear from looking like a yard sale, and, if power drills are allowed, don't drill away flagrantly without regard to what others might think. Even in places where there aren't rules prohibiting power drills, many people react negatively to motor drills pounding away into their public resources. Be discrete and consider only drilling (power or hand drill) in places and at times when other users are unlikely to be around.

Consider not developing that crag

Finally, ask yourself whether that crag is really worth developing. For the most part first ascensionists put up their new routes and then never return (with exceptions). Is it worth whatever controversy might arise? If so, go for it. However, if you know you'll make waves think about climbing existing routes or going elsewhere for your first ascents.

Climbers are as active as ever putting up new climbing routes and bouldering problems. For an enviro-friendly checklist developing a new bouldering area, see the Boulder Project Toolkit at www.accessfund.org/programs/bouldertoolkit.html. There's still a lot of rock out there, but we may be approaching a turning point with regards to how much longer we'll be able to continue establishing new climbs on public land. More and more climbers are vying for those new routes and land managers and 3rd parties are more aware of our activities than ever before. There may be few things more gratifying than putting up and sending a new project, and the Access Fund is committed to protecting this unique climbing opportunity. However, to maintain this kind of opportunity climbers need to know and follow the rules, keep our impacts to a minimum, and work with our land managers and other interested parties to conserve public land resources. Let's keep these opportunities alive and do everyone a favor by respecting what others think about public lands and being discrete with our activities.

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AREA REPORTS

WEST

Bouldering at Oak Flat, Arizona to Face Long Road of Access Challenges



(report by Jason Keith, Policy Director)

The Access Fund continues to work on a number of fronts to advocate for continued public access to the Oak Flat/Queen Creek area east of Phoenix, AZ. Access to portions of this unique bouldering area—home to the Phoenix BoulderBlast (formerly, the Phoenix Bouldering Contest which is the largest climbing event of its kind in the world)—may be lost forever if a mining proposal by Resolution Copper Company is approved to extract billions of dollars worth of copper. If this proposal goes through, substantial ground subsidence to the Oak Flat campground—right where the Phoenix BoulderBlast takes place—could literally cause the ground to collapse hundreds of feet.

For liability reasons, the Resolution Copper would like to limit any public access to the areas above where the mining may occur (that is, much of the region's bouldering and roped climbing). In sum, the proposed mine could affect access to thousands of bouldering problems and roped routes and as such this could be the largest loss of a climbing resource ever in the United States. For more information check out www.accessfund.org/pdf/VT58.pdf. After supporting the formation of the Friends of Queen Creek (www.friendsofqueencreek.com)—a group of local Arizona activists dedicated to maintaining public access to the larger Queen Creek area—the Access Fund continues to work with that group to keep people bouldering at Oak Flat. The Friends met in June with US Congressman Rick Renzi (Oak Flat is in his congressional district) to state our case, and in July the Access Fund's Steve Matous and Jason Keith traveled to Phoenix and met with the offices of Governor Napolitano, and US Senators McCain and Kyl. In October AF Policy Director Jason Keith will return to Phoenix for a site tour of Oak Flat with the Friends group and staff from the Governor's office

(both AZ Senators as well as Rep. Renzi have been invited as well).

Your voice is needed to help maintain access to Oak Flat. With elections approaching your politicians are more keen than ever to listen to your concerns. If you live in Arizona, call or write your politicians, say you are a constituent, and express your concern regarding Oak Flat access. Even if you don't live in Arizona, give these same politicians a call and tell them how valuable and unique Oak Flat is to all Americans that travel there.

Talking points to focus on include: Oak Flat is a unique, multi-use resource that enjoys long-standing federal protection (President Eisenhower issued a protective executive order back in the 1950s); users of Oak Flat are mobilized to assure continued protection; users of Oak Flat are aware that the site also has potential mineral resources owned by Resolution Copper; the Friends of Queen Creek are not anti-mine nor anti-development, but development cannot be at the expense of this irreplaceable resource; and if development is pursued, it must be subject to full public participation, not in the vacuum of a legislated land swap.

For contact information regarding Arizona elected officials, log onto www.congress.org. In particular, focus on Governor Napolitano, US Congressman Rick Renzi, and US Senators McCain and Kyl. A sample advocacy letter on the issue can be found at www.accessfund.org/programs/Queen_letter_6_04.html.

