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**365** days in a year. 365 degrees in a circle- well, close enough. It is the smallest number which has more than one expression as a sum of consecutive square numbers:  $365 = 13^2 + 14^2 = 10^2 + 11^2 + 12^2$  - whatever that means. In 365 AD Procopius bribed two legions passing by Constantinople, proclaims himself Roman emperor, and takes control of Thrace and Bithynia- an obscure fact to impress your friends and family.

10 cents. A dime. Remember when you could place a phone call on a dime... better yet; remember when there were pay phones. A dime will still get you a miniature peanut butter cup at the convenience store. You'll save a dime by duplexing your print jobs. If you see a dime on the ground is it worth your effort to bend over and pick it up? Today's dime is yesterday's penny.

We can all handle a dime. A dime a day is a doable concept. That is what the Access Fund and your local crag is asking of you, the climbing community: a dime a day for new and continued access to those places we love.

When I think of giving and volunteering and how-to-fit-them-in-to-my-already-full-and-busy-and-financially-tight life, it becomes burdensome, overwhelming, and a chore. I am not going to do without my latte, so don't ask me. Bringing my own mug, however, is something I can and will do and every time I do the friendly barista takes a dime off my order. I also bring my own bags to the grocery store and every time I do the cashier nods me a right-on and takes a dime off my total.

The Access Fund is asking the climbing community to take that dime, think of your favorite climbing area, and toss your change in a piggy bank (mine is named Alotta Fun, AF for short).

As a reader of Vertical Times, you get it. This is a little of preaching to the choir. But as the choir, you lead the sing-along.

Check out page 15 and hand out a couple of those join forms to help make a bigger choir.

Asking you to give a dime,  
Deanne Buck, Interim Executive Director



Yosemite climbing pioneer showing the construction of a carabiner break rappel used for descending a rope. Spring, 1964. | © Tom Frost

## The Outdoor Alliance

*Working to Keep You Playing*

The Access Fund and its coalition partners in the Outdoor Alliance have had a busy and productive 2007. The Outdoor Alliance—the national group with a mission to ensure the conservation and stewardship of our nation’s land and waters through the promotion of sustainable, human-powered recreation—has continued policy work in Washington, DC and elsewhere to elevate the advocacy voice of climbers, boaters, backcountry skiers, hikers, and mountain bikers. Our recent work has included the following:

- Efforts to support legislative reform of the 1872 Mining Law and curb potential mining claims that could destroy climbing areas and negatively impact other recreational activities
- Congressional testimony supporting the public participation provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act so you have a voice in how your favorite crag is managed
- Advocacy letters to Congress and Interior Secretary Kempthorne urging increased funding and protection for National Parklands at places such as Rocky Mountain, Zion, and Rainier National Parks
- Lobbying efforts to support formal protections for lands in the Bureau of Land Management’s National Landscape Conservation System such as Red Rocks outside Las Vegas, Nevada

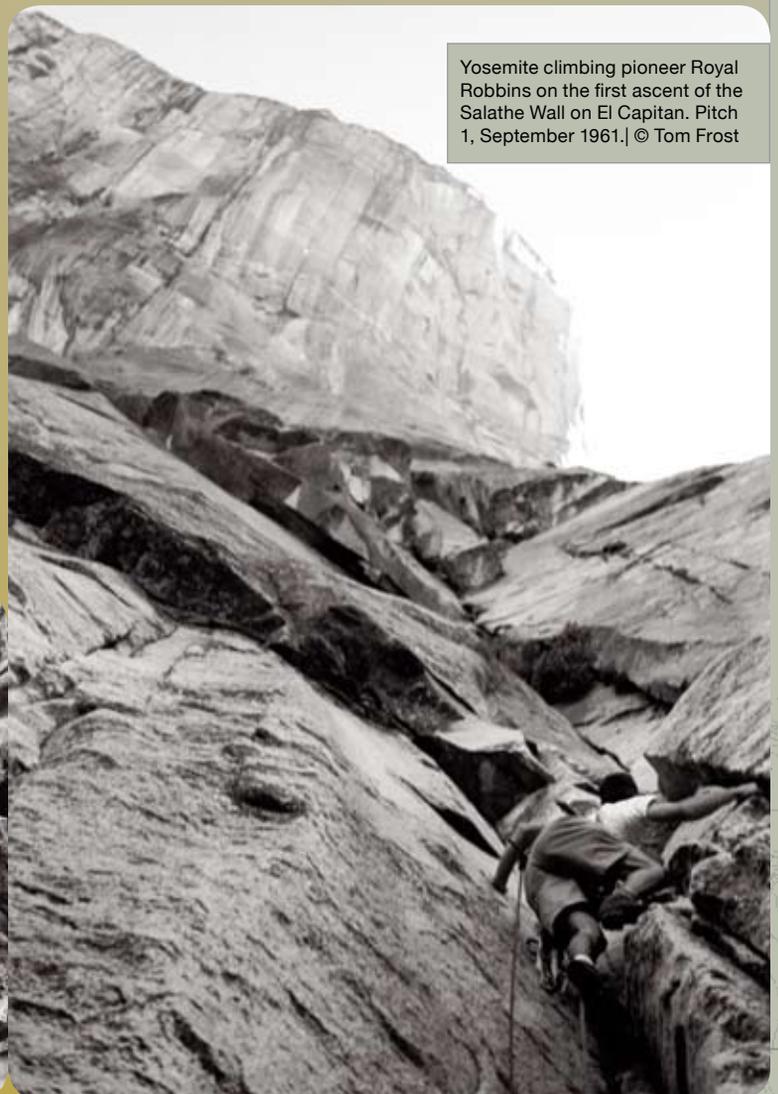
- Lobbying support for formal protections to Roadless Areas that provide pristine backcountry climbing experiences on US Forest Service lands in Washington, California, Colorado, and elsewhere

