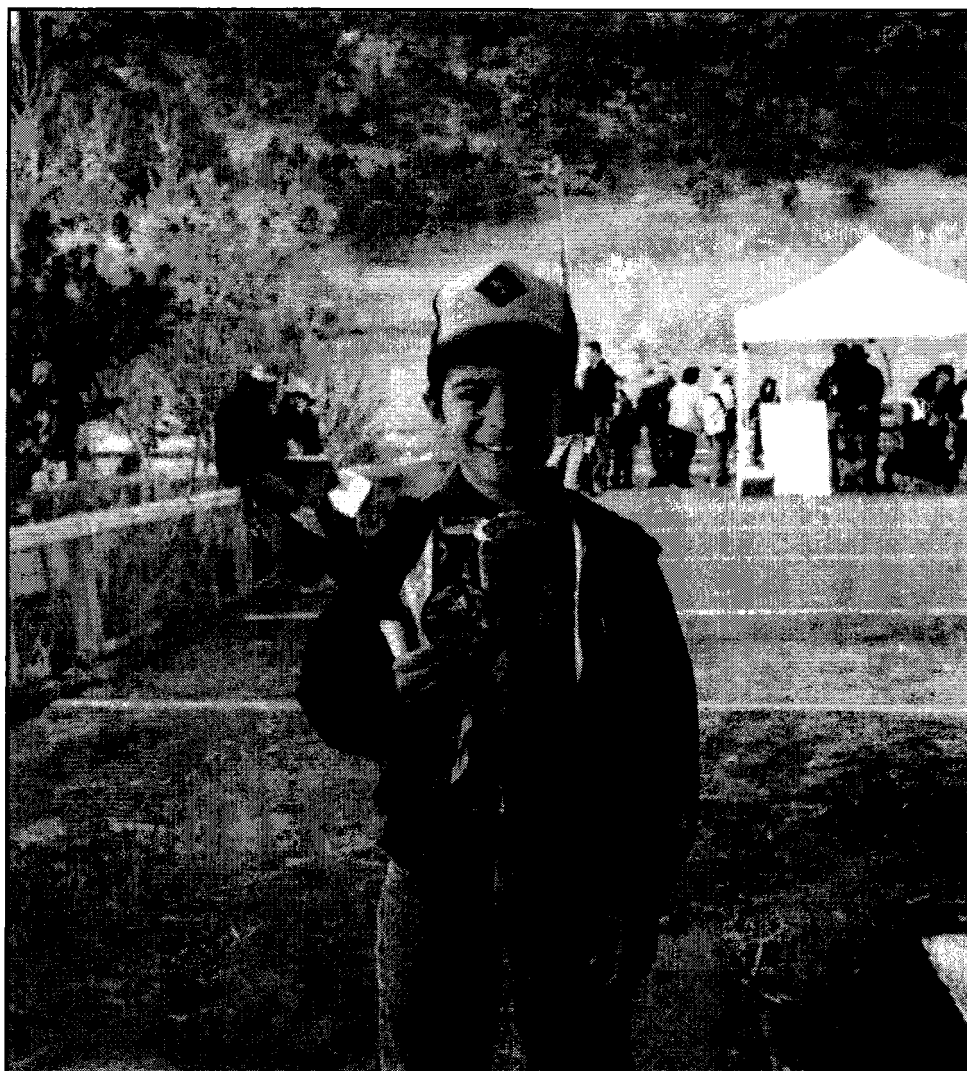


Ridge Report



Scout Isaiah Curtis
With the designed "Event" patch
for the May 5, 2007 Boy Scout Day
At Dinosaur Ridge

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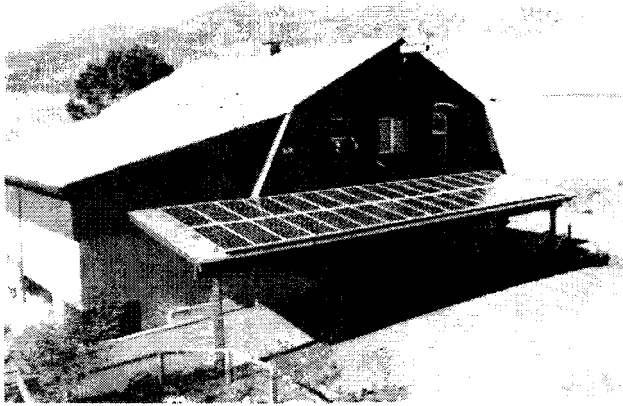
Executive Director's Report

By Joe Tempel

Status of the Ancient Environmental Center

Photovoltaic panels (32) were installed on the "solar" porch in April and they are producing 5KW of electricity, or about 25% of our needs. The renovation of the inside of the barn has been completed with the installation of the "dinosaur track" patterned floor on the first floor. The murals and exhibits will be installed over the next five months for the October Grand Opening.

