

E MAU NĀ ALA HELE

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

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**“Lā Ho‘āla Ala Hele”
 (“Trail Revitalization” Day)
 October 20, 2012**

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.

In its regular meeting on April 21, 2004, the Hawaii County Council passed Resolution 161-04: A Resolution Acknowledging and Recognizing the Second Saturday of October as “Lā Ho‘āla Ala Hele” Day (“Trail Revitalization” Day), which commemorates the long history of trails and support for the right to travel safely on trails in Hawai‘i.

2012 marks the ninth year E Mau Nā Ala Hele will celebrate the day. To avoid conflict with the Ironman race on the second weekend, we will celebrate on the third weekend of the month. We will be doing a work day at a popular trail in the Puna area, helping establish a trailhead parking area and doing a cleanup along the trail. See page three for details.

If you cannot join us in Puna for Lā Ho‘āla Ala Hele, find another area where you can get out and “give life to the trails!”

“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 Frank Dickenson

Aloha from "The Prez"!

Time flies when you're having fun. I am delighted to be a part of E Mau and what the group represents. Our Mission Statement is something we all believe in. We are a small group but work hard to help keep our ancient trails open and accessible to those who desire to explore our island.

Due to the efforts of several of our hard working Board members we were able to secure a grant from Young Brothers. With this grant we will buy backpacks similar to those used by fire fighters. Ours will be used to water new plants and trees that we plant during our group adventures where we help other groups repopulate native trees and plants.

As a group, ours is a simple quest, gaining access to trails that have been forgotten or not cared for by others. Ours is a group of people, not all Hawaiian but sharing a similar desire to accomplish what others have not.

In the coming months we will be working on several projects, including in October the Puna Trail project in conjunction with Lā Ho'āla Ala Hele.

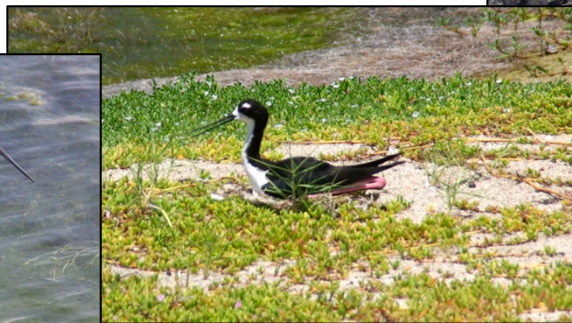
We encourage both new members and "old" members who want to renew their commitment to join us in perpetuating our ancient and historic trails.

Mahalo,
Frank

The E Mau Nā Ala Hele Mission:

"To preserve and protect the ancient and historic trails of Hawai'i including their natural and cultural surroundings"

National Trails Day: Intrepid hikers celebrating National Trails Day on the June 3rd E Mau hike were rewarded with the view of a nesting Hawaiian stilt, āe'o, and her nearby mate.



Many thanks to Debbie Chang, Clare Wilson, Frank Dickenson, Alison Martyn, and Becky Clark for their contributions to this newsletter. Mahalo also to the W. M. Keck Observatory for the printing of the paper newsletter copies. ~ Barbara Schaefer, newsletter editor

Our “Lā Ho‘āla Ala Hele” Event for 2012

Puna Trail Project

By Debbie Chang

Mark your calendars!
“Fo real, dis time!”

When: October 20, Saturday, 9:00 am

What: This is the first volunteer day in a cooperative project between E Mau Nā Ala Hele, the state’s Nā Ala Hele Program, and the landowner, WH Shipman Ltd., to improve the trail head of the popular Puna Trail hike that starts in Kaloli and extends to Kea‘au Beach. Volunteers are needed to do some painting at the new parking area and some trail cleaning and clearing. That day will also be our annual observance of Lā Ho‘āla Ala Hele (Trail Revitalization Day), when we reflect upon the importance of the Highways Act of 1892 and renew our commitment to mālama the living legacy of historic Hawaiian trails.

Where: From Kea‘au Town take Hwy. 130 (Kea‘au to Pāhoa Rd.). Turn left on Kaloli Dr., which passes through Hawaiian Paradise Park Subdivision. Continue all the way makai on Kaloli Dr. until you get to Beach Road. Turn left on Beach Road and continue a short way till you reach the parking lot. (Drive takes about 30-40 minutes from Hilo.)

Bring: Gloves, sun protection, drinking water, shoes for hiking, swim suit, lunch (plan to hike to the beach and eat lunch there). E Mau will provide cold drinks at the trail head and hand tools will be loaned by the state. Volunteers will receive a beautiful Puna Trail t-shirt, especially designed for this project.

RSVP & Questions:

Email or call Deborah Chang at:
hkulaiwi@yahoo.com; 776-1516



Newly opened parking lot (Photo 9/4/12)



Section of Puna Trail



Kea‘au Beach (aka Hī‘ena Beach)

**Mahalo to the Hawai‘i Tourism Authority for a grant
helping make the Puna Trail Project possible!**

E Mau Nā Ala Hele Receives Young Brothers Grant

A special ceremony was held on August 15 at Tutu's House in Waimea to award grant checks from Young Brothers. Forty different organizations were given \$1,000 grants to support many different grassroots efforts ranging from adult literacy, access for the disabled, school supplies, services to homeless children, youth leadership, performing arts, medical care to the uninsured, native wildlife and endangered



plants projects, and much, much more! Debbie Chang and Barbara Schaefer were on hand to receive the award for E Mau. Mahalo nui loa to Young Brothers for their generosity!

E Mau's grant will be used to purchase special firefighter backpacks. The backpacks will make it easier to water recently planted native and endangered plants in the sanctuaries in Pu'u Wa'awa'a, North Kona. Without irrigation the plants are very vulnerable in this drought-prone area. E Mau volunteers are working with the state to help restore the rare dryland forest there.

Happy grant recipients. Glenn Hong, President and CEO of Young Brothers, Ltd., second from the left, back row. Barbara Schaefer's eyebrows about 10th from the left. Impressive work being done by these hard-working, community-minded people!

July 22nd 2012 Pu'u Wa'awa'a Work Day

On July 22nd about two dozen volunteers met at the Pu'u Wa'awa'a kiosk to dedicate a plaque commemorating the groups responsible for making the kiosk possible. The brass plaque installed in the kiosk display reads, "This Informational Kiosk and Meeting Place was made possible through the efforts of



E Mau Nā Ala Hele and the Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife with generous grants from The Hawai'i Tourism Authority and the American Hiking Society." The group weeded the area around the kiosk and did general cleanup there. Next we journeyed to the old protea farm where we out-planted native plants, watered plants that had been planted earlier in the year,

weed-whacked, and collected old irrigation lines that littered the area. The morning's work was followed by the usual scrumptious potluck lunch (complete with protea centerpiece on the table) and an afternoon hike lead by



PWW Coordinator, Elliott Parsons, along a newly opened trail at the top of the pu'u through an area of previous out-plantings. It was especially rewarding to see the very successful results of previous years' work. We will use the grant money from Young Brothers to purchase watering backpacks to aid in our reforestation projects here.



Pu'u Wa'awa'a is now on Facebook! Check it out:
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Puuwaawaa/368514446495579>

Are You a Member for 2012?

Membership is on a calendar year basis. Your mailing label indicates the last year that you renewed your membership. Membership dues help offset the cost of our newsletter published two or three times per year as well as support other E Mau Nā Ala Hele projects. 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. 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 2012!

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**Volunteer Work Day
 on Our
 Puna Trail Project**
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