- Advocacy efforts urging increased Congressional appropriations to the Land and Water Conservation Fund that supports recreational opportunities on federal and state lands

*For more information on how the Outdoor Alliance is working to support all your human-powered recreational activities, see [www.outdooralliance.net](http://www.outdooralliance.net).*



Chuck Pratt (left) and Royal Robbins organize their climbing gear at Camp 4 before the first ascent of the Salathe Wall on El Capitan. September 1961. | © Tom Frost



Yosemite climbing pioneer Royal Robbins on the first ascent of the Salathe Wall on El Capitan. Pitch 1, September 1961. | © Tom Frost



Community Partners are a network of gyms, stores, school programs, and guide services, and clubs from across the country that support the Access Fund. Community Partners focus on a local community and are extremely important to keeping climbing areas open and conserving the climbing environment because they provide a direct link with individual climbers and help bring us all together through events, stewardship, and of course, climbing.

Is your gym or local retail store a community partner of the Access Fund? They should be. Find out and if they're not, tell them why it's important to you that they become an Access Fund partner.

Royal Robbins (standing) and Chuck Pratt (sitting) on El Cap Spire on the first ascent of the Salathe Wall on El Capitan. Top of pitch 20, September 1961.  
| © Tom Frost



If you work at a gym, shop, or outdoor program and you're not already a partner, sign up today at [www.accessfund.org](http://www.accessfund.org). It's painless and the benefits far outweigh the costs.

### Here are some ideas on how you can support the Access Fund as a Community Partner:

- Set up an Access Station that discusses access issues in your area.
- When you're renewing memberships at your gym, offer people the option of tacking on an extra dime a day for the Access Fund (then send us the money and the person's info so we can make them an official member).
- Have a trivia question of the day and offer discounts to customers who get the question right and then donate that discount amount to the Access Fund.
- Plaster your building with AF posters.
- Get involved with the boulderProject.
- Create AF Coupons and ask customers at check out if they would like to donate a dollar or two (or more) to the Access Fund.
- Stock up on Access Fund brochures.
- Host a membership drive as part of an event.
- Have a "suggested donation" to the Access Fund at the door of your event.
- And above all, talk about access issues and what climbers can do to climbing areas open and conserve the climbing environment!

If you're having an event and would like some information, posters, or do a membership drive for the Access Fund, you can register online at: [www.accessfund.org/events/reg.php](http://www.accessfund.org/events/reg.php)

For more info contact Charlie Boas at: [charlie@accessfund.org](mailto:charlie@accessfund.org) or 303-545-6772 x105

## CALIFORNIA

### Yosemite Facelift 2007

Access Fund Affiliate, Yosemite Climbers Association was awarded a grant to purchase materials for its fourth annual Yosemite Facelift September 26th-September 30th, 2007. This highly successful cleanup has doubled in size every year and has become the largest Adopt-a-Crag in the country. Last year's cleanup had 1,157 volunteers that gathered over 25,000 pounds of trash. Climbers worked alongside other Park user groups creating friendships and respect outside the climbing community. The National Park Service recognized the event by awarding Ken Yager the prestigious Yosemite Award for his efforts in organizing the Facelift. Ken was also awarded the Access Fund Bebie Leadership Award for his work.

## MASSACHUSETTS

### Farley Ledge Preservation Initiative

A grant was awarded to the Western Massachusetts Climbers Coalition (WMCC) to assist with the purchase of a nine-acre parcel of land abutting Farley Ledge, a unique and unspoiled outdoor recreation area in Erving, MA. Purchase of this property will protect valuable, undeveloped land and create a permanent sustainable parking lot and trailhead providing public access to both the rock climbing at Farley Ledge and the nationally recognized Metacomet-Monadnock Trail. This purchase ensures permanent access to one of southern New England's best rock climbing resources that was previously threatened by a busy residential neighborhood causing restricted access four times in the last twenty years.