The Boy Scouts will complete the outside with the installation of the stonework around the base of the addition to the barn and painting the outside of the barn in May.



Status of the new and/or Improved Visitor Center

The Jefferson County Commissioners approved commercial/retail zoning for the Rooney Ranch including the area around our existing visitor center. It appears that it is only a matter of time before developers Bill Jenkins and Greg Stevinson develop the land around us. They will probably want us to move further west on the property they will own, when they exercise their option to buy the Rooney Ranch in December 2007.

Andrews and Anderson/Civitas will be hosting a meeting of the Visitor Center Design committee in June to present options for the development of a new visitor center on Grandma Rooney's site along Rooney Road (north of Alameda Parkway.)

Discussions have taken place between CU and Dinosaur Ridge with regard to bringing the CU Dinosaur Tracks Museum to a new Dinosaur Ridge visitor center/educator position, and space for housing the collection are being discussed.

It is hoped that Dinosaur Ridge will, play a greater role in educating future teachers by providing a field experience for teachers. Dinosaur Ridge already provides this function through the Teacher Training we offer twice a year through the School of Mines. Hopefully, this role will be expanded through our association with the CU Denver and Boulder campuses. A brainstorming session will be held this summer to further discuss the benefits and costs of these concepts with all parties involved.

ROCK OUT AT THE RIDGE

It is time to start the planning for the upcoming "Rock Out at the Ridge." This special event is scheduled for November 2nd at the beautiful, great new Red Rocks Visitor Center. This is a very special annual fund raising event for Dinosaur Ridge and includes delicious food, an interesting program and a great auction which makes a very special evening.

WE NEED YOUR HELP... we are asking Friends of Dinosaur Ridge to help us with interesting auction items for this special event. Some of the items that have been very popular at previous auctions are: symphony, theater and sporting event tickets, condo time shares, jewelry or gem stones, mineral or fossil specimens, artwork and gift certificates to B&B's, spas, restaurants and golf courses. Please contact us if you have items to donate or good ideas and contact information for auction items.

It is also time to make a list and invite your friends now and let them know to "Save the Date" - November 2nd.

Thanks for your help -
Beth Simmons, Larry Jankowski and Janie Bennett
ROCK OUT FOR THE RIDGE AUCTION COMMITTEE

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Program Director's Report

By Tom Moglestad

Visitation and Attendance

	<u>Jan.-May '06</u>	<u>Jan.-May '07</u>	<u>Change</u>
Visitors to Visitor Center	16,690	14,145	-15%
Tours (Attendance)	3,054	4,050*	+33%
Fireside Chats, Hikes, Field Trips	154	231	+50%
Traveling Exhibits Visitors	-----	8,200	
Dinosaur Discovery Days	1,500	2,200	+47%

*For years the Tours (Attendance) figures have included guided tours on the Ridge, at the Visitor Center and most recently at the Triceratops Trail AND educational programs given elsewhere (mostly at schools). In 2007 as in 2006, **Norb Cygan**, board member and volunteer, and **Erin Fair**, staff member, have presented most of the school programs. Norb is very active in Douglas County and Erin does a lot in Jefferson County, particularly with Bear Creek High School. If you would like to present dinosaurs to kids in the classroom, give me a call. As you can see below the attendance for School Programs is very significant: it influences the amounts of grant money we receive. The breakdown for Jan.-May '07 is as follows:

Guided Tours at Dinosaur Ridge et al.	3071
Programs at Schools, etc.	979
Total for Tours (Attendance)	4050

Dinosaur Discovery Day Sponsors Set – Thank You!!

DDD-Boy Scout Day	May 5	Rocky Mtn. Assoc. of Geologists
DDD-National Trails Day	June 2	Andrews and Anderson Architects, PC
DDD-July Jubilee	July 7	The Fort Restaurant Bandimere Speedway
DDD-August Hoedown	Aug. 4	Denver Area Gem & Mineral Council
DDD-Septembo.rama!	Sep. 1	Dr. Andrew Taylor
DDD-Girl Scout Day	Oct. 6	Assoc. for Women Geoscientists

Organizations that are supporting one or more of these events through their participation include Boy Scouts Order of the Arrow, Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum, American Hiking Society, Bear Creek Lake Park, Jeffco Open Space, Geocaching Colorado, FODR Authors, and the Girls Scouts Mile Hi Council. Thank you

Note: We are still looking for a sponsor for the Open House at Triceratops Trail at Parfet Prehistoric Preserve on Saturday, September 22, 2007.