Access Fund 2004 Annual Dinner

(report by Michael Lindsey, Development Director)

We held our 2004 annual dinner in San Francisco's Golden Gate Club in the



Jason Keith

2004 Access Fund Annual Dinner in San Francisco, California.



Dan Nordstrom, Access Fund vice president, and presenter Allen Steck share stories at the Annual Dinner.

Presidio on September 23. The theme was "Three Generations of Pushing the Limits in Yosemite." The presenters Allen Steck, Hans Florine, Tommy Caldwell and Beth Rodden shared stories of climbing in Yosemite from their generation.

Allen started the presentations with adventures in his early climbing days with kermantle rope and kletter shoes. He shared how he learned some big wall techniques while climbing in Europe that he brought back to Yosemite that made his some of his first ascents a success. He said having to suck on moss to re-hydrate on the Lost Arrow Spire is not something he recommends as a weight saving practice to today's climbers!

Hans talked how the fastest ascents on the Nose fell rapidly during the 1990's. He delighted us with stories and an amazing visual presentation, of how he had attained the current record of just over two and a half hours by refining his skills during that time and learning new techniques from a variety of partners.

Tommy and Beth ended the presentations with the first free ascent of the Dihedral Wall. Tommy chronicled his experience of rehearsing moves for weeks alone on the wall, while Beth recuperated from an injury. He said that working as team, with Beth's big wall experience and encouragement, made it possible to achieve this amazing feat.

The evening included a silent auction of memorabilia donated by Royal Robbins, Allen Steck and photos from Corey Rich, as

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well as, guiding from Fabrizio Zangrilli and Hans Florine. Kathy Brown from Kalyra Winery donated the wine for the dinner and two cases for the auction.

The guests included board members, staff, donors and friends of the Access Fund. It was a wonderful evening filled with great stories spanning forty years of climbing in Yosemite.

MIDWEST Call to Action- Wisconsin Climbers

In mid-August, Grassroots Coordinator Deanne Buck traveled to Wisconsin to host a climbers' gathering and to tour some of the Midwest's largest climbing resources. The climbers' gathering was an opportunity to hear climbing related issues and to start formulating solutions to those issues, including the revitalization of Wisconsin Outdoor Access (WOA), a local climbing organization. Attendees of the forum agreed to a follow-up "meeting" and field trip to Gibraltar Rock, which has been closed to climbing for over 3 years, that occurred on Sunday, September 26th. Information can be found at www.climbingdevilslake.com/

In addition, the Wisconsin Climbers list service has been revived. If you live in the Midwest and climb in Wisconsin, join the list at www.climbingcentral.com/woa/lists.lasso. Whether your goal is to reopen Gibraltar Rock, solidify relations with land managers at Devil's Lake, or help with an Adopt-a-Crag, WOA would like your assistance. Wisconsin climbers have the unique opportunity to step into the framework of a very successful climbing organization, to build upon its successes, and to ensure climbing access in Wisconsin. Remember, it is your climbing future!

SOUTHEAST Hurricane Ivan and climbing

When we think of Hurricane Ivan, we think water and winds,



not rocks. But, for those in North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and other Eastern Seaboard states, rock (or lack of access to) is foremost in their minds. According to one recent posting on www.carolinaclimbers.com, "Following the recent hurricanes many of our favorite climbing spots have been put on a temporary shutdown. Not really shut down but access has been made more difficult due to roads being washed away. From what I gather all the climbing areas are open, but access just isn't as easy."

The Access Fund is here to help. Already, members of the Carolina Climbers Coalition (www.carolinaclimbers.com) are planning "Adopt-a-Crag 2004, Round Two" with the full support of the Access Fund. If you live in one of the states affected by Hurricane Ivan and would like to be involved in either organizing or participating in an Adopt-a-Crag event please contact Deanne Buck (deanne@accessfund.org), grassroots and Adopt-a-Crag coordinator.

Hound Ears Comp a Huge Success for the Access Fund

On October 2nd, the Access Fund gained 31 new members at the eleventh annual Hound Ears Bouldering Competition. Thanks to the critical support of competition directors, Jim Horton and Chad Wykle, over \$1500 was raised for the AF. A special thanks is extended to Mark "Goose" Kears of Misty Mountain for spearheading the membership drive as a volunteer for the Access Fund. Goose is a longtime supporter of the AF and former board member who also donated, on behalf of Misty Mountain, a big Equalizer bouldering pad valued at \$325!