## UTAH

### Castleton Tower Trail Project

The Rocky Mountain Field Institute (RMFI) was awarded a grant to assist in the restoration of the Castleton Tower Trail and in the production of a trail map for placement at the trailhead kiosk. In the fall of 2006, a severe storm caused extensive damage along the popular Castleton Tower Trail and restoration efforts were necessary to prevent developing splinter paths from causing further damage to the desert landscape. This project occurs in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) with whom the RMFI has built a great relationship over the years as the primary steward of land and trails accessing climbing resources on BLM property.

## MINNESOTA

### Ely's Peak Climbers Parking Lot, Trail & Kiosk

A grant was awarded to Access Fund Affiliate, Minnesota Climbers Association, for an access trail, parking lot, and kiosk construction at Ely's Peak. A local Duluth crag, Ely's Peak, has been a regional climbing destination for over 30 years. The new trail and parking lot will provide great access to the crags and cut the approach time in half. The kiosk will provide information about the natural and cultural history of the area and about minimum impact practices for climbers.



## Access Fund Receives 4 Star Rating!

The Access Fund has achieved Charity Navigator's (the country's premier charity evaluator) highest rating of 4 stars. Less than a quarter of the country's charity organizations have received this highest rating.

This "exceptional" designation indicates that the Access Fund outperforms the majority of nonprofits in America with respect to fiscal responsibility. We put your money to work, doing what you want it to do: keep climbing areas open and conserving the climbing environment.

Members-thanks for your continued support!

## DOGS: A Continued Access Problem in Red River Gorge, KY

By Bill Strachan, Executive Director, Red River Gorge Climbers' Coalition

Muir Valley Nature Preserve is a 400-acre piece of private land with 7+ miles of cliff line near Red River Gorge, Kentucky that the owners, Rick and Liz Weber, graciously opened for climbing development. Upon opening the area to climbing they instituted the following rule with regards to dogs:

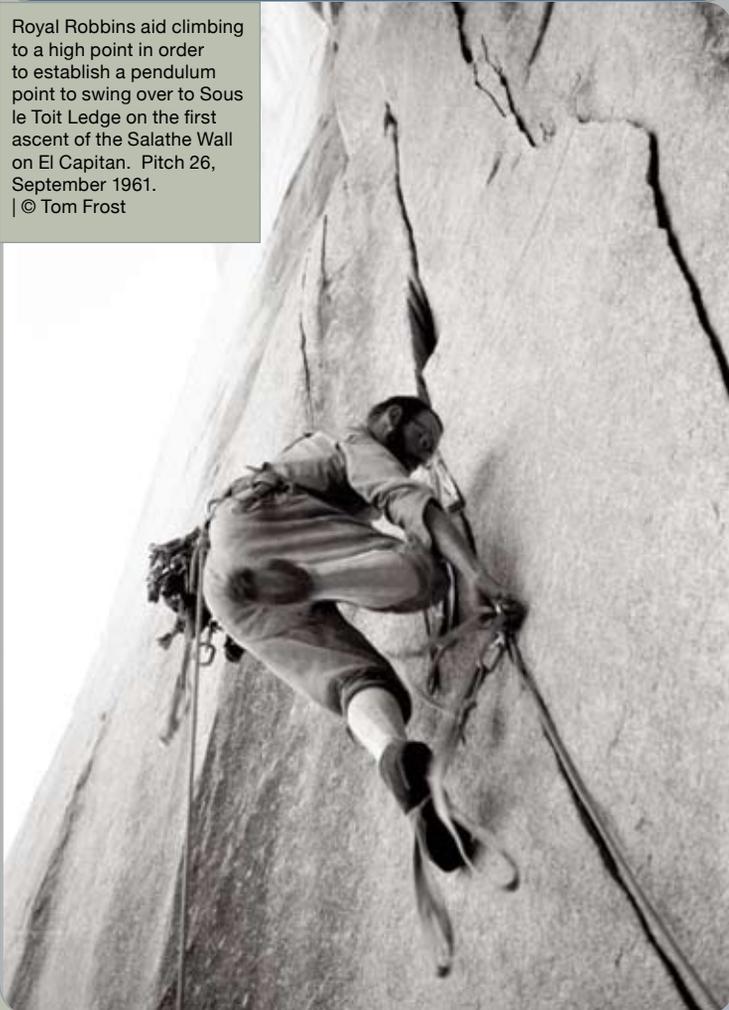
"Dogs must be kept on leashes at all times everywhere in Muir Valley. They must be restrained at the base of climbs such that they cannot interfere with and/or distract belayers or damage plants in the area"

Due to continuing problems with dogs at Muir Valley, Rick Weber posted the following announcement on the [www.redriverclimbing.com](http://www.redriverclimbing.com) website.