Dinosaur Detectives – A New Program

Saturday March 10, the first **Dinosaur Detectives**, a class for 6-10 year olds, was held at the **Track Pit** at the Visitor Center followed by a short trip by Vanosaurus (for a lucky few, the rest followed in cars) to the **Main Track Site**. **Erin Fair**, programs assistant, conceived and delivered the program aided by **Doris Walker**, **Don Walker**, and **Cassie Windham**. Attendance was 80 including 53 children. The event was promoted in YourHub.com and although it was free, Gift Shop Sales spiked to \$700 compared to \$200 the following day. The second Dinosaur Detectives program, scheduled for November 10, will discuss **dinosaur bone fossils** and will include the **Dig Pit** at the Visitor Center and a trip to the **Bone Site**.

Annual Meeting, Volunteer Awards Banquet, Dedication of the Chevron Classroom, and a Re-created Lecture: All in 2 Hours!

On Wednesday, March 28, members gathered at the Visitor Center to honor 20 volunteers for their outstanding service during 2006. Thanks to **Jan Jacobs** and **Holly Temple** for serving a delicious meal. Then upstairs after a short business meeting was held including election of officers and a new board, the Chevron Classroom was dedicated with a plaque sent from Chevron that reads: "Funding for this classroom generously provided by Chevron in honor of their employee and retiree volunteers who have donated

their time and efforts to Dinosaur Ridge.” Chevron contributed \$10,000 toward the remodeling of the hayloft of the barn into a beautiful classroom. Other contributors include **Norb Cygan** (Chevron retiree), \$100, **Northeast Elementary** \$25, and **Jayne Sieverding**, \$100.

Following the dedication, the classroom saw its first public event, “**Reenactment of Arthur Lakes 1878 Lecture**” with **Martin Lockley**, **Bob Reynolds** and **DuWayne Ebertowski** dressed in period costumes and sharing the reading of an Arthur Lakes lecture. **Chris Carroll** portrayed O. C. Marsh. About 80 people attended.

Dinosaur Discovery Day – Boy Scout Day (DDD-BSA)

During a break in the otherwise wet weather the DDD-BSA was successfully held May 5, 2007. Thanks to event sponsor **Rocky Mountain Association of Geologists**. An estimated attendance of 2200 visitors (a modern record for DDD) included 1893 Cub Scouts, Webelos, Boy Scouts, scout leaders and family members. Thanks to the **133 volunteers and helpers** who contributed their time and expertise. Many worked the entire event. The **Order of the Arrow** of the Boy Scouts skillfully directed traffic and parking and fed those volunteers working at the Visitor Center..



The Chevron Classroom was dedicated at the Annual Meeting March 28, 2007 Norb Cygan (Right) Chevron retiree & Board Member was there on behalf of Chevron. Bob Reynolds (left) FODR Sec posed as Arthur Lakes.



Harald Drewes (left) and Martin Lockley pose as Arthur Lakes.

Thanks to eight dedicated Merit Badge Counselors approximately 200 Boy Scouts earned the Geology Merit Badge. Supervised by leaders and parents, about 700 Cub Scouts and Webelos worked to earn pins and other awards at many docent-facilitated stations. Thanks to the **Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum** for loaning study sets of minerals, rocks and fossils that were an important part of the scout program. The next DDD-BSA will be held Saturday, May 3, 2008. Discussions are taking place with the idea of changing the Merit Badge Program from the “rocks and minerals” or physical geology option to the “fossils” or earth history option. Heretofore the earth history option was not viable because it required fossil collecting, which is not allowed at Dinosaur Ridge. Because of inquiries by **Clare Marshall**, the requirements for the Geology Merit Badge are being changed nationally. With the earth history option the number of stations in the scout program will increase because cubs and Webelos will continue to study rocks and minerals, so more volunteers will be needed! Please consider helping!

The Hands-on Dinosaurs portion of DDD-BSA at the Visitor Center grew to eight stations for 2007 and in 2008 we should have the option to add a ninth – the Exhibit Hall in the Barn (with still more docents). On the Ridge we may add such stations as Fish Scales, the Fault, the Morrison-Dakota Contact (the Hiatus), Morrison Formation Channels and Jurassic Tracks. These plans would allow us to accommodate more visitors, but at the same time we will require more volunteers in order to maintain the quality of the experience. Some of these decisions will ultimately be made in April, 2008, upon review of the pre-event registrations.