The Hound Ears Competition is the first of three events of the Triple Crown Bouldering Series. For more information, visit www.triplecrownbouldering.org.

The next event will be on November 6 at Horse Pens 40 in Gadsden, Alabama. On December 4th, the series will conclude at Little Rock City, outside of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

GRASSROOTS

Access Fund Awards \$8,600 in Climbing Preservation Grants to Support Climber Activism, Conservation and Education; \$10,000 Emergency Relief Fund Established

The Access Fund has awarded \$8,600 in its third round of grant funding for 2004. Awarded three times annually, Climbing Preservation Grants provide financial assistance for local climber activism and protection of the climbing environment. The grants will be distributed for trail improvements, education and assistance for a newly formed local climber organization.

The Access Fund also established a \$10,000 emergency relief fund to help pay for restoration projects at climbing areas in the southeast hit hard by the September hurricanes. The Access Fund will accept grant applications for this money until the end of 2004.

"The Access Fund is committed to preserving the climbing experience for present and future generations," said Shawn Tierney, access and acquisitions director. "We're proud to fund these important initiatives on behalf of our members and the entire climbing community."

The following were awarded in the final round of 2004 Access Fund Grants:

Friends of Queen Creek, Arizona

The Friends of Queen Creek (FOQC) received a grant to help with their effort to preserve public access to Oak Flat and Devil's Canyon. This area represents a unique climbing resource with over 2,000 boulder problems and more than 800 routes. This is the site of the Phoenix BoulderBlast as well. Currently there are plans to build a large copper mine at this site.

Little Si, Washington

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust was awarded a grant to complete upgrades to the Little Si trail, which provides access to a popular climbing area. The trail has received heavy use since the construction of a new trail head and is

in need of upgrading to ensure continued protection of resources and safety for trail users.

Wichita Mountains Climbers Coalition, Oklahoma

A grant was awarded to the Wichita Mountains Climbers Coalition (WMCC) to produce climber education brochures at two climbing areas: the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge and Baldy Point at Quartz Mountain Nature Park. The brochures will be made available at trail heads, visitor centers, and climber kiosks free of charge.

Carolina Climbers Coalition, North Carolina

The Carolina Climbers Coalition was awarded a grant to help pay for the updating and printing of their climber education brochures.

The Access Fund's Fifth Annual Adopt-a-Crag Reaches New Heights — REI Title Sponsor, W.L. Gore Presenting Sponsor & CLIF Bar Supporting Sponsor

The Access Fund is proud to announce that the organization's fifth annual Adopt-a-Crag surpassed its goal of 89 Adopt-a-Crag events around the country. If we were to climb Yosemite's Half Dome, Northwest Face (23 pitches), The Nose (31 pitches), and Salathe Wall (35 pitches), we would complete 89 pitches of climbing. We topped out on Half Dome in late-June, flew up the Nose by late-July, and reached the Salathe Wall summit on September 10th.

Adopt-a-Crag is the Access Fund's signature event, a national commitment



The merits of stewardship! A volunteer shows off his new tread collected at the Seward Highway Adopt-a-Crag in Anchorage, Alaska.

by the climbing community to natural resource stewardship and volunteerism. Title Sponsor Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI), Presenting Sponsor W.L. Gore, and Supporting Sponsor Clif Bar are the Access Fund's partners in presenting this event.

Adopt-a-Crag events span from late August to mid-November and from Maine to California, from Alaska to Georgia. Adopt-a-Crag organizers and volunteers have cast the net of climber goodwill and stewardship over the entire country! Through all of their efforts, we are connecting climbers to each other and building relationships with land managers and owners.



John Richard

Adopt-a-Crag at 7th Annual Wild Iowa-Pictured Rocks.