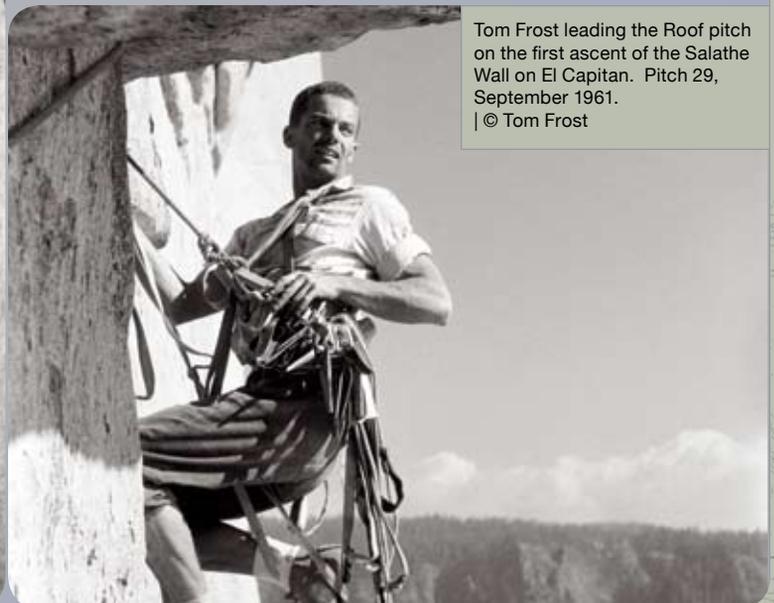
"Effective January 1, 2008, dogs will no longer be permitted in Muir Valley. This date can and will be moved up if flagrant infractions and incidents continue. Until then, dog owners who disregard the leash rule will lose visitor privileges."

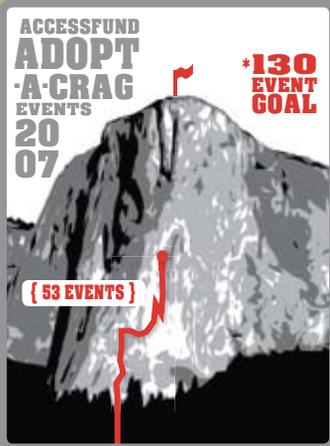
Climbers not following the dog rule at Torrent Falls were one of the primary reasons that public access to climbing there was closed. Again, we are reminded of why it is important to know and follow all rules when climbing regardless of whether on public or private land. If these rules are ignored, more restrictions or even closure may follow.

Royal Robbins aid climbing to a high point in order to establish a pendulum point to swing over to Sous le Toit Ledge on the first ascent of the Salathe Wall on El Capitan. Pitch 26, September 1961. | © Tom Frost



Tom Frost leading the Roof pitch on the first ascent of the Salathe Wall on El Capitan. Pitch 29, September 1961. | © Tom Frost





We'll be measuring our progress this year by picking our way up The Nose of El Cap, reaching for our summit goal of 130 events.

At press time, **53** events have been registered. Not bad, but not great. Climbers are known for last minute decisions and have even, shockingly, been called slackers...this is not the time!

Are you organizing or participating in an Adopt-a-Crag this year? If you consider yourself a climber, then you should. Adopt-a-Crag is one of our most powerful advocacy tools because it gives decision makers firm numbers of how climbers take care of the places we play.

Centered on community and stewardship, Adopt-a-Crag reaches beyond the sum of its parts. In addition to bringing local climbing communities together and conserving our climbing environments, Adopt-a-Crag also serves to teach stewardship-by-example to the younger generation, improve relations with land managers and owners, strengthen the reputation of the local and national climbing community, and increase our autonomy as a self-governing user group.

Help us reach our goal of 130 events and register your Adopt-a-Crag event today. Trash clean up? Trail maintenance? Hardware replacement or climber signage? Invite the local community out to celebrate their crag!