Thanks to **Clare Marshall** for her excellent preparation and organization. Her ideas for registration and check-in worked well and her success at finding many more volunteers than last year was remarkable. Thanks to **Kermit Shields** for conducting two orientations for event guides prior to the event in addition to performing duties as a merit badge counselor. During the last two frantic weeks of registration I had occasion to talk to parents of boys returning to Boy Scout Day after attending in 2006. Perhaps repeat attendance is the highest praise for these events and those associated.

Event Patch – DDD-BSA

About 700 Event Patches were sold for the DDD-BSA. Patches sold for \$3; six-hundred were sold at the event and orders were taken for another one-hundred. The colorful design was depicted in black and white in the previous issue. **Isaiah Curtis**, whose picture is on the front of this issue, is the proud winner of the Patch Design Contest. We will have an event patch for the DDD-GSA on October 6.

Achievement patch: Success of the event patch has encouraged us to continue with an educational program that has an achievement patch called the Junior Paleontologist. Currently we are working on a joint program with the Morrison Natural History Museum.

Souvenir patch: **Roger Bennett**, Gift Shop Manager, is currently considering souvenir patches as a revenue source for the store.

Adopt-a-Track Program This new program has adopted out 50 of the tracks at the main Track Site on Dinosaur Ridge. Funds are going toward preservation of the site.

Bookmark this Web Site - www.infoquest.org

Art Ballard, vice chairman of the board of Infoquest, stopped by the Ridge to demonstrate that organization's outstanding web site. Infoquest is a small nonprofit devoted to science education, particularly paleontology and dinosaurs. Their web site includes virtual expeditions to Mongolia and Argentina, based on explorations led by **Dr. Lowell Dingus**, chairman of Infoquest and paleontologist at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City. Art recently moved to the Denver area and is receptive to possible joint projects between FODR and Infoquest.

Visitor Center & Gift Shop news

By Roger Bennett

This year the weather has really caused a slowdown in visitors as well as sales. Hopefully things will be picking up soon. We have many new items in the gift shop and receive many compliments on not only what we carry but our prices. We seem to be getting more people visiting us from all over and they mention our brochures.

We have a new structure on our front porch area called the "Snack Shack" where Holly Tempel is setting up a food and drink stand to help us in our fund raising. It has only started and is open on the weekends and should be open during the week when school is out. We look forward to seeing it going full steam ahead this summer.

We are also getting a lot of interest on the construction at the barn and can hardly wait till the new indoor museum opens up hopefully by October. Our casting area has been moved to the new room in the barn which freed up some badly needed storage space. The dig pit off our deck has been a great hit for the young kids. It's amazing to watch them play out there for very long periods of time.

So for now Jack, Barbara, and Brian Davidson and I look forward to a very busy summer and hope to see you all soon.

Friends of Dinosaur Ridge Calendar of Events

Visit www.dinoridge.org for times, places and other details

June 22, 2007: Fireside Chat – “Dinosaurs from Dinosaur Ridge.” Adrian Hunt

June 23, 2007: Hike to Old Morrison Formation Quarries led by Adrian Hunt

July 7, 2007: Dinosaur Discovery Day with Hands on Dinos

July 14 – 15, 2007: Field Trip to Como Bluff, led by Brent Breithaupt

August 4, 2007: Dinosaur Discovery Day with August Orienteering

August 5, 2007: Field Trip - South Park and Florissant led by Beth Simmons, Mike Kohl, and John Ghist

August 26, 2007 – Trip to Buffalo Peak CANCELED

September 1, 2007: Dinosaur Discovery Day with Septemborama; Author Book-signing Day

September 22, 2007: Triceratops Trail Day at Parfet Prehistoric Preserve.

September 23, 2007: Field Trip - Clear Creek Canyon to Green Lake led by Beth Simmons and Jack Reed

October 6, 2007: Dinosaur Discovery Day with Rocks and Roles (Girl Scout Day)

October 14, 2007: Hike with Harald Drewes up North Table Mountain.

October 21, 2007: Field Trip - Fossil Creek Hike led by Gary Raham

October 24, 2007: Fireside Chat – Kermit Shields, ‘Arthur Lakes and Oil in Jefferson County.’

November 2, 2007: Rock Out For the Ridge Fundraiser: ‘The Golden T-rex Tooth,’ Dr. Ken Carpenter

November 10, 2007: ‘Dinosaur Detectives,’ a children’s hands-on program, Erin Fair.

November 28, 2007: Fireside Chat – Chris Carroll, ‘Arthur Lakes, Coalman.’

December 16, 2007: Field Trip up Bear Creek to Bergen Park and Bailey, John Ghist

December 22, 2007: Arthur Lakes birthday and volunteer appreciation party.
(Revised 5/31/2007)