Jeremy Collins

Osceola, Missouri Adopt a Crag



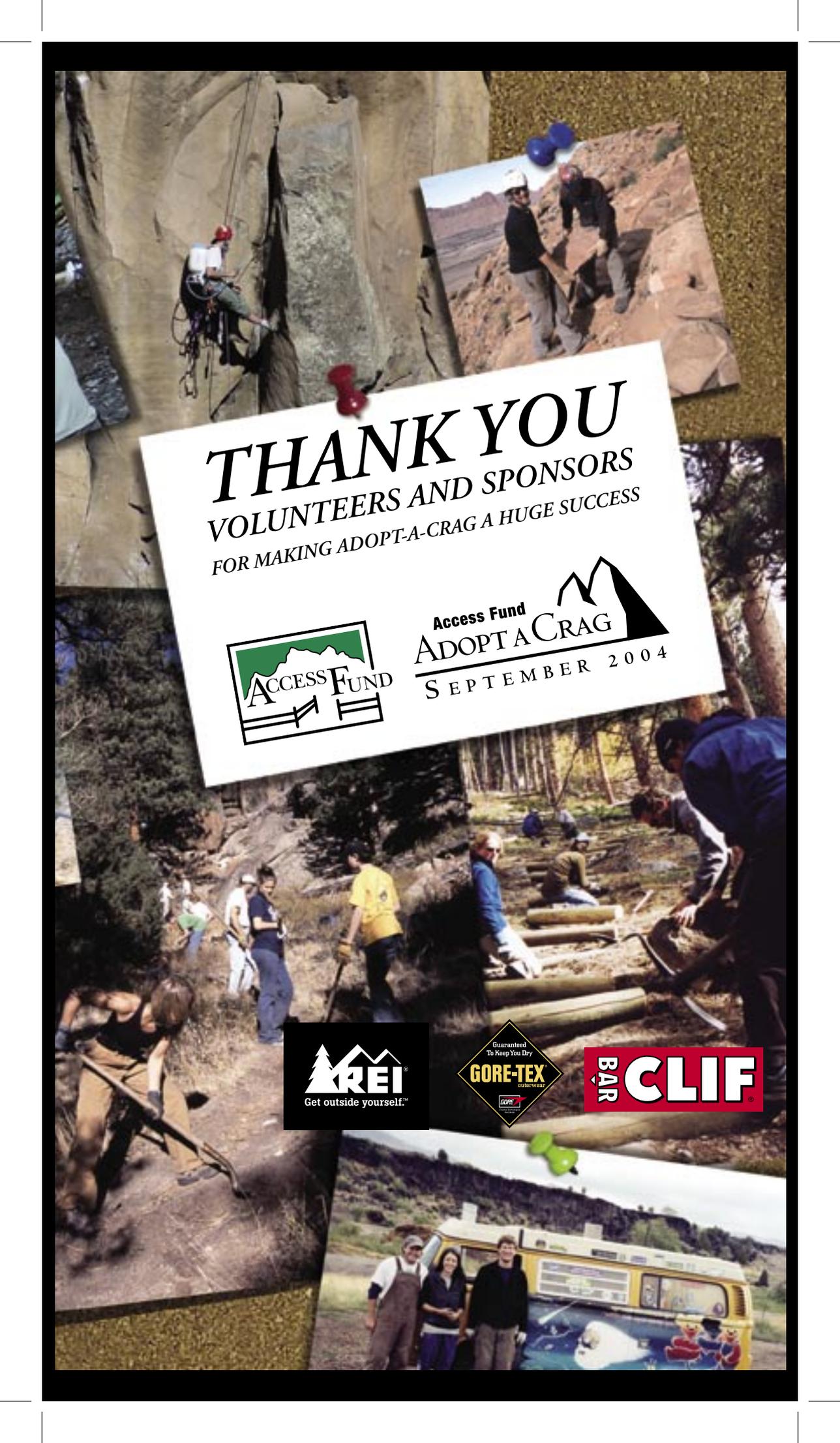
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Great Falls, Virginia Adopt-a-Crag



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MEET THE AF

Access Fund Interview with Ron Schilb, President of Ohio Climbers Association

1. How long was the Fairborn Climbing site closed?

This area was a quarry that was being quarried for stone. Thus it was never opened.

2. How long were you actively working to have climbing access opened?

I began working on opening it mid-December of last year.

3. How did you first approach Pete Bales, the Fairborn Parks and Recreation Superintendent?

I got Pete's number from a friend who works for Parks and Recreation for the city of Dayton. I phoned him and introduced myself as a board member of the Ohio Climber's Association. I found that they had just acquired the park and there were, in fact, cliffs on the property. I arranged to meet with him in person, view the site, and assess if it was worth negotiating for climbing access.