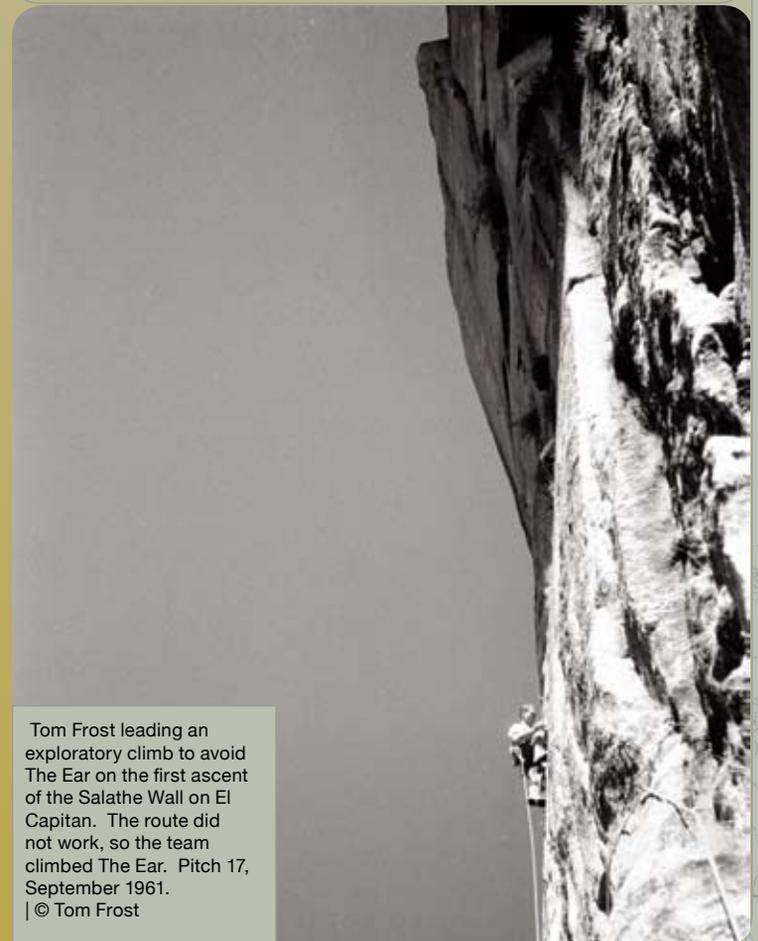
To register an event or find one in your area visit:  
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## Top Ten Reasons to Volunteer at Adopt-a-Crag

*By Thompson Ling,  
Washington D.C. Regional Coordinator*

1. You are a Climber and want to ensure climbs will be there tomorrow!
2. Did I mention climbing schwag?
3. When else can you get to practice your off-road wheelbarrow skills?
4. Your mom would be proud of you.
5. It's a good way to warm up your muscles before climbing in the afternoon.
6. You could win climbing schwag.
7. It beats planning to volunteer and feeling guilty when you don't.
8. Good way to get that warm feeling without the exposure on a hot day or because you can't remember the last time you did something other than climb.
9. Meet lots of interesting people (climbers, hikers, pool boys).
10. Two Words: Free T-shirt.



Tom Frost leading an exploratory climb to avoid The Ear on the first ascent of the Salathe Wall on El Capitan. The route did not work, so the team climbed The Ear. Pitch 17, September 1961.  
| © Tom Frost

*So you think you might want to organize an Adopt-a-Crag at your local crag but you're not sure where to start. Look no further! Here's a quick and easy tutorial to get you started.*

**More information can be found at:**  
[www.accessfund.org/adopt](http://www.accessfund.org/adopt)

First, it's important to register any and every crag clean-up as an Adopt-a-Crag. The collective force of Adopt-a-Crag is one of our most powerful advocacy tools because it gives decision makers firm numbers of how climbers take care of the places we play.

## GETTING STARTED

### *Event Planning*

If you are a member of a local climbing organization, an employee of a public land managing agency, an outdoor retailer or a gym owner, it'll be easy to organize a meeting of prospective partners and volunteers. If you are an unaffiliated enthusiast, we strongly urge you to partner with an Access Fund Regional Coordinator, local climbing organization or outdoor retailer.

### **1. Assess crags for the amount of work**

Events differ based on their locations and specific needs. Planned activities include: visual impact mitigation, litter removal, erosion control, trail construction, and wildlife documentation. Depending on the activity and damage of the area, you will need to look at what will be necessary in the form of resources and materials.

#### **Take the time to figure out:**

- how many people
- what kind of tools
- how many hours it might take to do a particular job

*This can be a great benefit when it comes time to organize your volunteers.*

### **2. Get permission from Land Managers or property owners.**

As with any work on public or private land, get permission first. If you go in with all the above information, you stand a good chance of having several successful projects. The more prepared you are, the easier it is for land managers and property owners to help you. Give them time to review your list. Make sure that there are at least two phone contacts for them if they have questions. Ask them

for their thoughts or ideas on any of your suggestions. You may want to suggest a date to sit down with them for a review, or to visit the area. Make your package short, maybe 2 to 4 pages, try to include a map with the highlighted trails and areas, and don't go over board on detail.

### **3. Pick a day for your Adopt-a-Crag Event.**

The Access Fund has expanded Adopt-a-Crag into a year-round event. We did this to allow for greater flexibility in choosing appropriate dates and projects for your crag. Set your dates so they have minimum conflict that could reduce your volunteer base. Check with other volunteer groups and see if you can combine events, or if you can advertise your projects through them, and that you will return the favor. Provide alternate or rain dates in case of weather related problems.

