



E MAU NĀ ALA HELE

Perpetuate Hawai'i's Trails For Hawai'i's People

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**“La Ho‘āla Ala Hele”
 (“Trail Revitalization” Day)
 October 17th, 2015**

Commemorating the Law of the Splintered Paddle, The Highways Act of 1892, Nā Ala Hele (the statewide trail and access program), the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail Act, and the right to use public trails.

Every year since 2004 when the Hawaii County Council passed Resolution 161-04, *A Resolution Acknowledging and Recognizing the Second Saturday of October as “La Ho‘āla Ala Hele” Day (“Trail Revitalization” Day)*, E Mau Nā Ala Hele has celebrated the day in some manner. To avoid conflict with the Ironman race on the second weekend, we will celebrate on the third Saturday of the month again this year.

Four years ago, on October 15th, 2011, we journeyed to Kalōpā State Recreation Area in the Hāmākua District to do some weeding along the Nature Trail Loop. While the day started with a bit of rain, that soon changed, and an intrepid group of volunteers cleared many, many invasive weeds from the trail. With the abundant rains this year, the Nature Trail is again in need of some loving attention so we have picked this commemorative day to give a hand to “reawaken” or “revitalize” this little gem. All members and guests are invited to join us!

When: Meet at the park pavilion at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 17.

Where: Kalōpā State Recreation Area, 2000 feet elevation at the end of Kalōpā Road, three miles inland from Māmalahoa Highway (Highway 19); five miles southeast of Honoka‘a.

Bring: Gloves, small hand tools such as loppers and clippers, covered shoes, drinking water, trail lunch, rain gear just in case.

Questions: (esp. weather on day of the event) Barbara 640-9270 (BASchaeferPhoto@gmail.com) or Linda 775-7494



15 October 2011. L to R: Barbara Schaefer, Becky Hallford, Kathleen Johnson, John Kloppenborg, Martha Tumbleson, Frank Dickinson, Keith Wallis, Alison Martyn, Linda Gallano, Debbie Chang, and Mike Crosson. Photo: David Stubbs.

“The Highways Act of 1892”

“All roads, alleys, streets, ways, lanes, courts, places, trails and bridges in the Hawaiian Islands, whether now or hereafter opened, laid out or built by the Government, or by private parties, and dedicated or abandoned to the public as a highway, are hereby declared to be public highways.”

-- By order of the Queen's government --

Liliuokalani

President's Message from Barbara Schaefer

Aloha to all,

While the words we say about “La Ho‘āla Ala Hele” may seem to be repetitive from year to year, the concepts we celebrate are important and bear repeating. The trail laws and access issues passed down through the generations in Hawai‘i via the Law of the Splintered Paddle and the Highways Act of 1892, as well as the more modern day State Trail and Access Program and the National Trails Act, speak to the importance of preserving and protecting our trails and access to them. My hope is that many of you will be able to join us on October 17th and throughout the year as we do a little to “walk the walk.”

Members Keith Wallis, Deborah Chang and other E Mau members, along with other North Kohala groups, have been keeping track of happenings with developments along the Kohala Coast, following and watch-dogging trail routes and access through the new developments. If you are interested in joining this very important endeavor, please let us know.

Keith and I have also met with the National Park Service staff of the Ala Kahakai to brainstorm ideas of ways we can partner to help along the trail. Our National Trails Day partnership was one result of these meetings. If you are interested in more of these types of activities, let us know!

Membership in E Mau Nā Ala Hele is on a calendar year basis. Have you remembered to renew for 2015? Please check if your name is on the list later in the newsletter. If you think your name was omitted by mistake, please let us know. If you are renewing now, consider sending dues for 2016 at the same time. Mahalo to all who support the work of E Mau through their memberships.

Our Board of Directors will meet in November to plan for 2016. What are you interested in for the coming year? Do you have thoughts of how to revitalize our organization to be more effective in carrying out our preservation and protection mission? The Board meetings are open to all who wish to attend. Let us know of your interests and ideas! Look to the future of your organization! We want to hear from you!

National Trails Hiker and Photographer Bart Smith



Photo from Bart Smith

As this newsletter goes to the printer, Bart Smith is walking and photographing along the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail. Bart has been “on the trail” for 22 years, completing his goal of hiking all 11 National Scenic Trails by the 40th anniversary of the National Trails Act in October of 2008. Now he is working toward photographing all 19 National Historic Trails before the 50th anniversary in October 2018. He is about half way through his journey along this path. While circumstances landed Bart in Hawai‘i with little advance notice, we are hoping, if he finishes his trek before

his scheduled return to the mainland on 21 October, we might have an informal talk story with him about his experiences along not only the Ala Kahakai, but also some of the other national trails. If you are interested in joining us (date and time currently unknown), please send your contact information to Barbara (baschaeferphoto@gmail.com, 640-9270) and we’ll let you know if we do have a gathering.

The E Mau Nā Ala Hele Year in Review

31 January 2015 Walkthrough of Kohala Shoreline LLC



E Mau members and other Kohala community groups walked with the developer's representative to view their plans for trail access through the development.