4. What role has the Access Fund played?

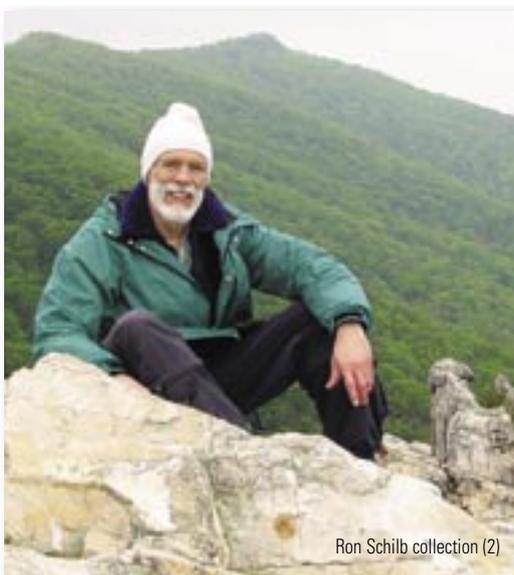
All the background information (templates, position papers, support letter to Pete Bales) that you have and continue to supply certainly helped me.

5. In what ways are you now working with the city to open climbing (i.e., addressing liability concerns, anchor issues, stewardship, etc)?

We have drafted the liability waiver for their use and modification. We wanted to make sure that our workers and volunteers were also protected. We will be preparing the site for climbing. This will include helping to draft the site rules and regulations, preparing messages for signs, preparing a brochure, constructing the trail to the cliff top, cleaning holds on routes, and placing anchors.

6. What does the Ohio Climbers' Association do?

The Ohio Climbers Association works with Fairborn City Parks to open climbing sites in their new quarry park, Oaks Reserve.



Ron Schilb collection (2)

Ron Schilb on the South Summit of Seneca Rocks, West Virginia.



Ron climbing at John Bryan State Park in Ohio in early October.

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- Guidelines about how to climb responsibly.

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Salomon – 2003

Sterling Rope – 1994

Touchstone Climbing Inc. – 1998

Vasque – 2003

MAJOR – \$1,000+

Amadeus Consulting Group – 2004

American Bouldering Series – 2000

Asolo – 2003

Big Up Productions – 2003

bluetropo Consulting – 2003

CAMP USA – 2004

ClimbersRock.com – 2003

Cloudveil – 1998

Crazy Creek Products – 1992

Gripped: The Climbing Magazine – 2004

Lowe Alpine – 1991

Montrail – 2002

Phoenix Rock Gym – 1997

Planet Granite Climbing Gyms – 2004

Pusher/Cordless/S7 – 1998

Redpoint, Inc. – 2000

Rock and Snow, Inc. – 2003

Schwartz Communications, Inc. – 2003

SuperTopo.com – 2003

Thule – 2003

Ultimate Ascents International – 2003

VooDoo Holds – 2001

Yates Gear – 1993

CONTRIBUTING – \$500+

Advanced Base Camp – 1992

Alpine Ascents International – 1998

Anker Climbing Equipment – 2003

Avery Brewing Company – 1998

AZ on the Rocks – 2003

Bearing Images – 2000

ClimbingBoulder.com – 2001

Excalibur DMM/Wild Country/Red Chili USA – 1995

Extreme Engineering – 2004

Five Ten – 2004

Flannel Design – 2001

GearExpress.com – 2003

Higher Ground Roasters – 2003

JustRopes.com – 2004

Kind Coffee – 2003

Kristin Carpenter Public Relations – 2003

Moonstone Mountain Equipment – 2003

Mountaineers Books – 1992

Mountain Madness – 2000

Mountainsmith – 2003

Mountain Tools – 1991

Nicros – 1997

Osprey – 2003

Outland Mountain Shop – 2003

Pacific Edge Climbing Gym – 1995

Phoenix BoulderBlast – 1997

PMI – 1991

Real Cheap Sports – 2003

Royal Robbins – 1992

Saltic Climbing/Trekking – 2003

Sickle Climbing – 2001

The Magic Line – 2004

Tom K. Michael, D.D.S., P.S. – 2000

Travel Country Outdoors – 2002

2 Trails – 2002

Verve – 1996

MEDIA PARTNERS

Alpinist – 2003

Blue Ridge Outdoors Magazine – 1997

Camp4.com – 2002

Coreyography – 2002

Dan Bailey Photography – 2002

DrTopo.com – 2003

GetBeta.com – 2004

Hooked on the Outdoors – 2002

Integrity 7 Productions – 2004

Ousley Creative – 2001

Patitucci Photo – 2003

Second Chance Films – 2004

She Sends – 2004

SNEWS – 2002

Events & Thanks

11/2 2004 Election. Location at a voting center near you. Use Your Power = VOTE!