### **4. Build Your Partnership**

Consider Adopt-a-Crag as an avenue for building partnerships between your climbing community and the following, who may assist with event planning and logistics: public land management agencies, local climbing organizations, local land trusts, conservation organizations, climbing gyms, outdoor retailers, university outdoor programs, civic clubs, the local media, and local businesses such as restaurants, coffee shops, gas stations, etc.

Partnerships work best when responsibilities are assigned according to interests and strengths. For example, trail managers are well versed in logistical matters, clubs have fundraising and grassroots organizing experience, and outdoor retailers are experts at promotions and advertising.



Chuck Pratt resting in his bivouac for the evening on Hollow Flake Ledge while on the first ascent of the Salathe Wall on El Capitan. Top of pitch 14, September 1961. | © Tom Frost

## LET'S DO IT!

### Pre-event Logistics

- Register your event to the Access Fund. We'll announce your event on our website and in our newsletter, Vertical Times.
- Invite guests to join you. The land manager is the first on your list to invite, but look for others who might be encouraged to come out and see your volunteers in action. Try the local reporter, the Parks Board, County Commissioners, City Council members, etc. Don't be afraid to call local TV or radio stations, they are always looking for stories and photo opportunities.
- Partner up to share the load. Partnerships work best when responsibilities are assigned according to interests and strengths. For example, trail managers are well versed in logistical matters, clubs have fundraising and grassroots organizing experience, and outdoor retailers are experts at promotions and advertising.
- Advertise the Adopt-a-Crag to your community. Use local ranger stations, climbing shops and gyms, gas stations, and trail head signboards to place notices of the event. The club event calendar, community or agency web sites, and local newspapers should be used to get the word out. Send press releases to your local media, including public radio stations. Set up a phone tree and call a week in advance to remind people.
- Arrange for garbage cans, bins, and trail building/maintenance equipment at the clean up site. Also ask people to bring trucks and wheel barrows to haul trash and debris.
- Arrange in advance for the ultimate destination of the debris collected and the means to get it there. (Your friends' and neighbors' pick-up trucks generally work quite well.) If an entire community or neighborhood is involved, your city or county solid waste departments may provide assistance and free disposal. Contact them well before the event to enlist their help and cooperation.

For more on Organizing an Adopt-a-Crag including a day of event checklist, organizers manual and other helpful resources, visit [www.accessfund.org/adopt](http://www.accessfund.org/adopt)

Or contact Charlie Boas at [charlie@accessfund.org](mailto:charlie@accessfund.org) or call 303.545.6772 ext 105.

## ADOPT-A-CRAG SPONSORS

Adopt-a-Crag would not be possible without the enormous support of its sponsors providing key financial backing, allowing the Access Fund to provide each Adopt-a-Crag event with resources to organize and volunteer gifts and clean-up materials.

*A very special thank you to our sponsors.*

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Royal Robbins relaxing on El Cap Spire during the first ascent of the Salathe Wall on El Capitan. Pitch 21, September 1961.  
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## Ten Things I Have Learned From Coordinating Adopt-a-Crag