15 February 2015 Annual Meeting at Kapa'a Park, North Kohala. Guest speaker Toni Withington. Trail walk in the Kaiholena area.



24 May 2015 Board of Directors Meeting and Trail Maintenance at Kalōpā Park. Trail maintenance cancelled because of excessive rain.

7 June 2015 National Trails Day Celebration along the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail at the Mauna Kea Beach Hotel with Federal, State, non-profit, and hotel partners. We trimmed back a lot of vegetation to keep the trail well-defined!



Rick Gmirkin, NPS, Jessica Lindsey, Mauna Kea Beach Hotel, Clement Chang, State Nā Ala Hele Program, Betsy Morrigan, E Mau Nā Ala Hele.



19 July 2015 Puna Trail Workday with the State Nā Ala Hele Trail and Access program.

On the first official day of re-opening the Puna Trail since the hurricane last year, we hiked the trail making sure it was trash-free from the trailhead parking lot to the beach.



Debbie Chang next to the informational sign by the beach at Ha 'ena. This sign and the trailhead kiosk were made possible by a grant from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority and a partnership between E Mau Nā Ala Hele, the State Nā Ala Hele Trails program and W.H. Shipman Ltd.

23 August 2015 Pu'u Wa'awa'a Planting Day and Board of Directors Meeting



Before the Board meeting volunteers planted about 100 native plants in the enclosed area near the reservoir. Nene have a safe place to live here and soon will have the benefit of a growing native habitat.



Upcoming Events:

17 October 2015 La Ho'ala Ala Hele at Kalōpā State Recreation Area

22 November 2015 Board of Directors Meeting

Apologies from the Editor to our members who get the B&W paper newsletter. Please check our web site <http://emaunaalahahele.org/home> for the color version and/or sign up for e-mail delivery of the letter.

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Are You a Member for 2015?

Forgotten something? As we all too quickly approach the end of 2015, please make sure you have updated your membership for this year. Even if you are not able to join us very often out on the trail or in the field, your membership support is important as we strive to achieve our mission **“to preserve and protect the ancient and historic trails of Hawai’i including their natural and cultural surroundings.”** While the thought is foremost in your mind, please consider renewing your membership for 2016 at the same time! Mahalo for your support.

2015[+] Members:

Donna Mah (J & D Farm) [2017], Antonette Thomson [2016], Christine Ahia, Deborah Chang, Cindy & Jake Chong, Michael & Debera Crosson, Marcie & Guy Davis, Bill Dixon, Linda & Eddie Gallano, Daisy L Ikeuchi, John & Alice Jenkins, Gordon & Chinyere Joyce, Lei & John Kihoi-Dunne, Caryl Lindamood, Buddy Toyama, Hugh & Kaulana Montgomery, Betsy Morigan, Jack & Leila Nessen, Eugene Reynolds, Connie Ritchey, Barbara Schaefer, Michael Shewmaker, Paul Stenoien, George & Gretchen Van Der Heyden, Sonja Walawender, Keith & Doreen Wallis, Marge White, Clare & Phil Wilson, Leona Wishard, Jackie Wright, Ellen Yamada-Regidor, Jeff Yamauchi

Please Renew!

Membership dues for *E Mau Nā Ala Hele* are due at the beginning of the calendar year. Members are important for supporting the many worthwhile projects we undertake, helping to preserve and protect our wonderful trails and natural and cultural resources. Membership *numbers* are also important for the advocacy work we undertake. Please consider renewing your membership if you have not yet done so for 2015. *E Mau Nā Ala Hele* is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Tax-deductible donations in addition to your dues are always welcomed! **Check your mailing label for the year your membership expires** or contact Treasurer Clare Wilson via e-mail: clarewilson@huahuaafarm.com

One dollar of your dues goes to support the Partnership for the National Trails System, a non-profit organization supporting the National Scenic and Historic Trails across the country including our Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail. One dollar of your dues also supports the American Hiking Society, a non-profit organization promoting and protecting foot trails and the hiking experience across the country. *E Mau Nā Ala Hele* is a member organization of both the Partnership and the American Hiking Society.

Support *E Mau Nā Ala Hele*. – Become a member for 2015 and 2016!

(*E Mau Nā Ala Hele* is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.)

Please mail to *E Mau Nā Ala Hele*, PO Box 6384, Kamuela, HI 96743.

Please use this form for your membership renewal and duplicate the form or attach a list with the information for each gift membership that you wish to give.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phones (home) _____ (work) _____ (Fax) _____

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Number of people included in this membership _____

_____(check if desired) DO NOT SEND PAPER NEWSLETTER – ELECTRONIC VERSION ONLY

(The basic membership level is \$15. Please join at a higher level if you are able.)

_____ \$15 Regular

_____ \$20 Couple

_____ \$25 Family

_____ \$35 Supporting

_____ \$50 Sustaining

_____ \$100 Contributing

_____ \$15 each, Gift memberships

\$ _____ Other Donation

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