11/6, El Paso, TX. Red Bull RockJam, Rock Ranch, Rob Rice, (915) 855-0142, robertrice76@hotmail.com

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Corporate Update

The Access Fund welcomes the following new Corporate Partners:

Extreme Engineering
Five Ten

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There are many ways you can help preserve our valued climbing resources. The Access Fund's planned giving staff can help you determine which one is appropriate for you. They include:

- Stock
- Bequest
- Charitable Gift Annuity
- Pooled Income Fund

If your gift is \$10,000 or more, you may designate it for a preferred area of interest: Acquisitions, Advocacy & Activism, Membership, Trails, Education, Climbing Preservation Projects or Unrestricted. For more information on any of these options, contact Michael Lindsey, Access Fund development director, at 303-545-6772, ext. 100 or michael@accessfund.org



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Adopt-a-Crag Local Climbing Organizations and Affiliates (*Denotes Affiliates)

A local climbing organization (LCO) is an organization, association, or access committee working primarily or exclusively to keep climbing areas open, conserve the climbing environment, and promote responsible climbing at the local or regional level. LCOs are the liaison between the climbing community and the land managers and owners for the crags within their region. Affiliates are LCOs who have joined the Access Fund Affiliate Program. If you are an LCO listed below and are not an Access Fund Affiliate, please contact Deanne Buck, grassroots coordinator at 303-545-6772 x112, or via E-mail at deanne@accessfund.org.

Alabama

Southeastern Climbers Coalition*

Arizona

Arizona Mountaineering Club
Friends of Queen Creek*
Northern Arizona Climbers Coalition*
Tucson Climbers Association*

Arkansas

Southeastern Climbers Coalition*

California

Boulder Clean - Joshua Tree
Bouldering Group*
Cragmont Climbing Club
Eastern Sierra Climbers Coalition*
Friends of Joshua Tree*
San Diego Alliance of Climbers*
Friends of Pinnacles
San Diego Climbers Coalition*
Southern Sierra Climbers Association*

Canada

Climbers Access Society of British Columbia*

Colorado

Action Committee for Eldorado*
Flatirons Climbing Council*

Connecticut

Ragged Mountain Foundation*

Georgia

Southeastern Climbers Coalition*

Idaho

Kootenai Climbers*
Boise Climbers Alliance*

Illinois

Illinois Climbers Association

Iowa

Eastern Iowa Climbers Coalition*

Kentucky

Red River Gorge Climbers Coalition*
Southeastern Climbers Coalition*

Massachusetts

Appalachian Mountain Club - Boston Chapter*
Western Massachusetts Climbers Coalition*

Michigan

Grand Ledges Climbers Coalition

Missouri

Climbers Alliance of Mid-Missouri*

Minnesota

Minnesota Climbers Association*

Nevada

Las Vegas Climbers Liaison Council*

New Mexico

CRAG-New Mexico*

New Jersey

Access NJ*

New York

Gunks Climbers Coalition*

North and South Carolina

Boone Climber's Coalition*
Carolina Climbers Coalition*
Pisgah Climbers Association*
Southeastern Climbers Coalition*

Ohio

Ohio Climbers Association

Oklahoma

Wichita Mountains Climbers Coalition*

Oregon

AAC - Oregon Section, Access Committee*
Mazamas
Smith Rock Climbers

Pennsylvania

Lancaster Climbing Club - Access Project*
Pennsylvania Alliance of Climbers*

South Dakota

Black Hills Climbers Coalition*

Tennessee

Southeastern Climbers Coalition*

Texas

Central Texas Mountaineers*
Climbers of Hueco Tanks*
Texas Mountaineers

Utah

Salt Lake Climbers Alliance*

Vermont

CRAG-VT*

Washington

Washington Climbers Coalition*

West Virginia

New River Alliance of Climbers*
Southeastern Climbers Coalition*

Wisconsin

Wisconsin Outdoor Access*