### Advice for the Newbie Coordinator

By Thompson Ling, Washington D.C.  
Regional Coordinator

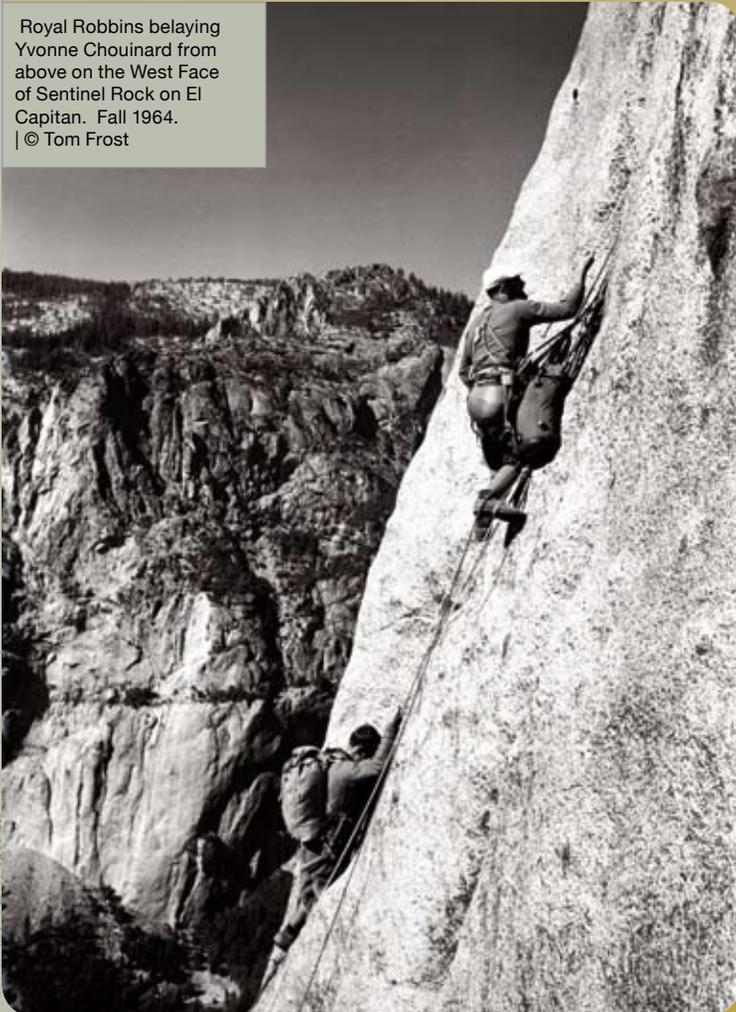
#### 1. Climbers are often late

Yes, sad to say but its true. Climbers are rarely on time for anything...unless it happens to be climbing. I used to wait until way after the start time to actually kick off the event. These days, I tell people when check-in starts, when the event starts and I stick to that.

#### 2. Volunteers come for the free t-shirt, they come back year after year if you keep it organized.

It doesn't matter how much free stuff you offer to give away, the real thing that keeps climbers coming back to volunteer at Adopt-a-Crag year after year is keeping things organized. I always split my volunteers into

Royal Robbins belaying  
Yvonne Chouinard from  
above on the West Face  
of Sentinel Rock on El  
Capitan. Fall 1964.  
| © Tom Frost



groups and assign a team leader (planning committee member) to keep everyone busy throughout the day. You will start to lose volunteers when they are just standing around doing nothing.

#### 3. Don't plan without a planning committee.

Let's face it, Adopt-a-Crag is a lot of work. Having a group of climbers work together to plan it is much more fun. It also gives you team leaders for later.

#### 4. Some will register and not show up, many will not register and just show up.

I think this is something that only happens with climbers. I ask folks to register with me and it never fails that I end up with more volunteers than I expect.

#### 5. Get the support of your climbing gym(s).

Climbing gyms are where climbers go, if you can get the climbing gym on board, the climbers will come.

#### 6. Coordinating two Adopt-a-Crag events is just as easy as coordinating one.

If you have two climbing areas that could use an Adopt-a-Crag event, just coordinate two events to fall on consecutive weekends or on two days of a weekend. While it's a lot of work to get one Adopt-a-Crag event off the ground, adding a second is not all that tough.

#### 7. Do something fun after Adopt-a-Crag

Whether it's a BBQ or a slackline or even some climbing, there's no better way to end an Adopt-a-Crag event than to have a little impromptu celebration.

#### 8. When you coordinate Adopt-a-Crag, rarely do you actually get to do the volunteer work.

But that is ok, you are coordinating the event. You are needed to make sure things run smoothly, to answer questions, to help direct people, to take photos. Believe me, you are busy enough, don't feel guilty that you aren't doing any "work" because you are.

#### 9. Adopt-a-Crag will make you a pseudo-celebrity.

I can't even begin to describe the feeling of walking into a climbing area or into a climbing gym and have everyone know my name. It's kind of scary in a way. On the other hand, its good to know that people recognize the work that I am doing.

#### 10. Don't forget that Adopt-a-Crag is supposed to be fun.

Although coordinating Adopt-a-Crag is a lot of work, remember that it is supposed to be a fun experience. Don't lose sight of that.

**JOE KINDER** » ACCESS FUND MEMBER

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"IT'S ALL ABOUT WORKING TOGETHER AS CLIMBERS  
TO KEEP CLIMBING AREAS OPEN. WE HAVE TO PUT  
SOMETHING INTO IT TO GET SOMETHING OUT OF IT.  
**JOINING THE ACCESS FUND IS STEP ONE.**  
THEN YOU CAN SEND."



## Meet Charlie Boas

*The Access Fund's new Associate Programs Director*

Originally from New England, Charlie grew up exploring the White Mountains of New Hampshire skiing and hiking, and when college came around he headed west.

Charlie's first rock climbing experience was in 1994 as a freshman attending CU, when his roommates took him into the Eldorado Canyon after one belay lesson at the Boulder Rock Club. After graduating in 1998, Charlie's wandering around the West lead him to Crested Butte, Steamboat, Northern California, but always returning to Boulder. He has climbed in an array of destinations from Fontainebleau to Indian Creek to Tankawa Falls, TX.

He was most recently the Facility Manager and Head Routesetter of the Boulder Rock Club (where he first learned to belay over a decade ago), is a board member for Action Committee on Eldorado Canyon.

Charlie heads up Adopt-a-Crag and the boulderProject as well as the Community Partner Program at the Access Fund.

He can be reached at [charlie@accessfund.org](mailto:charlie@accessfund.org) or 303-545-6772 x105

## Pass It On!

[www.accessfund.org/membership](http://www.accessfund.org/membership)

### Discounts on RESTOP Waste Bags

Does a bear S#!@t in the woods? Yes, but we should pack ours out. Access Fund members receive 25% off RESTOP bag systems for human waste and other products.

### Higher Ground Coffee Access Fund Blend

Ten Percent of proceeds fund preservation and maintenance of our climbing areas.

Did you know that **Access Fund members receive free shipping on web orders from Mountain Gear?** You must access the Mountain Gear site through the AF MemberSHOP after you login.

**Buy a CLIF Bar Cool Tag** Renewable wind energy credit keeps about 300 lbs of CO2 out of the air and helps the Rosebud Sioux Tribe build a wind farm in South Dakota.

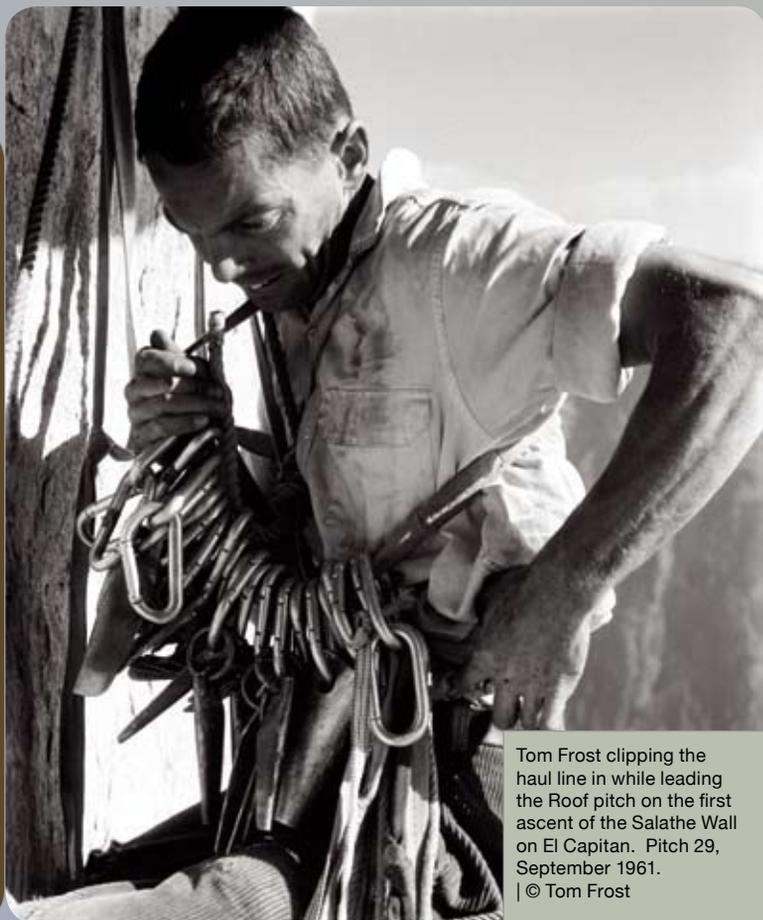
## Over the Top

Tom Frost one of Yosemite's great wall pioneers...

*Excerpt from Pat Ament's article in Climbing Magazine March, 1999.*

Tom Frost's life is marked with unusual success: a national championship in sailboat racing, legendary first ascents during Yosemite's golden age, photography that has earned international respect, equipment designs that have revolutionized both the climbing and photography industries....He helped introduce the 5.10 grade in this country, has climbed noted Himalayan peaks, and during the early 1960's was called "the best aid climber in the world."

Frost once said, "Climbing has a greater dimension than just getting up a climb. We start our lives as a child, pure and powerful. Then we must fall from that. We must grow up. All that we suffer, the struggles, the losses, all the difficulties, take us through life and higher into it. And then the challenge is to become again a child. When we do, it is built upon a foundation of experience. And we have it. And then we don't fall."



Tom Frost clipping the haul line in while leading the Roof pitch on the first ascent of the Salathe Wall on El Capitan. Pitch 29, September 1961. | © Tom Frost



## It's in the Bag...or at Least It Should Be



The Access Fund has been talking for a while about human waste containment systems and encouraging climbers to use these poop bags when in the wilderness. With a successful distribution pilot program in Indian Creek, land managers are taking notice that climbers are proactive about their impacts.

The Access Fund maintains that human waste containment bags should be in every climber's pack or pad. There's no reason to dig a scat hole and stink the place up. Poop bags keep our crags clean and land managers happy.

It may be difficult to get yourself to actually go out and buy a human waste containment system so here's an incentive to get your crap together: 25% off from Access Fund Corporate Partner RESTOP.

Logon to: [www.accessfund.org/membership](http://www.accessfund.org/membership) You'll need your membership number to login to the memberSHOP and then click on the RESTOP logo.

### HAS YOUR ADDRESS CHANGED?

Let us know – email us at [addresschange@accessfund.org](mailto:addresschange@accessfund.org)

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